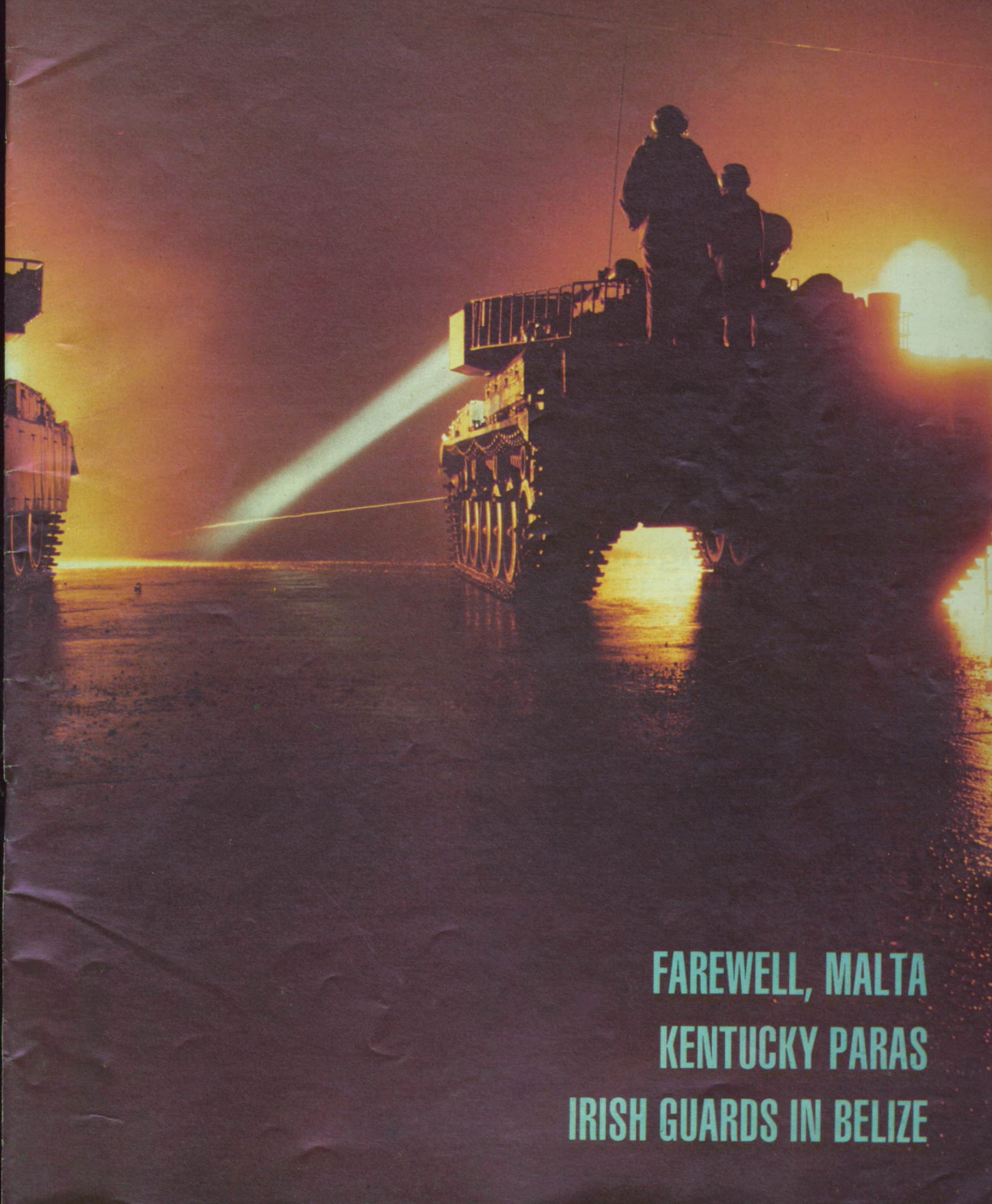


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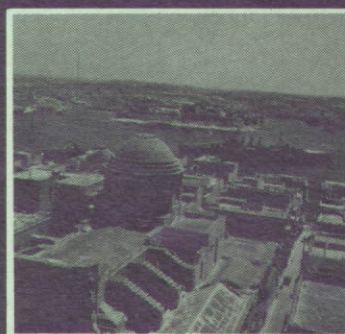
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Blazing a new trail of infantry training in Kentucky, a British Parachute battalion worked and played hard to become . . .

HARDER HITTING— THANKS TO HICKORY STICK

GLOBETROTTING paratroopers of 1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, descended on the United States Army's Fort Campbell, Kentucky, for Exercise Hickory Stick — six weeks of intensive infantry manoeuvres designed to tone up the muscle of this punch-packing unit.

But once off the sprawling ranges of the massive Ford Campbell complex, the Paras had to temper their professionally aggressive spirit with a contrasting mood of impeccable off-duty conduct. For they were acting as ambassadors for future British infantry visitors hoping to follow this pilot scheme aimed at opening up a new area for troops exercising abroad.

And a measure of their success can be gauged by the reaction of United States Army Lieutenant-Colonel A T Brainerd, who commented: "People across the board say they think the British troops are gentlemen. As soldiers, they seem much more formal than us. Both troopers and officers seem highly disciplined and any time you see them in formation they make a big impression on a crowd. We know they're on their best behaviour but it has been a fantastic experience for us — it has brightened our spring!"

More formal and detailed reports will decide the fate of the projected three-

Story: Mike Starke
Pictures: Les Wiggs

Left: Paras hit the high spots at Air Assault School learning the art of helicopter rappelling.



battalion-sized exercises hopefully to be carried out each winter at Fort Campbell. But this initial reaction delighted the British Paras' commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel David Charles.

For Colonel Charles was in the vanguard of the pilot scheme testing Ford Campbell's feasibility as an exercise venue for British infantry units. He explained that the Army had looked at some half-dozen possible sites and had selected Fort Campbell because of the accommodation available and the extent of the training areas.

He emphasised that 1 Para had been chosen to conduct the pilot scheme merely because it was an available infantry battalion, not because it was an airborne unit. But it certainly made for obvious harmony that both hosts and guests shared the same specialised background.

It was explained that if the experiment was successful — and it showed every sign of being so — three infantry battalions will travel to Kentucky from the United Kingdom, flying directly to the Fort Campbell airstrip during the English winter when home training areas are crowded with exercise troops. By contrast, the Americans avoid their often harsh winters and concentrate their main exercise periods at the fort during summer for both Regulars and units of the National Guard (the equivalent of the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve).

Exercise Hickory Stick was not an

exchange visit so a careful eye had to be kept on controlling the budget. Accommodation, transport and support services were all paid for. The Paras took their own weapons and ammunition — with the exception of their anti-tank weapons — and ate US Army rations which provided ample good food for each man at a rate of \$3.20 a day (about £1.60).

Just over 600 men made up the 1 Para contingent which included Terriers from all three TAVR rifle battalions of The Parachute Regiment (4th, 10th and 15th) as well as reservists from 144 Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps, who joined their Regular colleagues from 6 Field Force Field Ambulance. There were also small detachments from 4 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, from 1 Para's parent unit, 6 Field Force, too, as well as a rear link signals detachment, a Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers light aid detachment and a few men from the Royal Corps of Transport's specialist air despatch personnel working as riflemen for the purposes of the exercise.

The visitors were hosted by Eagle Support Brigade of the US Army's 101st Division and the good relations established were epitomised by the fact that the liaison officer, Major Ed Bensman, was soon talking in the first person plural — 'we' and 'us' — when pleading the case of the Paras with his own army as he smoothed over administrative problems as they arose.

Colonel Charles explained the structure of the exercise: "We elected for four weeks'

straight training with ten days for rest and recuperation at the end. This sounds slightly generous, but taking into account the time and distance involved in getting here we thought it realistic."

Each week of exercising was treated separately. The first was taken up with individual minor unit training with emphasis on shooting and fitness. Patrol skills were honed down and it was rounded off with a march-and-shoot contest. Week two com-

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Top: The Americans gave troops a 'lift' into the field in their mighty Chinook helicopters.

Above: WO2 Andy Welsh and Sgt Charles Eyclsheimer compare notes on different mortars.



Sprawling Fort Campbell, Kentucky, dwarfs 1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment's, home base at Aldershot back in England. But it is only just in the top ten in terms of size of camps in the United States Army. Established in the 1940s and still largely made up of the wooden structures built then to house its troops (a major rebuild is producing more modern accommodation), Fort Campbell straddles the Kentucky/Tennessee state boundaries.

It is set in the heart of 'Blue Grass Country' where the farmsteads dotted around the rolling agricultural land are fronted by the shaded stoops with their comfy rocking chairs traditionally associated with the pioneers who blazed a trail to a new life in the New World generations ago.

Larger homes sporting wooden-columned Doric façades remind the visitor of the stately Southern homes epitomising the genteel life of their pre-Civil War occupants. Even now, Kentucky proudly proclaims its motto as the 'volunteer state' (for the Confederacy) and the distinctive crimson Confederate flag with its blue cross and white stars adorns many a car licence plate and Citizen's Band radio aerial.

But it is 'Old Glory' — the American 'Stars and Stripes' flag that flutters bravely above Fort Campbell and is

ceremonially lowered each day at 1700 hours to the boom of a gun — that brings all traffic on camp to a standstill as a mark of respect.

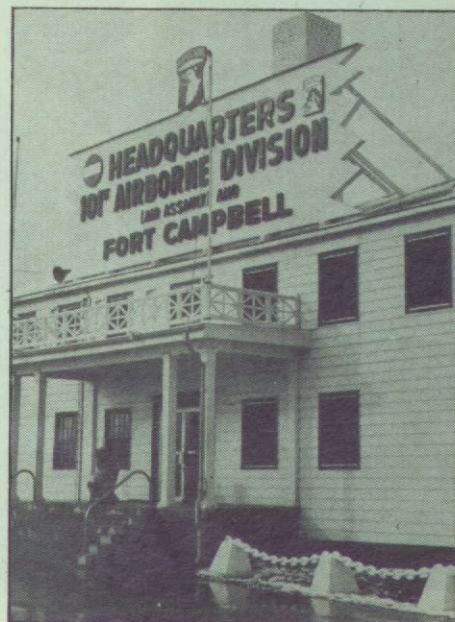
Fort Campbell is the home of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) — 'The Screaming Eagles.' The unit was formed in 1942 as a result of studies of British Army experience with airborne forces during the early years of World War Two. The Screaming Eagles distinguished themselves in World War Two and finally came to roost in Fort Campbell in 1956. But they soon took flight again to go to the Far East for action in the Viet Nam War.

At peace once more, the 101st Airborne Division is back in its old Kentucky home but keen and eager as ever, its training routines punctuated with the battle cry of 'Air Assault, Sir!'

The 'Screaming Eagles' nickname of the division comes from its badge, an American bald eagle superimposed on a black background. The patch traces its history back to the Civil War when the 8th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment carried an eagle mascot — Old Abe — into battle perched on a black shield. Though twice wounded in battle, Old Abe survived the war and returned to his native Wisconsin. After he died, his remains were mounted in the state capitol. A fire destroyed Old Abe but his



Above: Even the camp's water towers are adorned with the ubiquitous 'screaming eagle.'



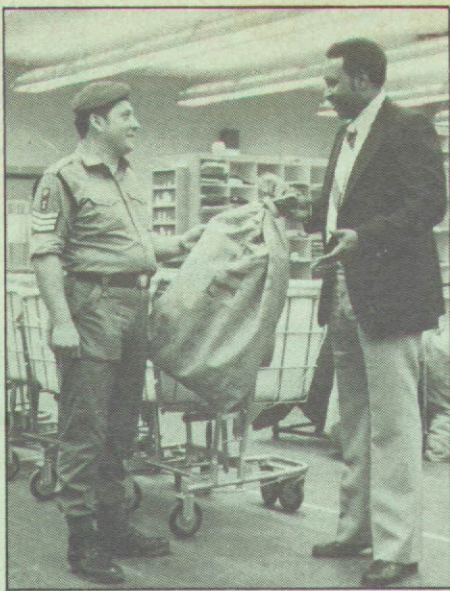
Above: Timber weatherboarding typifies the old-style buildings on the 1940s-vintage camp.

memory lived on when the unit patch for the 101st Division (before it became an airborne unit in 1942) was approved in 1923.

Fort Campbell's 'vital statistics' give some impression of its vastness compared with British bases. More than 20,000 military personnel occupy the camp, which stretches over 105,397 acres. Dependents and civilian employees swell the population by several thousands more. And in a country where the car is the commonest mode of transport, there are some 36,000 privately owned vehicles on the post. The 101st Airborne Division has well over 400 helicopters to maintain its role as an airborne assault unit and it boasts the capability to travel 'at 100 miles per hour in any direction' to speed into battle.

Fort Campbell has 38 ranges, handily placed just minutes away from the main camp complexes, with three impact areas and eight drop zones. Some 325 miles of road criss-cross the self-contained military city and its environs. And the whole massive operation costs around one million dollars a day to keep going.

"They could tuck Aldershot in their waistcoat pocket!" was the way one British visitor summed up the massive Fort Campbell area.



Above: Exercise 'postie' Staff-Sergeant Gerry Daly struck up a firm friendship with opposite number Mr Jerry Johnson, a civilian postmaster handling US Army mail in Fort Campbell.

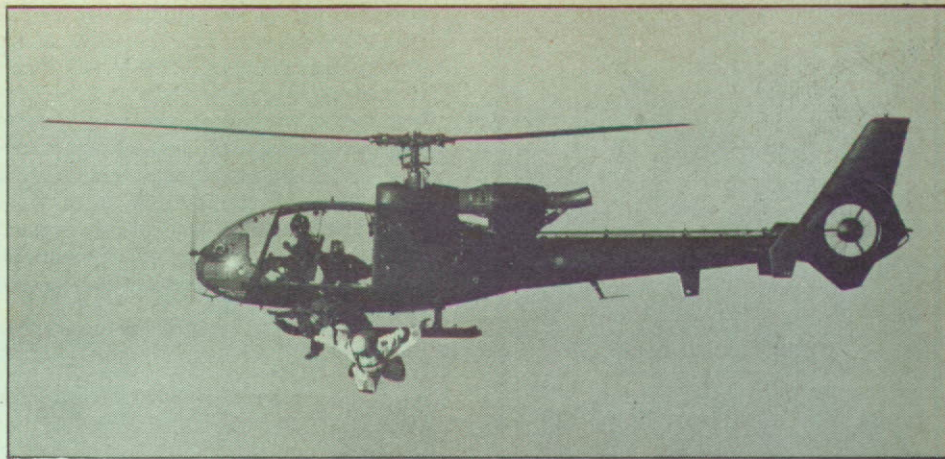
prised field firing with patrols and ambushes and included work with helicopters. The Paras had with them a detachment of the Gazelle flight from 656 Aviation Squadron, Army Air Corps, which supports 6 Field Force back home in Aldershot, and were invited to use an allocation of some 40 to 50 hours of flying time being lifted by CH47 Chinook troop-carrying helicopters — a number of which aircraft have been earmarked for the RAF.

The third week moved on to company level tactical exercising covering all phases of battle. The Chinooks were once more used for air assault practice — something relatively new to 1 Para — and an assault river crossing was made.

In the fourth week the Paras joined forces with the Americans for a five-day field training exercise as a battalion to round off a packed working programme.

In between times, 1 Para took advantage of their hosts' unfailing generosity by taking part in specially organised training on American courses. Some 100 of the visitors became students of the prestigious volunteer

Below: An Air Assault School instructor shows roping methods to paras about to take a course.



Above: United States Army photographer Captain Lee Jenkins captured the historic first-ever public jump from a Gazelle helicopter by a freefall parachutist, the ex-Red Devil, Scotty Milne.

Air Assault School at Fort Campbell. With their own tough physical training background, the Paras found little difficulty in keeping up with the schedule but they learned a lot from the lessons on helicopter marshalling, rappelling and techniques in underslinging loads on unfamiliar aircraft.

The anti-tank platoon made a special arrangement to take the 101st Division's non-commissioned and commissioned officers' course in their own skills and surprised their hosts by getting the highest scores ever.

This all did a lot to boost morale among the Paras and cement relations with their hosts, who developed a healthy respect for the quality of their British counterparts. Colonel Charles added: "This was an opportunity for our soldiers to work alongside theirs that I wouldn't have wanted to miss. We took every opportunity to integrate rather than train in isolation."

In the field, the Paras cemented their new-found friendships with the Americans by comparing notes on their methods. At a mortar firing point a United States officer regretted that all his men could not have spared the time from their own duties to join him: "It would be very useful for my men to see this British kit in case we're ever at war together and have to use it for some reason or another. The principle's the same but there are a number of points I've picked up that could improve on how we do it."

The ranges were handily located just a few

minutes' Jeep ride from the camp. Open scrubland interspersed with swamp was broken by stands of conifers. The rattle of small-arms fire mingled with the croak of bull-frogs. After a cross-country 'advance to contact' dash, one paratrooper remarked with rueful respect: "It's got everything, this — swamps, bogs, scrub, thorns, barbed wire . . . the lot!"

Meanwhile, back at Ford Campbell's poetically named Destiny Strip helicopter base, the three British Gazelle aircraft were taken under the wing of Charley Company, 101 Aviation Battalion. The company's 20 UH-1H Huey 'choppers' formed just a small part of the 400-plus helicopter force on hand. This was one of the first of many contrasts the British crews found with their American counterparts.

The oldest American aircraft dated back to 1963 and most had seen service in Viet Nam and been damaged in action. Between 20 and 30 choppers might be in the air at the same time and some 15 of them can move a battalion in five 'lifts.' Impressed as the British aviation experts were with the statistics of their hosts, the latter were equally impressed with the speed, grace and reliability of the little Gazelle.

Once work was over for the British troops they found their American hosts eager to ensure the fulfilment of their universal local greeting, 'Have a good day, now!' Generous hospitality inundated the Paras with invitations to spend their free time with families both locally and elsewhere in the United States. Many found a home from home to go to and many firm friendships were forged among the ranks of the 101st Airborne Division.

When it came to adventurous training, the Paras were spoiled for choice. A large contingent opted for skiing at Aspen, Colorado, while others went sun-seeking to Florida.

At Ford Campbell itself, the thriving American freefall parachuting team soon welcomed the 1 Para sky-divers who included five ex-members of The Parachute Regiment's Red Devils display team — among them ex-team leader Major Gerry O'Hara and reigning British national championship runner-up Sergeant Scotty Milne. It was Scotty Milne who took the opportunity to make the first-ever descent from a Gazelle helicopter to thrill crowds at a display.

For those not wishing to venture further

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The visit to Fort Campbell was no new experience for one member of 1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment — United States Army exchange officer Captain Jim Montano served with the 101st Airborne Division some time before taking up his appointment in England, where he commands A Company of 1 Para. Now 18 months into his two-year stint with the Paras, Captain Montano is no stranger to command. He has led a total of six infantry companies during his service, two of them on active duty in Viet Nam.

After serving with the Screaming Eagles, he went to the 1st Ranger Battalion in the US Special Forces for three years and was then attached to the 82nd Airborne Division, whence he took up his appointment as an exchange officer to Great Britain. Sporting his American insignia on British combat dress, he presented a confusing sight to students of uniform. But he epitomised the close co-operation between the professional soldiers of both nation's armies.

afield, the nearby recreational area of The Land Between the Lakes offered ample camping and fishing facilities. Here 1 Para's bandmaster, Warrant Officer 1 Alan Ashworth, set up his own record by claiming to be the first person to be 'arrested' for poaching while fishing in the same week that he was made an Honorary Colonel of Kentucky. The 'poaching' was quickly deemed by the authorities to be a case of 'wrongful arrest' due to a misunderstanding, but the

honorary colonelcy remained real enough.

As far as work and play were concerned, the Paras gave the thumbs up to America. In reply, an American officer exclaimed to Colonel Charles: "You're going to be a hard act to follow!" It's on the cards that a queue of infantry units is forming up to take up the challenge.

Below: One of 101st Division's 400-plus Huey helicopters behind one of the three Gazelles.



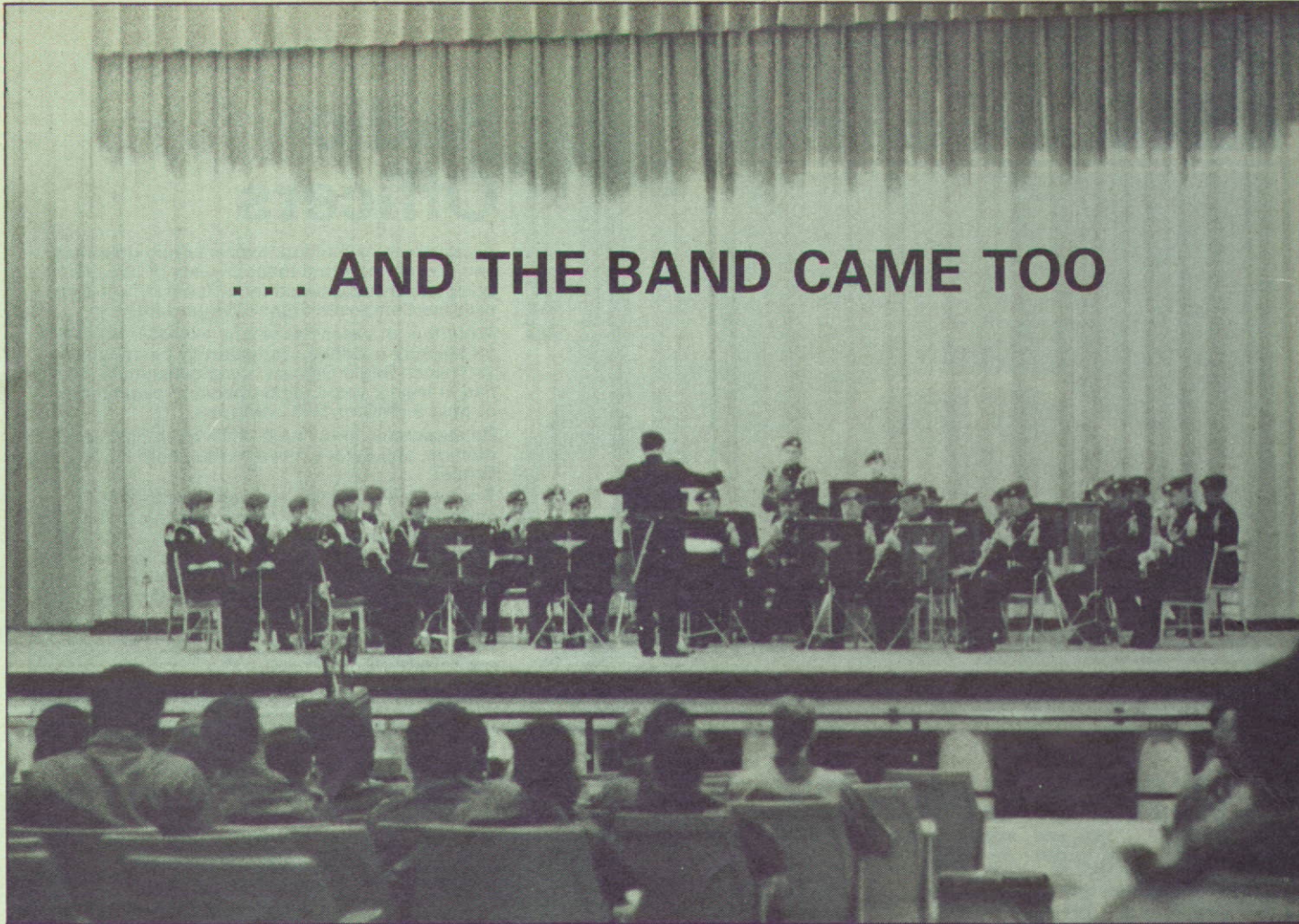
Law and order were assured in 1 Para's canteen bar for the duration of Exercise Hickory Stick — thanks to barman Lance-Corporal Neil Dawson. Neil had been sworn in as a deputy sheriff and, true to his oath, kept a tight rein in the 'saloon' he ran for his Para partners in Fort Campbell. The lawman's star was presented to Neil by a Tennessee sheriff he met over a beer in a nearby bar. The cagey paratrooper was reluctant to believe he was chatting to a real live sheriff so, to prove the point conclusively, his new-found American friend not only produced his gun and handcuffs but a handsome deputy's badge to pin on Neil's chest.

After raising his right hand and swearing to 'uphold the laws of the State of Tennessee,' Neil proudly joined the ranks of such legendary heroes of the West as Wyatt Earp and Wild Bill Hickok.

He was persuaded to make one arrest by 'taking in' Craftsman Ross Murray of 1 Para's Light Aid Detachment. But this was only for the SOLDIER cameraman's benefit and the 'prisoner' was soon released to get back to work.



... AND THE BAND CAME TOO



THE HOUSE-LIGHTS dimmed in the Fort Campbell cinema for a showing of the film 'A Bridge Too Far,' about airborne assault on Arnhem. Ultra-violet lamps picked out the gleaming white gloves, drumsticks and Parachute Regiment beret badges as the 1st Battalion's corps of drums gave a virtuoso performance as an overture to the showing. The audience erupted into rapturous applause that nearly drowned the drumbeats — and the musicians' reputation was made.

Inspired planning had ordained that the corps of drums and 29-strong band of 1 Para should accompany the battalion as special ambassadors on the pilot Exercise Hickory Stick in America. A score of concerts — including one at 0700 one morning — were arranged, and the musicianship of the red-beret bandsmen clearly matched the professionalism of the battalion's rifle companies in the eyes of the admiring Americans.

There was little time off for the bandsmen throughout the six-week exercise but one

treat they were promised was a spin round the Indianapolis racetrack, courtesy of a group of grateful racing drivers who heard the band in their city.

Fort Campbell is not far from Nashville, Tennessee — home of Country and Western music and proud of its motto 'music city of the USA.' But for a few weeks at least, the glitter of the Grand Ole Opry was overshadowed by the expertise of the Aldershot bandsmen who lent (musical) tone to a military exercise.

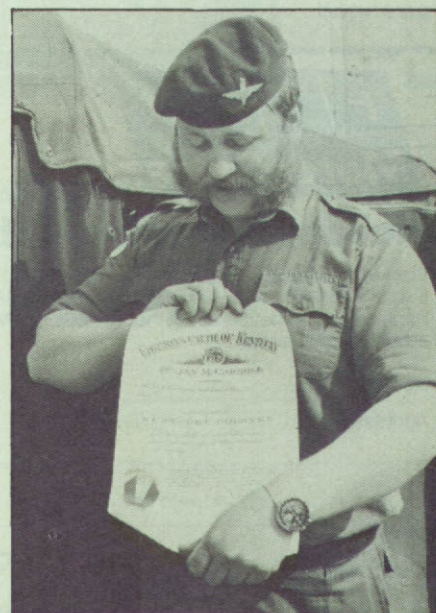
Above: Tumultuous welcomes greeted the band at every one of their many concerts in America.



Above: A backstage peek at the band playing at the early hour of 0700 for the Americans.

'A unique act of 'accelerated promotion' made military history in the British Army for the two dozen or so medical personnel attached to 1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, on exercise in Kentucky. Each man was made an Honorary Colonel of the State of Kentucky by special order of the State Governor in appreciation of their work with men of 475th Combat Support Hospital of the Kentucky National Guard.

The Americans were so impressed with their British guests that they arranged for the honour to be bestowed at a special parade arranged at the state capitol in Frankfort, Kentucky. Although unable to be there in person, Governor Julian M Carroll signed all the certificates conferring the honorary colonelcies, like that being proudly displayed here by Colonel (alias Corporal) Dave Longstaff, a regimental medical assistant with 1 Para.



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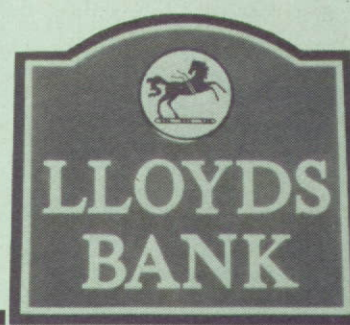
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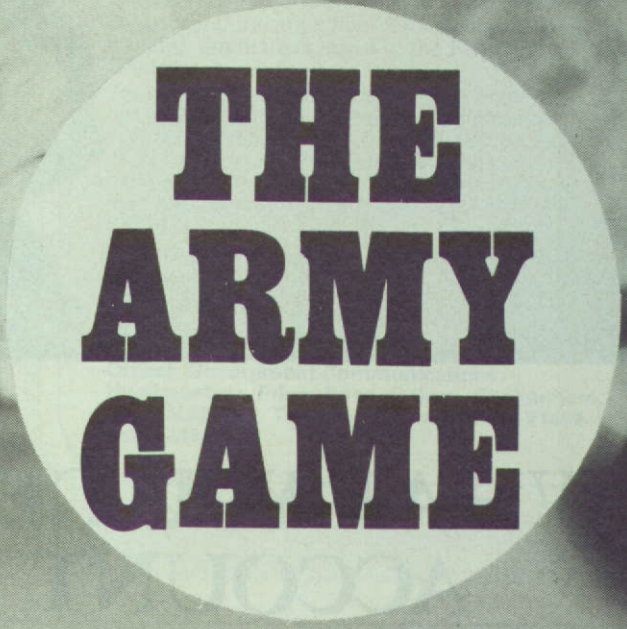
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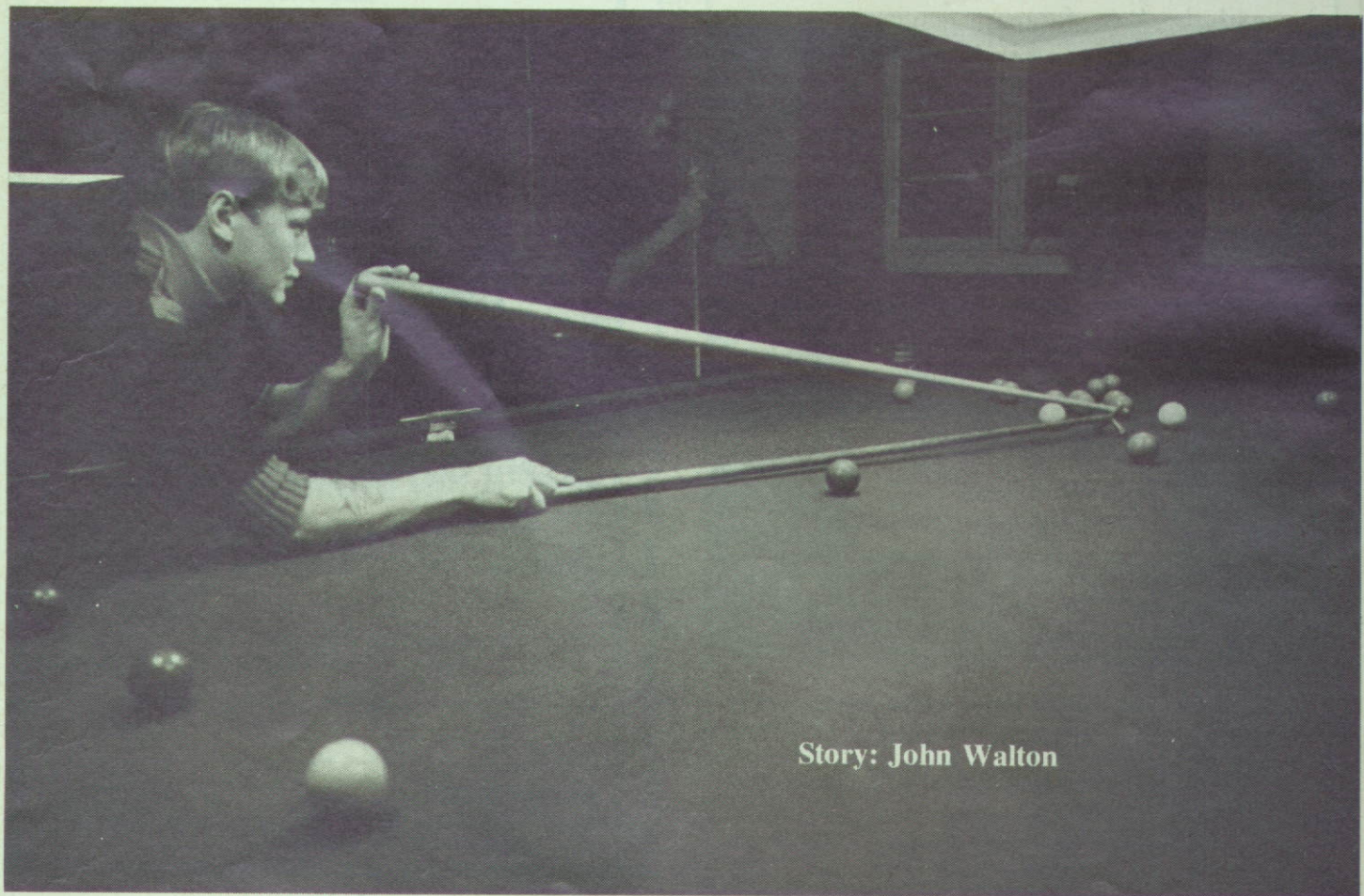
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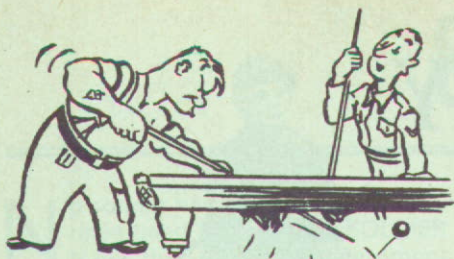
SNOOKER



THE ARMY GAME



Story: John Walton



FEW OF THE MILLIONS of people who watched on television Terry Griffiths recently clinch the world professional snooker championship can have known that the game was invented in an Army officers' mess.

It all started in 1875 when Colonel Sir Neville Chamberlain (not to be confused with the 'peace-in-our-time' Prime Minister) was a young subaltern with The Devonshire Regiment stationed at Jubbulpore in India. During the rainy season the long steamy afternoons were spent at the mess billiards table where billiards was less popular than various round games more suitable for more than two players and to which a gambling element could be added.

The colonel suggested the addition of other coloured balls to a popular game among the officers known as 'Black Pool' — and snooker was born with 15 reds, yellow, green, pink and black. Blue and brown were added years later and the points value of the balls also followed in due course, but it was from these chance beginnings that snooker had its origin.

Sir Neville lived on until World War Two, by which time his game had overtaken billiards as the most popular game of its type.

In an interview in 1938 with Compton Mackenzie, the novelist, he told how the name snooker was derived.

One afternoon the Devons received a visit from a young subaltern who had been training at Woolwich. In the course of conversation the visitor remarked that a first-year cadet at the old academy at Woolwich was referred to as a 'snooker,' with the implication that this was the status of the lowest of the low. The original word for a cadet had been the French 'neux' which had been corrupted to 'snooker.'

Chamberlain said: "The term was a new one to me but I soon had the opportunity of exploiting it when one of our party failed to hole a coloured ball which was close to a corner pocket. I called out to him: 'Why, you're a regular snooker.' I had to explain to the company the definition of the word and to soothe the feelings of the culprit I added that we were all, so to speak, snookers at the game, so it would be very appropriate to call the game snooker. The suggestion was adopted with enthusiasm and the game has been called snooker ever since."

In 1876, when Chamberlain left the Devons to join the Central India Horse, he took the game with him. After being wounded in the Afghan War, he served with the Commander-in-Chief of the Madras Army and was with him every summer when he

moved to the hill station at Ootacamund. Snooker came to be recognised as the speciality of the Ooty Club and the rules of the game were drawn up and posted in the billiards room.

During the 1880s, rumours of the new game reached England, and John Roberts, the most famous billiards player of the day, determined to find out more while on a tour of India. One evening in 1885 in Calcutta, Chamberlain was dining with the Maharajah of Cooch Behar when Roberts was introduced to him. Roberts took the game back to England.

It was a long time before snooker became widely played and even longer before it finally outstripped billiards in popularity. One man helped to popularise it more than any other — Joe Davis, who sadly died last summer. Joe won the world professional championship on its inception in 1927 and went on to take the title every year (with a wartime break) until 1947, when he retired and allowed someone else a chance.

But with his retirement, professional snooker also declined almost to extinction. It was finally saved by a new invention — colour television. As a game in which colour plays a vital role, it was tailor made for television. BBC's 'Pot Black' was launched in July 1969 and this was to be the vehicle by which professional snooker players established national fame as well as causing a massive boom in snooker which has continued throughout the seventies.

All this information and much, much more can be found in a new book, 'The Story of Billiards and Snooker' (Cassell, £6.95), by Clive Everton, five times Welsh amateur billiards champion and Editor of 'Snooker Scene.'

He traces the rise and fall of billiards and

One of the most ironical things about snooker is that although the Army invented it there is no official Army championship and it is not even a recognised Army sport.

In fact, as Colonel John Grattan, secretary of the Army Sports Control Board, points out, the game has been in decline in the Army for many years — and there has been no boom in the seventies.

Before the war every Army officers' and sergeants' messes had its own billiards room and while some have survived, most have not. In recent years a number of Royal Air Force stations have been converted to Army use — these invariably had billiard tables but already some of these rooms have been converted to ladies' rooms and other uses.

"It's never been a soldiers' game," said Colonel Grattan. "It was really only an after-dinner pastime in the officers' and sergeants' messes and there has never been an official Army competition."

the rise, fall and rise again of snooker with an impeccable attention to detail. Contained in the story are all the little personal peccadilloes which often led to success or failure for protagonists in games which demand absolute concentration and impeccable skills. And for the statistically minded there are charts of all the world and British billiards and snooker championships for more than a century.



Top left: Ray Reardon, who was world champion six times but was knocked out in the 1979 event.

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SOLDIER to Soldier

No sooner had the Army's new pay rates been published in **SOLDIER** News than the new Government very quickly met its election promise to increase the rates to the full comparability recommended by the Armed Forces Pay Review Body. And in addition the new Secretary of State for Defence announced that it was the Government's intention to maintain in the future the parity now reached.

While there are problems as yet unsolved, particularly perhaps that of separation, there is no doubt that the pay award is a big boost to morale. Money may not be the answer to everything but the increased pay will certainly make life easier, particularly for the Service families.

What effect the new pay rates will have on recruiting remains to be seen. While again money is only one factor when a career in the Services is being considered, it is an important factor and may well carry more weight today than it has in the past.

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Another recruiting incentive is the help given towards a second career at the end of Colour service. There has always been, for example, a steady demand for the qualifications of leadership, management, honesty and reliability offered by ex-warrant officers and senior non-commissioned officers.

It was obviously more than a surprise to him, therefore, when an ex-company sergeant-major was twice turned down on applying for a local authority post looking after young offenders on community work. The sergeant-major appealed but his claim was rejected by an industrial tribunal.

He had, he said, served as an infantry company sergeant-major and was a veteran of the Western Desert and Burma campaigns. But, it is reported, he was turned down because of his 'sergeant-major' attitude which, probation officers told the tribunal, was not sufficiently sympathetic or diplomatic to allow him to be in charge of young offenders.

Whether the particular sergeant-major was the man for the job or not, many would argue that a taste of military-type discipline would not be amiss in the ranks of the younger generation's unruly elements.

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During a two-day visit by the Duke and Duchess of Wellington to 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, in Germany — the Duke is Colonel-in-Chief of the only regiment named after other than royalty — the Duchess looked in on the local forces primary school.

Turning to leave, she overheard an eight-year-old stage-whisper to a friend, "Is that Mrs Thatcher?" The Duchess bent down to the little girl, smiled, and said: "My husband may be the Iron Duke but that doesn't make me an Iron Lady!"

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THE story about the American GI who recently emerged after spending 28 years hiding in a house in Germany was rather reminiscent of those Japanese soldiers who still pop up from time imagining that World War Two is still going.

And it set us thinking about what differences a British soldier would notice who went to ground in 1951 and now returned. Perhaps his last glimpse might have been of **SOLDIER**'s June 1951 issue — how would he compare it with this month's? In those days the war had not been long over and although the Festival of Britain was attempting to lighten people's hearts it was still a country vividly described by Anthony Burgess in 'The Worm and the Ring' as 'grey with penury.' The biggest difference is apparent in the advertisement columns. In those days the soldier was reckoned to be a good customer for hair oil, boot polish, razor blades and roll your own fags. But today's well-paid serviceman is the target for car, housing and luxury goods advertisers — a good measure of the difference between now and those National Service days.

The Glorious Glosters had just staged their memorable battle in Korea, the Z reservists were training, the Malayan emergency was still on and the announcement was made that the Army was to introduce a new .280 automatic loading rifle to replace the .303 Short Lee/Enfield.

And of course **SOLDIER** in those days was never complete without the back cover pin-up. Janet Leigh adorned the back page, complete with a suitable piece of doggerel: 'Witches in tales, Have long noses and nails, They are bad eggs — But you never see their legs.' Perhaps it was verse like that which finally forced our imaginary soldier to opt out!

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An enjoyable regular feature of an American contemporary, the monthly *Army*, published by the Association of the United States Army, is the amusing anecdotes contributed by serving and ex-service personnel. Naturally, many of these are 'in house' and their significance is somewhat lost outside the US Army, but others are universal.

One of the latter concerns radio procedure. Back in 1963, during an exercise, a lieutenant leading an armoured advance to contact, called in to his battalion commander:

'Big Six, this is Bravo Six. Over.'

The conversation continued: 'Bravo Six, this is Big Six. Over.'

'This is Bravo Six. Arrived Checkpoint Apple. Over.'

'This is Big Six. Roger. Over.'

'This is Bravo Six. Out.'

At which point, notes the story, the battalion commander decided the time had come to let everyone know who was in command:

'Bravo Six, this is Big Six. You don't out the out. If anybody outs the out, I out the out. OUT!'

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OTTERBURN is a wild and woolly Army training area in Northumberland. Woolly is perhaps the operative word for it was Otterburn which gave rise to that memorable **SOLDIER** tongue-twister headline 'Midst Shot, Shell and Sheep.'

In fact the population of Scottish Blackface sheep in that area far exceeds that of humans. And even Army training has to stop during the lambing season.

A few years ago, after a commandant had been shot by a crazed gunman, a perimeter fence was erected around the camp area — which also excluded the sheep. All very well, except that the grass started to grow and when Lieutenant-Colonel 'Mac' McLean took over as commandant he found that contractors were asking £10,000 a year to mow the camp grounds.

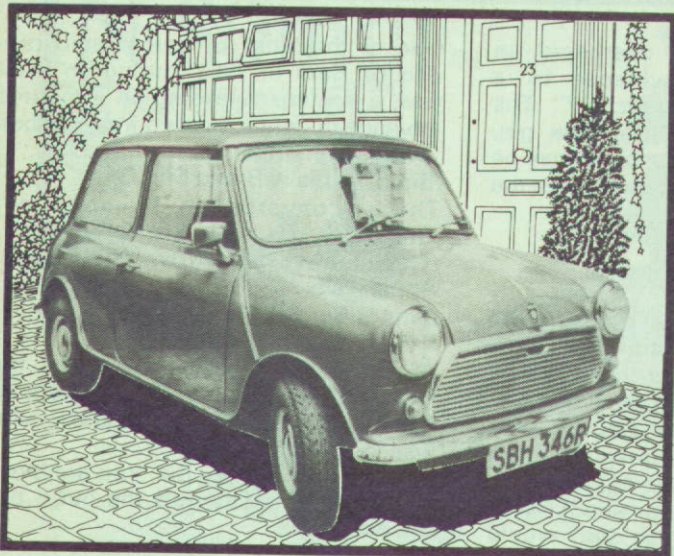
Not the man to have the wool pulled over his eyes, Colonel McLean soon came up with a solution. Back came sheep inside the fence and now the grass is kept nice and short — and at no cost.

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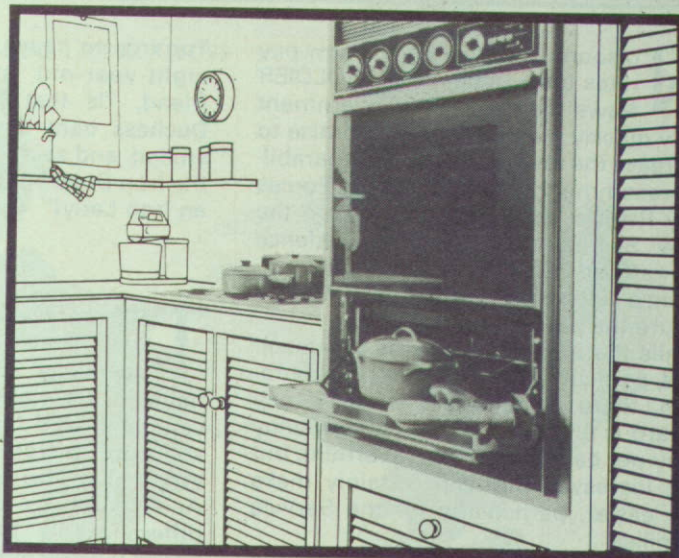
After a reasonably steady run, **SOLDIER** has again fallen behind its schedule. The April issue was affected by the weather — snow prevented men from getting into work at the printers — and by other factors and was late. The May issue suffered from more printing problems, from following a delayed April number and from the Easter and May Day holidays. As a result it was nearly five weeks late.

SOLDIER apologises to readers, many of whom wrote in or telephoned to ask where their copies had got to. Hopefully, this June issue will catch up to some extent and, looking into the crystal ball, the July **SOLDIER** will be published on or near its proper date.

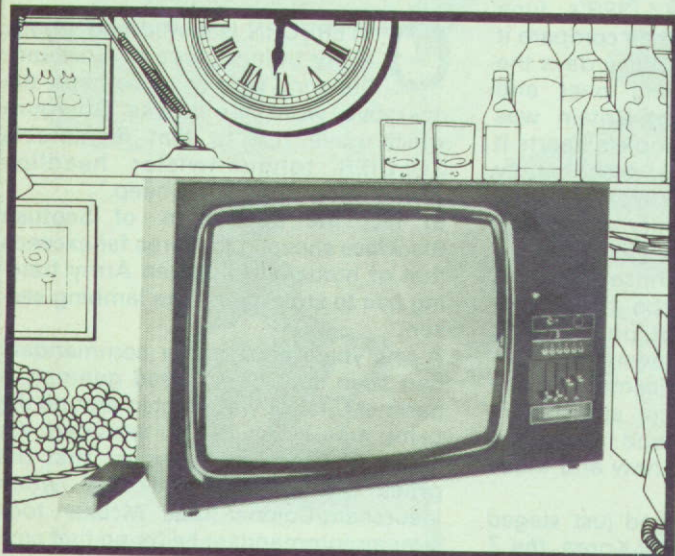
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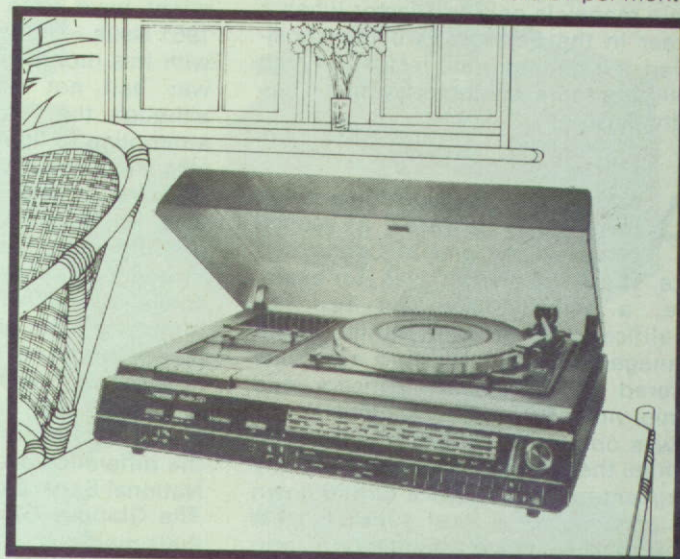
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THE YOUNG LIONS



THE FOUR SOLDIERS had spent hours wriggling cautiously across the grass through the darkness and towards the ruined house. Inside were the enemy. On a given signal all four charged through a hole in the wall — only to be tripped up one by one as they entered.

In real life they would all have been killed — just one lesson for cadets taking part in this year's UKLF leadership course on the Stanford training area in Norfolk.

The 24-hour Exercise 'Stafford Knot' (so called because men of 1st Battalion, The Staffordshire Regiment, acted as enemy) was the culmination of an exhausting ten days for 285 handpicked cadets reckoned to be the cream of the country's Combined Cadet and Army Cadet Forces as well as ten top Canadian cadets selected at last year's summer camps in Canada.

There had been lots of instruction during the previous nine days — basic weapon handling, fieldcraft, patrolling, survival techniques, watermanship, an assault course competition, lectures and motorcycling. Now most of what they had learned was to be put into practice.

The cadets were divided into eight platoons, each with three sections, and every one faced its own enemy. The exercise was scattered around the training area but co-ordinated and synchronised so that all the platoons faced the same problems and tasks. The exercise story was that a Hercules aircraft had crashed in the mountains and its secret radar equipment had been captured by the enemy. The cadets' task was to find the equipment and recapture it.

As some of the cadets crossed water with the aid of a homemade raft towed by an assault boat, American A10 aircraft screamed overhead. They had been called in from Mildenhall to help provide a bit of realism for the exercise.

Sapper Sergeant John Oxley, from Waterbeach, had given watermanship instruction earlier — now he was watching to see just how well his pupils had learned. It was the first time he had ever worked with cadets. "They put an awful lot into it and are very good. We have to remember that they are not trained soldiers and are only young lads. But they do enjoy everything."

Further on, another group was digging in at its base location. Section appointments were being changed — this was done every



Above: Canadian chalk leader watches cadets as they board waiting Wessex.

Left: "I have no live blanks, pyrotechnics or empty cases in my possession, sir."

Story:
John Walton

Pictures:
Doug Pratt



Above: Crossing the water on the way to enemy.

Left: Then they take up positions and watch.

Below left: Slippery perch for those on raft.



few hours so that every cadet would get the chance to show his leadership potential. Said Lieutenant John Lockwood, of the Staffords: "What they lack in professionalism they more than make up with enthusiasm. We are not looking for the professional soldiering side but how they cope with the situation — not so much how they do but what they do."

That night attack in which they were ambushed by the enemy was followed by a morning ambush in which the cadets finally recaptured the radar equipment. And the A10s shot across the skies again — this time on the side of the cadets.

Major Michael Howes, chief instructor for the exercise, was pleased: "The cadets have behaved very well indeed. They are excellent guys. The main problem has been to ensure that safety is predominant while ensuring as much realism as possible."

"We have had one or two injuries from the assault course and motorcycling but by and large they have been very sensible and we have to accept that whatever you do on a physical course you are bound to get one or two minor injuries."

At the end of the exercise, the cadets relaxed and waited to be lifted back to camp by Royal Air Force Wessex and Puma helicopters. Then they were told how well or badly they had done. Captain Malcolm Lawson, commander of 8 Cadet Training Team at Guildford, told his platoon: "For people who have been together for less than two weeks it would have done any training company in any training depot proud to see the way you went through this morning."

The cadets, too, were pleased. David Phythian, from Birkenhead Combined Cadet Force and heading for a career in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers,



told SOLDIER: "It's been the best thing I've ever been on in a cadet camp. It was very well organised and we learned a lot."

Richard Mobbs (16), from Plymouth and intending to be a Royal Marine, said: "Of all the courses this is the one that every cadet in the country wants to get on." The Canadians were also impressed. Jim Spratley (16), from Pickering, Ontario, remarked: "It's been really exciting and we have nothing on this scale for cadets in Canada."

The majority of the cadets intend to follow Service careers. But Major Howes stressed: "This has not been a recruiting exercise but to develop leadership within the Army and the country overall. Some of them will probably go into commerce or industry and that is fine because we need leaders there in just the same way as in the Services."

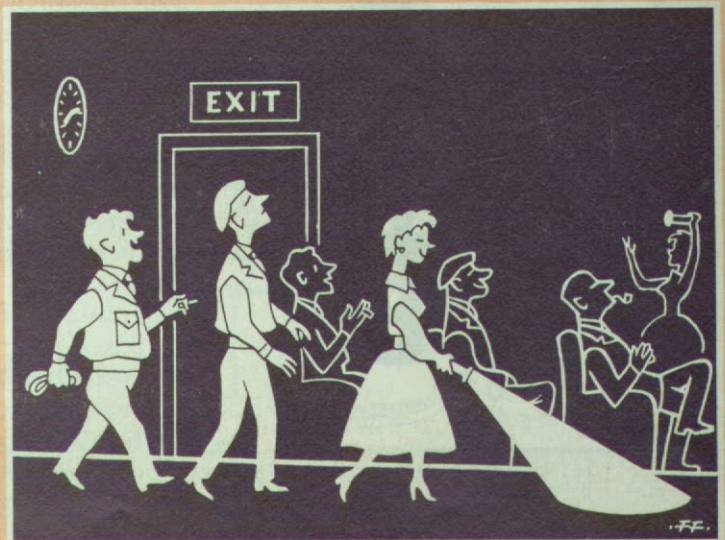
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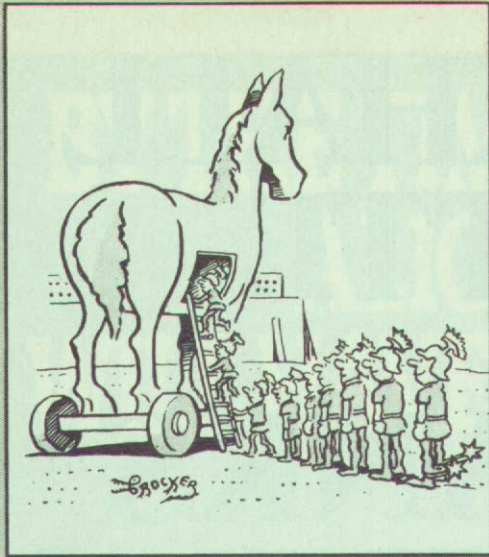
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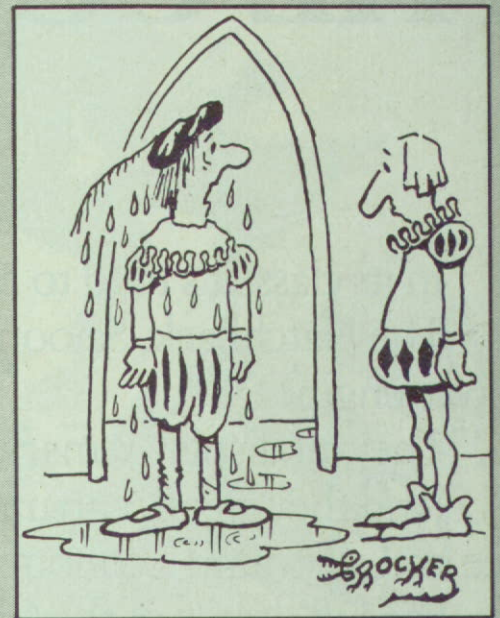


"Do you have to yell 'Venus here we come', every time we hit a pothole?"

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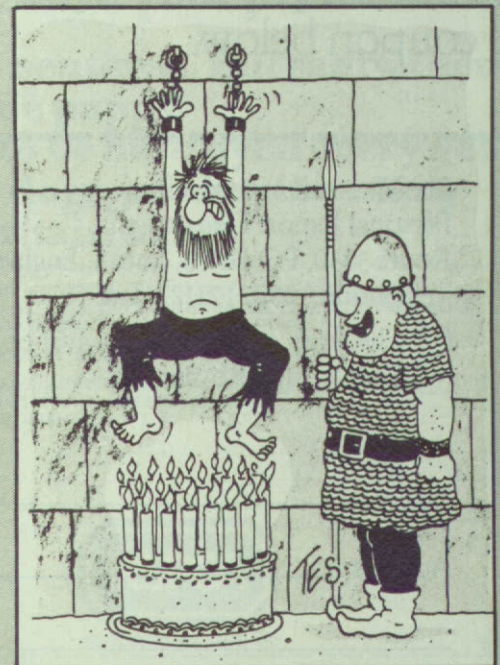
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HELICOPTER ROTOR BLADES pummeling the humid air punctuate the soldiers' lives, marking the beginning or the end of sweat-soaked slogs through the steamy jungle of Belize.

For the RAF's Puma aircraft are their lifeline for men of 1st Battalion, Irish Guards, on operational duty in the tiny Caribbean country threatened with invasion by its land-hungry neighbour, Guatemala.

For more than half a year, the Irish Guards are trading their spit-and-polish world of public duties back in the United Kingdom to form the backbone, supported by gunners and sappers, of Battle Group South — guarding roughly half the country of Belize which is about the size of Wales. Another battlegroup in the north is similarly constituted around a different battalion.

The Guards have two rifle companies and elements of their support company with them as well as their corps of drums, working as an infantry platoon, which rotates in mid-tour with the battalion's pipers currently back home in Windsor with the remaining rifle company.

Southern Belize is considerably wetter and more humid than the north and dense jungle swathes much of its rolling uplands, hence much of the Irish Guards' time is spent on jungle patrols.

No strangers to Belize — they have visited twice in recent years — the Guards still found it necessary to brush up their jungle

skills and a constant stream of them went through jungle training at a school set up in the hinterland. But once on patrol, the guardsmen are on their own. Hacking through the tangle of vines was likened by Captain Sebastian Roberts to 'Mountaineering through malignant spaghetti.'

A patrol's last link with its own temporary 'home' in the relative comfort of metal-domed Nissen huts is the Puma helicopter, the thumping of its rotor blades soon drowned by the slash of machetes on the greasy vines and the constant chatter of unseen jungle fauna.

A week later, the friendly chatter of the 'chopper's' blades returns to rendezvous with the patrol — their Caribbean suntans greyed by days under the light-excluding canopy of lush jungle greenery. Blinking in the sunlight bathing the cluster of huts on Salamanca's hillside, they relax for some three days before setting out again into the merciless sauna conditions for another stint of duty.

Some 90 per cent of the battalion's patrols come and go from Salamanca — 'the sharp end' as its temporary inhabitants call it. And it is from there that men go to the very tip of that sharp end — Cadenas observation point — perched on a ridge overlooking a Guatemalan camp just the other side of the border. "We fly our flag and they fly theirs. It's a real outpost of the Empire," quipped a guardsman.

It was here two years ago that a company strength of the Irish Guards watched anxiously as the Guatemalan vehicles began to 'roll' their way. The tension was unbearable until two RAF Harrier jets 'buzzed' the area and sent the would-be invaders scuttling back for cover. A salutary example of the close co-operation between the RAF and Army in Belize.

On patrol, the guardsmen relieve the monotony of exhausting trail-blazing through the jungle by visiting the scattered settlements — mostly peopled by the friendly Mayan Indians, remnants of an ancient civilisation — and checking the accuracy of maps for the position of tracks and river crossings.

The Irish Guards have sensibly armed themselves not with their usual self-loading rifle but with the Americans' jungle-proven M16A1 assault rifle, popularly known as the Armalite.

This small, light 5.56mm-round weapon is less bulky to heft through the clinging jungle vines and has a smoother contour to avoid getting caught in that 'malignant spaghetti.'

Lighter to carry, it is a boon to the guardsman weighed down with his large pack containing all he needs to sustain him for a week in the wild — plus that all important ration of water.

The main concentration of troops is at Rideau Camp, carved out of the jungle by

Micks trade parades for the jungle



Story: Mike Starke
Picture: Les Wiggs

Above: Jungle drums — well drummers anyway. The corps of drums back from the jungle by helicopter from a patrol.

the Royal Engineers back in 1977 (see SOLDIER July 1977) and now home to some of their colleagues from 9 (Parachute) Squadron, Royal Engineers, who are supporting the Irish Guards there. Rideau is a 'silver city' of more domed huts with thick cable 'straps' anchoring them to the ground against the violent hurricanes that from time to time lash this usually placid Caribbean coastline.

The Irish Guards' Regimental Sergeant-Major Dennis Cleary summed up life at Rideau: "It's hard work just living here. The weather and conditions make it very much an operational environment. It's hotter, wetter, hillier and more remote than the north of Belize. Mind you, it's good fun from a soldiering point of view. But it's no holiday camp, that's for sure!"

On the seafront near the Toledo regional capital of Punta Gorda, the Irish Guards overlook a bay whose far shore — visible on a clear day — is Guatemalan. Out to sea another observation post on Hunting Caye provides a further task of remote vigilance.

Waterways honeycomb the low coastal plain of this part of Belize and the Irish Guards run continuous river and creek patrols in craft manned by their sapper colleagues, making a cooling contrast to the fetid operations deep in the jungle on patrol.

Each day starts at the crack of dawn around 0530 with a run (the current Army fitness fad is not allowed to be neglected

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The contrast between the Irish Guards' public spectacle of ceremonial duties in Windsor and London as opposed to their operational role in Belize was highlighted by their celebrations this year, at home and abroad, of St Patrick's Day.

Brilliant sunshine broke through the wintry chill of Victoria Barracks, Windsor, to greet the Queen Mother, who came to present the shamrocks to the remnants of 1st Battalion, Irish Guards.

The Irish Guards pride themselves on holding their traditional shamrock distribution, even on active service, so it was no surprise that at the same time as the wintry sun bathed the parade at Windsor, its fiercer tropical face was turned on a parade on the main body of the battalion on its unaccompanied tour in Belize.

Formed up at Ridea Camp in southern Belize, the parade heard a recorded address by the Queen Mother, echoing the simultaneous one 3000 miles away in Windsor, and the traditional shamrock was distributed by the Governor, Mr P D McEntee. This was not as easy as it sounds — Quartermaster Captain Ray Cowap had 'taken delivery' of the consignment of greenery four days earlier from an aircraft and had had to keep the plants fresh in the humid climate so different from the shamrock's native Cork.

The tiny plants were laid out on damp blankets under cover and watered every two hours round the clock until the appointed hour. The careful nursing paid off and each guardsman received his shamrock as fresh as the day it was plucked.

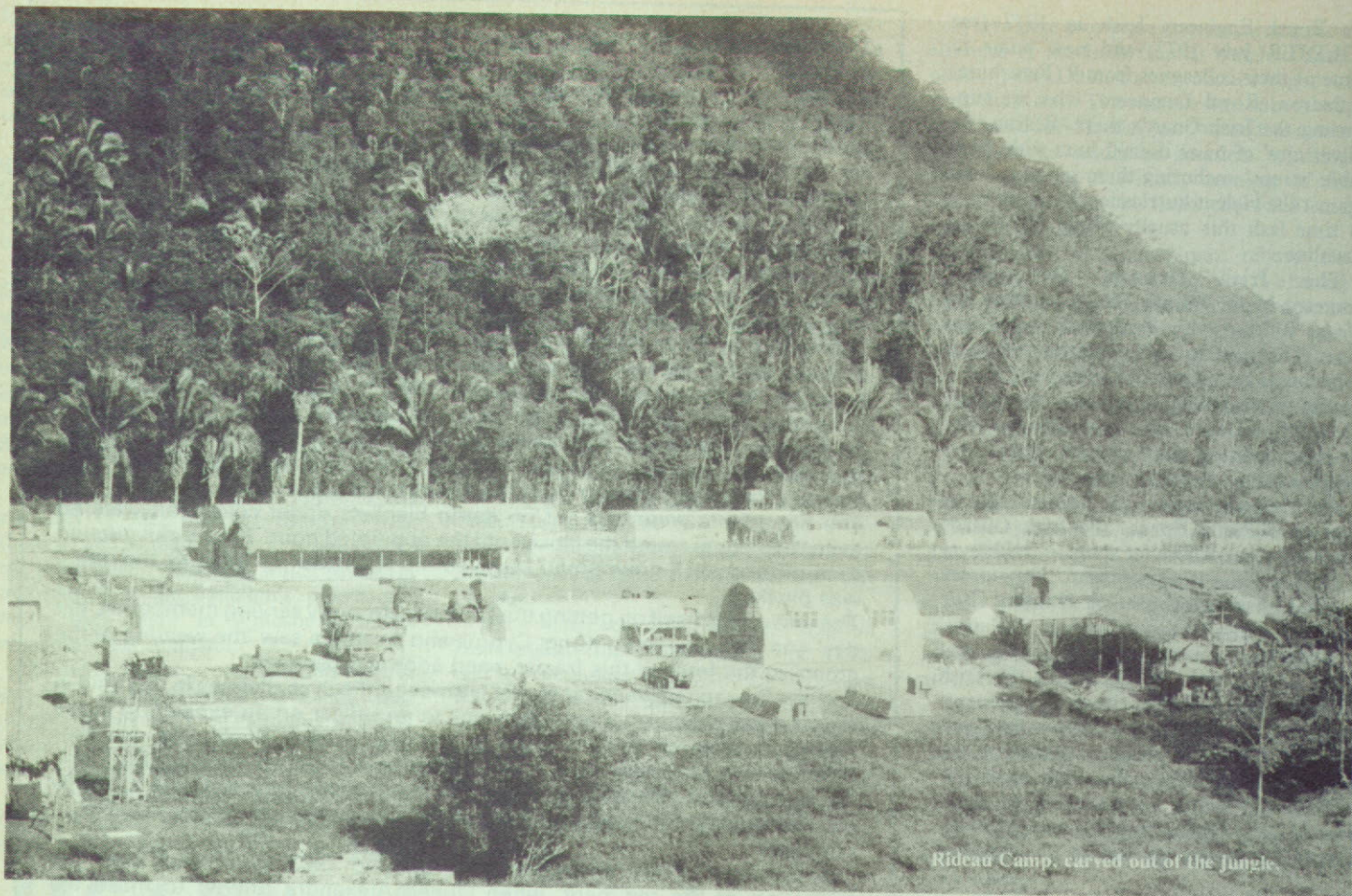
The unit prides itself on getting the shamrock to every serving member on 'the day' and this year Hong Kong, Cyprus and Australia saw 'the wearing of the green' in the form of this fragile weed adorning headgear.

Captain Cowap recalled that one of his most difficult challenges in this field in recent years was to get the shamrock to an officer on an expedition in the remote jungles of Panama. Up to the last minute there was no clear indication as to where exactly the officer would be on the day. But, sure enough, when St Paddy's Day dawned, a helicopter hovered over a hastily cut clearing and the shamrock was carefully lowered to the eager Irish hands beneath!

The tradition of the shamrock goes back to 1902, two years after the formation of the regiment, when Queen Alexandra offered to make the annual presentation to the Irish Guards on St Patrick's Day (17 March). The Queen Mother first performed the task in 1928 when, as Duchess of York, she distributed the shamrock on behalf of the Princess Royal.

Below: Queen Mother gives shamrock to mascot.
Below right: More shamrock out in Belize camp.





Rideau Camp, carved out of the jungle

even on operational duty) and can spread deep into the stifling afternoon heat for most of the men.

With work as hard as this it is essential to keep supplies for hungry and thirsty troops on the move. And this is no mean task in an area connected to the main British Forces base at Airport Camp in central Belize by a switchback road that can take eight hours to travel — providing the rickety bridges have not been swamped by flash floods.

So the Irish Guards depend on their air and sea links, provided by the RAF with their ubiquitous Pumas and the Royal Corps of Transport with their bluff-bowed ramped powered lighters that plod down the coast twice a week with vital stores. The guardsmen are full of praise for these lifelines that keep them in food and material.

Co-ordinating these operations back at Airport Camp is the battalion's own unflappable quartermaster, Captain Ray Cowap, whose thankless task is occasionally lightened by 'challenges' radioed up the line from Rideau camp to test his never-ending patience. As a recent 'trade test' he was asked for fresh mint (to liven up refreshing noon-day drinks) and — unperturbed — met the challenge by finding a local shop that supplied the tangy herb!

Not all the Irish Guards' tour is taken up with work, though. Each man gets a chance to take two weeks' rest and recuperation leave and, once outside his operational role, the guardsman can easily see that he is strategically placed in what one described as a 'Caribbean paradise.'

Very much a 'family' unit, the Guards have seen to it that their own off-duty

comforts are well looked after with a leave centre at Placentia on the coast. Here a beach lodge is used as a base for sailing, swimming, snorkelling and canoeing as well as that most popular of sports, fishing, with all manner of exotic species to be hooked.

For those wishing to venture further afield, there are the delights of Acapulco and other Mexican resorts to sample as well as the playgrounds of Florida in the United States.

"We've taken every opportunity to take in what is around us here," added RSM Cleary. "After all, we don't know if we will pass this way again as a unit." Some have even arranged the trip of a lifetime for their

wives by flying them out to join them in the Caribbean for an idyllic holiday many less fortunate folk back home can only dream of.

But, leave over, it's back to the routine of the unaccompanied tour of duty. Four things are missed most, they say — tarmac roads, fresh milk, a cool breeze and, of course, one's female companion.

And all are agreed on one other point as well; the edge afforded by operational duty overseas is a refreshing contrast to the precise demands of ceremonial duties back home in Windsor and London. But as summer fades to autumn the Irish Guards will welcome their return to *that* as a contrast to the steam heat of Belize.



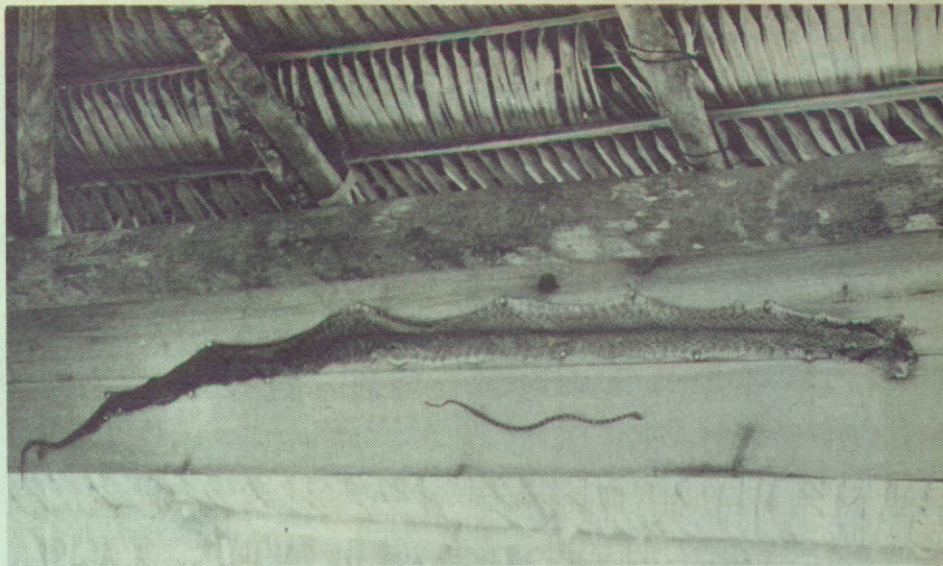
Right: Two pictures showing the contrasting roles for the Irish Guards' Drum-Major Chris Deane, just returned from a jungle patrol and at home on ceremonial duty leading the drums.



Above: It's a long way to Tipperary — among other places — for the Irish Guards in Belize.

Top right: The skin of a deadly fer de lance snake adorns the Salamanca officers' mess wall.

Right: A young visitor passes the time of day with the sentry on duty at the Rideau Camp gate.



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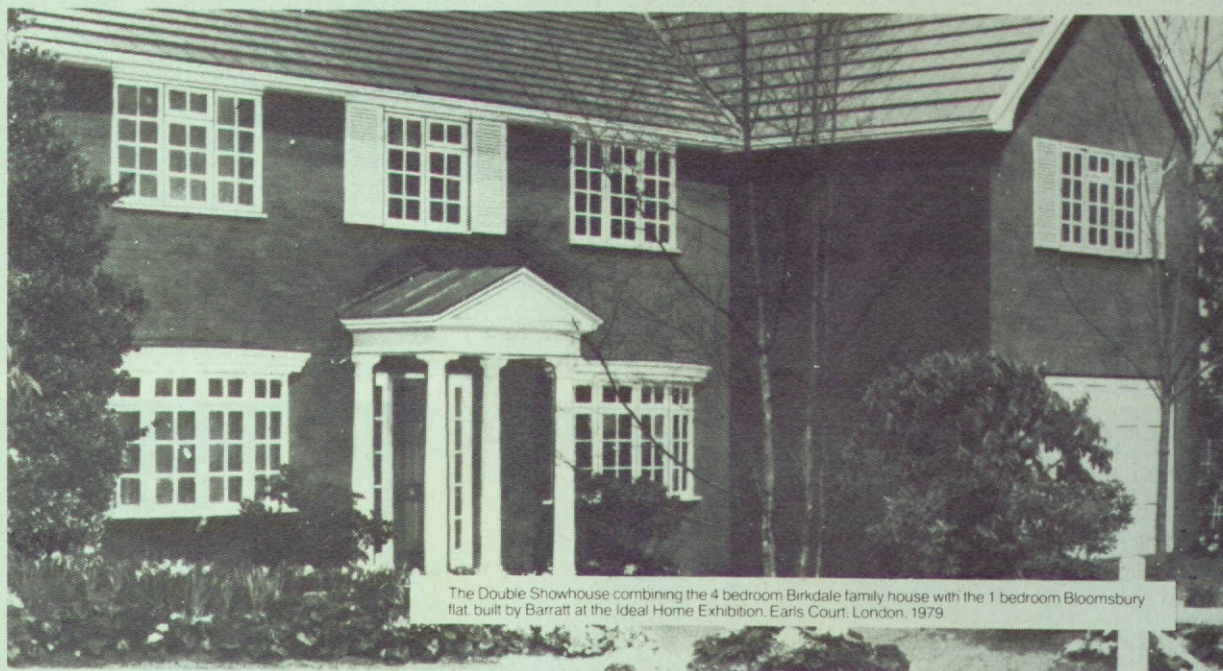


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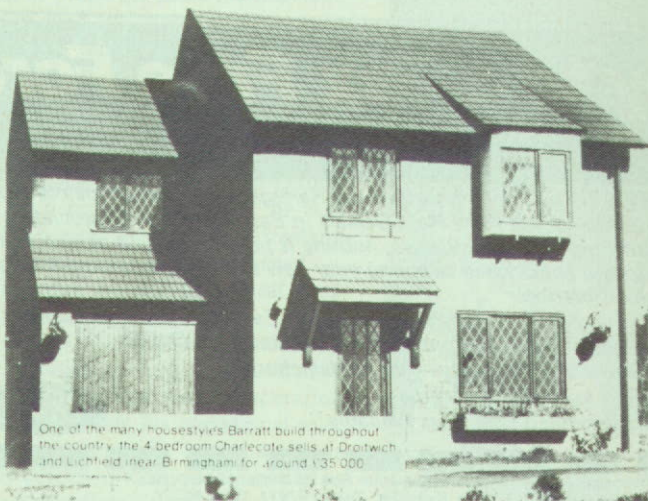


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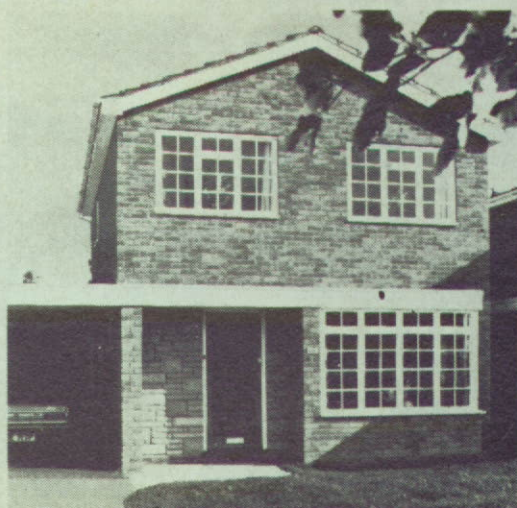
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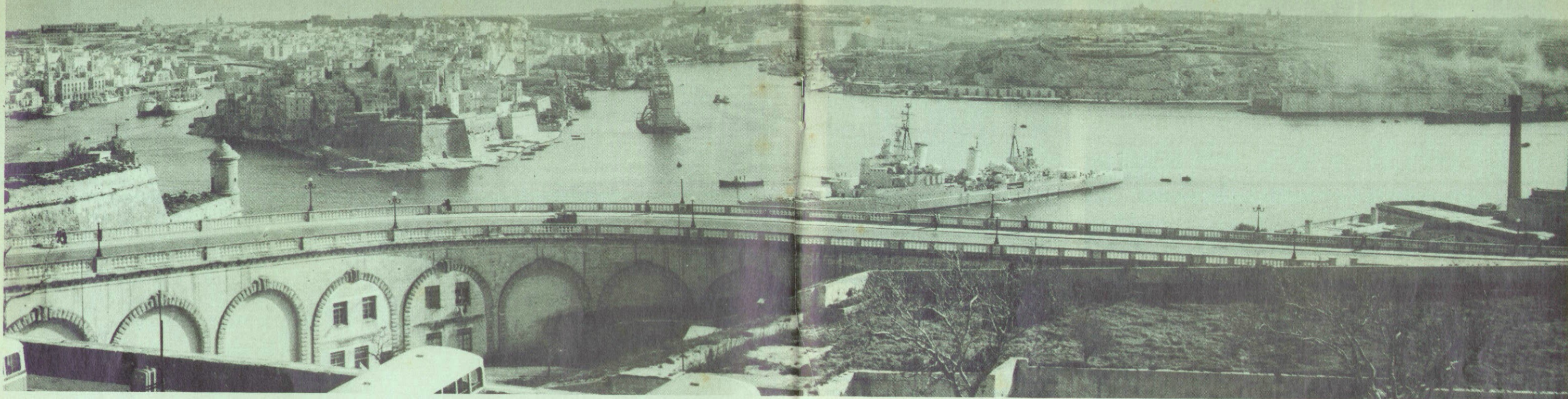
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NEARLY TWO CENTURIES of dramatic history closed on 1 April with an exchange of 21-gun salutes as the last British servicemen to be stationed in Malta sailed out of Grand Harbour aboard the guided missile ship HMS London. The Army's landing ship Sir Lancelot, which had taken the company of Royal Marines of 41 Commando aboard, left Malta earlier.

One of the last duties ashore was chaired by the last Commander British Forces Malta, Rear-Admiral Oswald Cecil, who held the final conference of senior officers in the Villa Bettina at Gudja, where General Graham, commanding the first brigade of British troops in Malta in 1799, had his headquarters. This villa, with its fine walled garden, was also the headquarters of The

Royal Hampshire Regiment in World War Two. Colonel P W G Seabrook, the senior British Army officer in Malta, was among those present at this final historic meeting. Earlier he had expressed wishes of good luck to the people of Malta in an interview on British Forces Broadcasting Service.

Admiral Cecil told the assembled officers that there were still many Maltese in all three British Services and added that the Services still had the most cordial relations with the Armed Forces of Malta, successors to the Royal Malta Artillery.

Regiments on the island during Brigadier-General Graham's day included the Royal Artillery, the 30th of Foot (with officers from the 56th of Foot attached) and the Marines. History repeated itself at that final meeting - for those present included Colonel Seabrook, of the Royal Artillery, Major M E F Green of The Queen's Lancashire Regiment (descendants of the 30th of Foot), Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Holman of The Royal Anglian Regiment (descendants of the 56th of Foot) and Major I C Martin of the Royal Marines.

The shore salute of 21 guns was fired from Fort St Elmo, on the seaward point of Valletta, by Malta's artillery regiment, until recently the Royal Malta Artillery, whose Colonel-in-Chief was Her Majesty the Queen.

The RMA had precedence in the British Army after the Army Air Corps and was awarded the battle honour 'Egypt 1882,'

having had a battery serving with the British forces engaged in that campaign.

In World War Two, guns from St Elmo and other nearby coastal defences destroyed the E-boats and the secret one-man torpedo boats sent from Italy to make the only seaborne attack during Malta's epic siege.

As HMS London sailed for the open sea, the Royal Marines band played 'Auld Lang Syne' and thousands of Maltese thronged the ramparts and bastions of Valletta and the Three Cities around Grand Harbour in their last farewell to British servicemen. During the war the Maltese had also gathered in multitude to welcome in the merchant ships, then shepherded by Royal Navy warships and Royal Air Force fighter planes.

At the same time, on the ground, the Army's anti-aircraft guns were fighting off the raiding bombers and fighters while the infantry were manning their defence posts around airfields and harbours. They were also manually unloading the precious cargoes in harbour and speeding the turn-round of fighter aircraft on the airfields. Four-man teams (two Army and two RAF) became expert in refuelling and re-arming the Spitfires in a matter of minutes.

On 1 April 1979, as HMS London sailed into the distant haze, officers and ratings took a final look at the huge stone ramparts and bastions, curtains and barrackas of the fortified city of Valletta, recording for the last time that impression of solid, staid and steadfast strength that had impressed all

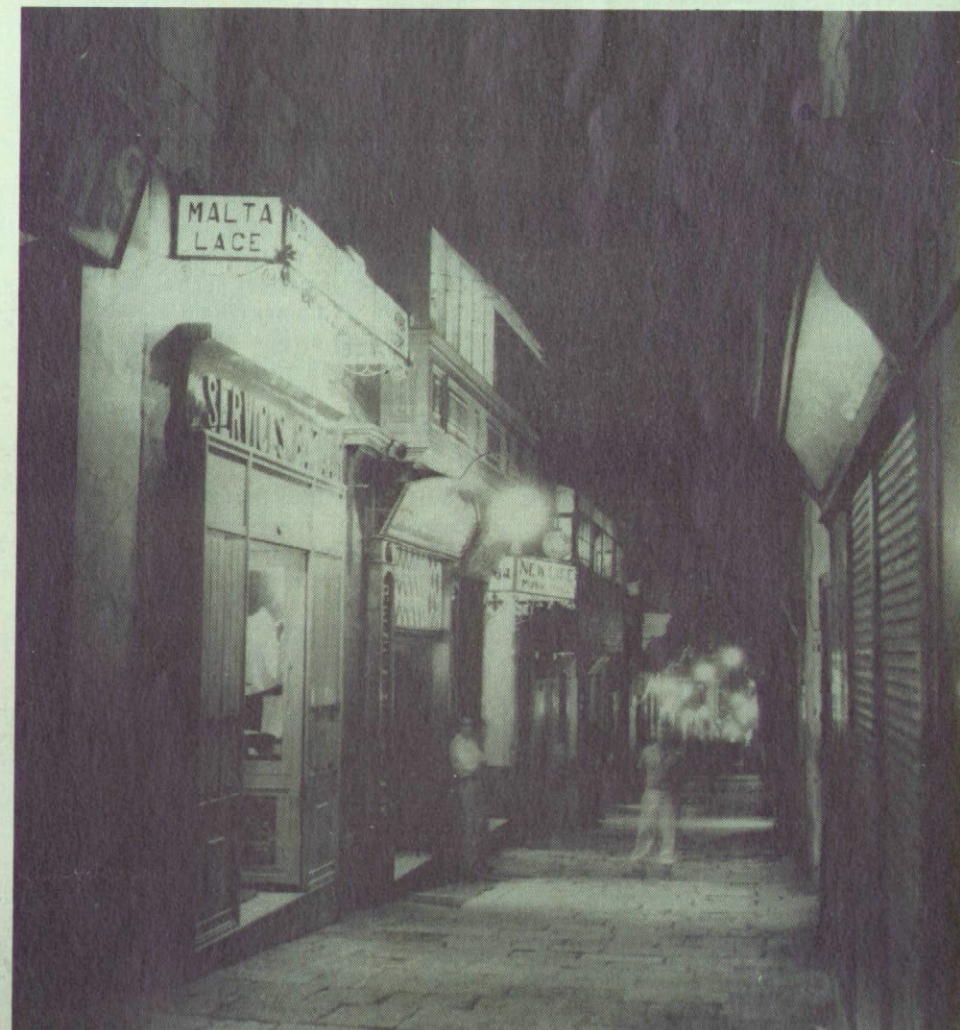
those who came by troopship and warship in the past 180 years.

Overhead, airmen in an RAF Nimrod, flying out as symbolic escort and dipping in salute, looked down to see the tiny leaf-shaped island as soldiers of the modern Army have first viewed it in more recent years of airtrooping. As the wartime garrison, too, knew it intimately - with each distinctive huge domed and twin-spired village church towering like a mother hen over the surrounding brood of farmers' cottages, villas, schools and coffee shops.

There were tears in the eyes of Maltese civilians waving goodbye and from one group of girls could be heard the quavering strains of 'We'll meet again.' So many have lasting memories of Tommy, Joe and Jack. There were emotional moments, too, when Maltese visited St Francis Ravelin, Floriana, during the two-week period before the closedown, to wish good luck to the staff of the British Forces Broadcasting Service, which had entertained Maltese civilians and British Service personnel and their families for the past 21 years. They brought presentation cakes and other offerings and were happy to go away with handshakes and autographs.

These thoughts and emotions stemmed from the recent past and from the war years - now nearly four decades past - but the British serviceman's ties are deeper still,

continued over



Above: A splendid panoramic view of Malta's Grand Harbour during the days now ended. Right: Not so nice was Strait Street, or 'The Gut,' a byword in seamy night entertainment.

Story: George Hogan

Guest writer GEORGE HOGAN was in Malta during the rundown to final withdrawal of British servicemen. He was Deputy Editor of SOLDIER from 1969 to 1971 and is author of the recently published 'Malta: The Triumphant Years 1940-43,' a dramatic record of the life and morale of the garrison during the epic siege.



Above. A reminder of the dark days of war in which the Maltese earned their George Cross, as smoke from Talabot obliterates Floriana on 25 March 1942 after another air raid by the Axis.

going back to 1798 when the Maltese called upon Admiral Lord Nelson to help them evict the French from the island. The British flag was first raised on 9 February 1799 — some months before British troops arrived — by the patriot Vincent Borg who inspired his countrymen and was certain he could depend on Nelson. Captain Alexander Ball, besieging Valletta from seaward while the Maltese blockaded on land, was soon invited ashore and appointed president of the provisional government. The 30th and 89th Regiments of Foot (now The Queen's Royal Lancashire Regiment and The Royal Irish Rangers) landed on 9 December 1799. The 2nd Battalion of the 35th (The Royal Sussex Regiment) and the 48th (The Royal Anglian Regiment) arrived in July 1800. The French held out in the strongly fortified capital of Valletta but on 5 September 1800 the 35th entered the city and their King's Colour was the first British flag to be flown there.

It is an historic coincidence that when Malta was granted independence in 1964, The Royal Sussex Regiment was again present and the Union flag was hauled down by Lieutenant Stephen Thorpe, the youngest Regular officer serving with the battalion.

After the expulsion of the French, the Maltese asked for British protection to be continued and the nations of Europe signified their agreement in the Treaty of Paris in 1814.

Various constitutions were tried over the years, including advisory councils, diarchical government and self-government, until in 1964 Malta was granted full independence. A mutual defence agreement and grants of £50,000,000 over ten years meant that a British garrison remained for the island's defence. The continuing British presence helped to maintain Malta's economy and gave employment to many thousands. Nato's Mediterranean Fleet headquarters were set up in 1952 and continued for more than 20 years.

In 1972 the Maltese leaders sought a new

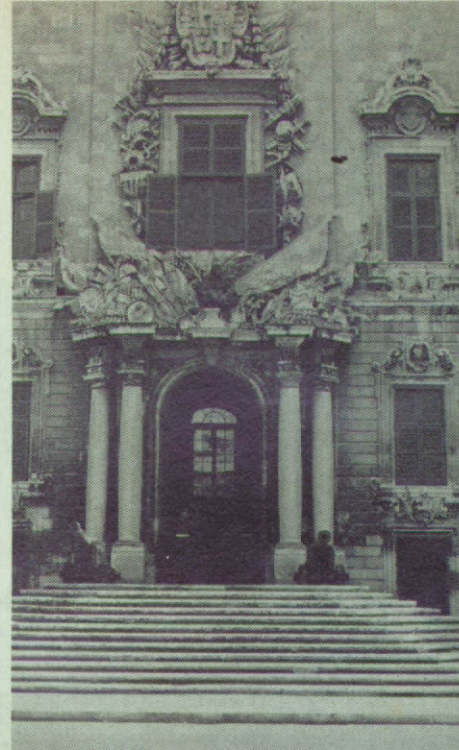
agreement with Britain but, before this was accomplished, political action caused tension and the British garrison began to withdraw. A well organised and smoothly carried out evacuation plan ensured that servicemen's families were flown home quickly and without untoward incident, while tens of thousands of tons of stores were loaded on to a fleet of ships in Grand Harbour.

At the eleventh hour a settlement was agreed and the garrison, although somewhat reduced, remained. It was that seven-year agreement that came to an end with the final withdrawal this year.

In recent years the largest single Army unit had been 234 Signal Squadron (Malta) commanded by Major E Pickup. This squadron had the distinction of being the longest continuously formed unit in the corps — having taken over from a Royal Engineers communications squadron in 1923. During all that time it had been a combined British-Maltese unit.

The Royal Engineers were also represented until the end — in fact one of the last senior non-commissioned officers to leave was Sergeant Whitmore, in charge of the last remaining British Forces Post Office in Malta, at RAF Luqa.

During World War Two some 15,000 British soldiers stood side-by-side with an equal number of Maltese gunners, infantrymen and pioneers, in the epic defence which gained the admiration of the free world and earned the George Cross awarded by King George VI. His grandfather, Edward VII, had bestowed the title 'King's Own' on the part-time infantry unit, The King's Own Malta Regiment, which was disbanded in 1972. During the war the regiment expanded to four infantry battalions while the Royal Malta Artillery totalled five regiments — two manning coastal defences, two heavy anti-aircraft and one light anti-aircraft. There was also a Maltese searchlight battery, a Malta Pioneer Group and the Fortress Squadron, Royal Engineers, manned by Maltese. When the



Above: The Castile in Valletta, the imposing building which was the Army's headquarters.

Governor, General Dobbie, called the nation to arms in 1940 — 'We fight or perish' — 3000 men joined the Home Guard in three days.

Eleven British regiments served on the island in World War Two and were awarded the battle honour 'Malta.' They included the Southern Infantry Brigade of Hampshire, Dorset and Devonshire regiments which went on to the offensive as Montgomery's independent 231st (Malta) Brigade in the invasion of Sicily and onward into Normandy with the first wave of the northern invasion. Thus were Malta's siege years of agony avenged.

But the island had not been merely defensive. While the Royal Artillery's six regiments, and the Royal Malta Artillery, put up tremendous barrages to safeguard ships in harbour and planes on the ground, the RAF and the Royal Navy's ships and submarines based in Malta were strafing Rommel's sea convoys and harassing inland in Sicily, Italy, North Africa and the Aegean. Malta-based planes and ships destroyed hundreds of thousands of tons of enemy shipping but the islanders suffered in turn when their homes and churches fell, battered by thousands of tons of bombs unloaded by the Regia Aeronautica and the Luftwaffe. In one month alone, April 1942, 6730 tons were dropped, 2000 of them on and around the defensive positions occupied by the 1500 men of the Southern Infantry Brigade guarding the vital Hal Far airfield, Safi strip and Luqa dispersal areas.

Since the crusades, when the Knights of St John of Jerusalem were forced to withdraw from the Holy Land, Malta has been the key to the Mediterranean. In 1565 the islanders and the Knights suffered the first great siege; their victory against the Turks at last halted the Eastern threat to Europe.

Malta's survival in World War Two was vital to the allies and her aggression instrumental in defeating Rommel. Had the island fallen, Axis forces might well have forced their way through Egypt and Turkey to Iran



Above: In 1967 the Queen presented 1st Bn, King's Own Malta Regiment, with new Colours.

and the East. Today, tiny Malta is the enigma of the Mediterranean, with the wish to stand alone in a world unsettled politically and economically. Her hopes lie with tourism and small industries. That envisages permanent peace.

This tiny island with a population scarcely larger than Portsmouth's, but sited midway between Europe and Africa, halfway between Gibraltar and Port Said, may still be of tactical, if not strategic, importance. Some say that with the great advances in modern weapons and communications her importance is negligible.

Lord Gort was advised, when sent to take over the governorship in May 1942, that his task might be to organise the capitulation within six weeks. Yet Malta and its garrison held — and saw Italy fall. The spirit and faith that sustained Malta then is needed today and in the critical years ahead.



Above: After the 1967 Colours presentation the Queen takes the salute at the march past.

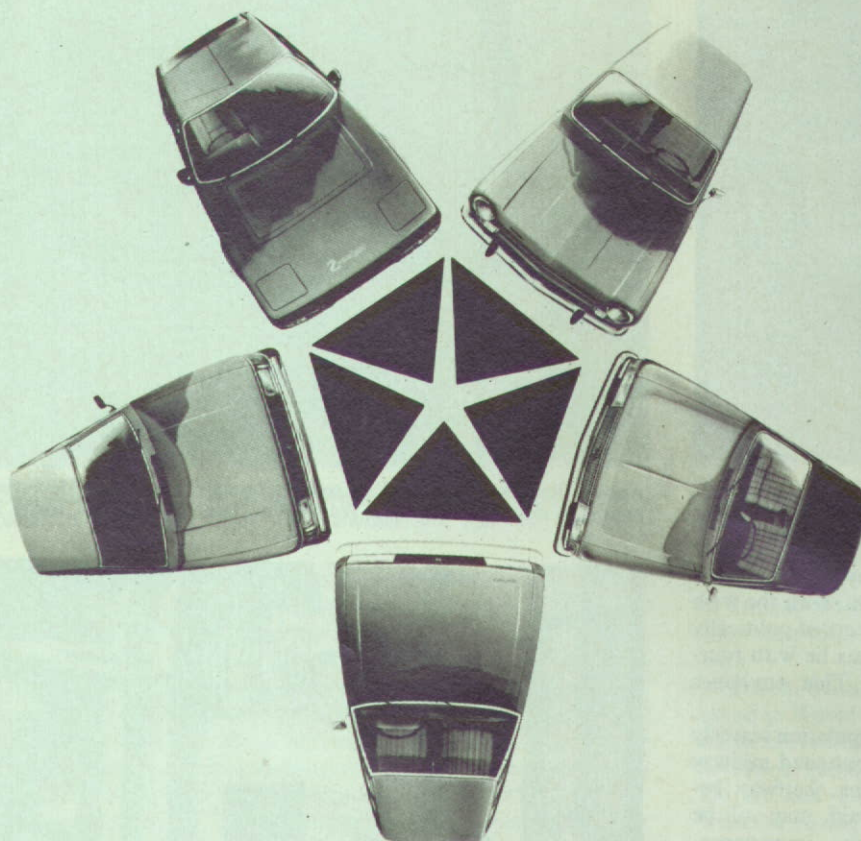


Above: 'Roll Out the Barrel' as soldiers trundle bombs to waiting bombers in World War Two.

Below: Memories of old Savings stamps as little Prince Charles and Princess Anne visit Malta.



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'The Royal Military Music Show, Halle Münsterland 1977' (Military bands — 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards; The Royal Hussars; Alamein Staff Band, Royal Tank Regiment; Scots Guards; 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots; 1st Battalion, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment; 1st Battalion, The Royal Hampshire Regiment. Pipes and drums — 4th Royal Tank Regiment; 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots. Pipes and drums and corps of drums — 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards. Choirs — Der Schulchor des Konrad-Schlaun-Gymnasium, Münster; Edinburgh BFES School, Münster; York BFES School, Münster. Dancers — York BFES School) (Directed by Major D R Beat) (RMS 103)

I thought we had seen the end of the Silver Jubilee, or at least the recorded contributions. Although a late arrival, the Halle Münsterland concert is as rewarding as ever when absorbed as a whole. In its parts, it suffers a little from acoustics, amateur (in the best sense) singing and a tantalising absence of the visual goings-on. What a joy it is to see children singing and dancing with the total engrossment, confidence and fearlessness stemming from innocence. The German children sound exactly the same as the British kids from the local BFES schools.

The massed bands give spirited performances, particularly of Laurie Johnson's popular 'Vivat Regina,' which must have pleased the hosts since it cleverly uses the old chorale Ein' Feste Burg against the vivats, Wagner's overture to 'Die Meistersinger,' Bayco's fine march 'Royal Wind-sor' and some excerpts from 'Pictures at an Exhibition.'

The pipes and drums give a quite normal display but unusually there are some marches from the massed corps of drums — those of the Devon and Dorsets and Scots Guards. Here is your chance to obtain, at last, Drum-Major Bur-kett's great favourite 'Haselmeere,' plus 'Little Drummer Boy,' 'Heart of Scotland,' 'Münsterland 77' and 'Under the Double Eagle.'

The British children sing 'When a Child is Born,' 'Rose of England' and (an inspiration) the 'Ascot Gavotte' from My Fair Lady. The German children sing, as their curtsy to the Queen, Ronald Binge's 'Elizabethan Serenade' and 'Fahrende Musikanten.'

All in all it must have been one of those old-fashioned heat-warming occasions where the producers thought not a note should be missed by

those unfortunate enough not to see the show. Two complete LPs in a colourful album of what Nato is all about. **RB**

Also on these records: Massed bands and fanfare trumpets — Deutschlandlied; God Save the Queen. 'Meet the Band' — Dizzy Fingers; Buglers' Holiday; Trombones to the Fore; On the Track. Massed bands, pipes and drums — Children of the Regiment; Scotland the Brave; Soldiers of the Queen; Mull of Kintyre; Standard of St George; Going Home. Massed corps of drums — Drummers' Call; Campbell Connolly. Massed bands and cavalry trumpet fanfare — Trumpet Fanfare. Massed pipes and drums — Within a Mile of Edinburgh Town; Flett from Flotta; Wee Highland Laddie; Wings; Mingulay Boat Song; Boys of Blue Hill; Donald Willie and His Dog; Flower of Scotland; Portsmouth. Massed bands: The Watermill.

The Regimental Band of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry presents 'Marches of the Canadian Armed Forces — Traditional and Contemporary' (Director of Music, Captain Leonard Camplin) (Westmount Records WSTM 7813)

Traditional and contemporary means, I suppose, old and new. I'm not sure that it was a good idea to issue fifty or so marches, played by the same band, in one double album. The records may have their domestic uses but, for the interested listener, tedium can set in quite early. We do things better by having bands record their own regimental music with contrasted items interspersed. Sorry, gentlemen, I gave up at the end of side one and switched to side four just to hear an old favourite of mine, 'Thro' Night to Light.' Smashing! And might even cause our collectors to pay for an hour-and-a-half's music to obtain two minutes-worth.

Side one is devoted to regimental trooping — all known except 'Ric-a-Dam-Doo' and 'Lady Patricia March' — side two to battalion and



regimental marches (all known except 'Winnipeg March') and sides three and four to odds and ends traditional and contemporary.

As I said, domestic needs may be satisfied to have all these tunes on one album, but the Fifes and Drums of Williamsburg (reviewed April) showed how to present a potentially monotonous programme with flair and imagination.

Princess Pat's double album is available at Canadian \$12.25 plus \$5.60 air or \$2.50 surface mail. **RB**

Also on these two records: Regimental Trooping — Fanfare; I'm Ninety-Five; Power House; Something About a Soldier; The Assembly; Land of Hope and Glory; The Colours; Sons of the Brave; British Grenadiers; Ric-a-Dam-Doo; Garb of Old Gaul; Lili Marlene; Regimental Quick March; British Grenadiers.

Battalion and regimental marches — The Maple Leaf (1 PPCLI); March Winnipeg (2 PPCLI); Imperial Echoes (3 PPCLI); I'm Ninety-Five (allied regiment, The Royal Green Jackets); Waltzing Matilda (allied regiment, The Royal Australian Regiment); Bonnie Dundee (4 PPCLI); The Royal Canadian Regiment; Vive La Canadienne (The Royal 22nd Regiment); The Longest Day (Canadian Airborne Forces); The

Standard of St George (Canadian Guards); The Buffs (The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada); The Highland Laddie (The Black Watch, Royal Highland Regiment of Canada).

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Brass in Brief

'Sailing from the Clyde' (Greenock and District Silver Band) (Musical Director: A G T Lucas) (Choir of St Michael's Academy, Kilwinning) (Conducted by Mrs McDonald) (EMI NOTE NTS 157)

Bits and pieces from TV, films, Burns and the Clyde. 'Hawaii Five-O,' 'Scots Wha' Ha'e,' 'Men of Harlech,' 'Jesus Christ Superstar,' 'Betty Dear,' 'Stranger on the Shore,' 'Sailing,' 'The Contester,' 'My Love is Like a Red Red Rose,' 'Frolic for Trombones,' 'Bramwyn' and the unforgiveable 'Clydescope Medley,' all with help from the choir. **RB**

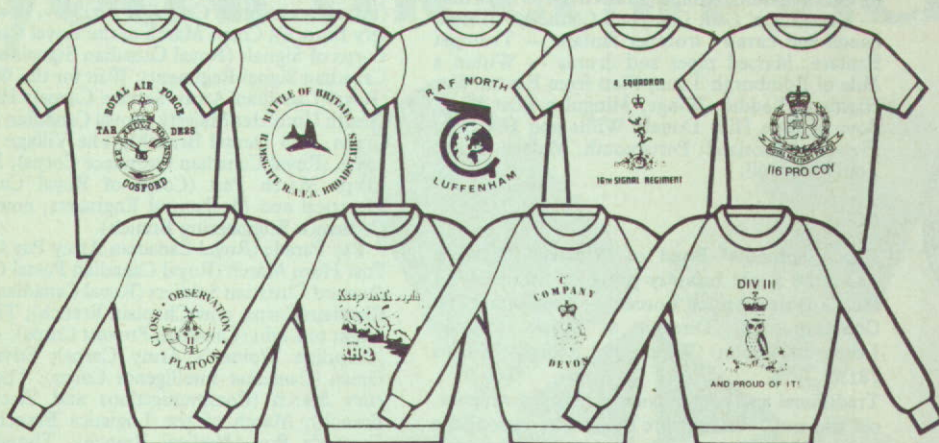


'Sounds of Brass: Fodens Motor Works Band' (Conducted by James Scott) (Soloist: Norman Law) (Decca SB 333) (Cassette: KBSC 333)

Good quality programme well played. 'Prelude and Fugue' (Langford), 'The Sea' (Denis Wright), 'Melody and Caprice' (Hespe), 'Bees-a-Buzzin,' 'Semper Fidelis,' overture 'Die Fledermaus,' 'Intermezzo' (Hughes), 'La Reine de Saba' and two movements from 'Casse Noisette.' **RB**

The record 'The Band and Corps of Drums of the First Battalion, The King's Regiment' (reviewed January) is available at £2.50, including postage, from Bandmaster, 1 Kings, Roman Barracks, Colchester, Essex. A cassette is available at the same price.

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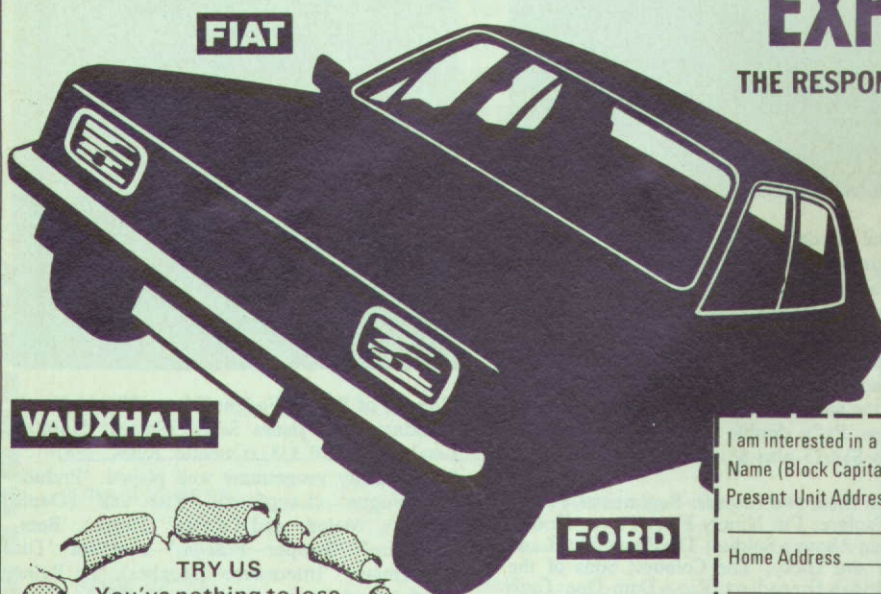
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MILITARY MUSEUMS

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17TH/21ST LANCERS

A FINER SETTING for a regimental museum could hardly be found than Belvoir Castle, the Leicestershire home of the Dukes of Rutland. With its round tower, stately terraces and battlemented gatehouse, the castle stands on a site of great military importance on an escarpment dominating the Trent Valley and it is easy to understand that there has been a castle there for more than a thousand years. The present Duke of Rutland traces his ancestry back to William 'the Conqueror's standard bearer who, after the battle of Hastings, was appointed to govern the area. He built the first castle and, in his Norman French, gave it its name.

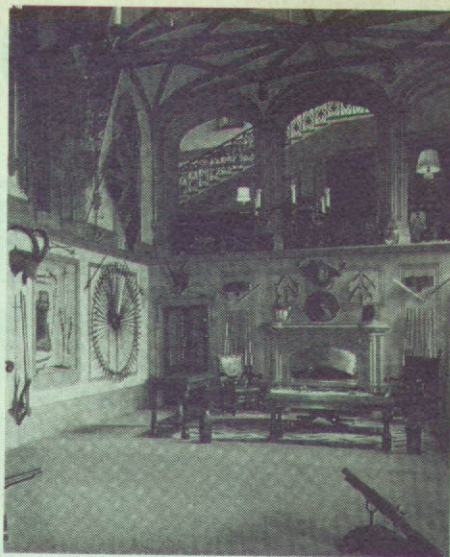
Short swords, lances and ammunition pouches used by the Duke of Rutland's Militia; two star-like arrangements of cavalry sabres, the points of which meet in a central boss formed by a cast of the head of the Duke of Wellington; and several souvenirs of the Manners family, among them the famous Marquis of Granby, who raised the 21st (Granby's) Light Dragoons in 1760, all catch the eye.

The regiment's three Guidons are displayed on the grand staircase leading to the 17th/21st Lancers' museum on the first floor where there is a splendid collection of exhibits relating to the 17th Lancers (Duke of Cambridge's Own), the 21st (Empress of India's) Lancers and the present-day 17th/21st.

The oldest items are the gold seal used by the first colonel of the 17th, John Hale, between 1759 and 1770, a gold cross probably presented to an officer who served in San Domingo in the late 18th century, and a silver snuff box said to be the only item saved when the ship carrying the regimental headquarters back to England from South America foundered in 1797.

However, the museum's most treasured pieces are connected with the two great actions in which the 17th and 21st gained their greatest glory — the battles of Balaklava and Omdurman — and pride of place must go to the battered copper bugle carried in the charge of the Light Brigade by Trumpeter 'Billy' Brittain, orderly trumpeter to the Earl of Cardigan, the brigade commander. There are also the Victoria Cross awarded to Corporal Charles Wooden for valour during the charge, the silver-mounted hooves of Captain J P Winter's charger, killed in the charge, and a number of other relics of the 'gallant six hundred.'

The charge of the 21st Lancers against the Dervishes at the climax of Omdurman is commemorated by a brass seven-pounder field gun captured there, a collection of Dervish spears and a superb pair of silver candelabra presented to the 21st by the



officers attached to it for the campaign, including Sir Winston Churchill.

A VC awarded to Sergeant T Lawrence, of the 17th, in the Boer War, is nicely complemented by that won by Private C Hull, who saved the life of the 21st's adjutant during an engagement with tribesmen on the North-West Frontier in World War One.

Famous officers who served in the regiment are also commemorated. There is the revolver carried by Field-Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood in the Crimean War and Indian Mutiny in which, as a junior officer of the 17th, he won the Victoria Cross. Sir Evelyn joined the Royal Navy as a midshipman but transferred to the Army and rose through the ranks to field-marshal. There are also several reminders of Field-Marshal Earl Haig, among them a blue patrol jacket he wore as colonel of the 17th Lancers and a bronze statuette showing him on his charger 'Whaler.'

Plumed headdresses, spurs and saddlery are typical souvenirs of these two famous cavalry regiments which amalgamated in 1922. The regiment's motto 'Death or glory' was adopted when the 17th were raised as light dragoons in 1759. The skull and crossbones cap badge above the inscription 'Or Glory' was retained on amalgamation and it is not surprising to find in the museum a cigar box fashioned from a human skull and two crossed bones.

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MILITARY MEN OF BRASS



Story: John Walton
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AT FIRST GLANCE the smartly dressed bandmen of the South Nottinghamshire Hussars look like any other military band. It is only when they sit down to play that you realise they owe perhaps more to the Nottinghamshire coalfields than to Kneller Hall. For the South Nottinghamshire Hussars (RHA) Brass Band is famous throughout the brass band world — and it is the only official brass band in the British Army.

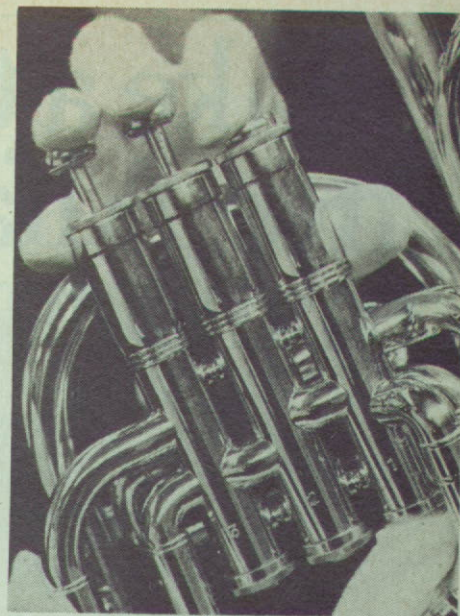
The band has a history stretching back more than a century-and-a-half to the Hussars' cavalry days. Between 1826 and 1900 the band often performed in public and it was to its strains that the regiment marched out of Nottingham for the South African War.

In World War One the bandmen were retrained as medical orderlies and stretcher bearers and the South Notts Hussars served in Egypt, Gallipoli, Macedonia and Palestine where they ceremonially buried their spurs as they were transformed into the South Notts machine-gun battalion. In 1922 the regiment lost its cavalry role for good and became 107 Field Brigade, Royal Artillery. In World War Two its men fought in the desert for two years until June 1942 when they were decimated at the Battle of Knightsbridge.

All this glorious history does not provide an answer as to why the band is a brass band. And in fact no-one at the band prac-

Top: Bandmaster, Mr Les Hartill, gets the horns, cornets, euphoniums and basses really blowing.

Left: Where there's us there's brass. South Notts Hussars bandmen pose with their instruments.



tice session in Nottingham that rainy Sunday afternoon appeared to know.

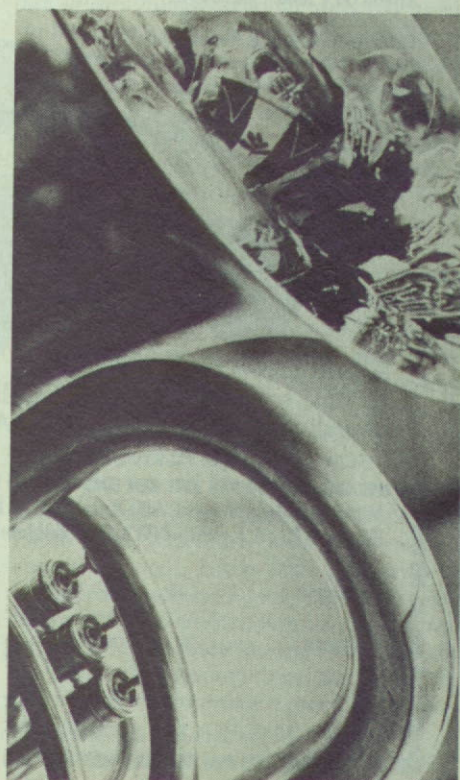
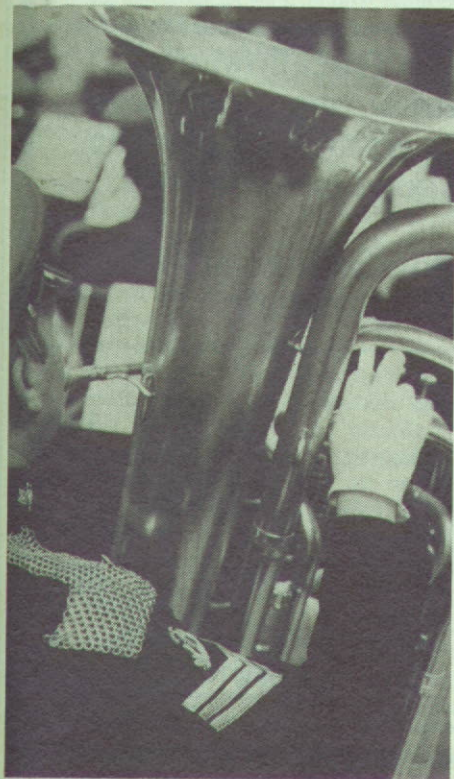
Said Major Tony Haines, band president and commander of the Hussars: "We are in brass band country so I suppose that's the reason there has never been a move to make it into a military band." Opined Drum-Major Sam Bradley, a former miner: "Most of us were brought up with brass bands from colliery villages and we're very proud of being the Army's only one." And Bandmaster Les Hartill, whose background is Salvation Army rather than colliery bands, told us: "In this area it's easy to get up a viable brass band but it would be a problem getting hold of reed players in such a strong brass area. It helps to keep the standard higher."

And the standard is high. Because the drill hall facilities are not really conducive to training budding musicians, the band gets its ready made recruits from other bands — some Salvationists and several who graduated from a long-defunct Boys Brigade band.

The bandsmen do not go on exercises with the unit, although in the event of a war they would revert to their ambulance and stretcher-carrying roles. But they keep very busy — in fact their calendar is so full each year that many invitations have to be turned down. And they regularly feature among the prizewinners at brass band contests — both in Nottinghamshire and nationally.

Bandmaster Hartill, who lives in Derbyshire, and Staff-Sergeant Arthur Gay, who plays principal cornet and acts as band sergeant-major, responsible for administration, have both just received TAVR meritorious service certificates from their respective lord lieutenants. Both say: "It's this band for comradeship."

Sergeant Kenneth Parker had a special request to make through SOLDIER. He told of the band's desperate desire to visit and play in Rhine Army. What is needed is an official invitation from a gunner regiment in Germany. Can anybody help the Army's Men of Brass?



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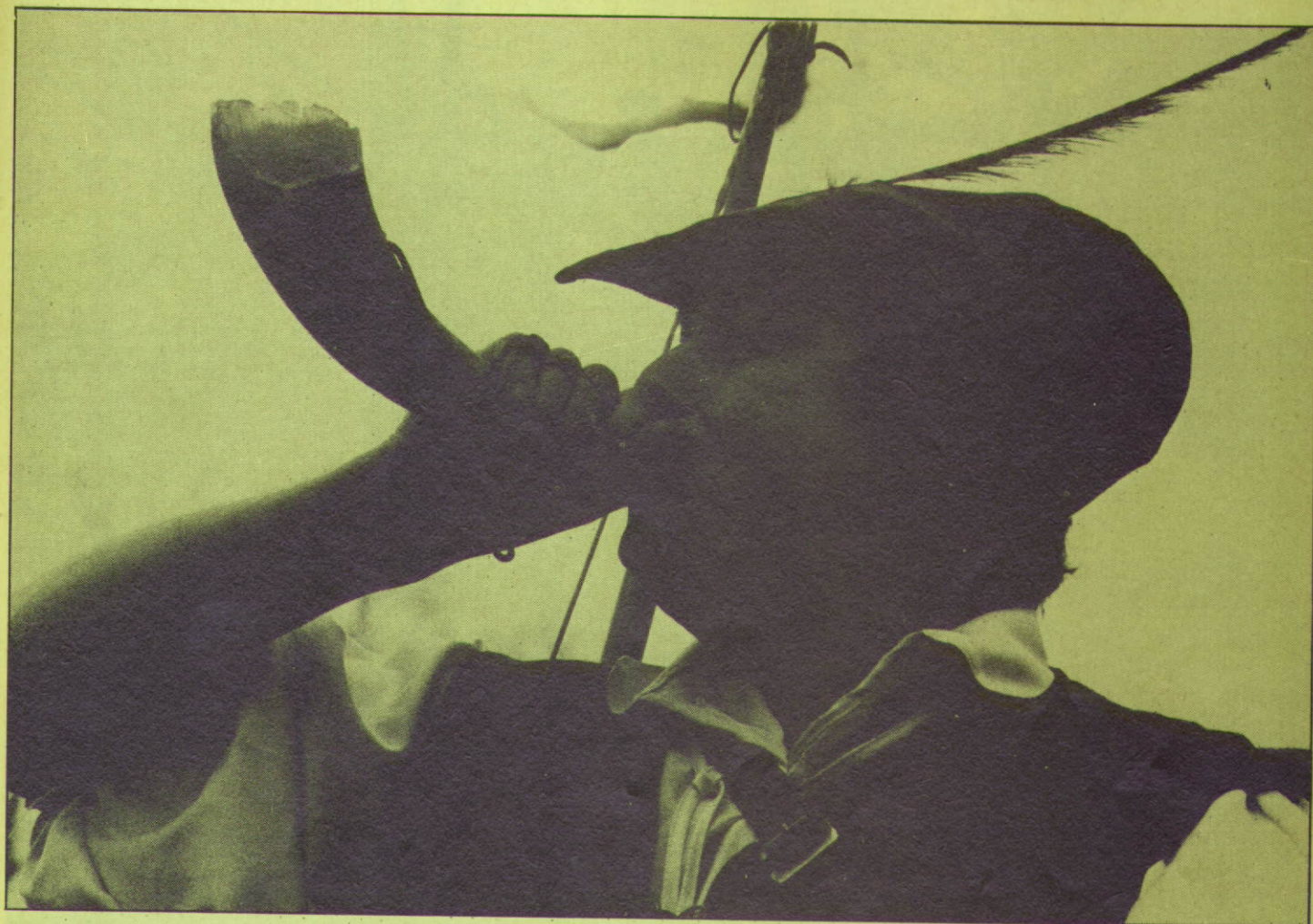
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SHERWOOD FOREST, which used to stretch over most of Nottinghamshire and into other counties as well, is now reduced to a few isolated woods and spinneys. But Robin Hood, the legendary figure who robbed the rich to help the poor, lives on — this year in the person of 33-year-old furniture trade training officer Michael Hornsby.

Michael spends most of his weekends donning Lincoln Green and whizzing round the Nottinghamshire countryside with Maid Marian, Friar Tuck, Little John and all the immortal gang. He is this year's choice for the top job in the Robin Hood Society, one of the more unusual of the costume societies which have sprung up in Britain.

The Robin Hood Society owes its origins to Mr Jim Lees, probably the world's leading expert on the outlaw and his Merry Men. And it was the unlikely pastime of square dancing which set him off on his researches into the origins of the tales. In the 1950s, Mr Lees used to be a square dance caller and went to the United States in that role. While there he was inevitably introduced as Robin Hood because he came from Nottingham and he found that both there and at home there was very little real knowledge of Robin.

Above: Robin's horn summons his Merry Men.

"The hunt was on," he said. "I would collect the most complete information on the saga possible and encourage people to be more Robin Hood minded." After years of delving through ancient manuscripts, Mr Lees became convinced that Robin had actually existed 'of noble birth, a knight and a man of property and of Saxon descent.' His name was Robert de Kyme and he was outlawed by King John and forfeited his lands.

Mr Lees also did a prodigious amount of work on all the stories and characters in the Robin Hood saga. And by 1971 he decided that a society was needed both to promote the outlaw and to ensure that what had been uncovered would not be lost again to posterity.

The current secretary, Mrs Mary Chamberlain, who now plays the stately Rohese, Countess of Lincoln, takes up the story: "Mr Lees called a meeting by advertising in the paper. I just wanted to find out about the costumes of the time but I got so interested that I was elected to be secretary."

Soon the costumed outlaws were appearing at fêtes and shows in the area. Mr Lees himself took part initially until a contretemps with the elastic in his tights caused his retirement. But he still remains president and takes a keen interest. The Robin Hood Society has about 20 costumed mem-

bers as well as hundreds of members from other parts of Britain and overseas — these are mostly tourists who are only too happy to feel a part of such a romantic legend.

There are some interesting characters among the members. Mrs Chamberlain's husband, Doug, has found that playing Friar Tuck has become such a habit he is very loth to reveal his real name when dressed up. "I always think it spoils it when I have to tell reporters my real name. As far as I am concerned I am Friar Tuck."

Doug certainly looks the part but says his figure is not attributable to over-eating. In fact he was embarrassed when he had to visit a local school in his Friar Tuck role. "The kids had baked me a little cake each as they had heard that Friar Tuck was supposed to eat so much. Some of them tasted awful but I had to eat every one."

Only Robin and Marian are elected, on an annual basis. Roles like Friar Tuck and Little John, which are not so easy to cast, remain constant. Little John is Sherwood-born prison officer David Crofts. Six-feet tall (which is all they reckon Little John was anyway), David finds the open-air life in the forest just the antidote to prison pallor. He has re-enacted countless times the memorable meeting and staff fight with Robin.

In fact the society is very careful to advise

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Left: Weighty problem for Robin as he re-enacts the time when he had to carry Friar Tuck over a stream.

Right: Friarly advice as Robin and Little John engage in staff fight, watched by ladies, including Marian.

Below: Wicked Sheriff (Steven Bradley) escorts costumed ladies down the steps of old Nottingham Castle.





watching children not to emulate such fights. Accidents can happen even in the best-run gang of outlaws and the society got national publicity when Doug Chamberlain, as Friar Tuck, accidentally clobbered Michael Hornsby, as Robin, and put him into hospital.

Bows and arrows are what one normally associated with the band and the statue of Robin in front of Nottingham Castle has had the bow stolen so many times that the authority has now left him without one.

One man who does enjoy a bit of archery is Will Stuteley — in real life Michael Hodges, a 42-year-old machine operator. He travels all the way from Bury in Lancashire at weekends (a 200-mile round trip) in order to dress up. "I've been interested in Robin Hood since I was five years old," he told **SOLDIER**. "And when I saw a piece about the society in the paper I wrote straight away and asked if I could join."

Musical accompaniment for the outlaws' escapades is provided by Alan-a-Dale (John Hampson), an ex-trooper in the 3rd Carabiniers and managing director of a firm

which makes, among other things, Robin Hood chess sets.

"The best time is in the summer when we get thousands of children coming into Sherwood Forest to play 'hunt the outlaw,'" he said. "All of the outlaws go into the forest and hide and the children have to look for us. Every outlaw they find signs a card and they get points for each signature. The one with the most points gets a prize."

Of course, it's not everyone who is prepared to buy his own medieval costume and appear in public in it. One of the previous Robin Hoods would not come out of his house unless the other members went to meet him — because he was frightened of being seen by his neighbours. And Mrs Chamberlain, during her stint as Marian, was besieged by rather nasty phone calls.

The society's members, all perfectly normal people who enjoy their rather bizarre interest, occasionally attract more unusual people. Such as the woman who turned up at meetings as a witch, complete with hat, long black wig and a special set of teeth. After she discovered that there are no

witches in the Robin Hood stories she disappeared (presumably on her broomstick).

The Robin Hood Society now seems to be firmly established as a part of the Nottingham scene. It has written a Robin story which is being used by the Post Office as a special 'dial-a-story' service, while the local council, which at one time was lukewarm, now helps in every way (even the Sheriff of Nottingham often appears).

But the demand for the society's services appears to be growing so fast that Mrs Chamberlain thinks that soon there will have to be a full-time Robin Hood, paid and elected on an annual basis like a beauty queen.

Stories which have been sung, written and passed down from generation to generation for centuries do have a basis in fact. That is the firm belief of every member of Nottingham's modern version of Robin Hood and his Merry Men.

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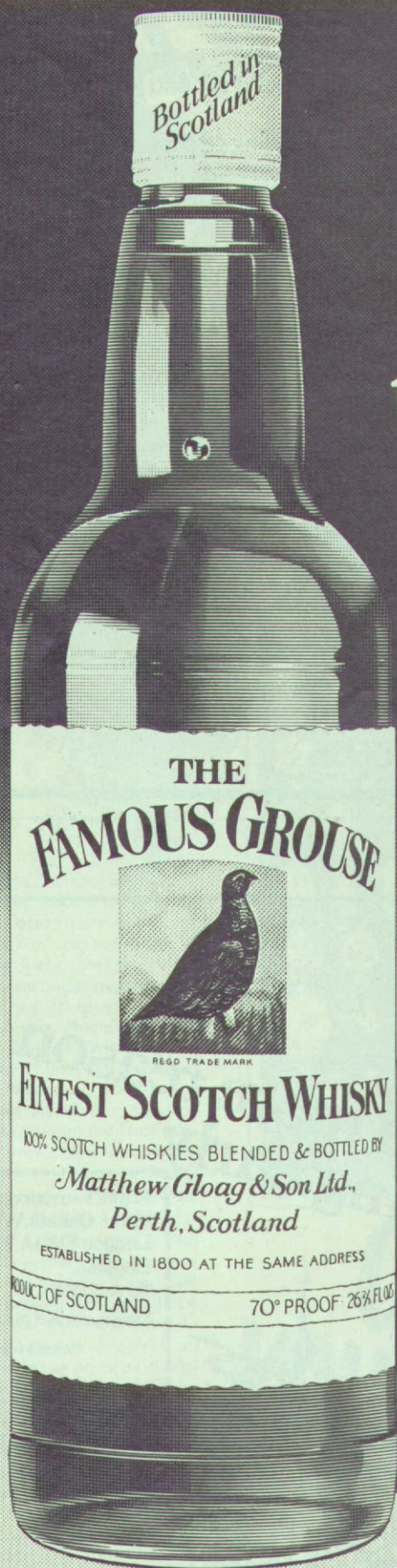
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Rose Day?

Queen's Regulations for the Army 1975, Part 9 — Dress, paragraph 5.365, permits all ranks of English units, at the discretion of commanding officers, to wear the national emblem, the rose, on uniform on St George's Day, 23 April.

Has any English reader tried to obtain a fresh rose on 23 April? At least Minden Day — the other occasion upon which the rose may be worn, by the select few — falls within the rose blooming season. One wonders how the custom of permitting the wearing of a rose in April originated. It has never been generally supported, probably because of the lack of natural blooms at that time of the year.

Perhaps the Army Benevolent Fund might take advantage of the situation? Since real roses are rare in April, (artificial or even paper) roses could be sold to raise funds for the

Army's charity. Other Services are not so reserved about selling fund-raising favours on flag days — why not an ABF Rose Day on St George's Day? — **H B Eaton, 38 Sparrow Close, Brampton, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE18 8PY.**

Thank you, RGJ

Through **SOLDIER** I should like to thank all at The Royal Green Jackets Depot at Winchester for making such a wonderful day on 20 April of our visit to the passing-out parade, which included our younger son. The depot received us with kindness and splendid organisation; the meals were wonderful and well served. After the parade we visited the museum and I was astounded by this record of service to the country — as an ex-Regular I can understand the pride the Green Jackets take in their museum.

What made our day, too, was that our other son, serving in the Irish Guards, was there in his No. 2s. It was a very proud day for my wife and myself and I would urge anyone who has a relative involved not to fail to attend a passing-out parade: Thank you again for a fine day, Royal Green Jackets. — **F J Bennett (ex-sgt, King's), 23 Field Lane, Litherland, Liverpool.**

Ins and outs

RB's mention in his review of 'The Pride o' Them A' — The Gordons in Chester' (On Record, April) of '... the regimental sergeant-major ... in there somewhere making sure the trombone slides moved together' recalls an incident involving the formidable front rank of trombones in the massed bands of the Brigade of Guards some years ago.

During the final rehearsal for Trooping the Colour, the commanding officer, a fanatic for precision, appeared to be satisfied that all would be well on the day — until the trombones caught his eye. He just could not believe how he had not noticed it before. There they all were, some pushing out their slides, others pulling them in and some not moving them at all.

Calling over the senior director of music, he demanded the reason for the untidy front rank not making any attempt to move together and causing the whole parade to look like a sham-ble.

Momentarily bowled over, but no doubt trying to keep a straight face and make allowance for the non-musical military mind, the director explained that because the trombones were playing in four-part harmony, their slide positions necessarily varied.

After an ominous pause the commanding officer accepted the explanation, but made it known that the parade would have been greatly improved had the trombonists moved their slides in unison. His comments have caused much amusement ever since. — **Hector Sutherland (formerly band of the 2nd Life Guards), The Limes, Bridge Street, Thetford, Norfolk.**

National Service

I am compiling a pictorial record of National Service in the Army and am hunting for suitable photographs. If any readers have photographs of their National Service careers, I would very much like to see these. I want to cover the sort of thing that every NS man will remember — medical inspection, call-up, primary training, that horrible sergeant, training and, of course, operations in the very wide variety of countries in which NS men found themselves, particularly between the end of World War Two and 1963.

I also want to cover officer training at the various OCTUs.

I cannot promise to include in the proposed book every photograph sent, but I will take good care of them and return them all after the book is published, by Ian Allan Ltd. — **Lieut-Col G Forty (Retd), 36 Heaton Grove, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD9 4DZ.**

Libyan medals

I wonder if any reader could help with information about the issue of the Libyan Army Force Medal 1940-43 and the King Idris Senussi Independence Medal 1951. Who produced these medals? Could I possibly obtain one of each, as my own have been lost?

I was with the nucleus of the Libyan Army Force in Jerusalem, as an instructor, and afterwards with the Libyan Government when the Independence Medal was issued. I stayed on in Libya for 15 years and was formerly in the Royal Army Veteri-

nary Corps. — **Maj B R Batley (Retd), 17 Branksome Close, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, KT12 3BE.**

BACSA

There must be many **SOLDIER** readers who spent part of their careers out East, perhaps during the heyday of Empire. Some may have relatives or friends who died and were buried there. Should they feel any special concern about the fate of their graves and memorials it may interest them to learn of the existence of the British Association for Cemeteries in South Asia, formed in 1976.

The association's main aims are to make a complete record of all graves and memorials of the British in that part of the world (the records will be kept in the India Office Library in London) and to ensure the permanent preservation of a number of historical cemeteries. The association has already attracted members from many walks of life — prominent among them are ex-soldiers and regimental associations. A house journal called 'Chowkidar' is produced twice a year.

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Competition

Judging by the size of the entry, the knight's move at chess — the key to Competition 247 (February) — is

familiar to many more people than the chess players. The 1839 quotation read: 'No persons (except Officers) are to be permitted to sketch views of the Rock or Fortifications, unless furnished with a Permit for that purpose, signed by the Governor, or Officer Commanding. Any person, found disobeying this order is to be sent to the Main Guard, and reported to the Town Major: (Standing Orders for the Garrison of Gibraltar).'

Prizewinners:

- 1 J W Kingstone, Greyfriars, Southwell, Nottinghamshire.
- 2 Sgt M J Hedges, HQ Arty Div, BFPO 39.
- 3 A R Hinchliffe, 27 Thick Hollins Drive, Meltham, Huddersfield.
- 4 Mrs Margery C Neate, High Lea, Abbey Road, Chilcompton, Bath.
- 5 Richard Day, School House, King's School, Worcester.
- 6 Angela Cook, 3 St Andrews Close, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire.

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

See-the-Army DIARY

JUNE 1979

- 2 Impel '79 Doncaster (2-9 June).
- 2 St Neot's (Cambridgeshire) Riverside Festival (2-3 June) (Parachute Regiment 'Red Devils' freefall team; band).
- 2 First rehearsal, Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 2 Chester Army Tattoo (2-3 June) (Royal Military Police 'Red Caps' mounted display team; Red Devils; Junior Parachute Company ('Pegasus' physical training team; Royal Artillery motorcycle display team; five bands; pipes and drums).
- 3 Ssafa Air Display, RAF Church Fenton, Yorkshire.
- 3 Surrey Area Horse Show, Tadworth (Royal Green Jackets freefall team).
- 5 Beating Retreat by massed bands of The Household Division, Horse Guards Parade, London (5-7 June) (6pm 5 June, 9.30pm (floodlit) 6 and 7 June).
- 6 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 7 Royal Cornwall Show, Wadebridge (7-8 June) (RGJ freefall).
- 8 Installation of Governor, Edinburgh Castle.
- 8 Livingston Army Display (8-9 June).
- 9 Second rehearsal, Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 9 Halifax Gala.
- 9 Mayor's Carnival, Lincoln (9-10 June) (junior band).
- 9 Solihull Carnival (Light Infantry 'Flying Angels' freefall team).
- 9 Nuneaton Carnival Gala (RA motorcyclists).
- 9 Horley Carnival (Red Caps).
- 9 South of England Show, Ardingley (RGJ freefall).
- 10 Open Day, Scottish Infantry Depot, Glencorse.
- 10 Glasgow Army Display (10-15 June).
- 10 Open Day, Heaton Park, Manchester (Flying Bugles).
- 10 Bromley Show (RA motorcyclists).
- 12 The Light Division sounds Retreat, Horse Guards Parade, London (12-14 June).
- 12 Three Counties Show, Malvern (12-14 June) (Red Caps).
- 12 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 15 Essex Show, Chelmsford (15-16 June) (static displays).
- 16 Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 16 Open Day, Scottish Infantry Depot, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen.
- 16 Coventry Carnival (Flying Bugles).
- 16 AC Delco Sports and Social Club, Southampton (RA motorcyclists).
- 16 Fareham Show (Red Caps).
- 17 Ford Sports and Social Club, Romford (RA motorcyclists).
- 17 Nottingham Water Festival (RGJ freefall).

- 20 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 20 Lincolnshire Agricultural Show, Lincoln (20-21 June) (Red Caps; two bands).
- 23 Military Musical Pageant, Wembley Stadium (23-24 June).
- 23 Airborne Forces Day, Aldershot.
- 23 Rotherham (Yorkshire) Tattoo (23-24 June).
- 23 Wordsley (Staffordshire) Gala (Flying Bugles).
- 23 International Air Tattoo, Greenham Common (23-24 June) (RA motorcyclists).
- 23 Ashford Extravaganza (23-24 June) (Red Caps).
- 24 Premier Margaret presents new Colours to 6th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment, Bury St Edmunds.
- 27 Kneller Hall (grand) band concert.
- 27 Royal Norfolk Show, Norwich (27-28 June) (Red Devils; Pegasus; band).
- 29 Hook (Yorkshire) Gala (29 June-1 July).
- 30 Aveling Barford Show, Grantham, Lincolnshire (30 June-1 July) (Red Devils; Pegasus; band).
- 30 Ssafa Aldershot Tattoo Z30 June-1 July) (Red Caps).
- 30 Wales and the West Show, Crick, Chepstow (30 June-1 July) ZRGJ freefall).
- 30 Open Day, 49 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, Hohn.

JULY 1979

- 2 Millennium celebrations, Isle of Man (2-3 July) (RA motorcyclists).
- 4 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 6 Southampton Show (6-7 July) (RGJ freefall).
- 7 Birkenshaw (Yorkshire) Show.
- 7 Open Day, Depot Queen's Division, Basingstoke, Hertfordshire (RA motorcyclists; three bands; static displays).
- 7 Open Day, Royal Pioneer Corps Training Centre, Wootton, Northamptonshire (Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Artillery, physical training team; Flying Bugles; RA motorcyclists; two bands).
- 7 Town and Country Show, Stafford (7-8 July) (Flying Bugles).



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After cigarette cards come cigar cards for collectors. John Player have just issued a series of 24 cards, showing 'Napoleonic Uniforms,' with their 'Doncella' small cigars. The cards are somewhat larger than the average cigarette card, at 89 x 50 mm, and are printed in colour with a glossy finish. English, Prussian, French and Polish uniforms are included and each card has a descriptive text on the back.

A special album is obtainable from Players for 35 pence. The album, which opens into a wall chart, is available only to smokers aged 18 or above. The offer closes on 31 December 1981.



- 7 Exeter Air Day.
- 8 Royal Tournament march, The Mall, London.
- 8 Lymington Sports Club, Lymington (RA motorcyclists).
- 8 Tetbury Horse Show (RGJ freefall).
- 10 Great Yorkshire Show, Harrogate (10-12 July).
- 11 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 11 Royal Tournament, Earls Court, London (11-28 July).
- 12 Kent County Show, Detling (12-14 July) (RGJ freefall).
- 12 The Rifle Depot band concert and Retreat sounding, Winchester (12-14 July).
- 13 Open Day, King's College, Taunton (Flying Bugles).
- 14 Open Day, The Prince of Wales's Division, Lichfield.
- 14 Corby (Northamptonshire) Tattoo and Highland Games (14-15 July) (static displays; two bands).
- 14 Durham County Show, Middlesbrough.
- 14 Pudsey (Yorkshire) Show.
- 14 Bristol Steam Rally (14-15 July) (Flying Bugles).
- 14 Basingstoke Carnival (RA motorcyclists).
- 14 Barking Show (14-15 July) (RGJ freefall).
- 15 Dagenham Town Show (RA motorcyclists).
- 17 East of England Show, Peterborough (17-19 July) (Red Devils; Royal Signals 'White Helmets' motorcycle display team; band).
- 18 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 19 Liverpool Army Tattoo (19-21 July) (Red Devils; RA motorcyclists; Pegasus; six bands; bugles; corps of drums; pipes and drums 21 July).
- 21 Adwick (Sheffield) Gala.
- 21 Open Day, Marchwood.
- 21 Bournemouth Air Pageant (21-22 July).
- 21 Open Day, Light Infantry, Shrewsbury (Flying Bugles).
- 24 Royal Welsh Show, Builth Wells (24-26 July) (RA motorcyclists).
- 25 New Forest Show, Lyndhurst (25-26 July) (RGJ freefall).
- 25 Kneller Hall (grand) band concert.
- 25 Ilfracombe Tattoo (25-26 July).
- 26 Manchester Show (26-28 July) (Red Devils; White Helmets; band 26-27 July).
- 26 St Helens Show (26-28 July) (Red Devils; JLRRR gymnasts; band).
- 27 Northampton Borough Show (27-29 July) (Pegasus 28-29 July; RGJ freefall 27 and 29 July).
- 27 Army Air Day, Middle Wallop (27-28 July).
- 28 Cleveland County Show, Middlesbrough.
- 28 Worcester City Show (28-29 July) (Flying Bugles).
- 28 Cromford Traction Rally (28-29 July).
- 28 Manchester Horse Show (RGJ freefall).
- 29 Open Day, Royal Armoured Corps Centre, Bovington.
- 31 Tyneside Summer Exhibition, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (31 July-4 August).

AUGUST 1979

- 1 North Devon Show, Bideford.
- 1 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 1 Bingley (Yorkshire) Show.
- 2 Cardiff Searchlight Tattoo (2-11 August).
- 2 Leicester Army Display (2-4 August) (Red Devils; RA motorcyclists; Junior signalmen display team; static displays; three bands).
- 2 Plymouth Spotlight Spectacular (2-5 August).
- 3 Hull Show (3-4 August).
- 3 Kneller Hall (grand) band concert.
- 8 Shrewsbury Floral and Musical Fête (8-11 August) (Flying Bugles 10-11 August; Red Caps 10-11 August).
- 9 Bournemouth Fiesta (9-11 August) (RGJ freefall, 9 August).
- 10 Gloucester Carnival and Military Display.
- 10 Staverton Air Show.
- 10 Great Northumberland Show, Stannington (10-12 August) (RGJ freefall).

- 11 Sedgefield, Middlesbrough, Show.
- 11 Castle Howard Steam Fair, Malton (11-12 August).
- 11 Lord Mayor's Gala, Stoke-on-Trent (Flying Bugles).
- 12 Royal Military Police and City of Chichester march.
- 15 Cromer Carnival (Red Devils; static displays).
- 15 Edinburgh Military Tattoo (15 August-8 September).
- 16 Denbigh and Flint Show, Rhyl (RGJ freefall).
- 18 Skegness (Lincolnshire) Carnival (18-25 August) (WRAC band).
- 18 Darlington Show.
- 18 Hartlepool Show (18-19 August) (Flying Bugles).
- 18 Horse of the Year Show, Doncaster (18-19 August).
- 18 Fairford and District Steam Gala (18-19 August) (Red Caps).
- 18 Minsted Carnival (RGJ freefall).
- 19 Mid-Somerset Show, Shepton Mallet (RGJ freefall).
- 22 Gillingham and Shaftesbury Show.
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- 27 Aylsham (Norfolk) Show (band).
- 27 Leicester City Show (27-28 August) (RGJ freefall 28 August).
- 27 Leeds Gala.
- 27 Walsall Show (27-28 August).
- 27 Open Day, Debdale Park, Manchester (Flying Bugles).
- 30 Melplash Show, Bridport (RGJ freefall).
- 31 Newport Show (31 August-2 September) (Red Caps).
- 31 Sheffield Show (31 August-2 September).
- 31 Birmingham Show (31 August-2 September) (RGJ freefall).

SEPTEMBER 1979

- 1 Seaham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Show (1-2 September).
- 1 Wolsingham Show, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, (1-2 September).
- 1 Keighley (Yorkshire) Show.
- 1 Guildford Show (1-2 September).
- 1 Moreton-in-Marsh Horse Show.
- 1 Malmesbury Carnival.
- 1 Guisborough Festival (1-2 September).
- 1 High Wycombe Show (1-2 September).
- 2 Luton (Bedfordshire) Show (White Helmets).
- 3 Crawley (Sussex) Tattoo.
- 8 South Norfolk Tattoo, Attleborough (Red Caps; White Helmets; Household Cavalry trumpeters and drum horse).
- 8 Stanhope, Middlesbrough, Show.
- 8 Hoddesdon (Hertfordshire) Carnival (8-9 September) (Red Devils; Pegasus; static displays).
- 8 Trowbridge (Wiltshire) Carnival.
- 9 South Yorkshire Royal.
- 13 Cambrian March (13-16 September).
- 15 Stokesley Show.
- 15 Camberley Horse Show, Sandhurst (RGJ freefall).
- 18 HMS Vernon Searchlight Tattoo (18-22 September) (Red Caps).
- 20 Thame Show.

OCTOBER 1979

- 13 Armed Forces Service, Winchester Cathedral (900th anniversary).
- 23 Berlin Tattoo (23-28 October).

NOVEMBER 1979

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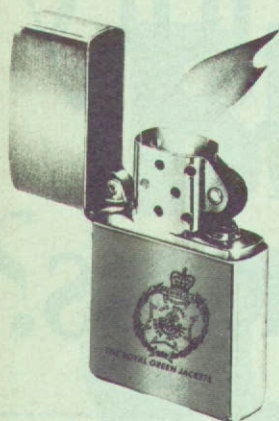


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'A Taste for Adventure' (John Blashford-Snell)

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Nepal and search for long-lost Scottish and Spanish settlements on Caledonia Bay in Darien.

But he is first and foremost a professional soldier, and his vivid and exciting first-hand account of a little-known desert war brings this fact home. The colonel was one of the British soldiers sent to support the young Sultan of Oman in his struggle against Communist-backed insurgents who sought to take over the Gulf state.

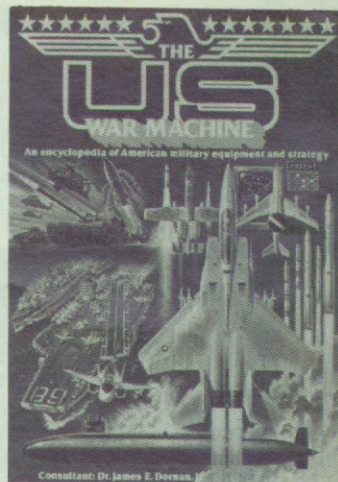
Service in embattled Ulster provides yet another contrast with the explorer image. Since last year, however, Colonel Blashford-Snell has played a leading role in Operation Drake, the most ambitious youth project of its type ever conceived.

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Firepower

'The US War Machine: An Encyclopedia of American Military Equipment and Strategy' (Consultant: Dr James E Dorman Jnr)

As a layman's guide to American military power, this superb book will be hard to beat at any level. Compiled by a galaxy of experts, it forms an encyclopedia not only of the equipment of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps, but also the strategy and thinking behind the deployment of those forces.



This is, in fact, the first time that the combined power and major weapons of the United States forces have been described and evaluated in one book, and it is therefore essential reading for anyone with an interest in Western defence.

The authors describe in detail the

most important tanks, combat aircraft, warships, missiles and small arms of those forces and the book goes on to analyse the organisation and firepower of America's Services individually and as a total force.

The whole survey is carried out against the background of the continuing Soviet military build-up, and emphasis is placed on the virtual impossibility of gauging the true offensive potential of the two super-powers. It is sufficient to say that each possesses such frightening power to devastate the world that confrontation becomes unthinkable.

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Vehicles

'Military Vehicles of the World' (Christopher F Foss)

'US Army Standard Military Motor Vehicles 1943' (US War Department)
'British Tank Markings and Names 1914-1945' (B T White)

One cannot help thinking how much defence spending could be saved by standardisation, especially in alliances like Nato. Mr Foss's excellent and well-illustrated book fathers such thoughts. Take field cars (4 x 4 quarter-, half- and three-quarter-ton vehicles). America and France build Jeeps, Britain builds the Land Rover, West Germany the VW Iltis, Italy the Fiat 1107 and Campagnola, Holland the DAF 66 and 126. All to do the same job in armies geared to work together.

There are parallels in other vehicles, from three-tonners to tank transporters. And if this is a valid criticism, it is only fair to say that it applies equally to Eastern bloc armies. There are, of course, hundreds of good reasons why countries should build their own vehicles.

Mr Foss gives an informative run-down on all the major vehicles in service with the world's armies — another thought which occurs is how closely designers' ideas coincide. It would, for example, take more than an expert eye to note at half-a-mile distance the difference between a convoy of Czech Tatra 805s and one of American M-54s — so keep your eyes open!

World War Two modelling buffs and wargamers hit treasure trove with the facsimile reprint of 'US Army Standard Military Motor Vehicles 1943.' Originally published in September 1943, it is probably the most representative book of its kind because it includes both early vehicles like the M3 medium tanks and the first of the M4 series with the 76mm gun (the M4E6), later standardised as the M4 (76mm).

It is a comprehensive record of everything the US Army had on wheels, from tanks and armoured cars to semi-trailers for water tanks, pontoons, even photographic laboratories.

Mr White explores another area of interest to modellers, wargamers and tank historians, with a keen examination of the British system of giving names to individual tanks and

armoured cars, and the system of identification code markings. It seems that, for once, the Army took a custom from the Navy. In World War One, some early tanks were manned by naval volunteers, some of whom named a 'Mother' prototype

BRITISH TANK MARKINGS AND NAMES

The unit markings, individual names and paint colours of British armoured fighting vehicles, 1914-1945
B.T. White



HM Land Ship Centipede. The custom was born.

The 14th/20th Hussars chose British castles as tanks' names. The CO's was, of course, Windsor. But the Intelligence officer (who else?) named RHQ's universal carriers Cholmondeley (pronounced Chumley), Marjoriebanks (Marshbanks) and Featherstonehaugh (Fanshaw). One wonders how the enemy's intercept service reconciled such names with actual pronunciations. As the Nelsonian toast had it, 'Confusion to the enemy.' Other regiments chose Derby winners and other racehorses, towns, battle honours, mythical figures, warships, Scottish chieftains and so on.

In the 3rd County of London Yeomanry, they found that tanks bearing the number 1 became prime targets for enemy anti-tank gunners, presumably because they assumed it to be the troop or squadron commander's tank. It was decreed, therefore, that the numbering system began at 5 — A Squadron took 5 and upwards, B Squadron 21 upwards, and C Squadron 37 upwards. Just to complete the confusion among the enemy, RHQ's tanks were numbered 61 to 64.

These examples indicate just how thorough Mr White's research has been, and that there is much more to tank markings than meets the eye. A very worthwhile and interesting book.

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Fuehrer's élite

'Germany's Elite Panzer Force: Grossdeutschland' (James Lucas)

'The Black Angels: The Story of the Waffen-SS' (Rupert Butler)

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Eventually, Panzer Corps Grossdeutschland became the 'Fuehrer's Fire Brigade,' to be thrown in wherever the need was greatest. It fought its last battle amid the ruins of blazing Berlin, the city from which it started, its men dying not in death-or-glory charges but dispersed and scattered as they sought escape from the Red Army.



Mr Lucas presents a well-researched and illustrated account of the Grossdeutschland's march to victory and defeat.

In his introduction, Mr Lucas observes that there is a legend that only the Waffen-SS had the aura of invincibility — and goes on to disprove it. But the legend did have a basis in fact, as Mr Butler shows in his story of the Waffen-SS. No matter from which standpoint he is viewed, the Waffen-SS man was probably the most formidable soldier ever to be sent to war by Germany.

The fanaticism of the Waffen-SS, fed on the mystical doctrine preached by Himmler that they were the spiritual descendants of the Teutonic knights, and bolstered by the hardest and harshest training devised to that date, invariably gave them the edge in any battle.

Their motto was 'Meine Ehre heisst Treue' (My Honour is Loyalty), but they fought without honour and brought lasting shame to their nation. The cold-blooded murder of helpless prisoners-of-war — Le Paradis, Esquelbecq, Malmedy — and the unspeakable atrocities committed by the SS, effectively stifle any hint of admiration one might feel for their feats of arms.

Mr Butler pulls no punches as he recalls the story of the most terrible private army the world has known.

1 Macdonald & Jane's Publishers Ltd, Paulton House, 8 Shepherdess Walk, London, N1 7LW, £6.95

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World War Two

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