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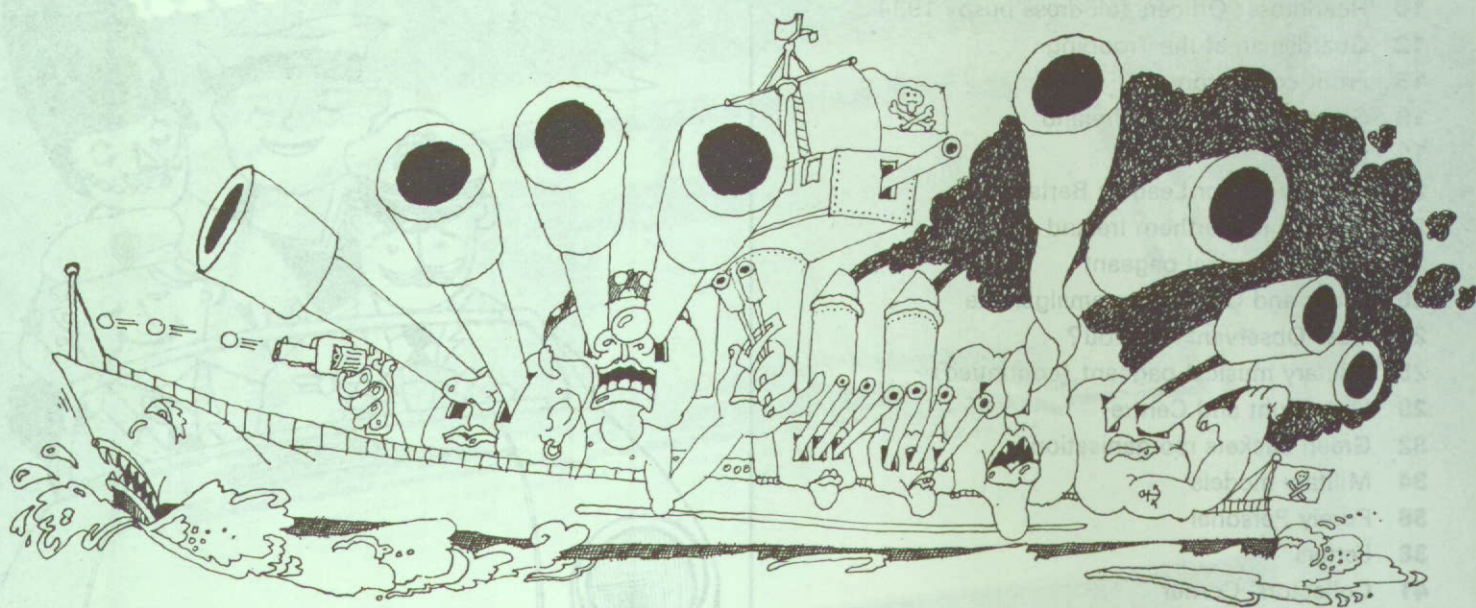
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SEE - THE - ARMY DIARY

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

AUGUST 1971

- 7 Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Engineers, open day, Dover.
- 7 Biddenden spectacular, Kent (Blue Eagles).
- 8 Cadet military tattoo, Huddersfield.
- 8 Bristol air show (Blue Eagles).
- 9 Battle Royal: Household Division reviewed, Aldershot.
- 11 Butlins, Minehead (Blue Eagles).
- 13 **Military display, Knightswood Park, Glasgow (13-15 August).**
- 15 **Darlington Army week (15-20 August).**
- 15 Butlins, Minehead (Blue Eagles).
- 18 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 18 Butlins, Clacton (Blue Eagles).
- 20 Edinburgh tattoo (20 August-11 September) (no performances Thursdays and Sundays).
- 20 Army recruiting display, Crewe (20-21 August).
- 20 **Crewe carnival (White Helmets) (20-21 August).**
- 21 **Darlington show.**
- 21 Eston play week, Middlesbrough (21-30 August) (band, motorcycle team, Red Devils).
- 25 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 27 Glasgow military display (27-29 August).
- 28 Leeds gala (28-30 August) (band, motorcycle team or Red Devils).
- 28 Poynton agricultural show, Cheshire (Blue Eagles).
- 29 Blackbushe air show (Blue Eagles).
- 30 Crewe carnival (White Helmets, Blue Eagles).
- 30 Horsham, Lions gala (Blue Eagles).
- 30 Rotarama, Palatine Park, Worthing (bands, tent-pegging, freefalling, driving competition).

SEPTEMBER 1971

- 1 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 2 Sheffield show (2-4 September) (band.)
- 3 Army recruiting display, Blackburn (3-5 September).
- 3 Wood Green show (infantry display) (3-4 September).
- 4 Keighley show (band).
- 4 Guildford town show (two bands, arena event).
- 5 **Military and flying display, Waterbeach, Cambridge (in aid of Burma Star Association, Gurkha Welfare Appeal and RAF Benevolent Fund).**
- 8 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 11 Brent show, Roundwood Park (infantry display teams) (11-12 September).
- 13 York tattoo (13-18 September).
- 15 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 16 Cambrian March (mid-Wales) (16-19 September).
- 24 Berlin tattoo (24-25 September).
- 25 **Scottish Military Collectors Society Militaria Fair, Appleton Tower, Edinburgh (25-26 September).**
- 27 The Queen's Division exhibition, Army Careers Information Office, Strand, London (27 September-31 October).
- 28 Kettering show (28 September-1 October) (band).

OCTOBER 1971

- 1 British week, San Francisco (1-9 October) (bands).

NOVEMBER 1971

- Opening of National Army Museum, London.
- 13 Lord Mayor's show, London.
- 13 British Legion festival of remembrance, Royal Albert Hall, London.

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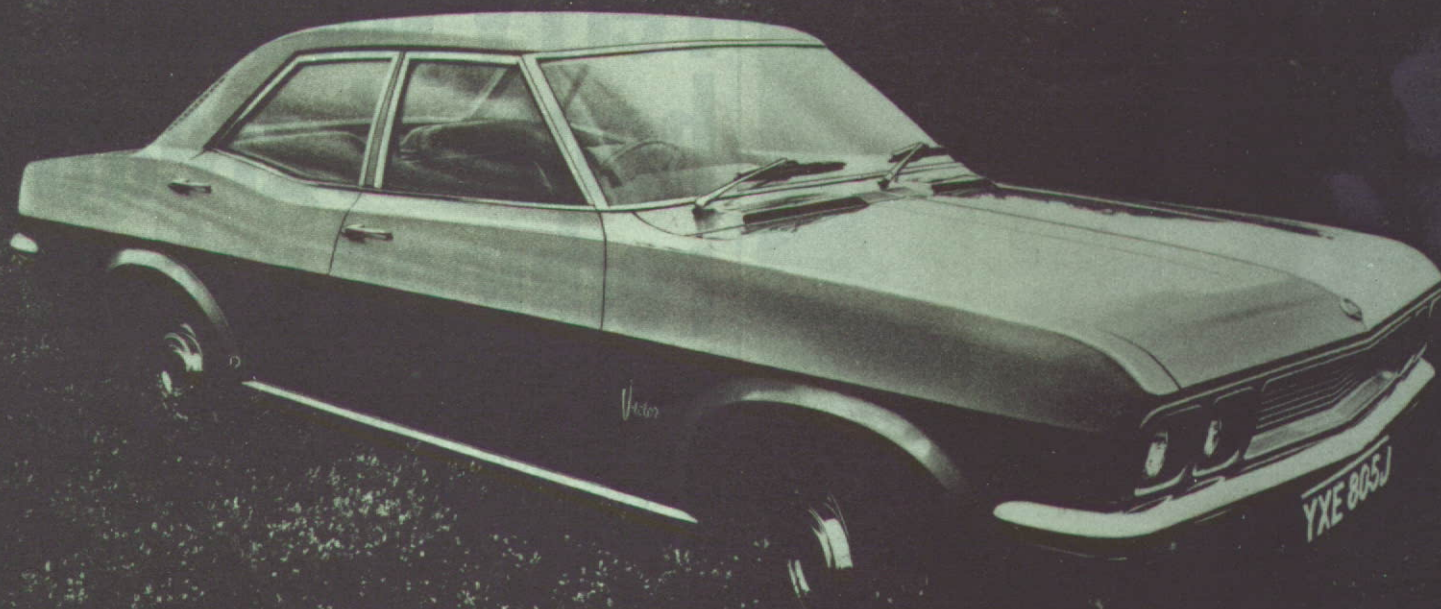
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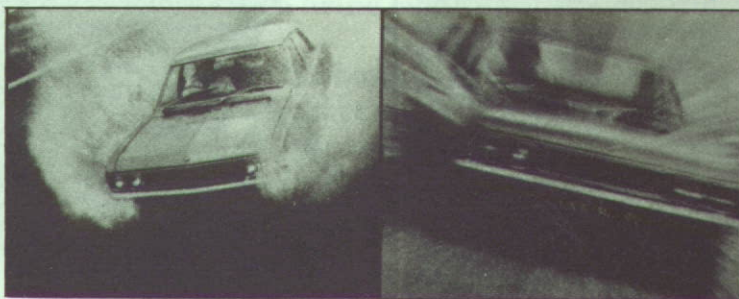




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SOLDIER's first offices were in Brussels, where the magazine was launched in March 1945. Five months later the magazine moved to Hamburg, then to Eaton Square in London for eight years and then to its present location in Holloway. SOLDIER will close at Holloway on Friday 3 December and reopen in Aldershot on Monday 6 December.

The postal address will be SOLDIER Magazine, Clayton Barracks, Aldershot, Hants; the signals address will change from BANEWS LONDON to SOLMAG. Telephone extensions will be on Aldershot Military Exchange (GPO number Aldershot 24431).

SOLDIER looks forward to the move and to welcoming visitors to its new offices.



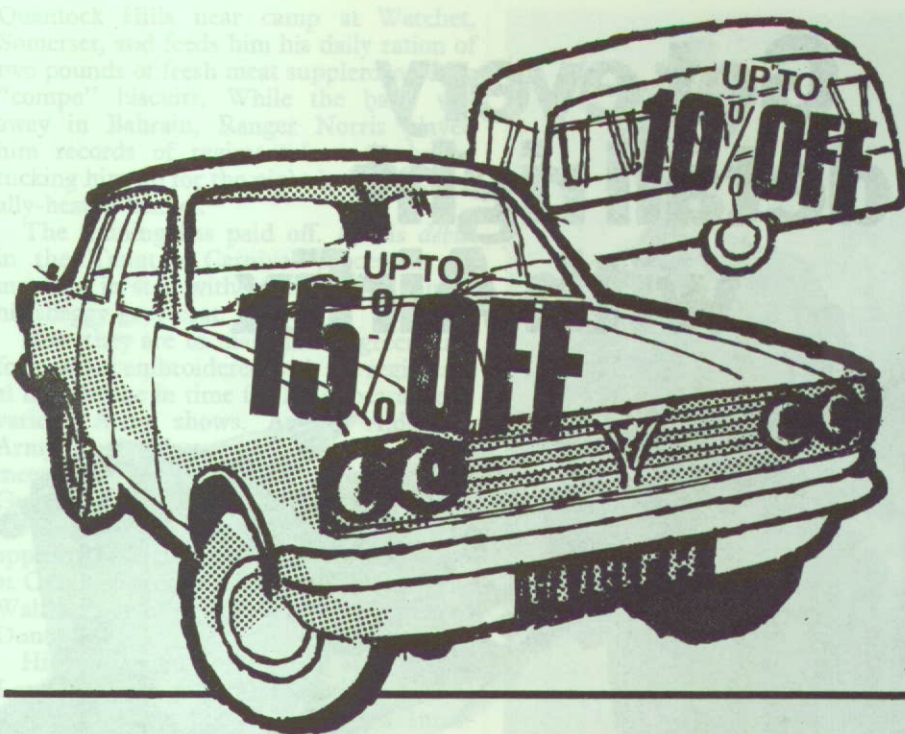
That Army equivalent of the "gremlin" has been at work again. In the July SOLDIER's story (The Killer Night) of 40 Sandhurst cadets training in Norway, the picture used on the bottom left of page 18 (and reproduced below) is not of Cadet Nigel Hope.



It is of Cadet David Marshall-Ponting who before entering the Royal Military Academy walked on his own from John o' Groat's to Land's End in 37 days, sleeping in police stations, barns and cowsheds. He had previously served in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and hopes to join The Parachute Regiment.



Cadet Nigel Hope (above) also entered Sandhurst from the ranks—he spent three years at the Army Apprentices College, Harrogate, rising to apprentice sergeant. He aims for a commission in the Royal Signals and a degree in electrical engineering.



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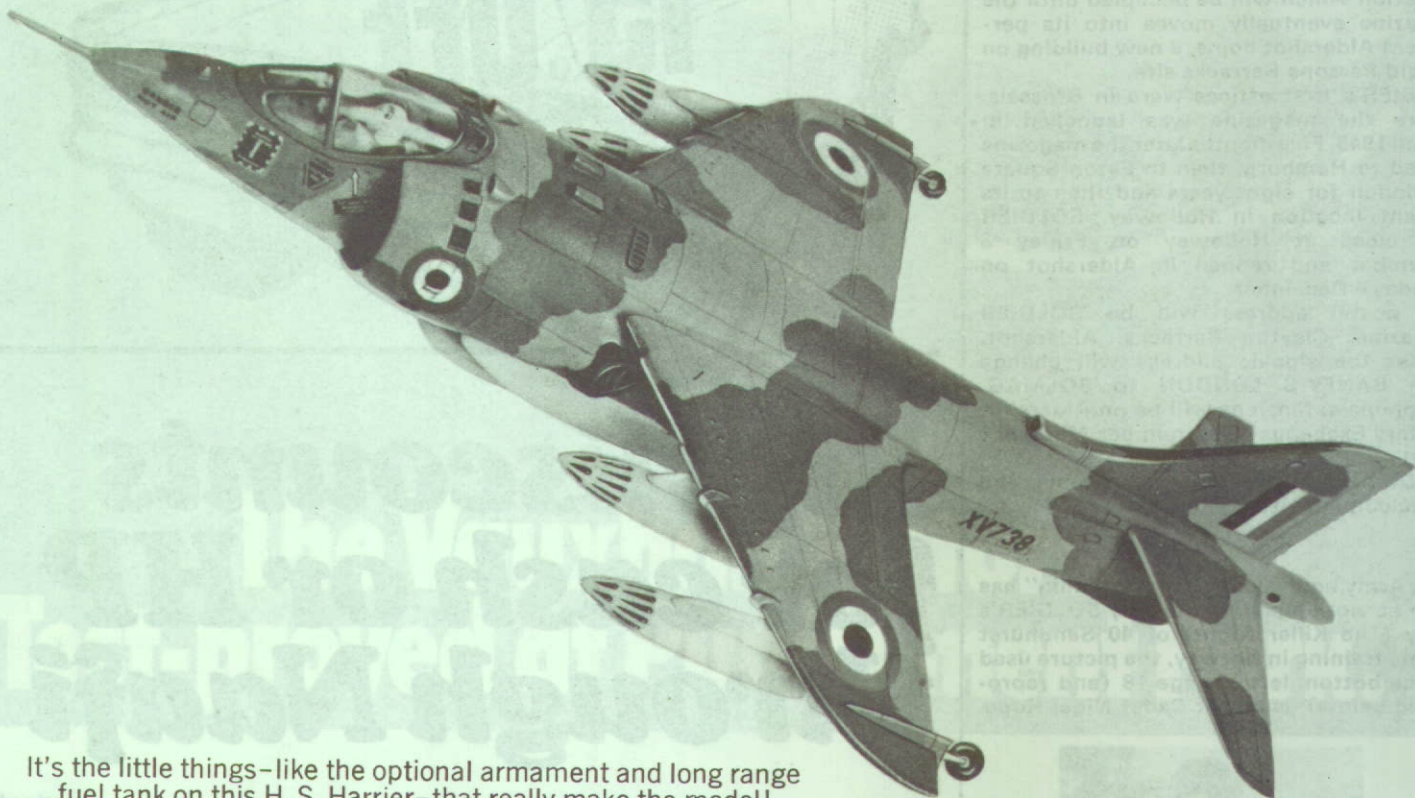
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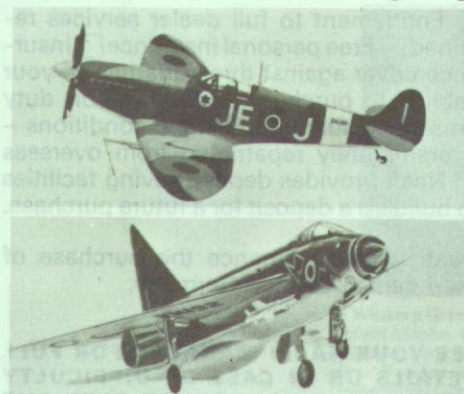
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The début of Brian Boru

HE stands six feet tall, weighs 140 pounds, goes for daily runs over the hills, eats red meat and has a set of sharp white teeth. The very sight of Brian Boru of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Irish Rangers, would discourage anyone from taking the mickey.

Brian Boru—named after the Irish king killed in 1014 at Clontarf, the battle which drove the Danes out of Ireland—is the battalion's Irish wolfhound mascot. He was presented to the battalion last year by a retiring officer, Major Alistair Hayes. Since then he has been undergoing basic training by Ranger Michael "Tipp" (from Tipperary) Norris who used to be a wardog handler. Ranger Norris exercises him on the

Quantock Hills near camp at Watchet, Somerset, and feeds him his daily ration of two pounds of fresh meat supplemented by "compo" biscuits. While the band was away in Bahrain, Ranger Norris played him records of regimental music before tucking him up for the night in his electrically-heated kennel.

The training has paid off. At his *début* in the Taunton Carnival procession he marched in step without turning a hair of his shaggy grey coat.

Now they are to make him a green uniform jacket embroidered with the regimental harp badge in time for his appearance at various Army shows. At the Aldershot Army display last month he was due to meet his cousin Fionn, mascot of the Irish Guards (see SOLDIER February 1970). He has other distinguished relatives. One appeared with Tito Gobbi in "Don Carlos" at Covent Garden and others starred in the Walt Disney film "The Fighting Prince of Donegal."

His regimental predecessors were Paddy Longdog (mongrel mascot of the Royal Ulster Rifles), a pig of The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and another wolfhound at The Royal Irish Fusiliers Depot which lived for only six months.

Despite his appearance, Brian Boru is really a very friendly dog. When he takes a fancy to anyone he puts his forepaws on their shoulders and licks their face. This bodes well. For in six months' time he is to be mated to provide a litter for future mascots.

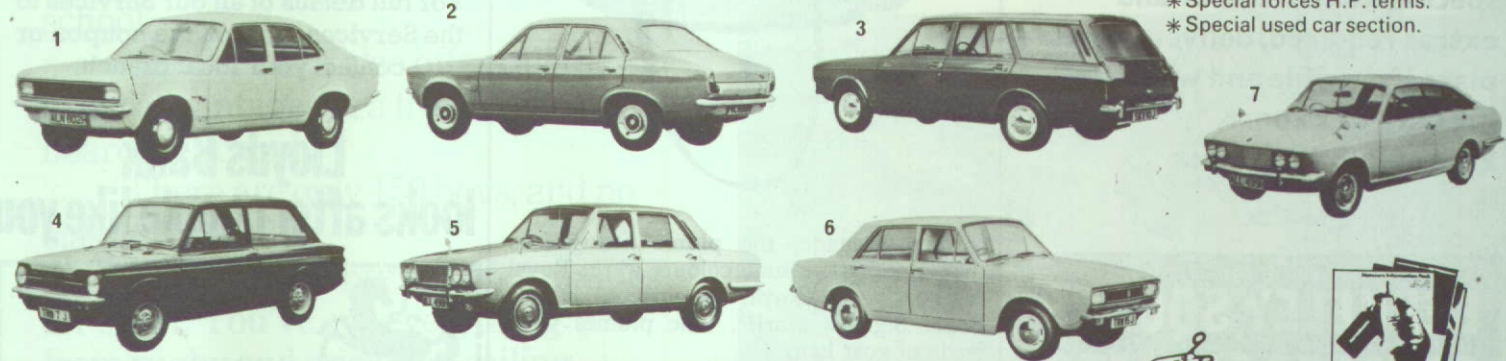
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Officers full dress busby (Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Royal Signals) 1934

The busby worn by the Royal Artillery and the Royal Engineers was of black coney, whereas the Royal Signals had one made of black lynx. The headdress measured 6½ inches high in the front and 7½ inches high at the back, the circumference of the top being half an inch smaller than the bottom. The chinstrap was of black patent leather.

Fitted into a 1½-inch recess at the top of the busby was a cloth bag which fell down on the right side to the bottom. Colours of these bags were: Royal Artillery, scarlet; Royal Engineers, light blue; Royal Signals, black. The bag was fitted to the side of the busby by a small leather tongue which passed through a loop of cloth on the bag and was attached to a brass button.

On the left side were a plume and plume holder, the latter being in the shape of a



flaming grenade, the plume fitting into the flame part. Plume colours were; Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers, white; Royal Signals, scarlet. The plumes were made of goat hair.

The flaming grenade plume holders were in gilt metal and bore the crest of the regiment or corps. These badges were: Royal Artillery—The royal coat of arms with a scroll beneath the motto "Ubique;" under this a gun above another scroll inscribed "Quo fas et gloria ducunt." Royal Engineers—the royal coat of arms with a scroll beneath bearing the motto "Ubique." Royal Signals—the figure of Mercury within an oval bearing the title of the corps, surmounted by a Crown.

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GUARDSMAN OF THE GRENADIERS

Story by George Hogan



How many hours, how many steps?
Left, right! Left, right!
What do we do with the money we get?
Left, right! Left, right!

Coming home darling, coming home now...

Guardsman Eric Cavinder in No 2 Guard, 21 last month, thinks: "Another one done. That's the third. How many hours have I blancoed and polished? How many hours have I marched and trained?" A subconscious voice urges:

Look at the flags along the Mall.
Look at the people, see them wave,
Look at their smiles, see their pride.
Look to your front! Swing your arms!

"Routine now," thinks Eric, "but weeks of preparation every time." Four years ago Guardsman Cavinder of the 2nd Grenadiers was a recruit. Born in Austria where father, serving in the Royal Army Service Corps, met mother, he had "followed the flag" with his parents to Germany and Cyprus until 1960 when he was attending school in England. In 1965 he joined the Merchant Navy and saw more of the world, including the United States and Canada.

In 1967 the military life called, he joined the Grenadiers and after six months' training at the Guards Depot, Pirbright, he was posted to the 2nd Battalion in Wuppertal, Germany. After training to command an armoured personnel carrier, there were exercises with the Danish and French armies in their own countries, a change of duty

THE Queen's birthday parade is over. Her Majesty at the head of her troops rides her charger, Burmese, along the Mall back to Buckingham Palace. She wears the uniform of Colonel-in-Chief of the Grenadier Guards with the white plume in her tricorn hat. The Colour of the 2nd Battalion had been trooped.

The crowds are cheering and soon the Royal Air Force will be dipping in salute above the palace if the low cloud clears sufficiently on this dull, chill but dry day in mid-June.

Not a bad morning for the trooping, think the guardsmen. Six hundred of them—Grenadiers, Scots and Coldstreamers—step out along the Mall while The Life Guards and the Blues and Royals of the Household Cavalry jangle and jingle in all their finery as their chargers toss their heads.

The men behind the colour, the precision, the snap, the spirit and the martial music of the trooping ceremony are marching home—first to escort their Queen to her palace and then to their own quarters, their lunch, their wives and families. Left, right! Left, right!

from driver to machine-gunner, East German border patrols and the interchange of guards, training, exercise and ceremonials that are the day-to-day tasks of soldiers in any Guards regiment.

Back to Britain in 1969 and readjustment to public duties with guards at Buckingham Palace, St James's and the Bank, plus all the ceremonial associated with the London station—State visits, opening of Parliament and Trooping the Colour.

How many hours, how many steps?
Coming home darling, coming home now...

It was at this time that six-foot Eric met his future wife, Christine, and they were married within a few months. In 1969, too, he worked his way with his pals through the weeks of preparation to his first trooping ceremony on Horse Guards Parade. He learned all there was to know about buff belts, blancoeing, boning boots and balancing bearskins.

About standing steady at the "Present" for minutes at a time, marching in review order shoulder to shoulder without swaying or buckling the line. About "ammunition" boots—the Guards and the Army Catering Corps still wear them with leather soles, but the Guards also have 13 steel studs on each boot.

Which reminds every Grenadier that his

GUARDSMAN OF THE GRENADIERS



Behind the impeccable drill on the day are weeks of preparation. This is a rehearsal at Caterham.

Below: During a slack period in the company stores Guardsman Cavinder polishes his boots.



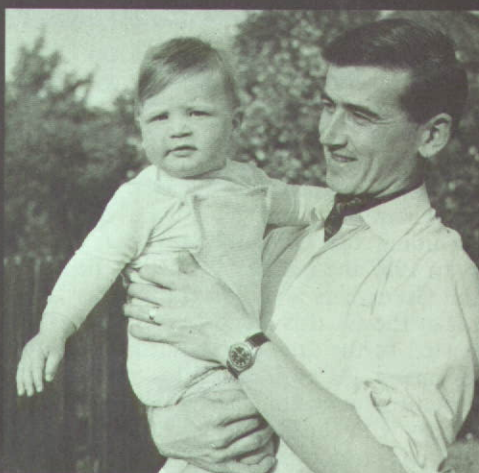
Below: Visit to the regimental barber for a trim. The bearskin will keep him warm enough.



Below: And to the tailor's shop for adjustments to his Grenadier's ceremonial uniform.



Below: As smart when off duty as on parade—Guardsman Eric Cavinder and baby son Andrew.



regiment has 13 Victoria Cross heroes.

He learned that the highly expensive bearskin, made from the fur of the Canadian male bear, has to be moulded into shape for each big parade. Water and blankets aid the process and there is some dark talk of unapproved experiments with hair lacquer and shampoo. Buff belts and rifle slings are still scrubbed and blanched. Official experiments with white plastic have been unsuccessful so far but are continuing—the sharp edges cut into the scarlet tunic and the slightest scratch shows.

Guardsman Eric found satisfaction in shining his boots until they looked like "black diamonds." But it was a long, arduous chore rubbing in blacking and water in the old way of French polishing; heel-balling and boning until they could not be bettered. The kerb or chin chain was beaten to fit his face and the heavy trousers or "tweeds" needed well pressing. The scarlet tunic is far too difficult to iron and has to be shaped on a special press.

At this time, too, Christine Cavinder began to understand something of what life means for the wives who "follow the drum." There are unsettled years, especially at the beginning, partings and worryings, loneliness and sudden activities, packing and unpacking, trains and planes and waiting for news.

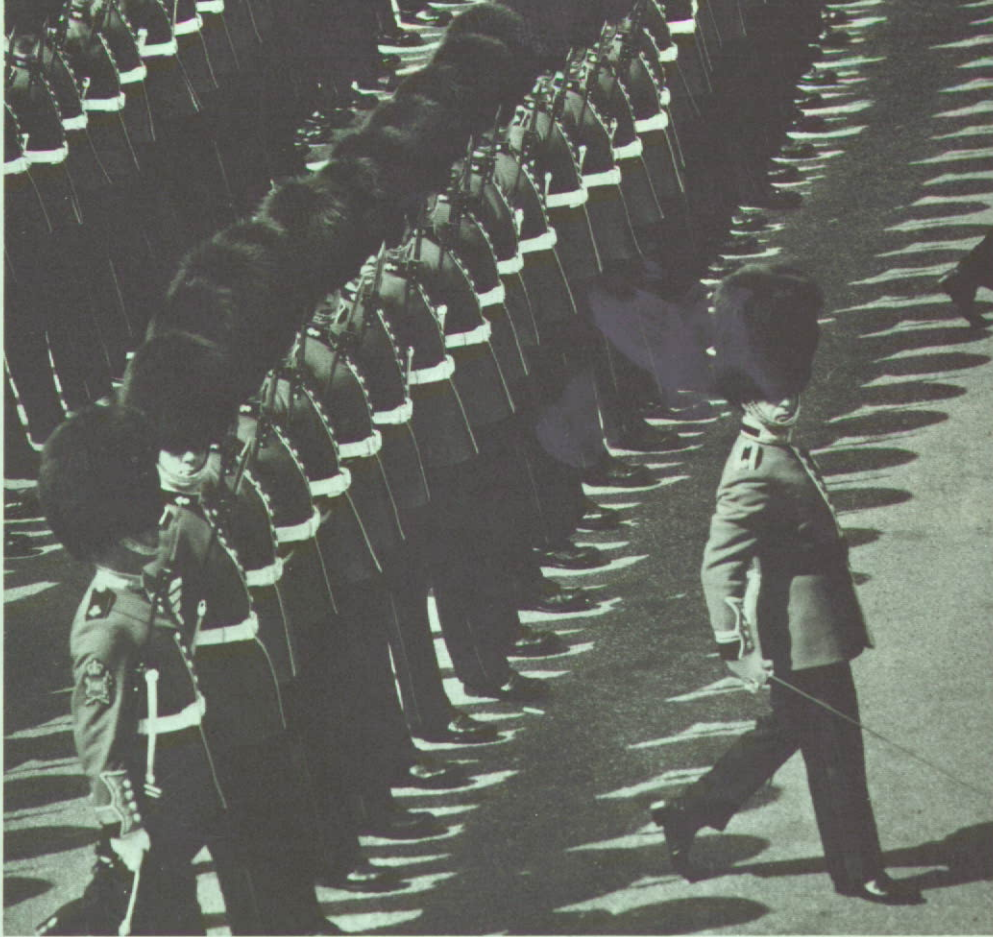
The battalion moved to Northern Ireland but Guardsman Eric was selected as part of a demonstration platoon to be attached to Mons Officer Cadet School, Aldershot. The platoon helps to train future officers and accompanies the students for short overseas trips on exercises in unfamiliar surroundings.

Eight months later he was back in London for his second birthday trooping. Preparation, training marching, polishing, the whole sequence to be worked through again but easier now after the first experience. A month later his son, Andrew, was born.

In November 1970 the Battalion moved from Chelsea to Caterham and Guardsman Cavinder attended a signals course to learn something of procedures and to get a grounding in morse code.

In May this year, now employed in the company stores, he started preparing for his third birthday parade, soon after which his company, Inkerman, was to fly to British Honduras for a six-month tour of duty.

Who knows his thoughts as he marched along the Mall behind his Sovereign? "Another one over... Four years in the Army now... Next it's the Caribbean—we take our turn anywhere, we can turn our hands and minds to anything... Look at them all waving... I can hear the aircraft... 'By the right!' Wait for the order... We're marching past the Queen... 'No 2 Guard—Eyes right!'"



Before the big day there are two dress rehearsals, both open to the public, on Horse Guards Parade.



Below: The Trooping over, the Queen (Colonel-in-Chief) leads the Grenadiers down the Mall.



Below: And takes the salute in the forecourt of Buckingham Palace as the Guards march past.



Below: The Earl of St Andrews, Lady Helen Windsor, Princess Anne, Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones, the Queen Mother, Prince Edward, the Queen and Prince Philip watch RAF Strike Command's fly-past.



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Front Cover

The precision of the "Left form" brought cries of admiration from the spectators during the trooping ceremony on Horse Guards Parade in celebration of the Queen's birthday. No 6 Guard (right of picture) is from 1st Battalion, Scots Guards; No 7 Guard (left) from 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards.

Picture by Arthur Blundell.

Gunner Troubleshooters



Story by
Hugh Howton



EVEN before the dust had settled the gunners were on the spot. Within a minute of reporting the tell-tale "whump," they radioed again urgently: "Hullo Golf Four, this is Golf Four One Bravo. Now at location. Explosion Unionist HQ."

It could have been big trouble, for this was where Mr Brian Faulkner was due to make an address after his appointment as Prime Minister that day. However, the hall was empty at the time as Sergeant "Andy" Easton and Gunner David White-ly of 156 (Inkerman) Battery, of 32 Heavy Regiment, found after leaping from their Land-Rover. But there was some severe damage—a blown-in door and broken

windows, and shattered glass in the bus depot across the street. Worst of all an unexploded bomb lay half hidden in the debris.

Swiftly they cleared the street then called up the "Jelly-babies." These bomb disposal operators who were soon on the scene, discovered that the fuse had burned three-quarters along its length and then gone out, presumably extinguished by the blast of the first bomb.

Meanwhile, a passer-by reported having seen a suspicious car leaving the spot, and a description of the vehicle was immediately circulated.

Perhaps the most sensitive task of all devolved on 46 (Talavera) Battery of 32 Regi-



Top of page: Into action with alacrity. Patrol of 5 Light Regiment, Royal Artillery, in 'Derry.

Left: Easter Sunday in Londonderry. It was no holiday for men of Q (Sanna's Post) Battery, RA.

Above: A more routine job. The gunners set up a road block to make spot checks in country lane.

Below: This time the bottles were filled with lemonade not petrol. A tea party run by the RA.



ment—patrolling Belfast's so-called "peace-line," the walled-off streets and corrugated iron barricades which separate the Protestant Shankill and Roman Catholic Falls.

Here the gunner guards, on two-hour duty "stags," could observe the flauntings of the flute and pipe bands and the children playing on swings and slide by the rusting barbed wire. The foot patrols marched warily along the streets with their red, white and blue kerb-stones, or decked with Republican tricolours.

These ubiquitous peacekeepers became nicknamed "quack" patrols, no-one knows why for sure, but some say it is because they have to "duck" out of the way of stones. When word came of the imminent departure of 32 Heavy Regiment, an anonymous "artist" scrawled his farewell on a wall: "Quack, quack, don't come back."

It was a blow below-the-belt, typical of

attacks by extremist elements, especially so because the regiment has made a significant but unheralded contribution to community relations during its four-month tour. The Magnet Club—it ran indoor sports, children's parties and seaside coach outings—attracted a membership of 530, both Catholic and Protestant.

Two physical training instructors gave up their spare time to coach youngsters in boxing at Divis Towers and local ladies in keeping fit at a community centre in Percy Street. The samaritans of Inkerman Battery ran concert parties for elderly and disabled people and once had a whip-round to provide comforts for an old couple who had been burnt out of their home.

Most grateful are the residents of Roden Street, incidental victims of bombings at the neighbourhood police station, whose shattered windows were replaced by the gun-

ners. Several of them are old age pensioners or widows like Mrs Sadie Perry. "It cost me £2 15s to replace my front room window before, and it was out within the week," she said. "I want to thank the soldiers very much. They have done a wonderful, thoughtful job."

In Londonderry, 5 Light Regiment, Royal Artillery has done two tours. Last year its gunners were peacekeepers during the riots following the arrest of Miss Bernadette Devlin. This year they made four arrests during the Easter parade and have been responsible for guarding the strategic Craigavon Bridge, the city's sole access across the River Foyle.

Lieutenant-General Sir Harry Tuzo, the General Officer Commanding, told SOLDIER: "Everyone has to do a turn in Northern Ireland. The gunners are doing well—their reaction time is good."

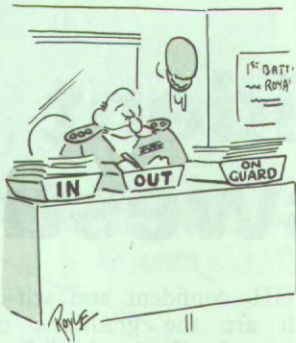
Butts on belts and bullet-proof jackets. Gunner guards at the strategic Foyle bridge—Londonderry's sole access across the river.



Bombed, stoned and insulted. It is an unenviable task for the peace-keeping soldiers in Northern Ireland. Yet in spite of it all they still maintain a sense of humour, epitomised by amateur cartoonist Sergeant Jim Nightingale. These examples of his work, which have a touching topicality, are reproduced from the magazine of 32 Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery, titled ironically "The Long-Range Sniper." Once, when involved in riot-control, he was suddenly inspired by the sight of a water-cannon—"I thought it would be very funny if a woman came up with a basket of laundry and said: 'Would you mind washing these through?'"



"How long have you been with us, lad?"



humour

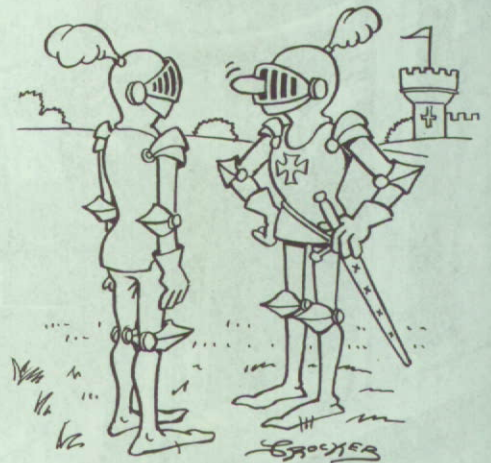
" Bless you . . . "



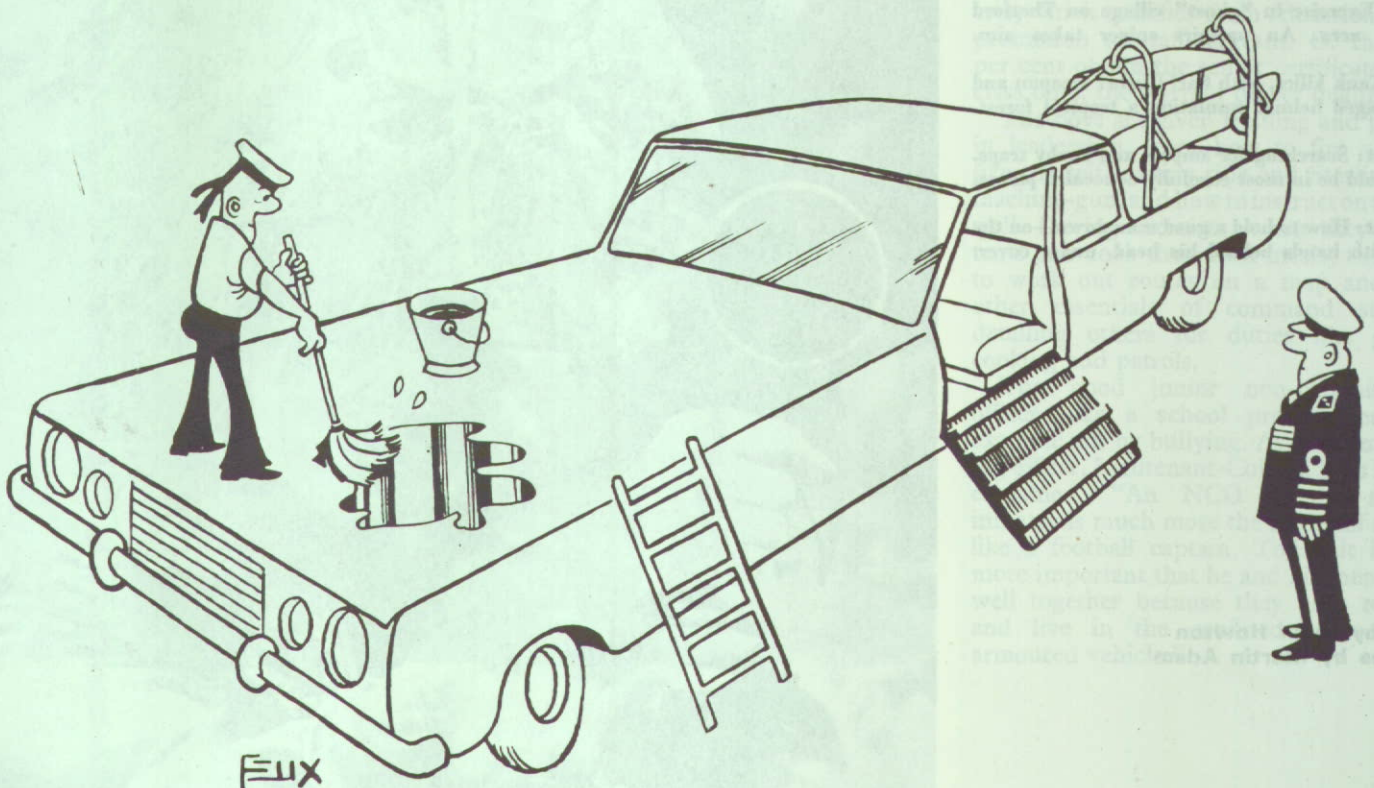
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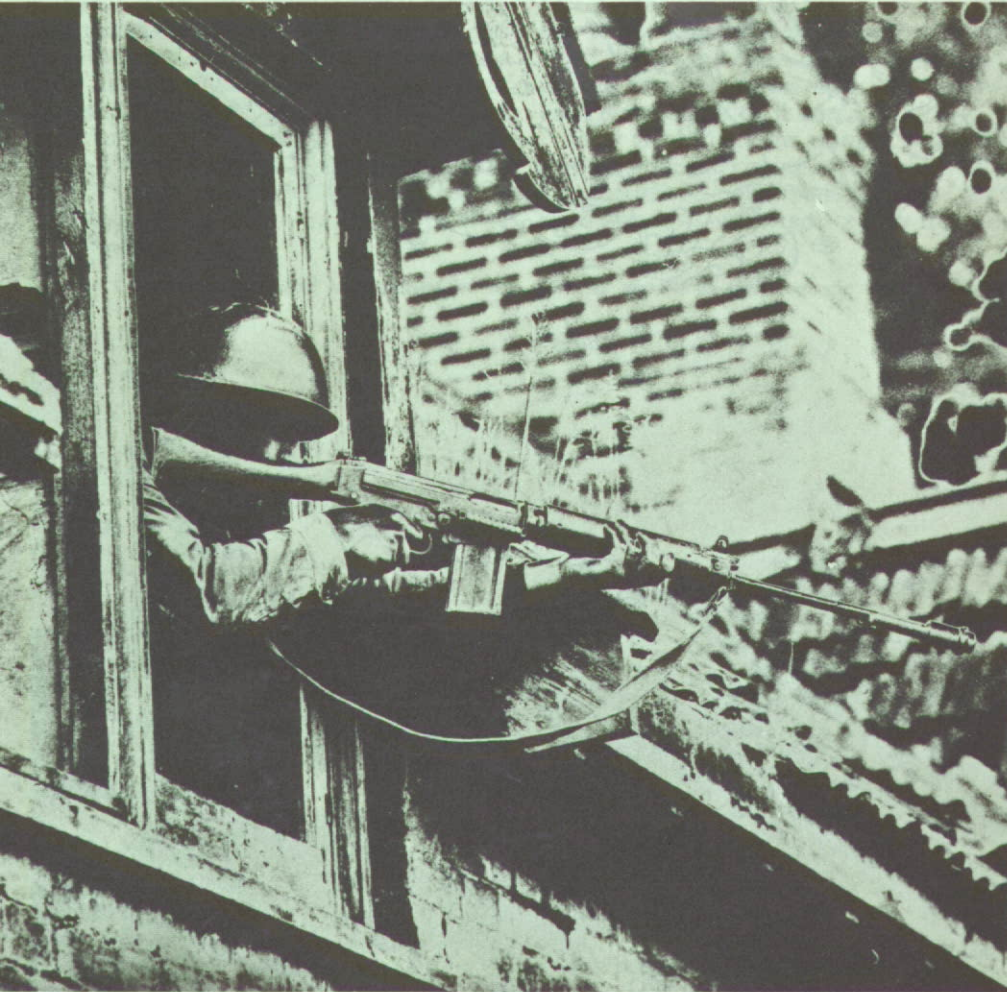
" Can I sit with my back
to the driver? "



" Who are you calling ' Schnozzle? ' "



Tough, reliant, confident after two years at Oswestry



Above: Exercise in "ghost" village on Thetford training area. An upstairs sniper takes aim.

Right: Tank killer, with Carl Gustav weapon and camouflaged helmet emulating a tropical forest.

Far right: Searching for snipers and booby traps. They could be in most carefully concealed places.

Top right: How to hold a good man down—on the floor, with hands behind his head, under cover.

TOUGH, confident and self-reliant. Such are the graduates of the Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion, the 18-year-olds who can climb a mountain in Snowdonia, shoot rapids in a canoe or tackle toughs in a street corner riot.

For the 668 pupils the two years spent at Oswestry mark the transition from boyhood to manhood. The introduction is gentle. For the first few weeks the lads of the new intake live and work together in an atmosphere very like a boarding school. There are even parents' weekends when mothers and fathers can discuss with instructors such problems as homesickness.

Then they join their training companies and have a full working day from reveille at 0630 until 1900 hours. Even here the system is familiar. The companies—one for Guards and three for Scottish, Welsh and English line infantry and The Parachute Regiment—equate to houses in a school and the junior non-commissioned-officers and warrant officers, who are senior boys are like prefects with the power to initiate charges instead of dishing out lines. The Army, like school, disapproves of extremes of dress and haircuts. Hippie hair-do's and beads and skinhead crops and "bovver" boots are out, but flared trousers and flower-patterned ties are in.

The boys who come here are above average intelligence, mostly from the "A" stream of a secondary modern school. By the time they leave an average of 98 per cent have the intermediate certificate, equivalent to the Army Certificate of Education class



Story by Hugh Howton
Pictures by Martin Adam



two, which qualifies them educationally for promotion to staff-sergeant. Of these, 20 per cent obtain the senior certificate (ACE class one), the warrant officer qualification.

The boys are given training and practice in leadership, learn how to fire weapons like the self-loading rifle and Sterling sub-machine-gun, and how to instruct on them as well. During exercises, when they live in tents and cook their own meals, they have to work out routes on a map and learn other essentials of command such as detailing others for duties like guards, cooking and patrols.

The good junior non-commissioned officer, like a school prefect, leads by example not by bullying. As the commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Ivan Lynch, explained: "An NCO in the modern infantry is much more the leader of a team, like a football captain. Today it is even more important that he and his men get on well together because they have to work and live in the confined space of an armoured vehicle."

Below: Younger soldier seen carrying transport-based basket, supports work in trench. They found 500-inch and 700-inch rounds.

Gradually, they are combat engineers in the West German town of Rimbach, operating NV 600 and AVREs, responsible

To command others they must be assured and self-confident. This part of their character is developed by overcoming a series of physical challenges such as sliding 80 feet on rope and pulleys from the Chirk Viaduct and canoeing through Prosser's Plunge, 30 mile-an-hour rapids funnelling through a gorge. Later they tackle steep climbs in Snowdonia and more advanced "white water" canoeing.

Such confidence and self-discipline are necessary when they face the modern soldier's most sensitive assignment, the street riot. Internal security exercises, based on lessons learnt in Northern Ireland and Aden, have recently been introduced at Oswestry.

The boys don respirators and wield rifles with fixed bayonets to face a rioting "mob"—permanent staff in civilian clothes—on the drill square at Park Hall Camp. An officer warns the mob on a loud-hailer: "This is an illegal assembly. Disperse or you will be dispersed by force!" The mob replies by throwing missiles. Not lethal ones, just flour bags, stale rolls and left-over cookhouse blanc-

mange. The officer becomes more insistent: "Disperse, or we will use gas." It has no effect.

The respirators go on and five boys rush forward to throw grenades. But grenades of coloured smoke, not gas. Then they are told to fire—with blanks. Two of the mob fall to the ground. And the bodies are carried off by their comrades.

"It was very realistic," said Junior Company-Sergeant-Major Robert Beazer, six feet two, 18 and destined for the Welsh Guards. "We just stood still and hoped we would not be hit. It was fairly frightening but I think we would react the same in the real situation."

Reality may well come early, within months of graduation from the Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion. But they will be prepared, not just to tackle toughs muscle for muscle but to use their minds when searching houses, seeking out armed assassins in a wood and questioning suspects at a road block. On one such exercise they stopped two instructors disguised as priests, found ammunition and thunder-flashes hidden behind the dashboard and

under the seats of a car, and "arrested" a sergeant in civvies who had a belt of machine-gun ammunition inside a plaster cast on his arm.

The young man who wants to make a career in the Army has a head and shoulders start if he graduates from Oswestry. Statistics taken in 1970 revealed that in a cross section of men who joined in 1966, 18 per cent of infantry junior leaders had made sergeant and 50 per cent corporal for only one per cent sergeants and 18 per cent corporals among ordinary adult entrants.

The value of their training was proved in a recent exercise in Norfolk when those in the final term were pitted against the Mercian Volunteers. The junior leaders knocked out the "enemy" battalion headquarters, "killing" the commanding officer, adjutant and medical officer. And one junior corporal made such a comprehensive recce map—detailing not only the disposition and number of "enemy" men and equipment but even their make of radio set—that it was taken by the general officer commanding to pin up in his command vehicle.



Left: Abseiling 80 feet from the Chirk Viaduct. Some junior leaders go on to attempt the Alps.

Above: Into action under cover of smoke. Each takes it in turn to lead such a section attack.



Engineer Infanteers



Unorthodox but effective role for mine-detector. It is being used to search for buried hoards of ammunition and weapons on banks of River Lagan.

Above: Wearing rubber suits and carrying transparent-based buckets, sappers search for ammo. They found .303-inch and 9-millimetre rounds.

BURLY Major John Cormack, who won the Military Cross in Korea, was about to leave his office after a long day. Abruptly the telephone rang and a voice rapped out urgently: "G1 here. You are on immediate notice to go into Belfast . . ."

The major, second in command of 21 Engineer Regiment, alerted his men in their improvised hangar accommodation at Long Kesh airfield. Swiftly they pulled on webbing, snatched shields and batons and drew their self-loading rifles. As they formed up the rotor blades of six Wessex helicopters sliced the air with an insistent "chop-chop."

While they were flying into action a shouting, waving Protestant football crowd was thronging down below towards the Catholic Unity Flats. At Girdwood Park Barracks they were met by the Commander Land Forces, Major-General Tony Farrar-Hockley, for a quick briefing, and from there they sped in a Land-Rover, lorry and armoured car convoy to the potential trouble spot.

"Our rushing and zooming in at short notice had quite an impact," the major recalled later, "and it helped to keep things quiet." Indeed, their timely arrival prevented the throwing of nothing more injurious than slogans and insults. It was one more example of the sappers' prompt action forestalling trouble.

Although 21 Engineer Regiment, as province reserve, has been called into Belfast in support of locally based units as frequently as three times in ten days it has a vast "manor" of its own: south east Ulster from where the gentle waters lap the banks of Lough Neagh to the Mountains of Mourne sweeping down to the sea.

Ordinarily, they are combat engineers in the West German town of Nienburg, operating FV 432s and AVREs, responsible

for mine-laying, demolition and river-crossing operations. Now they have exchanged shovels for shields, welding torches for riot guns and bulldozers for "Pig" armoured cars.

The first time they deployed in riot order was a weekend in Lurgan when the Reverend Ian Paisley addressed a Protestant rally on the Saturday night, which was followed by a 600-strong Republican parade the next morning. The lowered visors and upraised shields and batons had a subduing effect and Prime Minister Brian Faulkner later praised them for "tact, firmness and commonsense."

Their tasks have included stopping and searching the Dublin-Belfast express train, night-long vigils in sandbagged observation posts, seeking out illicit rifle ranges, setting up road blocks, and searching cars, boats and houses.

Special sapper skills stand them in good stead. As Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Alan Ross explained: "We can search a building intelligently because we know about construction, we know about booby traps and explosives and can use mine detectors, and being an FV 432 unit our communications procedure is good."

Using mine detectors and tracker dogs they ran to earth a hoard of pistols, shotguns, air rifles and ammunition in a garage and farm near Lough Neagh. The occupier denied all knowledge until they also discovered a black beret (uniform of the IRA) with an Eire trade-mark. The word soon got round. Suddenly, many weapons and much ammunition were handed in to local police. The penalty for having an unlicensed gun at home is six months.

Their speed and alertness is necessary for an elusive prey. But they cannot always be in time. Once, when seeking suspects, the only trace they found was a metal notice—"Shooting Rights Strictly Preserved"—riddled with bullet-holes.



Military musical pageant

The Army's band show

IT was the biggest team ever to play at Wembley, said the commentator, and the greatest gathering of Army bands and musicians to be held in Britain and probably the world.

It was that and more. The Guinness Book of Records, which must surely have been represented in the Press box, would have noted too the stunning sound of more than a thousand musicians, the impeccable precision of every movement on the Wem-

bley turf, the colourful variety of uniform, the Cambrai band's "first" of being mounted on armoured cars—and the tremendous appreciation of the 48,000 audience.

This second pageant in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund—the first was in 1969—was recorded live for a disc but neither disc, television, radio nor film can do more than give an inkling of the thrill of being there to see, hear and participate in a memorable occasion.

In 1969 the attendance was 25,000, but this was on the night the BBC chose for its first showing of the Royal film. But this time every one of the 45,000 bookable seats was sold before the day and though late arrivals had not allowed for traffic jams, eventually every seat was occupied except for two empty rows suggesting a coach breakdown.

That coach party, and others within a 50-mile radius of Wembley (could there have been a more pressing engagement than this?), missed a magnificent spectacle which beggars description. Joining the audience in their appreciation were the Press photographer who volunteered to come back from holiday and even the Wembley Stadium attendants to whom spectacle and excitement are second nature. Said one of them: "This is better than the Cup Final itself."

For the record book, and for the disappointed far-flung (and that coach party), these were the musicians:

Household Cavalry mounted bands: The Life Guards; Blues and Royals.

Royal Armoured Corps bands: The Royal Hussars; 14th/20th King's Hussars; Royal Tank Regiment (Cambrai).

Royal Artillery bands: Royal Artillery

(Woolwich), Royal Artillery (Larkhill).

Royal Engineers bands: Royal Engineers (Chatham); Royal Engineers (Aldershot).

Foot Guards bands: Coldstream Guards; Scots Guards; Irish Guards; Welsh Guards.

Foot Guards corps of drums: 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards; 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards; 1st Battalion, Scots Guards.

Foot Guards pipes and drums: 1st Battalion, Scots Guards; 2nd Battalion Scots Guards Company.

Infantry bands: 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots; 1st Battalion, The King's Own Border Regiment; 2nd Battalion, The Light Infantry; 3rd Battalion, The Light Infantry; 3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment; 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles; 2nd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets; The Light Infantry Depot; The Royal Green Jackets Depot.

Infantry bugles: 2nd Battalion, The Light Infantry; 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles; 2nd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets; The Light Infantry Depot; The Royal Green Jackets Depot.

Infantry pipes and drums: 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots; 1st Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers; 1st Battalion, Queen's Own Highlanders; 1st Battalion, The Gordon Highlanders.

Representative pipes and drums of 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles; 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles; 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles; Gurkha Engineers; Gurkha Signals.

Corps staff bands: Royal Corps of Transport; Royal Army Medical Corps; Royal Army Ordnance Corps; Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers; Women's Royal Army Corps; Royal Military School of Music.

Everyone on parade was an Army musician except for the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, which, as the commentator put it, added to "The Battle of Waterloo" the music of its guns, and the two Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve units, the Royal Yeomanry Regiment with its Ferret scout cars and 873 Movement Light Squadron, Royal Engineers, which provided searchlights.

The pageant director was Lieutenant-Colonel N Webb-Bowen; producer (and commentator), Major A F Jackman; musical director, Major J H Howe.

It is expected that the Army Benevolent Fund will benefit by about £20,000.

(turn to page 28 for the programme items and music).

From the Greys and Carabiniers . . .

The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards

A 21-gun salute fired by three Saladin armoured cars perched on the towering slopes of Arthur's Seat greeted the Queen as she drove in a state landau on to the green expanse of Edinburgh's Holyrood Park to witness the amalgamation of two of the British Army's most famous cavalry regiments—The Royal Scots Greys and the 3rd Carabiniers.

For officers and soldiers, old comrades and families, it was a poignantly moving moment when the 400 men on parade—200 from each regiment—symbolically laid down their arms as the final notes of the "Last Post" died away over the hushed thousands who had gathered to watch this brilliant and historic military occasion.

Then, at the command "Remove head-dress," cap bands and old regimental badges were replaced by new ones. This done, officers and soldiers knelt to "take up arms" as a trumpet sounded "Reveille" to announce the birth of a new regiment—The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys). Immediately the tone changed to a lighter note as the band played "The more we are together the merrier we will be, for your friends are my friends and my friends are your friends. . ."

After the presentation and consecration of the new Standard, the Queen, as its first Colonel-in-Chief, addressed the regiment. She told them: "The amalgamation of two regiments, each with a strong and individual personality, can never be easy.

It demands tolerance and understanding and, above all, a determination to look forward with enthusiasm and confidence and not backwards with regret."

Referring to the regiment's gifts to her, the Queen concluded: "You have given me a brooch which is a symbol of the unity of the new regiment. I shall value it for this as well as for itself. You have also given me a beautiful bronze horse. I am most grateful for these generous gifts and thank you all for them. I have given you a Standard which I hope will always remind you of your loyalty and the best traditions of the British Army. May the service of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards be second to none."

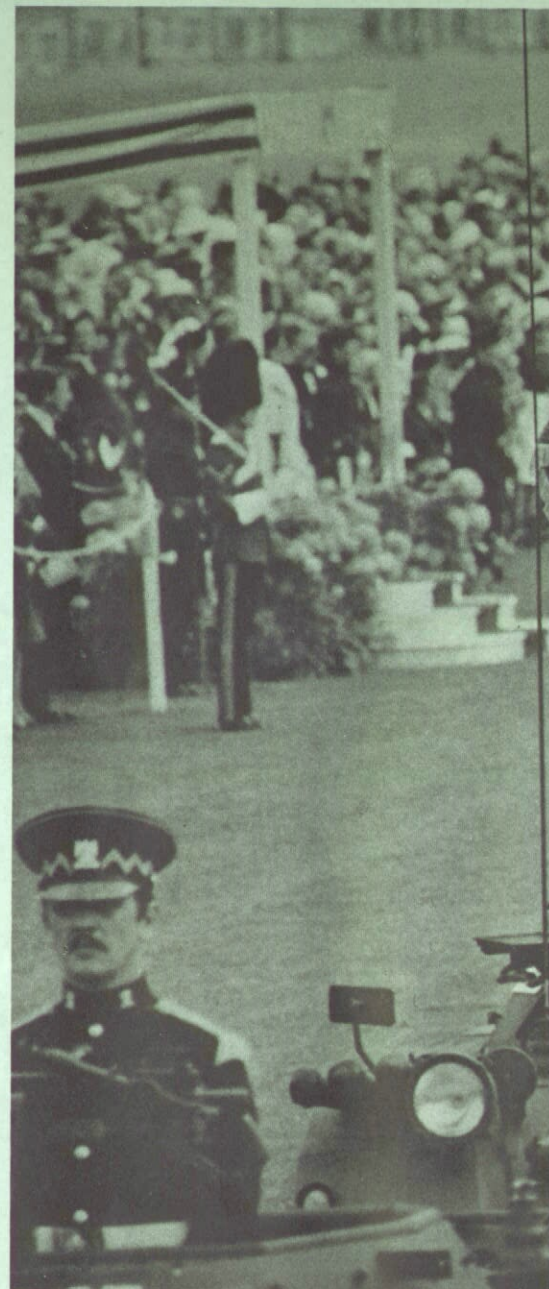
The regiment's first commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel A J Bateman, formerly of the 3rd Carabiniers, replied briefly; the new Standard was trooped by a Colour party mounted on three grey horses closely followed by "Trojan," the bay drum-horse given to the regiment by the Queen; the regimental band, colourful in scarlet tunics and bearskin caps with their spectacular flare of red cockerel feathers and the silver badge of the white horse of Hanover embedded in the back, marched through the ranks.

So the historic parade neared its end with a reminder of the newly formed regiment's armoured role as two squadrons of armoured vehicles—Ferrets, Saladins

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Above: The Queen arrives in brilliant sunshine. Right: The Greys' unique white bearskin is still worn by the new regiment's kettle drummer, here mounted on drum horse "Trojan," gift of the Queen.



Ferret scout cars escort the new Standard of The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards from Holyrood Park, Edinburgh, after the colourful amalgamation parade of The Royal Scots Greys and 3rd Carabiniers.



This magnificent diamond encrusted brooch was the regiment's gift to Her Majesty the Queen.

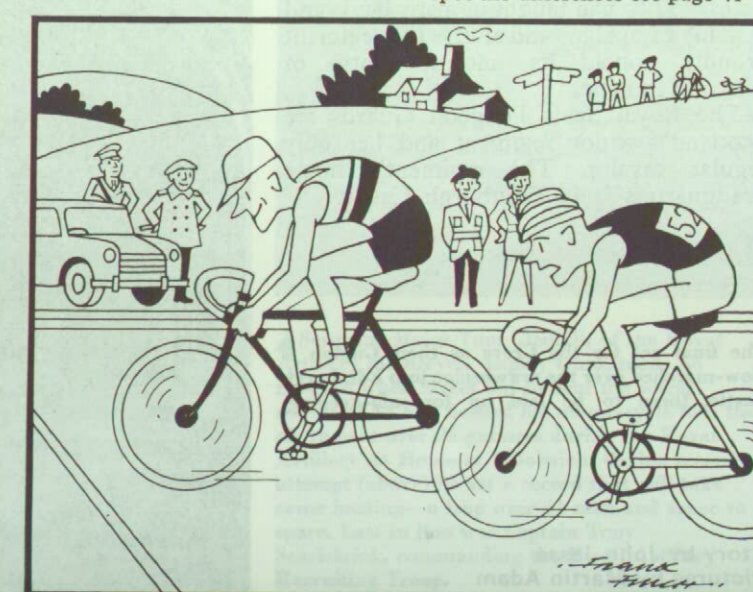
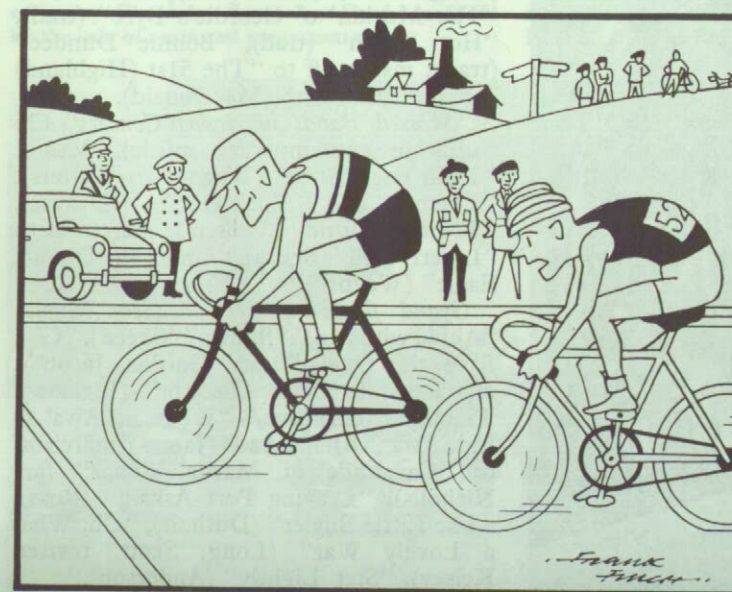


Royal Scots Dragoon Guards officer wearing the new cap badge and the yellow "vandyk" band.



How observant are you?

These two pictures look alike but they differ in ten details. Look at them carefully. If you cannot spot the differences see page 41





Re-badging—and the new regiment is now born.

and Saracens—and a flight of six helicopters trailing red, yellow and blue smoke plumes, escorted the Queen as she left the park.

The 3rd Carabiniers had a long and distinguished record dating back to 1685 yet one of the most heroic episodes in their history took place in World War Two at the battle of Nunshigum in Burma when B Squadron drove the Japanese from a razor-back hill to secure a vital area. The cost was heavy. All the squadron officers were killed. Nunshigum Day, when B Squadron always parades without officers in memory of this gallant action, was celebrated by the regiment for the last time in Germany on 17 April.

The Guidon which the Queen presented to The Royal Scots Greys in 1956, was laid up for safe-keeping in Edinburgh Castle the day after the amalgamation. With the full military band and pipes and drums in attendance and led by the Governor of the Castle, Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Leask, the Guidon was slow-marched across the drawbridge and disappeared within the grey walls of the old fortress. As the massive doors swung to behind the Guidon and its escort, nearly 300 years of Royal Scots Greys' service was brought to a close. They had fought in many lands and in many campaigns and always the regiment proudly upheld its ancient motto of "Second to none."

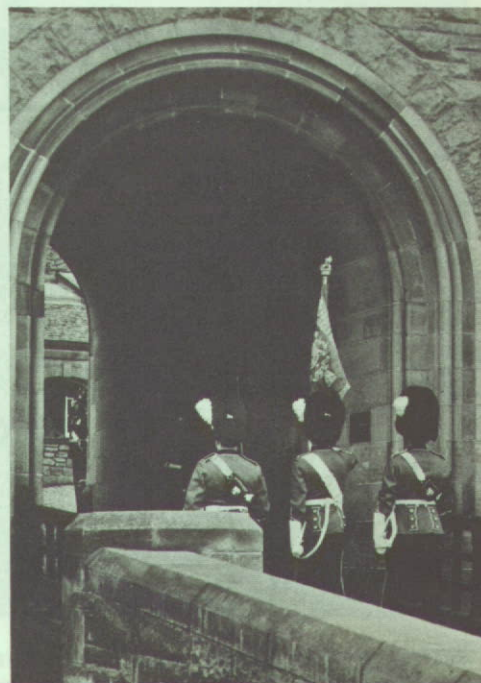
The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards are Scotland's senior regiment and her only regular cavalry. The regiment's home headquarters is in Edinburgh Castle.

The final act for the Greys as their Guidon is slow-marched over the drawbridge into Edinburgh Castle, there to be laid up for safe-keeping.

Story by John Jesse
Pictures by Martin Adam



Wearing her regimental badge-brooch, the Queen inspects the old regiments in royal Land-Rover.



The Army's band show

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These were the programme items and music:

Opening fanfares (mounted bands, cavalry trumpeters, fanfare trumpeters and buglers). Music: "Mechanised" (anon), "Fanfare Militaire" (Jeanes), "Fanfare for a Ceremonial Occasion" (Ketelbey); march on to "Steadfast and True" (Teike).

"The Music of the Foot Guards" (massed bands and corps of drums of The Guards Division). Music: "Scarlet and Gold" (Thomas), "Prussian Glory" (anon arranged Sharpe), "Elizabeth of England" (German), "Knights of the Queen" (Ketelbey); march on to "The British Grenadiers," "Hielan Laddie," "Rising of the Lark," "St Patrick's Day," "Milanollo," march off to "Changing of the Guard" (Hillier).

"The Light of Foot" (massed bands and bugles, The Light Division; band, bugles, pipes and drums, Brigade of Gurkhas). Music: "Mechanised Infantry" (McBain), "The Thunderer" (Sousa), "Geordie" (arr Peacock), "Marching through Georgia" (Miller), "Atholl Highlanders" (trad), "Light Infantry" (Plater); march on to "The Royal Green Jackets March" (arr Pinkney), "Steamboat" (trad); march off to "The Black Bear."

"The Battle of Waterloo" (42 bands; drums, pipes, bugles; King's Troop). Music: "The Battle of Waterloo" (Eckersberg); march on to "Sambre et Meuse" (Rauski), "San Lorenzo" (Silva), "Austrian Hymn" (Haydn arr Howe); march off to "Le Réve Passe" (Helmer), "Wellington" (Zehle), "March of the King's Men" (Plater), "Le Père de la Victoire" (Ganne).

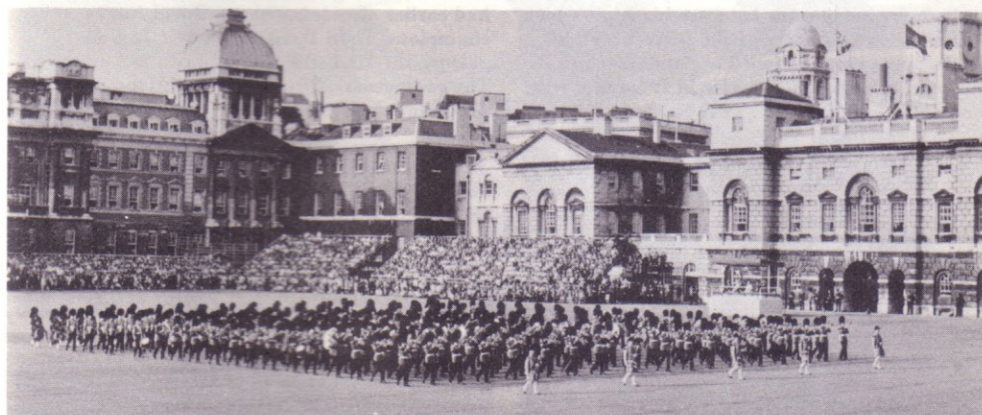
"Mounted Music" (mounted, staff, cavalry bands; trumpeters; Royal Yeomanry Regiment). Music: Prelude to Act III, "Lohengrin" (Wagner arr Bashford); march on to "Imperial Echoes" (Safroni), "The Nibelungen March" (Wagner); march off to "Fame and Glory" (Matt).

"Scotland the Brave" (massed pipes, drums, dancers, The Scottish Division; Scots Guards; Gurkhas). Music: "My Home" (trad), "The Atholl and Breadalbane Gathering" (Ferguson); for dancing, "Balmoral Castle" (trad), "The Braes of Mar" (trad), "The High Road to Linton" (trad), "Tail Toddlie" (trad); march on to "The Muckin' o' Geordie's Byre" (trad), "Hot Punch" (trad), "Bonnie Dundee" (trad); march off to "The 51st (Highland) Division at Akarit" (MacDonald).

"Massed Bands in Swing Concert" (26 bands in contemporary music). Music: "Twin Eagle Strut" (Wagner arr Walters), "Theme and Rock-Out" (Cacavas), "Trumpets Wild" (Walters); march on to "Liberty Bell" (Sousa), "Under the Double Eagle" (Wagner).

Grand finale—muster parade. Music: "Abide with Me," "Sunset" (Green), "God Save the Queen" (arr Gordon Jacobs); march on to "Our Director" (Bigelow), "Scotland the Brave," "We're no Awa' to Bide Awa'," "Jellalabad" (James); march off to "Cavalcade of Martial Songs" (arr Nicholls), "Leaving Port Askaig" (Ross), "The Little Bugler" (Duthoit), "Oh, What a Lovely War" (Long, Scott, revised Kelsey), "Step Lightly" (Anderson).

► The "Big Blow," the beating of Retreat by 260 pipers and drummers of the Scottish regiments, brought a rich display of colour, music and martial movements to Horse Guards Parade, London. The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and other members of the Royal family watched the stirring ceremony and Her Majesty, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Scots Greys, Scots Guards and The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, took the salute. On parade, under Captain J A MacLellan, Director of Army Bagpipe Music, were the pipes and drums of The Royal Scots Greys (Pipe-Major J Pryde); 1st Battalion, Scots Guards (Pipe-Major A MacDonald, Drum-Major B R Abethell); 2nd Battalion Scots Guards Company (Pipe-Major L Ingram); 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots (Pipe-Major R J Gillies, Drum-Major J F Blyth); 1st Battalion, The Royal Highland Fusiliers (Pipe-Major D Caird, Drum-Major R D McGeachen); 1st Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers (Pipe-Major D Rodden, Drum-Major M Morris); 1st Battalion, The Black Watch (Pipe-Major J Anderson, Drum-Major J Ferguson); 1st Battalion, Queen's Own Highlanders (Pipe-Major A A Venters, Drum-Major W G L Grant); 1st Battalion, The Gordon Highlanders (Pipe-Major J Kerr, Drum-Major G Hall); The Scottish Infantry Depot (Pipe-Major J Allen, Drum-Major G S Pringle); 51st Highland Volunteers (Pipe-Major K MacGregor, Drum-Major A Stewart); 52nd Lowland Volunteers (Pipe-Major N Gillies, Drum-Major G R Hill); buglers, 1st Battalion, The Royal Highland Fusiliers; pipers, 1st Battalion, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

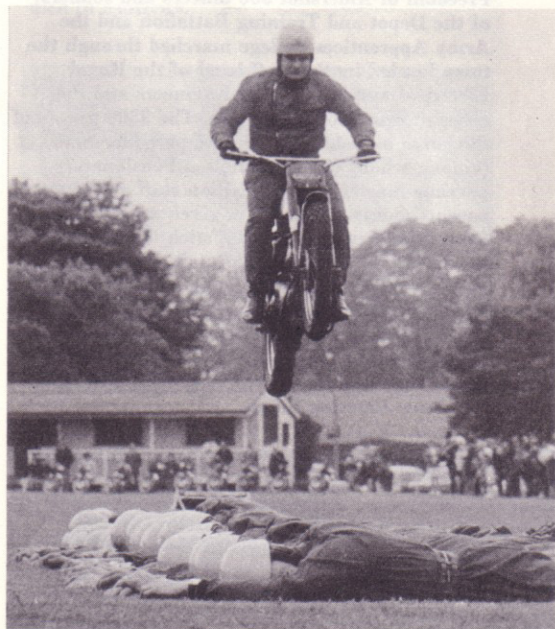


▲ The massed bands and drums of The Guards Division with the pipes and drums of 1st Battalion, Scots Guards, and 2nd Battalion Scots Guards Company during the colourful beating of Retreat on Horse Guards Parade attended by the Queen. The mounted bands of The Life Guards and the Blues and Royals and the trumpeters of the Household Cavalry also played during the ceremony. The Army Benevolent Fund benefited by the sale of seats and programmes.

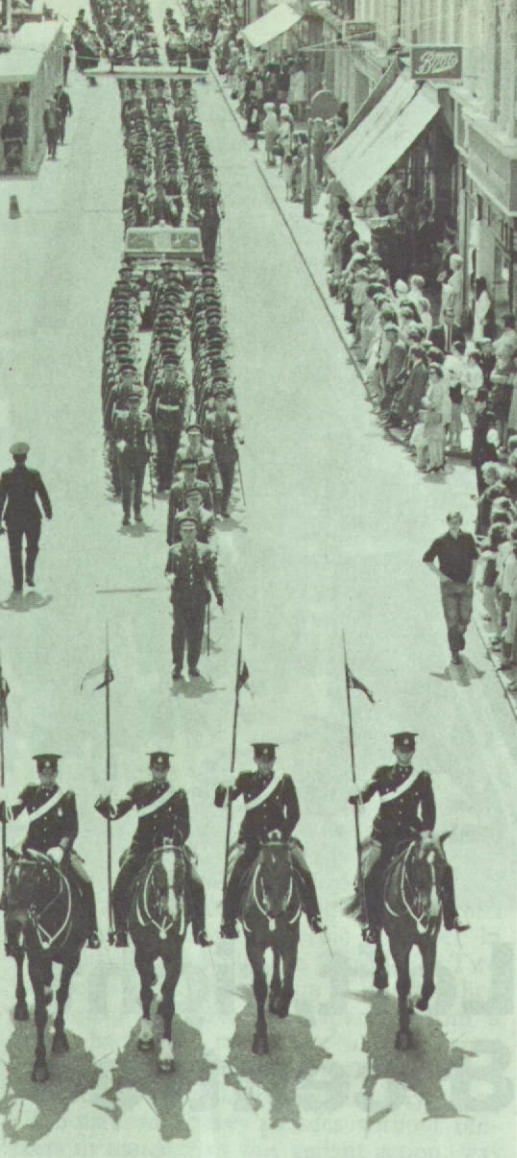
▼ An official 21-gun salute for the Queen's birthday was fired in York this year for the first time. The ceremony, usually performed at Catterick, was moved to York to honour the city's 1900th anniversary. The gunners were from 35 Light Battery, 25 Light Regiment, Royal Artillery.



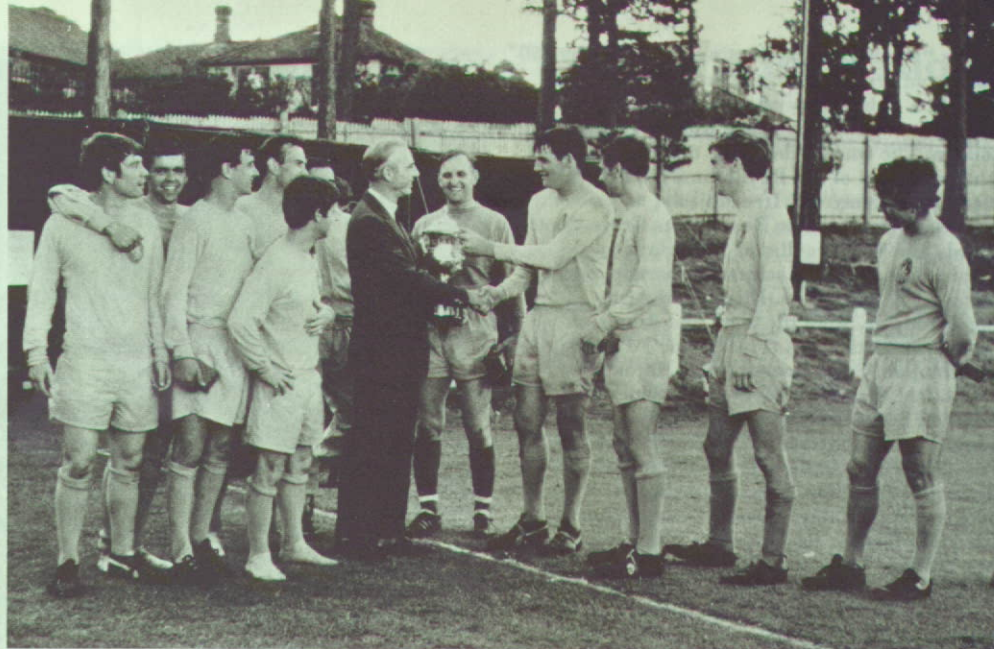
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▲ Sergeant-Major Tom Gledhill, of the Royal Artillery motorcycle display team, made no mistake when he set out to beat the world record of 34 and flashed his motor-cycle into the air to pass over 36 gunners during the Royal Artillery At Home at Woolwich. On his second attempt (above) he set a record that will take some beating—a leap over 41 men and space to spare. Last in line was Captain Tony Scarisbrick, commanding the Royal Artillery Recruiting Troop.



▲ When the Army Catering Corps received the Freedom of Aldershot 350 officers and soldiers of the Depot and Training Battalion and the Army Apprentices College marched through the town headed by the staff band of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and the corps of drums of the college. The 3500 guests of the corps included serving and past members (among whom were six Chelsea Pensioners, onetime master cooks), civilian staff and parents. Some 450 children given a holiday from school each received a stick of rock with the letters ACC running through and a flag with the Army Catering Corps badge and the arms of Aldershot. The freedom scroll and silver casket were handed over by the Mayor of Aldershot, Councillor W E Farthing, to General Sir Antony Read, Representative Colonel Commandant of the Army Catering Corps.



▼ Field-Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck unveiled three magnificent memorial windows to the old Indian Army at Sandhurst and heard a new trumpet fanfare composed in honour of his 87th birthday. The windows portray the deeds and activities of the Indian soldier in the two world wars and between the wars. More than 2000 officers and wives of the Indian Army attended and watched "The Auk" take the salute at the Sunday morning parade of the Royal Military Academy by holding his baton to his cap—which he afterwards affirmed was the correct method. The Auk was commissioned at Sandhurst in 1903, spent most of his service in India and was commander-in-chief from 1943 to 1947.



◀ Over the "roughest, toughest, steepest roads" they had ever seen, four Anglican Army chaplains drove through three hectic days for 1000 miles to finish 17th in the British Army driving championships, held in Rhine Army. Left to right are Paddy Stanley, Michael Lillingston-Price, Philip Berrow and Ross Buckman. They drove two Land-Rovers. Lieutenant-General Sir John Sharp, Commander 1 (British) Corps, presented the President's trophy and tankards to B team, 50 Missile Regiment, Royal Artillery, the winning team. This team also won the Rhine Army, Ferret and Royal Artillery trophies. The regiment's A team took the BAOR Driving Championship and Standard Triumph trophies, 1 Divisional Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport, won the SOLDIER trophy as the best team on the selective sections. Of the 100 teams which started only 24 completed the course.

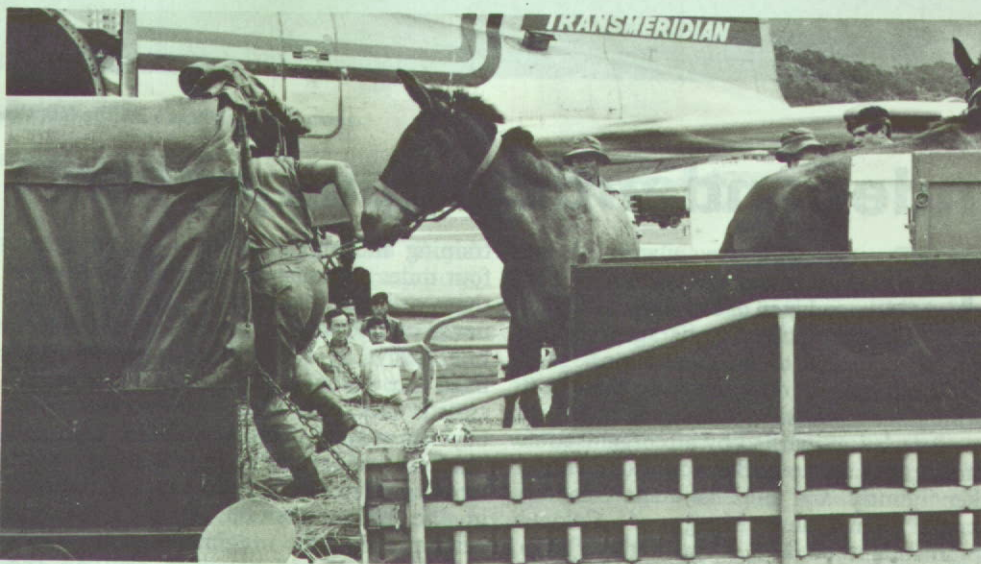
▲ The Army soccer champions, the School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, Bordon, became soccer champions of the three Services when they topped the three-team mini-league inaugurated to celebrate Naafi's golden jubilee. To mark the new honour a fine silver cup presented by Naafi was handed over by chairman Sir Humphrey Prideaux at the end of the final match at Bordon when SEME beat the Royal Air Force champions, RAF Marham, 3-1. They had earlier also defeated the Royal Navy champions, HMS Daedalus, 5-1 at Lee-on-Solent. The RAF-RN match was a 2-2 draw. The co-sponsors, Messrs Watney Mann, donated £1000 for the event.

▼ Trumpeters sounded Reveille as veterans of the Machine Gun Corps, all now over 70, watched the unveiling of their new "Boy David" memorial in London's Chelsea Embankment Gardens. It replaces a bronze statue which was sawn off at the feet by metal thieves in December 1969. In a matter of weeks Old Comrades of the Corps raised more than £100 and a new memorial was commissioned—this time with only a coating of bronze over a near-indestructible fibreglass core. Sited alongside all that remains of the original statue, the Boy David stands proudly with the slain Goliath's head at his feet and Goliath's sword in his hand.



► When guardsmen of F Company, Scots Guards, from Hong Kong relieved 1st Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers, as part of the United Nations Honour Guard in Korea, they quickly found themselves with Thais and Turks on guard at Panmunjom where a stormy meeting between United Nations and North Korea representatives was taking place within the demilitarised zone on the 38th parallel. Such a meeting may not be repeated during the Scots Guards' two-month stay. In general they will be mounting ceremonial guards for dignitaries and a security guard for the Commander-in-Chief, General J H Michaelis. As well as Turks and Thais their comrades on guard are Americans and South Koreans.

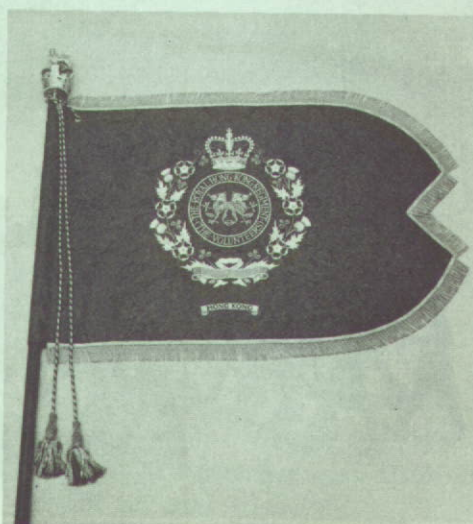
▼ It needed a special chartered aircraft to transfer 12 mules the 5000 miles from Cyprus to Hong Kong to reinforce 414 Pack Transport Troop, Royal Corps of Transport. The new arrivals, a smaller general service type of 13 to 14 hands, compare with the 15 to 17 hands of the mountain artillery mules they replace. No 414 is now the Army's only pack transport troop.



▼ A ceremony to mark the 20th anniversary of the gallant stand of 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment, and C Troop, 170 Light (Mortar) Battery, Royal Artillery, at the Imjin river in 1951 was held on Gloster Hill, Korea, and soldiers of 1st Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers, from the United Nations Honour Guard, helped to line the approach route. Addresses were delivered by Lieutenant-General Il-Hwan Kim, chairman of the United Nations Korean War Allies Association, and Lieutenant-General Edward L Rowny, United States 1st Corps, who recalled how the Glosters' four-day stand boosted American morale on another part of the front. The British Ambassador, His Excellency Nigel Trench, replied. The many wreaths included tributes from all ranks of The Gloucestershire Regiment and from Colonel Carne VC and all who fought at the Imjin. Over 84 men reached safety from the battle—59 were killed and 100 wounded, 532 became prisoners-of-war and 34 of these died in captivity.

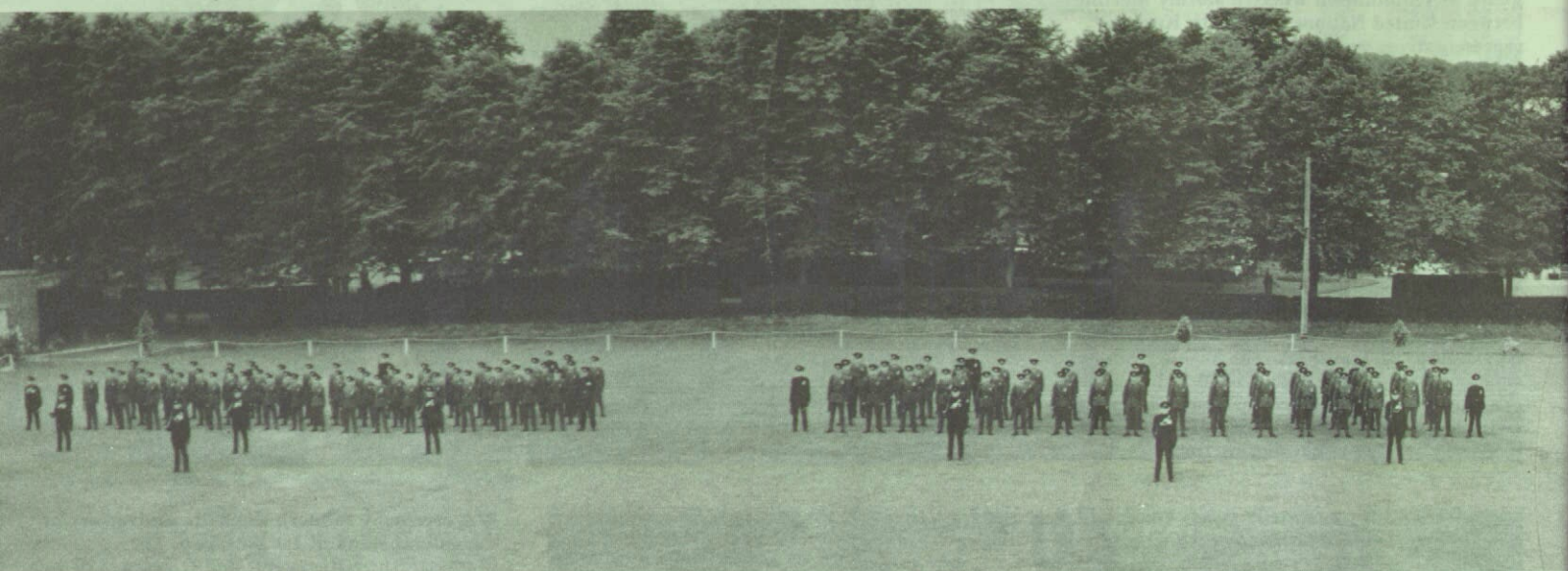


◀ Several Service teams competed in Hong Kong's dragon boat races during the annual "rain-inducing" festival but the gunners of 31 Medium Battery, 47 Light Regiment, Royal Artillery, received one of the biggest ovations—because their boat sank. They were well placed at the time and gave three cheers for themselves before recovering the vessel to prepare it for the next crew. The gunners, who had rowed too enthusiastically and shipped water, followed the noble precedents of Scots guardsmen (SOLDIER, July)—and Oxford University.



◀ At a ceremony in the Government Stadium the Governor of Hong Kong, Sir David Trench, presented a guidon to the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers), now a light reconnaissance regiment. Volunteer service in the colony began in 1854. The Artillery Volunteers, were raised in 1878 and the volunteer force was at its largest, 2000 strong, just before the Japanese attack in December 1941. Reorganised in 1949 as the Hong Kong Defence Force and granted the "Royal" title two years later, the Force expanded to include air and naval units. The first Colours, presented in 1928 to the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, were lost during 1941. Replacement Colours were presented in February 1951 to the survivors of the corps and handed to the Hong Kong Regiment for safe keeping. The regiment, which turned to the light reconnaissance role in 1961, became "Royal" late last year. Its total strength of 650 is predominantly Chinese.

Green Jackets reorganise



On parade for the last time:

Independent company born

THE true rifleman always looks forward; this was the spirit in which officers and men of 3rd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, characteristically took the dispersal of their battalion.

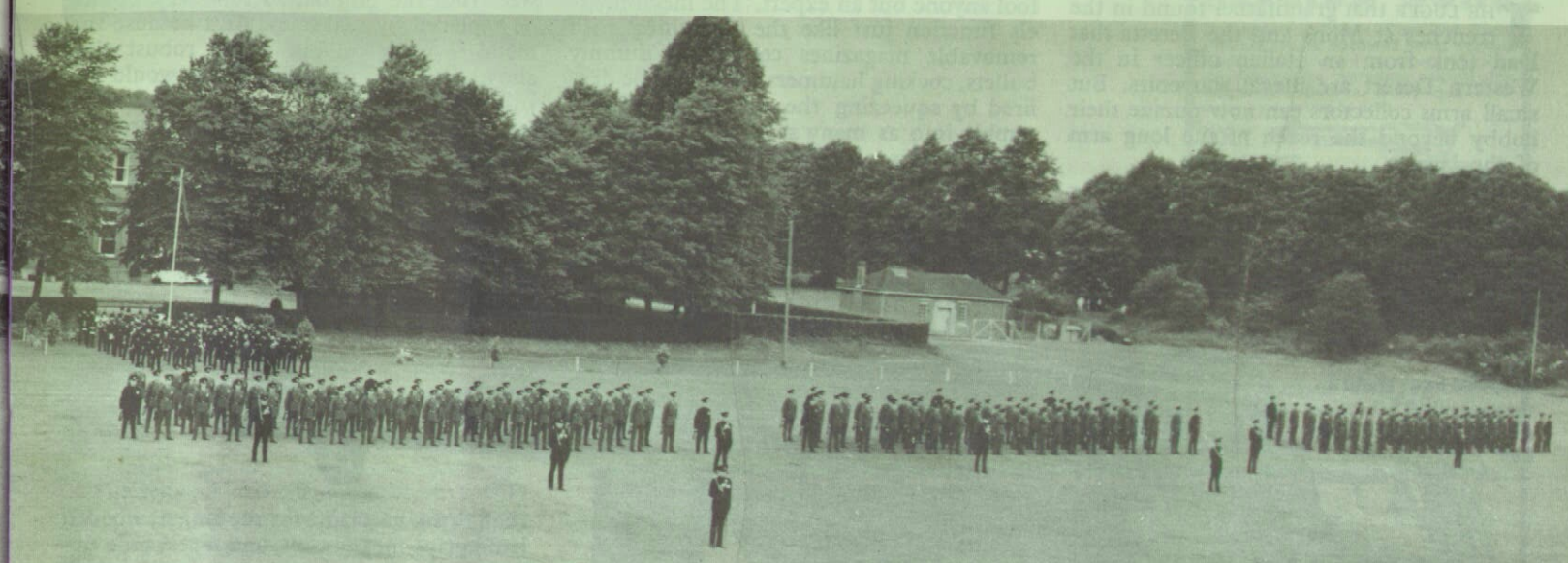
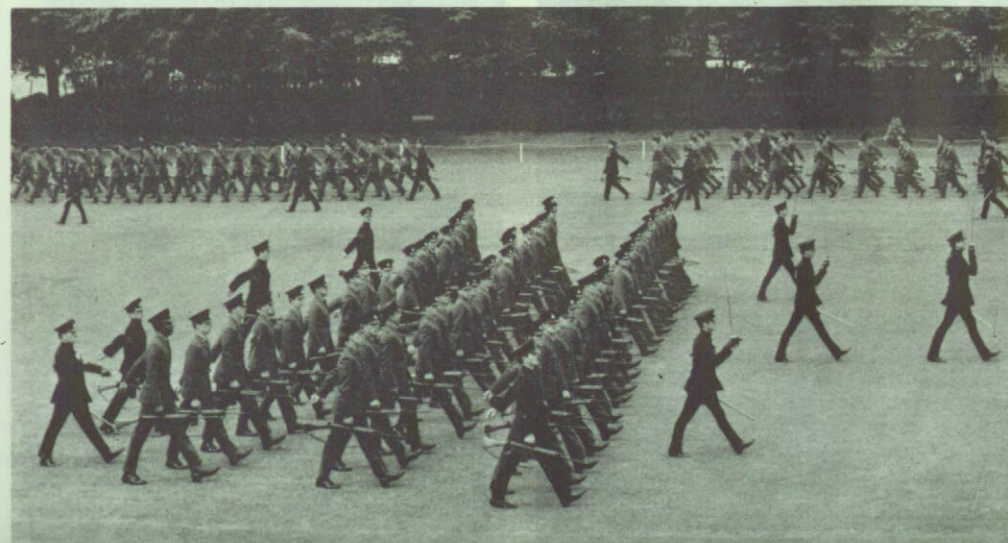
Sad though the occasion was, there was nothing sentimental or emotional about it, the event being marked by a reorganisation parade at Lucknow Barracks, Tidworth, taken jointly by the Adjutant-General, General Sir John Mogg, as Colonel Commandant of The Royal Green Jackets, and Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Fyffe, Colonel Commandant, 3rd Battalion.

Three hundred men, with band and bugles, gave an immaculate display of drill and parade ground movements, and when it came to the famous "double past" the dressing was faultless—not so easy, with thick rubber-soled boots on turf made heavy by recent rains.

The Green Jackets have always had a high marching reputation and their pace of 140 to the minute—quicker still on ceremonial parades—is also maintained on

training and operations to give a speed of four miles an hour, one mile an hour faster than ordinary infantry. Their rifles are never carried at the "slope" or "shoulder" but always at the trail; bayonets—never fixed on ceremonial parades—are called swords because of the distinctive long bayonet with a flat blade issued with the old Baker rifle; the rifle sling is always worn loose so as to be ready to support the rifle in the prone position. It is a guiding principal in the regiment that quick marching and 'quick, silent drill on the parade square make for quick thought and quick action on the battlefield.

Adaptability has always been a Green Jacket quality and the re-deployment of officers and men of the 3rd Battalion within the remaining 1st and 2nd battalions, the new independent company and The Light Infantry presented no problems. The new company, the 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets Representative Company is, now at Netheravon in a special role under Headquarters 5 Airborne Brigade.



3rd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets.

The "large" regiment

THE reorganisation of The Royal Green Jackets from three battalions to two and an independent company was a smooth and relatively painless transition owing much to the fact that the regiment had moved steadily towards the pre-destined loss of a battalion (which was relieved in the form of the company).

On the introduction of the brigade structure The Green Jackets Brigade was formed in August 1958 from The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, The King's Royal Rifle Corps and The Rifle Brigade (Prince Consort's Own). The three regiments were named the 1st Green Jackets, 43rd and 52nd; 2nd Green Jackets, The King's Royal Rifle Corps; 3rd Green Jackets, The Rifle Brigade.

On 1 January 1966 the three Regular regiments formed as a "large" regiment of three battalions—1st Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets (43rd and 52nd), 2nd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets (The King's Royal Rifle Corps) and 3rd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets (The Rifle

Brigade). An inaugural parade on 25 July 1967 taken by the Queen as Colonel-in-Chief has become the regimental birthday. At this stage the cap badge was slightly changed.

The next stage, on 15 June 1968, was the removal of the bracketed titles which had indicated the battalions' forebears. From this date "the three old regiments made an equal investment in the new 'large' regiment as a whole." In 1958 the Green Jackets went further than was required of them at that time. A common drill was established and dress was standardised except for mess kit. Regiments retained their own bugle calls. After the formation on 1 July 1968 of The Light Division, comprising The Royal Green Jackets and The Light Infantry, a common drill was introduced within the division and dress is now the same except for insignia and mess kit.

Cross-postings have taken place not only within The Royal Green Jackets but also to some extent on a divisional basis. Some men

went to the Green Jackets when The Light Infantry reduced from four to three battalions and on this latest reorganisation the reverse has taken place. The Royal Green Jackets and the Light Infantry, which could be regarded as being bridged by the adoption of the old Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry into The Green Jackets Brigade, are regarded as two distinctive regiments mutually supporting in every way.

In practice over these years the "large" regiment has meant improved career prospects within The Royal Green Jackets. Other cross-postings (manning is a function of the divisional headquarters) have enabled battalion numbers to be adjusted and the needs of theatres met. Wherever possible, options are given; this was the case in this last reorganisation.

Today the fact is that most of the regiment have known no other than the "large" regiment—soldiers join The Light Division (Royal Green Jackets) or Light Division (Light Infantry). Only those with more than 12 years' service—the sergeants' messes and the more senior officers—have known "the old days."

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Above: General Sir John Mogg has a word with Bugle-Major Sergeant J Jackson. Right: Rifles at the trail, the battalion steps out smartly at its regulation 140 paces to the minute.

Military models: Replicas for real

THE LUGER that grandfather found in the trenches at Mons and the Beretta that Dad took from an Italian officer in the Western Desert are illegal souvenirs. But small arms collectors can now pursue their hobby beyond the reach of the long arm of the law.

This is thanks to an English firm—Replica models of 5 North Street, Hailsham, Sussex—which has begun marketing a series of full-size facsimilies which are claimed to be so realistic that they could

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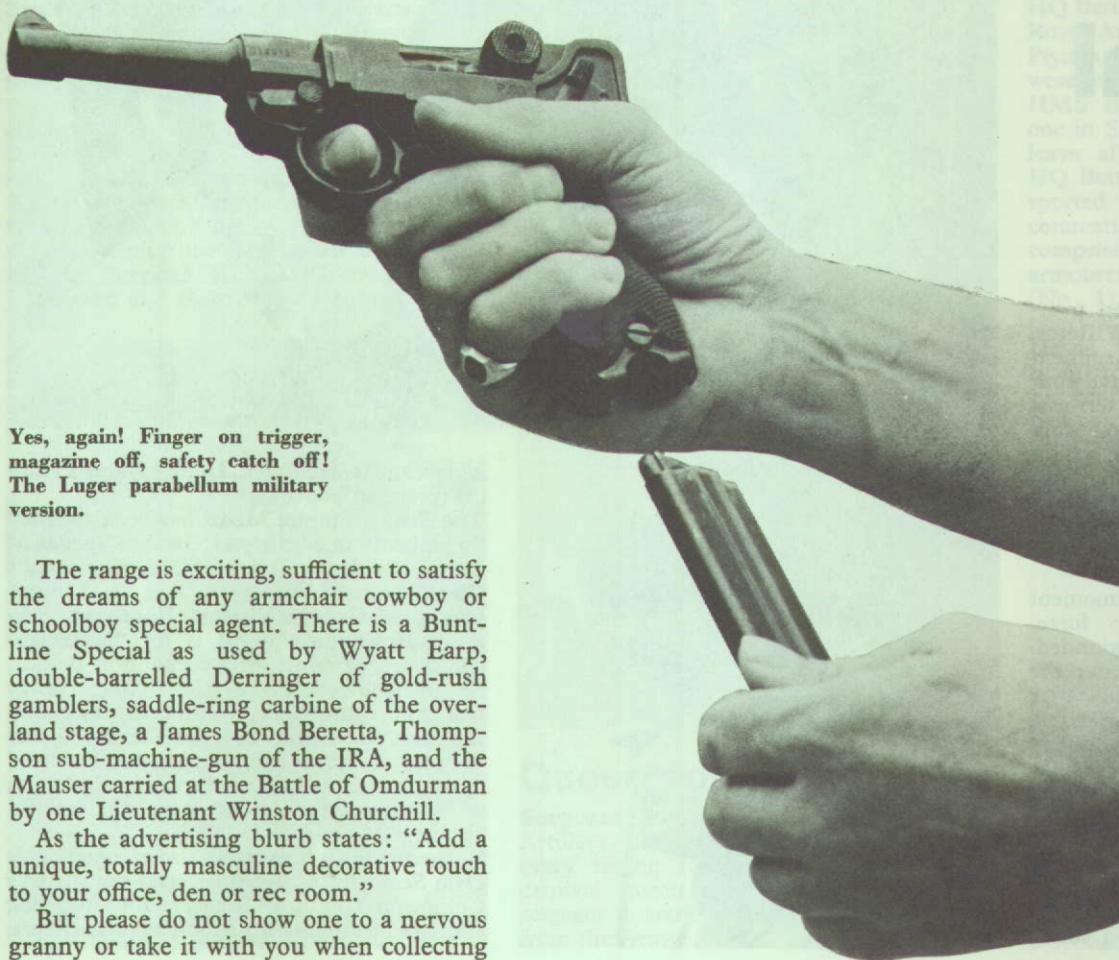
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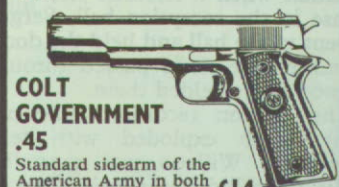
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Posthumous George Cross

The George Cross has been awarded posthumously to **Sergeant Michael Willetts**, 3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment (right), who sacrificed his life to save four people, including two children, in a terrorist bomb attack in Belfast. Although on duty in another part of Springfield Road police station when a terrorist left a smoking suitcase in the reception hall, Sergeant Willetts went to the hall and held the door open while four people there passed through. He then stood and shielded them.

The citation records: "The next moment the bomb exploded with terrible force. Sergeant Willetts was mortally wounded. His duty did not require him to enter the threatened area He knew well, after four months in Belfast, the peril of going near a terrorist bomb but he did not hesitate to do so.

"Even when those in the room had reached the rear passage, Sergeant Willetts waited, placing his body as a screen to shelter them. By this considered act of bravery he risked—and lost—his life for those of the adults and children."

Sergeant Willetts was 27 and leaves a young



widow and two children, **Dean (3)** and **Trudy (5)** (pictured above).

The British Empire Medal has been awarded for gallantry in Northern Ireland to **Sergeant Peter Howieson**, 1st Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, and to **Lance-Corporal George Vincent Eastham**. Sergeant Howieson's award is for "leadership and courage" when, as a corporal in Belfast, he manoeuvred his section under heavy fire and captured two gunmen. Corporal Eastham, then only 18½, was unarmed and with no protective clothing but he "behaved under fire with all the coolness and resolution of a seasoned soldier," says the official citation.

Sergeant John Sangster, also of The King's Own Scottish Borderers, receives the Queen's Commendation for Bravery for inspiring courage in rallying a platoon against rioters.



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Corporal Michael Woodman, 17th/21st Lancers (below), stationed at Omagh, County Tyrone, showed initiative not only as a soldier but also as a newspaper editor when he obtained an exclusive interview with Mr Edward Heath at Chequers. The Prime Minister told him, for publication in his regimental newspaper, The Times of Omagh, "I think the British forces in Northern Ireland are carrying out a magnificent job with great patience and consideration for other people."



Para girls

Nineteen-year-old **Lance-Corporal Jackie Smith**, Women's Royal Army Corps, of 10 Signal Regiment, Aldershot (second from right, below), who only recently started free-fall parachuting, beat seven men to win the novices' section in the Army free-fall championships at Netheravon, Wiltshire. Bad weather curtailed the five-day championships. The only other woman to challenge the 60 men was **Captain Patricia Bass**, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps. Helping the girls to kit up are (left to right) **Sergeant Anthony Jones**, **Gunner J Johnson** and **Bombardier John McGill**.



Queen Toni

Sergeant Ronald Jenkins, Royal Horse Artillery, and his wife **Toni** (above) have every reason to smile. Toni was elected carnival queen of Colchester, where the sergeant is stationed, and is the first queen from the Army.

Five-badge salute

It was a royal salute with a difference which HQ Battery, 29 Commando Light Regiment, Royal Artillery, fired from the Royal Citadel, Plymouth. The regiment's four gun batteries were away—one on exercise with the carrier HMS Bulwark, one stationed in Scotland, one in Singapore and one on disembarkation leave after returning from the Far East. HQ Battery coped but one gun detachment sported five different cap badges on the commando green beret. The team (below) comprised (left to right) the regimental armourer, REME **Sergeant Peter Harrison** (No 1), storeman **Gunner Custerson**, physical training **Sergeant-Instructor Denis Williams**, chief cook **ACC Staff Sergeant Alexander Brannan** and **RAPC Sergeant-Major Joe Johnstone** (layer). Not pictured is No 2, the rammer and chief clerk. The photographer said: "He would have been in the way of the camera so we fired him."



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It may interest British Army infantrymen to know that Australia has recently introduced a similar award for operational service, the infantry combat badge (ICB)—a bayonet surrounded by a laurel wreath, elliptical in shape and 1½in wide. In the Australian Army the award can be made only to infantrymen; all ranks who have served in a formed infantry unit for a three-month period, irrespective of rank, job or position, are entitled. This has given rise to comment!

The other main qualification is that the operational service in respect of any claim must be one for which a campaign medal has been issued. The award has been made retrospective to World War Two but only soldiers currently serving may receive a free initial issue of the badge and have an entry to that effect made in their Service documents.

It would be interesting to learn the views of SOLDIER readers

and to find out whether the introduction of a similar award to the British infantry has been proposed. Perhaps "they" could give an official answer.

One other point that may interest medal collectors in Britain is that Australian and New Zealand troops serving in South Vietnam have been awarded a special medal for the campaign with a ribbon of red, dark blue and light blue flanking the yellow-and-red of the South Vietnamese national flag. In addition all Free World Force soldiers who complete 183 days in the country receive the Vietnamese Campaign Medal, similar to that awarded to Vietnamese Servicemen. A very limited number of GSM 1962 with clasp "South Vietnam" was issued to members of the original AATTV, and probably this medal is one of the rarest issued to a Commonwealth force.—**L A Howarth, 65 Highfield Avenue, St Georges, Adelaide, South Australia 5064.**

★*Reader Howarth can rest assured that this subject has not escaped the notice of the powers-that-be.*

"Blues"

I read the March SOLDIER letters pages with some amusement tinged with pity. Are there still people who in this modern age retain the well-blanced stiff upper lip philosophy? Does Captain Armstrong-Wilson really believe that soldiers want to go round off duty in blues, the design of some of which is faintly reminiscent of Gilbert

and Sullivan? How do you relax in overalls, crossbelts and spurs?

As for the "sloppy" pullover I can only commend his attention to other sloppier items from the past. How about knee-length baggy PT shorts and the denims in two sizes, too big and too small, or even battle dress? The Army's deeds were no lesser for the wearing of these uniform horrors of the past.

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have been performed in many theatres of operations while some of the participants were actually wearing those same sloppy pullovers. Really, captain, clothes maketh not the man.—**WO II M Clement RMP, Orchard View, Ely Road, Little Downham, Cambs.**

Maltese cart

I wonder if any reader can describe for me the "Maltese cart" (Mks V and VI) used as part of 1st and 2nd line transport in many arms of the Service as late as the 1930s. I know that it was one-horsed and weighed 7cwt empty and 22cwt loaded but I have no other details. Was it, in appearance, something like the Indian two-wheeled transport cart? I would also like to know when the four-horsed ambulance wagon (Mk VI and Light Mk I) was last used by field companies of the RAMC.—**R H G Travers, 77 St Thomas's Road, Hardway, Gosport, Hants.**

Ypres Times

During World War One the 12th Pioneer Battalion, Sherwood Foresters, published a newspaper called the Ypres Times. In connection with a forthcoming TV programme I am anxious to contact any veterans who may have read the Ypres Times in the trenches between 1916 and 1918.—**Tony Aspler (CBC), 604 Clive Court, Maida Vale, London W9.**

Gurkha Welfare Appeal

I enclose cheques to the value of £22 2s which I would be grateful if you will pass to the Gurkha Welfare Fund. It may interest you to know that the subscribers number former members of the Royal Navy, RAF and soldiers from both world wars who live in my village and surrounding villages. A 1914-18 holder of the Military Medal awarded

in Mesopotamia, a holder of the Military Cross awarded in Holland in 1944, members of 4th, 8th, 10th and 17th Indian divisions 1939-45; 1st and 6th Airborne divisions 1939-45; Korea 1950 (4 RTR). Small tributes to "the little men" from survivors of Ypres, the Somme, Diran, Tobruk, El Alamein, Cassino, Normandy, Pegu, Imphal, Sicily, Gothic Line, Korea, Malta and Russian convoys, and local branches of the British Legion and Burma Star Association.—**A J Sudlow (Ex 1/10 GR), 19 Quadring Road, Donington, Spalding, Lincs.**

* **SOLDIER** readers worldwide have to date contributed through the magazine a total of £158 to the Gurkha appeal.

Blackdown Stamp Club

It is obvious that many of your readers are stamp collectors but I wonder how many of them are aware of the existence of the Blackdown Stamp Club. Up to now we have limited our publicity to RAOC publications but as personnel of all arms now come to the new Blackdown Barracks for various courses we would like, through **SOLDIER**, to invite them to attend our meetings if they are in the area.

The club meets fortnightly at 8 Army Education Centre and we hold "small lot" auctions periodically. Monthly "small lot" postal auctions and a first day cover service for GB issues are planned.

Should any of your readers care to drop me a line I will be glad to give them further details. Communications from secretaries of other stamp clubs would be welcome.—**WO II S H Taylor, Trade Training School RAOC, Deepcut, Camberley, Surrey.**

Question of numbers

Unless Lieut-Col R H T Hills (March) can show me in the history of The Royal Tank Regiment that the numbered regiments of the Royal Armoured Corps

as referred to by Mr R G H Travers were extensions of the Royal Tank Corps then I state that he is incorrect. I will not list the 38 regiments involved but just a few. Before and during World War Two some TA infantry regiments were converted to armour, redesignated and transferred to the RAC. Some were only in their new role for a very short time before reverting to infantry or other branches of the Army. Whilst RAC, some of these regiments retained their infantry insignia but most, to their dismay, had to wear the insignia of the RAC. Here are some of the regiments, with their infantry and RAC titles.

5th King's Own Regiment (107th Regiment, RAC); 9th Battalion, The Gordon Highlanders (116th Regt, RAC); 9th Battalion, The Royal West Kent Regiment (162nd Regt, RAC); 11th Battalion, The Highland Regiment (156th Regt, RAC); 15th Battalion, The Durham Light Infantry (155th Regt, RAC); 2/5th Battalion, The West Yorkshire Regiment (113th Regt, RAC); 9th Battalion, The Royal Hampshire Regiment (157th Regt, RAC); 8th Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (145th Regt, RAC); 6th Battalion, The South Wales Borderers (158th Regt, RAC).

Of the Royal Tank Regiment there were eight pre-war Regular battalions with four more formed during the war. Again, before the outbreak of the war, some TA infantry regiments were converted to armour and became tank battalions of the Royal Tank Corps. They were: 7th Battalion, The King's Regiment (40th Battalion, RAC); 10th Battalion, The Manchester Regiment (41st Battalion, RAC); 7th (23rd London) Battalion (42nd Battalion, RAC); 6th Battalion, The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers (43rd Battalion, RAC); 6th Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment (44th Battalion, RAC); 7th Battalion, The Royal West Kent Regiment (46th Battalion, RAC).

In 1939 the Royal Armoured Corps was formed and the Royal Tank Corps became the Royal Tank Regiment. The

following additional TA regiments were formed, based on existing TA regiments: 46th (Liverpool Welsh) Battalion, RTR, at Liverpool; 47th (Oldham) Battalion, RTR, at Oldham; 48th Battalion, RTR, at Clapham Common; 49th Battalion, RTR, at Newcastle; 50th Battalion, RTR, at Bristol; 51st Battalion, RTR, at Leeds. Before reverting to full regimental status in 1938 these armoured car companies were affiliated to the RTC: 19th Armoured Car Company, RTC (Lothian and Border Horse); 20th Armoured Car Company, RTR (Fife and Forfar Yeomanry); 21st Armoured Car Company, RTC (Royal Gloucestershire Hussars); 22nd Armoured Car Company, RTC (Westminster Dragoons); 23rd Armoured Car Company, RTR (Sharpshooters); 24th Armoured Car Company, RTR (Derby Yeomanry); 25th Armoured Car Company, RTC (Northampton Yeomanry); 26th Armoured Car Company, RTR (East Riding of Yorkshire Yeomanry).—**A Hunt, 3 Hurcombe Street, West Beach, South Australia 5024.**

General Service Medal

I have followed with great interest the correspondence on this subject since July 1969—Lieutenant J B Morris (two letters), Sergeant R F Jennings, SQMS Durrant and Mr R Rimmer (one each). So far as the 1951-52 Canal Zone operations are concerned I must declare an interest—I was there! That I have no personal axe to grind is obvious when I state that I have the GSM of that vintage with one bar before 1951-52 and another bar after that date.

Casualties among British and Mauritian troops in the Canal Zone during the five months from October 1951 to February 1952 were at least as heavy, if not heavier than in any five-month period in Palestine 1945-48, Kenya 1952-56, or Cyprus 1955-59. I am not competent to make a comparison with Malaya 1948-60. There is, surely, a very legitimate "grouse" that service in the

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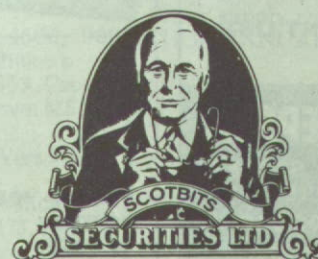
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Brimstone Hill

A new series of commemorative stamps depicting scenes at the battle of Brimstone Hill in 1782, is being issued on 1 September by the Government of St Kitts Nevis Anguilla. In values of half a cent, 20 cents, 30 cents and 50 cents, the issue shows soldiers of the period from The Royal Artillery, The Royal Scots, The East Yorkshire Regiment and French infantry. By a happy coincidence the manager of the firm producing the Brimstone Hill issue, Walsall Security Printers Ltd, is a former Regular soldier, Mr Paul Abrams, who left the Army last March after 25 years' service. As a Royal Engineer he was engaged in printing maps. Of the new stamps Mr Abrams said: "It has given me pleasure as my first job to have some connection with the Army... It is a nice stamp, clean and neat like a good soldier." Brimstone Hill, sometimes referred to as the Gibraltar of the West Indies, dominates the north-western extremity of the island of St Kitts. As early as 1690, guns were mounted on the summit but it was not until the end of the next century that it was decided to put up fortifications. Planned by military engineers as a bastion that could never



be captured, the fortress was still incomplete in 1782 when it was attacked by some 6000 seasoned French troops under the command of the Marquis de Bouille.

The garrison comprised 600 men of the Royal Scots, East Yorkshires and Royal Artillery and 350 men from the local militia. General Shirley, the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, and General Fraser, the Garrison Commander, directed a spirited resistance for just over a month and when eventually they had to capitulate the British force was granted terms which are still considered unique.

International Air Day

To commemorate International Air Day at Royal Air Force Chivenor on 7 August, RAF Hartland Point has issued a limited number of RAF Museum souvenir stamp covers showing a Bristol Bulldog aircraft in 19 Squadron colours. It is franked with a 5d Alcock and Brown commemorative stamp and a decimal halfpenny stamp cancelled with a specially designed NATO handstamp at RAF Chivenor where a special British Forces Post Office (No 1169) was set up for the day. The covers were flown in a Hunter

aircraft armed with 30-millimetre cannon ammunition on an air-to-air sortie, off Westward Ho and controlled by Hartland Point radar station, and a special cachet was used to stamp the details of the flight on the cover. The covers cost 25p each and proceeds go to the Royal Air Force Museum fund. Orders with remittances should be sent to Flight-Lieutenant D C Marshall, Royal Air Force Chivenor, Barnstaple, Devon.



Royal British Legion

To commemorate the golden jubilee of the Royal British Legion—the prefix "Royal" was awarded by the Queen in May in recognition of 50 years of service—the Post Office is issuing a special 3p stamp on 25 August as part of the general anniversaries set. The Legion will have its own first-day cover for the stamp which is No 5 in the current series of commemorative covers.

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HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

(see page 27)

The two pictures differ in the following respects: 1 Tie of officer on left. 2 Door

handle of car. 3 Right end of car's bumper. 4 Neckline of leading cyclist's vest. 5 Left pedal of leading bike. 6 Length of right cyclist's left foot. 7 Right arm of spectator third from left. 8 Broad stripe on leading cyclist. 9 Pocket of spectator third from left. 10 Flat tyre of right cyclist.

ANSWER THE QUESTION!

Very few competitors failed in this teaser and most of those because, despite the instructions and indeed the headline, they sent in the problem's solution of "When did Britain go decimal?" instead of the required answer to the question, ie 15 February 1971.

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COMPETITION 159

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Acrostic Clues

- A** Mournful *dark-pale*
B (top) Urge into ...
(bottom) ... a container
C Mogul official
D Lukewarm ...
E ... and cold
F United in wedlock
G Bladed pole, used to J
H Retributive justice
J Noisy tier
K Rest lazily
L Money, we hear, may be hidden here
M (top) High ball? Perhaps in a N
(bottom) Whole ...
N ... prepared (and ready to go!)

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Nazis at war

"Nuremberg Rallies" (Alan Wykes)
 "SS and Gestapo" (Roger Manvell)
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Alan Wykes gets right to the heart of the matter yet can still marvel at the thought of the moronic Julius Streicher, the No. 1 Jew-baiter, being responsible for the admirable efficiency with which the rallies were conducted.

The frenzied speeches, bands, marching SS men and troops, shouts of "Sieg heil"—one can well understand how the youth of Germany flocked to the crooked cross banner. Mr Wykes captures it all in Campaign Book 8, a useful addition to the Purnell series.

Mr Manvell examines the forces which came to rule Europe by terror and extermination. He covers well-worn tracks—the concentration camps, the whole extermination policy, the way the Gestapo took a grip on the German nation, the days of reckoning at the end of the war—but the Purnell series would not be complete without this account (Weapons Book 8).

Indeed any reminder to the world

at large, and particularly to future generations, of what Nazism meant is helping to ensure that such crimes will never recur.

Crime and the SS are synonymous and in Weapons Book 16 John Keegan examines the role of the Waffen or Armed SS, the crack fighting force of Nazi Germany. He finds that, like the monsters who brought them into being and sent them to war, they were a law unto themselves.

In the whole history of warfare the Waffen SS are the most infamous outcasts. No troops ever had tougher training. Live ammunition was the rule and it brought its harvest of casualties. Few soldiers fought with such superhuman bravery but their honour is made non-existent by their reputation for callous brutality and cold-blooded murder.

Mr Keegan covers the whole story of the Waffen SS including the many "foreign legions"—Danes, Dutchmen, Norwegians, Albanians, Latvians, Hungarians, Belgians, Frenchmen, Ukrainians and Russians—who were incorporated into it. *Macdonald, 50p each* **JCW**

Saga of 76 years

"The Wellington Monument" (John Physick)

How should a country commemorate the achievements of its greatest soldier? Dedicate a national holiday? Or establish scholarships and bursaries? It is a problem the English invariably solve by building another monument.

At least that was the proposal in 1836 when the City of London decided to honour the Duke of Wellington. It all seemed simple and straightforward but it was the prelude to a war almost as savage as any in which the Iron Duke fought. Years were spent in discussing the merits and demerits of various artists; the man-in-the street was fascinated and even excited as committee followed committee; the Press had a field day.

The Duke of Wellington died in 1852 and the "great monument" still existed only on paper. The nation was deeply moved by the State funeral and Parliament, in an unusually sentimental mood, voted £100,000 to cover all expenses.

Immediately the "war" entered its second and lengthier stage. Although the designs had been listed in order of merit the authorities selected the sixth, by Alfred Stevens, as the most deserving. In 1858 he started but was still at the model phase by 1870. The authorities ordered another artist, Leonard Collman, to complete it.

In 1873 fraud was revealed at the foundry preparing the materials and several men went to prison. By 1878

the monument had cost £31,000 but the nation had long lost interest. It was not till 1912 that the completed version was in place in St Paul's. Wellington's last, and certainly longest campaign, was over.

An interesting little book with a great wealth of illustrations. *HMSO, £3.15* **AWH**

At height of career

"Call to Arms" (General Sir Harold Pyman)

How tragic it is when a man is laid low by a stroke at the very height of his career. This was the untimely fate in 1963 of General Pyman, then C-in-C Allied Forces, Northern Europe.

Born in West Hartlepool in 1908, he was educated at Fettes and Cambridge. Fascinated by the works of Liddell Hart he enlisted in the Royal Tank Corps and was soon in India where he helped to train the 17th/21st Lancers for tanks and attended Quetta Staff College.

In 1941 he was in the Western Desert, first with 6th and then 3rd Royal Tank Regiment. General Pyman had an opportunity to assess the leading military figures of the campaign and although he admired Gott and Rommel he considered Montgomery by far the most able commander in the field. Later, with 30 Corps on the Continent and in Ceylon in 1945, he worked with Dempsey, Slim and Mountbatten.

The post-war years brought a host

of interesting jobs in the Middle East and then command of 56th Armoured Division, 11th Armoured Division, 1 (British) Corps, Director Fighting Vehicles, Director of Weapon Development and Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff. Finally came the greatest challenge—meeting former enemies in NATO and thrashing out solutions to new problems.

General Pyman, obviously a man of great courage, writes with a frankness which is most refreshing. His asides on war, strategy and men are of infinite interest.

Leo Cooper, £2.50

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Fought in full dress

"The Vainglorious War" (Colonel A J Barker)

This is a well-balanced and above all readable account of military operations in the Crimea from 1854 to 1856. It was a war in which the expression "dressed to death and killed in fashion" took on a new meaning. Dress uniforms, particularly those of officers, had reached their gaudy, Ruritanian peak. Such gorgeous get-ups had no place at the beginning of the rifle era and this was to be the last war in which the British fought in full dress. The rifle, with its close relation the bayonet, was to remain the decisive weapon of the battlefield until the advent of the machine-gun.

Colonel Barker examines the ineptitude and inefficiency in high places, contrasting it with the stubborn heroism of the private soldier who was the real hero of the war. He shows how the Crimean War, with its hitherto unequalled use of shellfire, set the pattern for the wars which followed up to 1918; and how front-line decisions were affected by the new-fangled electric telegraph which for the first (but by no means the last) time permitted faraway government to interfere with the conduct of operations.

Shorn of the political entangle-

ments of the war, Colonel Barker's account is of real value to the student of military history.

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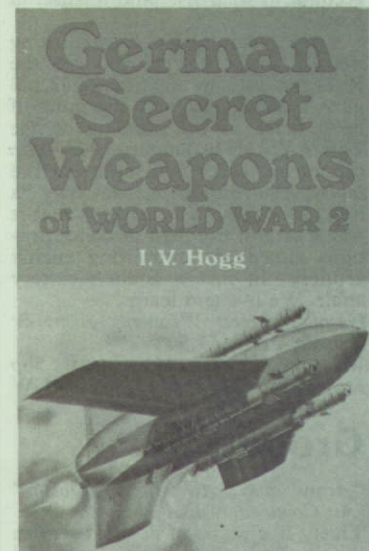
Guns and missiles

"German Secret Weapons of World War Two" (Ian V Hogg)

"Allied Secret Weapons" (Brian J Ford)

"The Guns 1939-45" (Ian V Hogg)
 "Barrage—The Guns in Action" (Ian V Hogg)

Fritz-X, a radio-controlled glide bomb launched from an aircraft and guided to its target by an observer, was one of the lesser-known successful items in Hitler's secret weapons arsenal. Its most notable success came in 1943 when the Italian fleet was steaming south to surrender to



the Royal Navy. Three German planes launched Fritz-Xs which sank the battleship Roma.

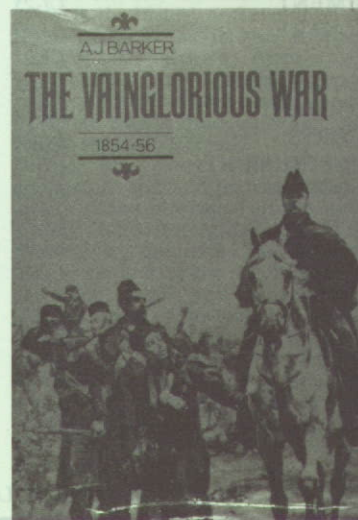
Mr Hogg guides us through an impressive array of hardware—rockets, anti-aircraft missiles and guns, a variety of gun sights and warning devices.

Writing in Purnell Weapons Book 18, Mr Ford conducts us on a tour of the allied secret arsenal. The message here is plain—that we used our technology to much greater advantage than did the Germans. The atomic bomb, the dam-busting bouncing bomb, tactical rocketry, Mulberry harbours, Pluto, radar, new techniques in photo-reconnaissance—the Americans even had a radar-guided missile which out-did the Fritz-X, sinking a Japanese destroyer from a range of 20 miles.

Radar revolutionised navigation but there were other benefits in the Allied secrets—antibiotics which saved countless lives; the great advances in surgery, particularly the "walking stalk" operation for skin grafting perfected by the Russian Filatov in 1945.

Mr Ford's account of allied secret weapons well matches his earlier survey (Weapons Book 5) of German weapons in this excellent series.

In Weapons Books 11 and 19 respectively, Mr. Hogg examines the role of artillery in World War Two. In "The Guns" he comes up with a mystery—what became of the greatest gun of all time? It was the railway-mounted, Krupp-built 80cm K(E). He agrees that this near legendary gun was so enormous that,



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in talking about it, care is needed to sift fact from fantasy.

This gun, named Gustav, was used in the siege of Sebastopol in 1942, firing between 30 and 40 shots. It was next heard of at Pruskov, 18 miles from Warsaw, in September 1944. It fired some 30 shots into the city during the Underground uprising. It is assumed to have fallen into Russian hands during the subsequent advance.

It must certainly be the star turn in any book about artillery. How many other guns required 1420 men with a major-general in command?

Mr Hogg traces vividly the development of the most important guns of World War Two. Then, in "The Barrage," he gives a lively account of their use, and misuse, in battle.

After reading of the astonishing massed artillery deployed by the Russians at various times—32,143 guns and mortars and the guns of 6460 tanks in the crossing of the Lower Vistula in January 1945—one cannot but agree with him that the fabled Alamein barrage was only "a noisy outburst." He explains that it was a careful fire plan of concentrations aimed at neutralising enemy artillery; in fact a counter-battery affair. We live and learn.

German Secret Weapons: Arms & Armour Press, £1.50

Weapons Books: Macdonald, 50p each

Ground to air

"Army and Air Force Doctor"
(Air Commodore E A Lumley)

Thirty-five years' of devoted service as a medical officer in the Army and then in the Royal Air Force form the basis for these reminiscences. Commissioned into the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1914, the author spent most of the war on the Western Front, being gassed, wounded and winning a Military Cross.

After a short spell as a general practitioner he joined the medical branch of the Royal Air Force and served in Egypt, Iraq, Aden and India. He saw the introduction of

night-flying and parachuting, took part in tests of the Martin-Baker ejector seat, served in India as principal medical officer at the time of partition and met Gandhi.

He appears to have more regard for the trivia of his day-to-day existence than for these highlights in his career and the history that was being made around him. A more positive and analytical approach to the great events of which he was at least a spectator would have produced a more valuable book. As it stands it is an interesting commentary on the service life of the time at the intermediate level.

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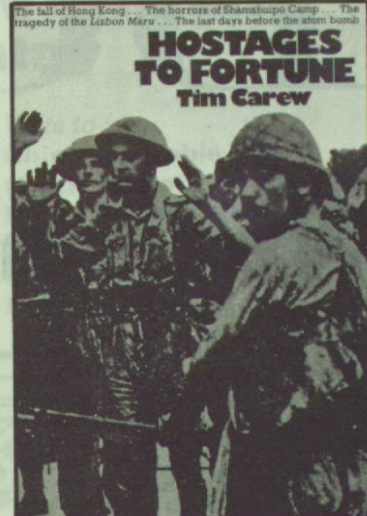
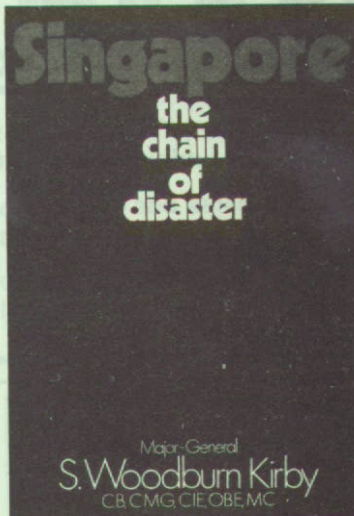
Far East theatre

"Singapore: The Chain of Disaster"
(Major-General S Woodburn Kirby)
"Hostages to Fortune" (Tim Carew)
"Get Yamamoto" (Burke Davis)

The Singapore story is rarely told without passion and the levelling of blame but General Woodburn Kirby, British official historian of the war against Japan, has contrived to record without emotion the steps leading to Singapore's fate. Indeed his ice-cold survey presents the evidence which should have been given at the Royal Commission that never transpired.

The plain fact is that if the whole British Army had been in Singapore in early 1942 the result would probably have been the same. The culprits were successive British governments from 1919 to 1941. Their failure to appreciate the danger from the north, even as late as 1937 when General Dobbie gave a warning, led inevitably to a tragic and humiliating surrender.

General Woodburn Kirby criticises many of the leaders of those years but the men who fought and died in the vain bid to halt Yamashita's army emerge with untarnished honour. The general was not involved in the fate of Malaya; he is neither protester nor



apologist. He is a dispassionate historian who, in the months before he died, wrote an exceptional book.

It took Yamashita just 70 days to march from Singora, Siam, to Singapore. Hong Kong did not have so long to wait. The colony surrendered on Christmas Day 1941 after 17 days of vicious fighting during which the grossly outnumbered garrison gave a good account of itself. Major Carew tells the inspiring story of the garrison's survivors, the men who laid down their arms only when, sleepless and near to starvation, they could fight no longer.

He takes his title from a remark made during the battle by the British commander, Major-General Christopher Maltby, and he goes on to describe the horrors of Japanese captivity—the interminable brutality and beatings, the totally inadequate rations, the almost indescribable maltreatment which reduced once-proud soldiers to shuffling rag-clad bundles of skin and bone.

But Field-Marshal Lord Slim knew the British soldier as few

brasshats did. And it is Slim's description which sums him up: "He is not braver than any other soldier—he is braver for a little longer." The men taken prisoner in Hong Kong gave him the evidence. Their courage, resilience and above all their unquenchable humour saw them through.

One of the architects of Japan's early victories was Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, a fighting seaman of the Togo stamp. He was widely recognised as the most superior brain in Japan's military hierarchy. It was he who, after warning against war with America, produced the devastating plan for the attack on Pearl Harbour and trained his carrier aircrews throughout the last summer of peace for that specific role.

Unknown to the Japanese, the Americans had had remarkable success in breaking Jap codes. They failed dismally on their translation priorities immediately before Pearl Harbour and were taken by surprise. But the lesson went home and when the code-breakers learned that Yamamoto was making an inspection tour which would bring him within 500



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On the "death" line

"With the Cambridgeshires at Singapore" (William Taylor)
The surrender of Singapore to the Japanese in 1942 was probably the British Army's most humiliating defeat. Certainly the ordinary soldier was not to blame—as this little volume clearly shows he did his duty to the bitter end.

Although the Cambridgeshires were just as brave as their opponents, the Japanese Imperial Guards, they were no match for them in jungle infiltration tactics. It was not long before the British were pushed back to Singapore.

The Japanese used their prisoners as slave labour on their Bangkok to Moulmein Railway. In some of the thickest jungle in the world and infested with beri-beri, malaria, dysentery, diphtheria and cholera, the Cambridgeshires toiled on the line, existing on a meagre diet of rice and turnip tops and at the mercy of brutal guards like "Satan" and "Noddy" who were ever ready to beat a man to death with their bamboo "pickle-sticks." Some 30,000 men of all nationalities died in the construction of this notorious railway, little of which remains today.

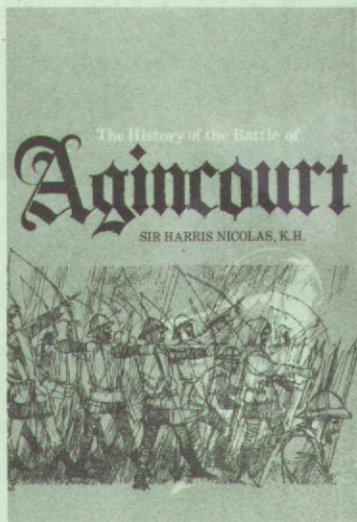
This story of the Cambridgeshires, told by a survivor, is stark and powerful. Ably edited, it has several interesting plates and drawings. T W Bevis, 150 Burrowmoor Road, March, Cambs, £1.81 incl postage AWH

Three-hour rout

"The History of the Battle of Agincourt" (Sir Harris Nicolas)
This is a facsimile edition of a book published in 1932. Its author, by pure chance, developed an interest in antiquarian matters and became an accomplished researcher.

The story it tells is fascinating. In the early 15th century England was in an aggressive mood under its warrior-king, Henry V, and tried hard to bully France into surrendering half her territory. While the French were more than willing to make some kind of concession, England forced the issue. In many ways invasion was a financial gamble. Henry pawned the royal jewels to pay his soldiers, ships were hired from Holland and England was ransacked for carts, bows and even horse-shoes.

In 1415 a fleet of 1400 ships took the English to France. Harfleur soon fell and the two armies met at Agincourt. The French attacking formation was badly planned and the



English fought with great ruthlessness and skill. In three hours the flower of French chivalry was smashed. Henry returned to England in triumph and recouped his expense by ransoming his prisoners.

Apart from the main account of the campaign the book contains translations of contemporary writers, the roll of knights present, indentures of service and even ballads. A most interesting work with well-written footnotes and colourful maps. Muller, £5.50 AWH

In brief

"The Big Deal" (Alan Evans)
This fifth novel—the last two were "Bannon" and "Vicious Circle"—by this author, whose pen-name hides the identity of a sergeant in the Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve, is in the same mould of pure adventure. This time the setting is vaguely in Africa and the ingredients are a civil war, a down-on-his-luck transport firm's partner, a handful of mercenaries and an old and dying man with a goal. He drives them all and all drive in a hunted convoy towards the unknown prize. A fast-moving and very readable tale. Robert Hale, £1.30.



"POW" (Douglas Collins)
The author, a sergeant in 2nd Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment, was captured at Dunkirk but such was his determination that he made ten escapes. After a number of

unsuccessful attempts he finally got away from a German camp in Upper Silesia and headed for Turkey. He was recaptured in Hungary and made seven more escape bids. Eventually he made it only to land in a Rumanian secret police headquarters with his friend Ted Lancaster.

Naturally, they escaped but they never reached Turkey. When Rumania collapsed in 1944, he and his friend were flown out by the United States Air Force. After long leave in England he missed the excitement of his former life and sought a posting to a unit fighting in Germany. An understanding officer put him in a documents research team—it was the ex-prisoner's turn to ask the questions.

This is a book well worth reading. Robert Hale, £2.10

"Pictorial History of the Rifle" (G W P Swenson)
The title is apt and the book fully justifies it. Nearly 300 photographs of rifles take the reader from the late 15th century "hand gunn" and a crude 1495 vintage 24-bore, said to be the first known rifle, through the years to the sophisticated assault and sporting weapons of today.

A fascinating chapter describes the first hand gun as simply a tube, sometimes mounted on a stick, with a touch hole for igniting the powder. This clumsy and dangerous contraption soon gave way to the harquebus which utilised the cross-bow stock and method of firing. The first rifles are shown to have been confined to target and game shooting; the military weapon was developed only gradually over the next 250 years. Both the early history of rifles and the advent of mass production are dealt with in some detail, made eminently readable by the inclusion of a liberal sprinkling of interesting and colourful anecdotes. Ian Allan, £2.70

"Badges of the British Army, 1820-1960" (F Wilkinson)
This second, revised, reprint of this popular book, first published in 1969 and reviewed in SOLDIER November 1970, is a marked improvement on its predecessor. More durable in a hard cover, it now has the index which was so sadly lacking in the first edition. Arms & Armour Press, £1.50

"British Infantry Colours" (Dino Lemonofides)
In this concise, information-packed guide to the history and evolution of regimental colours in the infantry arm of the British Army, Mr Lemonofides has provided both military historian and perfectionist modeller with a quick and easy-to-follow work of reference.

Over the years Colours have changed in size and pattern and the author shows how their origins were closely related to regimental tactical practice in the mid-17th century. The book tackles the whole subject in some detail and conveniently clarifies many of the technical points associated with Colours. There are six full-page colour plates giving 39 examples of Colours as well as numerous other illustrations including photographs dating from the turn of the century to the present day.

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