

THE MAGAZINE OF THE BRITISH ARMY • 25 PENCE • 30th JULY 1984

# SOLDIER



# Find out about the cars that are tough enough to be in the Army.

Volvos are the perfect cars for the military.

From the spacious and economical 300 series hatchbacks to the superbly equipped 200 series saloons and estates.

The whole Volvo range is built to the same legendary standards of safety, reliability and durability.

As well as being tough cars, you'll find the service from Volvo Export tough to beat.

We offer:-

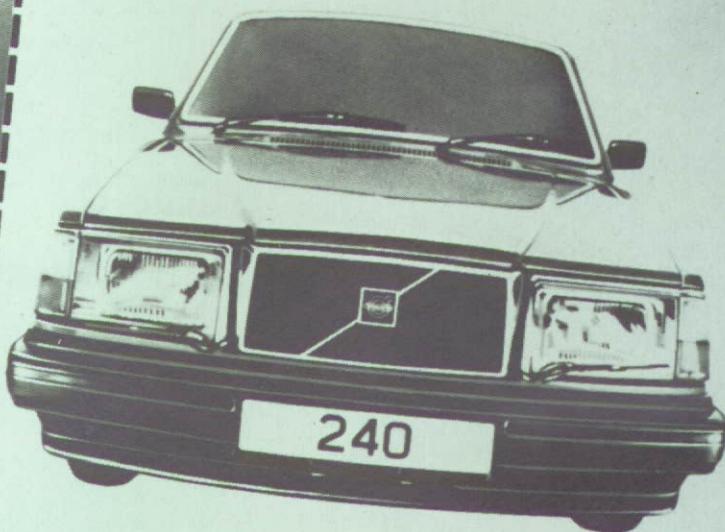
Ex-factory prices to all UK military personnel serving overseas.

Special finance packages.

Left hand drive or right hand drive option on all models.

Limited edition export models available.

So, for further information on the superb range of Volvo cars and our Export Plan, complete the FREEPOST coupon today, and return to:- Volvo Export, Volvo Concessionaires Ltd, FREEPOST 30, 28 Albemarle Street, London W1E 7JZ.



Tell me about the cars that are tough enough to be in the Army.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

## VOLVO EXPORT

Volvo Concessionaires Limited,  
FREEPOST 30, 28 Albemarle Street, London W1E 7JZ.

## CONTENTS

- 6 News
- 8 People
- 10 TA Topics
- 13 SOLDIER to Soldier
- 14 Musket firing — Canadian style
- 16 Eagles Swoop on Star!
- 20 The War To End All Wars
- 22 Wives on Exercise
- 23 All In The Family
- 25 A Family Business
- 26 The Vikings in Viking!
- 29 Medicine Hat Reunion
- 31 Ptarmigan — special feature
- 24 Duke of Lancaster's Own
- Yeomanry
- 37 Your Cap Badge
- 38 Profile: Hammond Innes
- 39 Competition
- 40 Mail Drop
- 49 Sport

FRONT COVER: There is still something about a soldier! Admiration for a Blues and Royals man at the Aldershot Army Display. Picture: Paul Haley

BACK COVER: Recreating old rifleman's skills are men of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada — on a visit to Winchester. See page 14. Picture: Les Wiggs

Managing Editor  
Roland Thick (Ext 2585)

Editor  
Peter Howard (Ext 2593)

Assistant Editors  
Graham Smith (Ext 2590)  
John Margetts (Ext 2588)  
Sally Daniell (Ext 2589)  
Robert Higson (Ext 2591)

Art Editor  
John Rushworth (Ext 2589)

Picture Editor  
Leslie Wiggs (Ext 2584)

Photographers (Ext 2584)  
Doug Pratt  
Paul R G Haley

Photo Library (Ext 2577)  
Bill Stroud

Advertising/Circulation  
Mrs Christine Withey (Ext 2587)  
Distribution  
Mrs Seela McIntosh (Ext 2583)

Subscription (25 issues): UK/BFPO £11.00, elsewhere £12.50. Send UK cheque, UK postal order or international money order **expressed in sterling** and state when subscription is to start and to whom to be addressed. Payments to be sent to SOLDIER and made payable to Command Cashier UKLF.

# SOLDIER

NOW INCORPORATING  
THE TERRITORIAL ARMY MAGAZINE



ABOVE: High flying Anneka Rice, hosted by the Eagles — see page 16.

BELOW: Ground hugging Vikings with mines in Canada — see page 26.



Editorial, photographic, advertising and circulation enquiries should be addressed to SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, ALDERSHOT, Hants. GU11 2DU (phone Aldershot (0252) 24431, military network Aldershot Military). SOLDIER is published by the Ministry of Defence and printed by Eden Fisher (Southend) Ltd, 555 Sutton Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. Crown copyright 1984.

# YOUR SECOND CAREER CAN BE AS CHALLENGING AS YOUR FIRST



## KENT POLICE

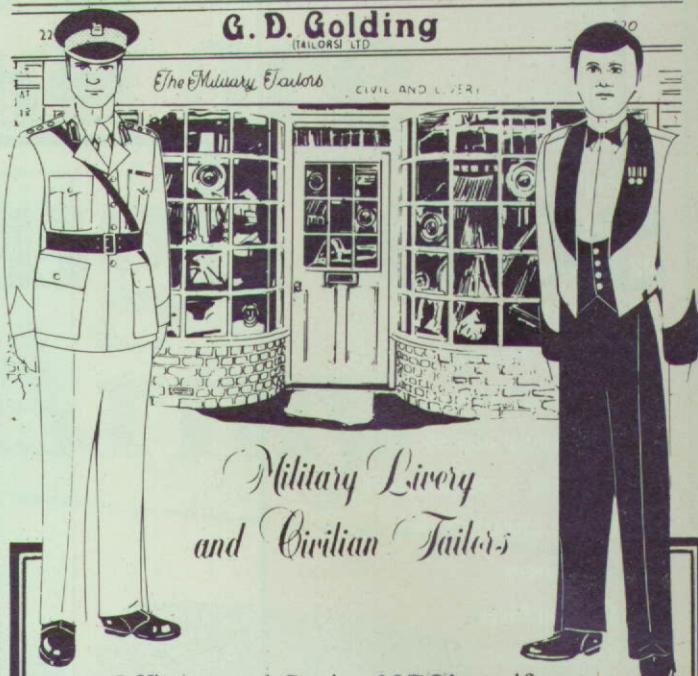
for details contact

Recruiting Officer,

Kent Police Headquarters, Sutton Road, Maidstone, Kent ME15 9BZ.

Maidstone (0622) 65432

# G.D. Golding Tailors Ltd.



*Military Liveries  
and Civilian Tailors*

Officers and Senior NCO's uniforms  
made to measure

Approved and Appointed Tailors to the :  
Household Cavalry, 7th Gurkha Rifles, DERR,  
RAPC, RAMC, RADC, RAEC, REME, RAOC,  
Royal Engineers, The Royal Corps of  
Signals and the SASC.

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

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

We can also supply:  
Military ties, Blazer badges, Badges of  
rank, Marcella shirts, Miniature medals:  
Sam Browne belts, Spurs, George boots,  
Wellington boots and Viyella khaki shirts.  
Full-sized medals remounted  
Service Dress Hats, Side Hats and Blues  
Hats supplied.

Our Sales Director will call at your request.

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

Name .....

Address .....

Tel. ....

Please state your particular requirements below:—

# The new Golf.



## Value added. Tax deducted.

The Golf is one of the most successful cars of all time.

Where the Golf leaves off, the new Golf begins. It's roomier inside - it has better legroom, headroom and elbow room as well as 30% more luggage space.

Aerodynamically, it's the most efficient car in its class. That means better economy and performance - and a larger, 12 gallon fuel tank means fewer stops at the garage. Increased travel on the front and rear suspension produces an even smoother ride and a completely new heating and ventilation system makes this Golf a superbly comfortable car to drive whether you're out on the motorway or nipping around town.

If you're a member of the British Forces with an overseas posting, or a NATO serviceman, you can buy a new Golf tax free which will save you hundreds of pounds.

We've special forces pricing and we can arrange finance to help you save even more. From the moment you make your choice, one of our Export Sales consultants will personally take care of all the ins and outs of documentation, customs, registration, insurance - even shipping.

And make sure the model you take is right for where you're going. All cars are available with either left or right-hand drive. We can supply most models from stock and even when you've

gone we'll look after you with the world's finest service.

For more information call us on 01-486 8411 or clip the coupon.

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

S12/84

Name. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank. \_\_\_\_\_

Unit/Regt. \_\_\_\_\_

Quarter's address \_\_\_\_\_

Quarter's Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Military Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Ex. \_\_\_\_\_

Posting Date \_\_\_\_\_

To (Country) \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. Delivery Date \_\_\_\_\_

I am Interested in \_\_\_\_\_



Personal Export Sales

# NEWS

## BISLEY SHOCK

AFTER being found with ammunition in their possession which had not been issued for a pistol shooting competition at Bisley, two Army sergeants have been banned for life from Army shooting teams.

In addition, Sergeants Edward Middle and David Bentley were banned from all Army Rifle Association competitions for five and two years respectively.

## WELSH WIN

FOR the second successive year 1st Battalion Welsh Guards won the Army Major Units rifle competition at Bisley, beating their closest rivals 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles by a margin of 49 match points. Welsh Guards finished with 871. Twenty-three-year-old Lance Corporal Nigel Scarboro of 2nd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment won the Army Queen's Medal with 890—just six points clear of Corporal Mick Frape of 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets.

KEN Yeoman was back on parade with The Parachute Regiment—to receive his BEM from Lieutenant General Sir Geoffrey Howlett, GOC South East District and Colonel Commandant of the Regiment.



# HONG KONG TEAM DOES WELL ON FIRST BISLEY VISIT

CHINESE soldiers from Hong Kong made an impressive debut at the Regular Army Skill at Arms meeting.

Troops from Hong Kong based units have frequently taken part in the annual Bisley shoot out, but this year, for the first time locally recruited and trained members of the Hong Kong Military Service Corps Depot travelled to the UK for the event.



Competing in the minor units league HKMSC Depot won the sub machine gun team match and the section match for a team of light machinegun and three rifles, and finished third overall behind the Prince of Wales Depot Lichfield and Guards Depot, Pirbright.

In the rifle match they came fourth overall after winning the moving target section.

Corporal Yu Chak Shuen, nearly made it into the prestigious Army 100 and finished 70th.

Meanwhile his comrade, Lance Corporal Hong Wai Kai, was also demanding recognition by shooting his way to 19th position in the list of best individual marksmen with the sub machine gun.

The team has been accompanied to this country by a small support team led by Major Michael Mulcahey of HKMSC. Obviously delighted by this successful debut, he told SOLDIER: "Really our ambition was just to come to Bisley and see what happened. We did win the Skill at Arms meeting in Hong Kong for minor units, so it's not really a surprise we've done so well.

"I think the only doubt I had was that they might be overawed by the occasion and get stage fright. The ability is there, but what we were lacking was the sort of match experience and temperament necessary at Bisley. However they've



Back row (left to right): Corporal Lai Wood Tin, Staff Sergeant Lai Wah (team manager), Corporal Ng Yau Min. Front row (left to right): Lance Corporal Hong Wai Kai, Corporal Yu Chak Shuen, Lance Corporal Wan Chi Hung.

shot to form."

Four of the five-man shooting team are instructors at the HKMSC Depot which trains support troops for the British Army. Many of them become drivers for Gurkha units or dog handlers working with British and Gurkha border patrols where the main task is catching illegal immigrants.

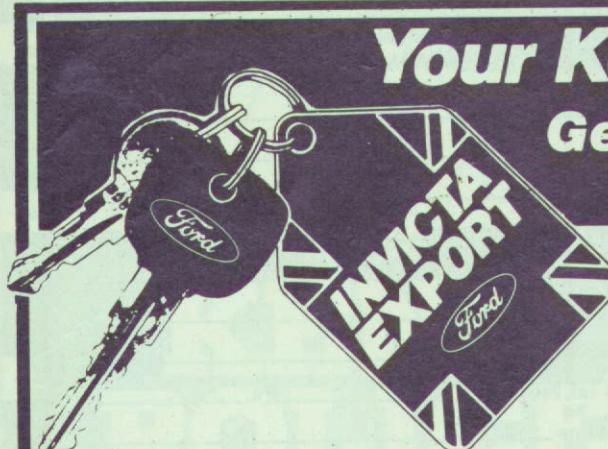
Others work in the British Military Hospital, in depots and workshops and with the maritime patrols.

According to Major Mulcahey

their main drawback to good marksmanship is often a little weakness in their arm strength which takes some time to correct.

"Some are good, but I think they have the strongest dedication to learn anything you teach them. They digest what you show them and they go away and practise and work hard to perfect it."

Who knows but after first successful foray the Chinese may join the Gurkhas in providing some of the most formidable competition at Bisley in the years to come.



# INVICTA EXPORT

## Your Key to a Tax Free Ford Generous Discounts available with Every Purchase

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

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

\*Written details available  
on request

Return the coupon for free Information Pack to Invicta Motors Ltd.,  
Boundary Road, Ramsgate, Kent, Tel. Thanet 57931. Telex 115331.

NAME.....

RANK .....

ADDRESS.....

Tick items of main interest  
FIESTA ORION SIERRA  
ESCORT GRANADA  
CAPRI

S15/84



Until quite recently the only retirement present that old Royal Military Police horses could look forward to was a bullet through the head and the knackers yard.

But now, in the tradition of old soldiers everywhere, they are being allowed simply to fade away.

The RMP equine retirement scheme is operated through the RSPCA which finds suitable homes for the pensioners. Here Major Alan Pangborn, commanding Mounted Troop, 160 Provost Company, RMP, is officially delivering 15-year-old Jill into the safe-keeping of Mrs Jill MacDonald of Pound Farm, near Aldershot, watched by Warrant Officer 2 Michael Blakey.

Jill, the horse, has a permanent place in the annals of the RMP. She was the model for the equestrian statue which adorns the depot at Chichester.

After a service life of traffic patrols, special duties, ceremonial occasions, and appearances with the "Red Caps" display team, Jill will now be taking it easy in the quiet of the countryside. But at



## JILL JOINS 'FADE-AWAYS'

least her police experience won't be entirely forgotten as one of her future duties will be to escort young, newly broken horses out on the road and, by example, teach them how to behave.

Mounted Troops Sergeant Major, WO Blakey, who accompanied Major Pangborn for the brief ceremony, was the first to ride Jill when he enlisted in 1974.

He will remember her as a good, honest, reliable horse.

Incidentally WO Blakey has a few words of caution for anyone who thinks the old policy of shooting horses on retirement was unduly harsh.

For equine recruits, he points out, service life could hardly be better — warm stables, good meals four times a day, plenty of company

and lots to do. The change to a lonely life in a field, subsisting on grass instead of living it up on oats, is not something an elderly horse would always relish.

But noting the well populated stable yard in which Jill will now live, WO Blakey had every confidence that her retirement would be as happy as any horse could hope to expect.

## One School of music

THE future of Kneller Hall, home of the Royal Military School of Music, is still being decided by the Ministry of Defence.

Lord Trefgarne, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, told the House of Lords during question time:

"We have decided there should be a single Defence School of Music covering musical training of all three Services and at present we are considering where this should be".

Kneller Hall at Twickenham was built in 1709 as the country home of Sir Godfrey Kneller, a court portrait painter in Queen Anne's days.

## DRUGS CASES

FOLLOWING a court martial in Verden, eight men of the 14th/20th King's Hussars were sentenced to detention and dismissed the service after pleading guilty to possessing drugs. Drug offices were also responsible for five men of 38 Engineer Regiment being given detention and dismissal by a court martial at Catterick.

## CLEARED

TWO Army Lieutenant Colonels, Ernest Parry and Michael Thomas were cleared of charges of theft and corruption following a 10-week trial at the Old Bailey, and awarded costs.

## NEW FALKLANDS COMMANDER FAST BECOMES KNOWN

AN EARLY priority for the new Commander of British Forces in the Falklands, Major General Peter de la Billiere, has been meeting both the islanders and the men and women of his command.

The 50-year-old General is rapidly becoming a familiar figure on the islands — a novel experience after a career spent in the anonymity of the SAS.

Of his Command he has this to

say: "I think the thing that has impressed me above all else is the standard of training and morale that exists throughout the three services in the Falkland Islands. I am doubly impressed by the way the concept of joint services operates throughout all walks of life in this command."

One story that the General likes to tell is of visiting a Royal Navy-run cookhouse, being met by an

RAF staff sergeant who showed him a preparation bay where two soldiers were working and then introduced him to two cooks serving the evening meal who were from the Navy and the Army; customers were from all three services.

And to underline the inter-service cooperation in the Falklands the CBF has a Royal Navy ADC, Lieutenant Paul Ashcroft, RN.

Of the islanders he says: "We are their guests and it is vital to our presence here that we should have a very close association with the people both in Stanley and in the 'camp'. At present that relationship is quite outstandingly close."

But there will have to be sustained effort by the Forces to maintain it as the high activity which followed the conflict draws further into the past."

Which is why General de la Billiere, sporting his sand-coloured SAS beret, is taking such an active lead in cementing even closer contacts with the islanders.

The General joined the SAS in 1956 and commanded 22 SAS before taking charge of the SAS Group, as a brigadier, in 1977. He held this post for six years. He was the SAS officer behind the establishment of the Counter Terrorist Force, used so dramatically to break the Iranian Embassy siege.



General de la Billiere is pictured here being shown over a Phantom at RAF Stanley by Wing Commander Geoffrey Brindle (40) who commands 23 Squadron. In the rear seat is the General's ADC, Lt Paul Ashcroft (25); he is being shown the cockpit by Squadron Leader Bob Crane (36), who is a flight commander.



## Cooks to host mystery Olympic star

A top star Olympic athlete — whose identity must remain secret for the time being — has been invited to meet the cooks and chefs at the Army Catering Corps, Aldershot.

"The athlete's name can't be revealed just yet because of contractual obligations," said Colonel Tony Barnett, who gave the invitation.

The Commander of HQ Catering Group and No 5 Catering Region at Aldershot, Colonel Barnett said he wanted to thank his soldiers and their families for raising £1,130 for the Olympic appeal fund.

"The 400 families attending our Families' Day at nearby Hawley — courtesy the REs — sponored magnificently to raise the cash.

"By inviting a star along



for lunch and a chat with some of the lads, is one way of thanking them for their efforts," said the Colonel.

FAMILIES' DAY AT HAWLEY: cooks in cold water, but they raised some hot cash

## Cyprus anti-cancer march raises £200

### Fashion tells the story

Should you find yourself in London with a couple of hours to spare, direct your steps towards the National Army Museum.

For there you will find guns, gongs and all things Army from the past 500 years, and an interesting and colourful display of paintings showing 200 years of British military fashion.

The exhibition, which will be open for some months, traces the development of uniforms and compares them with civilian fashion during the same period.

Research scientist Dr Alan Guy said: "We had experts from the Victoria and Albert Museum round to have a look. They went away impressed with the story we are telling."

### QUICK

This year's one-day Rheindahlen march attracted nearly 2,000 entrants. With three distances to choose from — 15km, 30km and 40km — this year's participants included General Sir Nigel Bagnall, C-in-C BAOR and General Rolf Zerling, Chief of Staff NORTHAG.

### SPOT

A sponsored march from Dhekelia to Larnaca, has yielded £200 for the Cyprus Anti-Cancer Society. Organised by Dhekelia Sovereign Base Area personnel. Staff Sergeant

Dave Farnsworth who, with Colonel Johnathon Salusbury-Trelawny and Major Philip Butterworth marched the 15-odd miles for the cash.

## Five from the island send a message

Ready to start beaming messages with the 8th Signal Regiment, Catterick are Signallers Spencer Cave, Gary Cotterill, Darrin Fennell, Lee Cant and Darrin Hayden. All from the Isle of Wight, they joined on the same day, passed out on the same day and, with luck, will complete their training as soldiers and tradesmen on the same day.



CAVE, FENNELL, CANT, HAYDEN, COTTERILL: five with a message

## Railway eat-in puts Signals on the right lines!

They didn't don 'DJs' and gongs, but they did get busy with the eating irons when 30th Signal Regiment, based at Blandford, held a get-together dinner to celebrate the safe return of all their officers and men from the Lebanon.

And just to be different they held the dinner on a

train, in a coach of the Swanage Light Railway.

They held it there because Corporal Frank Roberts, who was in Beirut with the British Force, first suggested that the regiment should help the little railway with its telephone network.

He and others of the regiment restored the com-

munication and signalling links of the railway and that was how the unit came to hold their get-together eat-in on a train.

Second Lieutenant Wendy Morrison, WRAC writes: At any one time, upwards of 14 men were deployed with the Force from its initiation to the redeployment to Cyprus and

eventual withdrawal, providing communications within the Force and back to the United Kingdom.

Individual men spent up to six months in Beirut and throughout the operation a total of 60 men from 30th Signal Regiment served in the Lebanon.

None were injured, but

## REs pip the Piper revels

When the Pied Piper town of Hamelin celebrated the 700th anniversary in which 130 children went missing with the famed piper, the REs of 65 Corps Support Squadron, were landed with a problem.

How to get Major General C J Waters, GOC 4th Armoured Division, and Brigadier N H Thompson, Commander Engineers-1 (BR) Corps, into the town centre to join 100,000.

But the REs got round it in neat fashion. First they drove the two officers and their wives as far as they could, then they boarded a combat assault boat on the river Weser which took them smack into the town centre to join in the fun.

More than 3,600 people manned the 150 floats which included 40 horses, 41 dogs, six hens and 55 vehicles. And the procession, led by the band of the 15th/19th King's Royal Hussars, stretched nearly five kilometres.

there were near misses and several items of equipment were damaged or destroyed.

In April the last of these men returned to the UK and such are the world-wide commitments of the regiment that this is the first opportunity to get everyone together with their wives or girlfriends.

## Top man shares time with lads

When a minister calls... everybody wants to see him. And when Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for the Armed Forces went to Berlin for two days he shared time — along with others — with the 1st Battalion Royal Hampshire Regiment and D Squadron The Queen's Own Hussars. Here the Minister gets down to the finer points of tank recognition training with the Hampshires.



# PEOPLE

## FACES and PLACES

QUICK

Major General Bill Cornock, new Director of the Royal Artillery, has made his first visit to the 1st Regiment RHA in BAOR since he took up the post earlier this year.

SPOT

## PRICELESS TOM COMES HOME

One of the oldest stuffed cats in the country has returned home after months on display.

Crimea Tom, a tabby with a battered look who survived the battle of Sebastopol of 1855, and who was brought to England soon after, is once again on show at the National Army Museum, London.

Said museum researcher Dr. Alan Guy: "Tom is really the museum's mascot having been here since 1958."

"Visitors, especially kids, love to see him in the Crimea gallery."

"He's been away for the past few months to the Imperial War Museum for their *Animals at War* exhibition, but now he's back on show again."

"He was given to the museum by Lady Compton Mackenzie who found him in a London street market complete with collar and silver nameplate."

Tom first found fame when war artist J D Luard featured him in a painting.

The picture, on show at the NAM, shows Tom warming by a stove with the artist's brother, Captain Richard Luard, and Mr William Gare, an official with the Royal Artillery Field Train and the man who brought Tom to England in 1856.

### INTEREST

When the painting was exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1857 it caused so much interest crowd barriers had to be erected.

Unable to put a price on Tom, who died on New Year's Eve 1856, Dr Guy said: "Who knows how much a stuffed cat is worth?"

"But as a military curio he's irreplaceable. He's probably the only stuffed survivor of the Crimea in existence. We're delighted to have him."

## Bobbies score at hit with the Artillery

Twenty-eight bobbies from Kent have spent a week with 94 Locating Regiment Royal Artillery, in Germany.

In a packed schedule the lads in blue learned about life in the Army in Germany, saw the East German border, spent a day with the German civil police and even found time for three football matches against their hosts.

Idea for the trip came from PC Geoff Harrison, now with Gillingham police, when he decided to renew links with his old regiment.

"I served with them for nine years," said Geoff, "and finished up a sergeant in 1982, before settling in Gillingham with my wife, Bridie, and son Brian."

"My Army training stood me in good stead when I joined the police."

"I thought it would be a good idea to arrange a football tour over here, but we have seen and done a lot more than that."

The bobbies also had a chance to swap notes with the West German civil police, who recently had to contend with the kind of crowd control that is run of the mill to Britain's police, when the Queen visited Celle in May.

Surrounded by fascinated locals all wanting to buy their hats they manned traffic points and walked the beat in Celle town centre with their German colleagues.



WELCOME HOME: Typists Marsha Morrison and Sharon Turner give Tom a big 'hello'.



## TOPICS

### CRACK SHOTS

The crack shots of 4 (Volunteer) Battalion, the Royal Regiment of Wales, got a rare haul of trophies from the Wales Skill at Arms Meeting (WALSAM).

4 RRW emerged number one of this year's top ten TA shooting teams at the event by winning the TA Championship cup, the SMG match, GPMG/LMG Match, the Section Match and the Team Snap Shoot. The battalion also produced the best TA individual shot in Sergeant Evans, and the best young soldier in Private Jones.

## DON'T FORGET THE KETTLE

That was the brief to Woman's Royal Army Corps Medical assistant Private Pam Birkett of HQ Squadron, 33 Signal Regiment (V). She's seen here with the precious kettle — about to start on the Regimental route that took the Merseyside Signallers to Hull and thence to Ex 'Calm Fence' in BAOR for their 1984 Annual Camp.

Mains kettles are easily run from the generators of the Regiment, and fresh 'cuppas' form a vital part of the medical section's tender loving care for the Regiment.

Picture was taken at the Alamein TA Centre HQ of 33 Signal Regiment in Liverpool Road, Huyton, Merseyside.



## BROTHERS IN ESCORT

The importance of maintaining strong territorial links was emphasised by the Colonel of the Light Infantry (Major General Barry Lane) when representative companies of the 3rd and 5th (Volunteer) battalions exercised the Regiment's Freedom of the City of Hereford.

The King's Shropshire Light Infantry originally obtained the Freedom of the City in April 1960. The courtesy was extended to the Light Infantry in 1972.

Hereford is home of C Company 5LI and two Hereford brothers — Warrant Officers Alan and Brian Cheasley — escorted the colour as it was paraded through the streets of their home city.

## TWO OF THE BEST

Tankards for the best trained soldier and for the best recruit were presented at Fusilier House, Balham, south London, by Mr D T B Blanford, Master of the Cordwainers' Company, to two young Territorials of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.

Fusilier Colin Ashton was

awarded the prize for the best trained soldier and the recruits' tankard went to Fusilier Dominic Hue.

The Cordwainers, one of the oldest of the ancient livery companies of the City of London, adopted the Territorials of the Fusiliers many years ago and are

generous benefactors. Every year after camp the Cordwainers give a full-scale dinner for every member of the "C" Company plus lady guests.

"C" company, which is the London unit of the 5th Battalion RRF, are the descendants of the old Royal Fusiliers.

## The SAAB Range from SAAB Piccadilly. Under-priced if you're overseas.

If you're posted overseas and buy a new SAAB from SAAB Piccadilly then you're in for a great deal.

Because not only will you be behind the wheel of one of the most stylish, most powerful production cars on the road, you'll also be driving a bargain.

SAAB Piccadilly operates the only SAAB Military Sales Programme in Britain. And we offer remarkable low prices on every new SAAB sent abroad.

From us, for example, you can get the 900 GL for only £4,720 (compared to a UK retail price of £7,320), and the superb APC Turbo for a modest £7,550 (against a UK price of £11,695), both with full right-hand-drive specification. There's a comprehensive choice of left-hand-drive models at equally impressive savings, and all our Military Sales cars come complete with rear seat belts and head-

light conversions to comply with BFG registration demands.

Find out about the individual cars that rank as the best value on the market, call or write to us now.

All prices are correct at time of going to press and are based on an exchange rate £1 = SKR 2.25.



Send me details on the cost-saving Saab Piccadilly Military Export Purchase Plan.

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (Duty) \_\_\_\_\_

Posting Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

# SAAB PICCADILLY

Saab Military Sales,  
Saab Piccadilly Limited,  
Devonshire House, Piccadilly, London W1V 9HH.  
01-409 0990

**A**GREAT double act played out its swansong when the North West's Territorial Army engineer regiment went on annual camp.

With 75 Engineer Regiment's REME detachment was Corporal Jim "Snowy" Fairbrother — 30 years in the TA — and his giant Scammell recovery vehicle.

"Snowy", aged 50 of Oldham, Lancashire, did his National Service as a tank driver in the 17th/21st Lancers before joining the TA's 41st Royal Tank Regiment, later to become the 40/41st Royal Tank Regiment. More changes saw him in the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry before joining the REME in 1967.

A 60 day extension allowed him to go to camp at Cultybraggen — the former prisoner-of-war camp near Perth — and should ensure a third bar to his TA efficiency medal.

What he is going to do with his spare time once he says goodbye to the 40 year old Scammel, "Snowy" admits to being uncertain.

He said: "I really don't know what I'm going to do but I'll think of something. My wife May warned me before I went away not to try and sign on again."

He has certainly noticed the changes over the years. "At one time we would work hard for two or three days and have some time off. Now we work 24 hours a day every day", he added.

While Snowy — who builds

**Sergeant Ronnie Hay and Sapper Peter Webster face the camera in Deil's Cauldron.**



"Snowy" and his favourite Scammell.

At work in Dollar Glen.



Aid to the Civil Community tasks which meant working up to 18 hour days building bridges, walkways and viewing platforms — 202 Field Squadron at the Deil's Cauldron and also at Comrie where they cut up an iron bridge and replaced it with a timber one; 107 Field Squadron at Rumbling Bridge and the sponsored 120 at Dollar Glen overshadowed by Castle Campbell.

Annual camp took 125 Field Support Squadron to a Boys Brigade centre at Dalguise north of Dunkeld where they repaired two ablution blocks, built 200 metres of access road and levelled two carparks and a volley ball pitch.

prototypes for a truck firm in Oldham — was busy keeping the regiment's fleet on the road, the sappers were hard at work in the

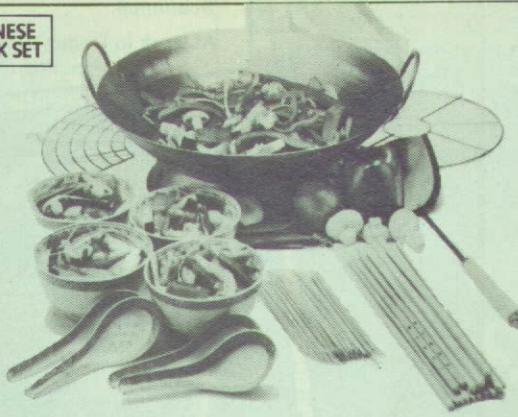
beautiful Scottish countryside, not that they had much time to admire the view.

They were engaged on Military

**A 16th century packhorse bridge, 19th century road bridge — and Sapper Malcom Tipton and Lance Corporal Dave Law.**



1 CHINESE WOK SET



2 AUTO JUG



3 CLOCK RADIO



## Just what I've always wanted.

The gift of your choice is free when your first order is accepted.

Tick the appropriate box and send for your Autumn/Winter Kays catalogue now.

1 CHINESE WOK SET  (K9258)

2 AUTO JUG  (K9259)

3 CLOCK RADIO  (K9260)

KAY & CO. LTD. FREEPOST, WORCESTER WR1 1JF

Block letters please

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(I am over 18)

Your (or your husband's) rank \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

B.F.P.O. Address \_\_\_\_\_

Married quarters address \_\_\_\_\_

The right to refuse any  
application is reserved

## INTERNAL SECURITY SOLDIER



Overall height 9½ inches  
MR 107  
Price £44.50  
incl VAT/PP

Hand cast and  
finished in cold  
cast bronze

Cold cast bronze is produced by using powdered bronze with a resin and the catalyst as a bonding agent.

FOR BROCHURE featuring ideal gifts for competitions, retirements etc, and collectors items including:

- COLD CAST BRONZE STATUES
- PEWTER FIGURINES
- EXTENSIVE LIST OF REGIMENTAL CAR GRILL BADGES & PEWTER TANKARDS

Send stamped addressed envelope, or, for above, cheque/PO. Access or Visa accepted to:

**PHOENIX WORLD REPRODUCTIONS**

(Dept. SN), 437 Valley Drive,  
Gravesend, Kent DA12 5UE.



Tel: Gravesend (0474) 65511



## TWO FREE COPIES when you take out an annual subscription

Having your own personal copy of SOLDIER posted to you direct every fortnight keeps you in touch with what the British Army is up to all over the world. News, sport, features, competitions — you'll find them all in SOLDIER. And having your own copy means you can advertise free in our Collectors Corner or classified ad columns, enter all SOLDIER competitions and obtain special discounts on SOLDIER reader services like calendars and T-shirts.

**Don't just read someone else's SOLDIER. Make sure of your own!**

To: The Distribution Manager, SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants, GU11 2DU

I should like to take out an annual subscription(s) (25 issues) to SOLDIER.

I note that the rates are £11.00 (UK/BFPO addresses) and £12.50 (elsewhere) including two free copies and I enclose a UK cheque/UK postal order/International money order expressed in sterling made payable to Command Cashier, UKLF.

I should like the magazine(s) to be delivered to the following address(es).

**KAYS**  
OF WORCESTER

**F**ORTY years after two British soldiers were killed fighting with partisans in German-occupied Bulgaria, details about them are being sought for an exhibition in Sofia which will commemorate the part played by foreigners who fought with the Bulgarian Resistance.

Sergeants Nick Mervin (nicknamed Monroe) and John McCullen Walker were killed within a month of each other, Sgt Mervin when crossing the River Iskar with fellow partisans on 18 May 1944, and Sgt Walker the following month in an incident in which six Bulgarians also died.

It is known that Sgt Walker was born in November 1916 in Berwick-on-Tweed of Scottish parents, and that he enlisted as a driver in the RASC in January 1940, was posted to the Middle East in 1941 as a Lance Corporal, and served in Egypt as part of the MEF. He was awarded The Africa Star and the Italy Star.

Little is known about Sgt Mervin — his surname may have been Monroe not Mervin — although both men are said to have been members of the British Military Mission attached to the General Staff of the Bulgarian Anti-fascist Movement (the Bulgarian Rebel Army for National Liberation), and they served under Major Mostyn Davies and later under Major William Frank Thompson. They fought with the partisans of the Transki Partisan Detachment which was later transferred into the Second Sofia Brigade for National Liberation.

The exhibition is to be mounted by the Bulgarian National Museum of Revolutionary Movement in Sofia, who have sought British help in tracing any information about the two sergeants such as biographical data, photographs, or documents. **SOLDIER** will gladly pass on the information.

★ ★ ★

**R**ECENT recipients of the right to use the badge of RAF Germany on their flag, 21st Signal Regiment have commissioned a commemorative plate for their 25th anniversary. On it, the emblem, a silhouette of the WW 2 aircraft the Beaufighter appears beneath the Royal Signals Mercury and the plate is banded in Signals colours.

The plate, produced in a limited edition of 200, by Kaiser porcelain, costs £7.50 to applicants living in the UK and £6.57 (DM 23) to European BFPO residents. Cheques should be made payable to: Central Bank, 21 Signal Regiment (AS) and sent to PRI, 21

## FOR MEN! VASECTOMY

FREE DETAILS

Everlasting alternative to the Pill.

No fuss. No waiting lists. One visit. Low cost. In...

BIRMINGHAM	LONDON	PLYMOUTH
GLoucester	MANCHESTER	SOUTHAMPTON
LEEDS	NEWCASTLE	SWANSEA
LIVERPOOL	NORWICH	

Write today. Booklet by return. Plain cover. Or phone:

<b>LONDON</b>	<b>01-388 2585</b>
<b>LEEDS</b>	<b>0532 440685</b>
<b>MANCHESTER</b>	<b>061 832 4260</b>

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Marie Stopes House, SO3  
108 Whitfield St., London W1P 6BE  
Caring clinics since 1925

**MARIE STOPES**

SEND NOW

# SOLDIER to Soldier

Signal Regiment (AS), RAF Wildenrath, BFPO 42.

★ ★ ★

**T**HANKS TO the generosity of the family of the late Lieutenant Colonel Herbert Jones — "Colonel H" who won a VC posthumously in the Falklands — the South Devon Coast Path is at last complete 25 years after its designation by the then National Parks Commission.

It is now possible to follow the path from Lyme Regis, west of Plymouth, diverting on to roads for only some half-dozen miles out of its 72-mile total.

A small plaque dedicating the Warren Woods section of the path to the memory of "Colonel H" has been placed beside the path at the Kingswear end.

★ ★ ★

**W**ITH walking in Wales still in mind, the Welsh International Four Days Walks from Llanwrtyd Wells, Powys are being staged 18-21 September.

The organisers belong to the IVV (Great Britain) Federation, which many soldiers who have enjoyed walking on the Continent will have heard about. Indeed, the Welsh International is on the lines of the famous Nijmegen Marches.

Those who are interested can obtain further information from The Secretary, Welsh International Four Days Walks, Llanwrtyd Wells, Powys, Wales. Tel: 059-13-517.

★ ★ ★

**M**OUNTAIN Express, a 40 mile walk across the rugged terrain of the Brecon Beacons, will again be testing the stamina and endurance of Britain's toughest trekkers over the weekend of 10/12 August.

Equipped with maps and compasses and carrying 40lb survival packs (30lb for ladies), the walkers will leave the Welsh village of Talybont-on-Usk at 7 a.m. on the Saturday morning. Last year a number of HM Forces teams took part and the first team to finish was from RAF Lyneham and their time was only 9½ hours. Last year over £10,000 was raised for ASBAH (the Spina Bifida association).

If you would like further information, contact Jane Hayman, Appeals Co-ordinator (Mountain Express), ASBAH, 22 upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0EP or telephone her on 01-388 1382.

★ ★ ★

**A**14-NIGHT holiday in Sardinia — top prize in a Naafi T-shirt design competition — has been awarded to Staff Sergeant Michael Blower of 32 Armoured Engineer Regiment Workshops REME, Munsterlager.

Staff Sergeant Blower, now based at Waterbeach Camp with 39 Engineering Regiment REME, was awarded the prize — plus £500 in Trusthouse Forte leisure cheques for winning the Army category — on the

disqualification of the previously named winner.

★ ★ ★

**S**PECIALLY contoured body armour for women is being produced in America.

With more women coming into the firing line while on security duties, several companies there have designed shaped protective vests.

One firm offers three levels of protection against bullets, the lowest shielding wearers against .22 and .38 rounds, while the heavier protectors guard against .357 Magnum and 9mm.

But while manufacturers in the States continue with the latest line in bullet-proof bras, nothing similar is being specially produced for British servicewomen.

A call to the Stores, Clothing, Research and Development Establishment (SCRDE) at Colchester, revealed they have nothing specially in mind for women in the Forces.

Said an SCRDE spokesman: "Those servicewomen who do have to wear body armour manage with the standard issue without difficulty."

"We have not been asked to design anything special for them since the normal protective clothing is quite big enough for most service girls."

★ ★ ★



**T**HE GEORGE Wimpey Charitable Trust has agreed to donate £3,000 to the British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association, the sum to be spread equally over three years.

The first instalment was presented by Mr G A Wright, Finance Director of George Wimpey PLC and a Trustee of the Charitable Trust, to HRH The Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of the Association, accompanied by Sir Austin Bunch, National President.

The occasion was a tea party given by the National Appeal Committee of the Association, in the Grounds of The Royal Hospital Chelsea, where this photograph was taken.

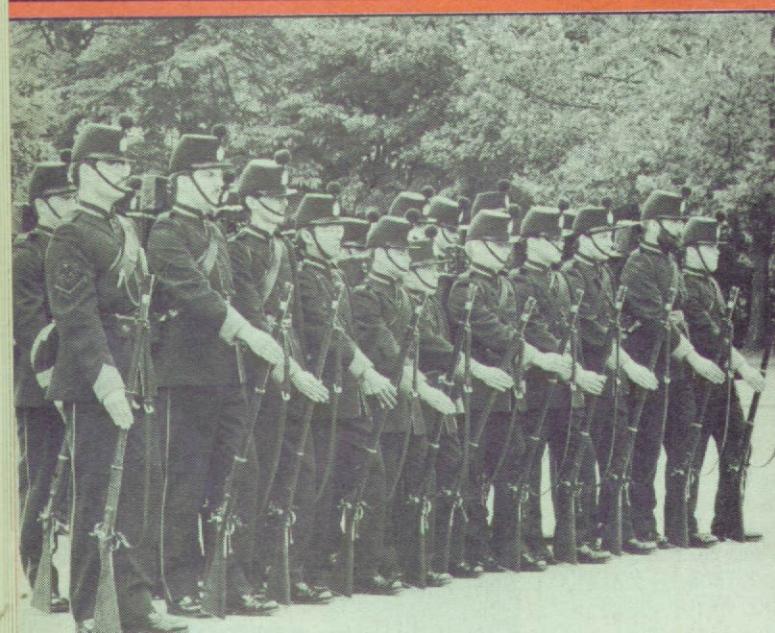
Mr Wright said that Wimpey was proud to be associated with the British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association and to give assistance to their magnificent voluntary work in research and care for limbless ex-service men and women.



**With musket,  
bugle and drum...**

## **CANADIANS RELIVE RIFLE HISTORY**

Pairs of Skirmishers pick their targets.



The Canadians in drill posture.

**A**N ATTENTION-holding and colourful 20-minute excerpt from one of the pages of colonial Canada's military history of nearly 125 years ago marched and ran its way on a Hampshire cathedral city's revered barrack square with impressive red-brick Wren-inspired buildings as a backdrop for the occasion.

For 25 reservists from the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada — that country's oldest continuously existing rifle regiment — had come to Winchester's Light Division Depot to delight thousands of onlookers at the invitation of the resident Royal Green Jackets as part of their regimental display week.

Dressed in £800 worth of 1860 period dark green uniform with leather accoutrements, shakos and clutching 9lb percussion muzzle-loading 1853 Enfield rifled mus-

kets, the two dozen Canadians drilled, yelled and fired their way for the spontaneous approbation of an estimated 3,000 spectators over three nights in a display with

**Story:  
Graham Smith**

**Pictures:  
Les Wiggs**

a dusk firepower crescendo as a climax.

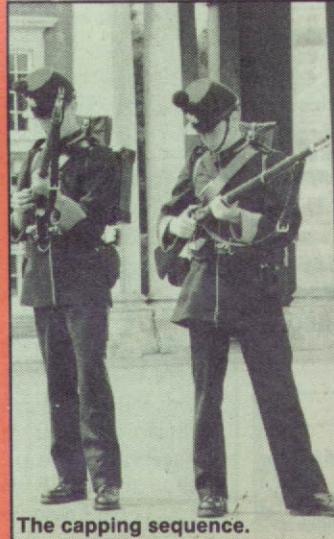
The permission of local police, however, had to be sought — and it was given readily — before the transatlantic visitors could loose off their period weapons which reverberated not only round the magnificent square but the surrounding houses of what some



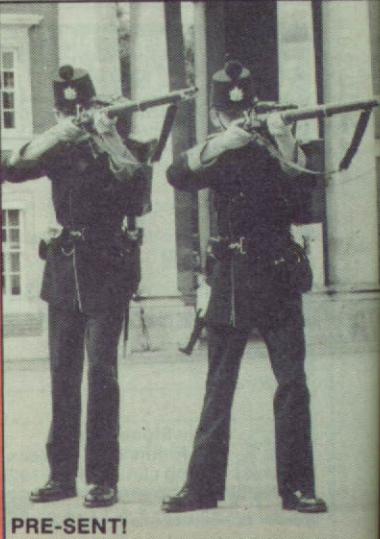
Tear and pull just before loading.



Rods out and ram home the charges.



The capping sequence.



PRESENT!



claim to be the Kingdom's most ancient city.

Some 40lbs of black powder for use in the brown paper cartridges and percussion caps had to be purchased locally. The Canadians had also disembarked from their civil flight into Gatwick with their 39-inch-long barrelled muskets passing through as ... hand baggage!

**Captain Erik Simundson: 'Drill manuals of the period'.**

Described as an "extra curriculum" activity by their Quarter-master of 23 years in the Army, Captain Erik Simundson, 39, the theme of the 20-minute exhibition was a tactical demonstration of the period.

Each man fired his rifled musket on 21 occasions, clouds of smoke



**Duel-purpose drummer and bugler.**

said. "Some of our guys have been into Winchester with some of your buglers to hand out leaflets advertising these three shows.

"The Company is a re-creation of a Volunteer Militia Company of the Canadian Militia as it would have appeared in the year 1860, the year The Queen's Own Rifles was founded.

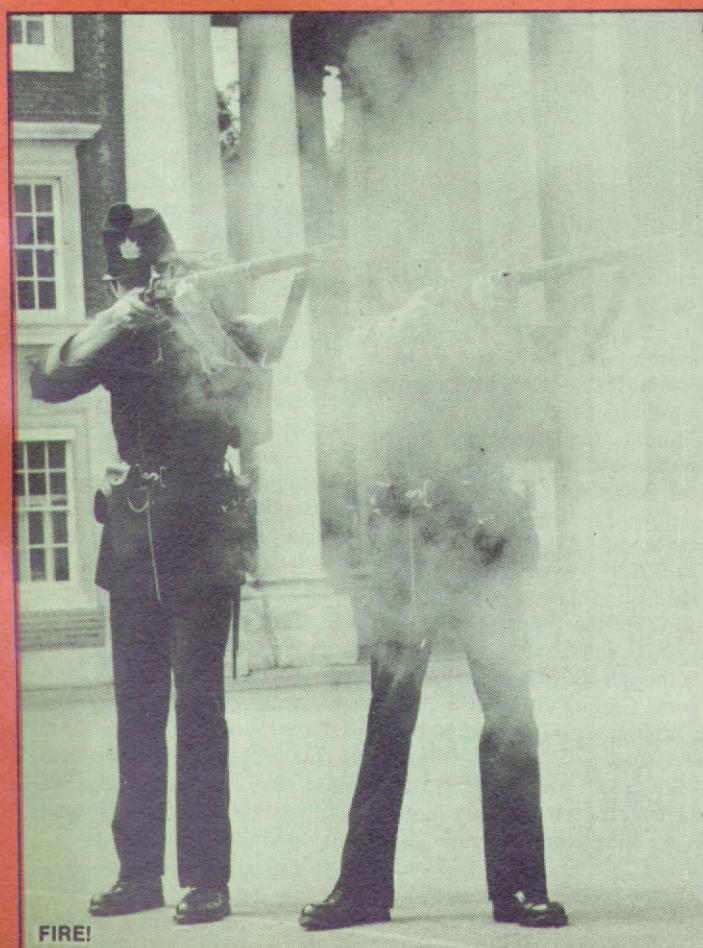
"This Company comprises serving members of the regiment who train in their own time. The drills and musketry displayed are in accordance with drill manuals of the period and the uniforms, equipment and rifles have been re-created after careful research.

"The cloth for the uniforms was found here, in England. So, too, were the muskets and the shakos. The swords or bayonets are original and the leather work comes from Canada.

"Emphasis is placed on accurately depicting the tactics and traditions that make rifle regiments unique and the QOR all our Companies bear the names of allied regiments such as The Buffs, The 60th (King's Royal Rifle Corps). No. 4 Company was given the honour in 1982 of carrying the title Gurkha Company when an alliance with the Gurkha Brigade was authorised."

Founded in Toronto in 1860, the regiment has been service in every major campaign in which Canadian forces have been involved from the Fenian Raids to the Korean War, to peacekeeping missions in the Middle East.

The Regiment's Colonel-in-Chief is Princess Alexandra.



**In colour: back cover**

# WHEN THE EAGLES SWOOPED



The Eagles move in, trailing smoke.

◀ Seen again over the famous Stonehenge.

Anneka Rice and the Eagles: back to earth. . . . ▼

## and captured the lovely Anneka



**W**HEN TVs madcap blonde Anneka Rice tumbled out of Major Wiles's helicopter she said: "I'm going to write a song called 'I Left my Stomach at Middle Wallop.'" The pert do-anything, go-anywhere blonde had just been flying with the Army's crack helicopter display team the Eagles, of whom Major Wiles is the leader.

"It's a lot different to the gentle flying I've done with *Treasure Hunt*," said Anneka, resplendent in her bright yellow overalls and smart blue wellies.

"Although it was all a bit hairy I was terribly disappointed when it all came to an end."

Earlier Anneka spoke glowingly of military flyers. "They're so reassuring with just the right amount of dash," she said as she prepared for her first-ever flight in a military helicopter.

Anneka was there to help Lieutenant Colonel Bill Carling of the Army Air Corps publicise the three-day International Air Show at the ACC Centre.

As a treat, the Eagles took her abroad when they practised their routine for the Press on the first day of the show.

Although without firm figures, Colonel Carling estimated a two-day attendance of around 50,000 plus.

"We're still working it all out, but I don't think there is any doubt that we have made a profit," he said.

Theme of the five-hour show was the 40th anniversary of D-Day and the forthcoming Arnhem date.

To set the scene men of the Parachute Regiment staged a mass para-drop and followed it up with a mock battle involving tanks, helicopters and ground attack aircraft.

There was even a stronger touch of nostalgia when a actor dressed as Monty alighted from an aircraft to drive up and down giving his famous salute.

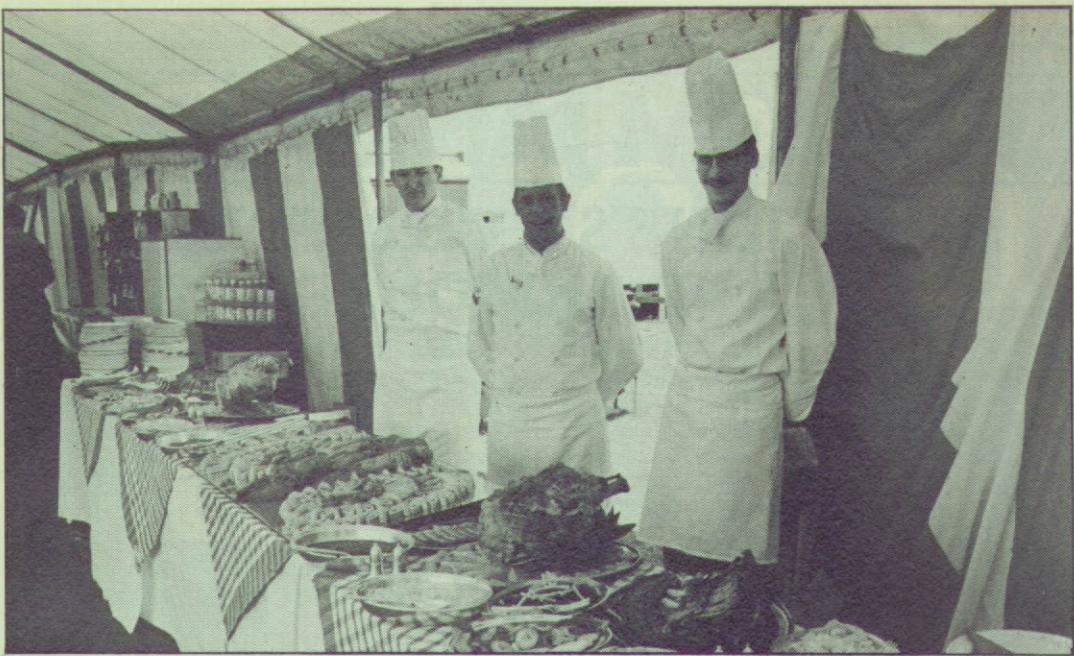
One spectacular came when 65 operational helicopters from Middle Wallop suddenly appeared in front of the watching thousands.

They were hidden within sight of the airfield, yet until their landing lights were switched on all were invisible. Their sudden ascent from behind hedges and trees and their movement towards the crowds was a chilling reminder of their awesome firepower.

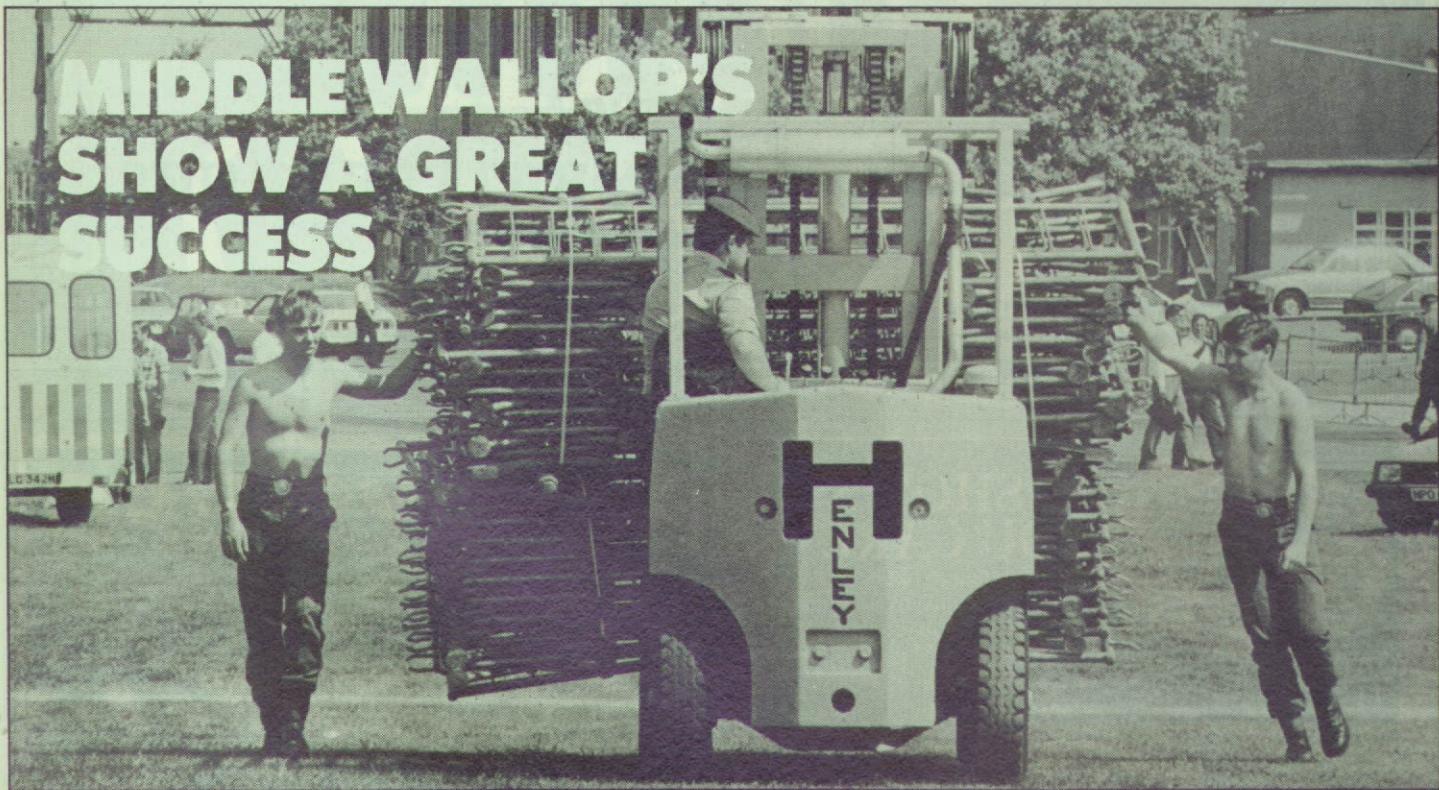
Earlier in the week the popular Helimeet Competition was held at the Middle Wallop and Broadlands, home of the late Earl Mountbatten, when teams from the Services, Nato countries and civilian organisations were tested against a series of tests and obstacles.

In addition to the flying programme artist David Shepherd, well-known for his military paintings, had an exhibition of his work and was there signing prints. And of course there was all the usual fun-of-the-fair with swings and roundabouts and scores of stands and exhibitions to tour.

"Fortunately the weather stayed fine," said Colonel Carling. "We can count our blessings for that. Now we have to count the money."

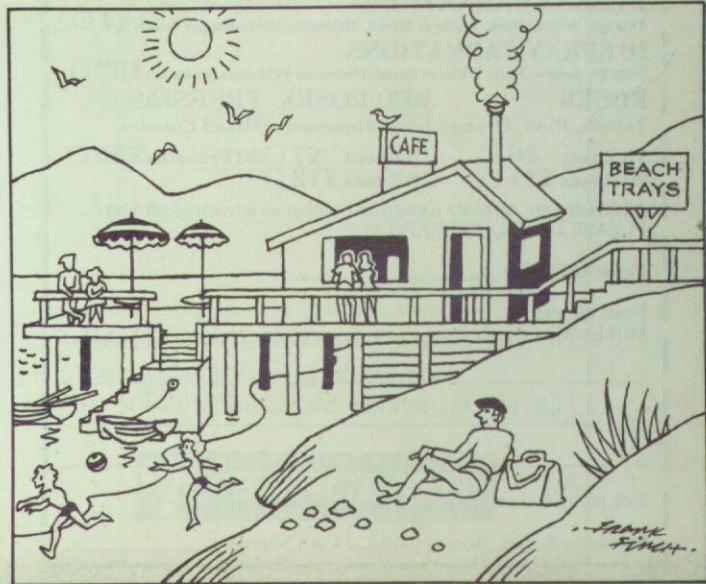
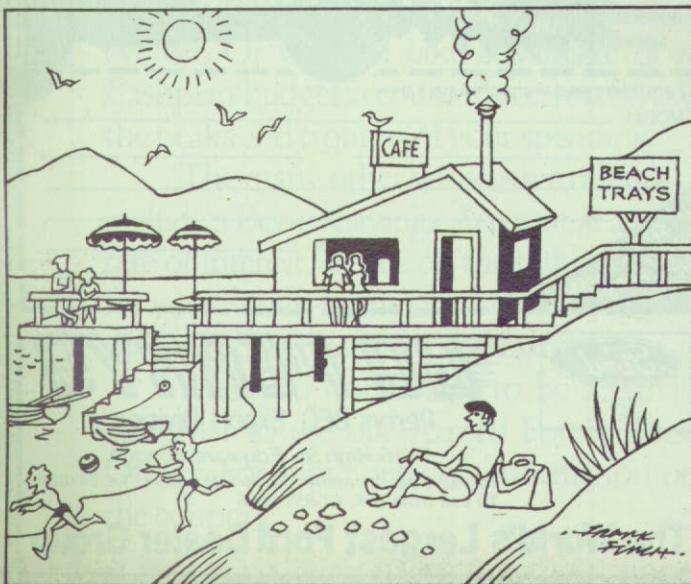


Above: Maj Gen J D W Goodman, Director AAC; left — resident chefs with mouth-watering display; below — REME apprentices from Arborfield, the "backroom" men who helped make it all possible.

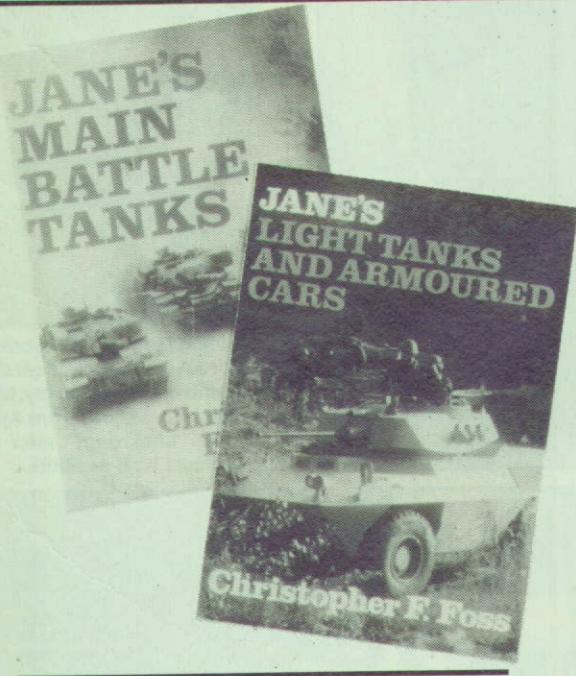


## How observant are you?

These two pictures look alike but they differ in ten details.  
Look at them carefully. If you cannot spot the differences turn to page 40.



# NEW FROM JANE'S



Available from good booksellers or in case of difficulty from:

**Jane's Publishing Company Ltd,**  
238 City Road, London EC1V 2PU

**JANE'S WHERE THE FACTS ARE FOUND**

## JANE'S LIGHT TANKS AND ARMOURED CARS

by Christopher F. Foss

Based on material published in *Jane's Armour and Artillery 1983/84*, this new book provides updated development histories and complete lists of variants of all light tanks, armoured cars, and scout cars currently in service in the world in alphabetical order of the countries concerned. Where possible, information on some of the designs and concepts of new vehicles that enter service in the late 1980's has been included.

Wherever possible, details of the wide range of optional equipment, such as different turrets and weapons stations, passive night vision equipment and the various types of fire control equipment that can be fitted are also covered.

Christopher F. Foss is the Editor of *Jane's Main Battle Tanks*. There are over 320 photographs and line drawings. £9.95

Also available

## JANE'S MAIN BATTLE TANKS

by Christopher F. Foss

A complete survey of MBTs in service or development throughout the world.

Illustrated throughout £9.95



### IT SHOWS YOU CARE

Here's a unique opportunity to show you care by sending fresh Guernsey flowers, grown in our own nurseries. Make special occasions extra special and even send them at anytime throughout the year.

To: FLOWERMAL NURSERIES  
P.O. Box 301, Bailiffs Cross Road, St. Andrews, Guernsey, C.I.  
To ensure despatch, please send order form, remittance and personal message card or letter to reach us at least one week before the date of delivery. Telephone: Guernsey 56979 for urgent orders. Please despatch the following:

#### 5 SPRAY CARNATIONS

Orange, Yellow, Pink, White or Mixed, Minimum 20 blooms per bunch £4

#### 10 SPRAY CARNATIONS

Orange, Yellow, Pink, White or Mixed, Minimum 40 blooms per bunch £5<sup>50</sup>

#### ROSES

Yellow, Pink, Orange RED ROSES FREESIAS

Long Stemmed Mixed Colours

10 Roses £6  10 Roses £7  20 Freesias £5<sup>75</sup>

20 Roses £11  20 Roses £12

All flowers are carefully packed and sent in an attractive gift box.  
PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

Please deliver by \_\_\_\_\_

From (Sender)  
Mr/Mrs/Miss \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

Tick method of payment: Cheque  Postal Order

Barclaycard, Visa, Access Card  Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

## PERRYS BFG

THE NEW FORCE IN FORD PERSONAL EXPORT

• Special forces discounts on tax free prices

• Extensive stock of

• Top part

• No hid

• Deliv

• Perso

• Service

ESCORT 1600 GHIA  
CENTRAL LOCKING, SUNROOF,  
4-WAY STEREO  
ONLY £4,195 TAX FREE  
DRIVE AWAY

I am interested in purchasing a new

MODEL \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_

S12/84



## GO PERRYS

Perrys BFG Export Division

51/55 High St Edgware, London.

To call from Germany: 00 44 1 951 006. Tx. 261889

To call from U.K. 01-951-0066

**The World's Largest Ford Dealer Group**

# Get to know the Officer in our Company.

Our Armed Forces Liaison Officer has actually served in the Armed Forces and has years of Service life behind him. So you can be sure he has a close knowledge of the special financial needs of Servicemen and their families.

Write to him and he'll tell you of the many ways we can help.

We have a special Export Car Loan Scheme, for example, that's only available to HM Forces in Western Europe.

It includes insurance against premature repatriation to cover tax and import duty.

You can also apply for a Barclayloan at sensible and competitive rates to help you buy the furniture, car or whatever you've had your eye on. Or you can take advantage of our Cashplan budget account to see you through the peaks and troughs of your spending.

The many other services we offer include a Bonus Savings Account at a special rate of interest, advice on the right insurance for your family, home or contents, and guidance on investment and taxation.

And you don't have to be a Barclays customer to use our Armed Forces Liaison Officer. For more detailed information post the coupon.

I would like further information on:-

Barclayloans  Cashplan

Savings  Insurance

HM Forces Export Car Loan Scheme

Other financial matter (please indicate)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Post to:- Squadron Leader KS Foster S3/84  
RAF(Ret'd), Armed Forces Liaison Officer,  
Barclays Bank PLC, Juxon House,  
94 St Paul's Churchyard, London, EC4M 8EH.



**BARCLAYS**

# THE SHOT THAT BEGAN THE 'WAR TO END ALL WARS'

**N**EXT MONTH solemnly marks the anniversary of the most indelible date this century in military annals anywhere ... 4 August, 1914, the outbreak of World War 1, the "war to end all wars." A conflict in which the first four months until the end of November saw 9,473 officers and men killed, 39,361 wounded and 41,120 listed as missing.

The biggest total of casualties was among the infantry, an estimated 84,000, from the first seven Divisions of the British Expeditionary Force.

Later next month, parties of 'Old Contemptibles' — there are thought to be just 185 still surviving in the United Kingdom — will be making their last personal pilgrimages to Flanders Field, to "Wipers" and the nightmare trench areas of the Somme of seven decades ago.

Fragile now but still unbowed as they were when fresh-faced youngsters eager to answer their nation's call, the venerable octag-

enarians and a goodly gathering of nonagenarians will probably weep at Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstones in private communion with their pals and none but the callous would chastise them.

Many of these pilgrims of compassion will be casting their thoughts back to Southampton and Portsmouth too, when between August 6 and 10, an army of 80,000 men comprising the British Expeditionary Force, 30,000 horses, 315 field guns and 125 machine guns gathered, ready to cross the Channel to do their bit against the "Hun."

They will recall too, their transport ships leaving at the rate of every ten minutes and the sound of ships' sirens in salute in those harbours.

The Force historian described the BEF as: "The best-trained, best organised and best equipped British Army that ever went forth to war."

The first British troops to gain

## 10th Cameronians going over the top at Arras, 1917.

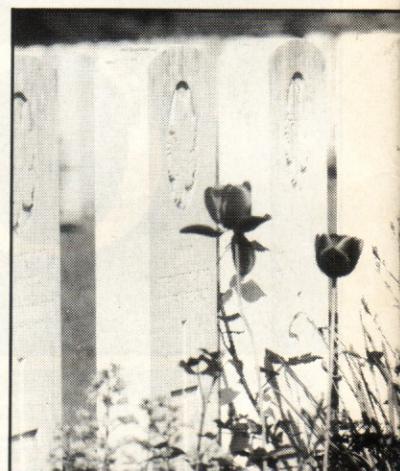
immortal glory in the four-year conflict went to C Squadron of the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards who drew the "first blood" and fired the first shot for the BEF.

Captain Charles Hornby was the first man to drive his sabre into the chest of a mounted Uhlan while Corporal Ernest E Thomas, was the first British soldier to fire the first shot on 22 August, 1914.

The men of C Squadron had left England on 15 August, 1914, with the regiment which was part of the 2nd Cavalry Brigade. The 4th Dragoon Guards numbered 26 officers, 528 other ranks and 600 horses.

The landed at Boulogne on 16 August and the regiment went into camp for two days until the 2nd Cavalry Brigade was complete with the arrival of The 9th (Queen's Royal) Lancers and The 18th (Queen Mary's Own) Hussars.

Two days later, the Brigade was ordered to move forward to occupy



The effect. The headstones a lasting memorial, the flowers a living one...

a position near Bois La Haut, just to the south-east of Mons. The journey was started by train but C Squadron finished it on horseback and marched to their designated areas.

There had been no contact between the BEF and the enemy and intelligence on the latter's whereabouts had been rather vague.

On 21 August, Major Tom Bridges and his C Squadron were sent ahead of the Brigade to recce the forward area between Mons and Soignies, on the main route to Brussels.

Despite reports from the locals to the contrary, the squadron had made no sighting by dawn the next day. Major Bridges pushed on to the outskirts of the little commune of Casteau.

He stopped there and, in the hope of ambushing some enemy patrols fleeing south, took up a concealed position with two troops dismounted and the remaining two mounted in rear. They would be

Men...horses...and gun on their way to front.





The plaque at Casteau, unveiled in August 1939.

Bayonet drill in the Parks, Oxford.

ready for any pursuit.

The wait was a short one. At about 0630 hours a patrol of six Uhlans, lances slung, was spotted riding cautiously down the road. They did not suspect an ambush.

The dismounted men of the 4th looked at each other and held their breath. Fingers rested lightly on triggers.

Then, for some reason, the half-dozen Uhlans halted and started to talk among themselves. They turned their horses round and rode in unhurried fashion the way they had come.

Major Bridges turned excitedly to Captain Hornby, who was commanding the two mounted Troops, and said: "Now's your chance, Charles. After them with the sword!"

The two Troops galloped up the road but the Uhlans had a good start.

It was not until the C Squadron mounts were clattering over the paved and tram lines of Casteau's main street did the Captain realise that he was up against more than he had bargained for!

In the street ahead, at least half a squadron of Uhlans and Cuirassiers formed a wedge at its exit.

#### Some comfort in the haystacks.

The British Troop took on the leading sections.

Hornby plunged his sword into the chest of an Uhlans. His orderly, Private Tinley was close behind him and later remarked: "I found myself kept busy by a big blond German trying to poke his lance into me. I could easily parry his lance but could not reach him."

Realising their lances were no match for sabres in a melee, the Germans retired to the bottom of the street, dismounted and took up firing positions.

Captain Hornby, deciding to avoid unnecessary risk to his weaker units, did likewise.

Corporal Thomas, a former boy-trumpeter and the son of a Captain-Quartermaster in The Durham Light Infantry, was the first British soldier to come into action with his rifle. He felled a mounted officer.

By this time, No 4 Troop had arrived and the enemy, breaking off the action, remounted and disappeared along the Soignies road.

With a force of 60 men now behind him, Hornby gave chase and, after a mile, caught up the rearmost enemy, driving into them with the sword, killing several and capturing five who had tossed away their lances and surrendered.



#### Is there a better 'ole?

"first blood" action was erected at Casteau and unveiled on 20 August, 1939. Some thirty Old Comrades, including Captain Hornby, were there.

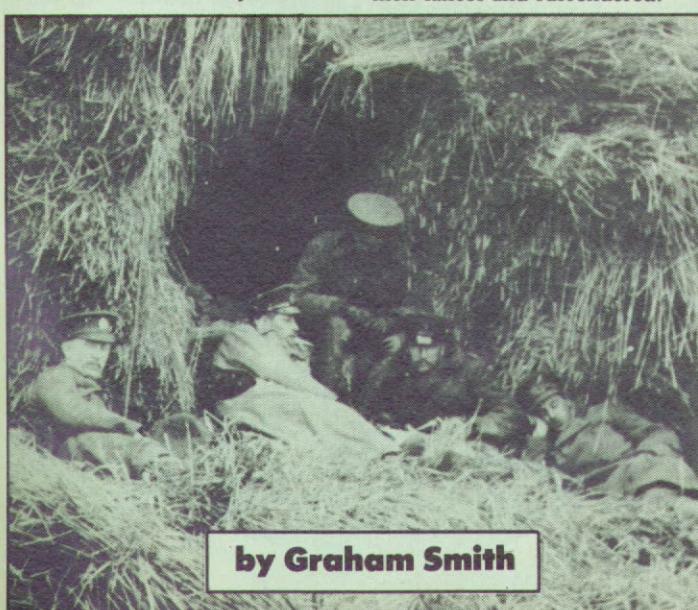
Sadly, Corporal Ernest Thomas was not. The man who fired the first shot had died just six months before in February. But his widow and daughter were at the ceremony.

Next month, those who did survive will doubtless don spectacles to peer at the bi-lingual bronze plaque that told so much; a glorious, opening chapter for the British Expeditionary Force in which the old and bold, served with such distinction and pride.



An early trench — and men of the Honourable Artillery Company.

by Graham Smith



IT WAS too good an opportunity to pass up. Two guaranteed days away from the kids and the married quarter kitchen sinks — with the promise of adventure on land and in the air as 18 wives were determined not to succumb to the title



## EXERCISE TIRED LADY



Story: BRIAN SMITH  
Pictures: PAUL HALEY

**I**F YOU went down to the woods that day, you would have had a big surprise, too. There was no picnic, though the atmosphere conveyed that impression, but 18 "tankies" wives — one of them eight months pregnant — who had just spent a night out with a difference. Not on the town but under canvas on draughty Salisbury Plain.

The object of the al fresco Exercise Tired Lady in charitable temperatures and centred round nine tents pitched in a small copse near Tank Crossing Three was to show the ladies how their husbands operated on 56-tonne Chieftain tanks as part of the Scottish-recruited A Squadron, 4th Royal Tank Regiment.

For one of the highlights of the two-night outdoor stay was a ride

"Now madam, I'm sure we can squeeze you in the hatch!"

in the Commander's, driver's and gunner's seats of the three tanks — Dakeyne, Damnation and Dandy — which had rumbled eight miles across country from their Warminster base as part of the Demonstration Squadron.

Brought to the site the night before in far from Cinderella-like fashion — a canvas-topped four-tonne — the wives, who have 20 children between them, left the dads behind to babysit. One 'tankie' was minding four of them!

Timber was cut for the fires that evening. The mood was high. The two-person tents — the girls had paired off by prior arrangement — were ready to be pitched then ... temporary disaster. Somewhere along the line someone had forgotten to include the poles! These were sent for.

In the commander's seat; trouble with a beret...



Once pitched, "Kanvas City" was ready for occupation. The ladies, coutured in their husbands black overalls and looking quite fetching, set about cooking the evening meal.

Smells of chicken curry and rice, steak and onion casserole wafted from the stand of woods. Tea and coffee bubbled on hexamine blocks. Mess tins stood by for filling. Fruit salad tins had flipped their lids, courtesy of an opener, to round off the meals rustled up from 24-hour ration packs.

The ladies — and even three-year-old black labrador, Ben — looked fresh and ready for action on the first morning despite an early call; an hour too early thanks to the "crazy watch" of Mrs Jackie Lording, wife of Lance Sergeant John Lording, of the Coldstream Guards and a member of the MT Support Weapons Wing at Netheravon.

The mistake was laughed off in good fashion by the rest of the girls who assumed it must have been Zulu time.

Few of the ladies admitted to putting on make-up at any time of the stay and none confessed to putting in curlers before snuggling down in their sleeping bags.

There were laughs. Lots of those. Some sang. Mostly they talked about their husbands ... or, so they said.

With partisan Scots amid their happy host, some had brought a dram or two for late night aperitifs. Mrs Sheila Crawford, wife of tank commander, Corporal Ian Crawford and mother of two children, Mark, 12 and Rhonda, 10, had brought three litres of home-made white wine.

For her, the occasion added another dimension; it was her wedding anniversary.

Mrs Fiona Walker, whose husband, Corporal Stan Walker, is a tank commander, said: "I think this sort of camp is a good idea. It's good to get away from it all. From the married quarter and Warminster for a couple of days.



You can have a bit of peace."

Dad had been tending son, Darren, two, the night before.

Another rolled over in the night suddenly to feel a lump in her trousers near the groin. "It turned out to be my Mars bar!" she said with a giggle.

Mrs Tracey Orr felt something wet on her face. "I thought my husband, Lance Corporal Alec Orr had developed a wet nose all of a sudden."

It was a wet nose, indeed, belonging to Ben, the labrador, who was checking the tents and belongs to Mrs Jackie Smee, wife of Staff Sergeant Tony Smee, a Troop Leader. Some fantasised it was a prowler.

Standing out amid the ladies was Mrs Sue McCann, wife of Corporal Frank McCann, a tank commander. Eight months pregnant and mother of Danny, two-and-a-half, she had taken part in all the activities apart from the early morning "run" of debatable distance, according to consensus. "If I had done the run I would have given birth," she quipped. "I was brought here by Land Rover and the driver was a bit

**Away from the kitchen — but not the cooking.**

scared because all he had on board was a First Aid Kit."

Tracey Orr cracked: "That would have been OK. We've got knives and forks. We could have given you a Caesarian!"

Stirring a novel breakfast instead of her usual muesli, Mrs Jane McBean, wife of the Squadron Officer Commanding, Major Charles McBean, dished up bacon-burgers and oatmeal blocks.

"It's amazing how noisy the skylarks are," she observed.

Mrs Irene Thomson, mother of three and wife to Sergeant Major Bob Thomson, had a salutary reminder of her camping expedition during a call of nature. "I stung my bum on some nettles," she admitted.

"I suppose I was lucky then," said Mrs Jackie Smee. "It must be those compo rations. I am sure they put something in them."

And what did the "girl talk" at night comprise?

"We were talking about our

**"Smoking on parade! What's your name...?"**

husbands. Don't we always?" Mrs Smee suggested. "We are all Army women and we behave ourselves. We are always singing our husbands' praises!"

Last word went to Major McBean, OC of the Demonstration Squadron — they put in 24,000 tank man-hours each year in support of armoured and infantry units — said: "They are a good bunch and I see them, from time to time, at social functions."

In addition to learning how to drive the Chieftain Main Battle tank, the ladies carried out certain command tasks within time limits in the afternoon and shifted their camp later. They "yomped" two miles across country.

After an 0600 reveille and another "run", the finale saw the wives "walking on air" in the form of parascending.

Then, it was home for lunch with their hubbies and the kids.

## KEEN IN GERMANY TOO!



**Gaynor Brown on the death slide.**

While the wives were busy on Salisbury Plain, BAOR was carrying out the same manoeuvres as well. The name of their venture: "Trouble and Strife" which not only involved wives but girl friends, too, appertaining to the tankie menfolk of C Squadron, The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards.

The exercise was centred on the Sennelager Training Area and these ladies lobbed drill grenades at imaginary targets — or so they said!

An assault course ... clambering up a fire tower ... 'jungle' patrols ... the death slide ... and the canvas comforts of their camp beds filled their days and nights. And they plan to do it again — in October!



## GUILD OF ST HELENA ON MOVE

The Guild of St Helena office is moving from the Duke of Yorks Barracks after 26 years.

The Guild will be temporarily housed in an office in Chelsea Hospital. Temporary address: c/o Military Chapel, Chelsea Bks, London, SW1 8RF.

And shortly to retire after a combined service of 19 years are the two Guild Secretaries Mary Rogers and Olive Harding.

June and July are always busy months for the Guild, The Handicapped Children's Holiday and Guild Day, but fund raising carries on throughout the year.

Just one of the many cheques gratefully received (picture right) came from 1st Battalion, The Staffordshire Regiment, who raised £200 from a band concert held in the Garrison Church, Colchester. The cheque is divided equally



between Helen House and The Guild.

Mother Frances Dominica of the Anglican Society of All Saints, captured the hearts of the many Guild members when she spoke at one of their Guild Days.

Both charities care for the sick and handicapped children. More information from: Helen House, Mother Frances Dominica, All Saints Convent, 36 Leopold St, Oxford, OX4 1RU. Tel: (0865) 40903.

### MOD YOUTH TRAINING SCHEME

The MOD operate two training schemes for youngsters: one the MOD Apprenticeship Scheme in UK and the Youth Training Schemes run in MOD establishments in UK.

If any youngsters in BAOR, or elsewhere overseas, would like to apply for consideration, they should write to the MOD establishment of their choice, as soon as they know they are returning to UK or have accommodation in the area. The schemes are non-residential.

The MOD Youth Training Scheme List (Industrial) is published below: For further advice, write to: MOD Room 404, Sentinel House, Southampton Row, London, WC1B 4AY.

#### Craft 'Broadskills'

93 VDW REME, Ashchurch, Nr Tewksbury, Glos.  
RNAY Fleetlands, Fleetlands, Gosport, Hants.  
ARE Portland, Southwell, Portland, Dorset.

RAE Farnborough, Engineering Training Dept, P68 Bldg, RAE Farnborough, Hants.

RAE West Drayton, Naval Engineering Dept, Warwick Road, West Drayton.

ROF Radway Green, Crewe, Cheshire.

27 Command Wksp REME, Warminster, Wilts.

43 Command Wksp REME, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants.  
A&AEE Boscombe Down, Salisbury, Wilts.

35 Central Wksp REME, Old

### TIPS

*Two new DHSS Leaflets* DHSS New Leaflet for People Retiring — Your Pension and other Benefits: DHSS FB6 April 84.

It covers what happens if someone carries on working and the special rules for married women, widows/widowers and divorced people. It also covers all benefits a retired person might be eligible for.

FB8 Jan 84: Babies and Benefits. A new detailed DHSS leaflet explains to all pregnant women and information they need to know about social security on one leaflet.

Make sure you have one to hand as it also has an excellent check list under such headings as 'When, What to do, and Why'.

Mould and condensation seems to attack all kinds of houses both at home and overseas.

For tips to help overcome this problem there is a leaflet called:

"Condensation & Mould

"Growth" available at CAB's and Town Halls.

Or, write to: SOLDIER or Individual Copies or to Department of Environment Distribution, Building 3, Victoria Road, South Ruislip, Middlesex, HA4 0NZ.

*Inland Revenue PAYE* Have you a query, a problem, but your tax office is miles away? If so, one of the Enquiry Offices, there are 35 in the London area, 25 in other parts of England, 31 in Scotland, 4 in Wales and one in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

You can telephone, or call at any one of these local Enquiry Offices, which are listed under 'Inland Revenue Taxes, HM Inspectors of'.

Last year nearly three million people received free help and advice about PAYE Enquiry Offices.

Dalby, Melton Mowbray, Leics.  
ROF Birtley, Chester-le-Street, Co Durham.

Catering  
COD Donnington, UCSM, Central Ordnance Depot, Donnington,

Telford, Salop.  
RSME Chatham, Brompton Bks, Chatham, Kent.

Storekeeping  
HMNB Rosyth, PSTO (N), HM Naval Base, Rosyth, Fife.

### £8,000 MINIBUS FOR SCHOOL

THE ARMY Benevolent Fund has handed over a new £8,000 minibus to the Corsham Lypiatt County Primary School in recognition of the special role of the school in working with the children of

Service families in transit.

A special fund has been set up to finance the running of the bus and some 55 Army units were asked to subscribe towards those costs. To this end, £1,500 has been raised.



**FAMILY** Income Supplement (FIS) which is paid over 12 months will in future be paid at the same rate throughout the year, only new claimants will receive the new rate announced for each November.

Service families are eligible and do receive FIS both in UK and overseas. In the UK the Department of Health and Social Security pays.

Overseas MOD, as good employers, pay FIS out of the Defence Budget but with no milk tokens.

Coupled with FIS are fringe benefits, one is free milk tokens to the value of seven pints of milk, or two tins of SMA. Yet these tokens are not available overseas.

Overseas it is likely that SMA will be used, at about £1.50 per tin, £3 a week, £12 a month.

A loss of £144 to that family on FIS. It is cash, it is an entitlement and a financial loss to families.

It matters not whether we have one or 100 families on FIS, this loss must be rectified.

Miss Brodie, Army Welfare Assistant in Chester, raised this issue, prompted by a number of families on FIS due to go overseas.

She asked what provision will be made to cash and milk tokens.

NAAFI have been approached regarding the collection of the tokens. MOD and SSAFA are aware of the problem and are looking into it.

It was not possible to give a figure in answer to a question in the House of Commons regarding Service families receiving FIS in GB, because the numbers are in the overall figures for GB.

However, as FIS is paid by the MOD to those who claim when overseas — 79 families abroad are in receipt of FIS, so 79 families are losing up to £144 a year.

If you think you are eligible read DHSS leaflet FISI available overseas in BFPO's.

*Anne Armstrong*

Home tel: Camberley 29653

### REVENUE AID

**Income Tax — Leaving the Armed Forces** P164 Helpful Information when you Leave the Forces, explains taxing your income, Form P45 and civilian pay.

If the leaflet does not cover your situation write to: Inspector of Taxes, at Government Buildings, Ty-Glas, Llanishen, Cardiff, CF4 5DZ.

# Here's proof the Army is truly a family business. . . .

THE FAMILY that soldiers together — sticks together, they might say with every justification up Chorley way in Lancashire.

That is certainly the case on Tuesday drill nights and fortnight-long summer camps for the Bradshaw family — father, mother and daughter — who serve with the TA's Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry at its £330,000 facelift drill hall regimental headquarters.

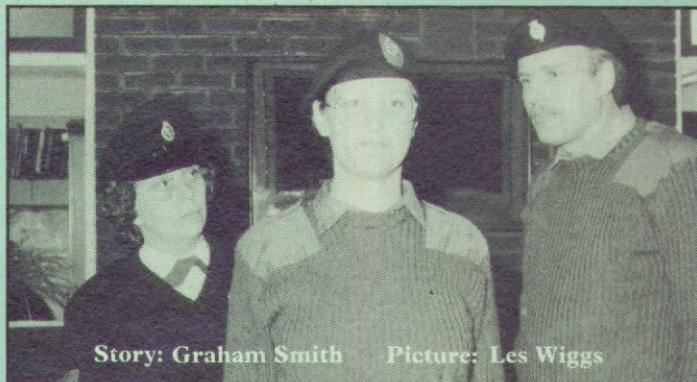
The Bradshaws — 24256293 Corporal Tony, WO 463421 Corporal Margaret and WO 468970 Private Karen — all arrive together on drill nights but seldom work together, marching off smartly in different directions across the parquet floor.

Tom, in the TA for eight years, is an MT driver with the DLOY; wife, Margaret in the TA for five years is a pay clerk; 20-year-old daughter, Karen, a regimental signaller.

Contrary to expectations among the status conscious neither Corporal Bradshaw, A. nor Corporal Bradshaw, M. try to pull rank on each other.

"I've got the seniority," says a grinning Tom, a driver by civilian occupation. "Seniority by four years," he said.

"But I've got the edge," countered Margaret, a corporal of 12 months, a housewife and former shop worker. "I tell him he'll get paid last each month if he has not done something in the house. He's building kitchen cabinets at the moment and he likes doing it."



Story: Graham Smith Picture: Les Wiggs

The Bradshaws: from left — Corporal Margaret, Private Karen, Corporal Tony.

Both Bradshaws senior met during their DLOY service. She had joined the regiment because people had continually extolled its virtues.

Ironically, Margaret still has the chance to pip hubby Tom in the promotion stakes. "I could make sergeant if I attend a certain course and there is a particular vacancy, but I don't think that is likely."

Then, with an ever-widening smile, she said: "I wouldn't want to be a sergeant."

Crack-shot daughter, Karen — she was the top women's shot

among a dozen contenders at last summer's annual camp — has been itching to get into the TA for years; five years, to be exact.

So keen was she to join that she unofficially attended Army Cadet Force drill nights to be among the lads in khaki. She had, in the event, to wait two years before enlisting in the DLOY.

A student of French and English at a Tertiary College, Karen said: "I suppose it was mum who persuaded me to join the TA and this unit, in particular. She was always talking about it and how

good it all was. Now, I'll stay as long as possible.

"I enjoy training with the signals section and in the new voice procedures. It's all very interesting and friendly."

Karen's 19-year-old boyfriend is bent on an Army career as well — with The Queen's Lancashire Regiment as a Regular.

And what of future generations of Bradshaws who, in military style of discipline, might still expect seniority in the bathroom as they prepare for drill nights?

"If I have any children in years to come then I would definitely try to maintain the family connection and get them enrolled," said Karen.

Meanwhile, there are already two more Bradshaws on the sidelines at home, Paul, 14 and Phillip, nine.

"We are not sure yet if they are going to be interested in joining the TA," said Tony winking at wife, Margaret.

The Lancashire family that soldiers together, camps together, too, in civvy life.

For Cpl Bradshaw, A. and Cpl Bradshaw, M. will be holidaying under canvas this year using all of their military expertise gained over the years — but as plain Mr and Mrs.

Margaret quipped: "Reveille will mean absolutely nothing. We will be able to get up when we want!"

● Special feature on the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry — p 34.

## THE ROUSELLS ALL PULL THEIR WEIGHT!

The 1984 Army Tug-of-War championships were quite a family occasion.

While Staff Sergeant Russ Rousell, a permanent staff instructor with 257 General Hospital RAMC (V) in Chelsea, was acting as one of several judges, his son, Craftsman Ian Rousell, REME, was digging in his heels and pulling his heart out for 50 Missile Regiment, RA, in pool "A" of the heavyweight division.

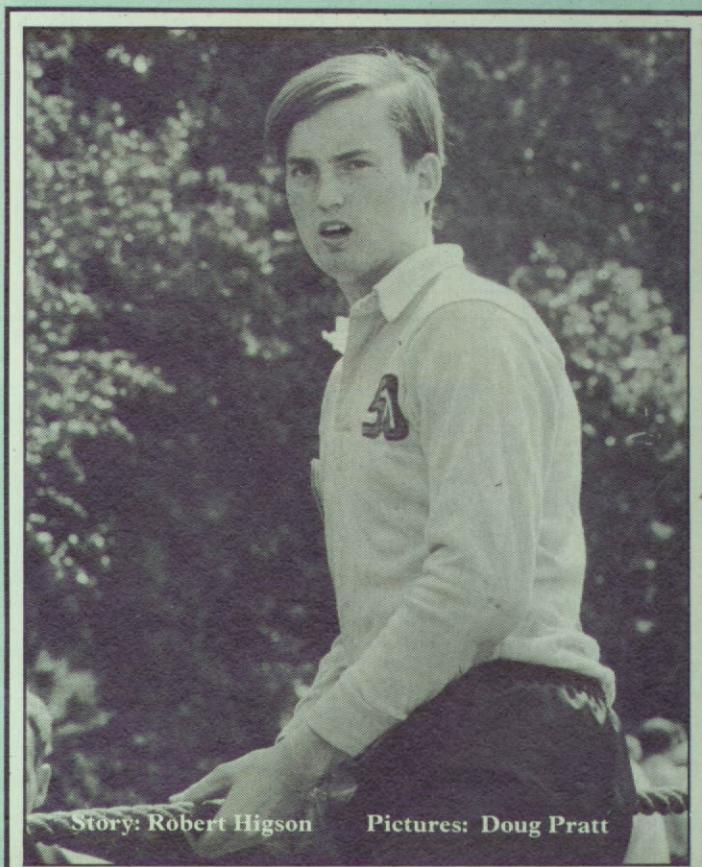
At the same time, Staff Sergeant Rousell's wife, Jill, was in the official tent acting as recorder.

Obviously tug-of-war runs in the Rousell family blood. Staff Sergeant Rousell has been at it for 20 years, as a competitor and now as an official. Perhaps Ian, whose team came third equal with 1 Armoured Field Ambulance RAMC in pool "A", will follow in his father's footsteps.

● Tug of war report — p 50.



Russ Rousell, above and his son Tony, right.



Story: Robert Higson

Pictures: Doug Pratt

Writer John Walton and photographer Paul Haley  
continue their travels in Canada and see...

## THE VIKINGS GET A VIKING WELCOME!

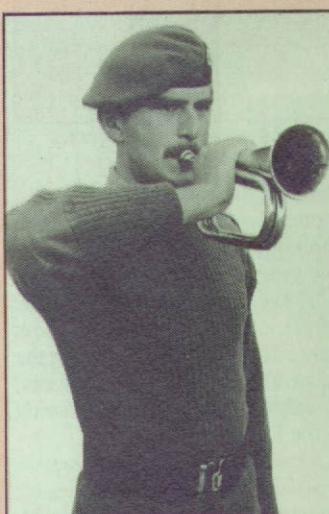
**T**AKING their last opportunity to train as a battle group with their own integral gun battery before departing for Northern Ireland, 1st Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment winged their way to Camp Wainwright in Alberta for the first of this summer's three Pond Jump West exercises.

Luck was not with them. As they moved into the final week-long battalion exercise of their one-month visit the heavens opened and the worst local summer weather in living memory swamped their manoeuvres.

Second-in-command, Major Richard Haes said: "For four days it poured down like a monsoon. We had about 40 men with trench foot.

"Their feet got soaking wet even with the new combat high boot. It made life unpleasant and there was nothing you could do about it."

Despite the hardships the

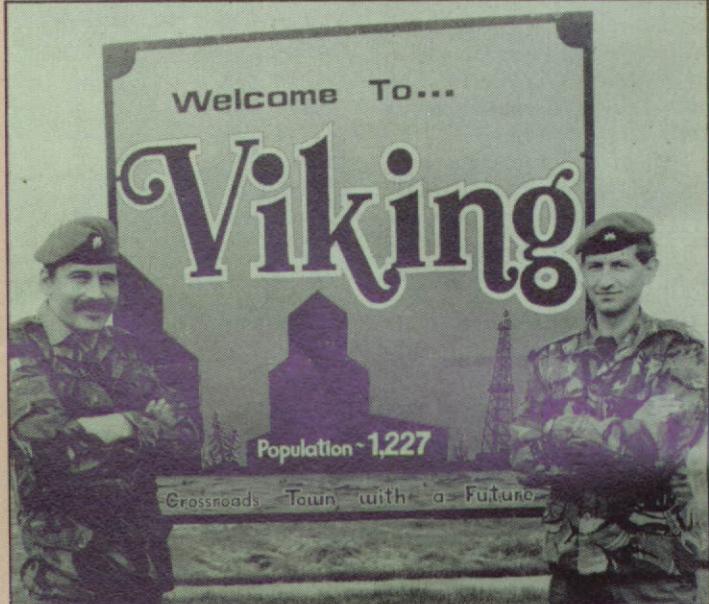


Drummer Kevin Barber sounds a call...

Vikings were convinced they got their money's worth from the exercise. After a lengthy build up through selection and company phases the battalion exercise began with a river crossing on foot at night.

After attacking the 'enemy' defences the 'Vikings' continued to advance over some 12 kilometres

Lieutenant Colonel Tony Calder, Commanding Officer.



and then went into a defensive phase just about the time the rain did its worst.

Despite the weather most of the targets, which had been set up by the Anglians' own safety control team, worked well. Tank targets were made out of hardboard, balloons were used for sniper practice and loudspeakers to simulate tank noises and encourage realism.

Wainwright has many advantages over training areas in Britain and Germany — the most important being its size and the reduced restrictions on live firing.

Unlike Suffield, the tank train-

Corporal Nigel Benner, left, and Private Philip Frost by the welcome sign...

ing area further south, it has lots of woodland and scrub, including the wild rose for which Alberta is famous.

Map reading skills are put to the test, however, for the terrain is all very similar. Said Major Haes: "It is really making us map read. We have been on Salisbury Plain and Stanford so frequently that we can navigate without a compass."

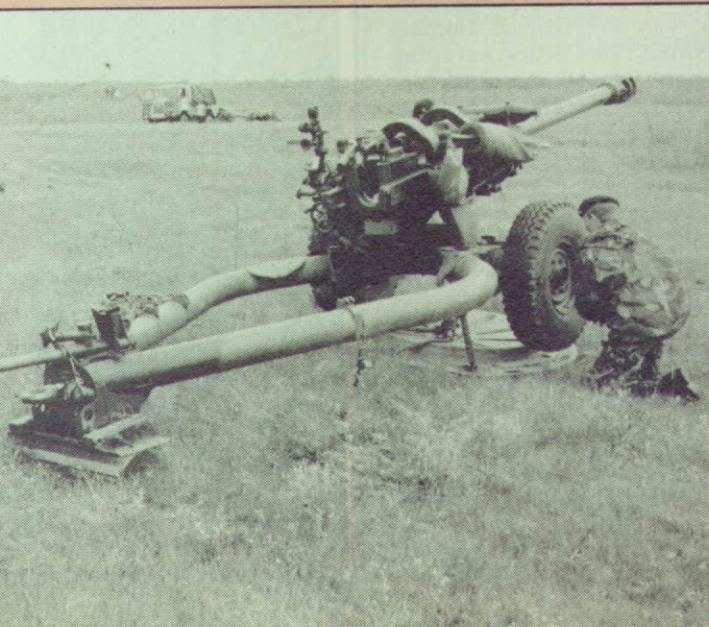
During the final exercise the battalion was able to fire together as a group with weapons including artillery and mortars in support at the same time.

"It is as close as we are ever going to get to the real thing without having live enemy," was the Viking verdict.

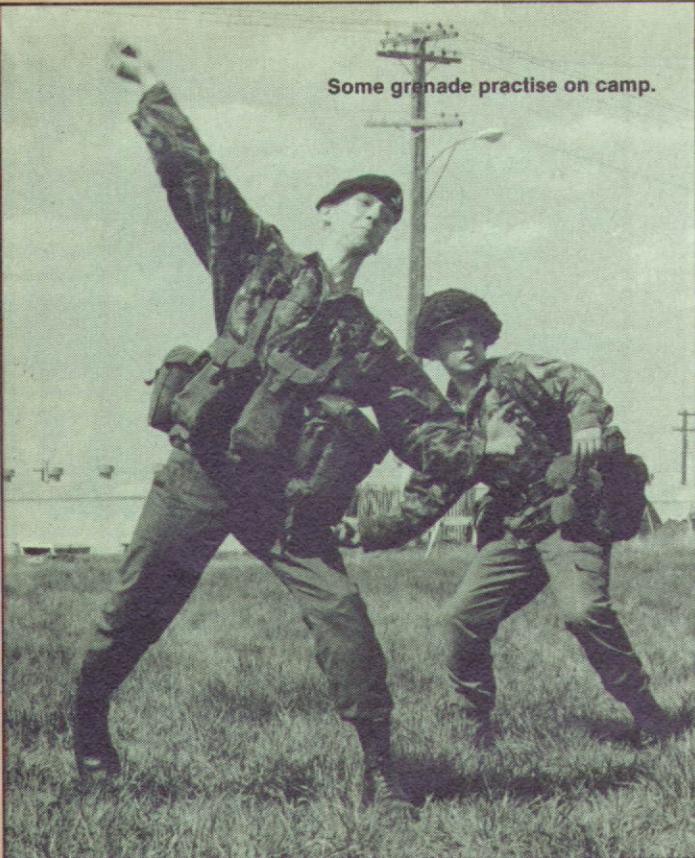
Normally it is difficult to get Milan sited in with infantry because of the huge safety 'arc' required, but this was achieved at Wainwright and good shooting was reported despite problems with moving targets because of clogging mud.

More than 600 men were in the battalion group. They included 34 TA members from the Anglian's 5th, 6th and 7th battalions as well as three members of the Bermuda Regiment including the new

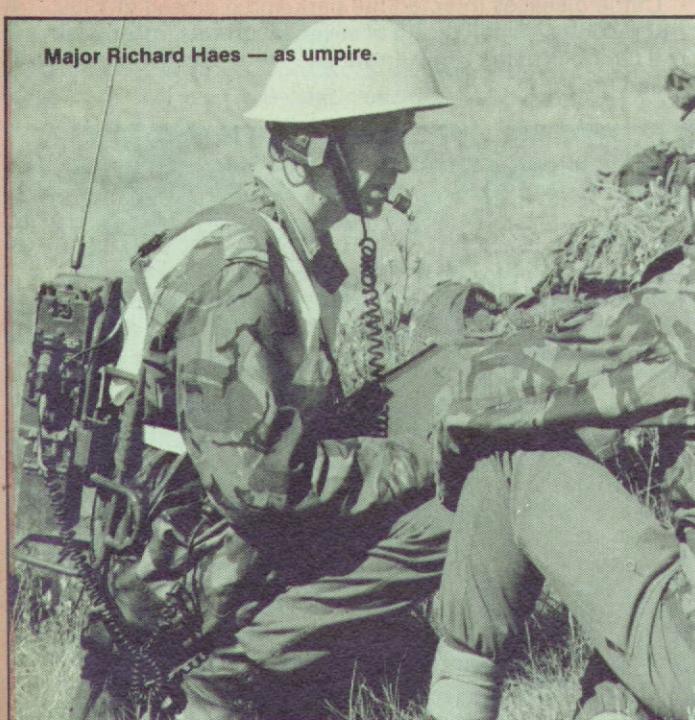
A 105 mm light gun being brought into action.



Some grenade practise on camp.



Major Richard Haes — as umpire.



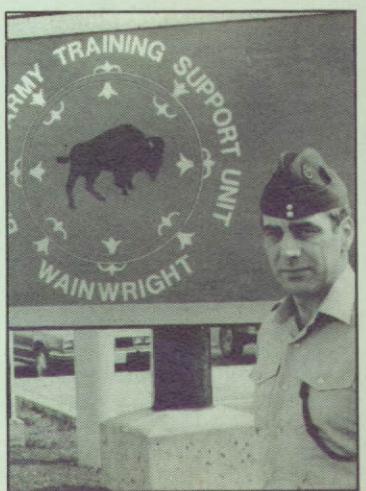
Corporal Paul Crowley, REME: marathon winner.

BRITISH TROOPS have been training at Camp Wainwright for almost 20 years but it was only last October that a permanent British Army establishment was set up on the Canadian base there.

BATSU (British Army Training and Support Unit) is headed by Lieutenant Colonel Tony James and has a staff of two warrant officers and 15 soldiers — all specialists in trades like ordnance, ammunition, postal service and movements.

Housed in a brand new building BATSU spends the summer at Wainwright and in the winter moves down to Washington State in the United States for the 'Trumpet Dance' exercise.

Already the British units training at Wainwright or Fort Lewis use British vehicles and stores supplied by BATSU. Eventually, says Colonel James, the aim is to enable visiting battalions to travel as lightly as possible with only personal weapons and webbing.



Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Gavin Shorto.

He told SOLDIER: "This is the first time Bermudan soldiers have been out this far west. The big advantage for us is training with a regular battalion.

"Their knowledge is so much more encyclopaedic than ours and exposure to that kind of skill cannot help but increase personal skills. We have no training area for this

continued on page 28

kind of thing in Bermuda — in fact this training area is big enough to 'lose' Bermuda in it easily!"

Artillery support came from 28 Field Battery (Skeddy's Company) from 19 Field Regiment, Dortmund. They are the first Germany based gunner battery to train at Wainwright and were making their third visit to Canada in recent years.

Captain Ian Bowater, Battery captain, told SOLDIER that they had jumped at the opportunity when they heard there was no UK based battery available. Equipped with Abbot in Germany they had to adjust to firing six 105 mm light guns and found the experience exciting. "You get so much more scope because you are not tied down to gun positions as you are in Germany" said Captain Bowater.

Also in support were two helicopters from 7 Regiment, Army Air Corps at Topcliffe and a group of seven sappers from 39 Engineer Regiment, who assisted with

minefield breaching and barbed wire.

The Vikings' Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Tony Calder, told his men that he had never done a hand breaching of a minefield at battalion level.

"It is a particularly dangerous task which may require flexible plans. It is a very difficult operation of war and regrettably many people who tried it have come unstuck in the past. But it will give you an idea of how much confidence you can have in your own obstacles — because if you find this operation difficult, just think how others will find it."

One of the problems of Wainwright is that a lot of firing is done in the winter onto snow and there are large quantities of unexploded rounds out on the range.

There were no casualties although a heavily 'made-up' medic fooled the troops for some minutes into thinking he had stepped on something. Several 84 mm rounds were disposed of by the safety team before the exercise began but another 25 were found and reported during the action.

The month long exercise was not all work and the troops found time to visit the little town of Wainwright. For the first time on a 'Pond Jump West' four military policemen accompanied Canadian military police on their patrols. There were few problems for them apart from pointing hitch-hiking soldiers onto the correct road back to camp!

Five Vikings took part in a half marathon at Bonnyville, 120 miles to the north. They took the first three places in the charity event, the winner being Corporal Paul Crowley of REME.

After the exercise was over the group scattered throughout Canada



Bayonet drill, above and a Milan team ready for the air.



## ALMOST EXTINCT — NOW THRIVING

THE 250 square miles of Camp Wainwright was once famous for being the home of North America's largest bison herd. After the bison had been reduced almost to extinction the Buffalo National Park was set up at Wainwright in 1906 with 700 head.

The herd multiplied rapidly to many thousands, was used for early Western film footage, and was also used for experiments involving the crossing of bison, yak and cattle.

A giant beast, the cattalo, was created but the males proved sterile. The head of one of these creatures is mounted on the wall of the Canadian Officers' Mess at Wainwright.

Cattle diseases infected the park and it closed in 1939. But recently a small group of seven bison was introduced to a paddock at the camp entrance — they are thriving and breeding.

and North America for a few days relaxation. Colonel Calder and Major Haes went to British Columbia gold panning in an 1860's gold rush town.

Many took the opportunity of living and working on Canadian ranches where they were able to pretend they were cowhands for a few days — while others went to the Grand Canyon or Las Vegas.

Milan team dug in for action.



At the end of a half year in which they had fired not far short of a million rounds of 7.62 ammunition the Vikings left the wide open spaces of Canada to prepare for life in Northern Ireland.

Major Haes said the last big battalion exercise for some years had gone well: "They showed bags of guts and aggression and it really brought the best out in all ranks."

A town in Canada where former British soldiers found life to their liking and where...

## MEDICINE HAT PROVES A TONIC

**V**ERA LYNN sang wistfully of those 'White Cliffs', Andy Stewart lauded the 'Scottish Soldier' and the melodic strains of 'Danny Boy' recalled the Emerald Isle.

For the 200 people gathered in the Royal Canadian Legion hall out on the Canadian prairie it was an evening of nostalgia for the homes they had left more than 5,000 miles away in the British Isles.

Most of the men who gathered for the inaugural get together of the Medicine Hat British-Canadian Club were former British soldiers.

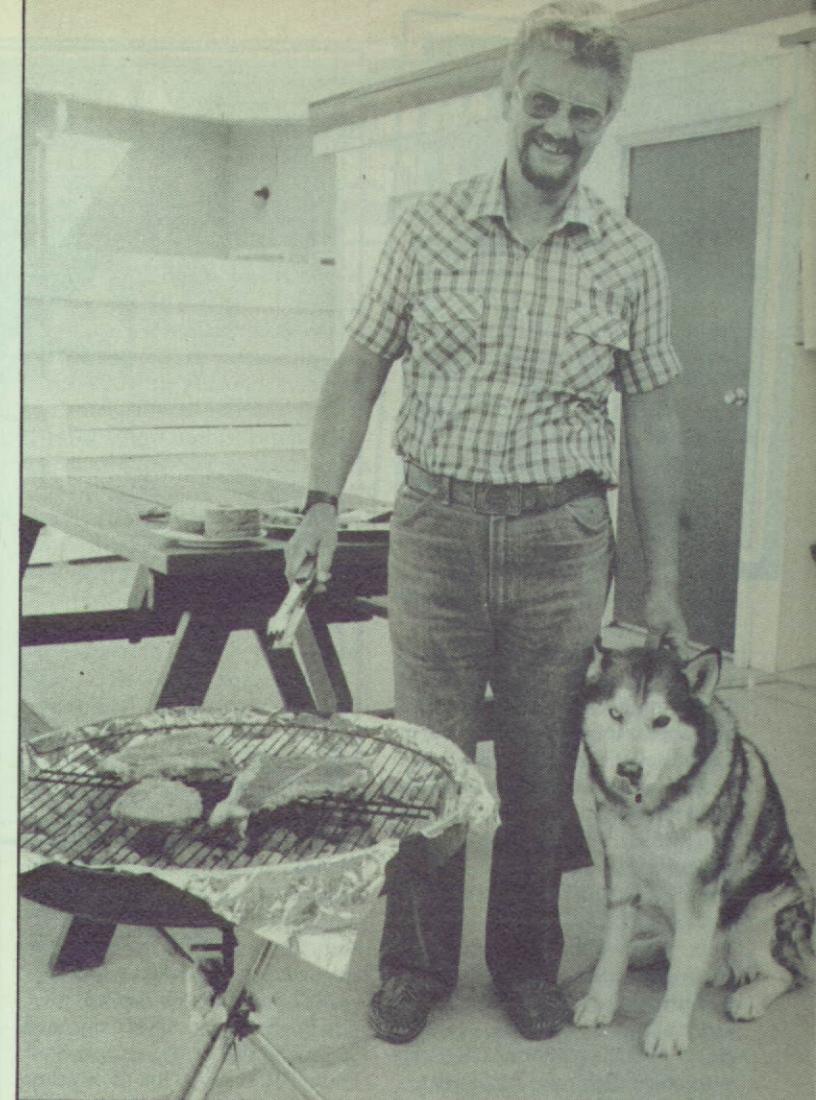
In 1972 the British Army set up its training unit at Suffield just 28 miles from Medicine Hat — and

over the years there has been a steady trickle of men who have stayed on or returned to Canada.

No-one has kept records of just how many have married local girls or who have been attracted by the wide open spaces of Alberta. The British-Canadian club intends to bring them together to create a little bit of Britain in the New World.

It is the brainchild of two former RAOC colleagues, Brendan McLoughlin and John Orr, who have taken on the roles of President and Vice-President. Brendan's Canadian wife, Gloria, is treasurer and John's wife, Elaine, secretary.

Irish-born Brendan went out to Suffield on a nine month posting ten years ago, met his wife and



decided to stay. He now works at a local glass works.

'Every year a few more soldiers decide to stay on and the small British community is really starting to grow,' he told me. 'At first I missed the British Army because it was so secure but as time went on the feeling lessened, but I still miss British beer and watching good soccer.'

One time corporal John Orr took up an apprenticeship in Medicine Hat and became a carpenter.

**Left:** Paul and Carol Ottey, left, and John and Sandy Lavery. **Below:** dancing helps reunion.

**John Reynolds:** big steaks and husky pet.

'That's the good thing about Canada — you can take up an apprenticeship at any age.'

Now he knows more about history of Medicine Hat than his wife but still retains his Scottish identity like so many Canadians: 'I work with a fellow carpenter who is more Scottish than me. He wears shirts with thistles on the pockets and even has a kilt — although he was born here.'

Bill Stone, 33 years in the Grenadier Guards, came out to

*continued on page 30*





**John Orr counts the application forms.**

BATUS in 1978 as Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant. A widower, he married a local girl and became a prison guard at Drumheller some 140 miles away.

Bill, who celebrated his birthday at the reunion, said: "This club is an excellent idea because you get to know other British people in the area and get to see people you have not seen for some time. I will never forgo my English citizenship but will take out Canadian as well."

Three other ex-BATUS soldiers work at the same prison — an ex-Scots Guardsman, an ex-Redcap sergeant and a former REME fitter.

Two former Royal Corps of Transport friends who now live eight hours journey apart at Calgary and Saskatoon made the trip to Medicine Hat to meet and look for old friends.

Ex-Corporal John Lavery is now a Greyhound bus driver in Calgary. He was one of the few soldiers who met his wife during a one month battle group visit.

While on his rest and recuperation trip to Las Vegas in 1979, he met Sandy and they were married and lived in Germany before he came out of the Army and moved to Canada at the end of 1982.

His former colleague, one-time Lance Corporal Paul Ottey is now

**Business time at the big reunion.**



an outpatient marine mechanic. He met his wife, Carol, while adventure training in the Rockies in 1978 and returned to BATUS in 1979 before leaving the Army in 1980.

Both said they missed popping into the British local for a pint and the social life of the Army. Said Paul: "It takes a lot of time to make friends out here whereas in the Army you are thrown together and make good friends."

But there are reunions during the summer when the battle groups come over. Said John: "A lot of old mates come on battle groups and they come and see us on their r and r."

Three members of the original BATUS advance party in 1972 now live in Medicine Hat with their Canadian wives. Chris Hullah, a former REME corporal now a carpenter, recalled: "My first impressions were of the cold and the wide open spaces. As we made the trip from Calgary I thought it was definitely not for me."

But within four months he had

married his wife Annabelle and after a spell with Rhine Army they returned: "It was the work opportunities at the time. You could virtually name your own job."

Said Annabelle: "Nearly all of the first batch married Canadians. They were more mature than the local guys and more polite."

Lance-Corporal Dave Jones also went back to Germany with his wife Renee. Now he works for the Medicine Hat council and is a keen ice hockey player. And former Royal Signals Lance-Corporal Mike Amos works in a local greenhouse. His wife Teri declares: "Most of the British guys are happy. They seem to fit in."

Being quartermaster at Suffield appears to lead to a high risk of settling in Medicine Hat. Three of the first four emigrated and two of them, ex-Major John Reynolds and former Blues & Royals officer, Jim Heath, work together on a community activity programme for deprived children under the care of social workers.

**Husbands and wives from left: Chris and Annabelle Hullah, Dave and Renee Jones, Mike and Teri Amos.**

Major Reynolds returned to England after his posting and went as quartermaster to the Recruit Selection Centre, Sutton Coldfield: "I decided I could not really hack the English climate. We had made a lot of friends who wanted us to come back. I like the town of Medicine Hat — it's just the right size."

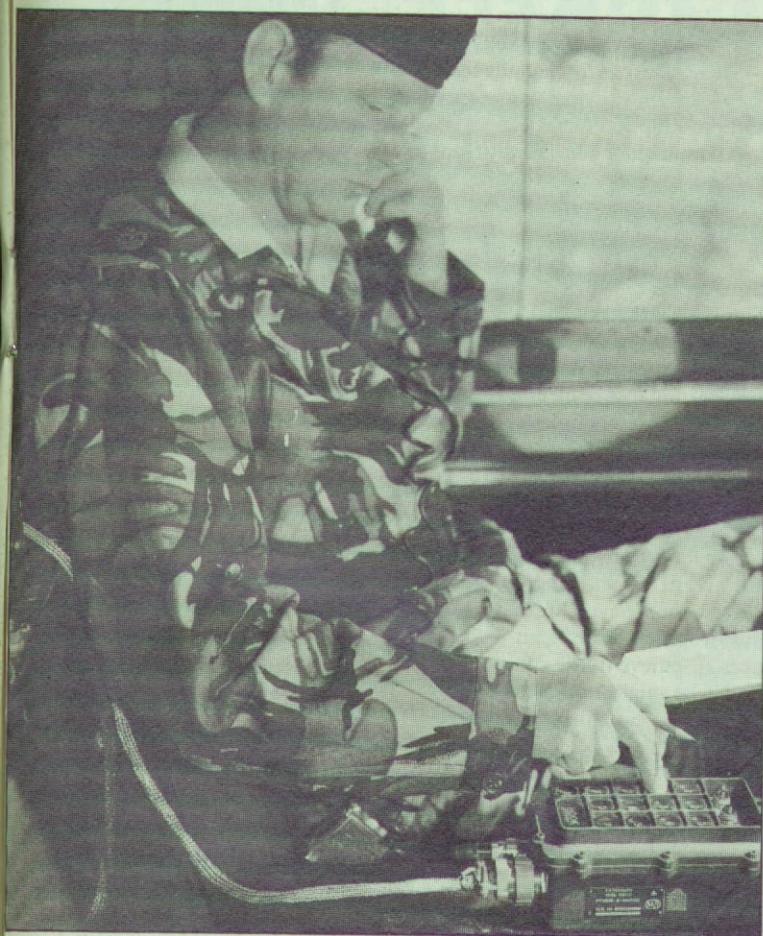
A spin off from the new club, which collected 100 members on its inaugural night, may be that an even warmer welcome will be given to future British soldiers posted to Suffield.

Says Brendan McLoughlin: "What we would like to do is to provide a means for the British soldier to come and meet people — perhaps in their homes."

"I know what it is like to be up there twiddling your thumbs." ■



## PTARMIGAN: ALL-BRITISH AND THE VERY BEST!



Commander using extension keyboard in the mobile terminal.

Lance Corporal Peter Wood operates a teleprinter in a mobile subscriber terminal.



**A**T THE end of this year, BAOR's 1st Armoured Division HQ at Verden will be setting up shop with 42 Army personnel who will be the tutorial nucleus for the world's most sophisticated battlefield comms link to date — the all-British Ptarmigan — which will equip all three Divisional HQs and their Brigades within 1 (BR) Corps by 1 April, 1986, replacing the 16-year-old BRUIN system. (See SOLDIER 16 July).

User trials in the field involving 180 Royal Signals and a dozen TA personnel have recently been completed on Salisbury Plain.

Nerve centres for each of the Ptarmigan networks will be the £1.5 million stored programme control Switch — rather like a master telephone exchange — with its sophistication switching matrix housed within a four-tonne chassis and the costly 'innards' all computer-assisted allowing Divisional commanders to hold secure conversations with several conferees simultaneously, even while on the move.

Plessey's Ptarmigan system now entering its management phase of evaluation is described by Major

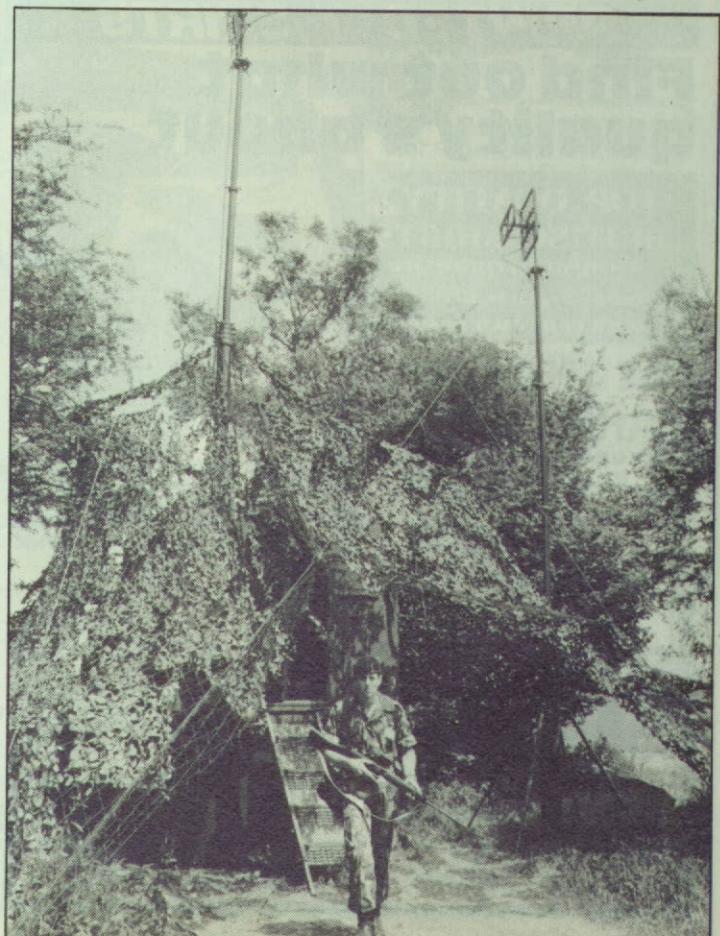
Alan McVittie, of the Blandford School of Signals Planning Wing as a "building block" for complementary systems such as BATES (Battlefield Artillery Target Engagement System) and wavell. It is designed to provide a mobile, highly flexible, all-digital area network to meet all tactical comms needs.

Built to operate in harsh weather elements and within the NBC setting, too, Ptarmigan offers a wider range of facilities than any other systems currently in use, it is claimed by Plessey.

And its emergence into BAOR service — delivery to 1st Armoured Division is scheduled by the end of this year — is the result of detailed studies and intensive trials carried out jointly by the Ministry of Defence, the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment (RSRE), the School of Signals at Blandford, and industry.

Ptarmigan, say Plessey, gives interface to and is inter-operable with strategic, tactical and civil systems — it has direct trunk dialling for both static and mobile subscribers — as well as combat net radio such as Clansman and Larkspur.

One of the Ptarmigan trucks under the influence of a cam net in a hide.



Report: Graham Smith

Pictures: Les Wiggs



Three of the Ptarmigan system trucks deploy in the field.

Incidental damage to a trunk node or a radio relay installation will not knock out HQ comms. Nor does the location of a trunk node compromise the whereabouts of an HQ.

This asset, in turn, leads to a

reduction in the number of HQ comms vehicles and improved HQ mobility.

Each Switch vehicle costs as much as a Challenger Main Battle Tank, can handle 15 traffic groups, each of 16 or 32 channels and can

The operator control position in a Trunk Switch.



# PREMIER PRINTED T-SHIRTS

## Find out what quality's about

**TOP QUALITY  
BRITISH SHIRTS**  
Minimum quantity  
only 12 shirts printed  
with your own design

**WE SPECIALISE IN  
ARMY UNITS.**

**PRINTED  
Tee-Shirts  
SweatShirts  
Jogging Suits**

**NO HIDDEN  
CHARGES**

**FREE DETAILS  
PHONE NOW!**

Norwich  
(0603) 745018

\* or write  
**PREMIER LEISUREWEAR**  
Dept SLD Jarrold Way  
Bowthorpe Norwich  
Norfolk NR5 9JD



cater for some 400 subscribers of which, half may be mobile.

Another important aspect of Ptarmigan is that a mobile subscriber equipped with a Single Channel Radio Access (SCRA) terminal has the same service features as a static subscriber, including secure comms in all modes of voice, telegraph, facsimile — this, as fast as 50 seconds for a map — and data with conference and pre-emption facilities.

A commander who is away from his HQ can make calls to that HQ or to any other subscriber anywhere on the system.

Major John Doody, OC of the 2 Squadron (Trials), School of Signals, who had just finished eight weeks in the field on user trials, said: "The essential requirement for Ptarmigan is to meet the Army and RAF operational needs for command and control comms in north-west Europe through all stages of deployment.

"Any communications system is obviously an important target for an enemy and, therefore, the system must have a high degree of survivability. Ptarmigan has this and to achieve it, the components had to be small enough to be easily hidden, be capable of fast movement to avoid detection and be physically well-protected. Additionally, the system must be resistant to enemy electronic

warfare efforts.

He added: "The essential feature of Ptarmigan is that it is an area system. This implies that the system will be deployed in the operational area in such a way that little or no restriction will be placed on the siting of formation HQ by the comms system.

"Any group of subscribers will always be able to gain access to the system regardless of where they are geographically situated.

"Flexibility is a major requirement in a fast developing and moving battlefield situation and flexible comms require components that are interchangeable with sufficient alternate routings to ensure satisfactory comms when part of the system is damaged."

Other important needs were, he said, access for mobile users, full security by encryption, efficient use of manpower and ease of maintenance.

"To achieve all of this, the operational area will be covered with a grid or network of mobile inter-connected switching centres or Trunk Nodes," he explained. "The trunk network thus formed will provide the communications paths between various subscribers.

"The trunk switches have the function of switching traffic channels between subscribers in a similar way to the exchanges on the British Telecom system."

## "EVERYONE SAYS THAT A SERVICEMAN HAS SOME SPECIAL QUALITIES"

We agree! As a company we like to employ staff with the broad experience gained from Service life. If you are planning to leave the Service and would like to discuss the opportunities of a fresh career with a modern Life Assurance Company — then please complete the coupon:



**Windsor Life  
Assurance Company Ltd**

Windsor Life Assurance Company Ltd  
Royal Albert House, Windsor,  
Berks SL4 1BE



I am interested in a career with Windsor Life, please send me some details:

To: Services Liaison Manager, Windsor Life Assurance Company Ltd,  
Royal Albert House, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1BE. Telephone: Windsor 68144

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RANK \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

S/7/84



# NATOCARS-

## THE KEY TO YOUR WORLD-WIDE CAR SHOWROOM....AND WHY YOU SHOULD BUY FROM NATOCARS IN THE UK.

GUESS I COULD RUN OUT OF POLISH ON THIS ONE.



Extra discounts on Fords NOW! -  
in addition to our normal low prices.  
FIND OUT MORE TODAY!

Hi, I'm Henry. We know everyone is looking for the best combination of service and low prices - that's why you'll want to check with us.

Now our prices are at special low European levels - not just tax free but up to 36% off UK prices - we are more competitive than the continent, so you're assured of getting the best deal.

What's more, your car will be to higher UK specification, giving you even better value and the security of UK type approval with its certificate of conformity.



No-one looks after you better!

**NATOCARS**  
OF BRIDGWATER

Wylds Road, Bridgwater, Somerset, Tel: (0278) 55555

For double quick action  
please ring the hotline - tel: 0278-55555

NATOCARS NOT ONLY OFFER THE BEST PRICES, BUT THE PLEEZERS OFFER THE BEST SERVICE WITH THE TEAM ALL SET TO SWING INTO ACTION TO SOLVE ANY PROBLEMS YOU MIGHT FACE WITH PART-EXCHANGE, LOW INTEREST FINANCE, OR DELIVERY. OUR UNIQUE WORLD-WIDE 'CARS BY POST' SERVICE LETS YOU CHOOSE YOUR NEW CAR WHEREVER YOU ARE BASED AND OUR EXPERIENCE MAKES EVERYTHING ENJOYABLE AND TROUBLE-FREE, SO PLEEEZ MAKE SURE YOU LET US ARRANGE YOUR NEXT NEW CAR. POST THE COUPON TODAY AND GET ALL THE FACTS.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Car for use in (country) \_\_\_\_\_ Delivery date (required) \_\_\_\_\_

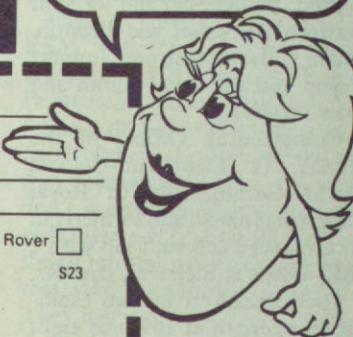
I'm interested in Tax Free: Ford  Peugeot  Talbot  Vauxhall/Opel  Austin Rover

Motor Caravans  Tax Paid Discount  Used Cars  Car Hire  S23

Would you like to consider Natocars' unique trade-in facility? Yes  No  (tick box)

**NATOCARS**  
OF BRIDGWATER

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





IN THE North-West there is a unique TA unit which has seen many roles during its long, illustrious history; a unit which has recently been re-roled as the eyes and ears of the region. Writer GRAHAM SMITH and photographer, LES WIGGS visited their HQ to see ...

## The men and women who await the unexpected

**R**E-ROLLED last year as a Home Defence recce regiment with specific quick reaction alert responsibilities in their 70 Land Rovers equipped with Clansman radios, life has taken on a vibrant turn for the TA's 387-strong Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry.

Under Royal patronage for 150 years exactly and still the only Yeomanry regiment to be stationed in its own county under one title, the DLOY hold drill nights once a week in common with other TA units and they go to annual summer camp, too.

But they are training with the aim of dealing with the unexpected from external sources.

The DLOY area of responsibility as part of the Royal Armoured Corps covers the North West of England and Scotland. Up until April last year they had been a Home Defence infantry regiment since 1971, those particular skills still not being lost on them. Among their current number are 23 women, all of whom are being "groomed" in regimental communications.

Since its continuous separate identity in regimental history the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry has been cavalry, infantry, artillery, armoured recce and, once, just a cadre of eight men.

The Regimental HQ and HQ Squadron of 30 personnel are located in a £330,000 face-lifted drill hall complex in Chorley, administering three Sabre recce squadrons — 'A' at Wigan, 'B' at Clifton, Manchester and 'D' split between Blackpool and Preston. There is also a 16-strong Support Troop and the usual admin and fitter sections.

Commanding Officer of the DLOY is Lieutenant-Colonel David Corbin, 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, and formerly in an armoured cell staff job with 1 (BR) Corps at Bielefeld, BAOR.

Each squadron had an established strength of 109 plus eight attached personnel from the RAMC, REME and ACC.

Additionally, each Sabre squadron has four Sabre Troops with one officer and 19 men mounted



Plotting the action.

in four  $\frac{3}{4}$ -tonne Land Rovers. They are armed with SLRs, LMGs, 84 mm Carl Gustav anti-tank systems and 51 mm mortars.

The recce regiment from the "red rose" county also boasts 63 Clansman PRC 320 HF radio sets with world-wide comms potential and 20 Pye Pegasus Mould VHF sets, as used by yachtsmen, as hilltop command posts.

DLOY's fleet of 70 Land Rovers, a dozen four-tonne lorries and 15 trailers, are maintained under contract and covered a total 238,461 miles in the year ending last March.

Although officially established for 357 personnel, DLOY currently has a shortfall of just ... two.

This, the senior Yeomanry regiment at the Cavalry Memorial Parade, is a unit so well-subscribed it has 23 officers (three of them WRAC), 30 senior NCOs (one from the WRAC) and 221 soldiers (19 of them from the WRAC).

And, last year, the keenness showed through with 66 per cent of all the officers carrying out over

42 days' annual training and 68 per cent of the remainder of the unit putting in more than 27 days.

The regiment was recently involved in Exercise Northern Venture on the Stanford PTA giving all the squadrons a first big work-out, independently, alongside the Regulars in TAORs or Tactical Areas of Responsibility, since the DLOY recce role designation of 14 months ago.

Lieutenant Colonel Corbin told me: "Our role is to provide the District Commander with a small reaction force capable of acquiring and reporting accurate information. This will allow my squadrons to be deployed throughout the North-West of England and Scotland.

"In times of national emergency, many troops are tied down defending vital installations. Civilian police and Services with

whom we have liaison are similarly tied up.

"If an incident occurs in some area, remote from other forces, it may be the military has to sort it out. Perhaps the GOC may be concerned it could threaten a vital installation. A recce Troop is sent to the area and it may move in the last few kilometres by foot to identify a small armed group. The Squadron Leader then moves up with other Forces or elements of the squadron to put in an attack to restore the situation."

He went on: "We have 23 girls in the regiment wearing DLOY cap badges and I'm grooming them to be my absolute nerve centre in the regimental HQ comms link. The appeal of the DLOY, I think, is that there is enormous scope for independent operations for this regiment and for far-flung training.

"The training we have done has included moving into areas covertly at night, setting up Troop hides, and dispersing on foot into OPs to await the dawn and the monitoring of likely enemy routes.

"We are developing expertise



In days of old...

in the use of house searches, woods clearance and we now have several search advisers in the regiment which increases our capability. We would also expect to assist the civilian authorities in the identification of certain explosive devices

though the EOD boys would deal with them. We would also expect to do escort duties, traffic control and will eventually develop our NBC recce capability."

Recruiting for the DLOY, an exacting regiment of fine tradition and selection processes — the late Arthur Lowe, the dithering Captain Mainwaring of TV's 'Dad's Army'



The MT scene.

was once a member — is not slow.

Last year, for instance, out of an initial application from 212 aspiring members, 50 were turned down on medical, entry test failure and civilian conviction grounds. Of the remaining number, 162

were chosen for four selection weekends. Of these 15 failed to attend, 16 failed the selection but 131 were attested for acceptance into the DLOY.

On the training side, the regiment last year trained 17 Class One RAC signallers, 101 Class Three signallers, seven Class One drivers and 169 Class Three drivers. By contrast, the regiment lost only eight members.

At Clifton's 'B' Squadron which has six girl members, three were on duty in the HQ signals section, cramped along a six-foot-long bench to simulate field conditions in a vehicle. Their radio training included new voice procedures. Among the trio, a PA to the managing director of a supermarket chain, the caretaker wife of a 'Terrier', (both custodians of a TA drill hall) and a market stall-holder.

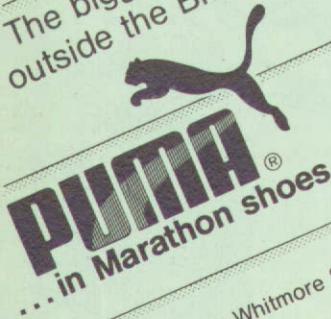
Captain Terry Lovell, a former RSM with the Queen's Own Hussars, and now the squadron's Permanent Admin Officer, said: "The girls have raised the standards of the male soldiers because they compete very hard. The lads don't want to be shown up. The girls make a very good addition to the HQ and are more sincere about their work once they get involved. They just don't like to let people down."



Field exercise time.

# BERLIN MARATHON '84

The biggest "British" marathon  
outside the British Isles!



Barry Whitmore Sportsmans Travel, P.O.Box 269, and  
Athletics Weekly Tours with Vince Regan, 424 St. Helens Road,  
Bolton, Greater Manchester, Tel. (0204) 655566/657418/386202

Ask your travel-agency about arranging an excursion to this great event:  
24hr Answerphone

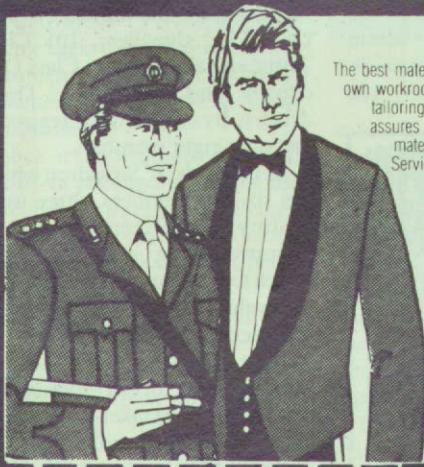


Glissmann & Partner

Sunday, September 30th

**SCC BERLIN - MARATHON P. O. Box 191866, D-1000 Berlin 19**

## The Ultimate Tailoring Service for the Services



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

**INTEREST  
FREE  
CREDIT**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give telephone no. \_\_\_\_\_

Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

For complete details phone your local agent either in UK or our Sales Office in Minden.

All written communications direct to Head Office.

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

Minden Sales Office open daily.  
9am-4.30pm. Tel: 0571 40067.  
Our representative will call at your convenience.

**UNIFORMAL**

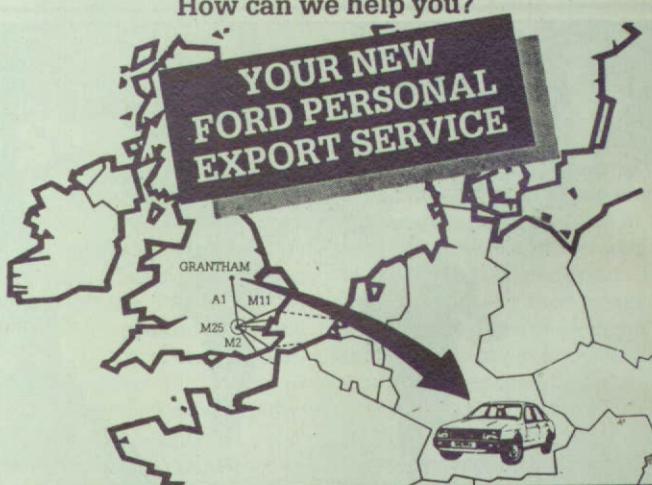
## EXPORT SALES

THROUGH



**Grantham Motors MAIN DEALERS**

How can we help you?



- \* SPECIAL FORCES DISCOUNTS ON TAX FREE PRICES
- \* EXTENSIVE FORD RANGE
- \* TOP PART EXCHANGE PRICES
- \* DELIVERY ANYWHERE

TEL. NOW! 0044 476 65195

UK. TEL. 0476 65195

ASK FOR MARTYN HARRIS.

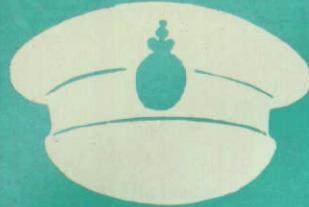
CUT OUT COUPON/POST TODAY

Name/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Model. \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: GMC/MDRH, 30/40 London Road, Grantham, Lincs NG31 6EN, England.



# Your Cap Badge

No 64

## THE ARMY AIR CORPS

An eagle within a wreath of laurel surmounted by the St. Edward's crown in anodised silver finish is the badge worn by the rank and file of this up-to-date Corps.

Officers wear an embroidered badge in silver wire on a dark blue felt backing which is sewn onto the beret with the lower edge flush with the beret head band.

The former rank and file badge design in silver plate was approved by the Army Dress Committee but was not taken

into use. The Corps was formed on 1 September 1957 by Army Order 582/57 from the Artillery Air Observation Post Squadrons (until then RAF units) and the Light Liaison Flights of the Glider Pilot Regiment, the latter having been trained to fly powered light aircraft when

gliders were withdrawn from service.

When British Army airborne forces came into being early in the last global conflict the Corps embraced parachutists and glider pilots, not to mention the Special Air Service, and the original Army Air Corps badge

consisted, as you look at it, of an eagle facing right, resting on the letters AAC within bars, enclosed in a laurel wreath ensigned with the Imperial crown, all in white metal.

When the Parachute Regiment adopted their own individual badge, leaving the other components of the Corps to continue wearing the eagle badge. It must be stated that the S.A.S. had not wholeheartedly accepted the badge, preferring their own, and now well known, design.

When in 1950 the AAC disbanded, the Glider Pilot Regiment was formed as a separate regiment and the badge created for their wear consisted of an eagle facing the opposite direction within a scroll inscribed "Glider Pilot Regiment" and ensigned by the Imperial crown (Sealed 10 November, 1950).

This was replaced in due time (Sealed 12 October, 1955) by a similar badge ensigned by the St. Edward's crown.

It is wholly fitting the principal feature of the badge should remain the Eagle, lord of the air, in the act of alighting to represent the operational purpose of The Army Air Corps.

HUGH L. KING



# MILITARY MODELLING

Get *Military Modelling* at your newsagent NOW or to make sure you're amongst the first to get a copy every month, just fill in the coupon below, or send us your credit card number and you never miss an issue! In the August issue:

• Flakpanzer — Make a German WWII Anti-Aircraft Tank

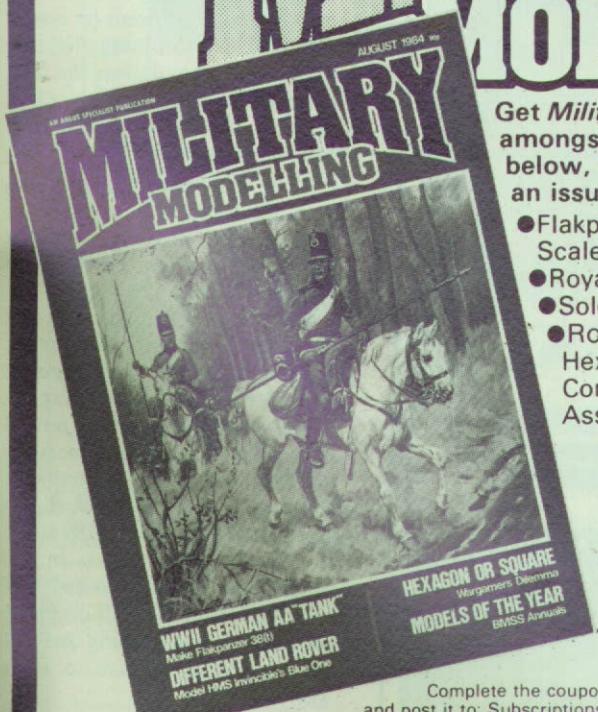
Scale Drawings

• Royal Navy Land Rovers

• Soldiers from Solder

• Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

Hexagons or Squares for Wargames, Reports on Model Competitions, Model Tree Factory Visit, Armoured Assault Engineers in Normandy.



Please send me the next twelve issues of *Military Modelling* starting with the ..... issue. I enclose a cheque/postal order for £ ..... Payable to "ASP Ltd" (Rates are: UK and BFPO £15.50; overseas accelerated surface £18/27 US dollars). Alternatively, please debit my Access card  or Barclaycard  (please tick).

My number is

Signature .....

Name .....

Address .....



WHILE other soldiers in the crowded Nissen hut sat and wrote letters to their wives one young gunner had a more long-term aim to his scribbling. Hammond Innes was writing a novel as night after night he sat at a trestle table by the light of a hurricane lamp, and waited his turn to go on guard.

Each night Gunner Hammond Innes would gladly take the unpopular two to four o'clock stint guarding two concrete towers with a Bofors gun on top at a Surrey airfield. During the early part of the evening he would scribble more of his novel then post it to his wife Dorothy for typing.

After three months the book was finished. Looking back at it now Hammond says: "It's incredible how well it stands up considering how it was written. I was sending two scribbled pages at a time and I was having to remember everything I had written."

Soon afterwards a message arrived from regimental headquarters — the Saturday Evening Post, then a 23 million circulation American institution, had bought the serial rights for the then vast sum of \$10,000 (£2,000).

The book 'Attack Alarm' was a great success. "What is surprising is that the regimental commander

# GUARD DUTY

## path to fame for Hammond Innes

### One man for whom war was not a waste

let it go and as a result I suppose I could have written my ticket in America. I got an ecstatic letter from the Head of Information in Washington saying that it was the first real account of the Battle of Britain that the Americans had read and what a marvellous job I had done for the country."

Before the war Hammond Innes had been on the staff of the Financial News in London and within three years he had carried out every task on the paper, including sub-editing. By the time he went to war he had already had several books published.

After the Battle of Britain he

was commissioned and joined the Eighth Army as a captain. He went to Sicily and eventually joined the staff of Union Jack, being published in five different centres in Italy.

When he was released in 1946 he decided to take the plunge and become a full-time novelist. "Books were bubbling out of me. In immediate retrospect I thought of wartime as a complete void in my life. I had lost six of my best and most productive years.

"What I didn't realise until some months later was that I was building my name on the experience I had had during the war and

using characters and identities from the war. With hindsight the war was certainly not wasted. I had amassed quite a lot of background at His Majesty's expense."

Hammond Innes has now published 24 novels — each of them in a setting which he has personally researched. He is currently working on the Yukon and British Columbia and recently went on an exploration trip.

"I have been around the world to get my background material. My books continue to be popular because anyone who picks up a new Hammond Innes knows they are going into a world I haven't taken them into before — and it will be almost inevitably off the beaten track."

His last real contact with the Army was when he wrote a book called 'Atlantic Fury' — set in a rocky outpost based on St Kilda. "I called it something else as I was dealing with a fairly tricky thing in cannibalism. I stayed at the mess in Benbecula and went on one of the most extraordinary flights I have ever had to deliver the mail to St Kilda. We were shovelling mail out of the door and did five runs up the glen.

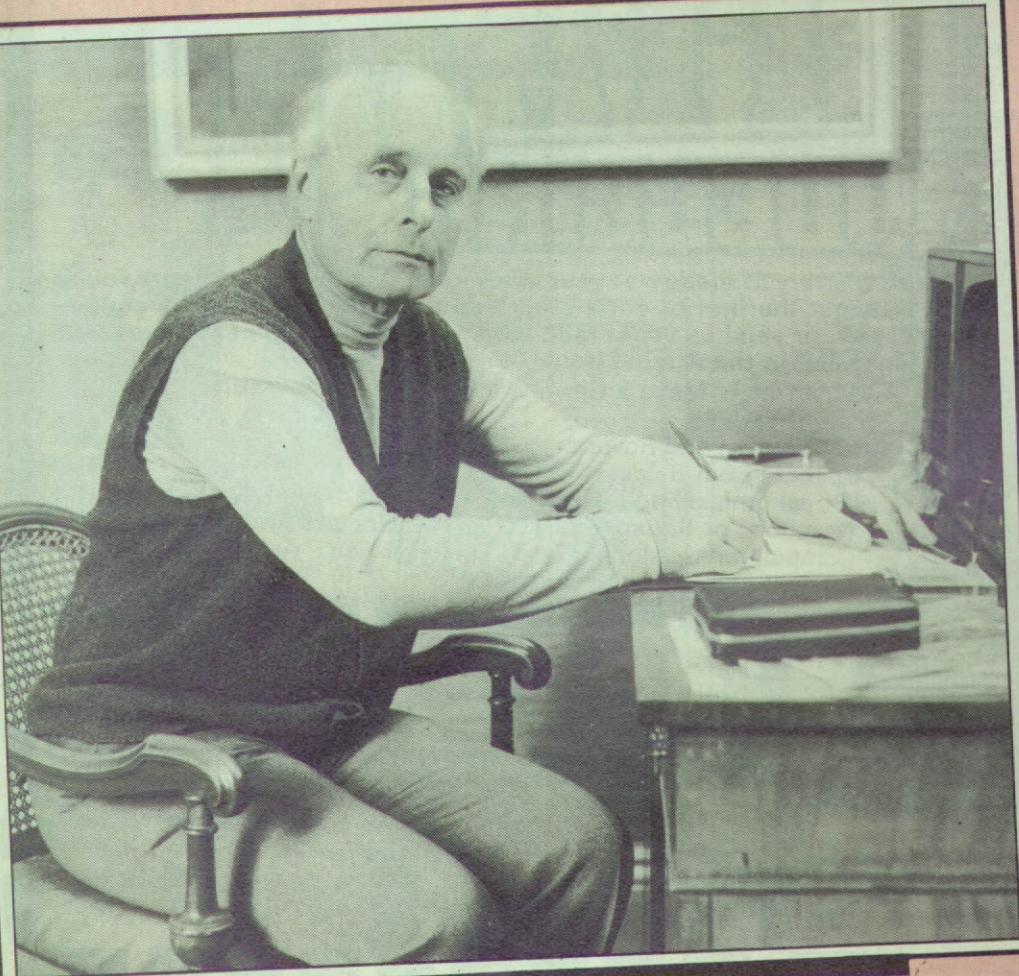
"The first time I tried to get to St Kilda by LCT it was a Force Eight and we had to return. But the second time we were able to land and I spent a day there."

Flickering hurricane lamps and crowded Nissen huts are a far cry from the Suffolk Tudor house where he now does his writing. At an age when most men have retired he is still working at the same pace.

"You don't retire as a writer. I suppose you could take things easier but I have not thought about it. The danger is that as in any other career if you try to do it half cock you would be better dropping out and doing something that you enthusiastically want to do. It's a way of life."

Interview: John Walton

Picture: Paul Haley

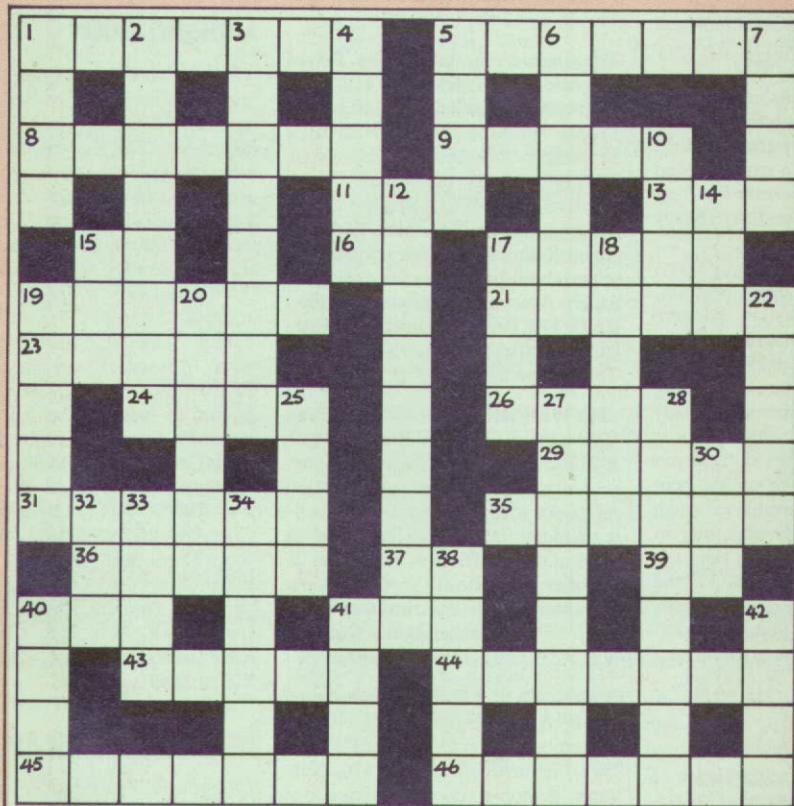


### CLUES ACROSS

1. Lucky charms
5. Crowded together
8. Cricket ground
9. A short bolt
11. Possess
13. Male animal
15. Car company
16. Italian river
17. Part of target
19. Brags
21. Part of gun
23. Weapon
24. School furniture
26. Volcano
29. Skaters use them
31. Thin candles
35. Chess piece
36. Flowers
37. Negative
39. Printer's measure
40. Information
41. Rhodesia made it
43. Long
44. Satire
45. Cheap ornament
46. Retire

### CLUES DOWN

1. Ship's officer
2. Scottish Isles
3. Overcomes
4. Shropshire
5. Part of 40 down
6. Consume
7. Tympanum
10. Woody plant
12. Large powerful dog
14. Part of circle
15. Large serpent
17. Musical instrument
18. Game
19. Without edge
20. Parts of a play
22. Quadruped
25. Show affection
27. Send out
28. Relation of 40 down
30. Dutch Airline
32. Exists
33. Small 22
34. Comment
38. He lubricates
40. Bearded mammal
41. Just one
42. Insect



Complete the crossword puzzle. Study the solution and you should see eight words which are linked together by a ninth.

The question is: — what is the link word, and to whom do they belong? Words can be used more than once.

The competition is open to all readers at home and overseas and the closing date is 31 August. The answers and winners' names will appear in our issue of 24 September. More than one entry may be submitted but each must be accompanied by a 'Competition 343' label. In the case of ties, winners will be drawn by lots and no correspondence can be entered into. Send your answers in by letter or postcard with the 'Competition 343' label to Prize Competition, SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU.

### PRIZES

- 1: £15
- 2: £10
- 3: £5
- 4-5: SOLDIER

FREE for six issues



**EXERCISE  
LIONHEART 84**



## EXERCISE LIONHEART

**T-shirts £4.50 Sweatshirts £8.50 (inc. P. & P.)**

To commemorate the largest military exercise since WW2 — 'Exercise Lionheart' we have been commissioned to produce specially designed T-shirts and sweatshirts which are only available through us by mail order. The design as illustrated is silk screen printed in six colours onto top quality white T-shirts and grey sweatshirts in sizes small (34''), medium (36/38''), large (40/42'') and Ex-large (44''). To order simply fill in the form and send it with your cheque made payable to Sprintprint at 15/16 Cambria Bridge Road, Swindon SN1 5LH, Wiltshire. Tel: (0793) 695766

Please send me the following Exercise Lionheart T-shirts and Sweatshirts

Quantity	Size (S, M, L, XL)	T-shirt or Sweatshirt

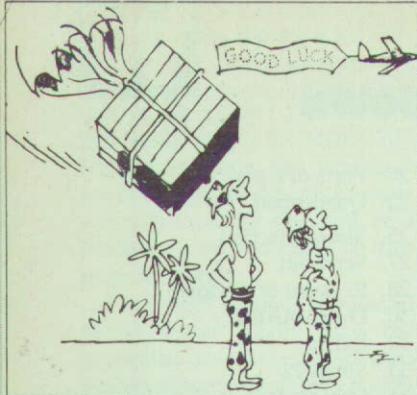
### ORDER FORM

Name: .....

Address: .....

I enclose cheques/P.O.'s to the value of: .....

# MAIL DROP



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

## ERSATZ RUBBISH!

The apparently puzzling term "Boots Ammunition" (Mail Drop 2 July) is easily understood if one remembers that, in the past, the term "Ammunition" was used to describe all military stores and equipment, only later to be confined within the present accepted meaning (explosives, projectiles etc.)

As regards the second point, I would draw the writer's attention to the fact that the Brigade of Guards are definitely not the only troops still to wear these splendid boots. Ammunition boots continue to be issued to all Royal Marines, most (if not all) infantry Corps of Drums wear them and I believe that Sandhurst Cadets are issued with this type of boot for the duration of their course at RMA.

Some of the shortcomings of Boots DMS must have been apparent from the start, after the Army had decided to substitute this ersatz rubbish for the tried and tested Ammunition Boot, for initially the moulded sole boot had a detachable, harsh nylon-mesh sock (inner sole) which was supposed, to a certain extent, to soak up any moisture and cushion the foot from direct contact with the leather-board (cardboard) insole. This sock was then supposed to be removed "at frequent intervals" for "washing and drying"! The impracticalities of this ridiculous innovation must have been apparent to all but those who consider the distance to their garage a stiff walk!

That the DMS Boot has been up to the demands made upon it by

## Collectors Corner

I Goode, 39 Allerton Lane, West Bromwich, W Midlands, B71 2HR. Seeks DPM brassard with rank flap and dark blue beret. Cheap please, only 13. J Howarth, 69 Cadley Causeway, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 3RX. Has 237 old cap badges etc for sale or swap for wants. Some scarce. 25p for list.

C Lord, 92 Union Road, Howick, Auckland, New Zealand. Wishes to purchase Hadrami Bedouin Legion cap badge and other Aden forces badges. Will swap for NZ badges if required.

D Burke, 96 Bowleymead, Eldene, Swindon, Wilts, SN3 3TE. Wishes to start a collection of Russian (Soviet) badges and medals etc. Can anyone help?

"Corpsdom" comes as no surprise but it is difficult to understand how the infantry failed to discover its failings before the Falklands War despite the fact that "infantry" at the moment, rely mainly on wheels and tracks for movement and thus have little opportunity to put their pedal extremities to a severe test.

The introduction of the High Boot has been greeted with great interest but it does seem to incorporate many of the faults of the Boot DMS and one really wonders if this can be the answer to a problem of the Army's own making. — R Travers-Bogusz, 77 St Thomas's Road, Hardway, Gosport, Hants.

## PROTECTION

I understand that Boots Ammo were introduced in the Royal Artillery around the time of Boer War when we changed from our 'dress' uniforms to khaki — the riding boot being replaced by the ankle boot with puttees. Unlike the riding boot it had a strong toecap and gave better protection to the foot, particularly when handling heavy ammunition boxes.

I also understand that the infantry, in what you may call 'dress' uniform, wore a high boot, the style changing from regiment to regiment, and that they went over to the ankle boot and puttees at the same time. The riding boot and high boot was never really very good for marching long distances as they chafe the legs especially round the ankle. The ankle or ammo boot was much more comfortable although it has the disadvantage of letting in water. Now the trend is for the high boot again although it has all the disadvantages of all the old high boots — still uncomfortable about the front of the ankle when worn for a long period.

To confuse the issue, the ankle or ammo boots were also known as Cossacks, so named when first introduced because of the resemblance of the boot to that worn by Cossack Cavalry. The words of the British Cavalry Reveille start "Rise, Soldiers, rise and put your Cossacks on." — Major HT McCormack RA (Ret'd), 16 Dukes Meadow, Pendine, Carmarthen, Dyfed.

## MISSING WORD

While serving in Berlin with the 7th

P Noon, 135 Saughall Road, Blacon, Chester, CH1 5HG. Has for sale or exchange military formation signs, cloth shoulder titles, swap for similar; also requires WWI, WW2 postcards.

S M Jardine, 66 Hayhurst St, Clitheroe, Lancs, BB7 1ND. Has 125 cap badges, plastic issue KC QVC, all genuine, also shoulder titles, flashes. Swap for combat jacket, lightweight velcro fastening (4) jumpers, size 4. Lightweight Queen combat's size 10 jungle hat.

D A Spearew, Sunnyside, Rayham Road, Whitstable, Kent, CT5 3DY. Requires urgently to complete collection of women's nursing services, enamel badge of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, 2nd World War. Will buy or exchange.

Armoured Division just after the war, I distinctly remember every man in the British Army being docked one day's pay for \*\*\*\*\*. I just cannot remember what the missing word is. Does any reader recollect? — Roger May, 27 Fortescue Road, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 8XF.

## Reunions

Leeds University OTC 75th Anniversary Dinner. To mark the 75th Anniversary of the Officers Training Corps it is intended to hold a dinner at Leeds University for all members past and present on Thursday 8 November 84. Those interested are invited to contact the CO, Leeds University OTC, Carlton Bks, Carlton Gate, Leeds, or telephone: (0532) 453560 or 454608 by 17 September 84.

The annual reunion of The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot) Regimental Association will be held in Brecon on the weekend of 1/2 September 1984. Accommodation free. Ex-members of the South Wales Borderers, The Welch Regiment, The Monmouthshire Regiment and The Royal Regiment of Wales wishing to attend should write now for particulars to: The Assistant Regimental Secretary, RHQ The Royal Regiment of Wales (Brecon Office), The Barracks, Brecon. Tel: Brecon 3111 ext 310.

49th West Riding Division. Mr Van Wassenhove Guido of Brekelen, 15A B 2170, Wuustwezel, Belgium wishes to contact members of the following regiments with the intention of unveiling a memorial stone in honour of all units of the Division, to be held on 21 October 1984: Royal Scots Fusiliers, Leicesters, Essex, South Wales Borderers, KOYLI, Hallamshires, Glosters, RA, RAC and Recce of the 49th.

South East London Wargames Group Annual Open Day. Sunday 23 September 1984 at Greenwich Borough Hall, Greenwich London SS10. War-game demonstrations, participations and military modelling competitions (17 classes). For further information please contact George Willoughby on 01-698-9486 or send SAE to SEL WG, 172 Minard Road, Catford, London SE6 1NJ.

An association of ex-REME SNCOs

is being formed in the Northampton area based on the WOs' and Sgts' Mess of 118 Rec Coy, REMETA, Drill Hall, Clare Street, Northampton. Meeting first Wednesday of each month at 8.30 p.m. For membership apply to the Association Secretary: Mr Colin Hindmarsh, c/o Sgts' Mess, at the above address.

Burma Star Association Annual Conference will be hosted by the Bristol branch during the weekend of 21-23 September. Accommodation will be arranged for some 700 members and their wives in the Bristol University Halls of Residence. For further details contact: John Shopland, 1 Springville Close, Longwell Green, Bristol, BS15 6UG. Telephone: Bitton 4799.

## Competition

Our crossword Competition 339 proved popular among a cross-section of our readers, particularly with its military overtones. The answers to the clues were as follows: Across 1 tracer, 4 magazine, 10 upgrade, 11 recipes, 12 pole, 13 alive, 14 frog, 17 terrier, 18 stress, 20 square, 23 shamble, 26 Ivan, 27 depot, 28 king, 31 patriot, 32 militia, 33 Dortmund, 34 ferret. Down 1 trumpets, 2 angular, 3 exam, 5 arrives, 6 arch, 7 imparts, 8 ensign, 9 teller, 15 rival, 16 broad, 19 sergeant, 21 quarter, 22 Everton, 23 storms, 24 blisters, 25 pipped, 29 firm, 30 glue. Prizewinners were: 1st Capt (QM) I Beck, 1st Bn Scots Guards, Elizabeth Bks, Pirbright, Surrey. 2nd WO1 TM Weston, 3rd Bn RWF, TAC, Glyndwr Road, Aberystwyth, Dyfed. 3rd WO1 Anderson, 5 Morton Hall, Park Bank, Edinburgh. 4th Capt P F Cooper (Retd), 9 Dunkirk Road, Southport, Lancs. 5th Mrs DE Clifton, 19 Ravenswood Avenue, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

## How Observant Are You?

1 Right arm of soldier at end of pier; 2 Length of black pier-support below couple at cafe; 3 Mooring rope of right boat; 4 Right leg of woman at cafe; 5 Reflection below left boat; 6 Bottom step between boats; 7 Window on right of cafe; 8 Left heel of foreground soldier; 9 Running girl's right arm; 10 Stone below soldier's left foot.

VEE WEE VEE WEE VEE WEE VEE WEE

**VEE WEE**  
DISCOUNT parts for Volkswagen & Audi

"THE ALTERNATIVE TO VAG"

40 BRANCHES & AGENTS NATIONWIDE

CENTRAL INFORMATION  
34 ACRE LANE BRIXTON LONDON 01-274 0082  
MON-SAT 8.30-5.30, SUN 9.00-1.00

VEE WEE VEE WEE VEE WEE VEE WEE

**For Sale**

MML 1929 and KR 1940, both fully amended. Offers.

L Walker, 20 The Cranbrooks, Wheldrake, York, YO4 6AZ. York (09352) 89352.

**Medals:** Territorial efficiency. Both very good condition. George VI, one BMBR Robinson RA £14, one Cpl Brown RAMC £16 plus postage and packing 25p standard or £1.30 registered. Surplus to collectors requirements.

N P Ellis, c/o 1 Pocklington's Walk, Leicester, LE1 6BT.

**Army boots**, toe cap, leather sole, studded, worn 4 times, suit Army cadet, size 7. Price £6.80 including postage.

Martin Knight, 30 Wilnecott Road, Leicester, LE3 2TD. Tel: 0533 890971.

**The Distinguished Flying Cross.** Superb die-struck museum quality replicas £18.95 each. Also available the Victoria Cross £8 each, the George Cross £12.50 each. All prices inclusive of VAT and postage.

Miniature Medals (SM), 30 Coventry Road, Burbage, Leics, LE10 2HP. Tel: 0455 39262.

**Books** for the medal collector. New editions 'Ribbons & Medals', Dorling, £20; 'Spink's Metal Catalogue' £12.95 plus £1.50 per book postage.

Kellaway, 30 Coventry Road, Burbage, Leics, LE10 2HP. Tel: 0455 39262.

**British Military cap badge collection**, selling the lot, 500 at approx £2.50 each. Also Government surplus, naval cap ribbons. Large SAE for list.

HM (Govt Surplus), Church St, Mevagissey, Cornwall.

**Badge** collection, lots left, SSAE for list, fair prices, by return.

D Wilkins, Top flat, 82 Southgate Street, Gloucester.

100 adhesive labels 50 x 25mm printed with address/message/advert only £2. Dance tickets/bookmatches £8. Cash/cheque with order.

Q-Print, 35 Cowgill Close, Northampton NN3 4PB. Tel: 0604 406401.

**Medals**, decorations, singles and groups, British and foreign bought, sold, exchanged. Send 50p for large catalogue.

Raymond Holdich, 16 Tudor Way, Hawkwell, Hockley, Essex. Tel: 0702 201415.

**Why not make a hobby of collecting?** Coronation, jubilee, school, sports, masonic buffs, religious and other miscellaneous medals, lapel badges etc from £1. Send stamp for list to: 18 Hollybank, Birkenhead.

**French Foreign Legion, Badges, Kepi's, Militaria**, 60p illustrated lists, also list of British Para, SAS items, Knives, Belts, Badges.

SAE Miles, 151 Halmstone Avenue, Merstham, Redhill, Surrey. Tel: 0406 24708.

**Postcards** in full colour of military uniforms from Britain, France, U.S.A., Canada, from £1.50 per set. Send SAE for list.

The Pompadour Galleries, 1-3 Fairview Parade, Mawney Road, Romford, Essex.

**Secretly mark your possessions** with your Service number, post code etc. Our security marking kit contains special marking pen (visible under ultra violet light), 25 page register for recording details of items marked plus a qty of warning stickers to help deter thieves. The kit is only £4.95 post paid (sterling please).

Sten-Sec (Mail Order Department), 60 Grosvenor Place, Carnforth, Lancashire LA5 9TY.

**Badges, Medals (F/S — Min:)** surplus, ribbons. Jumbo list. Large SSAE. Medal mounting worldwide. Curiosity Shop, HQ84, Southgate, Gloucester, England.

Cheap badges, medals, SSAE, private, postal only.

3 Holmwood Close, Tuffley, Gloucester.

**Bavarian** beersteins 0.5ltr, grey with any crest, any colours. 60 pieces at DM 9.80 each.

Andresen-Versand, Zur Rosenau 1, D-6251 Runkel-Hofen, Germany. Tel: 06482 2344.

**Frames.** An attractive frame for your medals. A smart white-gloss wood frame will display from one to six medals. Standard size 7" x 7". Clear perspex-type glazing. When ordering state number of medals and branch of Forces, or send SAE for leaflet. Price £6.25 (CWO) includes P & P, UK and BFPO.

END products, 8 High St, Emerton, Olney, Bucks, MK46 5DH. Tel: 0234 712568.

**Cammy** or white face veil. Scarves 100% Shetland wool. 54" x 15" 6oz approx. Warmer than standard. £5.00 inc p&p.

Skerry Knitwear, Senlac Cottage, Stronsay, Orkney Isles, Scotland KW17 2AS.

**Replica** UZI machine pistol, with two magazines and inert ammo. Boxed and in working order. £75 ono including postage.

Robert Waddington, 3 Meadow Rise, Bewdley, Worcs, DY12 1JP. Tel: (0299) 404376.

**Commando** stay fresh socks, double comfort sole, ideal for strenuous outdoor work and leisure, olive green, size 6-11, £2.95 including p&p. Hubberton Trading, 282 Dunford Road, Holmfirth, Huddersfield, W Yorks, HD7 1RR.

**Regimental** ties, blazer badges, cuff links, buttons and medals, cap badges etc. SAE or IRC for FREE Price List from:

Cairncross & Son (Dept S), 31 Belle Vue St, Filey, North Yorkshire, YO14 9HU. Tel: Scarborough 513287.

**One** 58 pattern sleeping bag (long 7' 2") complete with waterproof base and liner VGC £30. One 1983 DPM pattern arctic parker complete with full liner, size 3 slim, absolutely brand new, mint condition £45. One pair arctic trouser cold weather liners. Absolutely brand new £12.

Neill Fisher, 52 The Croft, Barnet, London EN5 2TL.

**Falklands Task Force** superb colour poster 20" x 28" approx featuring map, badges/crests of all military and civil units involved. £1.50 inc post.

N Litchfield, 18 Bakehouse Lane, Ockbrook, Derby DE7 3RH. Tel: 0332 662044.

**Wanted**

HMSO paperback 'The Tiger Kills' re 4th Indian Division.

Alec Lewis, 7 Whinfell Road, West Derby, Liverpool, L12 2AS. Tel: 051-228 8093.

**Cadet** sick of anoraks and 37 webbing requires information on framed berans, 38" chest smocks — SAS or para — or anything. Finances limited, cheap please.

Paul Evans, 39 Gronant Road, Prestatyn, Clwyd, North Wales.

**Pre-WWII** mail/ correspondence with postal markings of APO, FPO date-stamps. Also military censors and cachets, excellent prices for good material.

Mr Harvey, 96 Titmus Drive, Tilgate, Crawley, Sussex, RH10 5EP.

**Military books.** Regimental and unit. Send details ref condition and price required.

Derek Hayles, 35 St Marks Road, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 6DJ. Tel: 0628 39535.

Falklands War mail. Anything dated between 2 Apr 82-14 Jun 82. Argie, Falklands or British, also forces aerogrammes/letters between 16-27 Aug 82. I pay up to £20 for better examples. Also require mail from Lebanon and more obscure areas. Send photocopies for immediate offer.

Sgt F W Plowman, RAF, Chf Clk, SSI, Templer Bks, Ashford. Ashford Mil Ext 280.

**One** set of 1958 pattern webbing. Good condition please. As cheap as possible as finances very limited — only fourteen years old.

Ian Goode, 39 Allerton Lane, Bromwich, West Midlands B71 2HR. Tel: 021-502 4115.

**Official history** of 1914-18 war military operations in France and Belgium etc. Reasonable prices paid.

A Menzies, 16 Redford Bank, Edinburgh.

**All** forms of badges and insignia, battery and regimental histories, photographs etc relating to Royal Artillery including Volunteer Militia and Territorial. Also require items relating to the HAC and Royal Malta Artillery. Will buy or exchange.

N Litchfield, 18 Bakehouse Lane, Ockbrook, Derby DE7 3RH. Tel: 0332 662044.

**Collector** wishes to purchase WW2 coloured sidehats to the following units: RAMC, RACChD, SWBs. Also wishes to purchase pre-war collarless 'grey-back' shirt and WW2 collarless khaki shirt 15" collar.

Gary Packer, 17 Tanyrallt Road, Clydach, Swansea SA6 5JQ. Tel: (0792) 842888.

**Medals**, decorations, and long service awards, purchased. Send full description and price required.

P. A. Burman, Blackborough End, Kings Lynn, Norfolk. Tel: 0553 840350.

**Cars/Caravans**

Before buying your new car contact us. Most makes available, all UK type approval 12 months unlimited mileage guarantee. Finance available.

Steve Tracey, 58 Huddersfield Road, Mirfield, W Yorks, WF14 9NE. (0924) 495882.

**Holidays**

**Manxland.** Small family guest house offers warm welcome and good food. Children and pets welcome. Superb location, golf, fishing, beaches.

Ashbourne Guest House, Headlands, Ramsey Road, Peel, IOM. Tel: 0624-84 2137 'Chris'.

**Normandy** 6 Berth Mobile Home on 1st class site near D-Day beaches. 100 acre lake for swimming, windsurfing and sailing. Restaurant and tennis on site.

R Chapman, Willow Tree, Cottage, Loddon Drive, Wargrave, Berks. Tel: Wargrave 2583.

**Costa Del Sol**, Spain's sunniest coast. Fully equipped apartments, all with swimming pools and close to the beach and the superb Night Life. From £65 per week.

Chaytor, Diorama 'A', 3rd Flr, Apt 7, Arroyo De La Miel, Benalmadena, Malaga, Spain.

**Ramsgate.** Small family guest house would welcome long term/short term residents. 50 yds sea, central heating, television, friendly atmosphere. Write or phone (before 10am please).

Guest House Spencer, 29 Augusta Road, Ramsgate, Kent. Tel: 0843 588833.

**Services**

Autohire Ford Escorts from only £37.50pw! Saloons/estates/automatics. Free local delivery. Ottershaw 2210.

**Wholesale** Catalogue of Military Surplus sent free. International Surplus Center, 1501 Sieveright Road, Gloucester, Ontario, Canada K1T 1M5.

**Travel** agent. Travel with us from anywhere to anywhere. Cheapest flights worldwide including Cyprus. For military personnel we offer the lowest possible prices for your flight only, or your family holiday. Call or write.

The Aldershot Agency, 245 High Street, Aldershot, Hants. Tel: (0252) 316161.

**Film** and slide to video transfer. Super 8mm sound service VHS and Beta. Tele filming of social events etc. SAE to Harding, 11 Hare Crescent, Leavesden WD2 7EE. Tel: 0923 673775.

**House Letting**

**Scotlet** Careful management of your property in your absence. Scotland-wide. We understand the particular problems of Servicemen. Further details from Scotlet, Abbotsford Crescent, Edinburgh. Tel 031-447 8729.

**The Servicemen's Letting and Care-taking Agency** provides a property management service which is second to none. Designed by servicemen specifically for house-owning servicemen in the Surrey/Sussex/Hampshire areas. For brochure write or phone: SLCA Wild Pines, Tekels Way, Camberley, Surrey. Tel: (0276) 21847.

**Property Management Service** to let and take care of your house while you are posted. We cover Devon, Dorset, Somerset and Cornwall. Write for details to:

**Houselet (Southwest)**, Property Management, 40 Newcourt Road, Topsham, Exeter, Devon.

**Houses for Sale**

**Dilton Marsh** — 4 bedrooomed house situated in this quiet village close to Westbury, and convenient for Salisbury or Bath. Lounge with archway to dining room. Fully fitted kitchen with access to integral garage, downstairs cloakroom. 4 bedrooms, good size bathroom with coloured suite. Large well stocked garden, good views. Double glazed, cavity wall insulation. Price £37,500. Tel: 0373 864751.

**Four-bedrooomed** modern detached house in Corsham, Wiltshire. Garage, garden, gas CH. Fitted kitchen, bath, 2 WCs, lounge, dining room. Fitted carpets throughout, plus curtains. Vacant possession. £43,500.

Slater, HQ JSLO, Villa Spiritus, Bonn, BFPO 19. Tel: Bonn Mill Extn 29 or Germany 0228 218051/0221 378475.

**Modernised** period farmhouse plus 14 acres land, in picturesque Staffordshire Peak District, midway between Buxton and Leek. Large lounge, dining room, hall, kitchen, laundry, plumbed for Automatic washer, five bedrooms, bathroom/WC. Study/further bedroom, solid fuel central heating. Outbuildings, double garage, private water supply. Tel: 0298 5491 evenings £68,000 ono.

**Maitland Hyslop**, Estate Agents and Military Service Centre, sells and lets property for Servicemen from Richmond and Boroughbridge, for the North of England.

22 High Row, Market Place, Richmond, North Yorks. Tel: 0748 2144.

**Personal**

**Penpal** mag for lonely people. Approval copy from: Matchmaker (X66), Chorley, Lancs.

**NEWLANDS SCHOOL**

SEAFORD, EAST SUSSEX

Tel: (0323) 892334

**CO-EDUCATION FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 7 TO 18**

NEWLANDS PREPARATORY SCHOOL was opened in 1814 and, since its foundation, the Headmasters have all been members of one family. There are 200 boarders and day children aged 7-13½. The boarders sleep in the main building and are supervised by the Headmaster, his wife, and four matrons, one of whom is a trained nurse. The School is surrounded by 15 acres of land, of which 12 acres is set aside as playing fields. The grounds include an all-weather football pitch incorporating 3 hard tennis courts, netball and basketball courts. There is a large indoor heated swimming pool providing swimming throughout the year, an indoor rifle shooting range, carpentry workshop, Home Economics rooms, and the Music Centre covers the tuition of a wide range of instruments. Association football, rugby, hockey, cricket, athletics, netball, tennis and rounders are the principal organised sports. Boys and girls are prepared for the Common Entrance and Scholarship Examinations to all Public Schools, and to NEWLANDS MANOR, our own Senior School, which accommodates boys and girls 13+ to 18. A full range of subjects is offered to 'O' and 'A' level.

The Schools escort children to and from Gatwick, Heathrow and Victoria Coach Station, London, and can also arrange for families known to us to welcome children for half terms in cases where relatives or guardians are not available.

In addition to the Service Grants, a further generous reduction in boarding fees is given. Prospectus and further information from the Headmaster.

# BENTHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Independent Boarding and Day School  
for Boys and Girls aged 8-18

## PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 1984

For further details and prospectus  
please contact:

The Headmaster  
Bentham Grammar School  
Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7DB  
or Telephone Bentham (0468) 61275

**MOYLES COURT SCHOOL**

Ringwood, Hampshire

An independent boarding and day preparatory school for boys and girls aged 3-12 years.

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

Tuition bursaries available.

Applications to the Headmistress: Telephone Ringwood 2856 or 3197.

**AN ADVENTUROUS BALANCED EDUCATION !**

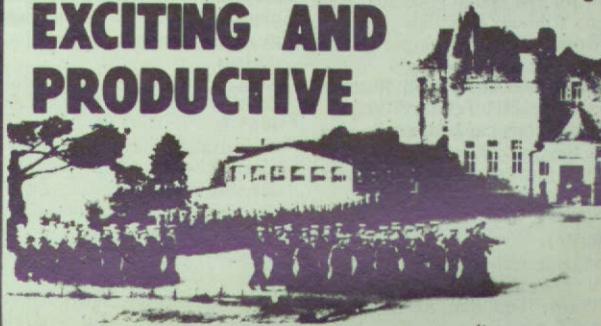
For boys and girls, 13-18, Battisborough offers a balanced education with very small classes, good 'O' level results, outdoor activities, climbing, canoeing, expeditions etc., with an emphasis of giving service to others.

Maximum 65 students, all boarding, a relaxed but responsible atmosphere with every effort made to develop the 'whole' Student.

For prospectus:

THE ADMISSIONS SECRETARY,  
BATTISBOROUGH SCHOOL,  
Holbeton, Nr. Plymouth, Devon PL8 1JX.  
Telephone: Holbeton (075-530) 223.

## Make your last years at school **INTERESTING, EXCITING AND PRODUCTIVE**



Continue your education in this beautifully located residential school on the shores of the Menai Straits. One, two or three year courses, leading to leaving age at 16 years, to GCE and CSE levels in Maths, English, English Literature, Physics, Technical Drawing, Geography and History, plus Engineering Familiarisation and theoretical and practical seamanship, including boat handling under power, oars and sails. Although at present there is no actual academic entry requirement approximately 90% of boys do achieve some success in the above examinations. All boys are encouraged to join the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Many boys proceed to the Services or Merchant Navy although the development of character and self-reliance is equally suited to civilian life. One year at the school qualifies for remission of six months sea service for MN certificates. Application should be made as soon as possible for boys of good health and character for entry at age 13, 14 or 15 years.

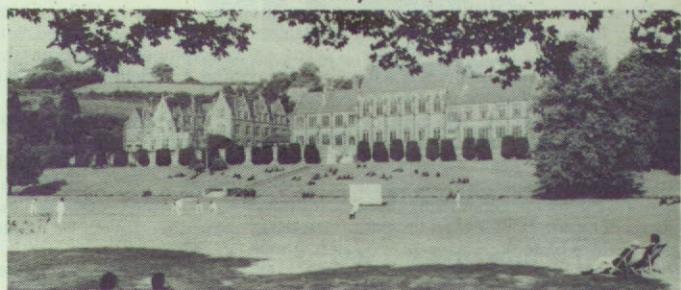


Write for brochure and application form to  
Captain Headmaster

**INDEFATIGABLE**

Plas Llanfair Llanfairpwll, GWYNEDD LL61 6NT  
Founded 1864 Patron HRH The Duke of Edinburgh  
In receipt of a grant from the Welsh Office

## KELLY COLLEGE Tavistock, Devon



HMC Public School (boarding) for 260 boys 11-18 and 65 sixth form girls. Scholarships and Service Bursaries of up to £2,500 pa.

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

Telephone 0822-3005 or write to Headmaster for Prospectus.

# SCHOOL POOL .....

## MOFFATS SCHOOL

BEWDLEY WORCESTERSHIRE

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

Moffats is a family school with close ties with HM Forces

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

All games and riding on 200-acre Home Farm

Prospectus from The Headmasters Tel: Kinlet (029924) 230

## BOARDING AT DORSET'S MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

Some places available for 1984/85 academic year for boys and girls aged 11-18 in Dorset's five well established boarding schools. Boarding fees range from £735 to £825 for Autumn Term 1984 (no tuition fees payable).

For further information please contact

Miss Fiona Allen, Education Department,  
Dorset County Council, County Hall, Dorchester DT1 1XJ.  
Telephone Dorchester 63131 Ext. 4405.

## CHILTON CANTELO SCHOOL

Yeovil, Somerset.

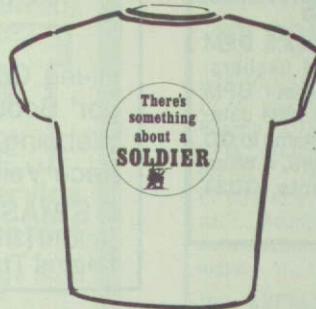
Telephone: (0935) 850555

Co-ed. (Age range 11-18) 100+ Pupils. Established 25 years.  
GIVE YOUR CHILDREN ALL THE BENEFITS OF A BOARDING SCHOOL AT A PRICE YOU CAN AFFORD.

Continuity in schooling. Happy 'family' atmosphere in beautiful country. Keep brothers and sisters together. Highly qualified staff. Small classes and up-to-date labs. Self discipline, good manners and self confidence. 20 acres grounds and playing fields. Highly efficient Sea Cadet Unit. Sailing and many activities. We have even made provision for you to pay by Barclaycard.

Phone or write for free illustrated prospectus. Some vacancies.

# ARE YOU POPULAR AND IN DEMAND?



## OUR T-SHIRTS ARE!

When we sold out of T-shirts in two days at the Aldershot Army Display we realised we were onto a winner. Which is really only right and proper for the magazine of the British Army. So we ordered some more — and they've just arrived. Hurry and fill the coupon below — before we sell out again.

T-shirts and sweat shirts, all printed in red on navy are in Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large and cost £3.00 and £7.50 respectively.

SOLDIER Magazine (TS), Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants, GU11 2DU.

Please send me  S  M  L  XL T-shirts at £3.00 each and  S  M  L  XL Sweatshirts at £7.50.

Cheque/PO value £ ..... enclosed made payable to Command Cashier UKLF.

Name .....

Address .....

### CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

For private advertisers only, there is no charge for classified advertising. Business ads charged as below.

**Headings** For Sale; General; Cars, Caravans; Houses to Let (UK); Sits Vac; Services; Holidays; Swap Shop, etc

**Cost** 5p per word; minimum 10 words; up to 10 words of name, address and telephone number for 25p.

**Bookings** accepted on this form only for insertion in next available issue.

**Conditions**

SOLDIER 1) reserves the right to decline or cancel any advertisement without explanation; 2) accepts no responsibility for printers errors; 3) accepts no liability or responsibility for contents of advertisement.

All correspondence to be addressed to: Classified Ads, SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants. GU11 2DU.

### HEADING .....

### NUMBER OF INSERTIONS REQUIRED .....

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

If you need more space, please use sheet of plain paper and attach firmly to this form

NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10

ONLY BUSINESS ADVERTISERS NEED  
ENCLOSE PAYMENT

..... WORDS AT 5p

NAME, ADDRESS, TEL. No.

LESS SERIES DISCOUNT (IF ANY)

TOTAL PER INSERTION

£ .....

£ 0.25

£ .....

£ .....

Send to: CLASSIFIED ADS, SOLDIER,  
ORDNANCE ROAD, ALDERSHOT,  
HANTS, GU11 2DU

CHEQUE/PO No .....

## GORE-TEX BIVI BAGS

Rucksacks, knives, DPM waterproofs, DPM bashers, gore tex jkts, Barbour DPM jkts. It's all in our 1984 catalogue, send a 16p stamp to **GD Specialist Suppliers, 4 Wren Close, Alton, Hants, GU34 2JH.**

## THE SPECIALIST SUPPLIER OF MILITARY FOOTWEAR & EQUIPMENT

Hi-leg Combat Boots, 'Commando' Boots, 'Ranger' Boots, DMS Boots, Officers Shoes, Set .58 Webbing, Sunnto Nato Compasses, Mess Tins, Face Veils, DPM Clothing.

**E S MASHAL (STAINES) LTD**

Unit 18 (3rd Floor)

Central Trading Estate, Staines, Middlesex.

Tel: Staines 62823

(SAE for free catalogue please)

**BADGES** Wire, Silk, and Lapel Badges, Stickers, Flags & Car Badges, Club Ties, Tie Pins & Cuff Links, Plaques, Medals & Spoons. Regimental Wire Blazer Badges at £6.50.

Write to:

**SIALASIA**

19 Glencoe Avenue, Ilford IG2 7AL

## FAMILY PLANNING

Looking for a first-class company that offers highest quality/low prices/same day despatch/plain double wrapped letterbox size packaging/company that cares/established 8 years/fully licensed/look no further/36 Durex Nuform Extra Safe or Fetherlite £5.50. Selection Pack £5.00.

**C & M Supplies**  
53, Brook Street, Chester  
Dept. 2.

## NEW!

WATERPROOF COMBAT SUITS  
PURPOSE DESIGNED BY EX-PARAS.  
BRITISH DPM CAMOUFLAGE OR IN  
OLIVE-GREEN 4 OZ PROOFED NYLON.  
TOP QUALITY ONLY.

SUCCESSFULLY TESTED IN ALL  
ADVERSE WEATHER  
CONDITIONS IN NORTHERN &  
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERES.

*The Jacket:* Well proportioned cut with two breast pockets, one of which incorporates a pen or pencil compartment. Two larger lower pockets. Each of the four pockets has rain flap held by inner press studs, opening front with full length heavy duty zip (non corrosive) elasticated rear waist and lower draw strings, sleeves fitted with inner storm cuffs. Collar and elasticated hood attached.

*The Trousers:* Elasticated waist and two entry trouser pockets. The complete suit when packed in the pouch provided measures 12" x 7" x 3". The suits are designed in 3 sizes — Small, Medium and Large. Guaranteed top quality.

Price: complete suit £35, jacket only £25, trousers only £11.50.

12½% discount on orders of 10 and over. Designed by ex-members of the Parachute Regiment.



JAMIE WOOD LTD, DEPT SN, CROSS ST, POLEGATE,  
SUSSEX. TEL: 03212 3813.

## POSTED OVERSEAS

YOU  
COULD SAVE UP TO

45%

On the U.K. list price on your Tax Free Car, with over 9 years experience we can offer a superb range of cars and service.  
FIND OUT MORE.

Please state make, model, delivery date,

**carforce**  
INTERNATIONAL

MILITARY OVERSEAS DIPLOMATIC SALES  
4 Havercroft Buildings  
Chapel Road  
Worthing  
West Sussex, BN11 1DG.  
Tel: (0903) 213559

## EPAULETTE SLIDES

For officers or other ranks.  
With or without unit designation.

Send for price list.

Lancashire Pleating Co Ltd, Lees Road, Kirkby Industrial Estate, Liverpool L33 7SA.  
Phone 051-546 5161/2.

## ENGLISH PEWTER GOBLET AND ONE-PINT TANKARDS



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

Goblets from £5.10. Tankards from £6.25 plus VAT

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

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

THE BEST SHAPED CARS ARE OVAL



Peugeot 205 GTI

It's true, as an Serviceman returning home you qualify for a special reduced price Peugeot or Talbot car at well below UK prices — exclusively through Oval Export Sales.

You can expect all the usual warranties plus full UK spec, without any customs or import problems.

It couldn't be easier. We can meet you with your new car at your airport of entry, arrange finance, UK insurance, and part exchanges are welcomed.

If a reduced price car appeals to you, or you want to buy one for your family in the UK, contact Roger Quiggin or Mike Cocklin at The Oval Export Sales for details.

## STAYING ABROAD?

Save even more with a tax-free car — contact us for details. LHD or RHD cars supplied, tax-free, to U.K., African, European or Asian specifications.

**SAVE £HUNDREDS  
COLLECT FROM ANY AIRPORT**

Model	Normal U.K. Home Market On-The-Road Price	Special Tax-paid price for returning Servicemen	Tax-Free Price for Export Abroad
PEUGEOT 205 GTI	£6590	£5958	£4731
PEUGEOT 205 GR	£5490	£4571	£3599
PEUGEOT 305 GR ESTATE	£6480	£5071	£3958
PEUGEOT 505 GR SALOON	£8590	£6753	£5289
PEUGEOT 505 FAMILY ESTATE	£9640	£7949	£6259
TALBOT SAMBAL LS	£4140	£3466	£2728
TALBOT HORIZON LS 1.3	£5390	£4181	£3263
TALBOT ALPINE LS 1.6	£5140	£5083	£4001
TALBOT SOLARA GLS	£7570	£6401	£5051

The above are examples from our range and correct at time of going to press.



**THE OVAL EXPORT SALES LIMITED**

60-62 WARMINSTER ROAD, WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND. TELEPHONE: 0373 822262

# GENUINE GOVT. SURPLUS KIT

These brand new Combat Sweaters, or better known as 'Wolly Pully', are 100% pure wool and are genuine Forces issue with epaulettes.

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

Colours: RAF blue, navy, olive/khaki

We also have used sweaters with epaulettes at £5.99, or without at £4.99; Khaki only — p&p £1.70

- New Camo Wool Sweaters £12.50
- USA Wool Scull Caps £3.99
- Para T-shirts, SAS T-shirts £4.50
- USA Flashlights £4.99



These brand new nylon FLYING JACKETS are Authentic USA MA1 with orange lining, knitted cuffs and waistband, colours, sage green or black, state chest and height.

£37.50+ £1.70 p&p.

- USA T/SHIRTS green £3.50
- USA T/SHIRTS DPM £4.50
- USA Sunglasses and compasses £1.50
- USA Dog Tags £1.00
- USA F/paint £1.00



These genuine USA new M65 4-pocket Combat Jackets come in green or cammo with concealed hood and brass zip. State chest and height.

£39.99+ £1.70 p&p.

- ★ M65 used Combat Jacket £23.50
- ★ Italian Combat Jacket £7.50
- ★ NATO Combat Jacket, green £9.99
- ★ British green Parkas £39.99
- ★ DPM Jackets, new, cotton £37.50
- ★ DPM Caps, Falklands £11.25
- ★ DPM Caps, new, cotton £5.99
- ★ DPM Jungle Hats, new £6.50
- ★ DPM Arm Bands £3.99
- ★ DPM Trousers £23.50
- ★ Cammo Net, large £25.50
- ★ DPM Hoods, new, cotton £5.99
- ★ Wellingtons £6.50
- ★ Sea Sox £3.50

- ★ Mess Tins £3.99
- ★ Green Sox, poly £1.20
- ★ Bivi Tents £15.99
- ★ Flying Suits £29.99
- ★ Raincoats £4.45
- ★ Overcoats £14.50
- ★ Green Towels £2.50
- ★ Suit Cases £3.99
- ★ 58 Nylon Cases £2.99
- ★ Wool Gloves £3.50
- ★ Fishtails £25.50
- ★ Nite Sticks £5.99
- ★ Blue Serge Bells £2.50
- ★ Naval Hammocks £9.99
- ★ PT Shorts £1.50
- ★ Italian padded knee Trousers £5.50
- ★ British lightweights, new £12.50
- ★ British lightweights, Grade 1 £5.50
- ★ Khaki Shorts £9.99
- ★ German Para Trousers £6.99
- ★ Italian Knickerbockers £4.95
- ★ German Parkas £15.99
- ★ Israeli Parkas £23.50

- SAS Smocks
- SAS Bergans
- High Leg Boots
- DMS Shoes
- '58 Sleeping Bags
- '58 Webbing Sets
- '44 Webbing Sets
- Insoles
- New issue Sox
- Para Smocks DPM

(SAE for Free Catalogue please)

**SILVERMAN'S (SM)**  
MILE END, LONDON E1 4PS  
Telephone 01-790 5257

Personal callers Monday-Friday  
"Almost Anything in Govt Surplus"  
"Britain's Leading Suppliers of kit to the  
Professionals  
Maximum/minimum p&p £1.70

# SOLDIER MART ..... SOLDIER MART .....

## T-SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS

Silk screen printed to your own design. (Min order 20).



Top quality shirts. Fast efficient service.  
For free information package contact  
**SPRINTPRINT** 15/16 Cambria Bridge Road,  
Swindon SN1 5LH, Wiltshire. Tel (0793) 695766

The Top Quality range  
of personalised printed shirts

### T-SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS by Interprint

#### for Units Platoons Teams Regiments

##### T-Shirts Double stitched seams



##### Sweat Shirts Crew, Vee Neck, Hooded & Jog Suits

##### Sports Shirts

##### Other Products

Ties, Hats, Lighters,  
Stickers, Metal Badges,  
Silk Screen Badges,  
Aprons, Tea Towels  
& Tote Bags

##### FREE DESIGN SERVICE

##### MINIMUM ORDER-ONLY 12

Please send me your free Colour Brochure  
I am interested in Shirts  
Aprons, Tea Towels  
& Tote Bags

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

freepost Dept 5  
No Stamp Required

**Interprint**

Dept 5 Dale Street, Craven Arms  
Shropshire SY7 9NY.  
Tel. Craven Arms (05882) 2703 & 2502.

#### ARMY SURPLUS AND OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT

##### Specialist Cadet Supplier

Our prices are very competitive, please  
send S.A.E. for your comprehensive  
catalogue. You'll like what you see!

The Q.M. Stores, Metro Market,  
Carville Road, Wallsend,  
Tyne and Wear.  
Tel. (0632) 340303 or 340390

**Stowaway**  
FASHION LTD

## TOP QUALITY CLOTHING WATERPROOF

British-made by the manufacturers of Design Council-approved products.  
British MOD specification (DPM) 4oz proofed nylon.

All prices include P & P

JACKET storm pockets and front, cuffs, and roll-up hood.

Sealed seams.

UK BFPO

TROUSERS — fly front, elastic waist, sealed seams.

£19.54 £16.99

BASHA — jumbo-size — 96in x 72in.

£13.75 £11.95

10 brass eyelets, suspension loop in centre of sheet.

£15.95 £13.87

HOLDALLS with strong webbing handles, non-sealed seams.

£8.39 £7.29

Standard — 8in x 10in x 19in

£11.65 £10.13

Large — 10in x 12in x 24in with extra zipped pocket

FREE adjustable shoulder strap with every holdall

MONEY WALLET — nylon camouflage fabric —

comes with two FREE credit card holders

£3.00 £2.61



Large recurring orders placed by Units,  
Regiments, P.R.I. etc can be supplied at  
Trade Prices direct from the manufacturers —  
please ask us for details.

Thousands of these products are  
already in use by the British Army.

Minimum  
order  
value £8



Allow 21 days  
for delivery but  
if urgent please say so

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Orders can also be telephoned 24 hours a  
day to (0255) 433282.

**JACK DUSTY LTD**

1 Stephenson Road,  
Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.

We are Mail Order handlers for Stowaway (GB) Ltd, manufacturers of clothing and soft luggage.

## Send today for the 1984 SURVIVAL AIDS CATALOGUE

Over 250 items of top quality  
personal survival equipment  
all illustrated, described  
and guaranteed.

Arranged under the 4 Survival  
Priorities — Protection, Location,  
Water and Food.

**Protection includes:** Gore-Tex Bivi Bags,  
Hooped Blivis, Allweather Fibre Pile  
Sleeping Bag, SAS Windproof Smock,  
Thermal Underwear, Arctic Socks etc.

**Location:** Flares, Silva Compasses,  
Betalights, Tekna Torches etc.

**Water:** Water purification equipment, water canteens.

**Food:** Emergency Rations, Composite Rations,  
Peak and Optimus Stoves.

Send £1 for the Catalogue and the latest 'Survival News' to:

**Survival Aids (Dept S) Ltd, Morland, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 3AZ** another year's subscription to 'Survival News'.



Plus FREE 1 year's  
subscription  
to quarterly  
'Survival  
News' sent  
direct to  
you giving  
news of  
the latest  
developments  
in survival and  
survival equipment.

\*When you order you will automatically receive  
free of charge, the 1985 Catalogue and  
another year's subscription to 'Survival News'.

## MINIATURE MEDALS

Return of Post Service.  
MC/DCM/MM £8.00 BEM  
£6.00 MSM £5.00 GSM/CSM  
with clasp £4.50 S/Atlantic with  
rosette £3.75 LS/GC £4.50.  
Plus 15% VAT + 30p postage.  
Also: 7-day mounting service  
for full size and miniatures.  
Send for catalogue to:

**Miniature Medals, 30 Coventry Road, Burbage, Leicestershire. Tel: 0455 39262**

## THE BRITISH ARMY - A POCKET GUIDE

At last - a complete handbook on the organisation, tactics and equipment of today's British Army. Essential reading for combat soldiers. PRICE: £2.00 (includes 50p p&p)

## THE SOVIET LAND FORCES - A POCKET GUIDE

The only pocket guide that provides current information on the organisations and equipment currently in use with the Soviet Army. Designed to fit the pocket of a combat jacket. PRICE: £1.50 (includes 50p p&p)

FROM: R & F (Dept WA), 8a College Hill, Shrewsbury, SY1 1LZ.

Visit

## Laurence Corner

Top quality — economy prices  
**GOVERNMENT SURPLUS**

Outdoor and protective wear

**VAST SELECTION — SOMETHING DIFFERENT**

Clothing & Miscellanea.

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

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

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

**All departments open daily 9.00-5.30 including Saturdays.**

(Boffin only closes Wednesday afternoons).

**62-64 Hampstead Road and Drummond Street, London NW1**  
Close Warren Street and Euston.

Illustrated Laurence Corner Catalogue 60p inc. post.

## SALE OF SURPLUS MARRIED QUARTERS DISCOUNTED SCHEME

Bulletin No 10, published on 27 June 1984 contains details of the following surplus married quarters for sale through the Joint Services Married Quarters Sales Office at UKLF, Wilton. (Salisbury (0722) 336222 or Salisbury Military, ext 2684/2693/2228).

		Selling Prices
Type 3	1 in Bovingdon, Hertfordshire	£52,500
	1 in Farnborough, Hampshire	£43,750
Type 4	6 in Bovingdon, Hertfordshire	£38,500-£40,250
Type 5	15 in Bovingdon, Hertfordshire	£33,250-£42,000
Type C	1 in St Ives, Cambridgeshire	£24,500

*The Bulletin was distributed on 27 June 1984. Further information can be obtained from DCI Army J255/83. Applications forms will be available through your Unit Orderly Room.*

**The closing date for all applications for properties offered for sale in this Bulletin is 29 August 1984.**



"Make someone happy"

SEND THEM A BEAR!

Just send us £2 and we will send a smart little bear to the person of your choice in a bright yellow package with a card saying:- "SOMEONE SOMEWHERE THINKS YOU'RE RATHER CUDDLY"

Write now to:  
POSTAL BEARS 8a College Hill  
SHREWSBURY SY1 1LZ

## BUY HER SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR YOURSELF

Satin basques and waspies — the sexiest most feminine way to dress the woman in your life

### HONEYMOON

(Style 318)  
Semi-opaque  
virgin white  
basque with  
matching briefs  
stockings &  
garter  
**£29.50**  
the set.

Write or call for  
40 page Colour Catalogue  
PLUS FREE Tri-Silk Bikini  
send only £2.00  
P & P REFUNDABLE

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED  
Party Plan Agents Required  
**Lady of Paris** DEPT.  
SMALLBROOK QUEENSWAY  
BIRMINGHAM B5 4HX  
Lady of Paris Video Tape £29.95

## COMBAT JACKET IDENTITY LABELS

1" wide khaki labels with your name embroidered in black capital letters 3/4" high.  
1-5 (any name) £1.50 each  
6-20 (any name) £1.25 each  
21-100 (any name) £1.15 each  
101-200 (any name) £1.05 each  
200 and above (any name) 95p each

If UK Despatch required add 15% VAT.  
Send cheque/PO to Beddingtons, 15 Medars Mead, Hatfield Broad Oak, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, allowing 28 days delivery.

## CUSTOM HAND MADE KNIVES

Bowies, Dirks, Survival  
and Hunting

Send £1.00 for brochure and knife list to:  
**PETER HENRY & SON**  
332 Nine Mile Ride, Wokingham, Berkshire RG11 3NJ

## BADGES, PLAQUES AND TIES

We make only the best BLAZER BADGES in fine wires and silks at £8.94 each. Also attractive WALL PLAQUES at £10.16 and CAR BADGES at £10.06 each. REGIMENTAL TIES (striped design) at £3.90 each (RA FLASH £4.85. Crested designs £5.10). THESE PRICES INCLUDE VAT AND POSTAGE. Send SAE for Service Price List.

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

## TAXFREE CAR SALES!

**Economy · Reliability  
Value for Money**

- Datsun Sunny No 1 in "Which" Report Jan 1983
- Datsun Bluebird No 4 in "Which" Report Jan 1983

## DATSUM

**FORD** Gives you more  
• XR2 • XR3 • RS1600i • Sierra etc.

Also: **LEYLAND/ROVER VAUXHALL/OPEL**

Return this coupon marking it Sovereign "FREEPOST", Larkhill, Wiltshire Tel (0980) 53431/52366

Name

Rank

Address

Make/Model Required

Posting Date

Part Exchange

- ★ Forces tax free specialists
- ★ Big discounts
- ★ Part exchange top prices paid
- ★ Low deposit finance
- ★ Special overseas bank and NAAFI loans
- ★ Special insurance division

## CLUB SWEATERS

BRITISH MADE

As supplied to regiments, squadrons & ships worldwide. Specially embroidered with your own design, giving instant recognition and a real sense of identity. Choice of 'Superwash' Lambswool, Shetland & Acrylic. Prices from £5.70 each. Quantity discounts available - we supply from 1 sweater upwards.

FREE JACQUARD on 48 garments and above  
+ FREE SWEATER VOUCHER.

SWEATSHIRTS & T-SHIRTS CUSTOM PRINTED

Send for free illustrated brochure to:-

SPORT & LEISURE PRODUCTS

EMBLEM HOUSE, CHURCH ST, HECKMONDWIKE, W. YORKS WF16 0LF. TEL. 0924-404566



## SULTANATE OF OMAN

## AIR FORCE

Applications are invited from suitably qualified ex British Armed Services Warrant Officers and SNCO's to fill the following appointment in the Sultan of Oman's Air Force Band:-

### Senior Woodwind Instructor (Flight Sergeant)

To demonstrate and teach clarinet and saxophone techniques to Omani trainees. There are prospects of promotion to higher salary in this appointment.

Age limit 50.

This is a uniformed contract appointment for two years' unaccompanied. Pay (in Omani Rials) is £13,000 p.a. at the current rate of exchange. There is an end-of-contract gratuity of 20% of total pay received; pay and gratuity are normally tax-free and remittable. Mess accommodation and services are provided free and 20 days' UK leave is granted three times per year with air passages paid. Suitably qualified applicants should write with C.V. and quote reference number 29D to:-

Personnel Officer (M.R.),  
Airwork Limited,  
Bournemouth-Hurn Airport,  
Christchurch, Dorset BH23 6EB.

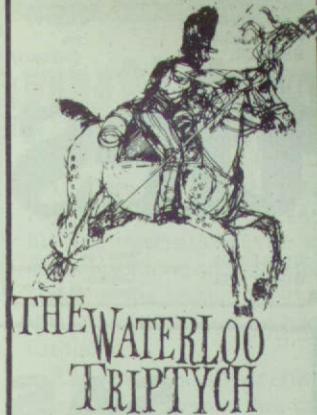


Airwork  
Limited  
(RECRUITMENT CONSULTANTS)



- English-made sweat shirts
- T-shirts single & multi-coloured designs
- Embroidered V-neck jumpers also many other items

VISTA SPORTS LTD.  
263a Sydenham Road, Croydon, Surrey.  
Tel: 01-684 2708/01-689 1626



A set of three prints by artist David Knight, available singly or complete. The trio depicts the ridge of Mont St. Jean during the recall of the Heavy Cavalry. Prints in black & white or handcoloured.

For further details SAE:

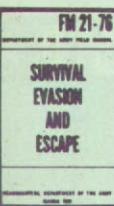
PREESGWEENE PUBLICATIONS  
Preesgweene Hall, Weston Rhyn,  
Oswestry, Shropshire.  
Tel: 0691 772358

## POSTAL ROSES

Posted anywhere in the UK.  
Reds or Coloureds.

(10) £6.50 (20) £9.95

Enclose cheque/P.O. to:  
Dept M, Rose Centre Ltd,  
St Andrews, Guernsey.



**SURVIVAL EVASION AND ESCAPE**  
This field handbook to tried-and-true survival methods is written by Army experts. Colored plates of snakes and plants make for fool-proof identification of poisonous and edible specimens. Learn how to survive at sea, in a hostile camp or in the tropics. Other topics: improvising shelters, obtaining food and water and more. 4½ x 6½, softcover, illus., 430 pp. £7.95

### COMBAT SURVIVAL

Never before available to the public. An extremely useful, complete manual on physical and combat survival training, and tactics. Contains rare info on evading and silencing guard dogs, sabotage, intelligence gathering, survival navigation, primitive medicine, evasion and escape, animal traps, and much more! 8½ x 11, softcover, illus. 160 pp. £10.95

P. & P. First Book £1.50 - 50p thereafter.

THE OUTDOORSMAN'S BOOKSTORE, (Dept. S2)  
LLANGORSE, BRECON, POWYS, LD3 7UE, U.K.  
Telephone: 087484 660

## VASECTOMY



THE 1ST  
NUMBER  
TO CALL  
01-637 8962

PREGNANCY  
ADVISORY SERVICE,  
11/13 CHARLOTTE STREET,  
LONDON W1.

## Outdoorsman's Books

Survival, Wilderness Living, Skiing, Canoeing, Climbing, Martial Arts, Health & Fitness, Fieldcraft, Shooting, Trapping, Cooking, Para Medics, Military, Fishing, Horse and Dog books, plus many more.

Catalogue over 1500 titles 50p (Stamps OK)  
FREE with book order



## Advanced Car Exports

have cut the cost of a new tax-free car even more!

and here are some examples to prove it, prices correct May 84, excluding delivery etc.

### Make and model

	ACE Price
FORD FIESTA 1100 GHIA	£3340
FORD ESCORT 1.6 GL 5 dr	£3775
FORD ESCORT XR3i (Alloy Wheels)	£4350
FORD ORION 1.6 GHIA	£4425
FORD SIERRA XR4i	£6225
FORD CAPRI 2.8i (Solid Colours)	£5650
PEUGEOT 205 GR	£3465
PEUGEOT 305 GR Estate	£3834
TALBOT HORIZON 1.3 LS	£3133
TALBOT SOLARA 1.6 LS	£3817
TALBOT ALPINE GLS	£4967

### FORD DELIVERY POINT: GRAYS OF GUILDFORD

FINANCE  
&  
INSURANCE  
DETAILS  
ON  
REQUEST



POSTED TO  
GERMANY?



SPECIAL  
OFFERS EG  
FREE STEREO  
WITH  
SEVERAL  
MODELS

CARS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR USE IN CYPRUS OR UK  
Post coupon today for full details and FREE colour brochure to:

Advanced Car Exports 15 Clarence Court,  
The Broadway, London NW7 4RP. Telephone 01-906 2978

NAME AND RANK .....

ADDRESS .....

TEL: .....

I am interested in a new (make and model) .....

For use in (country) .....

Del. required by .....

Please describe  
Part-exchange  
separately

Cut out coupon  
- and post  
NOW!

The New High Leg Boots  
For the British Army  
Perfected £27 per pair

Inter Squash shoe	£11.50
Inter Runaway jogger	£9.50
Inter Atlanta jogger	£10.50
Inter Harrier jogger	£12.50
Inter Silvershadow jogger	£14.50
Inter Ladies squash	£11.50
Inter-Nimrod	£17.50
Puma Paris	£14.00
Inter-Bowls	£13.50
Inter-California	£10.50

Post and Packing FREE

GOLDENVILLE FOOTWEAR  
Victoria St, Kettering, Northants.  
Telephone 0536 84732

BEST PRICES  
& DELIVERY  
FREE DESIGN  
SERVICE

VISTA  
tie  
company

# ties

01-684 2708  
01-689 1626

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

## SASS NEW CATALOGUE — 'NO2' IS OUT!



WITH

**OLD FAVOURITES:** NEW SAS DPM  
Camouflage Windproof Smocks

- Special (Heavier) Quality £49.99
- As issued £49.99

AND

A HOST OF NEW KIT LINES — MANY NORMALLY UNOBTAINABLE

### RARE KNIVES!

- OSS Sleeve Dagger
- "The First Special Service Force" Stiletto

### THE NEW LIMPET SYSTEM!

- The "Raider" DPM Camouflage Rucksack
- The "New Nylon" DPM Camouflage Webbing

### SPECIAL CLOTHING!

- The Ambush Body Net
- The DPM Camo Covert Ops Waistcoat
- The New DPM Camouflage Field Trousers

**SASS Mag.** with Photographs, has 100s of items.  
Free Copy — Large SAE!

TO

Special Air-Sea Services (International)  
St George's Works, St George's Quay,  
Lancaster, Lancs.  
Tel: (0524) 64204

### CASHS NAMETAPES

Mailed in 28 days after receipt.

3 doz (same name) £5.12

6 doz (same name) £5.70

12 doz (same name) £7.30

Please enclose cheque/PO payable to Boddingtons.

Write name in block letters stating red/blue/black lettering.

Boddingtons, 15 Medlars Mead,  
Hatfield Broad Oak, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

### A UNIQUE WAY TO SEND YOUR LOVE

Cuddly toys at all-in prices — sent to the one you love with your personal message, in time for any special occasion. Individually gift wrapped. Beautifully made. Money back guarantee.



### TO LIVE OR NOT TO LIVE?

Practical field survival courses for the professional. Much to do about attitude of mind, very little to do with catching bunnies and other "Boys Own" myths. Courses run from traditional Lakeland Bothy in superb mountain setting.

SAE W.E.S.T. (S2), Gatesgarth,  
Buttermere, Cumbria, CA13 9XA.  
Tel. Buttermere 203

### SAY IT WITH KNICKERS!

Tantalizing Bikini Briefs in Black, Red or White, gift-wrapped and sent with a card bearing your own personal (or very private!) message.

Send cheque/PO for £4.99 stating colour, message and destination to:

M. Mahon, Dept SM,  
35 Grimshill Rd,  
Whitstable, Kent.

### CHALLENGER ADVENTURE HOLIDAYS

For Young People from 8 - 18

Join us for the adventure of a lifetime:

Ski-ing, canoeing, climbing, abseiling, pony-trekking, fell walking; all this and much, much more.

Write or phone for your brochure today.

10% discount for all young people from Service families.

Challenger Adventure Holidays, The Old Vicarage, Hugh Street,  
Wallsend, Tyne and Wear.

Phone (24 hr answerservice) 0632 340390

## COMBAT SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT

### WHO?

We are part of a larger company supplying specialist Outdoor Pursuits Equipment and have the advantage of supplying more than just Survival Equipment.

### WHY?

To supply from one company all your distinct needs in the field of Military Combat Survival and Adventure Training.

### WHAT?

We supply Military Personnel with tents, rucksacs, boots, sleeping bags, army surplus and survival equipment for mountaineering, climbing, caving, backpacking and canoeing as well as for Combat Survival situations.

### CHEAP?

Yes, we offer very good discounts for small orders and it is our policy to guarantee you the best price so you can't buy cheaper—anywhere.

### HOW?

By easy ordering from our catalogue/price list and for only 75p it'll save you pounds.

### CONTACT:-

## COMBAT SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT

86 The Parade, Watford, Herts. WD1 2AW  
Telephone: Watford (0923) 44100

## ★ BOSTON TEE SHIRT CO. LTD. ★

Your own designs on machine washable Tee-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Jogging Suits, Sports Shirts and embroidered V neck Sweaters

- YOU PAY WHEN WE DELIVER!
- COMPLETE MONEY BACK GUARANTEE!
- 100% MACHINE WASHABLE!
- UP TO 5 COLOUR PRINTING!
- FAST SERVICE - APPROX 2 WEEKS!
- MINIMUM ORDER ONLY 10 GARMENTS!
- NO ARTWORK OR SCREEN CHARGES!
- ALL SHIRT SIZES & COLOURS IN STOCK!
- DIRECT SCREEN PRINTING  
- NOT TRANSFERS!



The Boston Tee Shirt Co. Ltd.  
1 Hennock Road  
Marsh Barton Ind. Est.  
Exeter EX2 8ND  
Tel. Exeter (0392) 30994

BOSTON TEES		GUARANTEES
POST COUPON OR PHONE FOR		
FREE COLOUR BROCHURE		
SC6		
MR / MRS / MISS		
ADDRESS		
Tel. No.		
(Capital letters please)		

## Kriss Akabusi: I owe everything to the Army

**KRIS AKABUSI**, a 25-year-old sergeant in the Army Physical Training Corps, will next month become the first British soldier to take part in an Olympic track event for 20 years.

Akabusi, who has shot to international prominence in a little over a year, will be part of the men's 4 x 400 metres relay team and, following his United Kingdom championship win at the end of May, will also take part in the individual 400 metres.

It has been a memorable year for Kriss, for in June his wife presented him with their first child — a daughter. After a spell in Berlin he returned to England in the Spring.

The Paddington-born runner

took part in both the Army and Inter-services championships this summer despite his hectic training schedule. "I am in the Army and I would not shun them," he told SOLDIER. "I owe everything to the Army."

His running career began when he was a junior soldier with the Royal Signals. "I started running for fun round the hangars and I showed a bit of flair. Then they told me about the Army Junior Championships and I have never looked back since."

A transfer to the APTC gave him more time for athletics but he still had to put his Army duties

first. Then last year he broke the Army 400 metres record and got his first international vest in the Great Britain versus Russia match. Later in the season he smashed the Inter-Services record at Cosford.

This season his all out effort has seen success beyond his wildest dreams: "At the beginning of the year my main aim was to get into the relay team because last year in the World Cup I ran in the heats and semis but did not make the finals. Now I have the eighth fastest time of all time for the United Kingdom."

Realistically Kriss says that he would love to reach the individual 400 metres semi-finals but his best hope for a final appearance will be in the relay team.

At Gateshead recently he finished only fifth to the disappointment of Army viewers but he says: "My peak is aimed for the Olympics. There is nothing wrong with me and when I get to the Olympics I will do my best again."

"It has got to be the ultimate aim for any athlete and I have done it in my second season of international running."

Army athletics officials and the APTC are highly pleased with his selection. Said Lieutenant Colonel Alan Payne, Commandant of the Army School of Physical Training: "We are delighted that Sergeant Akabusi has been selected. He is the first member of the Corps to take part in an Olympics track event since 1948."

"We all wish him the best of luck and will be watching on 4 August when he runs his first heat."

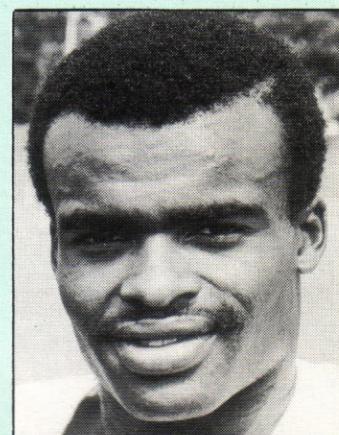
**SERGEANT STEVE JACKSON**, Royal Signals, has been selected to carry British hopes in the K1 1000 metre sprint canoe event.

Steve enjoyed many successes last year in international competition, the highlight being his clinching the World Championship K2 10,000 metres.

**CORPORAL STUART TRAVIS**, Royal Pioneer Corps, has been named as a reserve in the middle weight (under 85 kilos) and light heavy weight (under 95 kilos) divisions for judo.

Stuart, who is an assistant PT instructor at the RPC Depot in Northampton, has 14 Army judo titles and is combined services light heavy weight champion.

He's been in the squad training for four Olympics and never yet made it to the Games themselves.



Sgt Kriss Akabusi

## UNITS DIG DEEP TO HELP THE BRITISH EFFORT

ARMY units all over the world have been putting their hands deep into their pockets to help Britain's Olympic efforts in Los Angeles.

So far cheques and money orders worth a total of nearly £16,000 have poured into the offices of the Army Sport Control Board at Aldershot.

And there seems no sign yet that the supply is running dry.

A target of £20,000 was originally set by the Board's Director, Brigadier Pat Thursby, for the Army's Olympic Appeal. At the

present rate of progress it may not be too much to hope that the target will be achieved, if not exceeded.

Some recent donations are £1,000 from the Army Catering Corps Training School, £600 from the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Regiment, in Northern Ireland, and another £1,000 from London District.

They join such notable contributions as the £2,500 from 9 Signal

Regiment (Radio), the £1,153 from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, and £1,316 from HQ British Forces in Belize.

It will be Brigadier Thursby's task to decide what percentage of the final tally should be donated to the coffers of the British Olympic Committee and what should go towards helping Army members of the Olympic team directly.

## 'UNLIKELY COMBINATION' WINS!

A COOK, a retired officer and WRAC subaltern... might sound an unlikely combination to some but it proved a winning one for 1st Armoured Division Headquarters and Signal Regiment when they won the BAOR team show jumping competition sponsored by Horse and Hound at the Rhine Army Summer Show.

Pictured right with Chef D'Equipe Lieutenant Colonel Danny Fisher are the successful riders Lieutenant Suzy Reed, WRAC, Lieutenant Colonel David Rousse and Lance Corporal Harry Lomas, ACC.

Their mounts were Nelson, Blackie and Plessey Douglas.

The last named horse is owned by the Royal Signals, sponsored by Plessey.



# MCTC OUT-TUG THE REST

The Military Corrective Training Centre at Colchester has hauled itself up to become heavyweight tug-of-war champions of the British Army.

Last year MCTC were runners up. This year they beat the defending champions 26 Field Regiment, RA, by two pulls to nil in the final which decided the 640 kilo title. (For the uninitiated 640 kilos equals about 104 stone and is the maximum total weight permitted of the eight man team).

But 26 Field Regiment were by no means disgraced. At the finals, held by courtesy of 7 RHA at Lille Barracks, Aldershot, they retained the lightweight (560 kilo) title they won last year by beating 1 Armoured Field Ambulance, RAMC.

The Royal Artillery has a particularly strong tradition in tug-of-war, perhaps due to the fact that gunners were once called upon to manhandle field guns. In fact half the teams taking part in the finals were representing Artillery units.

But when it came to the



Taking the strain . . . MCTC on their way to victory.

Picture: Doug Pratt.

heavyweight final, MCTC were just too strong or perhaps more experienced. For since they became runners-up last year, MCTC have evidently taken tug-of-war very seriously.

They've been winning trophies both in army and civilian competition, and are now the official East of England champions.

Their opponents in the heavyweight final, 26 Field Regiment,

had no such pre-match training. Out in BAOR where 26 are stationed the competition is limited virtually to tugging between themselves.

Fourteen units took part in the finals including 4 UDR the Northern Ireland champions.

## Cricketers come unstuck

The Army came unstuck in their cricket match against the Civil Service at Teddington, losing by 123 runs.

Civil Service were all out for 208, a figure they wouldn't have managed but for a splendid 44 by McIlroy, who went in seventh wicket down and scored 144 — including eight fours.

Burnett, 40 and Burridge, 39, also gave the Army bowlers headaches. The most economical bowling was provided by Render, who took four for 30 from 12 overs, four of them maidens.

Army batsmen just couldn't get going and half the side had gone with just 33 on the board. There was some resistance from Shanks, 21 and Moore 29 and they helped to push the score along to 86 all out.

Best of the Civil Service bowlers were Wilson (4-27) and McIlroy, who capped a fine all-round performance with 3-10.

## ARMY LOOSEN RAF GRIP



Sailing in the Solent. Action from the offshore regatta.

The Army won this year's Grant's Regatta at the British Kiel Yacht Club, breaking a Royal Air Force stranglehold.

The Army team which ended a run of two successive RAF triumphs was Lieutenant Colonel Mike Brown, RA (skipper), Major William Cook, RA, WO2 Malcolm Strickland, REME, and Corporal Theo Caderius Van Veen, RE.

Results of the Army Sailing Association's offshore regatta sailed in the Solent from the Joint Services Sailing Centre, were:

Div 1: Winner: Redcoat (Skipper: WO2 Colin Edge), Second: Boadicea of the Iceni (Lt Col Kit

Dark).

Div 2: Piper (Lt Col John Hope), Ilex of Upnor (Lt Col M Moundre).

Div 3: Liselle II (Lt R Elliott RN), Sneezewort (Maj Alan Emmett).

Div 4: Rampart (Sgt Sawyer RE), Lancer (Capt Nigel Josling RAOC).

### PASSAGE RACE

Div 1: Redcoat (WO2 Colin Edge), Kukri (Brig Neil Carlier).

Div 2: Seahorse (Capt Hugh Hinde), Congreve II (Maj P B Williams).

Div 3: Sneezewort (Maj Alan Emmett).

Div 4: Lancer (RAOC) (Capt Nigel Josling), Attacker (RE Dover) (Maj Bob Leaver).

### CHALLENGE TROPHY

Best Overall Contessa: Ilex of Upnor.

Dolphin Team Trophy: (Best results from Contessa and Halcyon combined) RAOC Thunderer Lancer.

Prizes were presented by Colonel I Jones, Rear Commodore of the ASA.

Once again the ASA was given great support from 20 Maritime Regiment and from Watney Mann and Truman Breweries.

**GOOD NEWS! Now you need not be cold, wet and miserable ever again. Remember what is was like last time? Remember you swore you would get some decent waterproofs? Then you found there was no such thing in DPM? Well, here is Good News for you.**

# THE LIONHEART—In a class of its own

**The DPM GORE-TEX® jacket has now arrived. Made exclusively for Survival Aids by Berghaus, its unique properties make it waterproof, windproof yet breathable.**

★ **Waterproof** Gore-Tex® fabric is so waterproof that it beats the British Standard test for waterproofness by up to 4 times.

★ **Windproof** Heat loss from windchill is reduced by 20-40%.

★ **Breathable** The body's natural cooling system, the evaporation of perspiration, is able to work. Vapour can escape thus avoiding the clammy wet feeling of normal nylon waterproofs.

**The GORE-TEX® Lionheart jacket is also**

★ **Lightweight** The Lionheart weighs only 20 oz (600g), less than half the weight of the Combat Jacket (48 oz, 1500g).

★ **Low Bulk** The jacket can be packed away into the side pocket of a bergen (see picture) or into a large pouch.

★ **Washable** The Lionheart can be washed in a washing machine using normal powder. It dries quickly. Full instructions are included.

★ **Tough** Unlike nylon or waxed cotton waterproofs, there is no proofing to rub off. The garment remains waterproof throughout the long life of the outer fabric.

**The Lionheart has the following special features:**

★ **Fully Taped Seams** All stitching is sealed with Gore-Tape to prevent water ingress at the seams.

★ **Wired Hood** The wire round the brim of the hood can hold it in a semi-rigid position for full protection from wind and rain. A drawcord can also be used to pull it tightly round the face.

★ **Two Way Zip and Full Length Velcro Flap** A generous 2" flap protects the metal zip which can be opened from either end allowing easy interior access.

★ **Zipped Internal Pocket** A large internal pocket can be reached without opening the main zip (see detail picture). Maps, wallets, notebooks etc can be comfortably and securely carried.

★ **Two Large Hip Pockets** with full Velcro flaps.

★ **Bottom Drawcord** with self locking cordlocks. No need to tie the ends.

★ **Velcro Cuffs** prevent heat loss or water ingress.

Made in four sizes.

**Fully Guaranteed** Your Lionheart jacket is fully guaranteed against any fault in workmanship or materials for **two years**. Just return it to us stating date of purchase and we will replace or repair it as appropriate.

**Limited Supply** Only 300 Lionhearts will be ready in July followed by 300 in August and 300 in September. Don't delay if you want prompt delivery and size choice.

As you would expect from a garment that is in a class of its own, the Lionheart is more expensive than other other less distinguished jackets. Civilian outdoorsmen however have long been prepared to pay the extra for a top quality garment and professional soldiers are even more aware of the importance of having the best.

**Single price: £99.00 inc VAT (£86.08 ex VAT (BFPO except Northern Ireland) **Buy 2 or more and save 10%: £89.10 inc VAT (£77.48 ex VAT)****

If the coupon below is missing, you can still order. Send cheque or Visa / Access number to Survival Aids Ltd, Morland, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 3AZ. Telephone Morland (09314) 307/444



The semi-rigid wire hood keeps off wind, rain and sun allowing better vision.



The Lionheart folds small enough to fit the side pouch of a bergen or large hip pouch.

The zipped inner pocket can be used without undoing the main zip.

Note the Velcro wrist fasteners, the large hip pockets with Velcro flaps and wide front flap.

**MATERIAL:** Nato DPM nylon laminated to Gore-Tex membrane with olive drab Tricot liner.

Weight 145g per square metre

**WEIGHT:** 20 oz (600g)

Code 2040 36-38" chest Small

Code 2041 39-41" chest Medium

Code 2042 42-44" chest Large

Code 2043 44-46" chest Extra Large

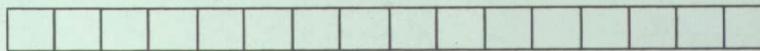
To Survival Aids Ltd, Morland, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 3AZ

Please send me \_\_\_\_ Lionheart jacket(s) Code(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Size(s) \_\_\_\_\_ at £\_\_\_\_\_ each plus £1.50 p&p totalling £\_\_\_\_\_  
I understand that I may return the jacket unused with 14 days for a full credit or refund.

I enclose a cheque / PO for £ \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone your credit card order for fast service. Ring (09314) 307/444**

Please charge my card number \_\_\_\_\_



The despatch address is the same as my credit card billing address

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

# SOLDIER

