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LCpl John Brothwood and Pte Stewart Roberts on a battle-field site in the Falklands. See Pages 24-29.

**FRONT COVER:** Pte Kevin Howe (left) and Pte Kevin Usher of A Company, 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire relax briefly at the foot of the new super sangar at Old Park, north Belfast, while on patrol. See Pages 13-17.

(Picture: Mike Weston)



## Grenadiers mark royal anniversary with a gift

The Queen inspects the Queen's Company, Grenadier Guards in the Quadrangle of Windsor Castle on the 50th anniversary of her becoming a Grenadier. The Queen was appointed Colonel of the regiment on her 16th birthday and assumed the appointment of Colonel-in-Chief on her accession to the throne. To mark the anniversary, the

Grenadier Guards presented her with 50 trees which have been planted in Windsor Great Park.

On parade were 172 officers and soldiers, including the Corps of Drums of the 1st Battalion and the Regimental Band of the Grenadier Guards. The Queen was escorted by Maj Grant Baker, Captain of her Company.

# POISED FOR THE SUMMIT

AS SOLDIER went to press, British Services Everest Expedition climbers were about to launch their assault on the world's highest mountain. Summit Day was planned for Wednesday, May 20.

In preparation, the assault team left Camp 2. Meanwhile, a back-up team moved up to Camp 4 and a team of sherpas to Camp 5.

Three climbers spent three days on the Hornbeim Couloir fixing ropes to a height of 27,500ft before being forced back to Camp 5 by a combination of deep

snow and fatigue.

Lt Steve Bell RM and Surgeon Lt Cdr Andy Hughes, supported by sherpas, later completed the rope-fixing of the Hornbeim Couloir and prepared Camp 6 for the arrival of the main assault team who had moved up to Camp 5.

Weather in the area was clear and bright, but windy. "Hopefully this bodes well for our summit effort," said Col Mike Kefford, expedition leader.



Col Mike Kefford

Recently, more than 30 climbers reached the 29,028ft summit in one day, but most took the easier South Col, or Yaka route.

The Service climbers are using one of the most difficult

approaches to conquer the mountain, taking West Ridge route, which has not yet produced a British ascent.

Col Kefford, then a captain, was a member of the successful 1976 Army attempt on Everest.

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## Terriers receive first M2 rigs

THREE M2 ferrying and bridging rigs have arrived at Marchwood Military Port from Germany to equip the Territorial Army's first amphibious engineer squadron.

The M2, formerly in service with 28 Amphibious Engineer Regiment at Hameln, are the first of 34 which will become the main equipment of 227 (Hampshire Yeomanry) Amphibious Squadron of 78 Engineer Regiment (V).

Able to carry the latest Nato tanks, the rig is one of the most complex pieces of equipment issued to the TA. M2s can be linked to make a ferry or floating bridge across the widest river, and have been used extensively on the Rhine during exercises.

The new Hampshire-based TA amphibious squadron will be located at Aldershot. The parent regiment and a REME workshop will be based at Southampton, with a headquarters squadron at Winchester.

## Parachute death

PTE Lee William Sands, 21, from Kent, died after a collision with a fellow parachutist during a practice jump in North Carolina.



The first M2 amphibious rig for the Territorial Army drives off the RFA Sir Tristram at Marchwood

## Troops deploy to stop racketeers

SOLDIERS took part in what was probably the largest operation of its kind in Northern Ireland, involving more than 1,000 police and Army personnel in support of an RUC investigation into racketeering.

The operation was led by the RUC's specialist anti-racketeering squad supported by Security Force helicopters and Army personnel. It was part of the RUC's strategy of combating terrorist financing.

The Army's mission was to support the RUC by providing safe transport, intercept-proof communications and mobility.

Joint planning by key personnel culminated in the first positioning of soldiers hours before hundreds of specialist RUC officers deployed to various locations throughout Armagh and County Down.

Troops drawn from the 2nd Battalion, The Light Infantry, 2nd Battalion, The Royal

Regiment of Fusiliers, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 45 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, the Royal Signals and the Army Air Corps were involved.

More than 20 Lynx, Gazelles, Puma and Chinook helicopters were used to deploy to several locations, including Warrenpoint, Newry, Silverbridge and Rostrevor.

A platoon of signallers provided secure communications for the RUC and Royal Engineer search teams were also used in some locations.

The operation was controlled from a joint RUC-Army operations centre in Bessbrook Mill.

Tactical control of Army elements was co-ordinated by the commanding officer of 2 LI, who watched over an area stretching from Crossmaglen in the west of County Armagh to Rostrevor in the east in County Down.

The whole operation, prepared in the utmost secrecy, involved detailed joint planning between the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Army, closely co-ordinated by Headquarters 3 Brigade in Armagh.

By the end of the operation, 29 premises had been searched and a substantial quantity of documents seized.

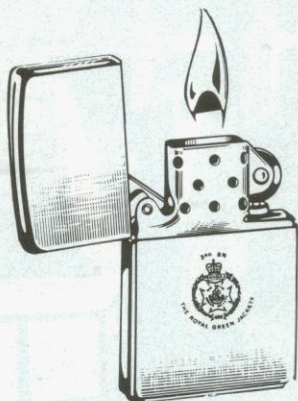


A combined band of musicians drawn from the 3rd and 4th Battalions, The Royal Regiment of Wales, delighted crowds at the opening of the six-month Garden Festival at Ebbw Vale, South Wales. Also at the ceremony were trumpeters of the Royal Signals. Led by Drum Major John Vowles of 3 RRW, the RRW bandmen marched through the festival grounds to the cheers of hundreds of youngsters waving Welsh flags, the first of an estimated two million visitors to the event.



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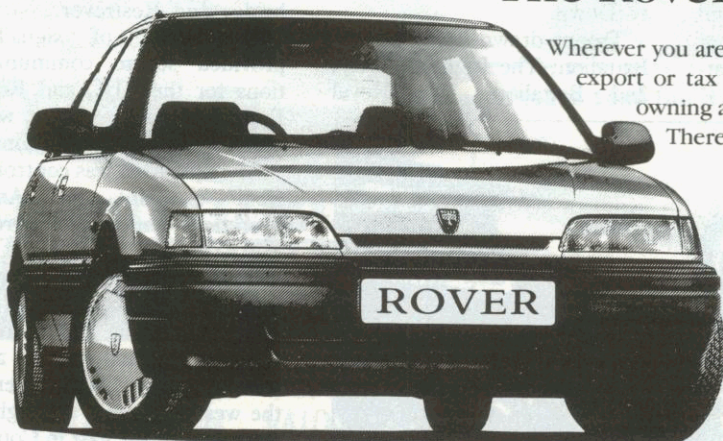
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## In brief

### AMF units tested at Otterburn

EIGHT Nato nations have been taking part in a series of exercises on Otterburn Training Area to test elements of the Allied Command Europe Mobile Force.

Due to end on June 3, Exercise Allegiance Exchange involved the AMF headquarters from Heidelberg and key companies from the infantry battalions committed to the force.

The 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment took part in the running of the exercise, and its mortars also took part in exercise Ardent Ground, the AMF artillery concentration which preceded Allegiance Exchange.

Larkhill-based 94 Locating Regiment RA provided the 4th Artillery Headquarters for the concentration. Also involved was the Logistic Support Battalion from Bulford.

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BAOR medical commanders joined delegates from Germany, the United States, Canada, Belgium and Italy for a symposium on casualty evacuation with Nato armies. The conference was hosted by 3 Armoured Field Ambulance RAMC at Lubbecke.

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Territorial Army volunteers from 133 Corps Workshops REME (V) were called in by RAF Manston to move a derelict Argosy aircraft to the station's burning area for training purposes.

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More than 400 teams of youngsters started the 33rd Ten Tors expedition across Dartmoor on May 16. The event was organised by HQ 43 Infantry Brigade at Exeter and the signal for the mass start from Okehampton Camp was given by GOC Southern District, Lt Gen Sir Richard Swinburn.



Maj Gen John MacDonald, Director General Transport and Movements, presents Gulf Medals to members of Aldershot-based 27 Regiment RCT, the largest regiment to deploy from the United Kingdom on Operation Granby. Of the 800 men and women who served with 27 Regiment in the Gulf, 250 paraded at Buller Barracks for the medal presentation. They operated more than 350 vehicles, ranging from low loaders to fuel bowzers and water wagons, and drove more than 4½ million kilometres in the desert

### Honours for gallant and meritorious service in Northern Ireland

# RAOC officer awarded QGM

#### CBE

Col (now Acting Brig) P V R Besgrove, late REME; Col J S Brewer MBE, late 2 GR.

#### OBE

Lt Col A R Biggs, Coldm Gds; Lt Col A F Birtwistle, Queens; Lt Col A W Blackett, A and SH; Lt Col P E Dennison MBE, Para; Lt Col P W Field, R Anglian; Lt Col J D Lacey, R Anglian; Lt Col N J Mangnall MBE, RGJ; Lt Col P C Maynard MBE, RAOC; Lt Col A D Slater MBE, R Anglian.

#### MBE

WO1 R Appleby, Coldm Gds; Maj G J Binns, PWO; WO2 A Brame, DERR; WO2 A G Forrest, BW; Maj D P Frankland, RCT; Maj J M Gunns, RE; Maj P H Hall, Glosters; Maj S A Hammond, Kings; Maj A R Hornby, QLR; Capt S D Hutchinson, Kings; WO2 G Jenkinson, LI; Maj J A Kneale, RAVC; Maj I R Liles, RRF; Maj T J Martin, LI; Maj D McDowall, RCT; Maj A D Middleton, RHF; Maj A M Roberts, RE; Maj R L Scott-Bowden, RS; Maj M L Syms, WG.

#### QGM

Capt R D Davies, RAOC.

#### BEM

SSgt K J Byrne, Coldm Gds; SSgt (now WO2) A B Jones, RE; Cpl (Acting Sgt) J C W Motherwell, A and SH; SSgt W Owen, Para; SSgt P Plant, RMP; LSgt K Sample, Goldm Gds; SSgt S Woods, QLR; SSgt T C Wright, Int Corps.

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Capt P Dennis, DERR; SSgt (Acting WO2) P W G Drake, Para; Capt R J Farren, RAOC; Maj P D Fraser-Hopewell MBE, RS; Sgt B E Harris, Queens; Capt (Acting Maj) R L Holt, R Signals.

Lt Col A M F Jelf, Queens; SSgt A W Johnson QGM, R Hamps; Maj A H Johnstone, R Signals; Maj A D Jones, R Irish; Capt T D Light, Kings; Cpl A C Lilley, Glosters; Capt (Acting Maj) S D W Mansbridge, Coldm Gds; Sgt J A Murray, R Signals; Capt W J Nixon, Int Corps; Cpl G A Pearson, BW; Sgt R D Rowley, DERR; Capt J D Shirras, A and SH; Capt F Shorrock, Coldm Gds; Sgt R Stewart, RMP; WO1 W H Stocks, Int Corps; Sgt R L Strachan, A and SH; Brig M J Strudwick OBE, late RS; Maj Gen D P Thomson CBE, MC, late A and SH; Capt (now Maj) C H Turner, R Signals; LBdr G Victor, RA; SSgt (Acting WO2) P A Walker, Para.

In addition two BEMs and nine Mentions in Despatches have been awarded to members of The Ulster Defence Regiment.



Mrs Teresa Dowling with her late husband's medals, from left the Military Medal, Northern Ireland General Service Medal, and Gulf Medal

# Tribute to a Gulf hero

FOURTEEN months after Uttoxeter soldier Sgt Michael Dowling was killed in action in the Gulf, engaging an Iraqi tank with a sub-machine gun in one of the bravest acts of the short ground war, his widow has been presented with his specially-mounted medals – including his posthumous Military Medal.

Mrs Teresa Dowling, also from Uttoxeter and now living again in her home town, travelled to Wales and Western District Headquarters at Shrewsbury to receive the medals from Col Andrew Platt, Regimental Colonel of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

Mrs Dowling first received the Military Medal from the Queen at an investiture in Buckingham Palace last year, but then passed them with her husband's other medals to the corps so they could be court mounted.

The cluster, specially mounted in a presentation box at the expense of the corps, also included Sgt Dowling's Northern Ireland General Service Medal and the Gulf Campaign Medal.

A vehicle fitter with the REME, Sgt Dowling was detached from his base in Germany to serve with the 16/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers in the Gulf.

As the Allied forces swept into Kuwait, he was commanding one of two M548 tracked logistic load-carrying vehicles which came under enemy fire in the confusion of a sandstorm. While trying to evade the enemy the rear M548 broke down. As Sgt Dowling

moved to take off the crew his own vehicle was again engaged by an enemy tank.

Ordering his driver to make best speed to avoid the enemy, and, in the words of the citation, "with total disregard for his own safety", Sgt Dowling leant out of the cab of his vehicle and engaged the enemy tank with his personal sub-machine gun, trying to kill the enemy commander who was in turn firing at him and the crew of the disabled vehicle.

"A number of Iraqi T55s got in among the British vehicles in the confusion of the sandstorm," said Col Platt. "When the other vehicle broke down a massacre was about to occur. Sgt Dowling went back to rescue the crew in a display of conspicuous, outstanding and selfless bravery in which he lost his life."

Mrs Dowling, then living in married quarters in Germany, first found out the full details of her husband's action when she travelled with Col Platt to RAF Brize Norton to watch the return of the British dead last year.

A soldier of the 16/5th Lancers, who had been wounded in the same engagement, was in hospital nearby. Concerned about media stories of British deaths from friendly fire, and still dressed in his desert combats which were the only clothes he had, he discharged himself from hospital and made his way to the air base just to tell her the facts.

"I'll always be grateful to him," said Mrs Dowling. "That was a very bad day, but it was a tremendous relief to know what had happened."

## Brecon honours Paras with borough Freedom

THE Parachute Regiment's world-famous Red Devils display team dropped in on Brecon, Powys, to join fellow "red berets" for the award of the Freedom of the Borough of Brecknock, writes Mervyn Wynne Jones.

The regiment, whose soldiers have been a familiar sight in the borough since the early 1960s when a training camp was set up at Dering Lines in Brecon, was awarded the honour on May 2.

Postponed from last year because of the Gulf War, the ceremony happily coincided with the 50th anniversary of the regiment's formation.

A mid-morning parade attended by Councillor and Mrs Elvet Meredith, Mayor and Mayoress of Brecknock, and other civil and military dignitaries, was held at The Barracks, Brecon.

An illuminated copy of the Freedom scroll was also presented to the Commandant of the Non-Commissioned Officers Tactical Wing at Dering Lines, Brecon, where the paras first started training in 1961.

Led by the regiment's Falklands Band and mascot – a Shetland pony called Pegasus – 120 red berets then left The Barracks for Brecon town centre to exercise their rights as Freemen of the Borough to "march with drums beating and bayonets fixed".

The reputation of The Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces in both war and peace stems from the highest standards of initial selection and training of volunteers and recruits.

In 1961 it was decided that some of this training should be carried out in conditions and on terrain akin to active



Above: Led by the Falklands Band and Pegasus, the regimental mascot, men of The Parachute Regiment march through the streets of Brecon

Right: Lt Gen Sir Michael Gray, Colonel Commandant, receives the Freedom scroll from the Mayor, Mr Elvet Meredith

duty. Brecon was selected as the base for this training and in February that year The Parachute Regiment selection course – known as P Company – was moved to the area.

It was also decided that young recruits should spend some of their six months training in Wales. In March that year The Parachute Regiment Battle Camp was set up at Dering Lines with a small staff in a few huts.

Recruits spent two periods at Brecon during their training, learning to live and operate in the outdoors and exercising in simulated battle conditions.

Additional accommodation was acquired between 1962 and 1966, by which time The Parachute Regiment Battle School, as it was then called,



was using most of Dering Lines.

Excellent facilities, magnificent countryside and Brecon hospitality convinced the regiment that it should also train its NCOs in Brecon, and six week courses began in 1964.

The high standards achieved by this training caught the attention of the British Army's School of Infantry, which started to use the NCO course. In March 1973 the school took over Dering Lines to train all infantry NCOs, including

those of The Parachute Regiment.

The mountains and countryside of the area are very similar to the Falkland Islands and it has been said that the 1982 campaign was won in part on the hills of South Wales.

## Saudi medal arrives in bulk

BRITISH troops who served with the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) in Iraq and Kuwait after the Gulf War are to receive a medal, and further details of the "Liberation of Kuwait" medal issued by Saudi Arabia have been released.

Qualifying period for the UNIKOM medal is 90 or more days' service with the Mission, and wearing of the medal is unrestricted. The ribbon consists of two equal broad stripes of sand yellow separated by a thin UN blue line.

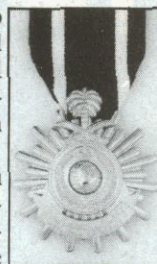
The Saudi medal – accepted as a keepsake – is to be issued to personnel who qualified for the British Gulf War medal 1990-91, with clasp January 16 to February 28, 1991. Those eligible include Regular and Reserve soldiers who served with British Forces Middle East, and members of the Order of St John and British Red Cross Society, Salvation Army, SSVc, SSAFA and Naafi.

MoD-accredited war correspondents, photographers and artists, UK-based members of the Civil Service on permanent or attached duty and authorised contractors who directly supported British units will also receive the medal.

Such is the expected scale of issue that the medals arrived by air in one consignment weighing more than 5,600kg for delivery to the Army Medal Office at Droitwich.

The "Liberation of Kuwait" medal has been accepted as a keepsake and may not be worn. The same conditions will apply to any campaign medal offered by other Coalition partners, including those presented by British Commonwealth governments and the USA.

A spokesman at the Kuwaiti Embassy did not rule out the possibility that his country might issue a liberation medal.



The Saudi medal

Pictures: Capt Andy Burridge



# You're streets ahead, lads...

Coronation Street stars **Nick Cochrane** (left) and **Simon Gregory** (whose screen "dad", **Jim MacDonald**, is an ex-sapper), sample the delights of the Krypton Factor assault course with encouragement from Cpl **George Chapman** of Greater Manchester-based 75 Engineer Regiment (V). The sappers were hosting an Executive Stretch exercise on Holcombe Moor Training Area.



Toasting a confident future, Russian inspector Col **Boris Tretyakov** (left) clinks glasses with 9 Regiment AAC ration accountant Cpl **Duncan Lang** and wife **Karen** during a visit to their new married quarters at Dishforth Airfield in North Yorkshire. The Russians visited 24 Airmobile Brigade under the Vienna confidence-building agreement, and dropped in on the Langs to see how Britain's professional soldiers live. The children are **Clare** (7) and **Zoe** (13 months). Two more members of the Russian team join in the toast.

## From Russia for a dram

## All change

In a ceremony to mark the exchange of badges within the Army Medical Services, Maj **Anne Ashpitel**, formerly QARANC, receives her RAMC cap from Brig **David Coombe** (left), Director Medical Operations and Plans and Deputy Director of Army Medical Services, while Maj **John Quinn**, formerly RAMC, receives his QARANC cap from Brig **Jill Field**, Director of Army Nursing Services and Director of Defence Nursing Services.

In all, 82 officers and 204 soldiers changed from RAMC to QARANC; 15 QA officers and 71 soldiers transferred to the RAMC; and 130 QAs moved to the RADC.



## A model soldier

That's me... **Alan Matthews** of the Coldstream Guards can truly claim to be the very model of a modern British sergeant major - in limited edition! A thousand precisely-detailed 15in-high figures based on him have been produced from a sculpture by the artist **George Pitman-Hooker**. The models, which will sell at £495 each, depict Sergeant Major Matthews in Guard Order as worn on ceremonial and state occasions in London. The large Royal Coat of Arms worn on the right sleeve is a privilege accorded only to regimental sergeant majors of the Guards.



## Home rule

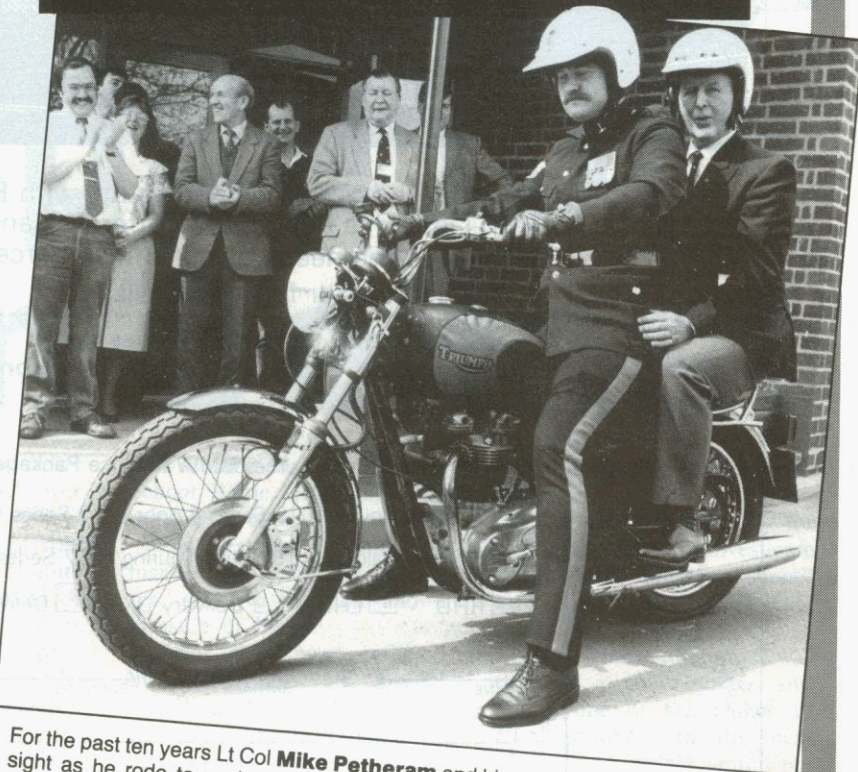


First member of the Army Physical Training Corps to command the Army School of Physical Training and HQ and Depot APTC at Aldershot is Lt Col **Tudor Quare**. He enlisted in the Buffs in 1960, transferring two years later from the Queen's Own Buffs to the APTC. Keen on all sports and adventurous training, he is an enthusiastic walker and climber.

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## Farewell ride



For the past ten years Lt Col **Mike Petheram** and his moped have been a familiar sight as he rode to work at Copthorne Barracks, Shrewsbury, headquarters of Wales and Western District. So it was fitting that, after 46 years of service to Queen and country, colleagues should send him roaring off to retirement on the back of a classic Triumph motor cycle driven by Sgt **Garry Elliston** of the Royal Signals' crack Catterick-based White Helmets display team.

## Duke takes command



After nearly 20 years service in the Territorial Army, the **Duke of Westminster** has taken command of his regiment, The Queen's Own Yeomanry, on promotion to lieutenant colonel. Currently equipped with Fox armoured cars, the Newcastle on Tyne-based regiment is to be given Scorpion tracked recon vehicles for its new role in Nato's Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC). The Duke, who lives at Eaton Hall, near Chester, first joined C (Cheshire Yeomanry) Squadron in 1973.

## Medics had to cope with the real thing

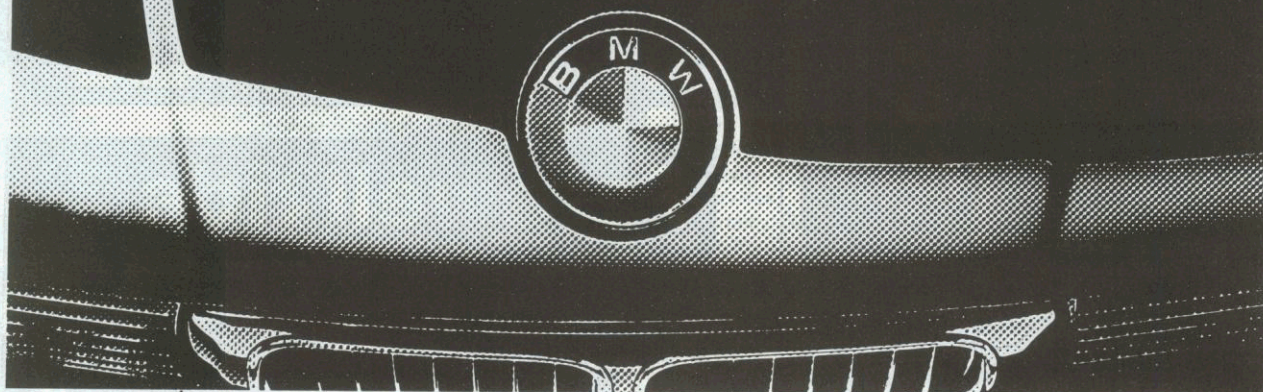


Soldiers from Colchester-based 19 Field Ambulance were returning home after a casualty simulation task at Stanford Training Area when they became involved in a real tragedy. The medics were first on the scene of a serious collision between two heavy goods vehicles - one carrying inflammable, toxic chemicals. One driver was killed in the incident, the other seriously injured. Ignoring their own safety, the medics took control and administered the highest possible standard of first aid. Pictured with their Brigade Commander's commendations are (standing) Cpl **Steve Oliver** (left) and LCpl **Paul Connell** (right) flanking Brig **Evelyn Webb-Carter**, Commander Colchester Garrison, and Lt Col **Peter Coombe**, CO 19 Fd Amb; and (front) Pte **John Hunter**, Dvr **Will Heckels** and Dvr **Lewis Smith**. Three others, Sgt **Taff Ceaser**, LCpl **David Feathers** and Sgt **Harry Balfe**, received commendations later.



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**THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE**





The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire completed a six-month tour as Belfast Roulement Battalion in May and is now back in Osnabrück preparing for its new role with Warrior. The battalion was visited in Belfast by writer **Gordon Skilling** and photographer **Mike Weston**



Mobile patrols move through a west Belfast estate

# No respite for PWO in Belfast

A SPATE of sectarian killings as soldiers of the 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire started their six-month stint as Belfast Roulement Battalion heralded a busy tour.

Hardly had they arrived in west Belfast in December than they had to double the number of their patrols. Reinforcements of two companies were needed to change from defensive patrolling to dominate the estates and better support the Royal Ulster Constabulary in curtailing terrorist activity.

At 12,500, troop levels in Northern Ireland were the

highest since 1979, and apart from a short period over Christmas when 1 PWO operated by themselves, the battalion had a mixture of units under command. Enlarged A (Girdwood Park), C (Fort Whiterock) and Support (North Howard Street Mill) Companies were complemented by a company from the 1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, resident battalion in Hollywood, and other units provided two more companies.

Now back at Osnabrück, the battalion is converting to Warrior before going to BATUS, then providing the

first Combined Arms Tactics School Battle Group at Warminster in late 1994.

The west Belfast tour was marked by spectacular successes, effective attrition and a measure of luck.

Major blows were inflicted by discovering an arsenal including 50 blast bombs, by catching bomb-makers in the act and by finds of prestige weapons.

Not all the successes were based on information received – solid soldiering also paid off. A dozen weapons were found by soldiers accurately working out which escape route a suspect

would use, then searching it diligently.

LCpl Ricky Balderson, for example, decided to investigate the probable line of a “shoot” and discovered several weapons.

“It was funny, because I was opening a coal bunker and telling one of the blokes to check bunkers in the next garden. I looked into my bunker, and there they were.”

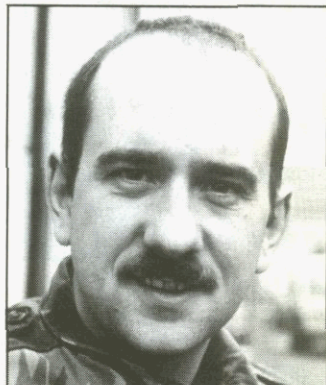
It is particularly satisfying when a significant find, such as an RPG 7 or GPMG oiled and ready for use, is made. “It goes round the other companies like

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A Coy make friends at a polling station during the General Election.



Cpl Chris Davies-Rockliffe – a lucky man



Support Company soldiers, based at North Howard Street Mill, relax between patrols

## Discreet watch ensures a quiet day at the polls

A MONTH before returning to Osnabrück the Yorkies provided a vital civic duty, ensuring peace so that the population could vote in the General Election free from intimidation.

Young soldiers keeping discreetly in the background at the polling stations could know only from briefings of the chaos and intimidation of previous elections. Three battalions were needed to contain a march and riot in 1972.

In the seven years Cpl Tim Binns has been in the Army the attitude of people has changed. "At one time you either got a lot of abuse or people just wouldn't talk to you," he said. "Now you get the odd 'Hello'

or 'Thanks for what you're doing', even in the Turf Lodge area."

"Vehicle control points are like another set of traffic lights for most people," said WO2 Charlie Lister, C Company Sergeant Major at Fort Whiterock and 17 years with the Army. "We are just a minor inconvenience – part of the furniture."

Coming back at regular intervals as platoon, company and now battalion commander, Lt Col Alastair Duncan is heartened by changes he sees.

"When I first came to west Belfast 20 years ago the city centre was in tatters, there was appalling housing and depressed circumstances. The attitude

was totally against the Army.

"You would be spat upon in the streets and if you did a house search the whole area would be in uproar. There would be riots and it would take days to simmer down.

"Now you see a beautiful city centre which would do anywhere proud, very good new housing – often a lot better than what soldiers live in at home – and a much improved standard of living."

Once he visited the location in which one of his soldiers had been hurt in a hard republican area. People had rushed across to help and called an ambulance. There was a time they would have wished the soldier dead.



With their White Horse of Yorkshire on top of the Divis Flats OP are Cpl Andy Williamson, Sgt Frank Menzies and Pte Bin Bingley



Cpl Paul Kirkpatrick (right) and Cfn Paul Dines keep the wagons rolling

IT IS AS unhealthy for vehicles to be overweight as it is for soldiers, according to Cpl Paul Kirkpatrick, who had to keep C Company's Land Rovers on the road.

"They don't break for any particular mechanical reason, it's just that they are a ton overweight with extra armour."

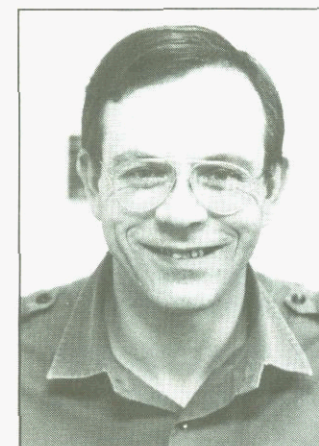
Half his fleet had been modified with a new wiring loom adapted from a different vehicle. A lot of the old wiring was exposed to the elements and the insulation had rotted.

Getting the heating right is a problem. Commanders swelter in summer but are too warm in winter, while

## They'll fix it!

top-cover soldiers enjoy the summer breezes and suffer in raw weather.

But Cpl Kirkpatrick wouldn't swap them for the Warriors the battalion is now converting to. "The Land Rover armoured patrol vehicles are far more challenging and you have to use your initiative a lot more. There are just two REME fitters here so we do the welding and all electrical and bodywork. If we can't fix it, it doesn't go out."



CO Lt Col Alastair Duncan



Technical Quartermaster Capt Byron Cawkwell is the last serving soldier from the battalion's first tour in Londonderry in 1969



Top cover can be chilly

## Why Damon misses out on the videos

IN THE depths of a darkened Ops room Dvr Damon Olsen does not look forward to relaxing in front of a video after his stag.

His three-hour duty is spent watching the streets outside on six TV monitors.

Neither do the men on the observation posts have much enthusiasm for videos after they have spent hours peering through high-power binoculars.

Spending the entire six-month tour on top of the Divis Flats required an experienced team, said Sgt Frank Menzies. The rest of the company depended on them.

In his first week on duty, Sgt Chris Doyle had 22 rounds

fired at his OP in Broadway. "It is hard at the beginning, but you adapt, and it is good when you get results coming in."

In the middle of the New Lodge, Sgt Michael Shelton was disappointed to be on leave when 200 shots were fired at his OP.

Watchkeeper WO2 Jimmy Sampson in the Tactical Operations Room was confident in the ability of young men such as Pte Chris Betteridge to deal with enquiries.

"Patrols can report anything from a door banging to a high-velocity shot. On one occasion we had a hoax call from a student in his college. He just didn't fancy his exams," said Pte Betteridge.



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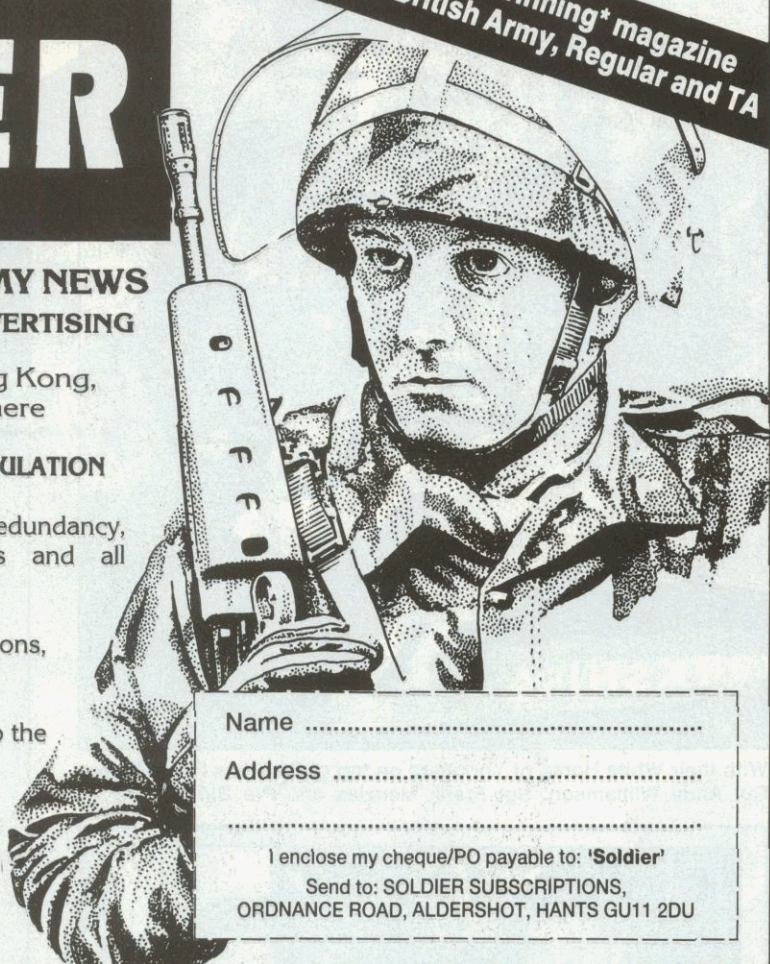
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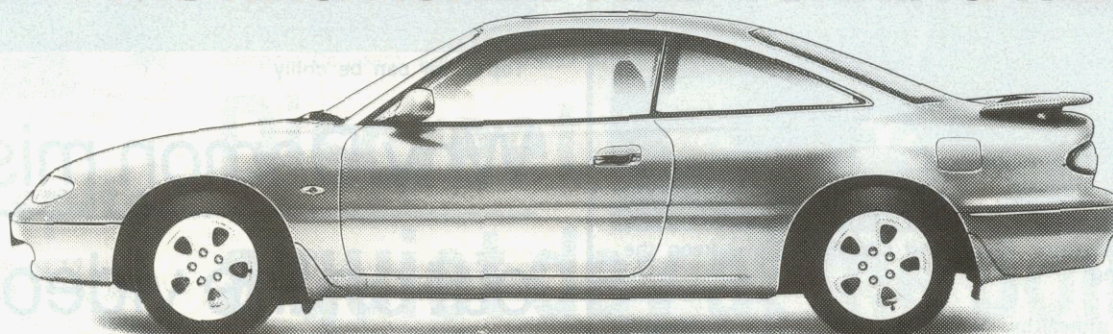
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Mutley the dog welcomes A Coy patrols based at Girdwood Park

## Yorkies' caring policy pays off

LIKE ALL good businessmen, the Yorkies believe in the value of good customer relations. They aim to interfere with the terrorist, not the public.

● A patrol checking a crowd discovered an old lady had collapsed. A soldier gave her mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until an ambulance arrived.

● Soldiers arriving at Christmas for a house search were armed with scalpels, sticky tape and soft shoes. The Yorkshiremen took the presents into a back room, carefully slit open the parcels to check the toys, and then did a bit of invisible mending.

Search techniques by necessity used to be heavy-handed. Today there is much non-destructive equipment. A medical endoscope to look behind walls leaves only a tiny hole, preferable to ripping somebody's home apart with a sledgehammer.

Gestures like this have their effect, even in staunchly republican areas. Secretly, people express their appreciation. A man warns of bottles being prepared as missiles. A householder volunteers information on the location of an arms cache.

It takes a conscious effort to remember that not all those in the "tribal" areas on the map are terrorists.

"If you upset the population of west Belfast, you lose the war," said the CO, Lt Col Alastair Duncan. "The solution will be from the people. We are helping politicians and police turn them away from terrorism."

## Get in shape – on OP duty



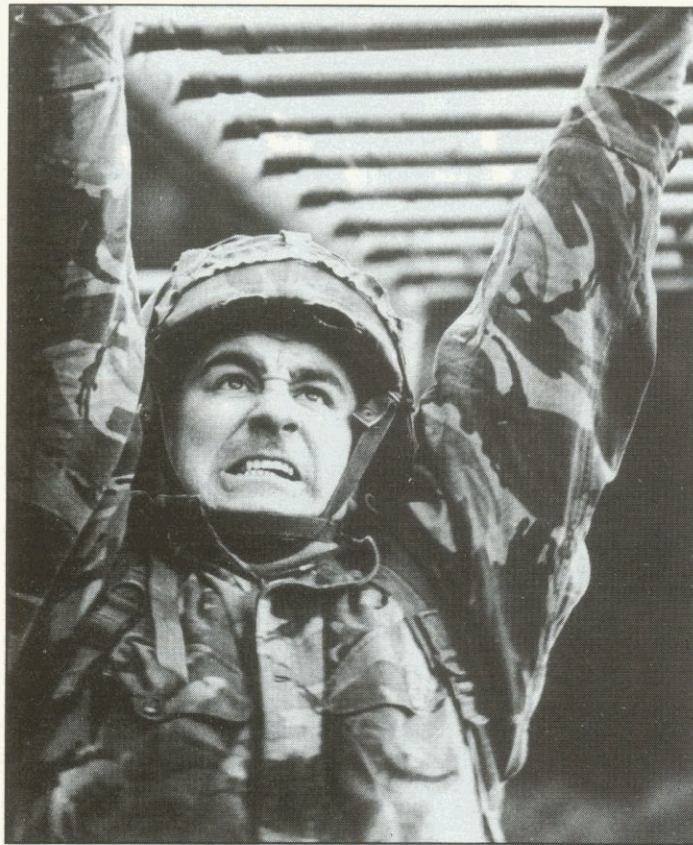
SIX MONTHS in an observation post did not bother Sgt Michael Shelton (pictured left). A keen rugby prop, he damaged his back while he was an instructor and was glad of the rest offered by monitoring activity in the New Lodge.

Gym equipment installed on top of the lift shaft helped him to get back in shape.



LBdr Steve Wash of 22 Air Defence Regiment below the Divis Flats





On the monkey bars – a member of the 10 Para team



Willpower and concentration help a member of the London OTC team



to complete the assault course

# It takes courage . . .

VOLUNTEER sappers serving with 131 Independent Commando Squadron based at Kingsbury won this year's Courage Trophy military skills competition for London District Territorial Army units.

Their reward was a crate of the sponsor's best brew, tankards and the trophy.

In second place were the 1991

winners, 55 Ordnance Company from Heston. Nurses serving with 217 General Hospital at Walworth, Blackheath, Bromley and Brighton were the best placed all-female team.

Venue for the annual competition was the Guards Depot, Pirbright, with 40 teams being tested in communications, NBC defence,

first aid, vehicle recognition, cross country driving, a five mile march, night orienteering, shooting and over the assault course.

Most units entered more than one team and boosted their London manpower by bringing in members from other Territorial Army centres, as far away as Plymouth in one instance.



A soldier from 55 Ord Coy gets wet. His team finished second



Lloyd's insurance broker Steven McLaughlin of 4 RGJ on guard



Working together on the five-mile to win the Courage Trophy



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Army helps inner city youths on a . . .

## Voyage of Discovery

Above: Recruiters Sgt David Corbin, 9/12 L (second from left) and Sgt David Richards, 2 RGJ (second from right) meet students on the Discovery 1 course

Below: Gaining in confidence . . . students from North East London in the Lake District

THE British Army has joined forces with the College of North East London in Tottenham to give youngsters – many from ethnic minorities – a six-week education development package.

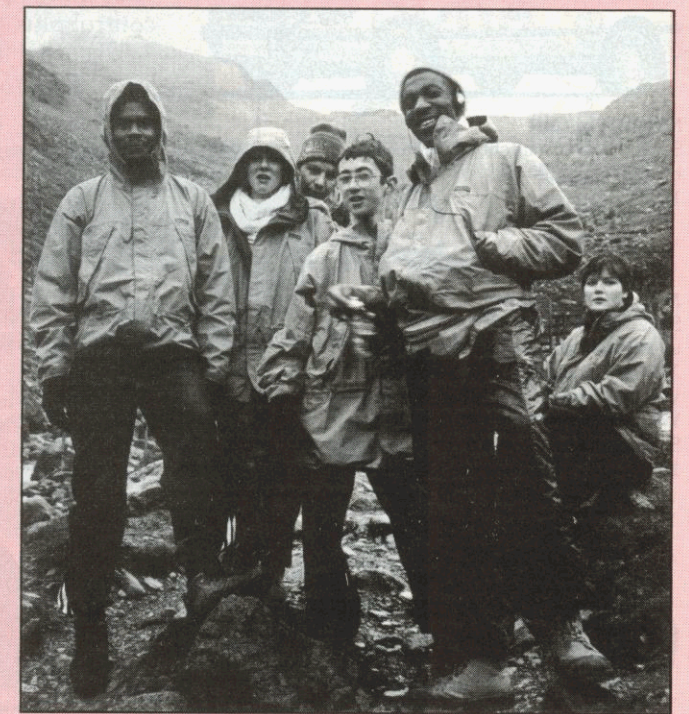
Twelve students from the college's inner city catchment area have just completed a pilot course – called Discovery 1 – based in London and the Lake District.

Under the Discovery programme, college staff offered students a five-week course in improving academic ability, self-expression and interview techniques.

Final week was spent in the Lake District, where Regular Army personnel organised a series of adventurous training activities designed to promote character development and self-confidence.

The adventurous training, run by 260 (London) Army Youth Team, introduced the inner city youngsters to rock climbing, abseiling, canoeing, hill and gorge walking plus mountain cycling.

Certificates have now been presented to the first 12 to complete the course.



Lt Col Trevor Ongley, Commander Recruiting and Liaison Staff, London, said: "All of those involved with this initiative are delighted with the results from the pilot course."

"Each of the students has improved not only academi-

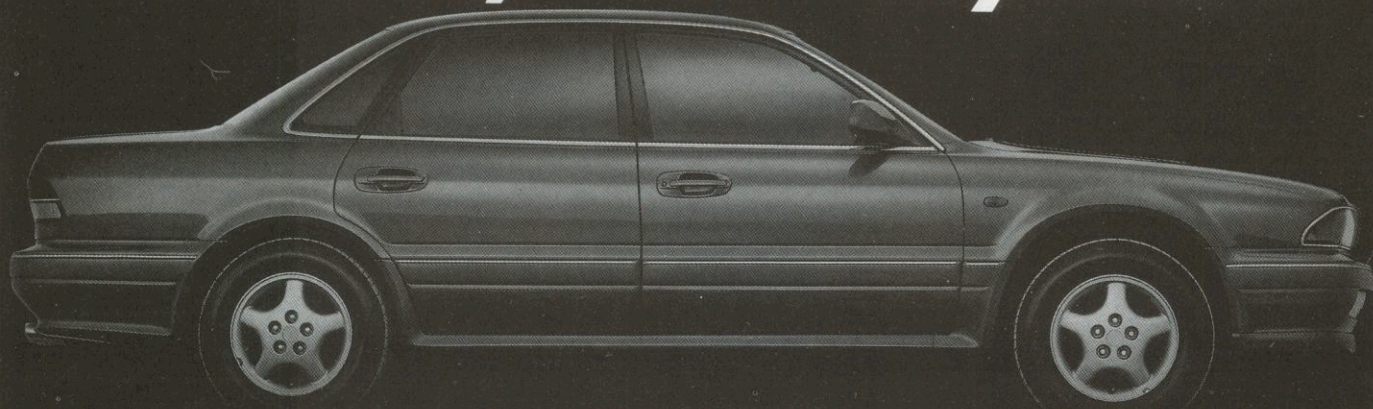
cally but also as regards self-confidence and, in particular, team spirit.

"Eight of the 12 students are now applicants to join the Army."

"We look forward to Discovery 2 in the near future."



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Right – Hereford-based C Company, 5th Battalion, The Light Infantry (V) won the SA 80 and light support team matches at the battalion's skill-at-arms meeting on Bulford Ranges. C Company LCpl Tim Hill (right) was the champion shot and Pte Ian Cathcart (left) the champion young soldier and overall runner-up. D Company from Ross-on-Wye won the combined rifle and LSW match and the pistol team match.



Above – Maj Tony Thornell (left), formerly 1 DERR and now OC B Company, 2nd (Hampshire) Battalion, The Wessex Regiment (V), receives the shield from Brig John Holman, Commander 2 Infantry Brigade, after his company had won the 2 Wessex skill-at-arms meeting on Ash Ranges, Aldershot. It was Winchester-based B Company's swansong before disbanding under Options for Change.

Under the reorganisation, 2 Wessex will be based in the Berkshire-Wiltshire area with companies in Swindon, Newbury, Slough and Reading.



Lt Col Robin Phayre (left), commanding officer of the Light Division Depot, presents the Old Contentibles Cup to Sgt Michael Frape, RGJ, overall winner from the Permanent Staff at the Depot skill-at-arms meeting held on Chilcombe Range near Winchester. Sgt Frape later joined the British rifle team on tour in Australia.

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# THE RIGHT SELECTION

"PUSH WITH your right foot, number eleven!" "Good effort, number twenty-three!" "Sixteen! Up here: we want to balance the container."

At the Regular Commissions Board (RCB) at Westbury in Wiltshire, candidates on the Officers' Selection Board get used to calling each other by numbers.

With one intake each week, which can total as many as 40 candidates in busy periods, it is the simplest way for their assessors to identify them.

The 3½-day courses, by means of a series of written tests and outdoor tasks, aim to select successful participants for a commission.

"Although the RCB has been at Westbury since 1947, the actual system of tests started in 1942," explained Lt Col (Retd) Charles Simmons, supervising officer of the board.

"They were based on the German Army's group testing system of contrived situations, with observers looking on. Over the years, the tests have been reviewed constantly, and new ideas incorporated."

Incoming candidates to Leighton House, the former country mansion where the board is situated, are generally divided into groups of eight, with each group being allocated a different colour.

Their first day is mainly taken up with a series of written tests which include general and Service knowledge and current affairs, a 45-minute essay and three intelligence tests.

On day two, aspirants meet their respective group leaders, who are majors, and from then on are observed, primarily to see how they face up to difficulties – and to assess their attitude to other members of the group, whether working

**Words: Phil Wilcox  
Pictures: Mike Weston**

with them or directing them.

A lively 40-minute opening group discussion on various topics is intended to stimulate the right spirit for the leaderless outdoor tasks which follow later in the day.

Group leaders brief candidates on the tasks, which involve the use of ropes, ladders, planks and so on, and candidates are given a few minutes to form a plan. The group then acts together to complete the task against the clock.

A somewhat hectic third morning involves the solving – individually and as a group – of a planning project, which usually entails "the effective use of people, equipment, time and distance".

Several outdoor command tasks follow, when each member in turn is put in command of the group, with the objective of completing a specified task within a time limit.

After a briefing by the group leader, candidates are given a few minutes to make a plan, explain it to the group leader, then describe the task to the group

and give members their instructions. Negotiation of a timed obstacle course ends the morning's proceedings.

Lecturettes – five-minute prepared informal talks on specified topics – take place in the afternoon, and on the final morning there is a race among all the groups.

Assessing the candidates' chances over the 3½ days in addition to the group leaders are the deputy presidents (lieutenant colonels) and vice-presidents (colonels).

Vice-presidents interview each member of their two

groups of eight candidates individually during the testing, and preside over the final assessment.

Deputy presidents also interview all candidates in their own group.

Additionally, all participants are interviewed by a serving or retired Army educational representative, to judge their intellectual capacity.

"We think we have a good balance of tests here," said Lt Col Simmons, "and by the end of the course it is surprising what one finds out about the candidates."

When would-be officers of his generation came to Westbury, he added, they were "totally unprepared". They had come straight from school or university and had had no briefing or guidance.

"Now all those who come here have attended a two-day briefing on what to expect, or in some cases have undertaken a seven- or eight-week leadership development course."

This was no bad thing, the colonel said, since the board was looking for candidates who had the character, ability and leadership qualities to command a troop or platoon both in peacetime and wartime.

It was very important, he emphasised, that in any one week, participants should be judged in exactly the same way as, for example, the same week the previous year.

"So all procedures at Westbury are carried out in a very disciplined and strictly laid-down way. Irrespective of the weather, the time of year or who the assessors are, the general approach is as objective as possible. Ultimately, the candidates will pass or fail entirely on their own efforts."

As from September, potential female officers will be training alongside their male counterparts at Sandhurst, and this is naturally reflected at Westbury.

When female candidates attend the board, the only concessions to them are minor



Tackling a task: group makes a combined effort

differences in the outdoor obstacle courses (they do not hurl themselves through a simulated window, for example).

Observing her protégés while they carried out command tasks in Westbury's spacious grounds and, later, negotiated one of the obstacle courses, was group leader Maj Wendy Le Gassick.

Stopwatch in hand, she said: "There is nothing like the RCB anywhere else in the Army. No two groups are the same, and it is fascinating to discover which individuals carrying out the command tasks, for example, have the necessary sense of urgency involved – and can communicate this to the group."

Based until last summer at HQ British Forces Cyprus, Maj Le Gassick undertook four



weeks' training for the Westbury job.

Suitably refreshed and showered after their outdoor stint, members of her group duly delivered their lecturettes after lunch.

"We are looking for confident candidates who can organise their facts and put them over clearly," said Col Simmons.

Topics ranged from life in the United Arab Emirates to hot air ballooning and bungee jumping.

"Sign of the times," the colonel commented. "It used to be 'My first parachute jump' until fairly recently. . ."

As the course progresses, the group leaders and deputy presidents compile summary sheets on each candidate.

Each group leader merely has a name and number for their

particular candidates and knows nothing about their background. Their views are therefore based purely on performance.

Deputy presidents do know the candidates' backgrounds, and actually interview them – but do not know the results of written tests.

The vice-president, however, holds every bit of information about individual candidates: reports, CVs and the results of the intelligence tests.

"When the candidates have gone, we sit down as a team and combine our notes," said Col Simmons. "We have all been through Westbury ourselves and can understand the candidates' feelings."

"There is always a lively discussion, and by and large the separation of assessments works well."



Lecturette in progress, courtesy of No. 13



Future high flier? Candidate attempts the obstacle course, observed by group leader Maj Wendy Le Gassick

"It is the most thorough system that could be devised, and does seem to succeed in weeding out the bold from the timid, and those who lead from those who follow."

"Of course, we do get clashes, where someone who has been expected to do well under-performs, or the other way round, where they perform well but the vice-president has reservations on file. All of that has to be matched up."

At the end of the day, around 50 per cent of the candidates pass their assessment and go on to Sandhurst for officer training.

"Those who fail are usually given one more opportunity to return to Westbury," said Col Simmons. "We usually tell them not to come back in less than a year, when they will have matured both in age and

intellectual ability."

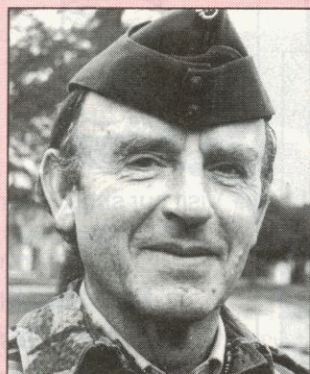
Occasionally, the board hears of someone who did not pass, but who has subsequently done well.

One former candidate, now chairman of a world-famous City institution, was turned down by a regiment. He had flat feet . . .

Col Simmons believes that the system at Westbury has a considerable element of support within the Army.

A recent statistical test involving around 2,000 ex-candidates showed that at Sandhurst, they were doing well.

"That is the proof of the pudding," said Col Simmons, "and Northern Ireland, the Falklands and the Gulf have shown that, on the whole, the young officers do a pretty good job."



Lt Col Charles Simmons



# Islands posting is tinged with purple

WHILE Royal Navy ships stand guard off the Falkland Islands, and Royal Air Force Phantoms fly combat air patrols in the skies above, a company from Cyprus-based The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment provides deterrence on the ground.

In any conflict the brains and brawn of 51 Field Squadron, Royal Engineers would be vital in ensuring quick reinforcement of the 2,000-strong garrison in the far-off South Atlantic islands.

Normally based at Ripon, Yorkshire, as part of 38 Engineer Regiment, 51 Fd Sqn currently forms the Falkland Islands Field Squadron. It is the largest Army unit in the islands and its airfield damage repair capability holds the key to keeping the Mount Pleasant runway open and the RAF flying.

The joint - or "purple" - nature of activities is reflected in many of the units and is one of the special benefits of a posting there. The headquarters is tri-Service, as is the Joint Communications Unit, Falkland Islands (JCUFI), responsible for all communications, and a Supply and Movements Wing, commanded by either an



Maj Alan Macklin, OC 51 Fd Sqn - largest Army unit

RCT or RAOC lieutenant colonel.

A fantastic array of tri-Service resources is available for "hard graft" exercises if operations permit. A commander could call on naval gunfire support from a frigate and even air support.

Purple-hattedness can lead to conflicts of loyalty. As a good OC JCUFI, Maj Dick Thurston dutifully says he supported both sides in the annual Falklands Army-Royal Navy rugby match, but nobody really believed him.

The logistics of supplying the force requires detailed planning. Food can become repetitive until fresh perishables arrive by air, along with the last few days' news.

As most Service personnel are on four- or six-month postings - only a few are on one-year stints - there is a continuity problem.

"We live in a remote place a long way from home and 35 miles from Stanley, so it is important we provide as many facilities as we can," said Lt Col James Forrest, RCT, a senior staff officer.

"Many come here with a view of the Falklands which they find to be false. They usually learn more, experience more professionally, and take up activities which they would never normally pursue. The work is also demanding, and time passes very quickly."

Time cannot pass quickly enough for some, and various milestones mark the chuff chart before the traditional "Gozome" party. The Adjutant General, Gen Sir David Ramsbotham, caught this flavour during a recent visit when one soldier announced that he was nine hours into the second half of his tour.

Isolation didn't worry Cpl Norman Crook, who commands the three-man Royal Signals detachment on top of Mt Campito, overlooking San Carlos Water. Along with a trio

at Mt Adam, it is the Army's most remote re-broadcast station.

Cpl Crook has done a tour at Campito once before, and despite winds averaging 80 knots, he looked on it as four months of rest and recuperation. It was a bit more turbulent ten years ago when he was a signaller with the 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards, on Tumbledown.

Facilities are basic. An adapted washing machine provides 4½ minutes hot water for showers, but Royal Engineers are constructing purpose-built accommodation.

The Oasis, run by three women from the Mission to Military Garrisons, offers a haven where Service people can enjoy a quiet cup of tea and home baking.

SSgt Ian Shaw is proud of his splendidly equipped adventurous training centre. He even acquired some arrows for the Sherwood Foresters!



ENGINEER officer 2nd Lt Neil Carson is a man with a secret, and he's not sure he wants his men to know it. He commands the Field Troop of the Falkland Islands Field Squadron, but before that he was a civil servant.

He worked at the Royal Engineers' Manning and Records office for four years and became so interested in the work of the sapper that he decided to "jump to the other side of the fence".

What he is keeping quiet, however, is that he used to post engineers ... to the Falklands!



Cpl Van McCoy leads his patrol around the "camp" - an area as large as Wales

## SOLDIERING SAPPERS RAISE THE STANDARD

THE Falkland Islands Field Squadron, currently 51 Field Squadron from Ripon, is required to turn its hand to much more than filling in craters on runways. Its sappers have to maintain their own combat engineering skills as well as keep the essential services running at the Mount Pleasant complex.

They also get the opportunity to sample soldiering jobs they would not normally do. For example, when the Resident Infantry Battalion is changing over, the sappers carry out patrols round the "camp", an area as large as Wales.

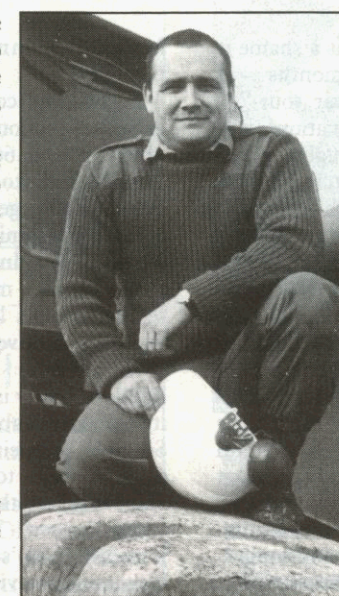
"People welcome us with open arms," says Cpl Van McCoy, a patrol commander. "We ask if there is any work they want doing and the lads are happy to oblige."

The islanders look forward to patrols by the engineers every four months because the

sappers have craftsmen who can tackle more ambitious jobs than the infantryman, turning their hands to plumbing as well as the usual sheep-gathering, peat-cutting, painting, or putting up fences.

"It is totally different for us to go on a non-tactical patrol. We enjoy being out on the ground, dropped off by helicopter and picked up after a week visiting settlements," said Cpl McCoy.

A few men billeted in an outhouse are no problem to the islanders, unlike the over-



Spr John Higgott: six tours

crowding caused by thousands of troops in Stanley after the conflict. Cpl McCoy recalls that conditions were "horrendous" while he helped build the Navy Point camp.

Some might consider a sixth four-month tour to the Falklands horrendous, but not Spr John Higgott, who feels he is doing the work for which he was

trained. Over the past decade sappers have greatly improved the quality of life for the Serviceman on the islands, and they are still doing so at South

Georgia and the Army's two most remote re-broadcasting stations on top of gale-swept mountains.

Garrison Engineer Maj George Cowe held a similar post in 1982 as a captain serving with 51 Field Squadron when 37 Engineer Regiment was there with 12 or 13 squadrons - "probably the biggest engineer regiment the world has ever seen," he said.

"Kelly's Garden was one of the biggest camps, holding 800 men, but there is nothing left now but a few temporary buildings," he said.

All the underground services "plumbed in" for the camp are still in place.

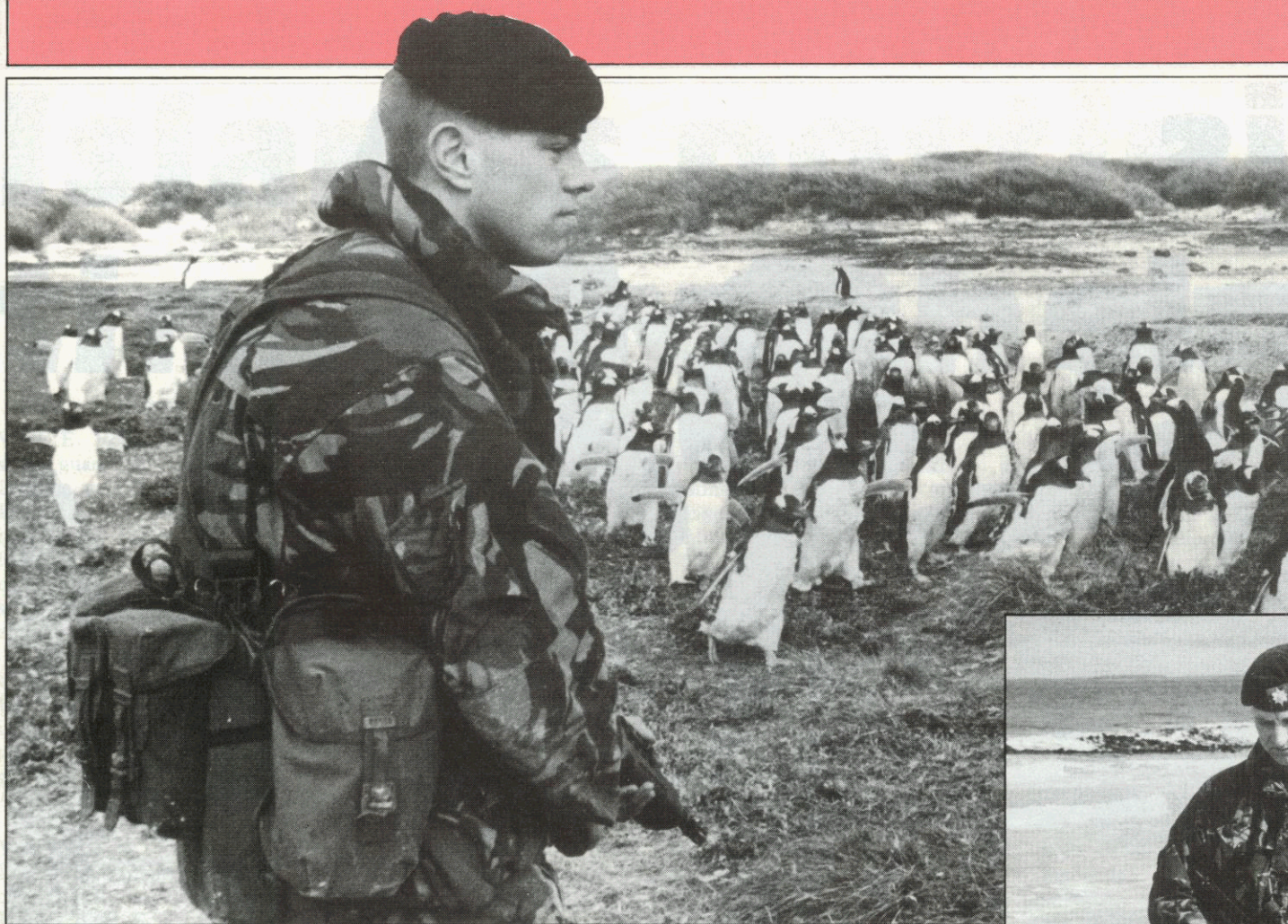
Having started his career more than 10,000 miles from home on Christmas Island during the atomic bomb tests, he is now finishing 36 years' service a bit nearer home.

He is, after all, only 8,000 miles away.



Muscle and machinery mix to keep the runway open





Gentoo penguins join Pte Jason Holland on patrol

## Woofers soon get into the action

NO SOONER had D Company, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment arrived in the Falkland Islands for their four-month tour than they were involved in battle.

The tri-Service garrison was holding its open day, and as Resident Infantry Battalion, the mock action was a good introduction to the Islanders before meeting them during week-long patrols to remote farms and settlements.

They found internal security patrols much more relaxed than their previous experiences in Northern Ireland or Cyprus, with lonely steadings delighted to see them.

Leaving Cyprus for a Falklands winter did not worry Cpl John Penney. "It is 101 per cent better for an infantry unit in the Falklands because the sporting facilities are fantastic and the soldiering is magnifi-

cent," he said. "It is a shame it is only for four months - I would do a two-year tour."

His only reservation was having to play rugby on a rock-hard, flinty pitch. Captain of the team which beat the Royal Navy, he would have preferred to have played on a peat bog.

Bogs there are a-plenty. There are also better facilities than can be found at most barracks in the United Kingdom. A super new swimming pool (paid for by grateful islanders), an array of sports kit available on signature, with two gyms to practise in, adventurous training centre and lodges, and a platoon commander's delight: a week with a range nearly twice the size of Sennybridge all to himself.

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"You have to fight for years to get on a range like this in the UK," said training officer Capt Matthew Wardner. "Our battalion hasn't managed good section attacks like this in the last four or five years."

A unique attraction of Falklands duty is the opportunity to learn about the other Services. In their first week, 25 soldiers went to sea in HMS Active and another ten watched firing at sea. Three soldiers joined the ship's company for a visit to Montevideo, capital of Uruguay, their places on patrol and field firings filled by three naval ratings.

Hercules flights to refuel Phantoms also offer a change of Service and Royal Marine instructors give Arctic warfare

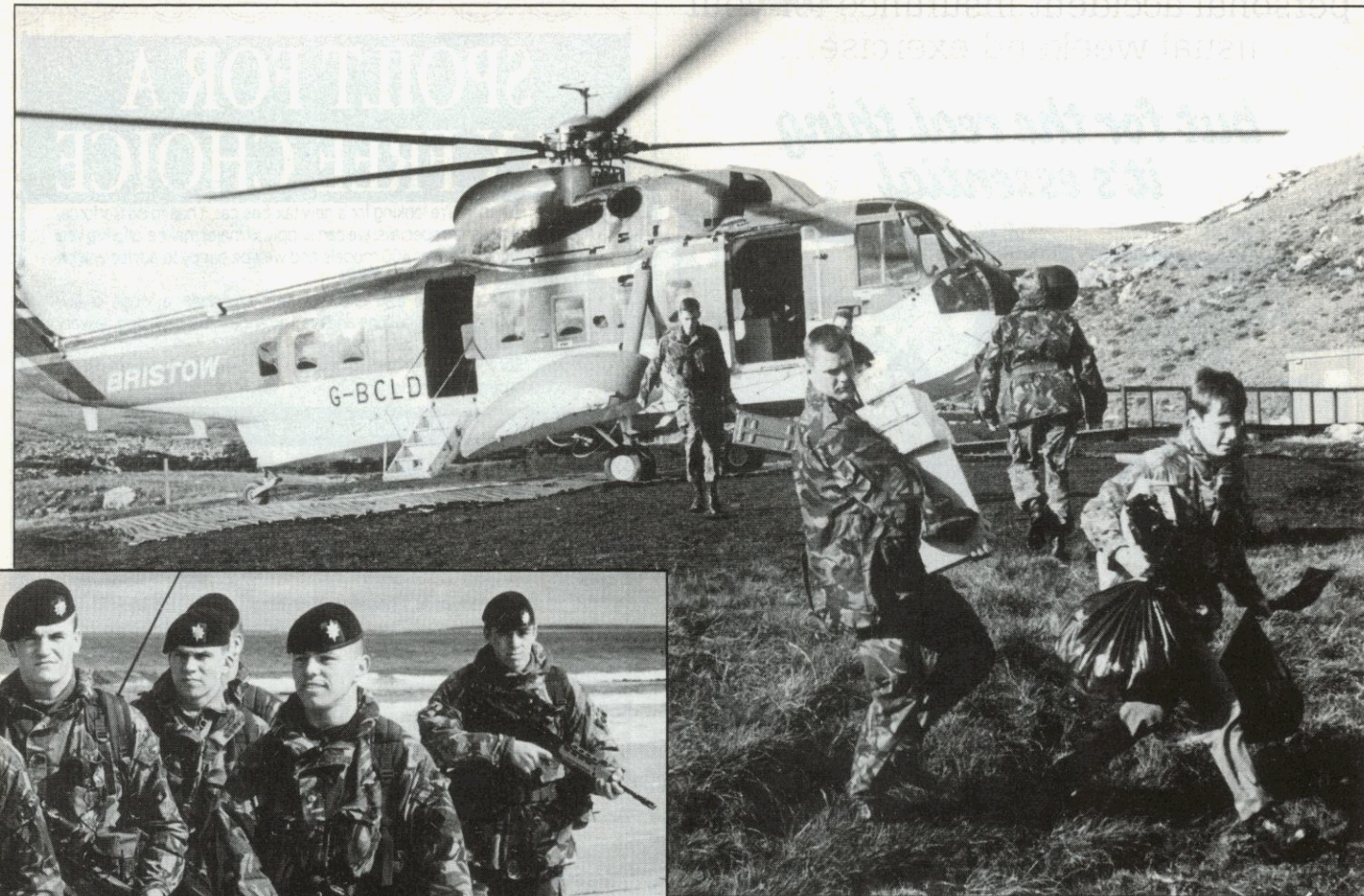


Not every beach is free from mines and patrols must be ever vigilant

training on South Georgia.

"We don't know each other as well as we should, and this is the one place where we can work with the Royal Navy and RAF," said OC Maj Paul Alun-Jones. "It is a wonderful chance for younger soldiers to appreciate that we help each other out in wartime, as we proved in 1982."

Conscious that they are in the Islands on the tenth anniversary of the conflict, the Woofers have been following the yomping and tabbing routes of the men who liberated Stanley.



Capt Matthew Wardner and Cpl John Penny (foreground) unload stores at Onion Range



The boot was on the other foot - or cup in the other hand - when Women's Royal Voluntary Service stalwart Flora Williams had afternoon tea with the Resident Infantry Battalion in the Falkland Islands, D Coy, 1st Battalion, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, during live firing at Onion Range.

Flora, who served at Ballykinler and whose next job is in Nicosia with the United Nations, normally dispenses tea from her office in the Mount Pleasant Complex, where Servicemen can relax watching videos or playing table tennis and other games, but she was glad of a cuppa herself during a break.

A Falkland Islander herself, she introduced the Woofers to the delights of island fruit: diddledee berries make lovely jam while tea berries are delicious with cream. Unfortunately, cream is not part of the kit they bring to the ranges...

## EOD in the front line

THE Joint Services Explosive Ordnance Disposal team is based in Stanley, so its members have access to the town and enjoy more select messing facilities.

They also become closely involved with the community, running safety classes for schools, guides and other institutions.

They also have to cope with the hidden menace of plastic

mines sewn indiscriminately by the Argentinians during the war.

In the ten years since the conflict the EOD team has dealt with nearly three million explosive items, including 4,000 mines from the 117 minefields laid by the invaders. Nine soldiers have been injured, four requiring amputations, trying to make the islands a safer place.



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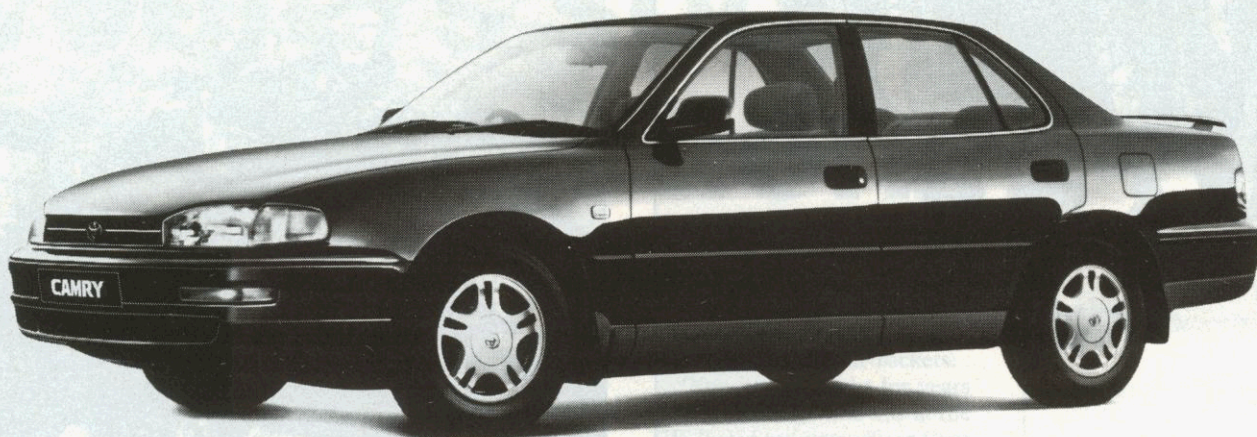
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Capt Nick Gregory describes the action near the 2 Para memorial at Goose Green

## Old battlefields yield new lessons

PTE Sandy Sanderson, a steward in the Hillside Camp officers' mess, was knackered. He had walked from 2 Para's start line at Camillo Creek to Goose Green on a beautiful autumn day over comparatively flat ground and could guess what it would have been like to march to battle in bad weather laden with kit.

On Sundays, his unit, D Company of The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, and 51 Field Squadron, Royal Engineers, run conducted tours of the 1982 battlefields.

He thought it was "brilliant" to visit places he had seen on newsreels, and he was fascinated to walk along Stanley's Ross Road and see islanders driving Argentine vehicles.

Pte Garry Strouter was only eight in 1982 but he, too,

wanted to see the battlefields. He would have preferred them to have remained as they were, this would have made the sites more graphic.

Pte David Hall had a more personal interest. Ten years ago his uncle had been off-shore with the Royal Navy. He comes from

a long line of Servicemen . . . an uncle was lost at sea during the Second World War, his father had been in the Royal Signals, one grandfather had been in the Royal Air Force, the other in the Royal Tank Regiment.



WO2 Ernie Thompson enjoys home baking at the Oasis

Master Chef WO2 Ernie Thompson had mixed feelings about going south to run the all-ranks mess with 30 Army Catering Corps chefs. He had lost a good friend at Fitzroy and was arranging for wreaths to be laid on behalf of the ACC both there and at Stanley. "The chefs were mainly carrying ammunition or acting as stretcher bearers until the land battle had been won," he said. "Only then could they start catering again."

"Walking over the land the soldiers fought over ten years

ago is important. It puts in perspective what happened here, and the trouble they had taking the positions. Today's soldiers can consider the tactics and see for themselves that it was no mean feat."

Parachute Regiment veterans who revisit the battle sites will tell the guides that Cpl X stood here, with the enemy at that distance, this ground between them, with these resources. Young soldiers listen intently and go away with a visual image . . . and a military lesson.

It is proper that the war should not be forgotten by islanders or serving soldiers, said Lt Col Tony Malkin of The Parachute Regiment. It is an acknowledgement of what was for some the supreme sacrifice, for others mental or physical injuries they have to live with.





# PS Roadshows spread word far and wide

AFTER three months of constant travel to garrisons, stations and units at home and abroad, the Personal Services Roadshow has returned to base.

Launched by the Adjutant General and led by Brig Alan Eastburn, Deputy Director General Personal Services, the Roadshow team set out to be as informative and helpful as possible to soldiers planning their transition to civilian life.

In all aspects, the travelling team was reinforcing and expanding on briefings and advice available locally.

Wherever it went, the Roadshow format was the same - morning sessions on housing, employment, finance, welfare and the Department of Social Security, followed by individual interviews in the afternoon. The afternoon programme gave soldiers an opportunity to approach team experts - both military and civilian - on a one-to-one basis.

With civilian consultants from the employment, housing and financial fields backed up by SSAFA representatives concentrating on welfare, Brig Eastburn's team was able to put on an impressively comprehensive presentation.

More than 1,100 Service personnel took advantage of the individual counselling offered by the Roadshow. Many problems were aired and many solved - from sorting out muddled finances to encouraging new lines of approach to the job and home markets.

Wives were encouraged to attend. Many are extremely streetwise, having been in and out of work, and are a valuable source of experience.

An ever-growing number of wives have skills which make them extremely employable, whereas husbands may have to face a period of unemployment and retraining.

For those unable to attend the Roadshow, a 2½ hour long SSVC video is available. Best way to watch it is to concentrate on one section at a time rather than to watch all of it in one sitting.

Two booklets are also available to underpin the work of the Roadshow - *Stepping Out* for soldiers and *Bridging the Gap* for officers. A Roadshow handout has also been published.

The Personal Services team was able to assess and monitor reactions from those attending the presentations and from the chain of command, and the experience gained should result in improved communications.

Team members also came upon occasional misinterpretations of the rules and regulations and were able to put matters to rest.

One fact to emerge very strongly was that redundees serving overseas benefit enormously from a posting to the United Kingdom for their final six months.

It was also apparent from soldiers leaving the seminars that some coming to the end of their service felt redundees were getting an unfair priority. The Roadshow package was equally valuable to everyone leaving the Army for whatever reason.

There was an interesting reaction to the DSS presentation, with 95 per cent of those questioned in the United Kingdom reckoning the content to be just right, against 74 per cent in BAOR being similarly satisfied. It was apparent that those based overseas felt they needed even more information, particularly on sickness, disability and unemployment benefits.

In almost all areas those serving overseas required more information than those living in the UK.

Typically, families in Germany had little idea of market rents being demanded in Britain.

But the backup support is now in place and all personnel leaving the Army should be aware of where they can turn for help and advice.

**Main MoD military helpline, open 24 hours a day, is Empress State Building ext 2301.**

Other assistance is available from:

- 15 local action support teams
- Tri-Service Resettlement Branch, St George's Court, 14 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1EJ (tel: 071-632 4444).
- Tri-Service Housing Office, Old Sarum
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## Positive move

OVERALL reaction to the Personal Services Roadshow was extremely positive. For a few, however, what they heard only reinforced their shock at being made redundant.

While it should be remembered that civilians might face the upheaval of redundancy more than once, they often have one distinct advantage over the redundee - a roof of their own.

Relatively few soldiers have invested in houses. Stretching redundancy pay to cover the cost of renting or buying is a major worry not immediately encountered by many civilians - although keeping up the payments is!

Allied to the provision of schooling, the combination is potentially crippling to the unwary soldier.

A warrant officer in Munster told me as he left the Roadshow: "I realise now that my redundancy package is not going to stretch to renting or buying a house, retraining, and keeping two children at boarding school."

"I have not lived in the United Kingdom for 17 years, and I had little idea of the basic cost of living there. I'm shattered."

A wife told me: "The redundancy envelope shattered my husband's dream. He has never been a civilian, and now he has no home and no job. He's very muddled in his thoughts and has appealed."

An officer serving at Rheindahlen said he never thought for a second he would not complete his service and now felt he had no re-saleable qualifications. "I feel like a fish out of water," he told me.

Perhaps for the second and third phases thought could be given to the provision of counselling on the psychological element of redundancy.

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Services Resettlement Bulletin 1, on housing, and SRB 2, on resettlement, are both extremely valuable sources of information on courses and briefings, and the opening of two tri-Service resettlement and housing offices will further improve the pool of assistance available for those involved in the second and third phases of redundancy.

There has been an overwhelmingly positive response to the work of the Personal Services Roadshow, and the last word should belong to Brig Eastburn: "We will be looking into all the issues raised and will not sweep them aside. Everyone is working with one aim - to help those leaving the Services at whatever stage."

## Redundees give travelling show a vote of confidence

SOLDIERS who visited the Personal Services Roadshow in the United Kingdom and abroad gave it a big "thumbs up".

All were asked to complete a questionnaire before leaving, and 94 per cent said the experience had been worthwhile. More than 1,100 took advantage of the individual interviews.

Of those who attended, only eight per cent were leaving the Army under normal circumstances, while ½ per cent of those who responded to the survey were thinking about leaving.

In all, 3,000 Service personnel and their spouses took advantage of the Roadshow. It was estimated that approximately half were redundees (out of the total of 3,000 in the first phase), and that the other half were those in the chain of command and possible redundees of the future.



The Duke of York meets men of the 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards, all members of the St James's branch of the Royal British Legion. In the centre with Prince Andrew are branch chairman Graham Downing and committee members WO1 (RS) Chris Savage and WO1 Jim Organ, RAOC. (See "Standard dedicated")

## Lease renewal fee waived by Halifax

MY STORY (May 18) on Service personnel being charged £50 by their building society for renewing the lease on property let under the shorthold or assured tenancies scheme was, unfortunately incomplete. It should have gone on to say that an officer

who challenged the charge with the head office of the Halifax was told local branch managers had discretion to waive the £50 fee for members of the Armed Forces.

It is worth checking to see if this applies to other building societies.

## School scheme

A CONCESSION from the Treasury will allow children of redundees to complete their education if they are in an exam year.

However, Service families looking at alternatives in case their children do not fall into that category may be interested in a new scheme from ISIS, the Independent Schools Information Service, aimed at helping parents spread the burden of fees.

The ISIS School Fees Special Reserve Account allows parents to create their own borrowing facility, secured on their home, and make use of tax-efficient vehicles such as pensions and PEPS to repay the loan. Details are available from ISIS at 56 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6AG (tel: 071-630 8745).

And do check with your financial adviser.

The annual census carried out by ISIS reveals that there has been a drop in new Services pupils starting boarding school in 1992. The figure is 2,321, about 270 fewer than took up places in 1991.

Boarding school fees rose on average by 12 per cent, following the 12.6 per cent increase the previous year. Not surprisingly, numbers have declined in both day and boarding schools in the private sector.

Financial support is available, though. The schools themselves helped 67,929 pupils, the Assisted Places Scheme was taken up by 30,151, and local authorities subsidised 7,575 children. It is worth investigating all these sources.

## WELL BELOW PAR

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### Standard dedicated

ST JAMES'S branch of the Royal British Legion, formed three years ago to cater for Service and ex-Service personnel unable to join a local branch, has dedicated its standard at St James's Church, Piccadilly, in the presence of the Duke of York, branch president.

Of its 5,200 members, more than half of whom live overseas in 15 different countries, 600 have so far been transferred to a branch of their choice. About half are still serving.

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*Reservist Discount News* contains information on a huge range of special offers available to Territorial Army personnel. The list of discounts includes ferry and travel, holidays, the Union Jack Club and other hotels, financial services and insurance.

If you have not seen a copy of the booklet with its bright blue cover, write to DARC, Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea, London SW3 4SS.

Watch out for the 1992 edition of the Army discount booklet. Every unit should have a copy.

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The British Ex-Services Wheelchair Sports Association is appealing for unused British Airways Air Miles coupons to help it send athletes to the Wheelchair Games in Barcelona in September. Send them to me at SOLDIER and I'll pass them on.

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The Royal British Legion Housing Association (RBLHA) has BES schemes coming on stream at Norwich, Wootton Bassett near Swindon, a site near RAF Walton, Bourton on Water, Gloucestershire, and Hastings, Kent.

Details, and information on the DIY Shared Ownership Scheme are available from RBLHA, PO Box 32, Penn, High Wycombe, Bucks.

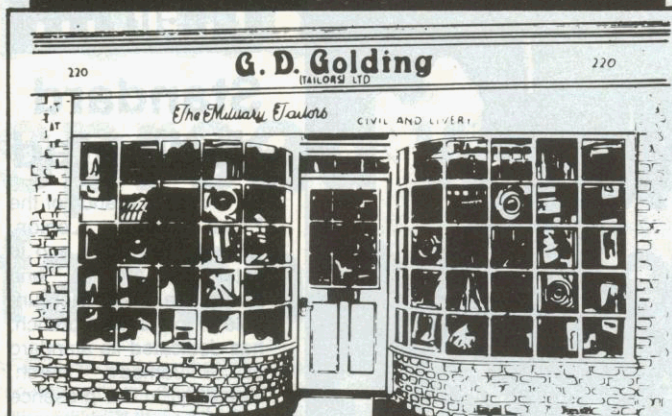


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My correspondent in America also mentioned that the US Department of Defense has announced a cut-off date for the award of a third "campaign star" for wear on the US award

for the Gulf War (South East Asia Medal).

As he says, the medal was given for one campaign, so how do the authorities justify extra awards?

Incidentally, may I say how much I agree with the Leeds writer (May 4) regarding the wearing of berets nowadays. As one who was privileged to wear the "Cherry Beret", if only as a Terrier, I think the way some berets are now worn reflects badly on the senior NCOs and WOs, who should be first to set an example in the proper way as shown by the two DLI sergeants pictured in the same issue. — Owen A O'Neill, Sheffield.

● The Liberation of Kuwait miniature is also available in the United Kingdom. See advertisement on facing page and story on Page 9 — Editor

## Memories of 2 Div

IN RESPONSE to "Farewell to the Second" (May 4), to the best of my knowledge 2 Div arrived in BAOR just after the Second World War and was based at Hilden, near Düsseldorf.

At this time it was an infantry division with brigades at Iserlohn, Wuppertal and Hublerath.

It was much later, perhaps in the early 60s, that it moved to Bünde and became an armoured division before returning to the UK. — L Peake (ex-2 Div Sigs Regt), Cleveleys.

## I want a SOLDIER!

AT THE risk of appearing a cheapskate, may I ask if there is anyone in my part of the world who would let me have their copies of SOLDIER when they have finished with them, please?

I like reading the magazine, but am involved with an Army welfare project which needs my 50 pence more than SOLDIER does, I reckon! — Marilyn Mailley, 19 Uffmoor Estate, Halesowen B63 4JR.

## School correction

MY LETTER published on April 20 contained an error. The name of the college at Chepstow in 1929 was the Boys' Technical School, not the Boys' Training School. At 79, perhaps one's memory strays? — C N Walker, WO2 (RQMS), RE (Retd), Swansea.

## BIRD'S EYE-VIEW



"Come back 13 . . . all is not lost! You still have 40 seconds left . . ."

RCB Westbury tests officer candidates — Pages 22-23

## Left-handed sash fashion has a very long history

IN THE footnote to the letter "Right way to wear a sash?" (May 4) SOLDIER librarian Bill Stroud is absolutely correct, not that I expect less!

The left-shoulder SNCOs' sash originated with the 13th (Somerset) Light Infantry, to whom this distinction was confirmed in 1865.

Tradition states that this dates back to either the battle of Killiecrankie (1689) or the battle of Culloden (1746) when the sergeants took over the duties of their officers as so many had fallen. The casualty records for the battles don't bear this out.

On their amalgamation with the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry in 1959, the traditional method of wearing the SNCOs' sash continued.

The Durham Light Infantry, on the other hand, wore their SNCOs' sashes in the normal, right shoulder manner. However, they had the distinction of a chain and whistle, the "Inkerman" chain — which the

regiment's officers wore on their pouch belts.

This came from the 68th (Durham) Light Infantry, which was amalgamated with the 106th Bombay Light Infantry in 1881.

The chain is worn in commemoration of the battle of Inkerman, when (again) sergeants undertook officers' duties; the regiment also was the only one to remove greatcoats and fight in tunics.

For SNCOs, the chain was

mounted from a circular boss, attached directly to the tunic, and later (as in your photograph) from the right lapel of battledress.

When the Light Infantry was formed in 1968, these distinctions were combined, hence the sash over the left shoulder, with whistle and chain mounted thereon. Probably for convenience, the boss is now attached to the sash, rather than to the jacket. — Megan C Robertson, Crewe, Cheshire.

## No complaints, please

YOUR correspondent D Wilson (May 4) complained about the way some berets are worn in the Army.

I think I speak for most serving Regular soldiers when I say we are sick to death of ex-soldiers feeling they must point out stupid little faults in today's soldiers.

If Mr Wilson does not like what he sees when he reads

SOLDIER then I suggest he buys a different magazine — maybe Train Spotter's Weekly.

As it states on the front of every issue, SOLDIER is the magazine of the British Army, not the magazine for people who have nothing better to do than complain about today's soldiers. — Cpl J Belsham, 8 Pl, Sobraon Coy, 1 Queens, Clifton Barracks, BFPO 29.

## Grave of poet not at Ypres

MAY I point out that John McCrae is buried nowhere near Ieper (Ypres) but miles from there at Wimereux Communal Cemetery, just north of Boulogne, on the coast road.

I can only assume that Mr Heselwood ("Poet's grave", May 4) is referring to the stone commemorating the place where *In Flanders Fields* was written — at the first aid dressing station beside Essex Farm Cemetery, just north of Ypres and by the canal bank.

Lt Col McCrae died of pneumonia on January 28, 1918. — Col Terry Cave, Worthing.

● A similar letter has been received from Mr R A Haley, of Sheffield. — Editor

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## SOLDIER to Soldier

### Something for all at Warminster

WARMINSTER Garrison's summer show on June 6 is being described by its organisers as "rather like a county show", the main difference being that it will have a military flavour instead of prize bulls and tractors.

A non-stop main arena programme will feature five bands - 17/21 L, St George's RRF, 1 R Irish, Pegasus and Falkland Bands (Para), and some pipes



and drums - The Queen's Regiment's Flying Dragons freefall parachute display team, and the Royal Military Police mounted and motor cycle display teams.

Army apprentices from Chepstow will speed things up with their gymnastic routine, while a veteran vehicles rally celebrating the 48th anniversary of the D-Day landings will slow it down. Also taking part will be the AAC Historic Flight.

Military equipment stands and helicopter and tank rides are sure to be popular attractions.

Visitors to the show site alongside the School of Infantry in Imber Road (gates open at noon) will also get a rare opportunity to walk around the Infantry Weapons Museum.

### Rotherham remembers famous son

A BAILEY bridge over the Don at Rotherham is to be refurbished as a permanent memorial to Sir Donald Bailey, its inventor, who was born in the town.

His brilliantly simple military bridging system, described by Montgomery as "quite the best thing in that line that we have ever had", first went into operational service in Tunisia in 1942.

Thousands of Bailey bridges were used by the British Army during and after the war, and the system was adapted to hundreds of uses - including a launching tower for rocket tests at Woormera in Australia.

The bridge in Rotherham,



Almost a year to the day since the staff of the Cambridge Military Hospital at Aldershot returned from the Gulf, the hospital has opened a new accident and emergency facility, further extending the Cambridge's services to the local civilian population. Pictured at the opening of the new facility are (from left) matron Col Iona Leith-Macgregor; commanding officer Col Ian Creamer; former QARANC officer Mrs Evelyn Wilcox, Mayoress of Rushmoor; and members of staff.

### BSES wants to hear from its 'old' explorers

The British Schools Exploring Society, which has given many young soldiers their first taste of adventurous training, is trying to re-establish contact with all those who have taken part in its expeditions.

The man to write to is Lt Col (Retd) Peter Steer, RA, Executive Director, British Schools Exploring Society, Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR.

Nine Army apprentices from Chepstow will be exploring in Iceland and Greenland with the BSES this summer.

erected in 1947, is to be dismantled and refurbished by Territorial Army sappers from 29 Engineer Brigade. It will be re-assembled and relaunched in July with a cairn and plaque commemorating Donald Bailey.

Although he was given credit for the system in 1944, Bailey was modestly rewarded only after a legal battle. He died in relative obscurity in 1985, aged 83.

### Work starts on Browning Dakota

SCAFFOLDING now obscures one of Aldershot's most instantly recognised landmarks - the DC3 Dakota which stands guard outside the entrance to The Parachute Regiment's Browning Barracks.

Work has begun on stripping paint from the fuselage following a report by Imperial War Museum experts last year that the aircraft would have to be scrapped if urgent repairs were not carried out. Although some

of the work is being carried out by contractors at no cost, the project is likely to be a heavy drain on the resources of the Airborne Forces Museum, outside which the Dakota stands.

Benefactors may care to contact the curator at the Airborne Forces Museum, Browning Barracks, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2BU.

The aircraft, delivered to the RAF in 1945, has stood outside the museum since June 1970.

### Veterans of Greece have their say

IN COMMON with veterans of the Suez Canal Zone 1951-52, the men who fought the 1940-41 Greek Campaign are still indignant, all these years on, that their hardships have not been given the recognition they deserve.

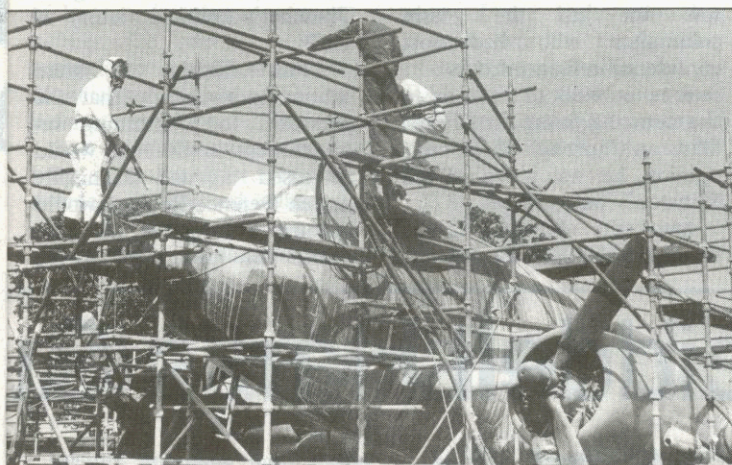
Now at least the experiences of some of the Other Ranks who took part in the Greek adventure (or should it be misadventure?) have been recorded together in print, thanks to the efforts of Edwin Horlington, ex-RASC.

Tell Them We Were There, edited by Don West, is a compilation of accounts of those

who survived or were taken prisoner and is described as "In part a critical exposé".

Mr Horlington said: "The book was never intended as a commercial venture but was produced in answer to many approaches from veterans of the 1940-41 Greek Campaign who felt strongly that their trials, losses and sacrifices have been kept under wraps for too long and that we ought to do something about it while there are still some of us left."

"We have had two reunions and at present are working on a project to establish a memorial at



Picture: Mike Weston

## DIARY

**Until October 18:** Falklands War exhibition at the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea. Admission free.

### MAY

**23-25:** Military Vehicle Trust D-Day show, Weston-super-Mare.  
**26-June 5:** Sotheby's exhibition of British gallantry medals, New Bond Street, London.

**29-31:** Military Vehicle Trust Overlord 92 rally, Portsmouth.

### JUNE

**6:** Garrison 92, Warminster summer show including massed bands and displays.

**12-14:** Rhine Army show, Bad Lippspringe, near Paderborn.

**13:** Queen's Birthday Parade. Colour Trooped by 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards.

**27:** RAF Halton show, near Wendover, Aylesbury.

### JULY

**1-6:** Armed Forces Week, a Tri-Services event on Plymouth Hoe.

**6-12:** Public events at Royal Citadel, Plymouth, to mark completion of its renovation and 30th anniversary of Commando Gunners.

**8-25:** Royal Tournament, Earls Court (Box Office: 071-373 8141).

**11-12:** Men at Arms display, Military Vehicle Museum, Exhibition Park Pavilion, Newcastle upon Tyne.

**17-25:** Nijmegen Marches, Holland.

**18-19:** Invicta Military Vehicle Preservation Society tenth annual rally, Whitbread Hop Farm, Beltring, Maidstone.

**29 and 31:** Prince of Wales's Division Massed Bands display, Cardiff Castle (tickets from Massed Bands Display Office, Maindy Barracks, Cardiff CF4 3YE, tel: 0222 227611 ext 8244).

### AUGUST

**4-8:** Exhibition of regimental silver, Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield.

**7-29:** Edinburgh Military Tattoo (credit card hotline tel: 031-225 3661 or Tattoo Office, 22 Market Street, Edinburgh EH1 1QB).

### SEPTEMBER

**6-13:** Farnborough International Air show.

**12-13:** Wessex Regimental Tattoo, Devizes, Wiltshire.

● To include public events in this diary, contact the Editor.

## REUNIONS

### ● Royal Tigers Association:

The Royal Leicestershire Regiment annual reunion will be held at Leicester on June 21-22. Details from the Secretary, TA Centre, Ulverscroft Road, Leicester (tel: 0533 622749).

### ● 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars:

The 73rd annual reunion dinner-dance of the Regimental Association takes place at Newcastle upon Tyne on June 27, followed the next day by a church service and parade. Details from Home Headquarters, Fenham Barracks, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4NP (tel: 091-261 1046 ext 3140).

### ● Northamptonshire Regiment Comrades Association:

Annual reunion at Northampton on July 4-5. Details from the Secretary, Gibraltar Barracks, Barrack Road, Northampton (tel: 0604 35412).

### ● 35 Squadron RCT:

Past members are invited to attend the disbandment parade at Duisburg on July 7. Details from Admin Officer, 35 Squadron RCT, BFPO 34. Information, photographs and stories from ex-members of 35 Sqn RCT and 35 Coy RASC wanted for corps' archives.

### ● Falklands reunion:

Ship's company of HMS Hydra (1982), an ambulance ship during the Falklands War, will be holding a reunion in Portsmouth on July 11. Anyone casevaced to Montevideo welcome. Contact J Erskine, The Elms Guest House, 48 Victoria Road South, Southsea, Hants. (tel: 0705 823924).

## APPOINTMENTS

**Brigadier** - I Cameron - To be Provost Marshal, May 8; R C Wolverton - To be Comd 43 (Wessex) Bde/7 Reg AFHQ, May 11.

**Colonels** - M F Gibson - To be Comd HQ Rheindahlen Gar, May 7; R D S Gordon - To MoD, May 6; T B N Oldrey - To Cambridge Mil Hosp as CO, May 21; M J Crosbie RACHD - Chaplain HQ SDIST/6 Reg AFHQ, May 11; J A Anderson - To be Def Adviser Cyprus, May 14.

**Lt Cols** - B W Ballinger, RCT - To be CO 151 Tpt Regt, May 4; D N J Flynn, Kings Own Border - To be CO 1 Kings Own Border, May 5; A M Mathew, RCT - To be CO 154 Tpt Regt, May 9; E G Mercer, Int Corps - To HQ 1 (BR) Corps, May 4; R J Morrison, RCT - To be CO 27 Regt RCT, May 4; J A Poole-Warren, RGJ - To MoD, May 5; W J Tustin, AGC (ETS) -

### ● Staffordshire Regiment:

Annual reunion on September 5 at Whittington Barracks, Lichfield. Details from RHQ, The Staffordshire Regiment, Whittington Barracks, Lichfield, Staffs WS14 9PY (SAE please).

### ● Canadian Women's Army Corps Veterans:

The 34th annual reunion will be held on September 25-26 in Toronto, Canada. CWAC Veterans' reunion brochure from chairman Mrs Shirley Wood Heesaker, 201 Niagara Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5V 1C9 (tel: 1-416 781-2872 or 781-3821).

### ● 12th Devonshire Regiment (6th Airborne), 1940-1945:

The 46th reunion will be held at the Countess Wear Lodge, Topsham Road, Exeter, on October 3. Contact social secretary Mrs Ada Follett, Rosemount, Exmouth Road, Exton, Nr Exeter, Devon EX3 0PQ (tel: 0392 874596).

### ● Greek campaign 1940-41:

A reunion for all Greek campaign veterans is planned at Morecambe in October. Organisers particularly want to contact survivors of HQ 4 Supply Personnel Company RASC from the Racecourse at Phaluron (Athens). Contact Frank Gill, 38 Halifax Crescent, Thornton, Liverpool L23 1TH.

### ● 654 and 659 Squadrons AAC:

A reunion is planned for April 1993 to celebrate 659 Sqn's formation in April 1943 and 654 Sqn's tour of duty 1942-44. Details from Secretary, South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum, 21 Broom Grove, Rotherham S60 2TE (tel: 0709 812168).

To Princess Marina Coll, May 4; J F Taylor, AGC (ETS) - To MoD, May 5; R C Goodall, RRF - To BMATT Zimbabwe, May 4; J M Reece, RADC - To 2 Dent Gp BAOR, May 12; M J Reilly, RAMC - To HQ Episkopi Gar, May 21; H T Dickens, 9/12 L - To MoD, May 11; A T K Hunter, REME - To be CO 44 Dist Wksp, May 11; G D Lilley, RCT - To HQ RCT TA, May 12; C J Martindill, AGC (ETS) - To MoD, May 11; F W Moughton, RAOC - To COD Bicester, May 11; J M May, RCT - To be CO 156 Tpt Regt, May 16; M S Vine, Glosters - To be CO 1 Glosters, May 11.

### Retirements

**Colonels** - F N J Davies, late RA, May 10; B J Terry, late Int Corps, May 6; R Timms, late QARANC, May 19.



## Pain of Gallipoli lives on in Bury

"SIX VCs Before Breakfast" is a ringing phrase that has been current for three-quarters of a century. It was an important part of the regimental lore of The Lancashire Fusiliers, but also at the time was a matter of War Office sensitivity.

Geoffrey Moorhouse's *Hell's Foundations* is an unusual addition to the library of military literature in that it examines not only The Lancashire Fusiliers' part in the Gallipoli campaign, but also the devastating effect the battle had on the regiment's home town of Bury, where the annual commemoration on Gallipoli Day matches the ceremony accorded to Anzac Day in Australia and New Zealand.

The book is an evocative story of the men of the 1st/5th Battalion, The Lancashire Fusiliers at Gallipoli and later in Flanders, of their womenfolk and the good citizens of Bury.

On the negative side, it is a wordy work and the reader may find some difficulty in keeping abreast of the author's account of events; for instance, in the sudden jump from the comparative trivia of life in Cairo to the horror of the Gallipoli landings and the First Battle of Krithia.

Furthermore, reasons behind the campaign, or excuses, are almost entirely neglected.

As the author tells us, The Lancashire Regiment was but one of 84 from Britain that fought and suffered great losses at Gallipoli in 1915, but he has chosen this unit and its depot town as a peg for his narrative.

This is reasonable when he wants to support the contention that the town's psyche is still wounded and that it was the memory of the devastation that caused a reluctance to encourage the young men of Bury to join the Army, and particularly the Fusiliers, in the Second World War.

"The recruiting officers underestimated the depths of despair that lurked in Bury long after the Great War, or perhaps they never understood the nature of it . . . no regiment in the British or any

# Inside story of Chiefs of Staff

THE appointing of professional heads of the Army and Navy can be traced back to the latter half of the 17th Century – before then, the sovereign alone was charged with the defence of the nation and its overseas interests.

But it was the British failures in the Crimean War that caused the initiation of a real military reform programme. In the later words of Lord Randolph Churchill, "war had become too complex for politicians".

Over the early years of the 20th Century the quest for balance between military and political interests led, in 1923, to the establishment of the Committee of Imperial Defence. The word "Imperial" was dropped from the title of the Army Chief on All Fools' Day, 1964.

*The Chiefs* is an extended look behind the scenes at the personalities who have been brought together to resolve Britain's defence problems.

The book's authors could hardly be better qualified. Gen Sir William Jackson has held numerous senior Staff appointments and is the editor of Volume VI of the British

official *History of the Second World War*.

Co-author of *The Chiefs* is Fd Marshal Lord Bramall, whose many responsibilities culminated in the offices of Chief of General Staff during the Falklands War and Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee 1982-1985. It is therefore very much a story from within.

The assessments of many of the supremos are often critically frank. For instance, going back to 1904-1908, Gen Sir Neville Lyttelton was "a general officer better known for his outstanding abilities as a tennis player than as a profound military thinker . . ."

In the First World War Prince Louis of Battenburg (name later changed to Mountbatten) was replaced by Lord Fisher in October 1914, and "It was not just the gossip columnists who had lost confidence in Prince Louis . . . seen as too weak to stand up to the thrusting young First Lord, Winston Churchill. In Fisher's opinion, he 'was a cypher and Winston's facile dupe' . . ."

After the Armistice came "Admiral the Earl Beatty . . .

handsome and debonair, his dash and courage in battle at sea matched his love of hunting on fast horses on land.

"The *panache* of his tilted cap, and the eccentricities of his life style, all created an aura of a latter day Prince Rupert."

Then, of course, there has to be Fd Marshal Montgomery, "... his own worst enemy. Supremely self-confident after his wartime victories, he saw himself as a military Messiah, sent to ensure that the faults of the inter-war years were not repeated for a second time."

Space available here does not permit justice to be given to the excellent coverage of Britain's 20th Century military involvements, and the struggles for adequate resources, which are presented with refreshingly open comment, not the least of which refer to Margaret Thatcher's political victory of 1979:

"The Chiefs . . . were cautiously optimistic that the pressures for continuing retrenchment in Defence would be eased . . . and financially driven Defence Reviews would become a thing of the past under the leadership of the



Some Chiefs of Staff (clockwise from left), Lord Harding, Field Marshals Sir Richard Hull, Sir Gerald Templer, Lord Carver and Lord Bramall, co-author with Gen Sir William Jackson of *The Chiefs*.



"Iron Lady". "They were right about her leadership, but a further spate of retrenchment and another Defence Review lay only just round the corner . . . In those early days of her administration perhaps neither she nor the Chiefs appreciated how incompatible Monetarism and strengthening defence would be . . ."

In a sense this is a depressing book in that it illustrates how defence matters are, when it comes to basics, conducted by quite ordinary humans and that

sometimes the meetings of the "Frocks" and the "Brass" resemble family squabbles and small company boardroom rows.

It is with disappointment we read of the Fisher-Churchill dispute over the Dardanelles; of the strong possibility that the RAF could have been scrapped in 1921; and of the dropping of the TSR 2 aircraft project in the 1960s.

The reading of *The Chiefs* should not be undertaken lightly. With 508 pages of

tightly-written accounts of how the armed forces have been run over the past century, it is a heavy book in more senses than one.

On the other hand, it is a necessary book and it could not have been better presented than by Sir William Jackson and Lord Bramall. – BJ

**The Chiefs: The Story of the United Kingdom Chiefs of Staff** by Bill Jackson and Dwin Bramall. Brassey's, hardback, £30.

## Liddell Hart's Guderian claim dismissed

GENERAL OBERST Heinz Günther Guderian was the commander who, through "blitzkrieg" warfare, put the greater part of Europe under German domination in the Second World War.

Kenneth Macksey's biography, *Guderian: Panzer General*, portrays him as a man of dynamic energy who built the panzer force in the face of opposition from the conservative elements of the General Staff.

This is the third edition of the book since it was first published in 1975 and what distinguishes it from earlier impressions is a new and provocative introduction by the

author that amounts to an accusation against Sir Basil Henry Liddell Hart (1895-1970), long considered by many to be the world's leading military scientist, and now demerited by Macksey as being "foremost a journalist of great vanity".

Liddell Hart was a captain who retired from the Army with the express intention of being the leading writer on military affairs.

He was termed "the captain who teaches generals" and he often claimed that the Germans and the Israelis were his "best pupils".

What Macksey now takes issue with is Liddell Hart's

claim to have contributed significantly to the formulation of German armoured doctrine, whereas he had been "expounding the concept that in future wars Defence would be superior to Offensive and the tank would be neutralised by the latest anti-tank weapons".

So, were Liddell Hart's claims of advocating armoured tactics of the kind used by Guderian false, and claimed only in hindsight to further his standing as the military authority?

Macksey believes this to be the case and bases his accusations on what lay behind a paragraph in Guderian's own book *Panzer Leader* (1953), the

English language edition of *Erinnerungen eines Soldaten*. The paragraph ends: "So I owe many suggestions of our further development to Captain Liddell Hart."

This did not appear in the original German edition and it is now contended that Liddell Hart pressured Guderian to insert the paragraph in return for arranging the publication of the book in English and for writing the foreword.

Reinforcing his case, Macksey refers to his interviews with the generaloberst's son Heinz Günther Guderian and concludes: "Beyond much doubt Guderian wrote the paragraph out of kindness of heart and

gratitude for Liddell Hart's friendship and help . . ."

Macksey believes that if Guderian was influenced by anyone it was Maj Gen J F C Fuller who, immediately after the Great War, wrote highly perceptive articles expounding the future of armoured mechanised warfare dominated by tanks and aircraft.

However, there can be no doubt at all that it was Guderian who put theory into practice and, in so doing, became the father of modern armoured warfare. – BJ

**Guderian: Panzer General** by Kenneth Macksey. Greenhill Books, hardback, £16.50.

## Who was to blame for this disaster?

IN his book *Malaya 1941* Sir Andrew Gilchrist says that when Singapore fell to the Japanese in February 1942, 130,000 soldiers were lost.

In *Tracks of Death* G F Kershaw, who was taken prisoner there, puts the number at 68,000 while, according to Kershaw again, the official figure was 110,000.

What many writers of military history do seem to agree on is that the surrender of Singapore by General Percival to the Japanese ranks as the greatest humiliation suffered by the British Army.

Sir Andrew Gilchrist tells in *Malaya 1941* a story of disaster upon disaster and not so much points an accusing finger but shakes an angry fist at those he considers responsible for this military débâcle.

He points to the failure of the RAF to live up to their boast that they could defend Malaya; he criticises the British C-in-C Sir Robert Brooke-Popham for lack of inspirational qualities; and he suggests that Churchill, who comes in for reproof himself, was glad to get rid of former Cabinet minister Duff Cooper from London.

The author asks: "If American entry into the war is to be regarded as a crowning mercy, how was it that the course of hostilities in the Far East began for the British with a series of unparalleled and humiliating disasters?"

He comes up with some interesting answers, tracing back the chain of failure to those he considers initially responsible.

As a source of information about the Far East campaign, Sir Andrew recommends the Public Records Office in Kew, rather than Brooke-Popham's papers or Churchill's memoirs.

That could be good advice, but can even the PRO claim that its information is 100 per cent accurate? It seems the seeker of truth once again has to make a choice. – JM

**Malaya 1941** by Sir Andrew Gilchrist. Robert Hale Ltd., £15.95.





# Long march in memory of Mike

The last mile. Maj Len Clark (front right) leads the 3 ADTR team into Bethesda, North Wales, and (right) delivers three building society passbooks to Mrs Alwyn Buckley at her home

Pictures: WO2 Arthur Thomson

DRIVERS from 3rd Armoured Division Transport Regiment gladly took to the road on foot to cover 510 miles in 4½ days to raise money for the family of Cpl Mike Buckley, who died of cancer just before Christmas.

Maj Len Clarke, Technical Quartermaster, and ten volunteers marched from their base in Duisburg, Germany, to the family home at Bethesda, Bangor, in Wales.

The marchers forgot that they were wet, weary and footsore when they handed over three building society passbooks – each containing £1,845 – to Cpl Buckley's children.

More money is to follow. As soon as the regiment heard of Mike's death, fund-raising began and more than £7,500 was collected for his widow, Alwyn, and the children.

A memorial plaque with a gold-embossed corps badge which Mrs Buckley presented to the regiment now hangs outside the guardroom of the Duisburg barracks.

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Huddersfield-based territorials of the 3rd Battalion, Yorkshire Volunteers (West Yorkshire) plan to hold a sponsored abseil from the top of Huddersfield Royal Infirmary on June 20 to send children with serious illnesses on the holiday of a lifetime.



Brecon War Memorial Hospital and disadvantaged people in the area received £520 after Cpl Basanta Gurung (left), Gurkha Transport Regiment, and Cpl Stephen Brown, Royal Army Medical Corps, handed cheques to Brecon Mayor Chris Lewis. Teams from the Non Commissioned Officers' Tactical Wing walked 40 miles from Cardiff to Dering Lines at Brecon to raise the money.

Bicester-based B Company of 16 Battalion RAOC sent 13 members to the Nijmegen Marches last year and raised £1,506 for charities supported by SSgt John Hawkins, a former member of the company who died in 1989. Mrs Ellen Hawkins received the cheque for the Spinal Injuries Centre, Stoke Mandeville, Imperial Cancer Research and the Pilgrimage Trust for handicapped children.

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Sappers from 62 Support Squadron's Plant Troop checked they had improved the Afamis, Cyprus, football pitch by playing an inaugural match against the Cypriots. The pitch

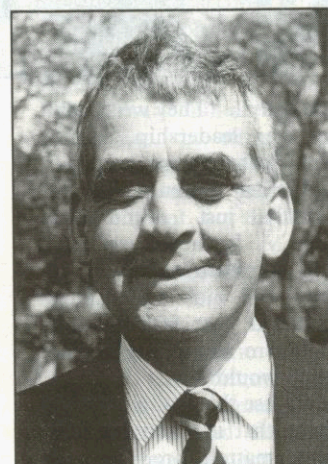
was fine but the sappers did get something wrong . . . they lost 4-1.

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Cpl Steve Jones, RMP, and WCpl Nikki Pearce, AG Corps, both serving at the RMP Training Centre, Chichester, raised £421 for BLESMA by swimming a half-marathon of 25 kilometres.

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Braving dreadful weather, 11 soldiers from 3 Field Workshop REME at Tidworth raised £2,700 for MENCAP and the Spastics Society by completing a 13-day run from John O'Groat's to Land's End.



Sgt Frank "Smudger" Smith, not yet ready to hang up his boots, despite his retirement

Cook Sgt Frank "Smudger" Smith is not hanging his boots up yet, despite retiring after 40 years' service with The Dorset Regiment, REME with the Army Emergency Reserve, and C Company, 1st Battalion, The Wessex Regiment in Newbury. In 1968 he caught the walking bug and has since raised more than £10,000, mainly for handicapped children.

Smudger is determined to carry on walking. Son Jonathon is keeping the C Coy connection going. He is a lance corporal after 11 years with The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment.

For 30 years Frank has been a keen reader of SOLDIER – he has two suitcases full of them.



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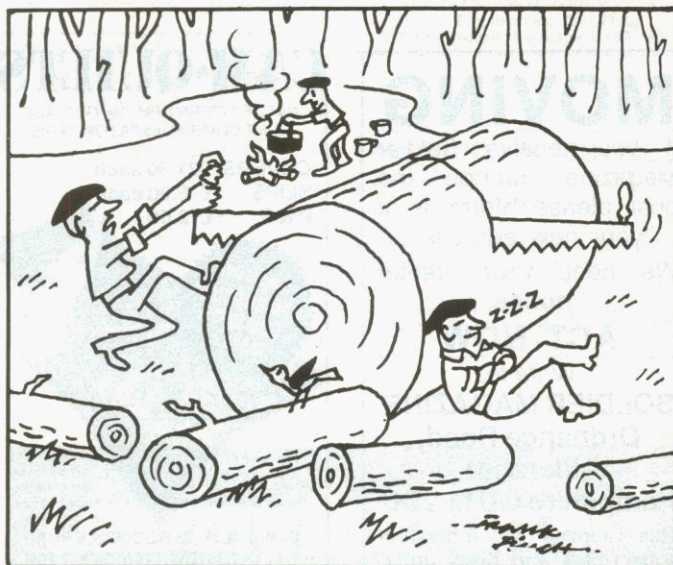
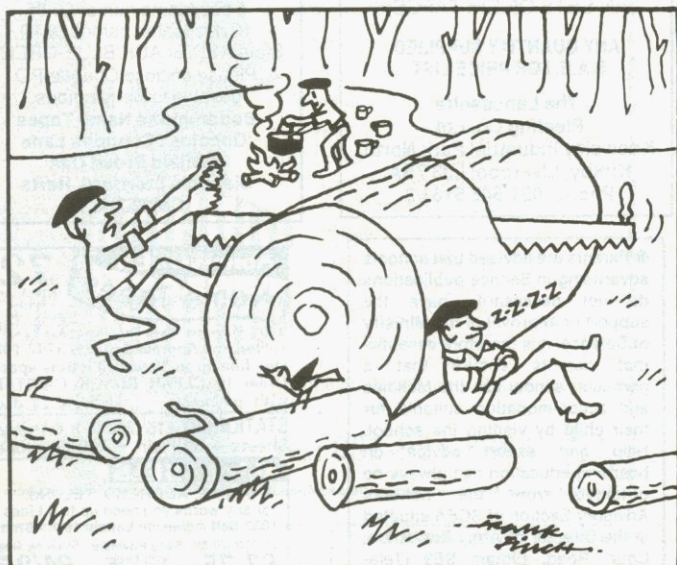
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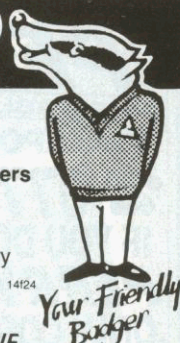
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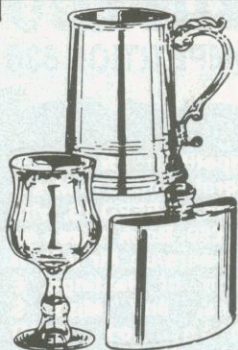
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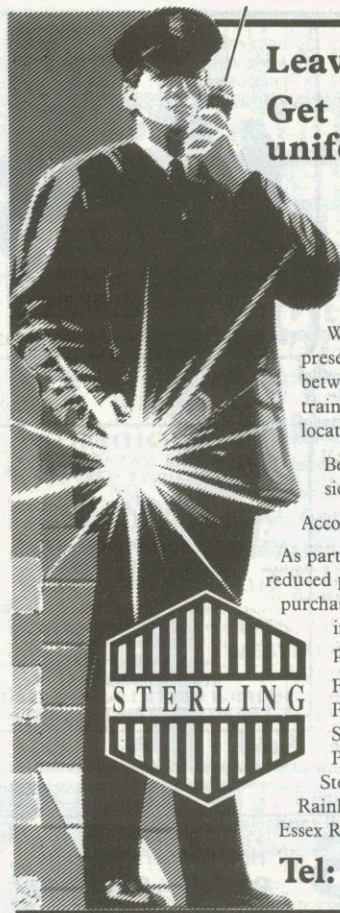
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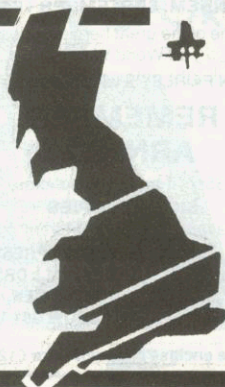
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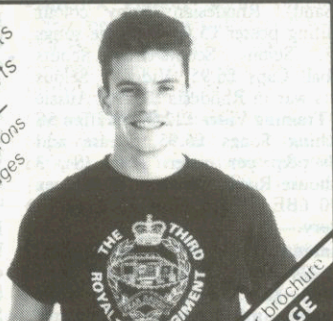
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What they missed was the sight of the Army champions doing it again. WO2 Martyn Lewis and the lads of 7 Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery took the sevens title by beating 21 Signal Regiment by 18 points to ten in the final, so completing a resounding season for 7 RHA.

The Airborne Gunners had to overcome arch rivals 1 DWR in the quarter-finals before disposing of JLRRA Permanent Staff, Bramcote, in the semis. The Bramcote gunners are the current Army Minor Units 15-a-side champions, which made it something of a unique encounter.

Troops Hereford, 7 RHA's opposition in the UK Major final, went out in the quarter-finals to what one observer described as the result of "a palpable knock-on" and was not a popular decision.

In the plate final 1 RRW from Hong Kong swamped 2 Queens by 32 points to nil.

Next season, of course, it is expected that we shall be seeing a great deal more from the Welshmen when they return to the UK. They are sure to provide a useful addition to



Cpl Peter Curtis (left) of 21 Signal Regiment tries to restrain 2nd Lt Howard Graham of 7 RHA in the final of the Army sevens

Army rugby, as they always have done in the past.

Finally this season, it is important to reflect on the youngsters who wear, with as much pride as anyone, the red Army shirt, and to report that the Army Colts (U-19) have just completed one of their best seasons ever.

With eight wins out of 13 games in a very demanding season, competing with the best at their level in civvy street, the icing on the cake was when they won the Colts Inter-Service championship with a 19 points to seven victory over the Royal Navy, followed by a 17 points to 13 win over the RAF.

As a result of their success, no fewer than 17 Army Colts were selected for the Combined Services colts tour of Wales at the end of the season and 11 have been recommended to be part of the Army U-21 squad for next season. Well done the colts.

Hereford,  
Depot RA  
win titles

TROOPS Hereford have won the Army Major Units SOLDIER Cup squash championship, beating JLRRA in their district final, HQ UKLF in the United Kingdom final, and 38 Engineer Regiment in the Army final.

Winners of the Minor Units squash championship were Depot Regiment Royal Artillery who beat Electronics Branch REME in the United Kingdom final and Düsseldorf Station in the Army final.



Above - Man of the match Cfn Taff Evans, REME, the RHG/D scrumhalf, waits for his pack to heel the ball  
Right - Blues and Royals skipper LCOH Paul Young hoists the cup aloft after receiving it from Mr Bill McGawley of Vickers Defence Systems

Final  
victory  
for the  
Blues

A LATE try in the corner by LCpl Nixon clinched a seven points to nil victory for the Blues and Royals over 5 Innis DG in the final of the second Royal Armoured Corps inter-regimental rugby final at Headquarters RAC Centre, Bovington.

Man of the match Cfn Taff Evans, the RHG/D scrum half, opened the scoring with a first half penalty.

Last year 5 Innis DG, then BAOR champions, were prevented by post-Gulf War duties from taking part in the final, where they were represented by 1 QDG.

The match was significant because it was the final appearance for both regiments before their amalgamations, RHG/D with the Life Guards and 5 Innis DG with 4/7 DG.

The Vickers Trophy was



presented by the company as part of an overall sponsorship of RAC rugby, and the match was watched by Mr Bill McGawley of Vickers Defence Systems.

An RAC (UK) side played in the inaugural Army inter-Corps merit table during the winter and achieved some promising results, losing narrowly to the RAOC (16 points to 18), the ACC (4-7) and the APTC (11-15).

The RAC sevens, also held at Bovington, were won by defending champions QRIH from Germany. They beat the Blues and Royals by 23 points

to six in the final after defeating Scots DG A, 5 Innis DG (who also qualified for the semi-finals) and 16/5 L A in their pool.

In the other league, RHG/D and RAC Centre qualified, knocking out Scots DG B and 16/6 L B in the process. QRIH overcame the hosts 16-4 in their decider, while RHG/D beat 5 Innis DG - for the second time in three days - by 18 points to nil.

Sadly, there is no chance of the QRIH achieving a hat trick next year - by then they will be part of the new Queen's Royal Hussars (Queen's Royal Irish).

Late goals  
boost Sigs'  
cup hopes

2 Sig Regt 4,  
HMS Seahawk 1

WITH goals at a premium in the Naafi Jubilee Cup competition for the three United Kingdom-based Service unit champions, 2 Signal Regiment did their chances some good by beating Royal Navy champions HMS Seahawk 4-1, writes Pat Massey.

Those precious goals gave them a realistic chance of success in a competition last won for the Army by SEME Bordon in 1987. In their first match, the signallers failed to score against RAF Lyneham.

But the goals were a long time coming against Seahawk, and it was only strikes by Edwards and skipper Higgins in the final six minutes that put them clear. Alford scored the York-based regiment's opener, and Brown got things moving again in the second half after Seahawk had equalised.

RAF Lyneham 1,  
2 Sig Regt 0

Army Challenge Cup finalists 2 Signal Regiment lost their goal-scoring touch at Lyneham against the RAF champions in their opening Jubilee Cup encounter, and were beaten by a single goal.

It was an unfortunate slip by the Army UK champions, who dominated the game and created enough chances to win easily.

RE Dusseldorf 2,  
Depot and Trg Regt RCT 3

United Kingdom champions Depot and Training Regiment RCT travelled to Germany to win the Army Minor Units football final against BAOR champions RE Dusseldorf at Caernarvon Barracks.

Sgt Kenny Steele opened the scoring for the sappers, but goals by Dvrs Thompson, Kane and Glenister put the RCT outfit ahead. Reduced to ten men by a sending-off, the home team made a spirited come-back and earned a penalty which Cpl Mark Buglass converted.

7/10 UDR 2,  
QO Hldrs 1

Two goals in two minutes midway through the first half set the Infantry Challenge Cup Final at the Tidworth Oval alight. LCpl Dickie Caulfield put 7/10 UDR ahead only for LCpl John Greechan to equalise almost immediately for the Highlanders with a thunderous shot.

The winning goal for 7/10 UDR came 15 minutes from time when Caulfield scored again with a close range header.

AA Coll Harrogate 4,  
JIB Shorncliffe 4  
(JIB won penalty  
shoot-out 4-1)

One of the best Army Youth Cup finals for many years was decided on penalty kicks after a titanic struggle which ended 4-4 after extra-time.

Junior Infantry Battalion Shorncliffe, the pre-match favourites, kept their nerve and beat the Army Apprentices College Harrogate by four penalties to one.

On a rain-soaked Daly Ground, the infantrymen quickly had Harrogate at full stretch. But they took chances and were twice punished before the interval.

Shorncliffe reduced the arrears on the hour, then scored twice more to take the lead. Army Youth skipper Thompson levelled the score for Harrogate, forcing the game into extra time.

JIB went ahead in the second period of extra time, but were pegged back again, making the penalty shoot-out necessary.

Mr Brian McCulloch of sponsors Atlas Hydraulic Loaders Ltd presented the trophies.

## BAOR RA clerks tournament

Winners of the inaugural BAOR Royal Artillery clerks football competition were 32 Heavy Regiment who beat HQs Artillery 7-1 in the final. In the plate competition, 22 AD Regiment beat 26 Field Regiment on penalties.



# Meet the Army's runaway winners . . .

FOD Dulmen's crack running team lines up for a team photograph with commanding officer Lt Col Anthony Laceby after one of the most successful seasons ever recorded by an Army unit.

During the past seven months Dulmen has won four Army titles, four BAOR titles, three formation events, and the high class Fleet half marathon team championship.

Under team captain WO1 (RSM) Steve Lonnen (front, centre), Dulmen won Minor Unit honours at the Army and Inter-Services marathon, the Army cross country relays (in which their B team were runners up), the Army half marathon and the Army cross country championships.



## There's no stopping Dulmen

FOD DULMEN finished their winter programme in style by beating 1 PWO convincingly on the way to their third consecutive Army half marathon championship, writes Peter Marsh.

The race, which was incorporated into the Whitbread Reading half marathon, attracted an Army entry of 350 including most of the Service's top distance runners. Britain's Steve Brace was one of a number of internationals from Europe and Africa who competed.

An incident in the town centre minutes before the start resulted in part of the course being closed, reducing the distance to just over 12½ miles.

Army runners featured prominently, with SSgt John Lennon (FOD Dulmen), Sgt Jeff Martin (2 Sig Regt) and Pte Darren Stephenson (1 PWO) locked into a personal battle for Army honours.

At the 11-mile point the in-form Stephenson made a break decisive enough to hold

off Lennon, the current Inter-Services half marathon champion. Martin, now returning to form following his posting to York, was third, 32 seconds adrift.

In the women's event, up and coming QSgt Mel Bradley (BMH Hanover) was a clear winner ahead of WO2 Helen Meen (HQ Bulford Area), with Sgt Karen Mitchell (RMP Trg Centre) third.

Men's team honours went to FOD Dulmen (Lennon, Starbuck and Butler), with 1 PWO second, 19 Inf Bde third, 14 Fd Regt RA fourth and 1 DERR fifth.

Sgt Peter Cawse of The Parachute Regiment made a successful return to long distance running when he comfortably won the inaugural Hampshire South Coast Marathon at Gosport.

Gale-force winds and rain did not stop Peter recording an excellent 2hr 27min 52sec, putting him at the head of the Army's 1992 marathon rankings. His previous best for the



Sgt Peter Cawse, winner of the inaugural South Coast Marathon

distance was 2hr 22min.

On the other side of the world, Army PT instructor WO1 Alex Rodgers has been named as Sportsman of the Year by the Hong Kong AAA. The award was a fitting tribute to Rodgers, never beaten in a race in the Territory, who was about to return to Britain.

## Cricketers go on trial at Aldershot

DESPITE rain washing out one set of matches, the Army selectors were able to see a number of promising cricketers in action during the three-day festival at Aldershot last month.

End result of the event was a limited overs trial match on the final day. However, several nominated players failed to turn up for the festival and it was felt that some districts were not represented by their best sides.

The Army Cricket Association believes the only solution is for districts to hold their own trials before the annual festival.

### RESULTS

**West** 291 (Lawton 24, Carr-Smith 56, Sommersgill 32, Istead 109, Thesiger 41 not). **East** 197 (Johnston 29, Wilby 58, Taylor 33; Carr-Smith 4-19).

**Northern Ireland** 130-9 (Deans 54, Redfern 23; McCabe 4-21). **South** 114 (Illingworth 43, Dyer 37; Pointer 5-15).

**President's XI** 151 (Illingworth 63, Fielding 36; Dyer 3-25, McCabe 3-21).

**Chairman's XI** 114 (Way 28; Houldsworth 5-20).





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# SOLDIER



Don't look now, chaps, I think we're surrounded! But there was no need for concern by these penguins on Bertha Beach near Mount Pleasant, East Falkland – the “birdwatchers” were a patrol of the Resident Infantry Company stationed in the Falklands, currently from the 1st Battalion, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment. See Pages 24–29.

Picture: Terry Champion