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FRONT COVER

In a cornfield high on a hill, men of 1st Battalion, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, watch the Turkish and Greek-Cypriot lines as an uneasy peace prevails around the British sovereign base area at Dhekelia. Picture by Paul Haley.



BACK COVER

SAS survival course students use bagged kit as floats to help them cross the River Wye. A safety Gemini boat hovers nearby just in case. Pictures by Leslie Wiggs.

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

JULY 1975

- 1 Royal Agricultural Show, Kenilworth (Royal Military Police mounted display team Red Caps) (1-4 July)
- 2 Kneller Hall Band Concert.
- 3 Portsmouth Field Gun Show (Junior Parachute Company Pegasus gymnastic team).
- 4 Hook (Yorkshire) Gala (4-6 July) (displays).
- 4 Poole (Dorset) Carnival (4-5 July) (band).
- 4 Royal Artillery (Woolwich) At Home (4-5 July).
- 4 Birkenshaw (Yorkshire) Show (4-5 July) (displays).
- 5 Air Display, Bembridge, IOW (helicopter display team Blue Eagles).
- 5 Swindon Air Display (Blue Eagles).
- 5 Battle of Sedgemoor anniversary (5-6 July) (band; displays).
- 5 Military Musical Pageant (Army Benevolent Fund), Wembley Stadium.
- 5 Signal View, Worcester (Royal Signals motorcycle display team White Helmets).
- 5 Hanworth (Middlesex) Carnival (Pegasus gymnastic team).
- 5 Village Fête, Bedmond (Herts) (Parachute Regiment freefall team Red Devils).
- 5 Chichester Combined Charities Show (Household Cavalry Quadrille).
- 5 Exeter Air Day (junior band).
- 5 Wordsley (Stourbridge) Gala (White Helmets).
- 6 Leeds Horse Show (displays).
- 6 Oxted (Surrey) Village Fête (Red Devils).
- 7 Plymouth Services Week (7-12 July) (massed bands; freefall and PT displays).
- 8 Great Yorkshire Show (8-10 July) (Household Cavalry Quadrille).
- 9 Kneller Hall Band Concert.
- 10 Dorchester Carnival (band).
- 10 Finchley Carnival (10-12 July) (Pegasus gymnastic team).
- 10 Catterick 1875 (White Helmets).
- 11 Southampton Show (11-13 July) (Red Devils 12 July).
- 11 Kent County Show, Maidstone (11-12 July) (Red Caps).
- 12 Basingstoke Tattoo.
- 12 Open Day, Depot, Queen's Division, Bassingbourn, Hertfordshire (Blue Eagles).
- 12 Dagenham (Essex) Town Show (12-13 July) (Red Devils).
- 12 Artillery Day, Larkhill.
- 12 Dengie 100 Fête, Southminster (Red Devils).
- 13 Northampton Nene Round Table, Castle Ashby (Blue Eagles).
- 13 Preview march, Royal Tournament participants, The Mall, London.
- 13 Newport (Monmouth) Carnival (Pegasus gymnastic team).
- 15 East of England Show, Peterborough (15-17 July) (Household Cavalry Quadrille; three bands).
- 16 Kneller Hall Grand Band Concert.
- 16 Royal Tournament, Earls Court, London (16 July-2 August).
- 17 Bournemouth Fiesta (band, pipes, drums, bugles).
- 17 Malton (Yorkshire) Show (Scottish Division freefall team Golden Lions; junior band).



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- 18 Cheltenham Tattoo (18-19 July).
- 18 RNLI Lifeboat Week, Lyme Regis (Blue Eagles).
- 19 Masham (Yorkshire) Traction Rally (19-20 July) (White Helmets; band).
- 19 Howard School Fête, Welwyn Garden City (junior display; junior band).
- 19 Open Day, Fording Trials Branch REME, Instow, Devon.
- 19 Steam Rally, Polegate (19-20 July) (Red Devils).
- 19 Deal Regatta (Blue Eagles).
- 19 Hastings Carnival (Blue Eagles).
- 20 Doddington Spectacular (Red Devils).
- 20 Taunton Tattoo (20-26 July).
- 20 Skegness Show (White Helmets).
- 21 Kirkby (Lancashire) Army Display (21-22 July) (Pegasus gymnastic team; Blue Eagles; Red Devils; White Helmets; three bands).
- 22 Cleveland Army Display, Middlesbrough (22-25 July) (junior gymnasts; Royal Corps of Transport freefall team Silver Stars; two bands).
- 24 Manchester Show (24-26 July) (Red Devils; Household Cavalry Quadrille; White Helmets; five bands).
- 24 St Helens Town Show (24-26 July) (Red Devils).
- 24 Deal Regatta (24-26 July) (7 Para RHA freefall team Black Knights 24 July; band).
- 25 Cardiff Searchlight Tattoo (25 July-2 August).
- 25 Northampton Show (25-27 July) (display team; band).
- 25 Army Air Day, Middle Wallop (25-26 July) (Blue Eagles).
- 26 Cleveland County Show, Middlesbrough (two bands).
- 27 Selby Lions Gala (junior band).
- 27 Shell Sport, Snetterton (Red Devils).
- 27 Open Day, Royal Armoured Corps Centre, Bovington Camp, Dorset (Blue Eagles).
- 28 KAPE tour, Jersey (28 July-8 August) (Black Knights).
- 29 Tyneside Summer Exhibition, Newcastle (29 July-2 August) (Red Devils; junior gymnasts; three bands).
- 30 Lancashire Show (30 July-3 August) (Household Cavalry Quadrille 1-3 August).
- 30 Stranraer Agricultural Show (White Helmets).

AUGUST 1975

- 1 Southsea Show (1-3 August) (Blue Eagles 1 August); (band).
- 1 Oxford Agricultural Show (1-2 August) (two bands).
- 1 Hull Show (1-2 August) (White Helmets; JLRA gymnastic display).
- 2 Open Day, Central Ordnance Depot, Chilwell (Blue Eagles).
- 2 Gatehouse (Kirkcudbrightshire) Gala (White Helmets).
- 2 Open Day, Depot, Prince of Wales's Division, Lichfield (Red Devils; Blue Eagles).
- 3 Knebworth Air Display (Royal Artillery motorcycle display team; Blue Eagles; two bands).
- 3 Rutland County Show, Oakham (White Helmets; band).
- 4 King's Troop RHA gun salute, Hyde Park, London (Queen Mother's birthday).
- 6 Bakewell (Derbyshire) Agricultural Show (band).
- 6 Bingley (Yorkshire) Show (band; displays).
- 6 Colchester Searchlight Tattoo (6-9 August).
- 6 Llandudno Carnival (Blue Eagles).
- 8 Gloucester Military Festival (RA motorcyclists; band; freefall team).
- 8 Girls' Friendly Society Centenary Day, Stoneleigh (Red Devils).
- 9 Castle Howard (Yorkshire) Steam Fair (9-10 August) (band).
- 9 York Sportsmen's Gala (band).
- 9 Wessex Machinery Museum Club Show, Southsea (9-10 August) (Red Caps).
- 9 International Model Power Boat Meeting, Welwyn Garden City (Blue Eagles).
- 10 Derwentside Show, Consett (10-11 August) (junior gymnasts; band).

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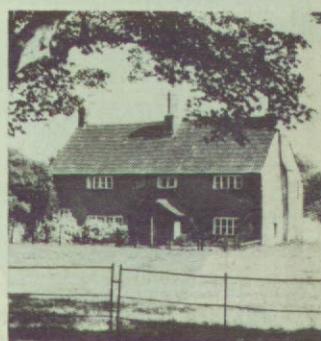
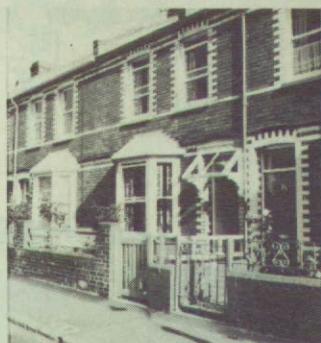
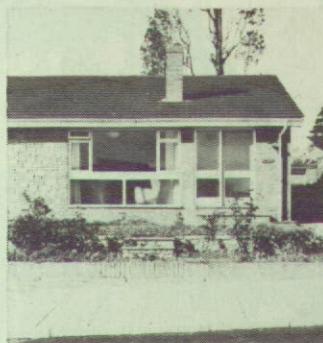
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Sergeant Bailey made four flights in thick cloud before spotting the injured man at 13,000 feet on a distant ridge. He then had to land on the rocky slope to pick up the climber.

The Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct has also been awarded to Lieutenant (Queen's Gurkha Officer) Gajurmani Rai, of 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles. While commanding a platoon on operational duties in Cyprus he was ordered to take up a position between 1000 Greek refugees, who were yelling abuse and throwing stones, and Turkish soldiers who had cocked their weapons and were ready to fire.

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The Essex Regiment

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First in a series of pictorial features is the storming of Fort Moro by the 56th Regiment (2nd Essex) in 1762 at the end of the Cuban campaign, an action which earned for the regiment the battle honour "Moro"—one of many listed in a regimental battle honours feature.

A portrait of Sir Peter Halkett, first Colonel of the 44th Foot (1st Essex), recalls the raising of the regiment in 1741. Nearby are the 1747 commission warrant of Ensign Andrew Simson, signed by the Duke of Cumberland; two swords (circa 1750); a Simkin painting of an officer, grenadier and private of the 56th Foot; and a portrait of Madame de Pompadour whose favourite colour of purple was adopted by the 56th as facings for their uniforms. Exhibits illustrating the blockade and siege of Gibraltar (1779-83) include a sergeant's halberd, a provisioning certificate and a print of the defence of the Rock.

Noteworthy in the Napoleonic wars section are letters written by a subaltern of the 44th before the battle of Waterloo and a drum-major's sash of the same period. An infantry soldier's equipment of a slightly later date includes blanket roll, water bottle and valise. From the Crimea there is the bell taken by the 44th from Redan battery while operations in China are evoked by an illustration of the attack on the Taku forts in 1860 at which two Victoria Crosses were won by the 44th. Also in this case are a collection of regimental badges and insignia and two well-preserved full-dress uniforms (circa 1880) of 56th officers.

A small but select collection of weapons, including a presentation short Enfield by Haste of Colchester and an experimental breech-loader by Westley-Richards, seeks to trace the development of the soldier's firearm in the 19th century.

Standing in a solo position is a rare and famous trophy—the gilt-bronze eagle captured at Salamanca from the French 62nd Regiment by Lieutenant W Pearce and three privates of the 44th. Appropriately, the Queen's and Regimental

Colours presented to the regiment in 1857 hang crossed on the wall behind the eagle.

The medal collection includes a gold Salamanca Medal, Peninsular and Waterloo medals, the Victoria Cross won by Lieutenant F N Parsons at Paardeberg, South Africa, and all that is left of the VC won by Private John McDougall for his bravery at the storming of the Taku forts. This cross was stolen in 1960 with his China Medal. Only the two ribbons and their clasps were left and these remnants now occupy a place of honour.

Items connected with the Boer War include a Transvaal Republic flag, the sword and spurs of Lieutenant Parsons VC and the uniform and equipment of a mounted infantry officer. A vivid group of photographs and water colour paintings recalls the Essex Regiment's service in World War One; a prized souvenir of World War Two is a presentation sword which belonged to Field-Marshal Joachim von Runstedt.

Finally, a tableau vivant of five officers set against a mess background effectively illustrates different types of mess dress. Also featured in the scene are a silver beaker inscribed with the name of Captain P O'Reilly, 44th, 1815, a horn snuff mull (1815), and a magnificent cloisonné vase taken from the Peking Summer Palace in 1860.

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“We shall go always a little further”

Story by Mike Starke / Pictures by Leslie Wiggs



THE drill square at Bradbury Lines, the Hereford home of 22nd Special Air Service Regiment, rarely rings with barked commands or the rhythmic tread of boots in unison, for self-discipline is the order of the day here. But beside the empty asphalt stands a memorial clock tower bearing an inscription which sums up the regiment's ceaseless quest for military perfection:

“We are the pilgrims, master: we shall go always a little further: it may be beyond that last blue mountain barr'd with snow, across that angry or that glimmering sea.”

Nor is it considered extraordinary for these fighting men with their tough reputation to seek inspiration from some lines of poetry. For it is subtle blends of brain as much as brawn which make up the SAS

trooper who, it is said, is as likely to read the *Economist* as *Playboy*.

The moulding of such a soldier takes much time and effort, starting with the carefully designed and controlled selection process which tests both brain and physical endurance. Volunteers for the twice-yearly selection courses come from all corps and arms of the Army, bringing to the SAS a wide range of military skills

A lonely trio, weighed down with heavy packs, trudges into a grey morning on the Brecon Beacons.

as a backcloth to the regimental requirement that each man should have at least one of the four individual skills of signaller (morse is used for long-range transmission), demolition expert, SAS medic or linguist.

Each four-man SAS patrol contains at least these four skills and patrols combine into troops specialising in amphibious, mountain, mobile (including Land-Rover) and airborne operations.

But it is a long way to these specialist tasks for the volunteer who comes to Hereford hoping to make the grade. It is the SAS aim to get as many men as possible through selection without lowering the exacting standards. But they are looking for a special type of man with the physical and mental qualities to enable him to operate in small patrols for long periods remote from the normal military structure. Not everyone is suitable and to have tried and not been selected is no disgrace.

Younger soldiers do not tend to pass. They lack the maturity, determination and endurance required. The average age of a volunteer is 23; he preferably has a good grounding in his own regimental or corps skills. The average trooper in a squadron is aged 27 so, to command such

experienced soldiers, officer volunteers are not normally accepted under 24 or 25.

Many of the successful volunteers are non-commissioned officers but they automatically drop to the rank of temporary trooper on selection while retaining the substantive rank held in the parent unit. After a year they become Band 3 troopers with equivalent pay to a full corporal and the introduction of SAS service pay is under consideration. A substantive sergeant's parachuting pay tends to make up any loss in money he suffers at this stage. Non-commissioned officers stay on the promotion roll of their regiments and eventually return to their units either at the rank achieved in the SAS or—more likely—at the rank gained in their own regiments in their absence. In one case an SAS corporal returned to his unit a fully fledged warrant officer class 2.

But questions of rank and pay are of less importance to SAS troopers. The regiment's commanding officer put it bluntly: "Soldiers come to this regiment for active service, and active service they see." The SAS has been in action non-stop since 1951 with the exception of a short break during 1960-63.

Even so, a trooper does not spend as much time overseas as popular belief would have it. Nowadays six or seven

months is the maximum, which makes for a happier home life for the two-thirds or so of the regiment with wives—many of them local girls—and families back in Hereford.

Three years is the normal tour of duty with the SAS but most men extend their tours for a further three years and many sacrifice their Army careers in the interests of the job satisfaction found serving with the SAS. But no-one is kept against his will and each NCO and soldier has an annual review of his progress with his squadron commander.

All this adds up to the SAS trooper being more mature than average and he is treated as such. Discipline is self-imposed and therefore more severe in its own way than is normal in the Services. It is based on mutual respect and trust and cannot be otherwise when officers, senior NCOs and men live at close quarters in remote areas for long periods.

An important part of the selection system is to choose men who can work on their own or in small patrols—the SAS role is often carried out upwards of 100 miles from base with only occasional supplies. The commanding officer added: "Having to live on his own with a patrol for weeks or even months on end, he's got to be totally reliable and have those special quirks of character we're looking



A subaltern in the Scots Guards, David Stirling, envisaged a small force of raiders tasked to penetrate behind enemy lines and wreak havoc with sabotage. The young commando's dream became reality with L Detachment, Special Air Service Brigade, in July 1941, although there was no brigade as such to bear the title. The first action was on 16-17 November that year and what became more simply known as the SAS counts 17 November as its "birthday."

David Stirling, by then a lieutenant-colonel, was taken prisoner in January

1943 by which time the SAS had developed an amphibious element, Special Boat Section. A 2nd SAS regiment was created by the founder's brother, Lieutenant-Colonel W S Stirling. At the end of the African campaign 1 SAS was renamed Special Raiding Squadron and SBS became Special Boat Service. In January 1944, SAS units except SBS formed a brigade with regiments numbered 1st to 5th, 3rd and 4th being French and 5th, Belgian. In 1945 1st and 2nd SAS were disbanded, 3rd and 4th joined the French Army and 5th SAS went to the Belgian Army

where a winged dagger badge and "Who dares wins" motto are still worn. In 1947 the Territorial Army's 21st SAS (Artists) was formed. The other TA unit, 23rd SAS, came 12 years later. The regular 22nd SAS Regiment was formed in Malaya in 1952 and left there in 1959 to settle temporarily in Malvern, Worcestershire, before moving to its permanent home in Hereford in 1960. Since then the regiment has served in the Arabian peninsula, Borneo, the Radfan, Aden and Malaysia. It is currently engaged in a counter-insurgency struggle in Dhofar.

for—independence of spirit and compatibility. Many very good soldiers are turned away for lack of one of these elements. What we're looking for is part physical and part mental—the determination to get to the target on one's own if necessary, in all conditions and without a push from outside."

The initial selection course is three weeks and is a test of both physical and mental qualities. It is carefully graded to give the volunteer the best possible chance of getting through. But it is hard—no volunteer would expect otherwise

—and although the SAS makes it clear at the outset that it wants every possible man, it has to see that the individual has the will to win through. So once launched on the course there is an absence of positive encouragement and a sense of isolation which can be much more unnerving than aggressive encouragement.

After a warm-up period to try to relax candidates and so get the best out of them, they are set down, first in groups, then individually, on the windswept wilderness of the Brecon Beacons. They

stride off with map, compass and instructions on how to get to the first of they-know-not-how-many rendezvous. This when carrying a Bergen rucksack weighing anything from 25lbs to 55lbs at the end of the third or test week culminating in an endurance march carrying that weight for 20 hours—the maximum time allowed to cover a 60-kilometre course over the steepest peaks the Beacons can offer.

On his own, with only the unknown ahead, the would-be SAS trooper is thrown mentally off balance and as he strives for an invisible goal he finds he is racing no-one but himself. On the way he is given various mental problems to face which are interposed from outside, as opposed to the problems occurring naturally on a long march. The test might be of simple mathematics or a complex military problem to see if he can think as well as move.

Officers on the course go through the same ordeals but, if anything, life is made harder for them as their officer abilities are scrutinised while they endure the same physical and mental stresses as the others. At the end of a long march an officer may find he has a raid or attack to plan by way of an exercise. Reactions are noted at every stage and officers' plans are critically analysed by a board, in their presence. Reaction to this can give a tell-tale hint of a man's attitude.

By the time the test week comes, the volunteers are working singly. They are fitter, but more tired, than when they started and after the marathon marches from A to B carrying their heavy loads, the eagle-eyed SAS instructors running the course have a good idea of who will pass or fail. Some will already have dropped out for one reason or another. In most cases volunteers fail themselves by finding excuses—often good, sometimes bad—for returning to their units. But such is the intensity of the course that the commanding officer believes successes and failures alike emerge better men after the selection period. "They grow up, quite frankly," he declared.

Eleven weeks of continuation training now face the volunteers. There may still be a few who drop out at this stage. Then come three weeks of combat survival training followed by parachute training for those who have not done it already.

The instructors are dealing with a high



Lessons in dog evasion for recruits by West Mercia Constabulary.



A Bergen doubles as navigator's table-top as the route to an RV is plotted.

One down . . . how many more to go? as a soldier approaches this checkpoint.



► Sink or swim survival with bags of kit inflated to provide men with buoyancy.

grade of soldier and they assume he knows a good deal about many of the topics covered in this later training. With the vast medley of skills and qualities gleaned from the entire Army, some will know more than others about specific topics. To an extent, knowledge rubs off from one to the other. The course includes studying standing operating procedure, tactics, basic demolition, signalling and medical work, plus fire control, fighter ground-attack techniques and the full weapon-firing classification.

The final phase is very much a character building exercise in which a man examines himself in the simple but vital skills of survival. The SAS runs two Army combat survival courses a year which all their own soldiers have to go through and which are also open to the other Services.

Those who have completed the course

thus far are accepted and "badged" SAS, then, as the commanding officer said, "Their training proper begins." Individual skills are developed and new skills acquired as a trooper takes his place in a squadron. For instance, in the mobility troop a driver may need to be taught advanced techniques so that he can strip a gearbox in the desert at night by the light of his Land-Rover's lamps.

The SAS is not confined to the one Regular regiment. There are two Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve regiments, 21st and 23rd. They work very closely with the Regulars but do not go on operations. Their selection course is similar but adapted for men who are not full-time soldiers. For one thing, it is spread over a longer period in a series of weekend and summer camps. The backbone of the Special Air Service is the Regular regiment in Hereford with its

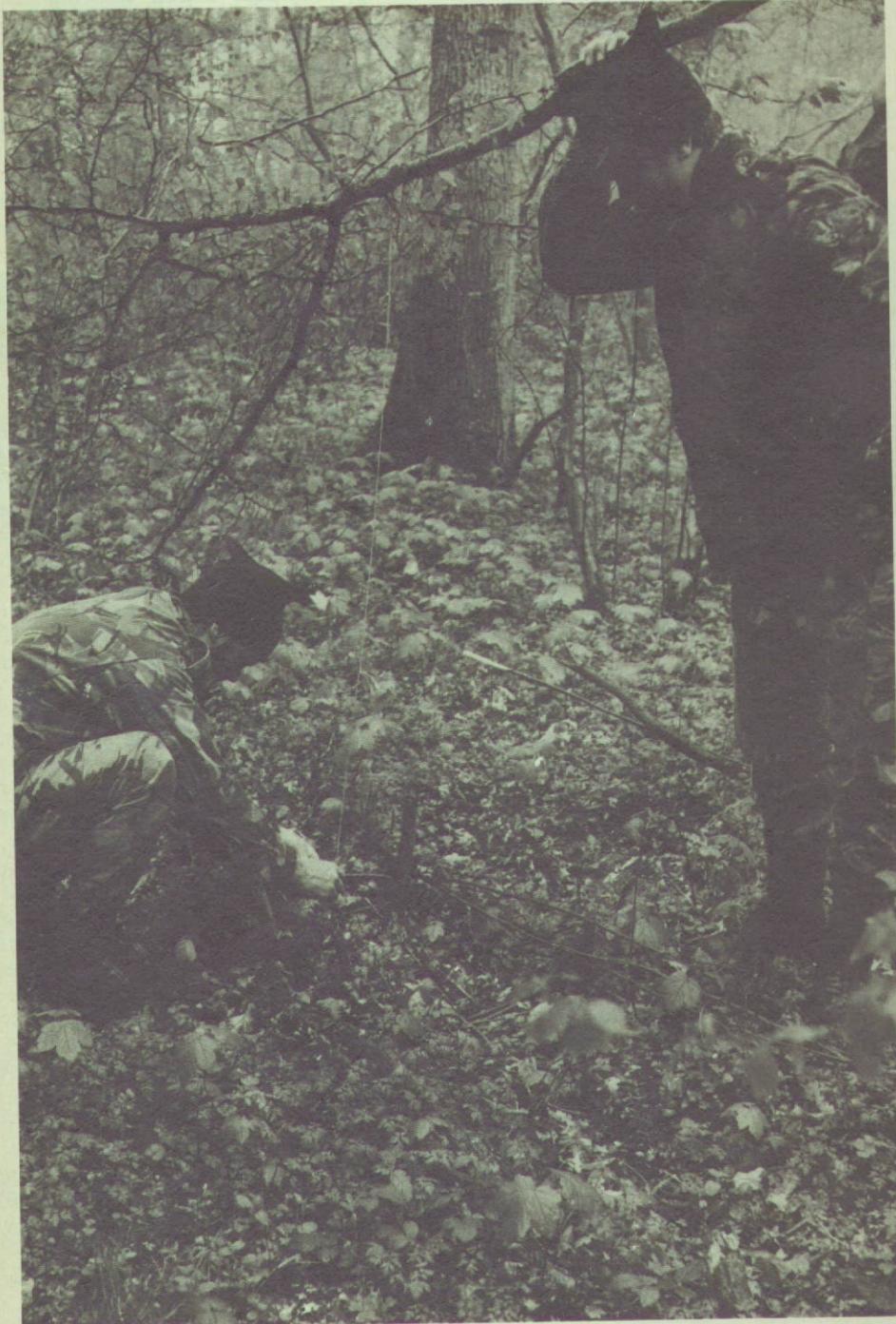
roots firmly planted in the amazing feats of its forebears in the dark days of World War Two when handfuls of men dared . . . and won.

The commanding officer sums up: "The secret of the SAS is threefold. First, the man. Second, thorough planning of operations. Third, immaculate administration. But the key is the man. The type of man we are after is highly trained—there is never a fully trained SAS soldier . . . there's always something new to learn."

"But he's confident and he knows how to look after himself, which is very important. He knows what his body can and can't do and so is fully operational from the start without having to waste nervous energy winding himself up."

"And, above all, he has that independence of spirit."

... and a will to dare and win. ●



A bulging pack behind and the wind in front make a would-be trooper wince.

◀ SAS candidates learn woodcraft skills such as trapping to aid their survival.



Mrs M M M Hooper introduces trainees to the mysteries of the herbalist's world.

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PERSONAL EXPORT



Soldiers, sailors and airmen get together to run the annual expedition for young civilians which has become a Dartmoor tradition

THREE SERVICES AND TEN TORS

THE still, grey Dartmoor dawn was shaken by the sound of silence . . . the Simon and Garfunkel record "The Sound of Silence" used as a wry reveille over the tannoy system to rouse some 2400 young people from their tents pitched below the Army's Okehampton Camp. It was five am—ahead of the youngsters lay the sixteenth Ten Tors hike across the moor and back.

For the biggest-ever entry in this annual expedition the adventure was just beginning. For the 500 or so servicemen running the event it was the end of

nearly a year's planning and hard work. Sailors and airmen joined soldiers in a concerted effort to offer young men and girls from all over the southern half of England and Wales a unique opportunity to pit themselves against the elements. The test is only of themselves and is strictly non-competitive. All teams who finish are presented with certificates and medals go to each team member.

Ten Tors started life in the late 1950s as an adventure training exercise for lads of the Royal Corps of Signals Junior Leaders' Regiment with the then-topical scenario of the Dalai Lama fleeing from

Tibet before the invading Chinese. Major John Joiner, now retired, was then in charge of the regiment's adventure training programme. "Our boys so enjoyed the exercise," he explained, "that we asked ourselves 'why shouldn't civilians enjoy it too?' So in September 1960 we tried it out with teams of ten people visiting ten tors on the moor by their own routes. After that it just grew and girls were introduced to it in the third year."

With communications a vital part of Ten Tors, the Royal Signals are still deeply involved—this year, 3rd Division

Walkers swarm up the first hillside after the massed start, heading for the first of their ten tors.





Exhaustion shows on these girls' faces as they check in to Southern Control.



Headquarters and Signal Regiment formed the backbone of the tri-Service organisation. A staff of 13 from the regimental pay office at Headquarters South West District in Taunton—five of them girls—turned their accounting skills to tracing on record sheets, at the main control centre at Okehampton Camp, the progress of youngsters out on the moor.

Medical facilities were co-ordinated by the Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth, backed by Commando Logistic Regiment's medical squadron vehicles and drivers plus reservists of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps from 211 Wessex Field Hospital, Royal Army Medical Corps (Volunteers).

Out on the moor, 18 tors were manned by servicemen as checkpoints along 21 separate routes criss-crossing the area and giving each of the 401 teams ten tors to visit. The handful of men on each tor, again on a tri-Service basis, took up their positions some 40 hours before the Saturday morning start. Weather conditions on Dartmoor can be changeable and treacherous and, although this year's Ten Tors enjoyed two exceptionally fine days, the planners had to allow ample time for the tor-top groups to set up their tents, raise a fluorescent beacon and test their radios. As well as Royal Navy and RAF personnel, a number of Army Youth Team staffs took up the four-day vigil which ended on the Monday long after the footsore youngsters had gone home.

Two of the tors, Beardown and Sittaford, are so inaccessible from road or even track that the manning crews' kit had to be flown in by three lifts of Wessex helicopters from the Royal Navy's 707 Squadron at Yeovilton.

On Sittaford were six men of 27 Army Youth Team, who normally work in Devizes, with two signallers and a physical training instructor from the Junior Leaders' Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps, Bovington. The total of nine was higher than other groups

manning the tors because every participating team had to pass through the Sittaford checkpoint. Lynch Tor was the only other peak with the same workload.

Beardown was the weekend home of four men from 25 Army Youth Team helped out by two more ubiquitous signallers and an officer of the Commando Logistic Regiment.

Apart from the 18 manned tors another checkpoint was set up as a southern control centre at Holming Beam near the road to Princetown and the forbidding blocks of Dartmoor Prison. Holming Beam provided a supervised camping site overnight for the younger girls to pitch their gaily coloured tents. The older girls and young men could take their compulsory ten hours' rest, in the 34 hours available to complete the course, anywhere along their route so long as it was within hailing distance of a manned tor.

The southern control point also had its inevitable route card stamping procedure plus medical detachment, refreshment tents and a radio relay system to bounce messages back to Okehampton. Holming Beam was also the terminus for an endless chain of four-ton Army lorries from a pool of 17 which ran from Okehampton and back along the western perimeter of the moor to pick up exhausted walkers. This was a busy service and not surprisingly with 14- and 15-year-olds tackling 35-mile routes, 16- and 17-year-olds tramping 45 miles and 18- and 19-year-olds attempting 55 miles. Girls throughout the age range were allotted 35-mile routes but for the first time those aged 18 and 19 had the option of taking 45-mile routes and several chose to do so.

Checking the battered feet of every one of the 14- to 16-year-old girls camping at Holming Beam for the night were three of the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve nurses—one a police-woman by profession. She had a chance



◀ Territorial QARANC nurses are on hand at Holming Beam to tend girls' feet.

◆ A Royal Marine orderly helps rescuers carry a casualty to the medical centre.



Barrack-room banter in chalk helps cheer up weary girls queuing for hot drinks at the Holming Beam camp.

to compare notes with her military counterpart, Corporal Sandy Roberts, of the Taunton detachment of 158 Provost Company, Royal Military Police, who shared police duties at Holming Beam with a Women's Royal Air Force police corporal as well as some of her male Army colleagues.

Back at Okehampton Camp, men of 253 Provost Company, Royal Military Police (Volunteers) from Southampton helped out the full-time red-caps on the much larger "beat" which included not only the permanent Army camp, the tented control centre and administrative cells but also the multi-coloured field of tents the Ten Tors hikers had streamed from after their musical summons on Saturday morning.

The recording staff at Okehampton—

With ten tors behind them—three show in this picture—a team marches home.

among them the personnel from the pay office at Taunton and men from cadet training teams—had a full workload all weekend. On Friday night there was the job of receiving the teams of six as they arrived. There were fitness certificates to be scrutinised and briefings for the army of youngsters before their Saturday morning start.

Long before the tannoy serenaded the hikers, the recording staff had been busy setting up "shop" to process the 2406 individual team members in just 50 minutes after breakfast and before they set off at 0700. "Dog-tag" discs were issued to each person with a letter and digit code indicating the route taken, the individual concerned and his or her team. Green cards for stamping at checkpoints were given to team leaders and special maps issued. All this was done by 21 marshals at separate tables dealing with some 20 teams each.

As the walkers spread like an army of ants into the hills, the control centre awaited the first call from a tor-top checkpoint reporting the arrival of a team. Three teleprinters chattered incessantly throughout the exercise; the information they spelled out was posted on a public display board and passed to the accounting cell where progress sheets for each team were carefully filed as, tor by tor, the walkers neared their goal.

The monitoring system has been perfected over the years to ensure that at any time the position of any team or even individual can be pinpointed.

Up to 20 per cent of the young adventurers have been known to fall out before the finish, either injured, exhausted or just overawed by the enormity of the challenge. So on standby in the control centre were Royal Navy medical experts and Royal Marine Commandos



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An Alouette helicopter provides eyes in the sky to watch the progress of teams.

ready to act immediately should a tell-tale pink slip arrive from the communications cell with details of a casualty.

The casualty becomes yet another number in the columns of the monitors. Until a participant has left the moor, he or she will appear somewhere in the system of figures to ensure no-one is lost or has strayed. Meanwhile, the rescue services come into operation. Lorries ran a continuous shuttle service to pick up the minor injuries and the plain tired-out. Then there were the civilian volunteers from the Dartmoor Rescue Group who know every inch of the brooding moor with its forbidding crags and bottomless bogs.

Airborne assistance this year came from two helicopters of 14 Flight, 7 Regiment, Army Air Corps, flown in from Netheravon for the weekend. Despite good weather cutting down their emergency call-outs, the two pilots could still serve the safety agencies by overflying the moor to check the progress of teams between tors.

After the thrill of finishing the hard slog to ten tors, the teams' heavy feet were lightened with bystanders' applause as they trickled back to Okehampton on the Sunday. There was the final stamp to be made on the card followed by the

presentation of certificates and medals. Then greeting the hungry youngsters was a hot stew prepared by cooks of 3rd Division Headquarters and Signal Regiment helped out by men from Headquarters South West District. The Army had also laid on hot and cold water in the teams' tented camp to soak those blistered feet.

The logistic support extended, of course, to the tri-Service administrative organisation, providing weekend rations, tents for the controls and checkpoints and other necessary equipment.

As Sunday drew to a close, one of the most successful Ten Tors ended too. The participants dispersed to their widespread homes with a tale of adventure to tell their families and the servicemen and women returned to their units content to have done a good job, accounted for every one of the 2406 starters and, above all, offered pleasure and challenge to so many young people.

And with that satisfaction came relief. A naval officer commented: "We know the control system is fail-safe with double checks on everyone. But come 1700 hours on Sunday we breathe a sigh of relief when they're all off the moor and we can go home."

... Until next year.

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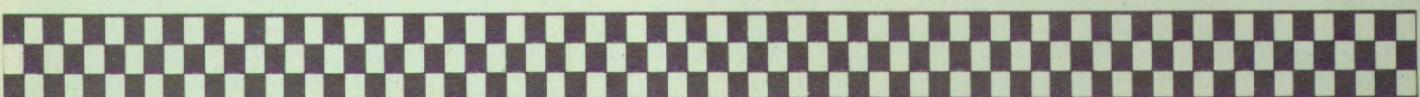
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Miss Missile

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Mission Missies

The only two British women among 600 British servicemen on the tiny island staging post of Masirah in the Arabian Gulf are the **Misses Dorothy Cook** and **Grace McShane**. Both are members of the Mission to Military Garrisons which was founded in 1883 to provide home comforts, peace and quiet to servicemen away from home.



Mac, Mrs and MBE

The New Year's honours award of an MBE caught up with **Warrant Officer 1 "Mac" McGill** at the latest of his 18-year Army career's postings as superintending clerk of Headquarters, 28th Infantry Brigade, Singapore. With Mac in the Far East are his wife **Margaret** and children **Michael** (7) and **Chrystianne** (5). The award was presented to Mac by **Mr Peter Tripp**, the British High Commissioner.

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Story by Mike Starke / Pictures by Leslie Wiggs and Paul Haley

OUTLOOK gloomy," declared the weather notice board. But it was immediately clear that this meant only the overcast skies—nothing could have dampened the spirits of the course members enthusiastically mastering the basic essentials of small boat sailing.

The outlook is distinctly bright for the Army's Dinghy Sail Training Centre which sits snugly on the east bank of Southampton Water in the wooded grounds of Netley Hospital. The centre's pleasant timbered building—designed and part-built by the Royal Engineers—doubles as a clubhouse for the Army Sailing Association dinghy yacht club as well as a training centre for would-be soldier-sailors who come to spend a week gaining a C class helmsman's certificate.

The 200 or so students passing through the centre each year come from all arms and corps of the Army. The 16-strong course—large by Netley standards—in training during **SOLDIER**'s visit also demonstrated the range of ranks who take up dinghy sailing, numbering a

colonel and a Women's Royal Army Corps private among its members.

But the relaxed atmosphere of the centre soon teaches courses they are all in the same boat, as it were... and out of it as well while learning capsize procedures, one of the first lessons to be taught.

The happy atmosphere at Netley is fostered by the highly experienced trio of instructors. Leading them is Warrant Officer 2 John Bullock, Army Physical Training Corps, a veteran of the Army's round-the-world-race crew in Chay Blyth's British Steel, which was re-named British Soldier for the race but has now reverted to its original title. As it happens, John and Chay are cousins.

The centre's two other instructors—or bosuns to give them their nautical names—are Sergeant Frank Pratt, a Royal Army Ordnance Corps printer who now concentrates on stamping his mark on sail training by passing on his expertise gleaned from years of experience on the water, and Driver Ray Graham, Royal

Corps of Transport, whose other trades include diving, marine engineering and an uncanny knack of imitating a marine klaxon which has been known to unnerve the skippers of other vessels when the throaty notes are heard emanating from a craft as seemingly small and insignificant as a dinghy!

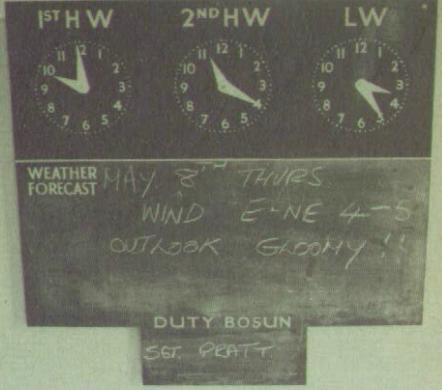
Two dozen Bosun craft are the centre's "training aids." The majority belong to the centre with a handful the property of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and the infantry.

From Monday morning to Friday afternoon, course members will use the boats as much as possible—John Bullock and his team are firm believers in practical experience being the best teacher. Safety is particularly stressed, hence the early introduction to a capsize situation which also instils confidence. The man-overboard procedure is also an early lesson.

Among the main points of sailing technique the students learn in their four-and-a-half days are sailing to the



The elegant timbered clubhouse's sign.



Cheerful staff and students belied the gloomy forecast on **SOLDIER**'s visit.

three points, reaching, running and close-hauled and the essentials of jibing and tacking.

"We teach the basics," said Frank Pratt. "What we aim to do is give them an interest in sailing, not make them have a hard time of it here." So there is no starchy insistence on all the correct nautical terms being used on courses. Rather than confuse novices with a whole new vocabulary the instructors gladly put up with sharp end, blunt end, left hand, right hand, string and rope. The proper terms tend to filter into students' conversation as the week goes by.

But the relaxed atmosphere does not mean students have an easy time of it. There is work to be done and only a week to do it in. Tides and weather govern the amount of time available on the water and this can mean starting at 0500 hours some mornings and sometimes sailing until late evening to get the best out of high water. And it can be a battle of brain as well as brawn to handle the light,

◀ Vasty QE2 looms out of the Southampton Water mist to dwarf two Bosun dinghies.

Returning to the clubhouse after they had spent a whole morning on the water. ▼





Students jostle for position in a friendly race home after a practice sail.

responsive dinghies in the sometimes fluky in-shore breezes.

Nor are the C class certificates handed out automatically. Courses do have their failures and the pass rate is about 70 per cent. "We don't just give them away," said John Bullock. "Assessing a student at the end of his course, I ask myself, 'Would I let my wife and child go sailing with that person?'"

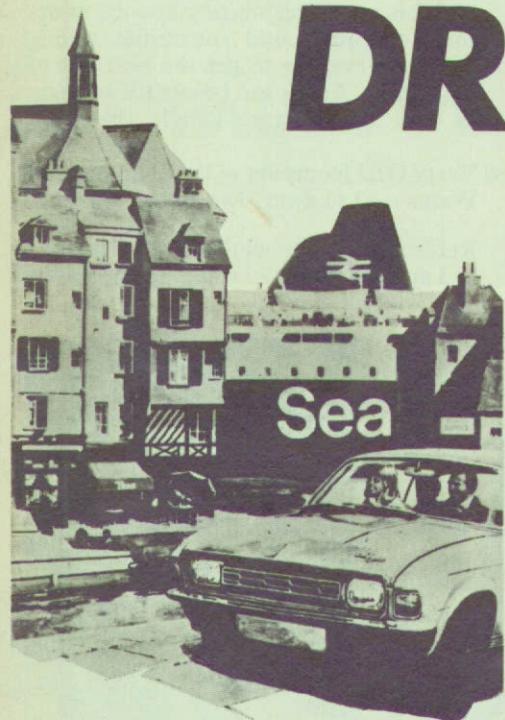
Now into its second year, the new building which has so enhanced the

centre's facilities is ready to work to capacity throughout the April to October season. There is hutt sleeping accommodation for two dozen and meals are provided by the nearby hospital. The clubhouse itself has smart changing facilities, complete with showers, and even boasts a small, self-run bar.

Successful students return to their units with their basic qualification and, as often as not, are upgraded through the B and A classification in their own dinghy

sailing organisation. The Netley course costs a mere £4.50, as compared with upward of £30 or £40 in Civvy Street for the same thing, and return visitors, as members of the Army Sailing Association, can hire out a dinghy from the centre for just 40p.

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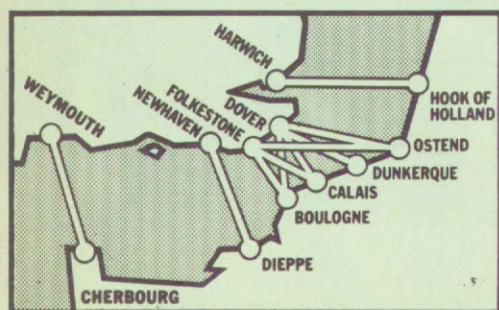
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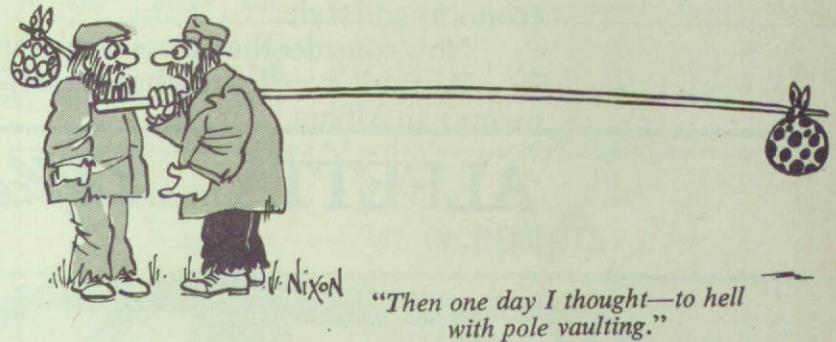
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SOLDIERS' PAY

Rank	Less than 6 years Scale A			6 years but less than 9 years Scale B			9 years or more Scale C		
	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3
Private class IV	£4.68	£5.63	—	£4.98	£5.93	—	£5.43	—	—
Private class III	5.08	5.95	—	5.38	6.25	—	5.83	6.38	—
Private class II	5.40	6.29	6.90	6.04	6.59	7.20	6.15	6.70	—
Private class I	5.74	6.29	—	6.04	6.59	—	6.49	7.04	7.65
Lance-corporal class III	5.74	6.29	—	6.40	6.95	—	6.85	7.40	—
Lance-corporal class II	6.10	6.65	—	6.79	7.34	7.95	7.24	7.79	8.40
Lance-corporal class I	6.49	7.04	7.65	7.27	7.82	—	7.72	8.27	—
Corporal class II	6.97	7.52	—	7.78	8.33	8.94	8.23	8.78	9.39
Corporal class I	7.48	8.03	8.64	—	—	—	—	—	—
Less than 6 years Scale A									
6 years but less than 9 years Scale B									
	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 4
	£8.10	£8.70	£9.36	£—	£8.40	£9.00	£9.66	£—	£8.85
Sergeant	8.56	9.16	9.82	10.54	8.86	9.46	10.12	10.84	9.31
Staff-sergeant	9.05	9.65	10.31	11.03	9.35	9.95	10.61	11.33	9.80
Warrant officer class 2	9.56	10.16	10.82	11.54	9.86	10.46	11.12	11.84	10.31
Warrant officer class 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.57
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11.29
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11.78
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12.29

Sergeants and above whose employment classification is class II and corporals whose employment classification is class III will be paid £0.12 or £0.06 a day respectively less than the rates shown.

JUNIOR ENTRANTS

Age	Daily	
	£	£
16 but under 16½	2.61	—
16½ but under 17	2.91	—
17 but under 17½	3.54	—
17½ and over (or on entering productive service before this age)	4.68*	—

*Committal pay at the appropriate rate is also payable.

OFFICER CADETS

	Daily	
	£	£
—	—	4.68*

*Committal pay at the appropriate rate is also payable.

INCREMENTS

Rank	Army, QARANC and WRAC				
	9 yrs	12 yrs	15 yrs	18 yrs	22 yrs
Private	£0.20	£0.30	£0.30	£0.30	£0.30
Lance-corporal	0.20	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30
Corporal	0.20	0.30	0.35	0.35	0.35
Sergeant	0.25	0.35	0.45	0.55	0.55
Staff-sergeant	0.25	0.35	0.45	0.60	0.60
Warrant officer class II	0.25	0.35	0.45	0.60	0.70
Warrant officer class I	0.25	0.35	0.45	0.60	0.85

ACCOMMODATION CHARGES

Married quarters*		Annual
Standard:		£
Soldiers		222.65
A	...	324.85
B	...	375.95
C	...	438.00
D	...	—
Officers		518.30
V	...	613.20
IV	...	693.50
III	...	784.75
II	...	876.00
I	...	—
Sub-standard:		—
Soldiers		149.65
A	...	215.35
B	...	251.85
C	...	292.00
D	...	—
Officers		346.75
V	...	408.80
IV	...	463.55
III	...	—

Single quarters	Daily	Weekly	Annual
Standard:	£	£	£
Corporal and below	0.29	2.03	105.85
Warrant officer and senior NCO	0.56	3.92	204.40
Captain and below	0.79	5.53	288.35
Major	0.97	6.79	354.05
Lieutenant-colonel and above	1.08	7.56	394.20
Senior officer's single room:	—	—	—
Major	0.82	5.74	299.30
Lieutenant-colonel and above	0.89	6.23	324.85
Sub-standard:	—	—	—
Corporal and below	0.19	1.33	69.35
Warrant officer and senior NCO	0.37	2.59	135.05
Captain and below	0.53	3.71	193.45
Major	0.65	4.55	237.25
Lieutenant-colonel and above	0.72	5.04	262.80

NEW PAY SCALES
with effect from 1 April 1975

*Excluding garage charges of £40.15 annually.

OFFICERS' PAY

NORMAL RATES

Rank	Service	Daily	Annual
*University cadet	On commissioning	2.02	737
Second-lieutenant (SSLC)	On commissioning	4.92	1796
Second-lieutenant (SSLC)	After 9 months	5.20	1898
Second-lieutenant (RCC)†	On commissioning	6.25	2281
Second-lieutenant	On commissioning	7.33	2675
Lieutenant	On appointment	9.11	3325
	After 1 year in rank	9.35	3413
	After 2 years in rank	9.59	3500
	After 3 years in rank	9.83	3588
	After 4 years in rank	10.07	3676
Captain	On appointment	11.29	4121
	After 1 year in rank	11.59	4230
	After 2 years in rank	11.89	4340
	After 3 years in rank	12.19	4449
	After 4 years in rank	12.49	4559
	After 5 years in rank	12.79	4668
	After 6 years in rank	13.09	4778
Major	On appointment	13.98	5103
	After 1 year in rank	14.32	5227
	After 2 years in rank	14.66	5351
	After 3 years in rank	15.00	5475
	After 4 years in rank	15.34	5599
	After 5 years in rank	15.68	5723
	After 6 years in rank	16.02	5847
	After 7 years in rank	16.36	5971
	After 8 years in rank	16.70	6096
Lieutenant-colonel	Special list	18.61	6793
Lieutenant-colonel	On appointment, less than 19 years' service	18.47	6742
	After 2 years in rank or 19 years' service	18.96	6920
	After 4 years in rank or 21 years' service	19.45	7099
	After 6 years in rank or 23 years' service	19.94	7278
	After 8 years in rank or 25 years' service	20.43	7457
Colonel	On appointment	22.38	8169
	After 2 years in rank	22.97	8384
	After 4 years in rank	23.56	8599
	After 6 years in rank	24.15	8815
	After 8 years in rank	24.74	9030
Brigadier	On appointment	27.40	10,001

*Education grant of £2.02 daily (£737 a year) is paid in addition.
†Officers attending a Regular career course immediately after attending the standard military course at Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

QUARTERMASTERS

Rank	Service	Daily	Annual
Lieutenant, captain and major	On appointment	13.09	4778
	After 1 year's service	13.31	4858
	After 2 years' service	13.53	4938
	After 3 years' service	13.75	5019
	After 4 years' service	13.97	5099
	After 5 years' service	14.19	5179
	After 6 years' service	14.41	5260
	After 8 years' service	14.63	5340
	After 10 years' service	14.85	5420
	After 12 years' service	15.07	5501
	After 14 years' service	15.29	5581
	After 16 years' service	15.51	5661
Lieutenant-colonel	On appointment	17.48	6380
	After 3 years in rank	17.73	6471

ROYAL ARMY VETERINARY CORPS

Rank	Service	Daily	Annual
Lieutenant, captain, major and Lieutenant-colonel	On entry	10.20	3723
	After 1 year's service	10.92	3986
	After 2 years' service	11.66	4256
	After 3 years' service	12.35	4508
	After 5 years' service	13.04	4760
	After 7 years' service	13.74	5015
	After 9 years' service	14.53	5303
	After 11 years' service	15.34	5599
	After 13 years' service	16.15	5895
	After 15 years' service	16.95	6187
	After 17 years' service	17.78	6490
	After 19 years' service	18.32	6687
	After 21 years' service	18.88	6880
	After 23 years' service	19.35	7063
	After 25 years' service	19.82	7234
	After 27 years' service	20.30	7410
	After 29 years' service	20.80	7592
Colonel and brigadier	As normal rates		

ROYAL ARMY CHAPLAINS' DEPARTMENT

Rank	Service	Daily	Annual
Class 4 (captain), Class 3 (major), Class 2 (lieutenant-colonel)	On entry	11.29	4121
	After 2 years' service	11.60	4234
	After 4 years' service	11.91	4347
	After 6 years' service	13.24	4833
	After 8 years' service	13.60	4964
	After 10 years' service	13.98	5103
	After 12 years' service	14.31	5223
	After 14 years' service	16.36	5971
	After 16 years' service	16.72	6103
	After 18 years' service	17.07	6231
	After 20 years' service	17.43	6362
	After 22 years' service	19.09	6968
	After 24 years' service	19.45	7099
	After 26 years' service	19.87	7253
Class 1 (colonel)	On appointment, less than 26 years' service	19.87	7253
	After 2 years in rank or 26 years' service	20.29	7406
Principal chaplain (colonel)	...	22.38	8169
Deputy chaplain-general (brigadier)	...	23.56	8599
Chaplain-general (major-general)	...	27.40	10,001

ARMY LEGAL SERVICES

Rank	Service	Daily	Annual
Captain	On appointment	11.84	4322
	After 1 year in rank	12.14	4431
	After 2 years in rank	12.44	4541
	After 3 years in rank	12.74	4650
	After 4 years in rank	13.04	4760
	After 5 years in rank	13.34	4869
Major	On appointment	14.73	5376
	After 1 year in rank	15.07	5501
	After 2 years in rank	15.41	5625
	After 3 years in rank	15.75	5749
	After 4 years in rank	16.09	5873
	After 5 years in rank	16.43	5997
	After 6 years in rank	16.77	6121
Lieutenant-colonel	On appointment	19.22	7015
	After 2 years in rank	19.71	7194
	After 4 years in rank	20.20	7373
	After 6 years in rank	20.69	7552
	After 8 years in rank	21.18	7731
Colonel	On appointment	23.13	8442
	After 2 years in rank	23.72	8658
	After 4 years in rank	24.31	8873
	After 6 years in rank	24.90	9089
	After 8 years in rank	25.49	9304
Brigadier	...	28.15	10,275

MALE OFFICERS PROMOTED FROM THE RANKS*

Years of commissioned service	Years of soldier service					
	Under 12 years		12 years and under 15 years		15 years and over	
	Daily	Annual	Daily	Annual	Daily	Annual
On commissioning	11.89	4340	12.49	4559	13.09	4778
After 1 year's service	12.19	4449	12.79	4668	13.31	4858
After 2 years' service	12.49	4559	13.09	4778	13.53	4938
After 3 years' service	12.79	4668	13.31	4858	13.75	5019
After 4 years' service	13.09	4778	13.53	4938	13.97	5099
After 5 years' service	13.31	4858	13.75	5019	14.19	5179
After 6 years' service	13.53	4938	13.97	5099	14.41	5260
After 8 years' service	13.75	5019	14.19	5179	14.63	5340
After 10 years' service	13.97	5099	14.41	5260	—	—
After 12 years' service	14.19	5179	14.63	5340	—	—
After 14 years' service	14.41	5260	—	—	—	—
After 16 years' service	14.63	5340	—	—	—	—

*Excluding SRC and SSC awarded following the normal RMAS course.

WOMEN'S PAY

Rank	Less than 6 years Scale A			6 years but less than 9 years Scale B			9 years or more Scale C					
	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3			
Private class IV (under 17½)	3.38	—	—	4.77	—	—	5.22	—	—			
Private class IV	4.47	—	—	5.13	5.66	—	5.58	6.11	—			
Private class III	4.83	5.36	—	5.44	5.97	—	5.89	6.42	—			
Private class II	5.14	5.67	—	5.76	6.29	6.87	6.21	6.74	7.32			
Private class I	5.46	5.99	6.57	5.76	6.29	—	6.21	6.74	—			
Lance-corporal class III	5.46	5.99	—	5.76	6.29	—	6.55	7.08	—			
Lance-corporal class II	5.80	6.33	—	6.10	6.63	—	6.93	7.46	8.04			
Lance-corporal class I	6.18	6.71	7.29	6.48	7.01	7.59	7.39	7.92	—			
Corporal class II	6.64	7.17	—	6.94	7.47	—	7.87	8.40	8.98			
Corporal class I	7.12	7.65	8.23	7.42	7.95	8.53	—	—	—			
Rank	Less than 6 years Scale A			6 years but less than 9 years Scale B			9 years or more Scale C					
	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7
Sergeant	7.72	8.29	8.92	—	8.02	8.59	9.22	—	8.47	9.04	9.67	—
Staff-sergeant	8.16	8.73	9.36	10.05	8.46	9.03	9.66	10.35	8.91	9.48	10.11	10.80
Warrant officer class II	8.62	9.19	9.82	10.51	8.92	9.49	10.12	10.81	9.37	9.94	10.57	11.26
Warrant officer class I	9.11	9.68	10.31	11.00	9.41	9.98	10.61	11.30	9.86	10.43	11.06	11.75

TYPE 'R' ENGAGEMENTS

Rank	Less than 6 years Scale A			6 years but less than 9 years Scale B			9 years or more Scale C		
	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3
Private class IV (under 17½)	£ 3.30	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Private class IV (age 17½)	4.36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Private class III	4.70	5.21	—	5.00	5.51	—	5.45	5.96	—
Private class II	5.01	5.52	—	5.31	5.82	—	5.76	6.27	—
Private class I	5.32	5.83	6.40	5.62	6.13	6.70	6.07	6.58	7.15
Lance-corporal class III	5.32	5.83	—	5.62	6.13	—	6.07	6.58	—
Lance-corporal class II	5.65	6.16	—	5.95	6.46	—	6.40	6.91	—
Lance-corporal class I	6.02	6.53	7.10	6.32	6.83	7.40	6.77	7.28	7.85
Corporal class II	6.48	6.99	—	6.78	7.29	—	7.23	7.74	—
Corporal class I	6.94	7.45	8.02	7.24	7.75	8.32	7.69	8.20	8.77
	Less than 6 years Scale A			6 years but less than 9 years Scale B			9 years or more Scale C		
	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 7
Sergeant	£ 7.53	£ 8.08	£ 8.70	£	£ 7.83	£ 8.38	£ 9.00	£	£
Staff-sergeant	7.96	8.51	9.13	9.80	8.26	8.81	9.43	10.10	8.28
Warrant officer class 2	8.41	8.96	9.58	10.25	8.71	9.26	9.88	10.55	8.83
Warrant officer class 1	8.88	9.43	10.05	10.72	9.18	9.73	10.35	11.02	9.45

Sergeants and above whose employment classification is class II and corporals whose employment classification is class III will be paid £0.12 or £0.06 a day respectively less than the rates shown.

PAY SCALES CONTINUED ►

CLERICAL SUCCESS

The December edition of SOLDIER NEWS mentioned the recognition given by the Institute of Administrative Management to officers and soldiers who have qualified as clerks. Since then the Institute has received nearly 1200 enquiries and approximately 300 of which have resulted in election to corporate membership with many more still being considered.

From April 1 the Institute replaced its non-corporate grade of Affiliate with that of Associate. This in no way affects the terms of entry negotiated on behalf of Army personnel which are detailed in DCI (Army) T 134/1974. (DOS)

RECRUITING BOOST

Junior recruiting figures to the services in 1974-75 made an encouraging recovery to nearly the levels before the school leaving age was raised to 16 in 1973-74. The increase in Army adult and young soldier recruiting was also encouraging. The total was 21,044 of whom 12,951 were adults and young soldiers and 8093 juniors.

WOMEN OFFICERS' PAY

QARANC NURSING OFFICERS

Rank	Service	Daily	Annual
Lieutenant	On appointment	£ 8.70	3176
	After 1 year in rank	8.92	3256
	After 2 years in rank	9.15	3340
	After 3 years in rank	9.38	3424
	After 4 years in rank	9.61	3508
Captain	On appointment	10.78	3935
	After 1 year in rank	11.06	4037
	After 2 years in rank	11.35	4143
	After 3 years in rank	11.64	4249
	After 4 years in rank	11.92	4351
	After 5 years in rank	12.21	4457
	After 6 years in rank	12.49	4559
Major	On appointment	13.34	4869
	After 1 year in rank	13.67	4990
	After 2 years in rank	13.99	5106
	After 3 years in rank	14.32	5227
	After 4 years in rank	14.64	5344
	After 5 years in rank	14.97	5464
	After 6 years in rank	15.29	5581
	After 7 years in rank	15.62	5701
	After 8 years in rank	15.94	5818
Lieutenant-colonel	On appointment	17.63	6435
	After 2 years in rank or 19 years' service	18.10	6607
	After 4 years in rank or 21 years' service	18.50	6778
	After 6 years in rank or 23 years' service	19.05	6953
	After 8 years in rank or 25 years' service	19.54	7132
Colonel	On appointment	21.70	7921
	After 2 years in rank	22.29	8136
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Captain	On appointment	10.78	3935
	After 1 year in rank	11.06	4037
	After 2 years in rank	11.35	4143
	After 3 years in rank	11.64	4249
	After 4 years in rank	11.92	4351
	After 5 years in rank	12.21	4457
	After 6 years in rank	12.49	4559
Major	On appointment	13.34	4869
	After 1 year in rank	13.67	4990
	After 2 years in rank	13.99	5106
	After 3 years in rank	14.32	5227
	After 4 years in rank	14.64	5344
	After 5 years in rank	14.97	5464
	After 6 years in rank	15.29	5581
	After 7 years in rank	15.62	5701
	After 8 years in rank	15.94	5818
Lieutenant-colonel	On appointment, less than 19 years' service	17.63	6435
	19 years' service or after 2 years in rank	18.10	6607
	21 years' service or after 4 years in rank	18.57	6778
	23 years' service or after 6 years in rank	19.05	6953
	25 years' service or after 8 years in rank	19.54	7132
Colonel	On appointment	21.70	7921
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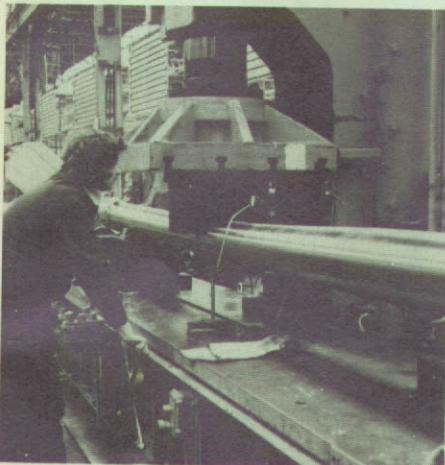
*Story by John Walton
Pictures by Paul Haley*

STOP and ask your way to the Royal Ordnance Factory as you drive round Nottingham's bewildering one-way system and you are likely to be directed anywhere except to the right place—usually you are pointed towards Chilwell which lies some miles outside the city. But ask for "the gun factory" and you will get the right directions first time—down by the Meadows slum area (now being demolished).

Big guns have been made at ROF Nottingham since well before World War Two and since the closure of the Royal Woolwich Arsenal it has been the only medium gun factory in Britain. It supplies all the large guns used by the British Army as well as to many other countries.

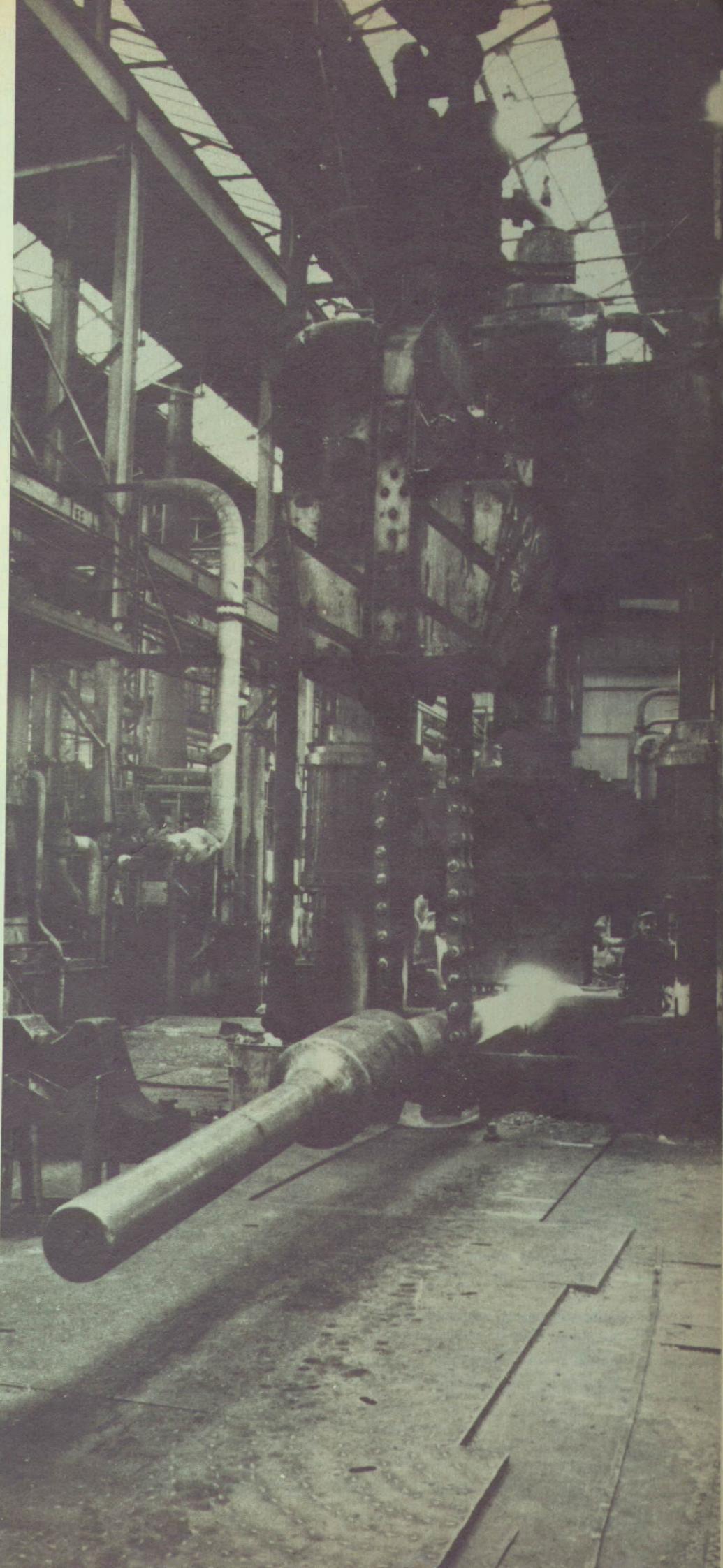
In October the first production model of the new 105mm light gun was presented to the Royal Artillery and the first battery is expected to be carrying out full trials this summer. In the near future the 105 light gun will be produced at Nottingham on a regular basis for both British and overseas customers. This new airportable gun is made of special steels, more akin to those used in aircraft manufacture, which are strong, and readily weldable. The carriage has a 60-ton breaking strain and is springy.

But it is in barrel production that the ROF lays on its most spectacular display. In the forge, giant red-hot ingots of steel, weighing three-and-a-half tons, are manoeuvred by crane into a mammoth steam press which has been doing the same job for nearly 40 years. There the ingot is flattened, lengthened and squeezed like a



Under 50-ton pressure, barrel bends in the middle like a sapling in the wind.

Mammoth steam press hammers out red-hot ingot into 105mm gun barrel shape. ▶



BIG GUN *continued*

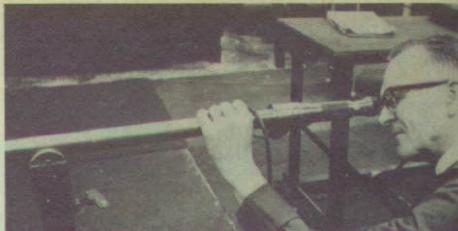
tube of toothpaste until it at last resembles a gun barrel.

In charge of this operation is the forgemaster/blacksmith, Bob Cameron, a bearded 21-year-old who took over the job only recently. He controls the whole operation with a series of signals to the crane and press operators worthy of a tic-tac man. Pausing occasionally to wipe the sweat off his brow with his shirt—the forge is hot as hell—he pats the back of his head, taps his feet and makes a bewildering series of gestures; words would be useless as the press pounds the fiery ingot with ear-shattering regularity.

Stopping for a brief respite between barrels, Bob tells us that each forgemaster has a different set of signals—he learned his from a man now retired who came from Woolwich. "I'm a traffic warden of the forge really," he says. "For instance if it is five feet away from where I want it I tap my foot five times and show five fingers. I sign straight up and down or right and left and if it is going towards the top I tap the back of my head. The lads on the crane and press understand—in fact they have taught me a lot."

He adds: "This job gives great satisfaction. You see an ingot coming into the shop and then you see a completed barrel going out and you can think 'we produced that.'"

The ingot which has been pressed into shape had been heated for 12 hours in an oven at 1180 degrees Centigrade beforehand. Afterwards it "simmers" in a mere



Keen eyesight is needed as the boring is inspected with the aid of a borescope.

280 degrees Centigrade and continues through a succession of different temperatures over a five-day cycle as part of a safety and softening process which makes the barrel machineable.

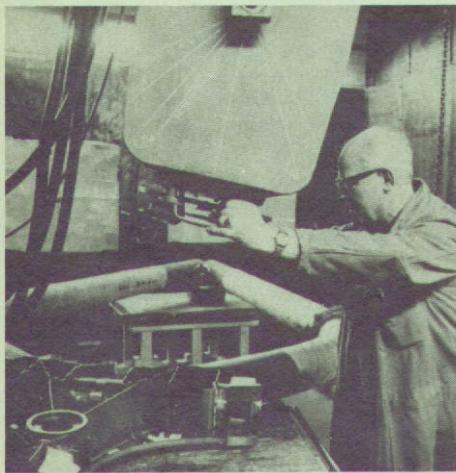
After rough machining and boring the barrel is reheated to 850 degrees Centigrade and is then gently lowered into a bath of low sulphur oil. Flames leap high into the air and the barrel disappears—to re-emerge 40 minutes later completely cold and glistening with oil.

When it is ready, the barrel goes for open boring. After that it is time for a further conditioning known as swage auto-frettage. In a process perfected at Nottingham and gradually replacing the old method of auto-frettage, an oversize swage is forced through, using a hydraulic press. When the barrel is completed, the ROF insignia is etched into it with acid.

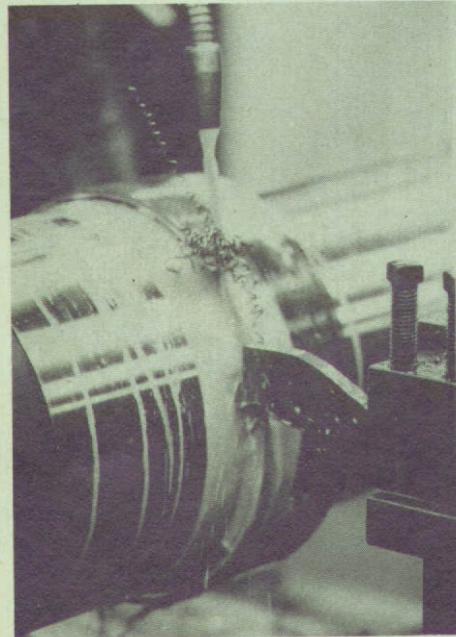
Meanwhile the rest of the gun and carriage are being produced in the adjoining workshops. Each piece after welding goes to a lead-lined room for inspection by a 250,000-volt X-ray



Mr Stanley Duckworth lines up the X-ray head for examination of light gun trail.

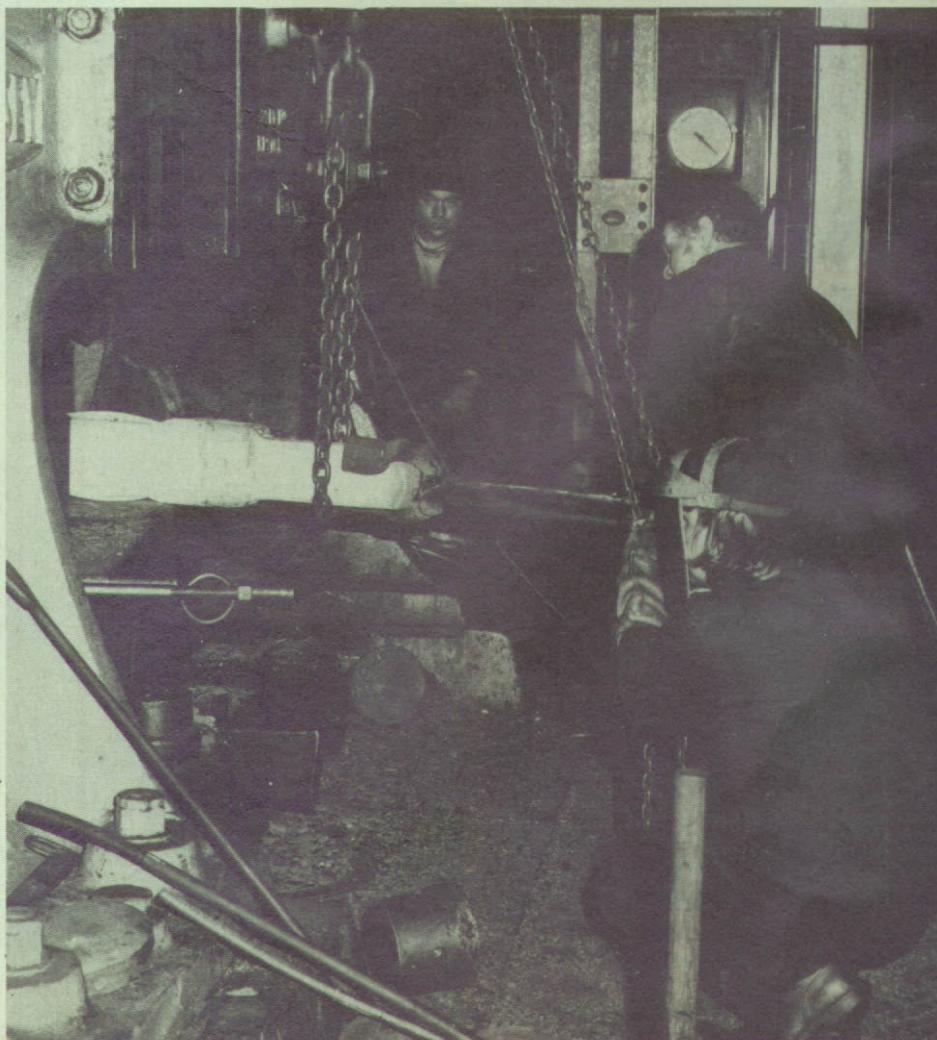


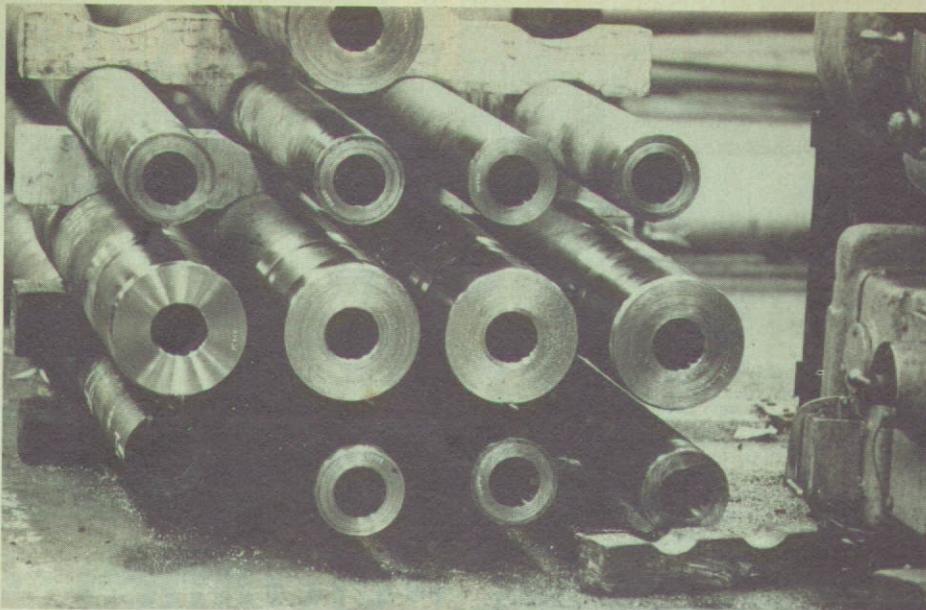
Welding is extremely important in gun-making. ROF's men are highly skilled.



Coolant splashes down as centre lathe tool cuts into the revolving barrel.

How the suspension arms are forged. A six-ton steam drop hammer goes to work.





Roll out the barrels. A selection of new gun barrels is pictured after rough boring.

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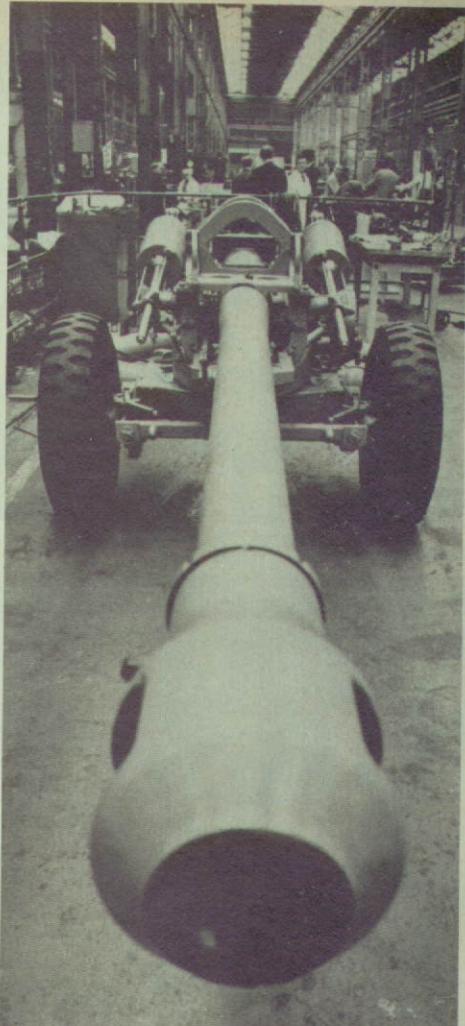
Today, in addition to guns it produces airportable forklift trucks, dummy axles, minelayers, Chieftain bridgelayers, light

Completed barrel looms menacingly from the final assembly line at Nottingham.

mobile diggers and spares for all types of weapons and equipments. Its 1700 men are working flat out on orders for the next two years and there is a shortage of skilled labour.

As the big guns leave the dark streets of Nottingham for Larkhill and many other points throughout the globe, a local newspaper headline is the most apt summing up of the current situation.

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Above: Men of C Squadron, 1st Royal Tank Regiment, in a guard of honour.



Left: Prince Philip receives a scarf and flower garlands from Gurkha wives.



Below: The Queen prepares to dot the mock dragon's eye to bring it to life.

welcomes Royals...

THE British forces in Hong Kong played a large part in the welcome given to the Queen whose visit to the colony, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, was the first ever made by a reigning monarch. The royal couple landed at Kai Tak and crossed the harbour in the Governor's yacht escorted by two Royal Navy patrol boats. Overhead, helicopters of 28 Squadron RAF and 656 Squadron, Army Air Corps, plus aircraft of the Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force, flew past.

The Queen landed to the accompaniment of two pipers of 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles and inspected a guard from the regiment. Next day the Duke of Edinburgh visited the 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles at Queen's Hill Camp.

A highlight of the visit was a dragon dance for the Queen. The snaking dancers were 54 soldiers of the Hong Kong Military Service Corps serving as drivers in 56 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport. The Queen "dotted the eye" of their 75-yard-long dragon—the essential ritual to give "life" to the dragon. That afternoon the Duke paid his first visit to 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards, at Stanley Fort, since becoming Colonel of the Regiment.

The climax of the royal visit was a procession down Kowloon's famous shopping street, Nathan Road. The Queen was met by a guard of honour from 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards; C Squadron, 1st Royal Tank Regiment; Hong Kong Military Service Corps; Royal Hong Kong Regiment (Volunteers); 1st Battalion, The Royal Hampshire Regiment, and 20 Light Regiment, Royal Artillery.

The combined corps of drums of 2nd Grenadier Guards and band and drums of the Royal Hampshires led the procession, followed by the guard of honour and the massed pipes and drums of the Brigade of Gurkhas.

From a report by Joint Service Public Relations Staff, Hong Kong.

AS Hong Kong prepared to fete the royal couple, 3750 Vietnamese refugees unexpectedly arrived. The Danish freighter Clara Maersk had picked them up from their sinking ship and the civil authorities had decided to offer temporary shelter.

HMS Chichester sailed out with medical teams, fresh water and food. The food and water were not needed but the medics worked continuously for 22 hours aboard the Clara Maersk. Two RAF Wessex helicopters flew out to bring ashore three sick people including a baby-in-arms. Less than two hours after delivering the patients to the British Military Hospital, the helicopters were airborne again in the royal fly past.

Drivers of 31 Regiment, Royal Corps

...and refugees

of Transport, and the Gurkha Transport Regiment manned 22 four-ton lorries which ferried stores from the Composite Ordnance Depot on Kowloon to Sek Kong so that two tented camps could be built there. By early afternoon the next day the regiments had assembled a fleet of 92 lorries, 34 coaches, 12 minibuses and 14 ambulances. Through the night the refugees disembarked from the Clara Maersk at a container terminal and were ferried to a documentation centre and then on to the New Territories camps. Next day 54 of the Chinese drivers manned the dancing dragon in front of the Queen.

The Ordnance Depot worked continuously for 48 hours, helped by a score of willing airmen from nearby RAF Kai Tak, to supplement stores already



A naval medical officer, from one of the two teams which boarded the Danish freighter, Clara Maersk, hands over his stretchered patients.

in the hands of units setting up the camps and issuing items ranging from generators to plates and cooking pots and including tents, beds and seven tons of food on one day alone.

To Dodwell's Ridge camp the 10th Gurkhas brought experience gained recently working in camps for Greek refugees in Cyprus. The camp accommodated more than 1300 refugees, mostly families. The 7th Gurkhas set up a tented camp at Sek Kong and handed it over to the Brigade of Gurkhas Training Centre which had built an adjoining camp. After a couple of hours' sleep, the

7th Gurkhas were on parade for the Duke of Edinburgh and later returned to their work with the refugees.

The 1st Battalion, The Royal Hampshire Regiment, prepared Sai Kung camp, which took 725 refugees, and 100 men of the Grenadier Guards took it over. The Royal Hampshire were also on hand to provide stretcher bearers when the Clara Maersk berthed.

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Left, Right and Centre



This strange-looking Army four-ton lorry has recently been seen around the sovereign base area of Dhekelia, Cyprus. The flat-backed truck, with four removable plastic 150-gallon water tanks to an MVEE design, has been undergoing trials by a team from 58 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport. Water provision is often a problem in Cyprus and men of 58 Squadron have in the past been responsible for ferrying water to mountain villages and are currently supplying refugees in nearby Athna Forest.

To mark the centenary of the Royal Engineers winning the Cup Final (beating the Old Etonians 2-0 at the Oval), sapper bands massed at Wembley to entertain the massive crowd which flocked to see the West Ham/Fulham clash. The massed bands came from the Royal Engineers at Chatham and Aidershot as well as from the Junior Leaders Regiment and the Royal Monmouth Royal Engineers (Militia).



The Freedom of Salford, granted to The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, was celebrated by a parade some 300 strong, including men from the regiment's 1st Battalion, its band, reservists of 5th (Volunteer) Battalion and a group of affiliated cadets. Also on parade were 50 old comrades of The Lancashire Fusiliers. The latter's close association with the city spanned nearly a century when they were granted the freedom in 1947. The Lancashire Fusiliers amalgamated with The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, The Royal Fusiliers and The Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers to form The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.



Tidworth's Naafi shop gave its one-in-a-million customer a £5 voucher for being the one to spend the millionth pound in a year at the store—the biggest Naafi shop in the United Kingdom—which serves some 1800 nearby families. The lucky lady was Mrs Sara Williams, wife of a Royal Marine officer serving with The Royal Anglian Regiment.



For 12 years there has been no junior school in Kiel and younger children of servicemen there have had to go to local schools while older students attended an American school. But now a room has been set aside for school work at Kiel and British Forces Education Service teacher Jenny Walker has arrived to start the new project which will also be open to children of other NATO English-speaking children. So far nine pupils are attending the school which has become the Kiel Annex to the BFES junior school in Verden.

SPORT

SOLDIER CUP FOR REME CHAMPION

THE SOLDIER Trophy for the overall individual winner of this year's Army orienteering championships went to Captain Alan Meekings, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, with a time of 102 minutes 32 seconds.

Held in Cumbria's Grizedale Forest, the ninth annual championships attracted a field of nearly 450—many more than were expected. The sunny Lakeland weather welcomed a mixed Service and civilian entry from home and overseas including 84 girls, many of whom are serving with the Women's Royal Army Corps and Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps.

Competitors' ages spanned 55 years from young cadets to Mr Tommy Taylor (69) taking part "for the mental and physical challenge." Mr Taylor's son-in-law was also competing—Lieutenant-Colonel Alan Munro (47), who commands 4th Battalion, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment (TAVR).

The championships were divided into individual and team relay sections, each with up to five courses graded in length and severity. All achieved a balance between tough running conditions and severe tests of navigational skills. Rock outcrops, unpleasant marshes and height differentials of more than 1500 feet along the nine-mile courses through the forest were hazards facing many of the contestants.

Best overall in the A race team relay was the Parachute Squadron Royal Armoured Corps A team with a total time for its three runners of 114 minutes 28 seconds, winning the SOLDIER Cup for Regular Army minor unit entrants.

Full results.

Individual, A course: 1st Capt Meekings, 2nd WO2 Drummond (APTC) 107mins 45secs, 3rd Lieut McCarthy-Morrough (1 R Irish) 108.40.

Regular Army, A Course: 1st Capt Meek-



ARMY SAILING FLEET UP TO STRENGTH

THE Army's sail training boats at the Joint Services Sailing Centre, Gosport, have been brought up to strength with the official naming of the last two of a trio of 55-foot yachts.

Both yachts are Nicholson 55s with 1600 square feet of sail and a registered tonnage of 22.5. They were officially named British Soldier and Kukri at a ceremony on St George's Day and join their sister craft

Above: British Steel sailing alongside Sabre before BS became British Soldier to sail around the world in its race.

Sabre on the Army's buoys at Gosport.

British Soldier started life as Quailo III, built in 1971. The name British Soldier was given to Chay Blyth's British Steel for the duration of the Whitbread round-the-world race when it was loaned to the Army to compete. It has now reverted to its original title.

The Army fleet at the sailing centre—now in its third year of operation—comprises the three Nicholsons, six Contessa 32s and nine Halcyon 27s. There are eight other yachts at Gosport allocated to the Royal Naval and RAF sections.

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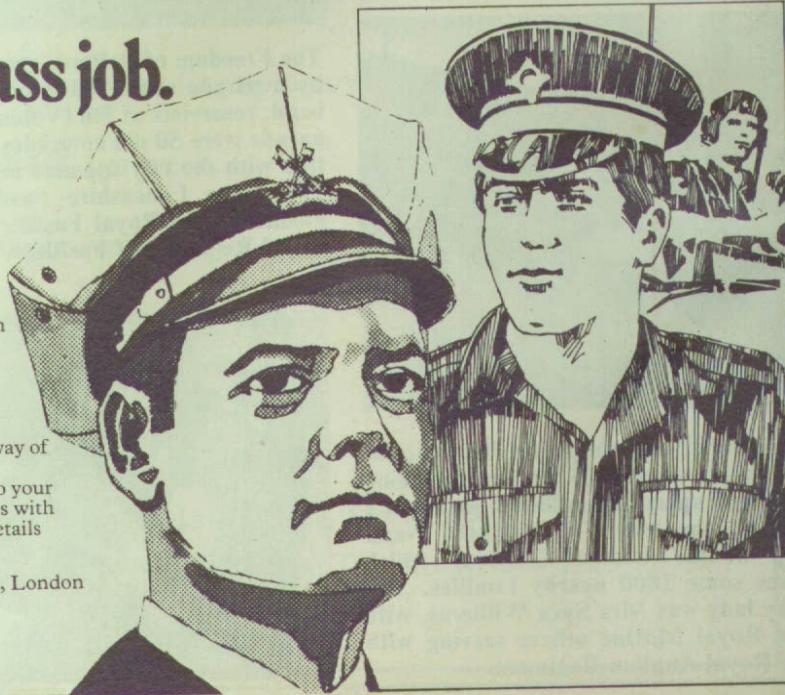
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An elated Captain Meekings receiving the trophy from General Sir Roland Gibbs, Commander-in-Chief of UK Land Forces.



Before the "off" Major Jeremy Wheeler of the Army Air Corps holds a briefing by the nose of his sleek-lined glider.

ings, 2nd WO2 Drummond, 3rd Lieut McCarthy-Morrog. TAVR, B Course: 1st Maj Titterington (35 Sig Regt (V)) 109.05, 2nd Cpl Scott (4 King's Own Border) 111.47, 3rd Cpl Jones (Mercian Yeomanry) 115.08.

WRAC Regular, C Course: 1st Capt Birtwhistle (LONDIST Pro Coy RMP) 78.16, 2nd Capt Liggett (CMH) 97.28, 3rd L/Cpl Tully (RSME) 100.44. WRAC TAVR, C Course: 1st Pte Millitt (64 Sig Sqn (V)) 93.42, 2nd O/Cdt Home (Queen's Univ OTC) 115.28, 3rd L/Cpl Jones (35 Sig Regt (V)) 115.35.

D Course: 1st overall Capt Pook (1 D & D) 71.05.

Team, A race: 1st Para Sqn RAC A, 144.28. Regular Army major units, A race: 1st 1 WFR, 150.19.3, 2nd AAC Chepstow A 150.19.7, 3rd Depot Regt RA A 151.12. Regular Army minor units, A race: 1st Para Sqn RAC A, 2nd Para Sqn RAC B team, 173.31, 3rd 11 Sig Regt A, 182.17. TAVR, A race: 1st Queen's Univ OTC, 186.58, 2nd 4 King's Own Border, 196.00, 3rd Birmingham Univ OTC, 197.11. WRAC: 1st WRAC Centre, 159.13, 2nd RSME C, 187.41, 3rd QARANC/WRAC Wanderers, 189.10. WRAC TAVR: 1st 64 Sig Sqn (V), 158.16, 2nd Birmingham Univ OTC B, 175.35, 3rd Queen's Univ OTC A, 214.42. Cadets, relay course B: 1st St Albans School CCF B, 112.14, 2nd St Albans C, 136.38, 3rd St Albans D, 157.58.

ARMY GLIDING SUCCESSES

BLUSTERY conditions and squalls during the inter-Service regional gliding championships at RAF Cosford provided some towering cloud effects but added considerably to the pilots' difficulties. So in winning the sports class—one of the three major events—Major Jeremy Wheeler, Army Air Corps, turned in an admirable performance. Flying a K6CR, he dropped only 36 points and his winning margin of 926 points might have been larger still had he been using the more modern K6E aircraft which was damaged in flight by another pilot just before the contest.

Major Wheeler was returning to competitive gliding after an absence of three years commanding 661 Squadron, Army Air Corps, in Germany. He first competed in the national championships in 1966 and in 1971 won the Schleicher Trophy for the best-placed K6 aircraft. His Cosford victory opens the way to major competitions in this country next season.

Hard practising paid off too for Ser-

geant John Mitchell, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. He finished fourth in the same class out of a total of 27 competitors. A fine effort by another REME pilot, Lieutenant Alex Thomson, put his orange coloured Olympia IIb in a position to challenge the leaders in the Club class. But a map-reading error on the last day of the contest set him back in the placings.

A familiar figure in the gliding world, Major Simon Marriot, The Royal Green Jackets, finished sixth out of 17 in the overall ratings of the open class. His Nimbus aircraft was crewed by three men from his regiment who had never assembled a glider until they gingerly extracted it from its trailer on practice day at Cosford. Thanks to Major Marriot's encouragement, more than 300 Green Jackets have had glider experience in recent times.

The tough conditions at this year's championships caused a number of incidents. On the first contest day very strong winds forced many competitors to land in and around Worcester. Warrant Officer 2 George Brindle, Royal Signals, flying an Army Cirrus, misjudged his final approach, causing some damage. His radioed SOS was answered by another Army competitor, Staff-Sergeant Peter Cole, Royal Army Medical Corps, who flies helicopters with 665 Squadron, Army Air Corps. He swooped down from 5000 feet to the accident site, landed in a nearby field and telephoned for an ambulance. Luckily Mr Brindle was not detained in hospital. Staff-Sergeant Cole continued in the competition, coming 10th in the open class.

Two other gliders, flying in cloud, collided towards the end of the Cosford meeting. The pilots, including a Phantom jet flyer, parachuted to safety.

All of which goes to prove that gliding is an exacting and complex sport requiring radio, meteorological and navigational skills, a natural aptitude for flying and the ability to make quick decisions. It also tests stamina to the limit—one of Major Marriot's flights lasted seven hours 50 minutes and covered some 250 miles cross-country distance.

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BOXING

A season's-end review of Army boxing this year reveals a number of successes the Service can be proud of. The Army retained the Combined Services team boxing championship by beating the RAF by ten bouts to nil and holding the Royal Navy to a five-all draw. Outstanding performances were by L/Cpl Bob Curran (12 RSME), Spr Brian Cherry (59 Cdo Sqn RE), Pte Dave Whiting (1 LI) and L/Sgt Ned Kelly (Gds Depot).

The now annual boxers' dinner evening was held at the Army School of Physical Training and present was the president of the Army Boxing Association, General Sir Cecil Blacker, Adjutant-General, who paid tribute to all Army boxers and their coach, S/Sgt Joe Kiernan. He made a special mention of two boxers who had once again represented England during the season, Sgt J Matthews (1 RGI) and ABA finalist L/Cpl N Phillip (4/7 DG).

Other achievements honoured were the Army team's victories against the TAVR, Lancashire Select, RAF, Leatherhead Select and Oxford Select. Five Army boxers represented Surrey against London. They were Rgr J Wilson (1 R Irish) (twice), L/Cpl Phillip (twice), Pte Whiting, L/Cpl J Rudman (1 LI) and L/Cpl G Yetton (SEME). Army colours went to Rgr Wilson, L/Cpl Curran, Spr Cherry, Pte Whiting, L/Cpl Rudman, Rfn T Williams (1 RGI) and L/Bdr C Williams (RA). During the evening, Leatherhead ABA presented a £15 cheque to honour the Army boxers' help with club shows throughout the season.

Many of the Army squad made successful appearances at civilian-sponsored tournaments and several made good progress through the latter stages of the Amateur Boxing Association title tournaments. L/Cpl Phillip made the finals for the second year running but was very narrowly denied a crown.

Before setting off to meet world champion Muhammad Ali in Malaysia, Joe Bugner, British contender for the heavyweight title, took advantage of the Army's 150 or so years of experience in those jungle conditions by asking UKLF experts for a few tips to beat the heat on 30 June when the fight was due.

SOCER

For the fourth time since the competition began in 1969, 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, has won the Infantry Football Challenge Cup. In an exciting final the Rhine Army champions defeated their United Kingdom counterparts, 1st Battalion, The King's Own Border Regiment, in extra time. The Anglians led 2-0 at half-time but the King's Own Borderers fought back to draw level by the 90-minute whistle. The Anglians clinched their fourth win with a third goal in extra time.

Minor units (UK) winners were 3 Fd Wksp who beat Depot Para 3-2. The King's Own Border Regiment won the UK final of the Infantry Challenge Cup with a 1-0 win over 1 LI.

Enjoying one of the most successful seasons in its 52-year-long history, the Crusaders football team, made up entirely of serving officers,

took on a strong Army side at Aldershot. After a very competitive and even match against a team selected from the full Army squad and including four Army first-team players, the Crusaders finally went down to three second-half goals without scoring themselves.

Army cup final winners 8 Signal Regiment were runners-up to RAF Linton in the North Yorkshire League championship after a cliff-hanger match between the two title chasers in which the signals team led 2-1 up until the last 30 seconds of the game when the RAF equalised to snatch the championship by the skin of their teeth.

The Army youth side was defeated in both matches played on its Scottish tour.

JUDO

The Army retained its title as undisputed Judo champions at the inter-Service contest this year. The Army has never been defeated in this event since it started in 1969. Results: Match 1—Royal Navy 8 wins, RAF 2 wins; match 2—Army 6 wins, Royal Navy 3 wins (1 draw); match 3—RAF 1 win, Army 9 wins. In an inter-armed forces match after the championships French Armed Forces beat British Combined Services 7 wins to 2 with 1 draw.

WATER POLO

The Army held Brighton Shrivenerers to a draw with a score of 8-8.

TENNIS

Ladies representing the Army achieved a second successive win in the inter-Services B team indoor tennis championships first held last year. The tournament gives a chance for inter-Service play to those who have never represented their Service at the main championships at Wimbledon in August. Captain Judith Batey, Royal Army Dental Corps, led the successful team of five, narrowly beating the WRNS by only one set while convincingly trouncing the WRAF by winning all four matches. The other team members were Captain Philippa Dixon, Captain Glynis Harvey, Corporal Sheila Graham and Corporal Vanessa Bretton.

SHOOTING

A first-ever air rifle tournament has been held by the Army Rifle Association and there are already hopes of training up the Army's best to take their places in the national squad of marksmen in this relatively new sport.

The Army competitions were individual leagues, with 24 competitors divided into four divisions, and an individual championship.

Results—Individual championship, class A: 1st Capt P Martin (1 DERR) (738), 2nd Lieut E Stewart (30 Fd Amb) (718), 3rd Lieut-Col R H MacKeith (2 Fd Hosp) (718); class B: 1st L/Cpl D Stevenson (1 DERR) (655), 2nd Cpl D Beasley (2 Fd Hosp) (635), Maj P Broadhurst (ACC Depot & Trg Centre) (609). Divisional winners—Div 1: Martin; Div 2: WO1 M Gosling (COD Chilwell); Div 3: Stevenson; Div 4: S/Sgt D Cashmore (2 Fd Hosp). Leading averages: Martin 180.3, S/Sgt A Glasby (AAC Chepstow) 179, MacKeith 178.6, Stewart 176, Maj A Harvey (RA) 170.5, Gosling 168.9, Sgt D Bright 167.8, Sgt W White (RA) 167, Stevenson 164.2.

The British championships are to be held in Cardiff from 17 to 19 October and Army contenders are being urged to enter.

Inter-Services small-bore rifle match (Colonel Thomas Sutton Cannon Trophy) results (dropped points out of 6000 in brackets): 1st Regular Army (123), 2nd Royal Navy (141), 3rd Royal Air Force (142), 4th Army Volunteer forces (186), 5th Royal Marines (310), 6th Royal Naval Reserve (587).

Rhine Army long-range smallbore target rifle championship (scores out of 1000 in brackets): 1st Sgt W K Boxall (RAOC) (983), 2nd WO1 C E Gosling (RAOC) (978), 3rd Cpl B J Warwick (RE) (978). Rhine Army smallbore prone, standing and kneeling championship (scores out of 1200 in brackets): 1st Lieut-Col

R H MacKeith (RAMC) (1067), 2nd Capt P Martin (DERR) (1064), 3rd Sgt W A White (RA) (1047). Team matches, Army UK v BAOR—English match: Army UK 4690 (out of 4800), BAOR 4665; Double Dewar: Army UK 6267 (out of 6400), BAOR 6241; PSK: Army UK 4453 (out of 4800), BAOR 4447. The second Army target pistol meeting drew an entry of 24 and consistently higher scoring than last year. In the results table, 1974 scores are given in brackets—Match 1, 0.22 pistol, standard pistol competition (highest possible score 600), Class A: 1st Lieut-Col L C Sharpe (RARDE) 553 (528), 2nd Maj J Nason (Sch of Inf) 541 (522). Class B: Rfn S J Catton (2 RGI) 533 (498), 2nd Maj J C Wilson (RAPC) 496 (488); special guest award, Mr D A Bunday (DN Ord S) 508. Match 2, 9mm pistol, ISU centre fire competition (highest possible score 600), Class A: 1st WO2 W B Smith (SEME) 573, 2nd Capt S Lane-Jones (RE) 572 (566), Class B: 1st Rfn Catton 582 (529). Match 3, aggregate of matches 1 and 2 (highest possible score 1200), Class A: 1st Lieut-Col Sharpe 1110 (1045). Class B: Rfn Catton 1115 (976). 0.22 pistol sideshow events—Self handicap 20 yds NSRA: Maj Nason. Pool bull: QMSI J Cairns (SASC).

The Regular Army XX beat Kent XX 3944 to 3940. But Kent's reserves got revenge by beating the Army reserves 3901 to 3864.

Army Target Rifle Club open meeting results—Team matches (Army UK v BAOR v RAF v RAF Germany): 1st Army UK A 689, 2nd RAF UK A 678, 3rd Army UK B 668. Clarke Shield: 1st ARA committee 1090, 2nd RAF TRC A 1070, 3rd RAF TRC B 1052. Competition 1: 1st Dr J Hadfield 102, 2nd Lieut-Col R H MacKeith (RAMC) 99, 3rd Lieut C J Martindill (RAEC) 99. Competition 2: 1st Maj D Nelson (ACC) 96, 2nd Lieut-Col T W Whittaker 96, 3rd Sgt Wood (RAF) 95. Competition 3: 1st Lieut-Col Whittaker 86, 2nd Flt-Lieut Calvert (RAF) 85, 3rd Maj J Gilmour 85. Competition 4 (grand aggregate): 1st Lieut-Col MacKeith 278, 2nd Lieut-Col Whittaker 277, 3rd Flt-Lieut Calvert 275.

ATHLETICS

Army athletes came fifth in a meeting against Woodford Green, Loughborough College, Essex Beagles, Ilford and Cambridge University. The winners were Loughborough College (218½ points). The Army scored 155½. Among the highest placings of Army athletes were 3rd in 100 metres B race (L/Cpl S Spink, AAC Harrogate, 11.7 secs), 3rd in 3000 metres (L/Cpl B B Lincoln, 1 R Anglian, 8 mins 37.8 secs), 2nd in 3000 metres steeplechase (A/T P Staynings, AAC Harrogate, 9 mins 54.0 secs), 3rd in high jump (2/Lieut R Antolik, RMAS, 1.8 metres), 2nd in discus (Gnr D Maloney, Depot Regt RA, 42.16 metres), 3rd in hammer (Capt R M Nichol, HQ SE Dist, 45.28 metres).

HOCKEY

Results: Army 1, Phantoms 2; Army 1, RAF 3; Army under-22 0, RAF under-22 0. Army cup final: 8 Signal Regiment beat 42 Regiment Royal Artillery 4-2.

MOUNTAINEERING

The joint British Army/Royal Nepalese Army assault on the Himalayan peak of Nuptse in preparation for the joint attempt on Everest next year was abandoned after four climbers met their deaths in less than six days. The second pair of casualties, Lieut David Brister (Int Corps) and Rfn Pasang Tamang (7 GR), had been replacements in the chain of climbers after the deaths of Maj Gerald Owens (WFR) and Capt Richard Summerton (RE). Nuptse, a 25,850-foot giant, is considered to be the most dangerous peak in the Everest triangle.

GYMNASISTICS

Just tenths of a point robbed SSI Jim Purvis (APTC) of the British men's gymnastics title when he was pipped at the post by bank clerk Tommy Wilson (21) at this year's championships. Wilson scored 52.85 and Purvis 52.40.

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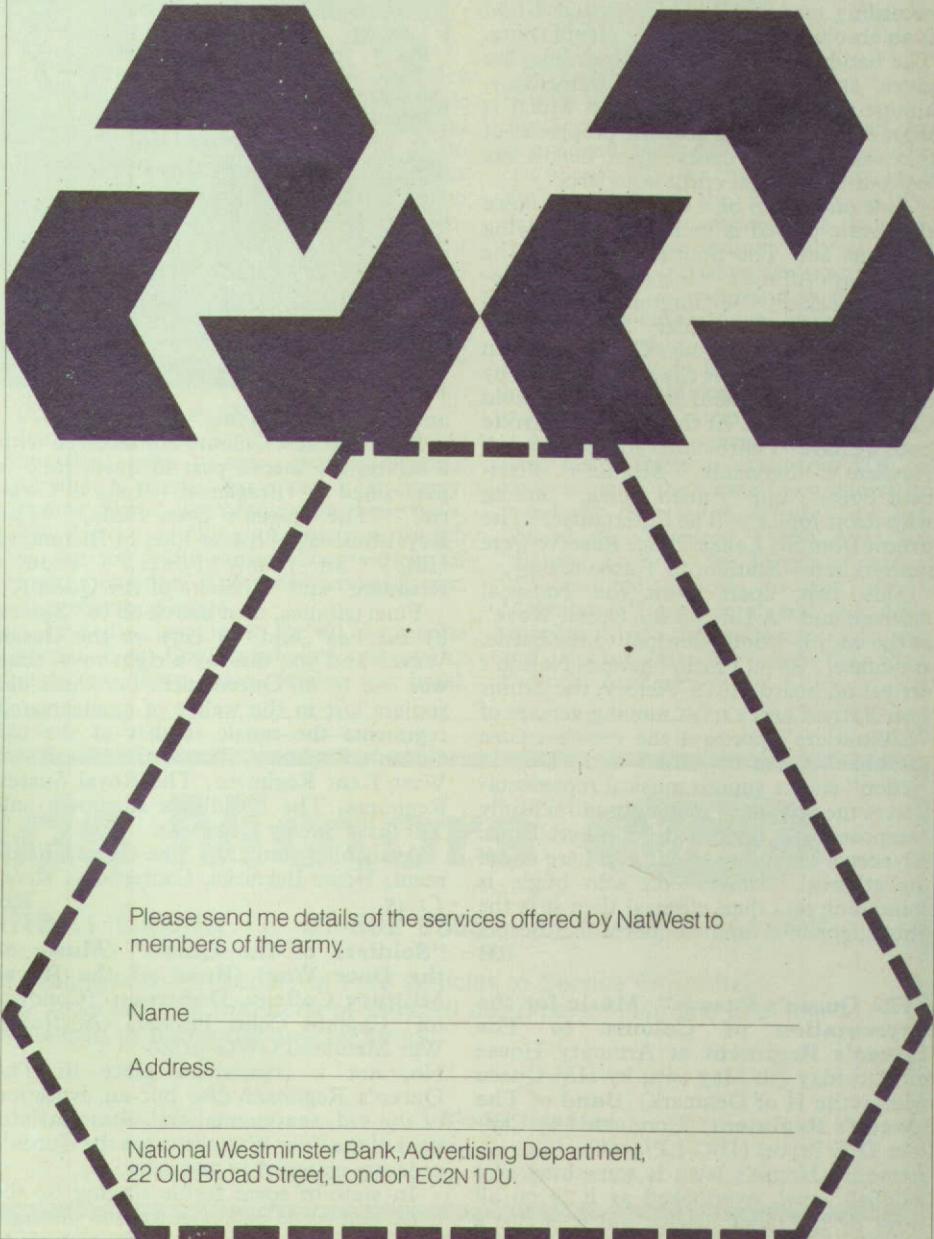
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"The Royal Tournament 1974" (Theme: Trafalgar) (Columbia SCX 6568)

Almost any day of the week someone, somewhere in Britain, is celebrating musically a defeat in battle of the French. In Beethoven's "Battle Symphony," Eckersberg's "Battle of Waterloo," in thousands of 1812s, and now in "The Battle of Trafalgar" at the hands of Nelson and composer Albert Elms, the French national anthem and national airs are mutilated and fragmented by victorious British trumpets, flutes, euphoniums, trombones, horns and big bass drums.

This is the first time I have heard a recording made at Earls Court and I find it an absolute natural for this sort of thing. The bands, and especially the drums, are given an awesomeness and immediacy, almost an extra dimension, and which is most exciting, by the acoustic properties of this vast hall. Of course finer details are lost but the general effect is superb.

Side one has to be a bit of a failure since the music played is merely accompanying an arena act. The Southern Band of the RAF plays Alford's "Holyrood," "Clochemerle," Zehle's "Wellington March" and Bert Kaempfert's popular "Magic Trumpet" for the drill display. Charming, even without visual aids, is the music played by the RAOC Staff Band for the Household Cavalry Quadrille. At that peculiar gavotte pace we have "Fehrbelliner Reitermarsch," Heykens's "Serenade," Strauss's "Pizzicato Polka" and "Annen Polka," ending with Scott Joplin's "The Entertainer." The drums from Sri Lanka Police Reserve were noticed in my Edinburgh Tattoo review.

Side two, apart from the National Anthem and "A Life on the Ocean Wave" at the end, is wholly devoted to the battle. A fanfare, "Royal Flush," heralds Nelson's arrival on board HMS Victory, the drums beat Retreat and a most moving version of "Lilliburlero" portrays the crew's return to ship. "Alarm to Arms" and "Beat to Action" start a superb musical representation of the fray, most movingly and skilfully composed and organised by Albert Elms. No scenery is necessary. It's all here and if the ethereal "Sunset" on solo bugle is something less than ethereal then it is the only slight blot on a wonderful landscape.

RB

"The Queen's Parade" (Music for the Presentation of Colours to The Queen's Regiment at Armoury House on Saturday 4th May 1974 by HM Queen Margrethe II of Denmark) (Band of The Queen's Regiment) (Conducted by Captain D E Pryce) (IBC/LP/3368)

Armoury House's lawn is something of a goldfish bowl, overlooked as it is on all sides by tall office blocks, but it is also a fine open-air recording studio. A pity

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then that we have here only a real studio recording with no words of command or attempt at atmosphere.

A march by the conductor called, naturally enough, "The Queensman," serves for the assembly, "Cavalry Brigade" greets the Colonel, and the Danish National Anthem is played on the arrival of the Allied Colonel-in-Chief. Inspection music includes "May Blossom" and "Pageantry" plus Arnold Steck's "Queen's Parade." The band trots to "Les Huguenots" and Nielson's march "King Frederick IX" and the old Colours are trooped and marched off to "The Grenadiers March," the slow marches "The Huntingdonshire," "Men of Kent," "The Roussillon," "The Caledonian," "Lord Amherst's March"

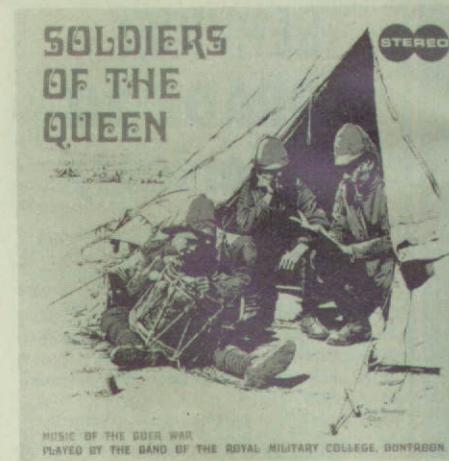


and "Auld Lang Syne."

After the new Colours are received with a salute, the march past in quick time is performed to "Braganza," "Lass o' Gowrie," "The Queen's Own Buffs," "The Royal Sussex," "Sweet Lass of Richmond Hill," "Sir Manly Power," "Paddy's Resource" and "Soldiers of the Queen."

Final tributes, then march off to "Sussex by the Sea" and "A Life on the Ocean Wave" and you can say a right royal time was had by all Queensmen. For those old sodgers lost in the welter of amalgamated regiments the music is that of the old Queen's Regiment, The Buffs, The Royal West Kent Regiment, The Royal Sussex Regiment, The Middlesex Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment.

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Vocalist Robert Tupper has a go at Peter Dawson's "Boots" and later in the programme tackles "The Absent-Minded Beggar" and "Break the News to Mother." He and the bandsmen join in the singing of several other items.

Military music comprises the old troop "Toledo" by Ord Hume, the march "Old Monmouth" and the fine "Raglan Troop." The two best-known South African tunes, "The Trek Song" and "Sari Marais," state the case for the opposition, so to speak, and the rest is flag waving with "The Old Hundredth," "Sons of the Sea," "The Minstrel Boy" and "Rule Britannia."

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"Musical Extravaganza" (The Band of the Corps of Royal Engineers, Aldershot) (Director of Music: Captain S W Patch) (Rediffusion Gold Star 15-17)

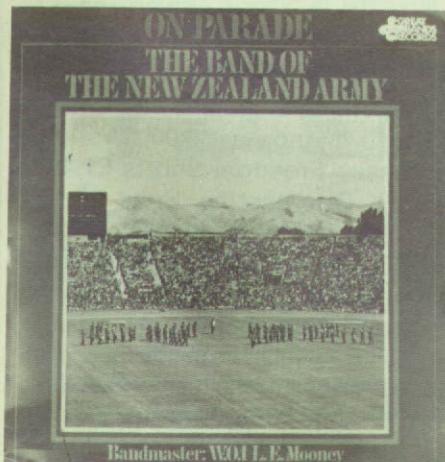
The sappers have a fine tradition, at least 15 years established, of soirées musicales, given formerly by the Chatham and Aldershot bands on Hawley Lake. Many a fine old musician got his pants wet in the process. Nowadays they are at Minley Manor. I have been to such an occasion but cannot draw upon my experience since it was seen, and heard, through the bottom of a glass darkly.

Captain Stan Patch is our guide and mentor here with just his own Aldershot band, and a very able concert it is. Light music nicely performed is just the stuff for an outdoor summer evening. The music here is of a mixture calculated to attract all comers, buyers of records or guests of the corps, and Fucik's march, "Children of the Regiment," gives the programme the brightest of starts. Ronnie Binge's "A Tune a Day" is a little walking-tune of no great pretensions and "Lawrence of Arabia" is by now well enough known to need no introduction. "Scoutmaster" is a march to end all Scout band bugle marches; "Flute Rag" (by an unlikely character called Frackenpohl) is a Scott Joplin caricature, the real Joplin appearing on side two with his masterpiece "The Entertainer." Two Latin-American tunes are "El Borrachito" and "Caribbean Carnival."

As relaxation there is the beautiful andante from Mozart's "Piano Concerto in C" but the mood is soon broken by the theme music from "Khartoum," all stormy, gory, and highly romantic. Yet another version of "Eye Level" leads to a medley of Cockney marching songs wherein My Old Dutch can knock 'em in the Old Kent Road with 'er knees up. RB

"On Parade" (The Band of the New Zealand Army) (Bandmaster: WO1 L E Mooney) (Decca Great Bands Records GBS 1013)

The New Zealand Army's band is of brass only so must compete, on record, with the best we have to offer. Although the proficiency of individuals is very adequate this ten-year-old band has not yet acquired a homogeneous style nor an ensemble that might distinguish it from a hundred others. For this a new band must have a permanent and fine trainer.



The programme, all marches, seems to be some of the music the band performed during the 1974 British Commonwealth Games held at Christchurch. Some are standards like "When the Saints come Marching In," "Entry of the Gladiators" and "Colonel Bogey," while others are march versions of pop songs—"Jesus Christ Superstar," "Beautiful Sunday," "Daddy Don't You Walk So Fast," "Join Together" and "O What a Day." Typical brass band marches are "Castell Coch" by T J Powell, "Appreciation" and "The Challenge," the latter two apparently by that well-known composer, Unknown. All three are as usual characterized by massive unmemorability. "Wimoweh" is African and "Waiata Poi" presumably a Maori tune.

Decca man Bob Sharples has a medley of British tunes under the title "Rule Britannia" and there is of course "God Defend New Zealand" to end with. Not, I'm afraid, a very thrilling list, and the marches are recorded in four non-stop spells of nine minutes. Useful for marching teams when no band is available but somewhat monotonous for listening. RB

"The Scottish Country Dance Band of The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) present 'A Reel Party'" (Bandmaster: Mr Norman M Rogerson) (EMI (Singapore) SREG-9617)

I am no expert on Scottish country dancing but this seems to me a perfect example of what is needed for a real lively party. Jimmy Shand has nothing on these boys, who have a wholly professional approach to the job with rather more variety of instrumentation, if memory serves correct, than that gentleman.

This disc is a must for all regimental parties. Even English infantry and cavalry regiments have been known to break

into a strathspey or reel at the drop of a kilt, so get a copy to have on hand for the right occasion. Thirty-six tunes are used to form seven sets of dances—eightsome reel, foursome reel and the 51st Highland Division reel on side one, with The Duke of Perth (Broon's Reel), Hamilton House, The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh on side two, and ending with Waltz Country Dance. So marches, strathspeys, reels and waltzes are there in great variety.

From a combination of accordion, drums, bass, trumpet, flute and guitar I must single out the infallible technique of Sergeant Bob Cross on accordion and Sgt Hank Brown on flute and piccolo for playing so well in tune with the former, though all survive this marathon of music with great credit. RB

"Pancharagam Askar Melayu Diraja Brunei" (The Band of the Royal Brunei Malay Regiment) (Conducted by Captain Barry Thomas, Director of Music) (EMI (Hong Kong) OCW-1012) This utterly charming record, and I make no apologies for such a description, is the result of much dedication and hard work by several British musicians who, as



directors of music and training staff, have in a dozen years produced a band which can appear all over the world with credit. Yet in spite of the influence of these British Army musicians, the band has retained a unique individuality of sound.

It could be mistaken for nothing other than what it is, retaining an innocence, charm, and indigenous style which is quite captivating. Especially when the bandmen sing, as in "Adai Adai," "Gigit Semut" and "Mukon Menyuboh," with more gusto than our own bands.

All who have served in the area, or have heard them at tattoos in UK, will know most of the music but I can recommend the disc to all. "Trek Tek Tek," "Hamidah," "Brunei Tanah Ayer Ku," "Potong Padi," "Sri Mersing" and the "Processional March to the Prophet Mohammad" are there, and the disc is completed with the regimental slow, quick and Colour marches and the Brunei National Anthem. RB

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CYPRUS



Left: A nurse at Dhekelia talks to the mother of little girl patient while (right) a boy gets a transfusion.

Tackling Thalassaemia

ARARE blood disease which is principally found in Mediterranean countries is being treated and studied by Army doctors at the British Military Hospital at Dhekelia on the eastern British sovereign base in Cyprus.

During the last four years the hospital has treated a growing number of newly diagnosed cases of thalassaemia or Cooley's anaemia. Following the conflict in Cyprus last summer, the hospital accepted an extra 43 patients formerly treated in Famagusta but now refugees from the Turkish-held town.

Captain Richard Miles, a Royal Army Medical Corps doctor who holds a regular surgery for thalassaemia sufferers, says that one Cypriot in six is a carrier of the disease but will have no apparent symptoms. However, should he marry a fellow carrier half of their children are likely to be carriers and one in four will actually have the disease.

The totally inherited anaemia is caused by a gene defect which results in the body being unable to produce the haemoglobin which is the main constituent of the red blood cells. After about the age of six months the child becomes anaemic, fails to grow normally, is susceptible to a

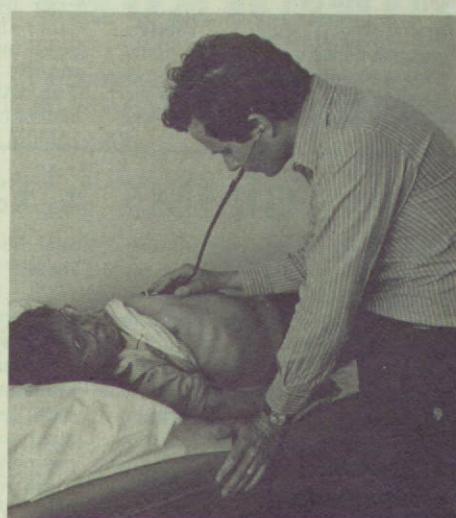
multitude of infections and develops abnormal facial characteristics.

The mainstay of treatment is frequent blood transfusions to maintain haemoglobin at normal levels. Of 120 Greek and Turkish Cypriot patients now being treated at Dhekelia, about half are transfused regularly and about 400 transfusions were carried out last year.

Main drawback of high transfusion treatment is that the body gets overloaded with iron and, in the long term, patients tend to get heart and liver disease. This can be partly overcome by the daily injection of a drug which helps to excrete iron from the body, but this is expensive.

Most of the children being treated at Dhekelia are now growing normally as a result of the treatment and once past the age of puberty the frequency of transfusions is reduced as haemoglobin is no longer required for growth. However, some who had not been treated in their early years have the bodies of small children.

Doctors have also had to carry out a number of operations on thalassaemia victims to remove enlarged spleens. But results in general have been encouraging and the cost of the project is almost



Captain R Miles examines Margarita who is 18 but still has a child's body.

entirely covered by local Cypriot charities and by donations from sovereign base wives' clubs, societies and social functions. The research is assisted by the Royal Army Medical College, Millbank, and the Department of Haematology at Liverpool University.

LETTERS

Cain VC memorial

Major Robert Cain, who died last year, was awarded the Victoria Cross while serving with 2nd Battalion, The South Staffordshire Regiment, in 1st Airborne Division at the battle of Arnhem.

With the agreement of Mrs Cain, a number of his friends propose to set up a memorial fund as a practical tribute to him. The total sum raised will be handed



over, with no reduction for expenses, to the trustees of King William's College, Isle of Man, where Major Cain was educated, and it is hoped to institute a bursary in his memory.

Anyone wishing to donate to this fund is asked to send cheques or money orders made payable to "Major R H Cain VC, Memorial Appeal" c/o Lloyds Bank Ltd, Stone Cross, Penkridge, Stafford, or to me.—P E S Launder, 18 Filance Lane, Penkridge, Stafford, ST19 5HQ.

On a plate

My hobby is collecting foreign number plates and I aim to complete a world-wide collection. If there is anyone who collects car number plates or who can send

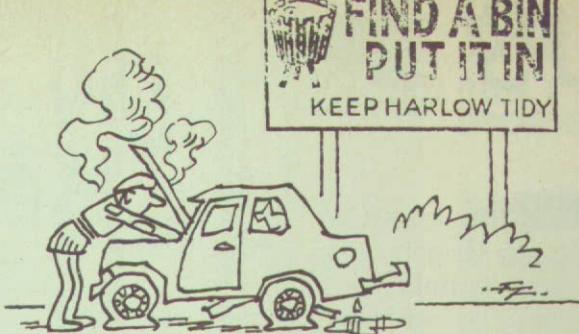
GIMME A GAT!

Two large crates containing American military aid were recently delivered to the National Army Museum. Inside was one of the first really effective rapid-fire guns, a ten-barrel Gatling. After failing to beg, borrow or buy a Gatling in Britain, William Reid, Director of the National Army Museum, saw a number in the Connecticut State Library Museum and his subsequent plea for the loan of one was generously received. Visitors to the National Army Museum will now be able to see the Gatling gun towards the end of 1975 when it goes on show in a new gallery.

The Gatling was invented by Richard Gatling in 1862 and first given British trials in 1867. It was not entirely successful when taken on the Ashanti

expedition of 1874 and by the Royal Navy to Zululand in 1879. Unlike its predecessor its hand-cranked action was very fast, shooting at the rate of 200 rounds a minute and phenomenally reliable when used with good ammunition. It was also extremely accurate—100 per cent of its shots would hit a ten-foot square target at 500 yards. Within 20 years, Gatling's "labour-saving device for warfare" was in action all over the world, giving its inventor and Colt, the manufacturer, a profit of \$10 dollars for each gun they sold, 104 per cent on cost.

Although now more than a hundred years old, the Gatling's design is still the basis of the fastest-firing gun in the world, the US Vulcan.



me plates from far-off countries I would be very pleased. Before actually sending me the plates I would like to be contacted to find out whether I need that specific one. I would of course pay all postage charges incurred.—I Thornley, 34 Doris Road, Kettering, Northants.

Cadet's plea

I have been trying for some time, unsuccessfully, to obtain a supply of collar badges, cap buttons and lanyards for the officers and NCOs of my cadet squadron. Does any reader possess or know of a source where I can obtain about 50 of these items of the 13th County of London Battalion (Kensington)? — Lieut M J Shaw-Brookman, 207 (Kensington) Cadet Sqn R Sigs (PLK), 190 Hammersmith Road, London W6.

MSM annuity

Many letters on the award of the Meritorious Service Medal have been published in SOLDIER in the past and readers awaiting the award of their annuity may be interested to learn that it seems the pensioners who were born in 1899, and are eligible for the annuity, may soon be granted it. I received my medal in 1949 and on 15 April this year I had a letter from the Army Pensions Office informing me that I had been selected to receive the annuity from 6 April.

The annuity was at one time restricted to £10 a year but, as

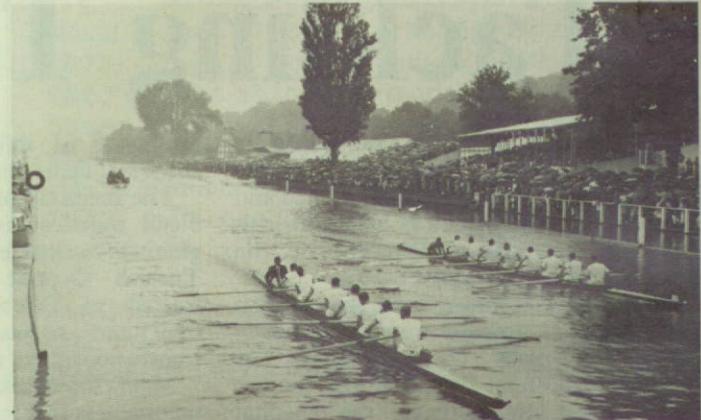
with one's Service pension, an increase has been granted from time to time and I find that as a result I get a net gain of £38.78 per annum—this in addition to my pension.

I was informed in 1970 by the Army Pensions Office that the Royal Warrant allows for the payment of only 751 annuities at any one time—as there are more holders of the medal than annuities available, the waiting list for annuities is a long one.—G A E Gavvy, ex-capt R Sigs, Flat 611, School Road, Le Squez Estate, St Clements, Jersey, CI.

Fusiliers and gunners

I write to refute the legend (recalled by Fusilier Willy Redshaw on page 14, SOLDIER, April) that fusiliers stood behind guns to prevent "faint-hearted" gunners from deserting.

The 7th of Foot, formed into the Royal Regiment of Fuzileers in 1685, had the role of close support of the artillery, even to the point of assisting, if required, to serve the guns in action.



Henley winners

I read with interest "Rowing of the up-and-up" (Sport, March) but the last paragraph gave the impression that Army oarsmen have yet to achieve success at Henley Royal Regatta. To dispel any doubts that readers may have I enclose a photograph of the Sandhurst crew winning the Ladies Plate at Henley in 1963. You stress in the feature the team work required to support a winning crew. The 1963 Sandhurst crew was coached by Sir Richard Turnbull, Captain John Gibb, Scots Guards, and Mr Eric Halliday; our boatsman was "Happy" Haslam. Without their tireless support and encouragement over many months—and I am sure my crew would agree—

VETERANS' HOLIDAYS

The War Veterans Association, which was founded in 1973, has been able to achieve one of its aims, that of taking a party of hospitalised disabled ex-servicemen and women on a free holiday to a former theatre of war—in this instance to Holland.

The association plans a further holiday in October 1975 at El Alamein and another two in 1976—to Gallipoli in January and to the Far East later in the year.

Further details of the War Veterans Association can be obtained from: Ian S H Adair, Honorary Secretary, War Veterans Association, Kensington Court, Kensington Road, Glasgow, G12 9NK.

Their weapon was a fusil (flintlock) from which they derive their name, while the rest of the Army was generally armed with matchlocks from which there was a danger of a spark reaching open powder barrels.

The drivers (actually carters) were, with their horses, contracted from civilian sources as the artillery had none of its own. It was to prevent the possible hasty departure from the scene of action of the drivers and horses that the Fuzileers had a party in rear of the guns. Not until 1793, when the RHA was formed, was there any self-contained and independent unit of gunners. With the formation in 1795 of the Corps of Royal Artillery Drivers, the artillery

the Army would still be waiting for its first win at Henley.—Maj G E Preston RTR, (Captain of Boats RMAS 1963), Junior Leaders Regiment RAC, Bovington Camp, Wareham, Dorset.

Cunard Crusader World Travel Ltd, 36 Edgware Road, London, in co-operation with the Burma Star Association, has arranged a 13-day tour to India which will include visits to the battlefields at Kohima and Imphal. The tour leaves London on 18 October, returning on 30 October.

UNDER THE YOKE

A special exhibition of the German occupation of the Channel Islands—the only part of the British Isles to be occupied by the Germans during World War Two—has been mounted at the Imperial War Museum to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the liberation. The exhibition depicts aspects of the daily life of the islanders and the German occupying forces.

Among the objects on display are German proclamations, travel permits and identity cards, material relating to the Dame

of Sark, food substitutes, improvised clothing, occupation currency and postage stamps, Red Cross parcels, a radio set made by Channel Island internees in Germany, a crystal set concealed in a razor box, and German uniforms and equipment.

The exhibition runs until 26 October 1975 and is open from 10 am to 5.30 pm on weekdays and from 2 to 5.30 pm on Sundays. Admission for adults is 20p and for children and old age pensioners 10p.

became independent of civilians. Most fusilier regiments never did fulfil the duty that their title implies but were granted it as an honour, the Northumberlands in 1823 and the Royal Irish in 1827.—R H Bruce (ex-sgt RCA), 156 Kingston Road Apt 2, Toronto, Ontario M4L 1T1, Canada.

New society

The Victorian Military Society, which has just issued its first journal, has been formed to foster interest in the military side of the Victorian period. This includes the armies of Great Britain and her Empire, and to a lesser extent the armies of other countries. The period of interest has been extended to include 1914. It is intended to publish the journal four times

a year. It will contain articles of military interest, model, book and record reviews, wargames, militaria and news of society activities.

Full or affiliated membership costs £2.50 a year; junior membership for the 16-year-old and under costs £1.50. Special rates apply to overseas members and these will be supplied to individuals applying for membership.

Any reader interested in joining the Society is asked to contact me for further information.—John Crouch, 18 Tudor Court, Park Road, Teddington, Middlesex, TW11 0AH.

Calling Old Boys

The Royal Hibernian Military School was a great source of recruiting for the old Regular

Army. It was situated in Phoenix Park, Dublin, from 1769 until 1922 when the boys moved to Shorncliffe Camp, Kent, for the run-down of the school. The boys remaining in 1924 were absorbed into the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover, to finish their schooling. A memorial which was left in Dublin lists the names of 82 Old Boys who gave their lives in World War One.

We still have a Royal Hibernian Military School Association which is well supported. Although it lapsed before World War Two, it was successfully revived in 1961. We hold an annual reunion and I would be pleased if anyone who is an Old Boy of the school would contact me.—E Dillon, 62 Grosvenor Crescent, Hillingdon, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB10 9ES. ★See page 50 for details of next reunion.

I was interested to read about the Royal Army Educational Corps museum (SOLDIER, April). I would like to point out that the stained-glass window formerly in the chapel of the Royal Hibernian Military School was retrieved in Dublin by Major E S Skelly, an Old Boy of the school, who with members of the RHMS Association bore the expense of its transportation and presentation to the museum. Although the school closed more than 50 years ago, the Old Boys still hold an annual reunion in London.—D W Roberts, 53 Hillbury Avenue, Harrow, Middlesex, HA3 8EP.

Staff units

I think the following will answer Mr Hamilton's letter (SOLDIER, May). The Royal Staff Corps was formed in 1800 as Lieutenant-Colonel J Rutherford's Regiment attached to the QMG's Department. It was a pioneer unit under the control of the War Office as opposed to the Royal Engineers and the Royal Military Artificers who were under control of the Board of Ordnance. It became John Browne's in 1802 and was renamed the Royal Staff Corps in 1803. It reached a maximum strength of ten companies each consisting of four officers and 50 other ranks. The corps saw service in Egypt in 1801 and was awarded the battle honours Egypt, Peninsula and Waterloo. It continued to exist until 1837. Its most notable exploits were the suspension bridge at Alcantara, reputedly the first in Europe, and the Bridge of Boats on the Adour. At home the corps was partly responsible for the Royal Military Canal in Sussex.

The Staff Corps of Cavalry was formed in 1813, raised partly from men sent out from England and partly from troops already in Portugal. According to "Old Cavalry Stations" published in 1934, they were dressed as light dragoons wearing red jackets with blue facings and plastron. Buttons, lace and shako lines were silver, their plume was red and their overalls grey with a double blue stripe and a waist belt of red-and-blue stripes. The main purpose of the corps was as military police with



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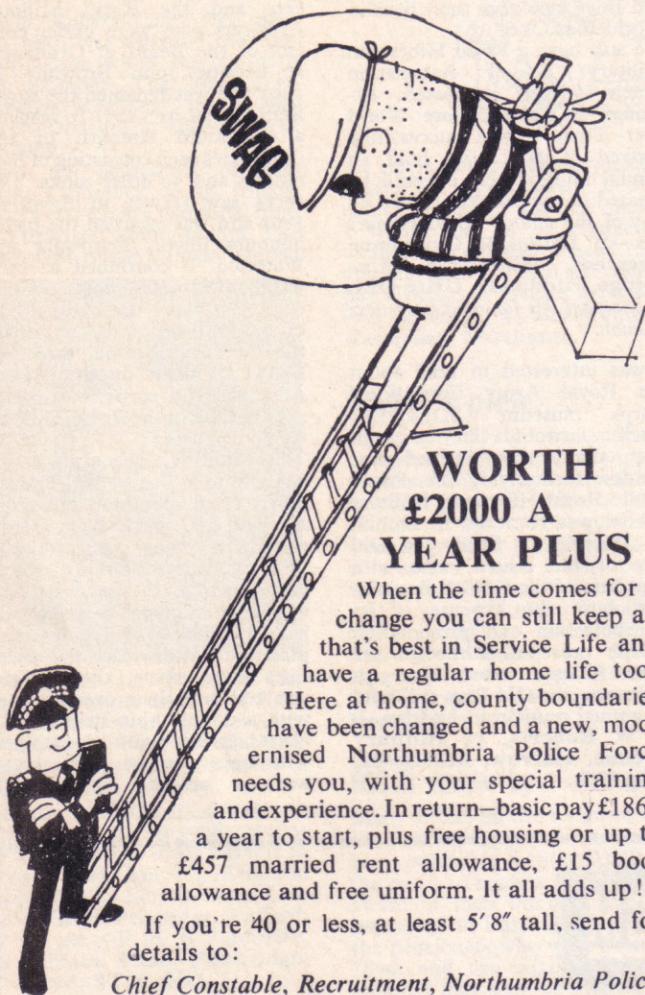
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occasional courier duties. It was disbanded on its return from the Peninsular War but raised again for Waterloo and finally disbanded in 1818. The Corps of Mounted Staff Guides was about 150-200 strong, some British but mostly Portuguese. They had to be bilingual, being used in groups of two and three as guides and interpreters to bodies of troops moving in unknown country. The Commandant of the Corps of Mounted Staff Guides was also in charge of the Post Office and the transmission of letters.

I assume that the Staff Dragoons were the Staff Corps of Cavalry under another name, as the entire British cavalry with the exception of the Household regiments were all technically dragoons and their recruits came from dragoon regiments.

Both the Staff Corps of Cavalry and the Corps of Mounted Staff Guides seem to have been a combined provost branch, despatch rider organisation, intelligence and field security troop.—**Brian D N Stevens, 20 Priory Avenue, Tollerton, Nottinghamshire, NG12 4EE.**

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How observant are you?

(see page 17)

The two pictures differ in the following respects: 1 Left man's left sleeve. 2 Shape of right "tree." 3 Gun of tank third from left. 4 Pennants of tank above table. 5 Branches of left tree on middle "mountain." 6 Width of jacket vent of man on right. 7 Position of left dice. 8 Right heel of man on right. 9 Cross on church. 10 Middle bar of E in CONVENTION.

Competitions

The gremlins have been at it again. The March competition (201—Weapon training) should have contained one error but in fact there were two—and either was accepted as a correct answer to the competition.

The figures, when worked out, were converted to letters on the simple basis of A-1, B-2, C-3 etc and the message read: "Make sure it's your own!" The intentional error was in square 11 (squared minus 102) which works out to be 19 and S instead of R. The unintentional mistake was in square 2 (times 7 minus 3) giving a nonsensical K, which should have read times 7 minus 13, giving 1 and A.

Reunions

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Royal Hibernian Military School Association. Annual reunion, Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea, London, 13 September. Details from Hon Sec, E Dillon, 62 Grosvenor Crescent, Hillingdon, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB10 9ES.

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SMALL streams trickled through sleepy villages and the ripening corn swayed gently under the warm July sun. The year was 1943 and the place the little-known Russian district of Kursk. Huge 65-ton Elefant tanks rumbled forward crushing all before them. Suddenly, from behind innocent-looking banks and patches of tall grass, Russian infantry and anti-tank guns set upon them with wolfish ferocity.

Overhead, Sturmovik ground-attack aircraft swooped down like birds of prey.

The German tactics were to advance in an armoured wedge, or Panzerkeil, led by the heaviest tanks, the Elefants and Tigers. The Russians had adopted the Pakfront—bunches of up to ten anti-tank guns interspersed with minefields.

The Elefants had almost impenetrable eight-inch frontal armour (thicker than some of the British battle cruisers at

Jutland) and the famous 88-millimetre gun. But the Elefant's great bulk meant a maximum of only 12 miles an hour on good roads and there was an even more disastrous deficiency—some had no machine-guns and others only one each loosely stowed. While breaking through the Russian defences they were shorn of their support and left vulnerable to flank attack.

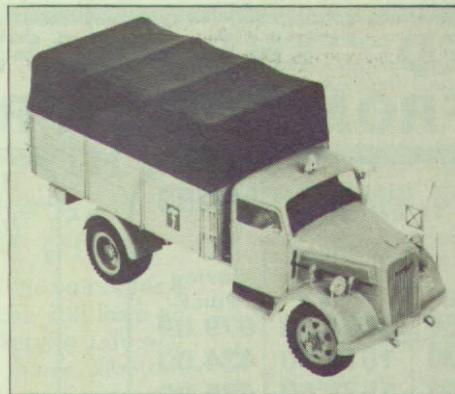
The ill-fated Elefant is the subject of a recently released kit by the Italian firm of Italaeri. As supplied, this is the later version used on the Italian front but only minor modification to the mantlet is necessary to represent those of the Kursk battle. The kit is in 1:35th scale moulded in plastic in a rather inappropriate salmon-pink colour. It is well detailed with more than 100 parts and comes complete with a wide choice of transfer decals. Each track is in two sections and the large plastic parts have butt joints rather than pins and holes, which means that great care must be taken when fitting them together. Costing £3.20 and with no motor, it is expensive in comparison with Japanese kits of this scale.

Italaeri, whose kits are marketed in the United Kingdom by Richard Kohnstam ("Riko") Ltd, 13 High Street, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, have also recently issued a rather good 1:35th scale kit of the German Opel Blitz truck at £1.80; the Italian flying boat Cant Z501, also at £1.80; and a set of six Grossdeutschland artillery figures in 1:35th scale—particularly good value at 65 pence—with full equipment including a radio set, rangefinder, small arms and minuscule transfer decals for insignia of the iron cross, armbands and badges of rank.

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Right: Italaeri 1:35th Opel Blitz vehicle made up with Afrika Korps markings.

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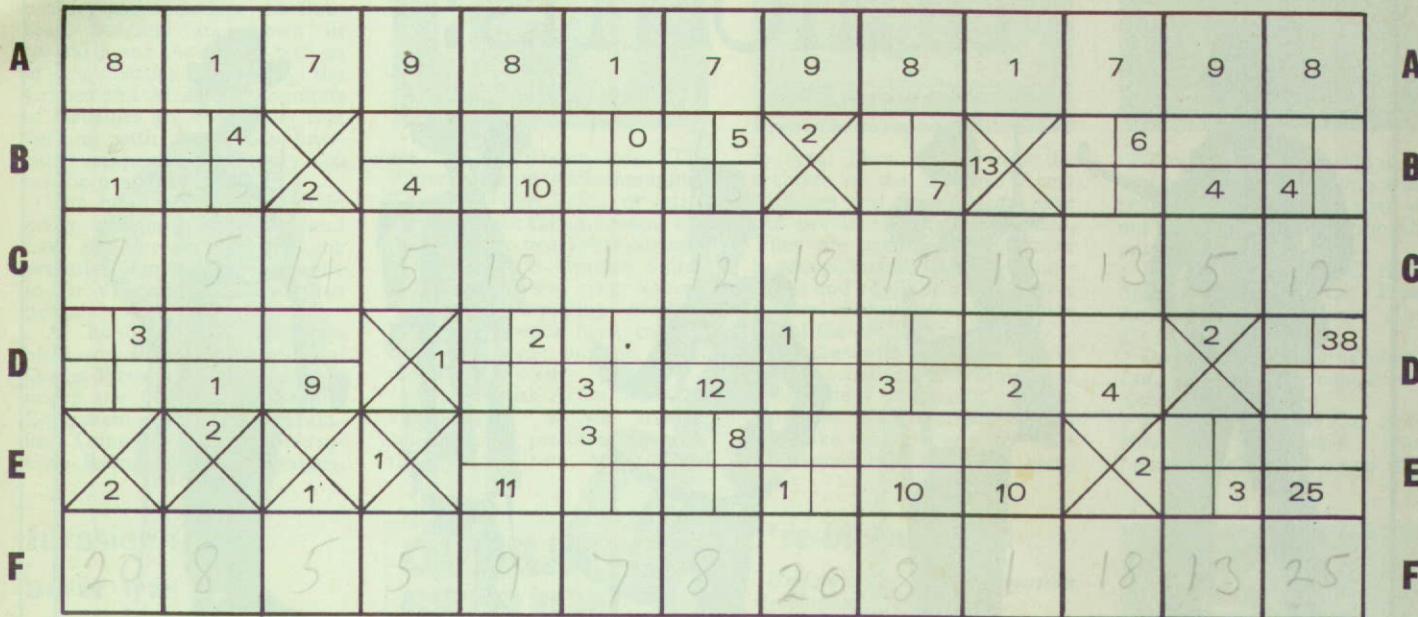
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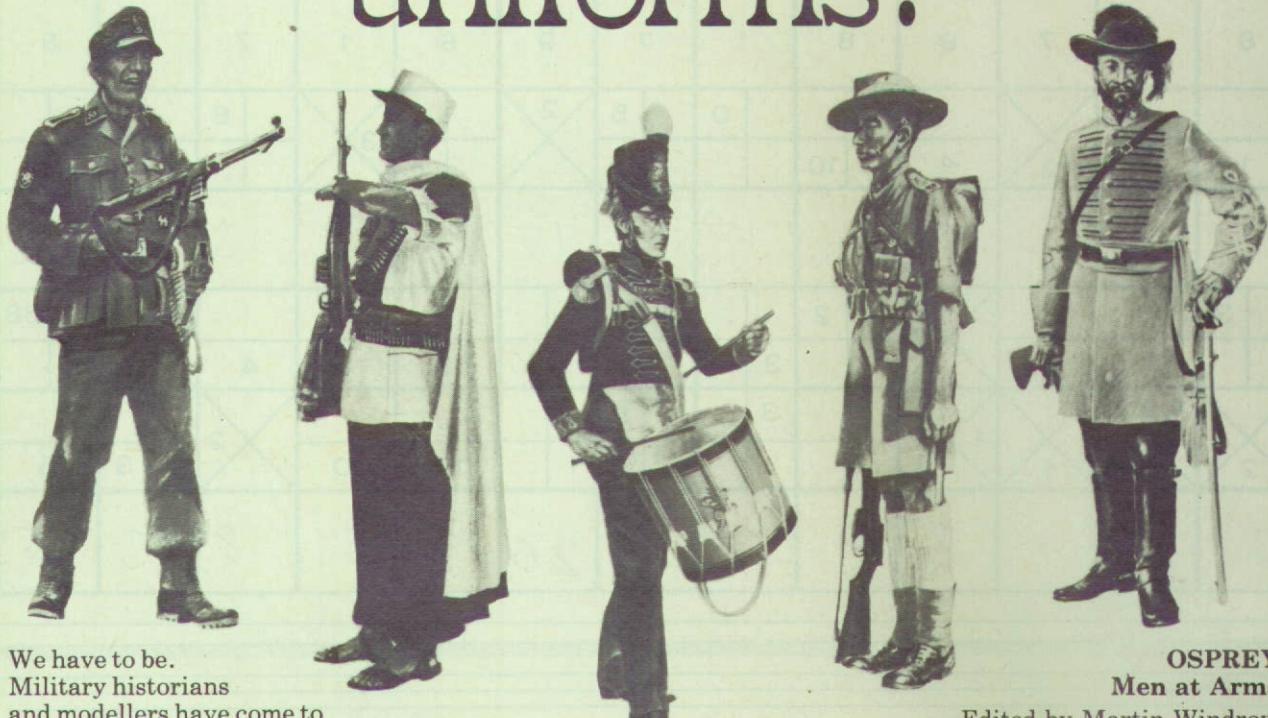
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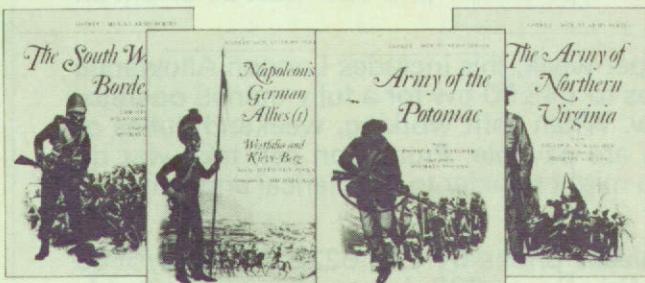


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Looking back

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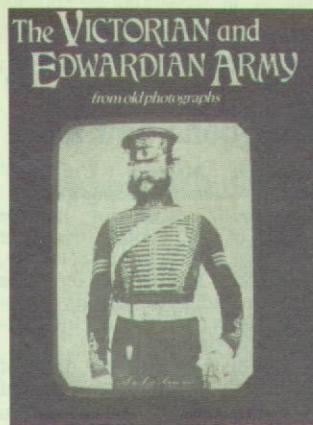
"The Victorian Army in Photographs" (David Clammer)

"The British Army from Old Photographs" (Boris Mollo)

"The Victorian and Edwardian Army" is a good collection of 154 pictures recording British Army life in the second half of the 19th century and including the Boer War. Soldiers are shown in several home stations as well as in the battles of India, the Crimea and Africa. Photographs of casualties are a reminder that fighting with the less-sophisticated weapons of a century ago was no party game.

The book appears to contain many unfamiliar pictures and has an introduction on the evolution of military photography in the Victorian and Edwardian period.

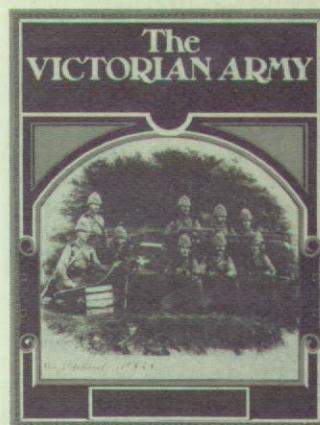
A hundred and forty-one black-and-white pictures of Queen Victoria's army, classified under the headings of People, Equipment and Uniforms, Training, Transport and Communications, Recreation and Campaigns,



are the backbone of "The Victorian Army in Photographs." There are four pages of introduction about the campaigns and the section on people has portraits of Lord Roberts, Gordon, Buller, Kitchener and five other leaders.

Judicious cropping and enlargement would have enabled details of some pictures to be more clearly seen.

"The British Army from Old Photographs" is yet another collection of pictures, covering the period from about 1850



to 1914. These are all from the archives of the National Army Museum and the majority have not previously been published. They are arranged under nine headings, including training, uniforms and equipment, and active service. Many of the pictures are of the old Indian Army.

Readers with an eye for it will catch occasional glimmers of unintended humour. Two wounded soldiers of the Crimea hold like long-lost snooker balls the cannon balls which hit them;



"PT on board a troopship on the way to the Boer War" has a nice tincture of reluctance that will not be lost on old troopship passengers.

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Invasion that never was

"Operation Sealion" (Edited by Richard Cox)

Could Hitler have successfully invaded the British Isles? In a carefully planned effort a war game sponsored by the Daily Telegraph and the Royal Military Academy Department of War Studies sought the answer. Germans and Britons, often some of those who would have been involved in invasion and anti-invasion duties, were recruited to play the game. Each side was given all the information available in 1940.

The campaign which the war game played out is the backdrop of the narrative which Richard Cox has developed—the story of the invasion-that-never-was.

In 1940 the Germans were ill-equipped for an invasion. Their navy demanded air superiority, the army demanded that the navy keep the Home Fleet out of the Channel, and the Luftwaffe, "blissfully unconcerned with Sealion," struggled to fight the Battle of Britain. As things turned out, the German invasion fleet, improvised from Rhine barges and coastal steamers and tugs, would have been considerably less seaworthy than the Spanish Armada.

Mr Cox paints a vivid picture—particularly striking are the resolution and resilience of the defenders, the stubbornness of the Home Guard and the secret stay-behind parties, and the casualties they would have inflicted on an invader. Valuable factual background material is supplied by Correlli Barnett (Defence of Britain 1940), David Shears (German invasion plans), Alan Clark (the warlords) and



David Pryce-Jones (Britain's secret resistance movement).

This is a splendid contribution to the study of war, one which leaves its readers with the thought that if only Hitler had tried, the war might have taken a different course.

Thornton Cox Ltd, 25 Haymarket, London, SW1, £3.75 **JCW**



Pre-bicentennial

"Uniforms of the American Revolution" (John Mollo)

The main purpose of the 208 colour plates in this book is to recreate the appearance of the fighting men—American, British, French, German and Indians—who took part in the turbulent events surrounding America's declaration of independence.

Malcolm McGregor's beautifully executed illustrations of uniforms worn by remarkably lifelike figures and accompanied by extended captions describing details of dress and regimental activities, admirably achieve this aim while chapters on the British, French and Continental armies, German auxiliary troops, Loyalists and notes on campaigns provide an excellent potted military historical background.

The fighting prowess and conflicts of various Indian tribes are described. Iroquois warriors, for example, were first-class scouts specialising in guerrilla warfare of extreme ferocity and absolute ruthlessness. They were also early exponents of "fire and movement."

Other colour plates depict regimental Colours, weapons, headdress, ornaments and British infantry and artillery facings. There is also a useful list of British regiments serving in North America between 1775 and 1783 and the chief incidents in which they figured.

Blandford Press Ltd, 167 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6PH, £2.25 **JFPJ**



the World 1975 (Editor: J I H Owen)

No student of the particular subject can afford to be without a Jane's definitive reference book. But even the stolidly established Jane's tradition has fallen victim to a public relations controversy on the subject of the rifle, mentioned here in the foreword, for the delectation of the Press.

Two things were missed in the flurry of publicity. Firstly, the editor, Frank Hobart, is what infantrymen affectionately call a "long-range sniper," in other words a member (ex-member in this case) of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, and secondly, opinions on those most personal of weapons—small arms—vary from man to man. Suffice it to say that this Jane's tome lives up to the finest traditions of its sisters—with or without ballyhoo on who has the best guns.

In one sense, Brassey's outranks Jane's—the editor is a major-general, that of Jane's a

Arms treatises

"Jane's Infantry Weapons 1975" (Editor: Major F W A Hobart)
"Brassey's Infantry Weapons of

mere major. To produce two similar textbooks on a similar subject around the same time invites comparison. And although Brassey's is a clearly laid out and detailed treatise, it cannot hope to outshine the incomparable Jane's.

1 Macdonald and Jane's, Paulton House, 8 Shepherdess Walk, London, N1 7LW, £19.50
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Theory and practice

"German Military Transport of World War Two" (John Milsom) Mr Milsom has produced a splendidly accurate and comprehensive survey of German military vehicles in use during the Third Reich, from 1933 to 1945. It confines itself to front-line transport, excluding buses, fire engines and motorcycles, traces development from the hurried adaptation of commercial vehicles to military requirements that began in 1933, and progresses to the design and building of vehicles for specific military purposes.

Perhaps the most interesting point for historians is that the book demonstrates how that which may appear good in theory does not necessarily achieve good results in practice. Right from the start the Wehrmacht took very thorough steps to standardise basic types with a minimum of automotive parts

GERMAN MILITARY TRANSPORT OF WORLD WAR TWO

Armies and Cars of the German Army 1933-1945

John Milsom



and accessories, but strangely enough their attributes were overcast by their disadvantages. Standardisation tended to hamper evolution and proved expensive and complex.

The result was that nowhere near the desired quantity of such "standardised" vehicles could be produced and the army had to supplement them with captured and commercial designs, with inevitable spares and maintenance problems. Eventually, General von Schell produced a new standardisation plan which relied on commercial models already available.

Wargamers and modellers will

welcome Mr Milsom's book for its vast collection of excellent photographs.

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Dragoons and kilt

"Scottish Military Uniforms" (Robert Wilkinson-Latham)

This book does not include details of the Scots Guards or the large numbers of yeomanry, volunteers, militia and fencibles of 18th and 19th century Scotland, but is none the less interesting for that.

The evolution of the dress of Scotland's only regiment of cavalry, The Royal Scots Greys, is traced and discussed in great detail. Changes in styles of dress and of horse furniture can easily be seen in commendably clear illustrations. The author's descriptions of this or that nicely of dress are neatly blended with tradition and legend.

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Treasure island?

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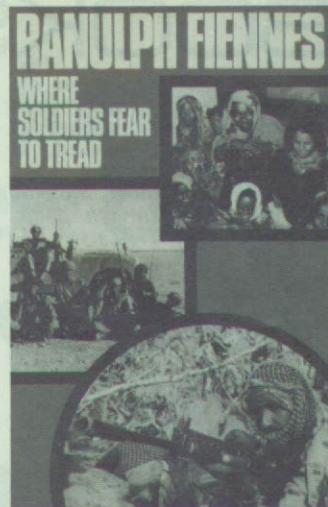
Warring in Dhofar

"Where Soldiers Fear to Tread" (Ranulph Fiennes)

Captain Fiennes has produced an almost beautiful book about a very unattractive part of the world and about, specifically, a most un-beautiful little war.

At the bottom of Arabia lies Oman, ruled by a sultan and containing a province to its south and west called Dhofar. To this hot hole came the author, from the concrete wilderness of a tank park in Germany, to do battle with the Sultan's enemies—Communist infiltrators, inspired by the Chinese and Russians and with a secure base in recently evacuated Aden.

I did not find this an even remotely glamorous affair. I did not read shades of Lawrence into this desert and mountainous land. Captain Fiennes finds his own wonderment as he leads his



self-trained team of Baluchis and Omanis through the flying bullets, fights off the ubiquitous flies and shudders at the loathsome spiders.

There is also in this little chronicled affair an air of self-questioning. As the author looks at the poverty of the native population and the affluence of the oil-rich Sultan, he queries his own presence and his own role in bolstering such a regime.

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"*A Military History of Germany*" (Martin Kitchen)
 In an admirable volume highly recommended as a prelude to any reading by the student of military or specifically German politics, the author tells the harrowing tale of the triumph of brute force over reason and of the manipulation of an army as a tool of the civil.

The social and military histories of Germany are indivisible. To establish any sort of order and government it was necessary for the ruling faction—for the most part monarchist and for every part Prussian—to have the army on its side. The result was that Prussia superimposed its will on the other German states, bludgeoning them into a new central European power that subsequently felt able to take on its neighbours with impunity.

With the notable exception of Bismarck, whose skill as a diplomat is unrivalled in his country's history, Germany's leaders courted the favours of the necessarily right-wing military. The net result of all this strength

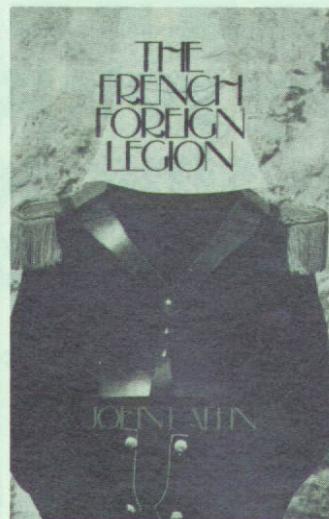
was stalemate at the end of the Franco-Prussian war, humiliating defeat in World War One and the annihilation which followed World War Two.

Whether subtlety, democracy and a more tactful approach to international affairs will prove a suitable road for modern Germany remains to be seen. Mr Kitchen's succinct backcloth would seem to disprove the theory that brute force and a mindless manipulated military offer a successful alternative.
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Képi country

"*The French Foreign Legion*" (John Laffin)
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The French Foreign Legion, born in 1831 and still going strong, is an enigma. It was at once a hole for the fugitive, refuge for the lovelorn, sanctuary for the bankrupt and outlet for



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In September 1943 he was despatched as Chief of Staff to Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supremo in South East Asia Command. His was the "wise head" to leaven the enthusiasm of the youthful but brilliant Lord Louis. The job lasted a year. It was a task which Pownall interpreted in a schoolmasterish

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way . . . "putting the engine (Mountbatten) back on to the rails is pretty near a whole time job; at any rate it is so if combined with preventive action to avoid an impending derailment."

After the Home Guard, Ireland, Singapore and Ceylon, it was a job for which he was very well qualified. Ill health was to rob Pownall of being "on the stage" when the curtain was rung down against Japan. In 1945 he retired to become Chief Commissioner of the St John Ambulance Brigade . . . preventive to the end.

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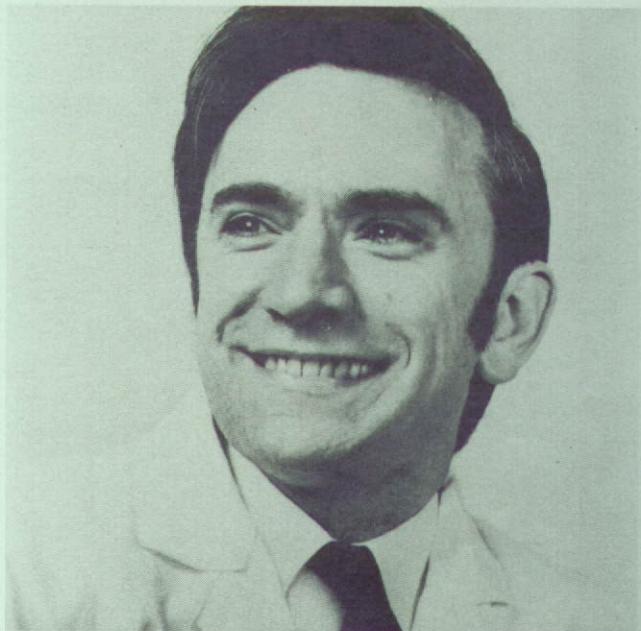
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