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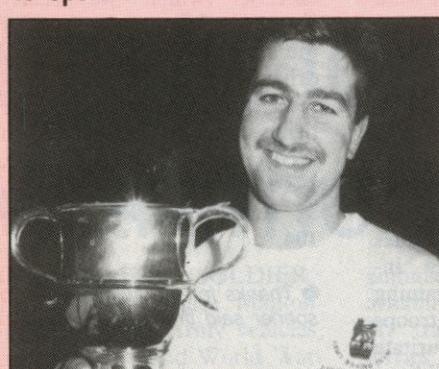
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Derryard — the soldiers' story

Just before Christmas two soldiers of the 1st Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers died when a heavily armed terrorist gang attacked a permanent vehicle checkpoint on the Fermanagh border.

Under heavy fire, the survivors automatically went through the drills drummed into them during countless hours of training, and the attackers were driven off. SOLDIER visited 1 KOSB on the border and spoke to men of Support Company who were involved in the incident at Derryard. Their account will appear in the next issue.



Above — Pte Jim Glendinning of A Coy, 1 KOSB on patrol

FRONT COVER: A Scimitar followed by a Scorpion plough through the snow as D Squadron, 13th/18th Royal Hussars exercise in Norway as part of Allied Command Europe Mobile Force (Land). More pictures and stories start on Page 17.

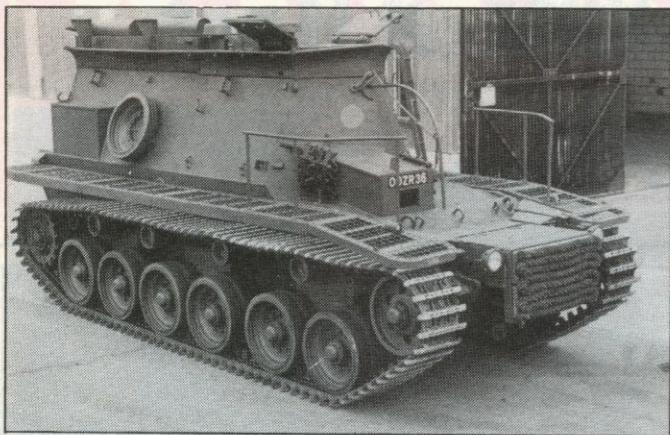
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HOAY
prizes

Mr L Baker, of Paterson Court, Kenilworth Road, Knowle, Solihull, has won £50 in HOAY competition No 479. Runner-up book prizes go to Mr J Spencer, of Grove Hill, Caversham, Reading, and Cpl Sale, 38, 1 Sqn, 21 Signal Regt (AS), RAF Wildenrath.



Sapper dinosaurs 'alive and well'

YOUR article "Last of the dinosaurs" (SOLDIER, February 5) prompted me to write because it seems there are a lot more dinosaurs alive and kicking in the Corps of Royal Engineers, in Germany at Munsterlager, 32 Armoured Engineer Regiment and in

England with RE Support Troop at Bovington.

These dinosaurs are Centurion AVRE 165s, Centurion AVRE 105s and REME Centurion ARVs.

The regiment and vehicles are forerunners of "Hobart's Funnies", the 79th Armd Div in the Second World War responsible for the breaching, crossing and clearance of various D-Day beaches and for the advance to and crossing of the Rhine.

A small article on the Centurion AVREs would be interesting because as far as some military authors are concerned these vehicles are no longer in British service.

It is quite funny when on exercise (which we nearly always are) to see the faces of the armoured regiments as we drive past. They usually only see Centurions in museums or being shot at as hard targets on their ranges. — LCpl S A Hope, 1 Troop, 26 Armd Engr Sqn, 32 Armd Engr Regt, BFPO 104.

● Thanks for the suggestion: No sooner said than done! — Editor.

Record service?

MAY I through SOLDIER congratulate Droit Music Ltd, of Reading, who advertise their records in your magazine.

At 10.30 am on January 22 I posted an order for five LP records. At 8.15 am on January 24 they were delivered to my door.

How nice it is to have such a fast and speedy service today. Thank you and well done. — C R Summerhays, 20 West Park Lane, Damerham, Fordingbridge, Hants SP6 3HB.

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● Army Fire Service Association. Ex-members of WD, PC (now RPC), RASC, or Army FS interested in joining please contact, with SAE: Tony Chambers, 10 Church Road West, Farnborough, Hants GU14 6RT.

Why we can't do without the PBI

I AM researching at the Public Record Office, Kew, the origins of the Reconnaissance Corps, formed nearly 50 years ago and disbanded on August 1 1946.

One of the files deals with its

Stamp plea

WHILE not wishing to decry the achievements of the RAF I feel the Army and Navy do not get their share of historical commemorative stamps.

For example, in 1988 a series of stamps could have been issued to pay tribute to those who fought and died in the First World War, 50 years after it ended.

Other issues could have commemorated such events as D-Day, the outbreak of the Second World War, Dunkirk, Wavell's victory in the Western Desert, and El Alamein — W Hartwick, Cornerstones, Coronation Avenue, Bradford on Avon, Wilts.

Corps cards

IN a book I possess entitled *Map Reading and Field Sketching* an advertiser lists British Army postcards, one for each regiment and corps existing in 1912. I wonder if any of these postcards are still in existence — Harry F Raymond, 66 Cleveland Avenue, Darlington DL3 7GH.

amalgamation with the Royal Armoured Corps on January 1 1944 and contains two letters from General Paget, the Colonel-Commandant, expressing his concern that the proposed amalgamation should in no way reduce or interfere with training in dismounted action.

This reminded me of a debate I attended in 1946 at the College of the Rhine Army when, among other things, the possibility of so-called "push-button" warfare was discussed.

I held that, inevitably, the chap on the other side pushing his button would have to be eliminated and this could be done only by employing the special training and skills of the infantry.

This caused some raised eyebrows, because of my belonging to an armoured unit.

Silly peak of fashion

IN reply to Mr Jackson (SOLDIER, February 5) the very short and slashed peaks worn on forage caps of many soldiers of the Household Division, and unfortunately many men of other regiments who wear peaked caps, are unauthorized, often look ridiculous, and are out of keeping.

Each regiment has a sealed pattern cap which looks smart and correct. In days gone by it was a serious offence to

MOBB



Prefix letter revealed wartime vehicle roles

IN his article (SOLDIER, January 22), Laurie Manton implied that all Army vehicles during the Second World War carried registration numbers prefixed with the letter M.

This is not the case, as various letters were used to prefix the numbering, the letter used normally denoting the role or class of vehicle.

The full list of letters is: A,

ambulance; C, motorcycles; F, armoured cars and Scout cars; H, tractors; L, trucks and lorries of one-ton class and larger; M, cars, light utilities and light reconnaissance cars; P, amphibians; S, mountings for self-propelled guns; T, carriers and tanks; V, vans; X, trailers; Z, trucks below one-ton class. — G W Futter, 30 Linton Crescent, Leeds.

SIMPLY in the interests of historical accuracy, I feel it is important to mention that the car illustrating Laurie Manton's article is not a Humber but a Austin 10hp Series GRQ.

From the chrome work on the radiator grille it would appear to be a pre-war vehicle impressed for military service.

I confess this is but a minor criticism of an otherwise excellent and informative article by Laurie Manton. — Brian Jewell, 30 Park Parade, Harrogate, N Yorks.

Austin 16?

YOUR photograph said to portray a Humber must have had Sir William Rootes and Lord Austin of Longbridge spinning in their graves.

It was of course an Austin 16. I understand the Humber Snipe and Hawk were used by officers of staff rank and the Austin 16 by others. — K E Hunt, Princess Christian Homes, Knaphill, Surrey.

● A case of not knowing your Austin from your elbow! — Editor.

by Mouse

Reunions

● Queen Victoria School, Dunblane annual reunion March 10-11. Old Victorians now serving are asked to contact the Secretary, OVA, with current details of rank, service address and school number. Write to school at Dunblane, Perthshire FK15 0JY (tel: 0786-823044).

● 218 Old Comrades Royal Engineers 44th reunion, March 31. Further details from Jack Wilkinson, 182 Fulbourne Road, Walthamstow, London E17.

● 1st Bn Manchester Malayan Veterans. Next meeting takes place at 1200 on Sunday March 11 at Ardwick, NOT Ashton.

● The Middlesex Regiment (DCO). Annual reunion at Victory Services Club, 63-79 Seymour Street, London W2, May 12. Details from Maj A E F Waldron, Lynsore Bungalow, Upper Hardres, Canterbury, Kent CT4 6EE (tel: 0227-87445).

● 50th Missile Club RA. Reunion of all ranks of 50 Med/50 Missile Regt RA, including support units of REME, RAOC, Catering Corps, will be held in Dumfries, Scotland, May 12. Telephone (evenings) Tony Todd (0387-62378) or Frank Johnstone (0387-720262).

CORRECTION: Contact number of the Royal Welch Fusiliers CA London Branch St David's Day dinner is 01-648 0216 and not as stated in February 5 issue.

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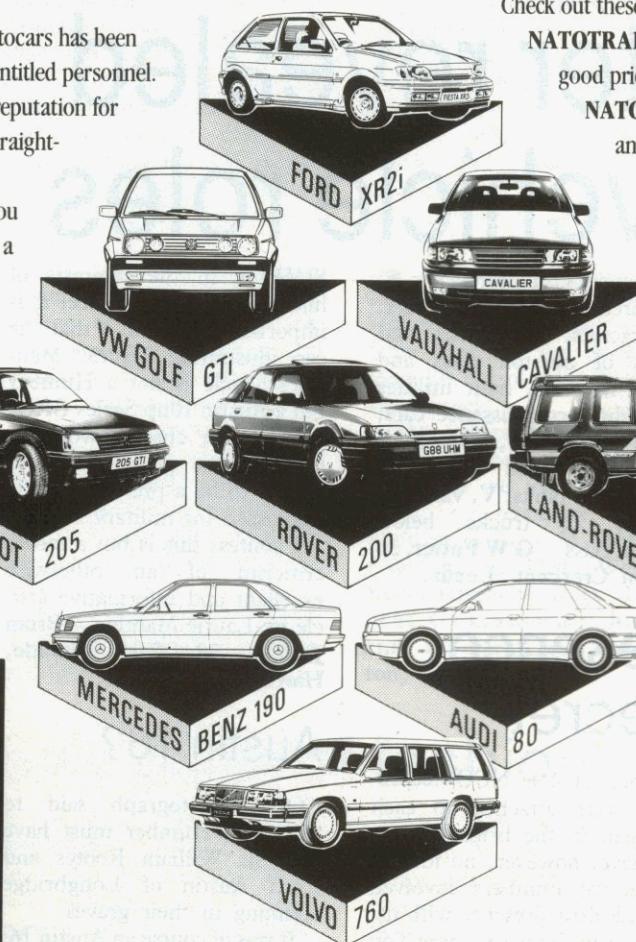
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Gurkha sappers rebuild Sabah exercise camp

A JOINT engineering team from 67 Gurkha Field Squadron QGE and a Malayan Armed Forces sapper unit have rebuilt part of Brunei Camp in Sabah, eastern Malaysia.

Queen honours hero rescuer

THE Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct has been awarded to Cpl John Perry of the 17th/21st Lancers, based at Munster, West Germany, for the rescue of an injured officer from a blazing Land Rover.

The accident occurred when a Chieftain tank, commanded by Cpl Perry, was in collision with a Land Rover on the military training area at Suffield in Canada. As the vehicle was turned over and crushed by the oncoming tank it burst into flames, trapping Capt Julian Snell of the 16th/5th Lancers, who was a passenger in the vehicle.



Cpl John Perry

Cpl Perry immediately leapt from his tank and set about trying to free Capt Snell. Although there was every chance that further fuel and pyrotechnics would explode, the NCO ignored his own safety and paid little regard to the intense heat and flames.

At this stage Capt Snell, although conscious, was burning and had a leg broken in two places, a broken pelvis and a broken arm.

After several attempts, during which he himself sustained second degree burns, Cpl Perry managed to free Capt Snell. Having dragged him away from the blazing Land Rover, which then exploded, Cpl Perry administered first aid and comfort until further help arrived and both were airlifted to hospital.

Capt Snell suffered more than 40 per cent burns to his body and legs. There is no doubt that his life was saved by the rapid and efficient action of Cpl Perry who demonstrated, in circumstances of great personal risk and pain, courage and selflessness that are in the highest traditions of the service, says the citation.

Cpl Perry and his wife, Beverley, have one son and come from Wool in Dorset.

The camp, which had fallen into disrepair, was originally built by 67 Sqn nearly 30 years ago. It is to be used as a transit camp for British and Malaysian

forces exercising in the Kota Belud training area. The team of 148 Gurkha sappers under Maj Peter Blundell built admin, armoury and accommodation blocks.



Men of 1 Kings Own Border caught in a snowstorm on Loch Ness

Saxon battalion flies north

EXERCISE Dragon's Fire saw Colchester-based 1st Battalion, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment operating north of the border following a history-making move by air.

The battalion was airlifted to Scotland by the RAF who flew the unit's Saxon wheeled armoured personnel carriers in their Hercules aircraft for the first time.

Following the air move, 1 Kings Own Border, which in March 1984 was the first battalion to receive the Saxon APC, braved the Highland weather and successfully carried out a number of exercise tasks over an area stretching from John o'Groats to Garelochhead, including a crossing of Loch Ness.

Full story and pictures in next issue.

Jail affair led to EOD commendation

A ROMANCE between a prisoner and a teacher at a high security prison and an ingenious escape plot has had the strange "spin-off" of a gallantry commendation for an EOD operator.

Sgt William Jones, RAOC, was duty operator at Catterick in July last year when he was called to a supermarket car park in Hull where a woman had been screaming that there was a bomb in her car and that it had been placed there by an escaped convict.

He had taken her prisoner at gunpoint and forced her to drive him to the car park near the railway station.

There he told her that the driving seat contained a pressure pad bomb and that if she got out it would explode.

In order to give the woman confidence Sgt Jones walked up to the car without wearing a bomb suit and examined the device.

He dismantled it skilfully and it was not until he cut open the sticks of explosive that he discovered it was an elaborate hoax and led the woman, a teacher, away from the car. Later it turned out the teacher had been having an affair with the escaper and knew the "bomb" was not dangerous.

Last month the escaped prisoner was sentenced to an additional eight years' jail (which means he will not be released until 2010) and the woman got five years.

Sgt Jones, who comes from the Wirral and has a wife and daughter, has been awarded the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct.

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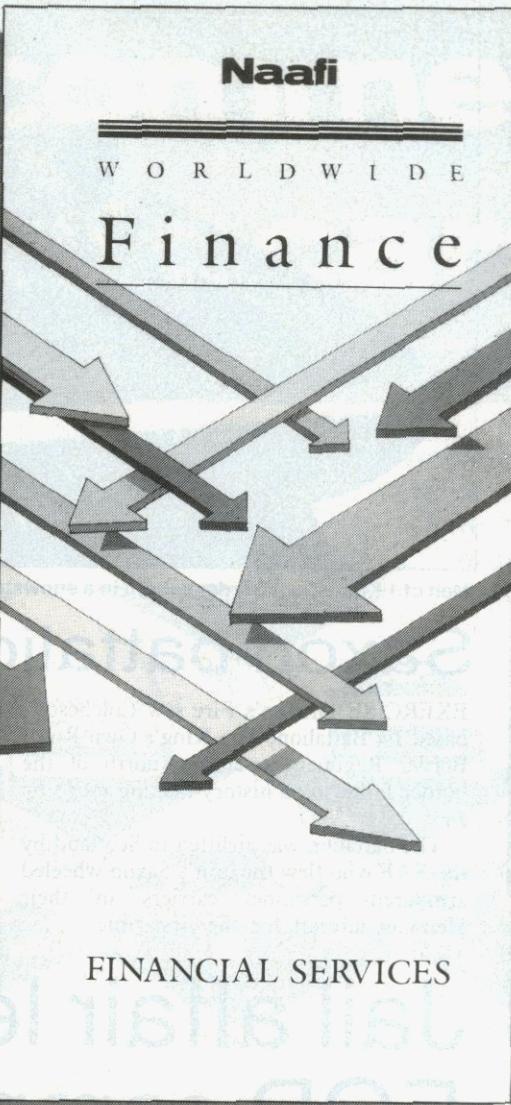
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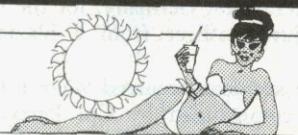


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Watchkeepers on trial during Morning Glory

ABOUT 500 troops from the 1st Armoured Division have taken part in Exercise Morning Glory to test the division's deployment procedures. It took place in the Hildesheim area of West Germany, south of Hanover.

On the first day of the exercise a study day was held at Army barracks in Hildesheim for soldiers who work as watchkeepers. They are responsible for the reception, collation and dissemination of routine exercise information within divisional and

brigade headquarters. They provided a pivot for all routine reports and messages during the exercise.

During Morning Glory 12 members of the Territorial Army travelled to Germany to practise their watchkeeping roles.

Defender gamble pays off

A GAMBLE by the skipper of Satquote British Defender, Lt Cdr Colin Watkins RN, in the Joint Services entry in the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race, looks as though it has paid dividends.

Taking the more northerly course towards Cape Horn on the voyage to Uruguay, SBD had moved into ninth position when she reported on February 18, an improvement of four places.

Defender was reported to be a mile astern of eighth-placed Fortuna Extra Light and within 15 to 20 miles of two or three other yachts.

A depression which was building up and moving east is expected to favour the northerly yachts.

The racing fleet is split north and south of the depression.

Airport cleared of invasion pipe charges

The clearance of pipe demolition charges from Southampton's Eastleigh Airport by men of 58 (EOD) Squadron RE, was completed eight hours ahead of schedule over the weekend February 17-18.

Six miles of the M-27 and a stretch of railway line were closed to the public during the operation.

The charges were buried in 1940 when Britain expected enemy airborne troops to attempt to seize airfields as a preliminary to invasion.



A South Atlantic reunion for members of 24 Air Mobile Brigade. Pictured at RAF Mount Pleasant are members of C Company Group 1st Battalion, The Green Howards who are on a four-month tour as the resident infantry company in the Falkland Islands, and members of 78 Squadron, which is permanently based in the Falklands and operates both Chinook and Sea King helicopters.

In the middle of the bottom row are OC B Coy Maj Andrew Farquhar and Sqn Ldr Roger Utley.

Two hurt in blast

TWO soldiers were injured when a terrorist bomb exploded near a house in Dunmurry, West Belfast. The blast wrecked the house in which two young girls were sleeping and they had to be rescued by police officers.

Another device was discovered in a derelict building near Windsor Park football ground, apparently planted with the intention of killing policemen controlling crowds after the Irish Cup tie between Donegal Celtic and Linfield.

Second battalion bound for Cyprus

The strength of British Forces serving in Cyprus is to be boosted from 1991 by the deployment of a second resident infantry battalion.

Its role will be to take over some guard tasks at Sovereign Base Areas from troops currently deployed on temporary roulement. The use of a second infantry battalion will allow the Army to meet its

commitments on Cyprus in a more efficient and stable way and reduce overstretch elsewhere in the Army. It will also allow both battalions to provide sub-units for roulement tours elsewhere.

Said an MoD spokesman: "A barracks is already available in Cyprus, although it will require some refurbishments, and some additional quarters will have to be provided."

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Tom's 'heavenly' reward

SSgt Tom Woodfin, RE, the Plant PSI of 216 Airfield Damage Repair Squadron RE (V) based at RAF Marham near King's Lynn, Norfolk, realised an ambition when he flew a 1½ hour sortie in a Tornado GR1 aircraft piloted by Sqn Ldr John Waddington of 27 Sqn RAF. Tom has been with the squadron

for six years and is due to leave the Army in the summer. The flight was arranged by the Station Commander in recognition of Tom's excellent service to the base.

Tom showed no ill-effects on returning to terra firma and described the Tornado experience-of-a-lifetime as "exhilarating".



FLIGHT PLAN: Sqn Ldr John Waddington with passenger SSgt Tom Woodfin



WO2 **Mick Titley** (right) received his Royal Warrant from Maj Gen **Colin Shortis**, Colonel of the Regiment, when Gen Shortis visited the 1st Battalion, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment at Bulford. After the Officers' Mess had

beaten the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess by eight points to four in the traditional rugby match, the officers hosted the warrant officers at a regimental dinner to celebrate the Battle of Wagon Hill, fought on January 1900 during the Boer War.



KEY MOMENT: Rachel Fitzpatrick and Spr Ian Flaherty

A day to remember

Army wife **Rachel Fitzpatrick** and Spr **Ian Flaherty** won't forget in a hurry the day they collected their prizes – Peugeot 205s – as winners of SSAFA's three-car draw. For a variety of reasons.

To collect their new cars from Natocars of Bridgwater in Somerset they had to brave the freak gales which hit Britain and the Continent at the

end of January. Rachel lives in Iserlohn, West Germany, where husband Fus **Rory Fitzpatrick** is based, and had an awful journey.

Ian is based at the Royal School of Military Engineering in Chatham, Kent.

Nearly £40,000 was raised for SSAFA through the sale of about 220,000 tickets around the world.



Richard's star pupils

International footballers of the future? Sgt **Richard Mogg** of The Royal Hussars hopes so. Richard (centre) is working in the Army Careers Information Office, Portsmouth, which

is sponsoring lads at Portsmouth Football Club's School of Excellence. He often watches them in training and plans to take the boys to visit his unit at Tidworth.

PEOPLE

Picture: Sgt Anne Lawrie, WRAC



Meet Sgt **Pat Young** of 2/52 Lowland Volunteers, the first woman in the British Army to successfully complete a field firing course at the School of Infantry in Warminster.

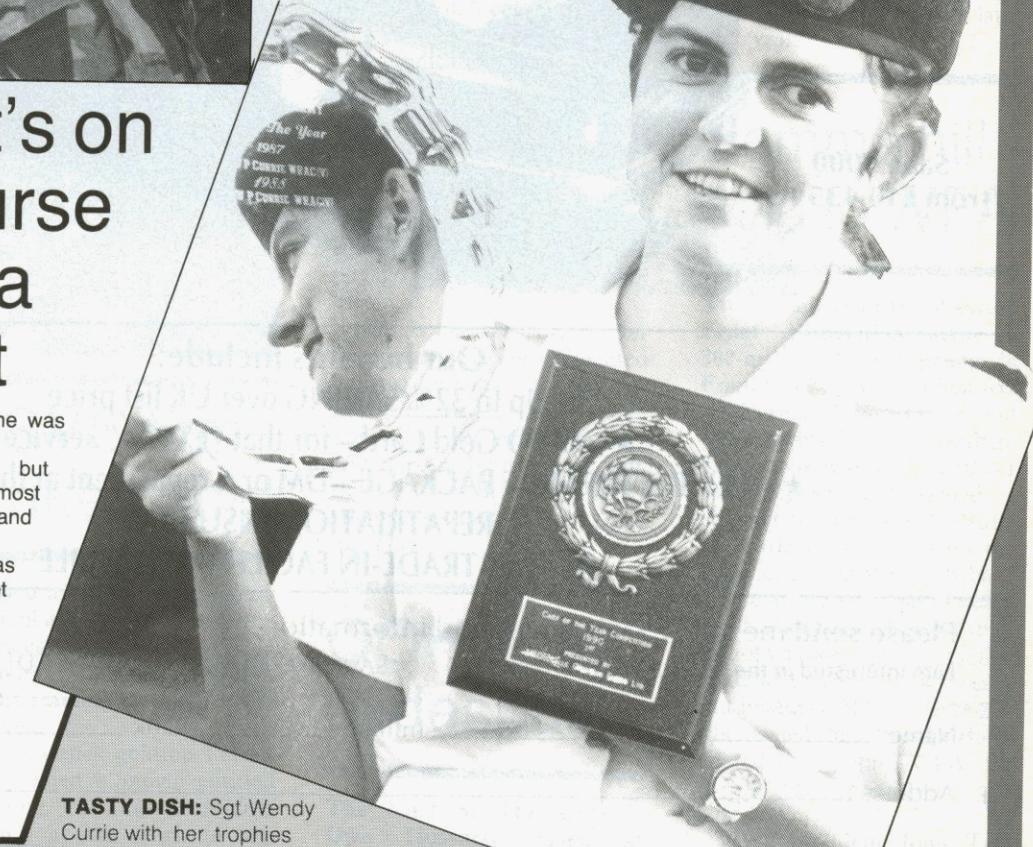
There were a few tense moments when Pat arrived ("are you sure you're on the right course?") but once the Geneva Convention had been studied and HQ UKLF had made a policy decision she was welcomed aboard!

"The course was very demanding, but exciting," said Pat. "The part I enjoyed most was low level air defence using GPMGs and remote control aircraft.

"Everyone was rooting for me when it was doubtful if I could stay. I couldn't wait to get back to Edinburgh to put my new skills into practice." She is now qualified to run any of the ranges her Territorial Army unit may use.

No stranger to storming male bastions, Pat is Provo Sergeant with 2/52 Lowland Volunteers – no mean feat in a predominantly male infantry battalion.

Pat's on course for a first



TASTY DISH: Sgt Wendy Currie with her trophies

Tasty, tasty, very, very tasty! That's what Wendy Currie's cooking is. She has just been named the Territorial Army Chef of the Year in Northern Ireland for the third time in three years.

A sergeant in the WRAC TA attached to the Army Catering Corps detachment with 152 (Ulster) Ambulance Regiment RCT (V), Wendy is a professional cook in civilian life.

Wendy adopted the *nouvelle cuisine* approach for her three-course meal and

impressed the judges with a ham soufflé starter, stuffed chicken breasts for the main course and a strawberry roulade to provide the final winning touch.

Chief judge Lt Col **Gordon Walker**, Commander Catering in Northern Ireland, described the strawberry dish as the finest sweet he had tasted in a long time.

Wendy has been allowed to keep the silver salver after winning it three times, and she will be back next year. As a judge!

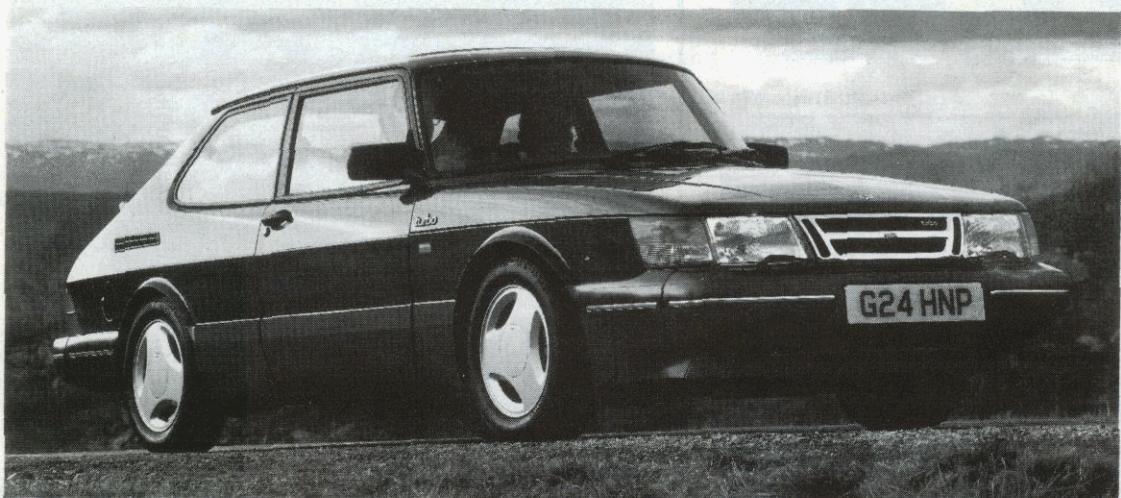


Soup time in the German Military Underground Hospital in Jersey for men of 144 Parachute Field Ambulance RAMC (V) after they had parachuted onto the Channel Island during

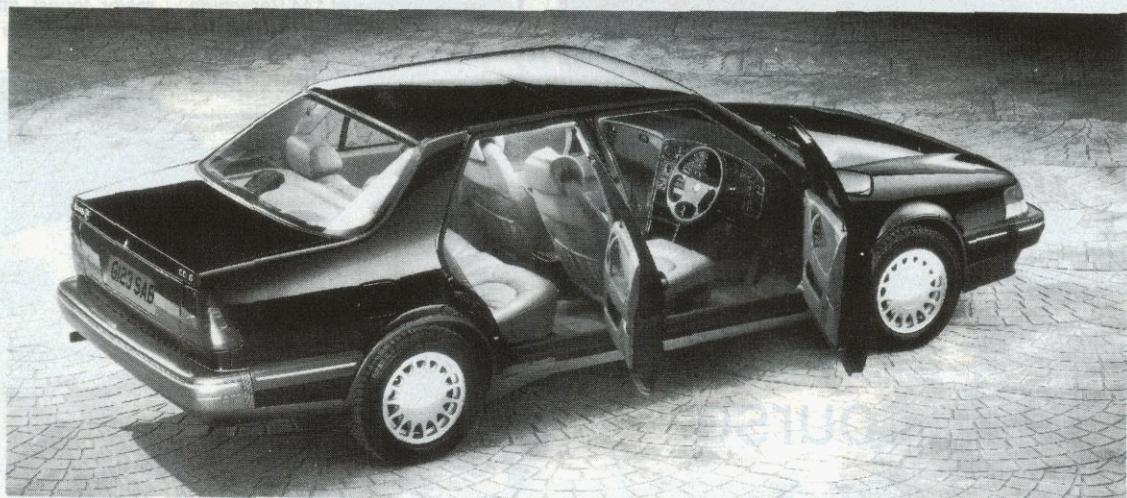
Exercise Sunray. They were shown over the museum, now a major tourist attraction, by the curator, Mr Joe Miere.

Wendy is a triple champion

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Birthday series to start with film unit

On March 19 – conveniently the date of our next issue – **SOLDIER** celebrates its 45th anniversary. The milestone will be marked with a look at the magazine's early days and a second glimpse of some of the valuable historical material held in our library.

First in a new occasional series of archive features will record the wartime role of the Army Film and Photographic Unit.

Sgt Des O'Neill (pictured) was a member of the AFPU and one of **SOLDIER**'s first photographers. During the Second World War, his were the first D-Day pictures to get back to England. O'Neill went in with the South Lancs in a tank-landing craft, getting his initial shots of the beaches from his perch beside the poop gun.

His contemporary impressions?

"Very restricted," says Sgt O'Neill. "I had my eye glued to the viewfinder of the camera, which is pretty limited, and I just waited for the smoke to lift so that I could get decent pictures."

He tells of a rather dejected and badly-wounded prisoner brought along the beach by two Pioneers. "I went up to take a two-yard shot. He sank on his knees and burst out crying when I pointed the camera at him. Thought I was going to shoot him, poor chap!"

Shot in the arm, O'Neill was patched up at a dressing station and went inland, taking pictures with only his right hand and the help of his driver.

His were the first pictures of the landing seen in Britain. O'Neill returned a few days later and the first film he saw in hospital was his own.

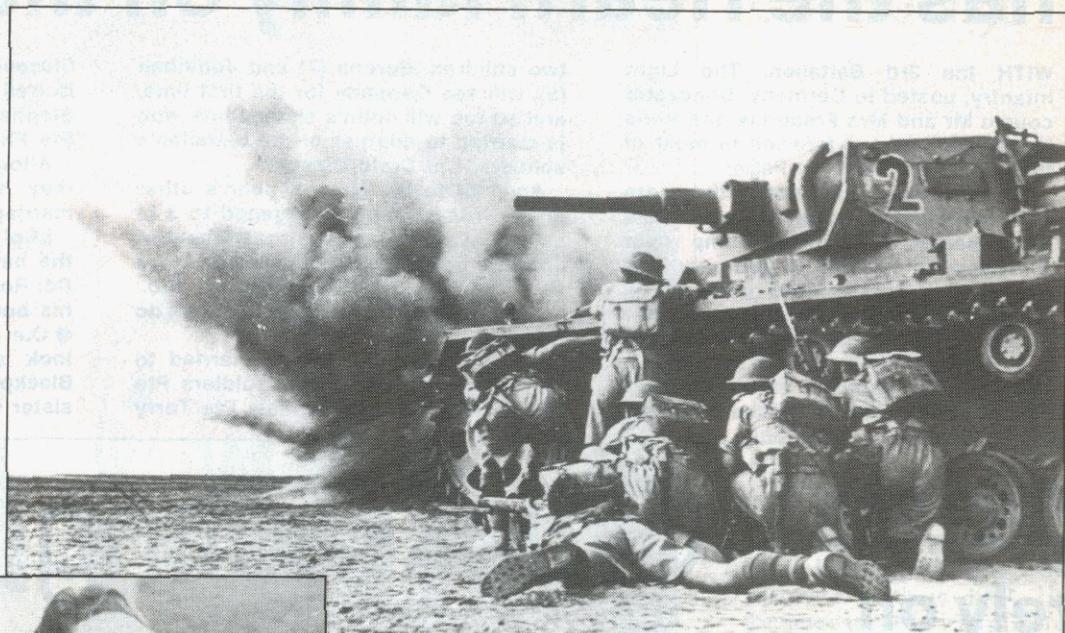


SSVC film strikes gold

Blessed are the film makers – particularly those at the Services Sound and Vision Corporation, which produces all the training movies for the Forces.

They struck gold on February 5 when a movie entitled *Fighting the Good Fight?*, looking at the work of the modern Army padre, took the

SOLDIER to Soldier



Above – Advancing troops take shelter behind a knocked-out tank in this set-up photograph taken during the campaign in North Africa. Left – **SOLDIER** photographer Sgt Des O'Neill

top award in a competition run by the International Visual Communications Association.

Producer Anne Carroll led a team of eight, including commentator Andrew Sachs – Manuel from *Fawlty Towers* – which created the film showing the chaplain's many roles: confessor, confidant, adviser, parish priest and battlefield hero.

Anne's Gold Award for Excellence was complemented by two nominations for her colleague, Roger Coy, one of which was an Army security film starring Jimmy Nail, Tim Healy, John Bird and Vicki Michelle entitled *Security (And All That)*.

QOH note of despair

The band of The Queen's Own Hussars, based at Hohne, West Germany, is blowing its own trumpet in an attempt to entice experienced musicians to its ranks.

It is taking the unusual step of appealing to experienced civilian musicians in its traditional Midlands recruiting area to sign on the dotted line. Woodwind and percussionists particularly welcome.

The band is currently six short and is expecting to lose

four more from its ranks later this year.

Somme hill sold to WFA

Two members of the Western Front Association made a 300-mile dash to Bapaume in France to buy a bit of history.

Chairman David Cohen and vice-chairman Dr Graham Keech took with them a 10 per cent deposit and signed a contract to purchase the Butte de Warlencourt, a hill on the Somme, on the WFA's behalf.

The association had planned to place a plaque on the site as part of its campaign to establish battlefield memorials in France and Flanders. When the farmer who owned the 60ft high Butte offered it to the WFA for £6,500 the opportunity was seized.

WFA president John Teraine told members the day after the purchase:

"Effectively, the Butte de Warlencourt marks, in a fashion that no other locality does, the final line of the British advance on the Somme in 1916. It symbolizes the tragedy and the triumph."

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4 Para in the picture

Officers of the 4th (V) Battalion, The Parachute Regiment based at Pudsey in West Yorkshire marked Para 90 – the celebrations to mark the famous regiment's 50th

anniversary – by commissioning an oil painting from Buxton artist Mr Kerry Ryan.

The painting depicts the battalion at one of its many FIBUA training sites.

Light Infantry's Paderborn posting has the Hearn family on the move

WITH the 3rd Battalion, The Light Infantry, posted to Germany, Doncaster couple Mr and Mrs Frederick and Irene Hearn were saying farewell to most of their family, writes Lynn Pegler.

Their two sons John and Anthony are both lance corporals in 3 LI which has been based at Wootton Camp near Blackpool since 1986. In February they packed their bags to move to Paderborn where the battalion will start a new role as part of the British Army of the Rhine.

But the two men will not be the only ones waving goodbye to Mr and Mrs Hearn. John's wife Stephane and their

two children, Serena (7) and Jonathan (5), will see Germany for the first time, and so too will John's sister Chris who is married to another of the battalion's soldiers, Cpl Craig Clasper.

And not to be left out, John's other sister, Irene Hearn, is engaged to 3 LI soldier LCpl William Munro, a friend of John's who actually joined the Army on the same day as him nine years ago.

And the Light Infantry connections do not end there.

Cousin Ellen Smedley is married to another of the battalion's soldiers Pte Neil Smedley; brother-in-law Pte Terry

Clasper and second cousin Pte Denis Burrell also serve with the battalion, and Stephane's sister Cathy is engaged to Pte Philip Monvoisin.

Altogether Stephane and John reckon they have been responsible for one marriage and three engagements!

LCpl John Hearn serves as orderly to the battalion's commanding officer, Lt Col Robin Brims, and Stephane acts as his housekeeper.

Our picture shows John taking a last look around Wootton Barracks near Blackpool with wife Stephane (centre), sister Chris Clasper and their children.

Ewe can rely on sappers

Quick-acting medic saves woman's life

A LIFE-SAVING action by an Army combat medic assisting the health authorities in London has been praised by a police chief. Pte Philip Higgins, a 21-year-old member of the Royal Army Medical Corps, normally based at Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire, was in an Army ambulance called to the Woolwich home of a 69-year-old woman.

She was experiencing breathing difficulties following influenza and it was decided to take her to hospital.

But about six minutes before reaching the hospital the patient suffered a heart attack and stopped breathing.

Pte Higgins immediately applied cardiopulmonary resuscitation within the restricted confines of the ambulance until the woman was taken into the care of the hospital staff.

She is expected to make a complete recovery.

Superintendent D E Justice, of the Metropolitan Police at Woolwich, has now written to the soldier's Commanding Officer, Lt Col Paddy Magee, of 24 (Airmobile) Field Ambulance, Catterick Garrison.

"The police officer present was impressed with the calm and professional manner in which Pte Higgins dealt with the incident and is of the opinion that but for his prompt action the woman would not have survived the journey to hospital," says the Superintendent.

Armed with boats, paddles, ropes and the *Good Ewe Guide* they set off from Harnham, Salisbury.

Farmer Keith Street, the owner of the black sheep, said: "It was great for the sappers to come along for black sheep. They must have felt a bit red-faced about it all."



Lt Col Paddy Magee (left) congratulates Pte Philip Higgins



Posthumous BEM for Cpl George

A British Empire Medal has been awarded posthumously to Cpl George Logovani who died last year on a visit to his native Uganda.

"Corporal George", as he was widely known, enlisted in the RAMC in 1950.

In 1984, while serving in Aldershot, he was assigned as personal medical orderly to the then aged Fd Marshal Lord Harding who was living alone and had just suffered a broken hip.

George, one of 23 sons of a Ugandan farmer, devoted the next five years to caring for Lord Harding until the field marshal's death in 1989. He became a trusted friend of Lord Harding and was widely regarded for his caring devotion.

The BEM was presented by Fd Marshal Lord Bramall to George's two nieces, Mitume (15) and Ajema (11), who are pupils at a Brecon convent.

Lowland Gunners disarm the Danes

THIRTY-ONE members of 129 (Dragon) Battery, part of 40th Field Regiment Royal Artillery - "The Lowland Gunners" - helped simulate plenty of war realism for the Danish Officer Training Academy.

They were taking part in Exercise Odin Ajax 11, which gives BAOR units a chance of exchange training with the Danish Army.

British soldiers provided an enemy hunter force platoon for ten days under command of the Jaegerkorps, Denmark's elite Long Range Recce Group which each year co-ordinates a patrol exercise for the cadets.

At this stage, cadets are halfway through their training. In the exercise they operated as three platoons put through a series of testing phases against an "enemy", covering ambushes, patrolling, infiltration and interrogation.

At one time the hunter force was defending three bridges,



Bdr David Squire of 129 Battery recovers from another desperate mission

prepared for demolition, and in two attacks cadets managed to get close enough to cut the detonating wire.

In another incident, it all seemed to be happening at the same time around the Command Post - explosive charges were detonating, loud radio traffic, including enemy propaganda, was played over

speakers, and sounds of war were portrayed to add realism.

On the final day the hunter force ambushed one platoon at a time. After the "prisoners" had been laid out along the roadside and disarmed, Danish Military Police closed in, and the cadets were handcuffed and hooded, bringing the exercise for the Class of '89 to an end.

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AMF(L) role to be relinquished

THE 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own) based in Tidworth are to be posted to Wolfenbuttel, BAOR, in a direct exchange with the 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards.

D Sqn spends between four and five months of each year outside Britain as part of the UK contingent to Allied Command Europe Mobile Force (Land) -

AMF(L) - deploying to the flanks of Nato in Norway, Denmark, Turkey and Italy.

The rest of the year soldiers train for their next deployment and also take part in regimental training programmes and duties.

It is a semi-independent squadron of 115 all-ranks, with four Sabre troops, a guided weapons troop, a support troop, a headquar-

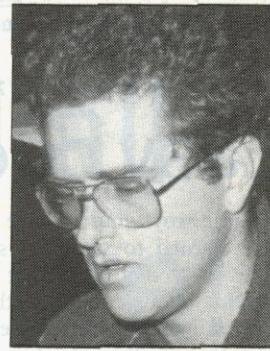
ters troop, and enlarged administrative and fitters troops.

It has eight Scimitars, eight Scorpions, four Strikers, one Spartan, two Sultans and several Hagland BV 206.

The squadron had been in its AMF(L) role for three years, and will relinquish it in 1991 when QDG takes over from 13/18 H.



**With D Sqn,
13/18 H on
Ex Hardfall**



Above - Maj Marcus Keane, the Squadron Leader. Left - D Squadron newcomers on the nursery slopes discover it's not as easy as it looks

Gently does it

TRAINING and exercising in Norway bring to life the excitement, travel and adventure that Army recruiting posters promise, but as enjoyable as the visits are to the land of the mythical troll, they are certainly no winter junkets.

It is true that you learn to ski in the Army's time... and the local overseas allowance is welcome. But during a five- or six-day trek with a 100lb bergen to carry, you are not too interested in the après-ski (if there were any) after a nine-hour night-time skiing stint.

You learn to dig a snowhole for overnight cover. With temperatures that can drop to minus 30 and below, it is not the sort of bed-and-breakfast accommodation holiday brochures drool over - and it is certainly not for the claustrophobic.

Force 12 blizzards can blow up without warning, and if you get your feet wet, a change of socks is essential to avoid trench foot, frost nip or frostbite. Self-discipline is vital and you have to work to the rules to survive.

Soldiers well used to operating Scimitars

and Scorpions in the temperate climate of the United Kingdom find their vehicles suffer, too. They freeze! Then there are problems observing the fall of shot when the light reflects off the snow on a bright day, and heat and smoke from the barrels can obscure the view.

D Squadron, 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own), based at Tidworth, have become regular visitors to Norway as part of the UK contingent to Allied Command Europe Mobile Force (Land) - AMF(L) - which deploys to the flanks of Nato in Norway, Denmark, Turkey and Italy.

As the only armoured element of the AMF(L), it is a critical unit.

D Sqn does two months' training each year in Norway. A SOLDIER team visited them on Exercise Hardfall at Rinnleiret, where they were training in Arctic survival and Arctic warfare. This was in preparation for Array Encounter, an AMF(L) exercise involving the rest of the Nato units, in northern Norway.

The Squadron Leader, Maj Marcus

Keane, explained that soldiers have to be taught to survive in the Arctic and then how to operate in the conditions. Those who have been before go on a continuation course.

Survival training includes spending a night out in a five-man tent, followed by a night in a tent sheet. Here, two or three canvas sheets are buckled together to form a cover. A hole is dug in the snow and the cover put over it.

The third night is spent with no cover. Soldiers are given only a sleeping bag and survive in what shelter they can find under trees, or anywhere out of the wind.

The fourth night is spent in a snow hole which soldiers dig themselves.

Maj Keane emphasised: "Self-discipline has to be high; hygiene has to be exemplary."

"For 80 per cent of the squadron who have not deployed here before, learning to ski is one of the main objectives. I believe it takes three tours to be really competent, because as well as learning to ski, you have to master carrying a loaded bergen, which is an incredible burden."

**Words:
Jennifer Griffiths
Pictures:
Mike Perring**



They could never be mistaken for the Bluebell Girls! Skiers show a leg, encouraged by instructors Cpl Sid Hurley and LCpl Gob Holmes (third and fourth from left)

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Easy does it

"It destroys your balance just when you have learned to stand on skis."

He said that operating vehicles was difficult because most of the roads were covered in sheet ice and very dangerous, even though the wheels and tracks are studded for grip. They were limited to operating on roads and tracks cleared of snow, or in snow no deeper than 18in.

"If it is any deeper than that, the vehicles tend to 'belly' on the snow, and the tracks lose their traction. Operating on the vehicles may be pretty restricted. That is why we have to train to be able to operate on our feet as well."

He praised the standard of kit they were using. The squadron was trialling a Norwegian overboot made in plastic to cover a ski boot. It was proving "an extremely good bit of kit".

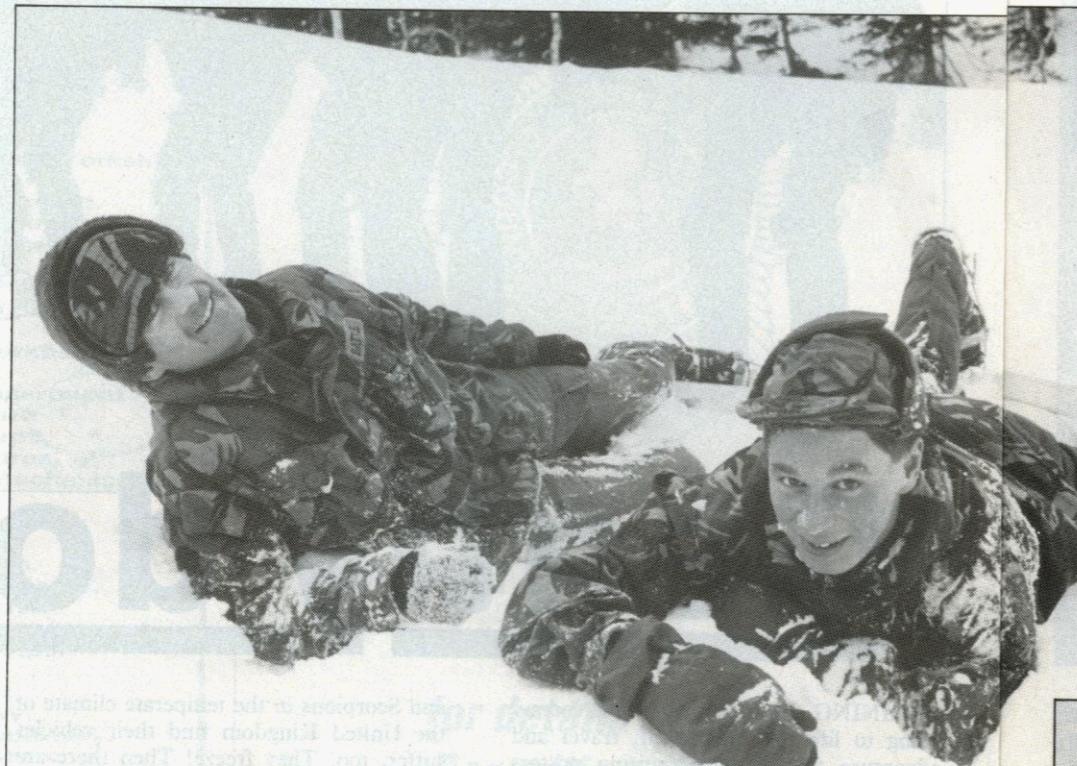
Soldiers working in Arctic conditions are on a ration of 5,000 calories a day because the cold weather means the body burns up many more calories than in a temperate climate.

D Sqn has always been careful not to leave unwanted reminders of their visits. A record is kept of all the areas they have used and each June a party of soldiers returns to tidy up.

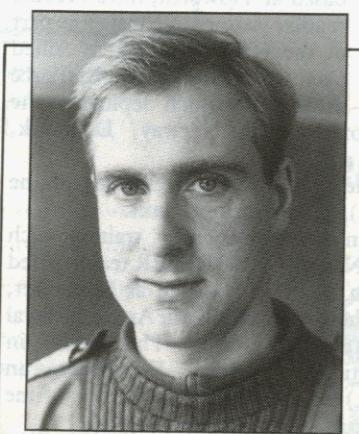
Because the camp is fairly remote, transport is laid on three times a week for soldiers to use local facilities such as saunas, gyms, swimming pools and discos, at Verdal and Levanger.

In the four years the squadron has been visiting Norway, it has built up an excellent reputation with the local people. Maj Keane said: "We are received extremely well, and the Norwegians often visit our canteen."

"Part of the enjoyment of being here is the exchange of culture, and as we became more integrated, we offered to visit local schools to give talks to pupils about expeditions and adventure training, to give English lessons and to help with conversational English."



The fall guys are Cpl Peter Battle (left) and Pte Jason Pace. Pte Pace was on attachment from 2 LI



Huntsman by name

Capt Robin Peel (pictured left) of D Squadron 13/18 H, is the great-great-grandson of John Peel, the famous North of England and huntsman immortalised in the song *D'ye Ken John Peel*. John Peel (1774-1855) came from Cumbria and the Blencathra Hunt of which he was a member still carries that name.

Robin is his direct descendant, and following tradition, his brother – as the first-born son – is named John. The family have a number of artefacts belonging to their famous ancestor, including whips, a hunting horn and diaries.



Another fine mess... Sgt Rod Curran (left) and Sgt Geordie Waites ponder their next move after their Scorpion got stuck in deep snow



**With D Sqn,
13/18 H on
Ex Hardfall**

Ditched – and all down to a picture!

A SOLDIER team was able to see first-hand the dangerous conditions caused by cold weather, the problems it brings and how D Squadron 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own) was able to overcome them.

Vehicle training takes place in an area known as The Plateau, about 50 kilometres from the camp and 350 metres above sea level.

Here they practise driving and tactical manoeuvring, which can bring an unexpected outcome for even the most experienced crews. That is what happened when vehicles turned out for a photocall. A Scimitar and a Scorpion ended up in the ditch!

Sgt Rod Curran explained: "We were moving down a sloping bend at about 20mph with a Scimitar leading. It

caught its track in the soft snow, pulling the vehicle into the deep snow.

"The Scorpion hit the same rut, braked hard to avoid the Scimitar and ended up in the ditch as well."

A BV 206 was brought in, but was unable to recover the vehicles. As darkness fell, further recovery attempts were put off until daybreak. It meant that crew members – Sgt Curran, Sgt Gerry Waites, Tpr Pat Buxton and Tpr Sean Moxon – had to camp out for the night on guard.

The next day a BV 206 was used to flatten the snow and a Samson was brought in to recover the vehicles.

Gunners face some unusual problems in extreme weather. Lt Adrian Phillips, Regimental Gunnery Officer, explained: "All the problems you have in a temperate climate are exaggerated. The equipment is colder, the sights tend to freeze up, and it is difficult to pick up cold rounds with cold hands."

"Observing the fall of shot down range is more difficult on an all-white expanse. Snow melts into the machinery and freezes moving parts. Even oils behave differently."

Left – Back on the road. A Scimitar followed by a Scorpion keep on the straight and narrow



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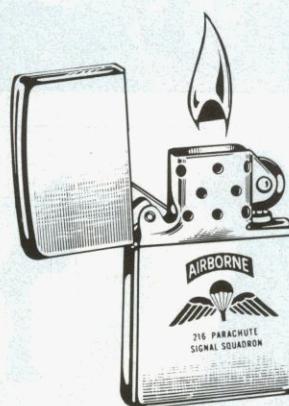
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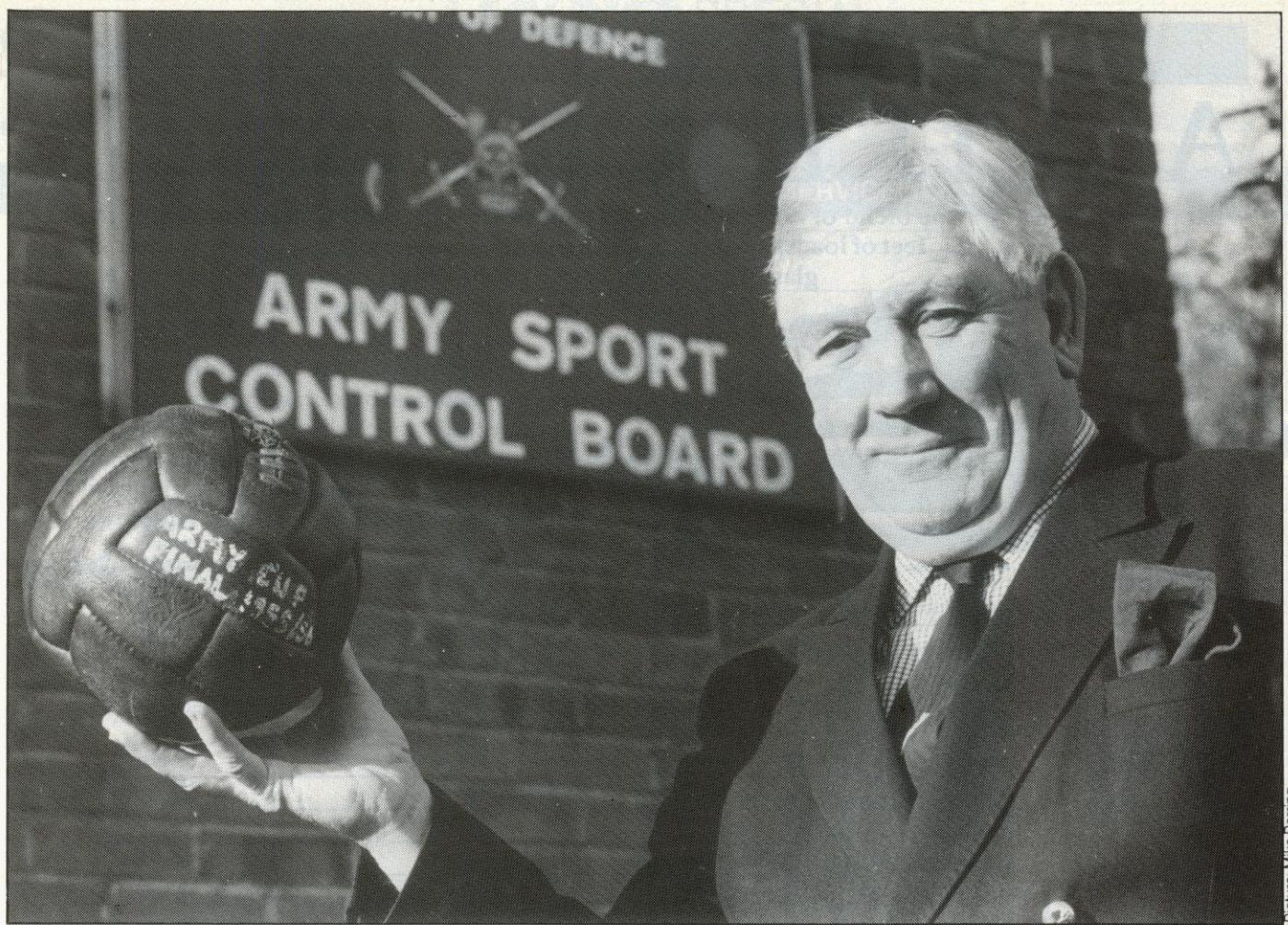
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Maj Gen Alan Yeoman, who has always been a keen sportsman and is Director of the Army Sport Control Board, is pictured with the football used in the Army Cup

Final, 1955/56. As a former Royal Signals officer, the result was particularly pleasing – the 2nd Training Regiment, R Signals beat The Argyll and Sutherland Highland-

ers 3-2. "When I was a choirboy, I remember singing carols at Christmas to earn money for the choir team to buy a football just like this one," he recalled.

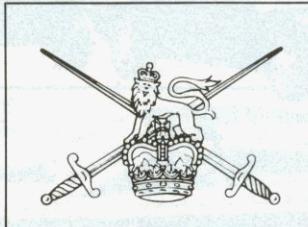
At the helm of the sport revolution

ARMY sport has witnessed and benefited from one of the biggest growth industries in recent years – the massive increase in sponsorship.

While the Army Sport Control Board has continued to make annual grants to its various associations – generally well below inflation each year – it has seen sponsorship grow to the point where it now accounts for about three-fifths of what is spent on Army sport.

Director of Army Sport, Maj Gen Alan Yeoman explained: "This year we made grants totalling £23,000 from non-public funds. Sponsorship brought in a further £30,000 to £40,000."

Board cash comes from its own trust fund, the Army Central Fund (which comes from Naafi rebate), and shrewd investments. Gen Yeoman said it was difficult to give sponsorship's precise



value because so much was given "in kind", such as sports strips.

The board recognises 35 male sports associations, plus those under the umbrella of the Army (Women's) Central Sports Committee. Within these are 45 different disciplines for men (20 played by Combined Services) and 20 for women.

Recognition brings a number of benefits to a sport. It means servicemen are "on

duty" when they are taking part and are insured. For team pursuits there are mileage allowances. Running costs of buildings may be waived.

If you want to get your sport recognised, you simply apply to the board. But Gen Yeoman acknowledged it was an uphill struggle. On average two are considered every year, and currently being reviewed are triathlon and sub-aqua.

Gen Yeoman said: "For a new sport to get on the list one has to come off. It is quite difficult to get a sport recognised."

"If a new sport can be linked with one already on the list – such as water polo and diving with swimming, or hang gliding with gliding – we

will do that." The general finds that socially he can never forget work.

"People are always bending my ear back about sporting matters, quizzing me about results and trying to get tickets."

"They always associate you with their particular sport. You tend to be seen as an expert on everything, and you can never switch off from work."

Gen Yeoman has been an Honorary Colonel of 37 (Wessex and Welsh) Signal Regiment (V) for the past three years. His last post before retirement from the Army was Commander Communications BAOR.

by Jennifer Griffiths

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	2 years	21.92	21.92
	3 years	23.97	23.97
2Lt (SSLO)	On commissioning	21.05	21.68
	After 9 months	22.49	23.16
2Lt		28.32	28.90
Lt	On appointment	37.27	38.04
	1 year	38.25	39.04
	2 years	39.24	40.04
	3 years	40.22	41.04
	4 years	41.21	42.04
Capt	On appointment	47.44	48.42
	1 year	48.73	49.73
	2 years	50.01	51.04
	3 years	51.30	52.35
	4 years	52.58	53.66
	5 years	53.86	54.97
	6 years	55.15	56.28
Maj	On appointment	59.81	61.03
	1 year	61.29	62.54
	2 years	62.77	64.05
	3 years	64.24	65.56
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Cpl 2	Band 1	29.79	30.47
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	5 years	58.15	60.23	62.31
	6 years	59.19	61.27	63.35
	8 years	60.23	62.31	64.39
	10 years	61.27	63.35	64.39
	12 years	62.31	64.39	64.39
	14 years	63.35	64.39	64.39
	16 years	64.39	64.39	64.39

MALE OFFICERS REGULAR COMMISSION (LATE ENTRY) CAPTAINS ONLY

Rank	Service	Daily rate 1 Apr 90		Daily rate 1 Jan 91	
		1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91	1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91
Capt	On appointment	55.99	57.11	55.99	57.11
	1 year	57.01	58.15	57.01	58.15
	2 years	58.03	59.19	58.03	59.19
	3 years	59.04	60.23	59.04	60.23
	4 years	60.06	61.27	60.06	61.27
	5 years	61.08	62.31	61.08	62.31
	6 years	62.09	63.35	62.09	63.35
	8 years	63.11	64.39	63.11	64.39

LENGTH OF SERVICE INCREMENTS (LSI)

Rank	Daily Rate - 1 Apr 90				
	9 Yr	12 Yr	15 Yr	18 Yr	22 Yr
Pte	0.59	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86
LCpl	0.59	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86
Cpl	0.59	0.86	1.02	1.02	1.02
Sgt	0.75	1.02	1.28	1.50	1.50
SSgt	0.75	1.02	1.28	1.77	1.77
WO2	0.75	1.02	1.28	1.77	1.98
WO1	0.75	1.02	1.28	1.77	2.30
	Daily Rate - 1 Jan 91				
Pte	0.60	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90
LCpl	0.60	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90
Cpl	0.60	0.90	1.05	1.05	1.05
Sgt	0.75	1.05	1.30	1.55	1.55
SSgt	0.75	1.05	1.30	1.80	1.80
WO2	0.75	1.05	1.30	1.80	2.05
WO1	0.75	1.05	1.30	1.80	2.35

COMMITTAL PAY No change

JUNIOR ENTRANTS

Age	Daily rates		Daily rates	
	1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91	1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91
17.5 and over	17.45	17.96		
17 but under 17.5	13.19	13.58		
16.5 but under 17	10.87	11.19		
16 but under 16.5	9.74	11.19		

Note that last two rates of junior pay merge on 1 Jan 91

● The pay for doctors and dentists will be the subject of a separate report.

ADDITIONAL PAY

Daily rates of additional pay have been increased as follows:

Officer pilots and flying instructors

	1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91
Under training	Nil	Nil
Initial rate	7.08	7.08
Middle rate	11.64	11.90
Top rate	13.66	17.97
Lt Col after 6 years	11.64	17.00
Lt Col after 8 years	N/A	16.00
Colonel on aptt	8.73	15.00
Colonel after 2 years	N/A	14.00
Colonel after 4 years	N/A	13.00
Colonel after 6 years	N/A	11.50
Colonel after 8 years	N/A	10.00
Brigadier	5.82	6.00

Soldier pilots and flying instructors

	1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91
All ranks	Initial Rate	7.08
	Middle Rate	11.64
	Top Rate	13.66

Parachutists

	1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91
All Ranks	2.61	2.67

Parachute jumping instructors

	1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91
All Ranks	3.48	3.56

Air Despatch Pay

	1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91
Under Trg/Lower Rate	2.40	2.45
High Rate	3.88	3.97

RCT helicopter crews

	1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91
All Ranks	2.40	2.45

Aircrewmen

	1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91
All Ranks	Initial Rate	3.43
	Middle Rate	7.58
	Top Rate	8.90

SAS

	Lower Rate	Higher Rate
1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91	1 Apr 90
All officers and WO1	11.60	11.86
WO2, SSgt, Sgt	9.30	9.51
Cpl and below	7.56	7.73
		12.18
		12.45

Work of an objectionable nature

	1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91
All Ranks	1.02	1.05

Falkland Islands pay

	1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91
All Ranks	3.16	3.20

Northern Ireland pay

	1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91
All Ranks up to incl Brig	3.16	3.20

Gurkha Service pay

	1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91
Lt Col and above	4.01	4.10
Major	3.48	3.55
Capt	3.00	3.05
Lt/2Lt	2.51	2.55

Gurkha Language pay

	Lower Rate	Higher Rate
All ranks	0.37	0.40

All ranks	per test	£	£
Sea command money			
All officers/WOs		1.00	1.00
Academy Sergeant Major, Sandhurst		4.08	4.16
Special Communications pay			
Sgt to WO1		5.56	5.69
Sgt to Cpl		4.16	4.26
Divers			
All ranks	Category	£	£
ACAD	1	2.00	2.05
UDS: Army	2	3.97	4.06
AAD	3	5.49	5.61
ADS	4	9.76	9.98
ADI	4	9.76	9.98
Separation Allowance			
UK and NW Europe		2.25	2.30
Elsewhere		2.84	2.90
Work in unpleasant conditions			
Soldiers only		0.45	0.45
London Pay			
	Inner London	1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91
	Outer London	1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91
	£	£	£
Basic Rate	2.18	2.18	1.23
Additional Housing Rate	1.24	1.26	0.49

OFFICERS OF QARANC* AND WRAC** MAIN SCALE

Rank	Service	Daily Rate	Daily Rate
		1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91
2nd Lt			
Lt	On appointment	28.06	28.64
	After 1 year	36.93	37.70
	2 years	37.90	38.69
	3 years	39.86	40.67
	4 years	40.84	41.66
Capt	On appointment	47.01	47.98
	After 1 year	48.29	49.28
	2 years	49.56	50.58
	3 years	50.84	51.88
	4 years	52.10	53.17
	5 years	53.37	54.47
	6 years	54.65	55.77
Maj	On appointment	59.27	60.48
	After 1 year	60.74	61.97
	2 years	62.20	63.47
	3 years	63.66	64.97
	4 years	65.13	66.46
	5 years	66.59	67.96
	6 years	68.05	69.46
	7 years	69.52	70.95
	8 years	70.98	72.45
Lt Col	O/A with less than 19 yrs service	81.49	83.14
	2 yrs in rank or 19 yrs service	83.63	85.33
	4 yrs in rank or 21 yrs service	85.77	87.52
	6 yrs in rank or 23 yrs service	87.91	89.71
	8 yrs in rank or 25 yrs service	90.05	91.90

* Includes officers aged under 29 on commissioning from the ranks

** Not officers of the Reg commission (LE) Capt

OFFICERS OF THE WRAC REGULAR COMMISSION LATE ENTRY

Daily Rates of pay
(In lieu of the rates shown in the Pay Warrant 1964, Article 385b)

Rank	Service	Daily Rate	Daily Rate
		1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91
Capt only	On appointment	55.48	56.59
	After 1 year	56.49	57.62
	2 years	57.50	58.65
	3 years	58.51	59.69
	4 years	59.52	60.72
	5 years	60.53	61.75
Capt only	6 years	61.53	62.78
	8 years	62.54	63.81

**WRAC OFFICERS COMMISSIONED FROM RANKS (SSC LE)
QARANC COMMISSIONED FROM THE RANKS AGED 29 AND OVER**

Comm Svc Lts & Caps	Soldier Service					
	Under 12		12 but under 15		15 and over	
	1 Jan 91	1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91	1 Apr 90	1 Jan 91	1 Apr 90
On Comm	£	£	£	£	£	£
1 year	51.12	50.18	53.86	52.84	56.59	55.48
2 years	52.49	51.51	55.23	54.17	57.62	56.49
3 years	53.86	52.84	56.59	55.48	58.65	57.50
4 years	55.23	54.17	57.62	56.49	59.69	58.51
5 years	56.59	55.48	58.65	57.50	60.72	59.52
6 years	57.62	56.49	59.69	58.51	61.75	60.53
8 years	58.65	57.50	60.72	59.52	62.78	61.53
10 years	59.69	58.51	61.75	60.53	63.81	62.54
12 years	60.72	59.52	62.78	61.53	63.81	62.54
14 years	61.75	60.53	63.81	62.54	63.81	62.54
16 years	62.78	61.53	63.81	62.54	63.81	62.54
	63.81	62.54	63.81	62.54	63.81	62.54

* Not officers of the Reg Commission (LE) and SSCs awarded following the normal RMAS Course.

QARANC/WRAC

1 Apr 90

Rank	Less than 6 years			6 years but less than 9 years			9 years or more		
	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3
Pte Class 4	17.31	—	—	17.61	—	—	18.06	—	—
Pte Class 3	19.21	22.37	25.79	19.51	22.67	26.09	19.96	23.12	26.54
Pte Class 2	21.50	24.66	28.08	21.80	24.96	28.38	22.25	25.41	28.83
Pte Class 1	23.33	26.50	29.91	23.63	26.80	30.21	24.08	27.25	30.66
LCpl Class 3	23.33	26.50	29.91	23.63	26.80	30.21	24.08	27.25	30.66
LCpl Class 2	25.20	28.36	31.79	25.50	28.66	32.09	25.95	29.11	32.54
LCpl Class 1	27.14	30.30	33.73	27.44	30.60	34.03	27.89	31.05	34.48
Cpl Class 2	29.22	32.38	35.80	29.52	32.68	36.10	29.97	33.13	36.55
Cpl Class 1	31.37	34.53	37.96	31.67	34.83	38.26	32.12	35.28	38.71
less than 6 years									
	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 7
Sgt	34.28	37.70	41.45	—	34.58	38.00	41.75	—	35.03
SSgt	36.36	39.68	43.42	47.45	36.56	39.98	43.72	47.75	37.01
WO2	38.77	42.19	45.93	49.97	39.07	42.49	46.23	50.27	39.52
WO1	41.35	44.76	48.50	52.55	41.65	45.06	48.80	52.85	42.10
									45.51
									49.25
									53.30

1 Jan 91

Rank	Less than 6 years			6 years but less than 9 years			9 years or more		
	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3
Pte Class 4	17.79	—	—	18.09	—	—	18.54	—	—
Pte Class 3	19.75	22.98	26.49	20.05	23.28	26.79	20.50	23.73	27.24
Pte Class 2	22.11	25.34	28.84	22.41	25.64	29.14	22.86	26.09	29.59
Pte Class 1	23.99	27.22	30.72	24.29	27.52	31.02	24.74	27.97	31.47
LCpl Class 3	23.99	27.22	30.72	24.29	27.52	31.02	24.74	27.97	31.47
LCpl Class 2	25.84	29.07	32.58	26.14	29.37	32.88	26.59	29.82	33.33
LCpl Class 1	27.83	31.06	34.57	28.13	31.36	34.87	28.58	31.81	35.32
Cpl Class 2	29.89	33.12	36.63	30.19	33.42	36.93	30.64	33.87	37.38
Cpl Class 1	32.09	35.32	38.83	32.39	35.62	39.13	32.84	36.07	39.58
less than 6 years									
	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 7
Sgt	35.00	38.49	42.30	—	35.30	38.79	42.60	—	35.75
SSgt	37.01	40.50	44.31	48.44	37.31	40.80	44.61	48.74	37.76
WO2	39.58	43.06	46.88	51.00	39.88	43.36	47.18	51.30	40.33
WO1	42.20	45.69	49.50	53.63	42.50	45.99	49.80	53.93	42.95
									46.44
									50.25
									54.38

OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL ARMY CHAPLAINS' DEPARTMENT

Rank/length of service	Military salary	Rank/length of service		Military salary
		£	£	
Chaplain-General	42,358	After 24 years		32,237
Deputy Chaplain-General*	37,110	After 22 years		31,025
Principal Chaplain	35,255	After 20 years		29,813
Chaplain (Class 1)		After 18 years		28,601
After 2 years in the rank or on appointment with 24 or more years' service	33,449	After 16 years		27,390
On appointment with less than 24 years' service	32,237	After 14 years		26,178
Chaplain (Class 2)		After 12 years		24,966
Class 3		After 10 years		23,751
Class 4		After 8 years		22,535
After 26 years	33,449	After 6 years		21,320
		After 4 years		20,104
		After 2 years		18,889
		On appointment		17,673
* Army only				

VETERINARY OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL ARMY VETERINARY CORPS

Rank	Length of service	Military salary	Rank	Length of service	Military salary
Brig		£ 42,358			£
Col	After 8 years	38,964		17 years	28,623
	6 years	38,037		15 years	27,477
	4 years	37,110		13 years	26,331
	2 years	36,182		11 years	25,185
Lt Col, Maj, Capt	On appointment	35,255		9 years	23,933
	After 27 years	33,850		7 years	22,681
	25 years	32,832		5 years	21,429
	23 years	31,810		3 years	20,177
	21 years	30,788		1 year	18,925
	19 years	29,766		On appointment	17,673

ANNUAL RENTS

New annual accommodation basic rents are as follows:-

1 Apr 90

Married quarters (£ pa, weekly charge in brackets)

Type	Grade			
	1	2	3	4
Officers I	2331.09	(44.71)	2107.72	(40.42)
II	2093.47	(40.15)	1890.06	(36.25)
III	1819.11	(34.89)	1646.94	(31.59)
IV	1611.70	(30.91)	1458.53	(27.97)
V	1397.30	(26.80)	1266.13	(24.28)
ORs DWO	1101.96	(21.13)	997.74	(19.13)
C	1004.74	(19.27)	909.55	(17.44)
B	909.53	(17.63)	830.60	(15.93)
A	677.91	(13.00)	609.96	(11.70)

Single Accommodation (£ pa, weekly charge in brackets)

Type	Grade			
	1	2	3	4
Officers				
Maj and above	966.34	(18.53)	875.36	(16.79)
Capt and below	795.36	(15.25)	722.36	(13.85)
ORs:				
WO/SNCO	579.00	(11.10)	525.77	(10.08)
Cpl and below	318.36	(6.11)	290.38	(5.57)
Young Serviceman	240.15	(4.61)	214.40	(4.11)

The following facilities charge should be added for those in Service accommodation overseas (excluding Northern Ireland):

Married Quarters (£ pa)

Type	Grade			
	1	2	3	4
Officers I	2387	2157	1577	989
II	2143	1935	1413	887
III	1862	1686	1230	774
IV	1650	1493	1102	683
V	1431	1296	942	602
ORs DWO	1128	1022	756	467
C	1029	931	686	427
B	942	850	621	391
A	694	624	456	288

Single Accommodation (£ pa)

Type	Grade			
	1	2	3	4
Officers				
Maj and above	986	894	664	420
Capt and below	814	741	540	350
ORs				
WO/SNCO	591	537	398	252
Cpl and below	325	296	219	139
Young Serviceman	245	219	164	106

The following charges for water should be added, depending on circumstances:

Service accommodation in Scotland, paying local water charge - NIL

Service accommodation in Scotland, not paying local water charge; Service accommodation England, Wales or overseas (excluding Northern Ireland):

Add £80 per year per married quarter

Add £40 per year per unit of single accommodation

All additional charges are only payable by those liable for accommodation charges, and are effective Wef 1 APR 90.

Those serving in Northern Ireland who are liable to pay accommodation charges will pay a charge based on the basic rent, plus a rates element. The total will then be abated, giving a local Northern Ireland accommodation charge, which will be promulgated separately.

New food charges (£ per day)

1 Apr 90	All ranks	2.60 (no increase on 1989 charge)
MUA	All ranks	1.37
1 Jan 91		
Single	All ranks	2.60 (no increase on 1989 charge)
MUA	All ranks	1.40

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WHEN the Allies crossed the German frontier in November 1944 they came up against the then fabled Siegfried Line, or Westwall as the Nazis preferred to call it, and the momentum which had carried the British and US Armies from Normandy in just over five months was lost.

Not only was German resistance stiffening but winter was about to descend on Europe. For the first time in nearly 200 years, a British general was about to do battle on German soil.

The general was Brian Horrocks, the place was Geilenkirchen, and the battle, codenamed Operation Clipper, is the subject of *Assault on Germany: The Battle for Geilenkirchen* by Ken Ford.

Horrocks had two divisions with which to attack the Geilenkirchen salient: the British 43rd (Wessex) Infantry Division, which had been tempered in a hard and costly campaign since landing in Normandy, and the "on-loan" US 84th Infantry Division, newly arrived from its American training grounds. The infantry divisions were to be supported by an armoured regiment, The Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry, with elements of specialist armour, "funnies", from 79th Armoured Division.

Coverage of the battle is clear, concise and chronological, with situation reports at the end of each chapter. We are frequently taken down to platoon level and reading the accounts brings to mind the grim slog of First World War trench fighting. As then, neither side was significantly victorious and all units paid

Geilenkirchen: A grim old slog in the mud



Siegfried Line fortifications with (inset) Gen Horrocks

dearly for the few miles of ground that were taken.

On the evening of November 23 Operation Clipper came to a halt. "Some changes had been made at the highest level. The combined Anglo-American assault on the Siegfried Line was over.

"The whole thing was becoming an administrative nightmare . . . So Operation

Clipper finally stumbled to a close. The Anglo-American battle to break through the Westwall fortifications had come to a halt in the rain and the mud of a German winter. Its main objective, the elimination of the Geilenkirchen salient, had been achieved within two days of the start, but the rest of the action had gained little and had cost much."

Sir Brian Horrocks later assessed the battle as one of the hardest-fought actions of the whole war at battalion, company and platoon levels. Ken Ford has justified this assessment. – BJ

Assault on Germany: The Battle for Geilenkirchen by Ken Ford. Published by David & Charles. Price £9.95 hardback.

Unprofitable Naafi shops face the chop

IMPOSING Imperial Court in Kennington Lane, London was the location of the 20th all-ranks Army General Institute Committee (AGIC) annual meeting chaired by the Army's Director General of Personal Services, Maj Gen Patrick Stone, who revealed that a large number of Naafi establishments may be axed, writes Laurie Manton.

"How long in this day and

age can one run less well-attended Naafi shops and clubs situated in out-of-the-way places?" asked Gen Stone.

"A total of 105 establishments lose money, some £600,000 in total, and we will be taking a hard look at the problem."

This view was shared by Naafi's managing director, Brig (retd) James Rucker, who told the meeting they were looking

at the idea of turning individual barrack shops into one large leisure centre to serve a whole garrison.

Naafi's financial services were the subject of much discussion and Brig Rucker said: "As expected, following our decision 12 months ago to market our credit facility more aggressively, there has been a swing from using the old-style budget account to the charge

card, and a 25 per cent jump in revenue from the scheme which generated £20.8 million in sales last year."

More than 94,000 customers are now credit account holders, and although many commanding officers and senior officers faced with problems caused by unwise soldiers falling into debt had expressed a wish that the facility be curtailed, Naafi had no intention of withdrawing the

scheme. Naafi intends to keep its rate of interest two per cent below that charged by Access or Visa.

Since 1921, cash benefits returned to the Forces have totalled a staggering £2.5 billion at today's values. That includes £17.1 million handed back last year.

However, the past 12 months have proved a difficult trading year for Naafi which had to borrow heavily (increasing its borrowings from £6.3m to £27m) to implement its programme of improvements.

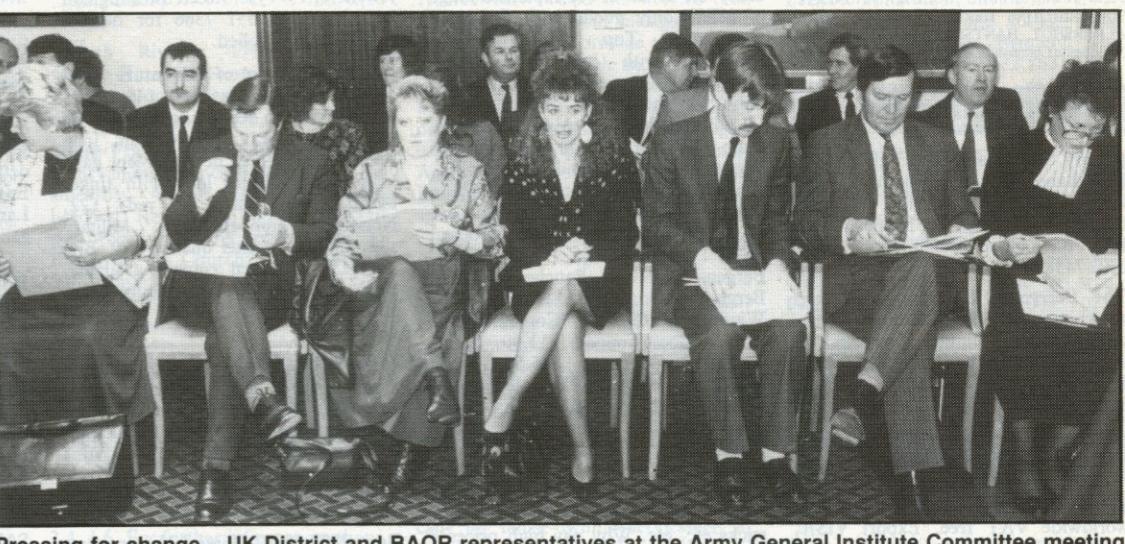
The cost of projects such as the Kempen Distribution Centre in BAOR had reduced its extra rebate contribution to the Central Welfare Fund to just over £500,000.

BAOR trading was particularly badly hit, due in part to a two per cent reduction in strength and problems caused by increased security. Although sales were actually up, the falling pound meant Naafi lost heavily on the exchange rate.

Naafi is now looking to the future and, although intending to continue its programme of improvements, will be implementing a number of far-reaching changes.

Instead of having a number of depots spread around the UK, it intends to centralise its operations and headquarters at Amesbury in Wiltshire.

Outstations like Naafi's main freezer depot at Aldershot are to be switched to the new West Country location and Imperial Court, Naafi's enormous headquarters building in Kennington Lane, London, is to be sold off. The cost-cutting scheme will save Naafi about £600,000 a year.



Pressing for change - UK District and BAOR representatives at the Army General Institute Committee meeting

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Privatisation study carried out

● Naafi could be privatised. A 90-day study of Naafi's operation has just been completed by the MoD's financial branch.

Said a BAOR delegate: "Our members stated unanimously that more was expected of Naafi, not just in terms of shops and clubs, but also of larger and better entertainment centres.

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Naafi to invest heavily in computer technology. It was one of the first to use computer systems in the 1950s but has lagged behind since.

Computer-linked ordering systems are to be installed in shops to give staff more time for customers.

Stock levels in BAOR-based Naafi shops were, for a period last year, at an unacceptable level.

Naafi is now looking to the future and, although intending to continue its programme of improvements, will be implementing a number of far-reaching changes.

"A one-off problem," says Naafi.

● Naafi trading manager Peter Lucas announced that an in-depth attitude survey of its customers had been carried out.

"We were looking for the opinions of our customers and are looking at ideas to change allocations. We will approach the Army Council and an announcement will be made later this year," he said.

● Abbey National, which installed micro-computers at most of Naafi's financial centres to ease and speed the service, turned down a suggestion that it offer the service to troops serving in Hong Kong.

● It was a case of third time lucky on the prospect of soldiers being able to purchase consumable goods with Naafi's credit card.

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● "Will the creation of a single European Market in 1992 lead to the ending of the Forces tax-free concessions on cars, and duty-free cigarettes, drinks and other goods?" was a question most commonly asked by Naafi's customers.

"Truth is no one knows," says Naafi. "Tax-free goods are probably the biggest single depressant on Local Overseas Allowance. If duty-free ends, then LOA would rise correspondingly."

● The question of refund of VAT on items bought in the UK for export or posting to Germany is being actively investigated by Naafi and a decision is expected soon.

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"I wish there was no need for ChildLine," a volunteer told me at the organisation's new premises provided by British Telecom in Islington, London.

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Benefit Centre in cracking good form

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I hope families will no longer face the delays which affected Sgt Ganly (see SOLDIER, January 1).

This speedy reaction by the DSS Child Benefit Centre at Washington, Newcastle upon Tyne in producing a new form is much appreciated.

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Above and right – Orderly chaos descends upon a Broomfarm estate kitchen as the major refurbishment programme gets under way

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Broomfarm wives' verdict

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The whole process takes

about three weeks, with a liaison officer calling beforehand to explain the process.

But the upheaval is worth it, with all those awful "boiler room" pipes tucked out of sight. A great improvement.

Tracy Smith showed me over her "new" home. She now has a palatial kitchen worthy of a spread in a women's magazine, especially after she completed the picture with carpet tiles and kitchen furniture.

All the families I spoke to thought the disruption had been well worth it.

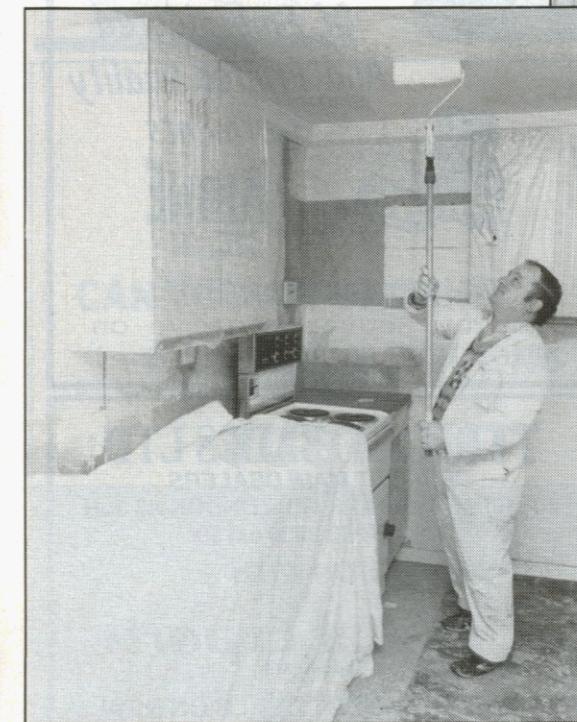
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Slow progress on status stamps

In a recent issue I reported that progress was being made on the issue of status stamps in the passports of Service wives.

"The problem," I wrote, "may soon be resolved."

I first raised the matter more than two years ago following a hijack during which terrorists used passengers' passports to identify their more "valuable" victims.

So the discussions drag on into a third year. Let's hope that by the end of 1990 a decision will have been made and that Service dependants can stop worrying about the status stamps in their passports when they are travelling.

ports. The Americans have always had a separate status stamp on a separate piece of paper.

Our individual Services appear to be agreed that a change can be made, but central staff legal experts disagree on the format. The problem now has to be sorted out with the German Government in Bonn.

Although gas central heating has replaced the warm air system I do question the wisdom of siting thermostats on the living room wall. Apparently it would cost

about £7,000 to move them into the hall, where they are placed in most modern houses.

The thermostat regulates the heating of the whole house, yet once the living room is warm the thermostat will switch off heating to the rest of the house. As the living room also has a gas fire, I feel the thermostats would have been better placed in the bathroom.

The Broomfarm estate quarters will all be classed as Grade 1.

Although gas central heating has replaced the warm air system I do question the wisdom of siting thermostats on the living room wall. Apparently it would cost

In fact there was never any money for that purpose in the first place.

Doors are being replaced with a glass top and a single wooden panel. If the fit is less than perfect there will be considerable loss of heat.

Two niggly points, I know, but in my view an excellent refurbishment programme could be further improved by the provision of better doors and re-sited thermostats.

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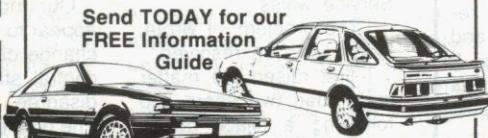


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At last summer's Rhine Army Show a lot of plucky soldiers risked their all to ride a "bull" provided by Grolsch, the lager people.

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The presentation took place at Naafi's Bulk Issue Stores at Sennelager.

For those not in the know, a mechanical bull is a specially designed contraption that simulates the size and actions of a real bull as trained and used in American rodeo shows.



more than £1,500 for their Cherise Appeal.

The money was handed over by organiser Capt John Gibson to Lt Col Tony Harrison of the Cambridge Military Hospital and will be used to purchase a negative-pressure ventilator specially designed by the National Heart and Lung Institute.

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being presented to the British Institute for Brain Injured Children.

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Eighty walkers from the **South London ACF** and the **8th (Volunteer) The Queen's Fusiliers (City of London)** completed a 16-mile Somme Walk around South London and raised £1,200 for the World War Memorial Fund inspired by Gp Capt Leonard Cheshire VC.

Gp Capt Cheshire recently returned from the Soviet Union with an agreement to open a Cheshire Home in Moscow. The Russians are also said to have agreed to make 100 million pens out of scrap metal from melted-down missiles.

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Park Lane Fair makes £30,000

A PROFIT of about £30,000 for the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops is expected from the annual Park Lane Fair which was visited by the Queen.

Leading Service was the Army so the Adjutant General, Gen Sir Robert Pascoe, was president of the event, with the Marchioness of Ailesbury the chairman.

Men of the Welsh Guards helped to set up the stands and assisted the Royal Military Police in providing security. Members of the Band of the Royal Artillery played throughout the day and The Life Guards and The Blues and Royals were represented during the Queen's visit.

boost the fund which aims to create a capital fund of £400m for the United Nations to use for immediate disaster relief.

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Aldershot Garrison's Fun Run in November raised nearly £1,689, most of which went to the Weston Spirit charity set up by former Welsh Guardsman Simon Weston. He started the annual event. The Army Benevolent Fund received £96.

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Old soldier Charlie Hankins is planning to raise £1m for the Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Servicemen at Richmond, Surrey. And the next event in his ambitious

project is a 950-mile marathon from Land's End to John o'Groats in a 50-year-old hand-operated invalid carriage.

Charlie, now 70 years old, lost both legs and an eye while serving with The Black Watch in North Africa in 1943.

And just to show that he really is still just a spring chicken, Charlie will end his journey with a parachute jump and dive into Loch Ness. Glasgow's Erskine Hospital for Disabled Servicemen will benefit too.

It won't be Charlie's first wheelchair journey from end to end. He completed the trip in 1986 and has already raised more than £250,000 for the Star and Garter.

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Sgt Maj Kevin Hulme of the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment is currently attached to the British Army Training Team in the Gambia where he has organised a sponsored run in aid of the Save the Children Fund.

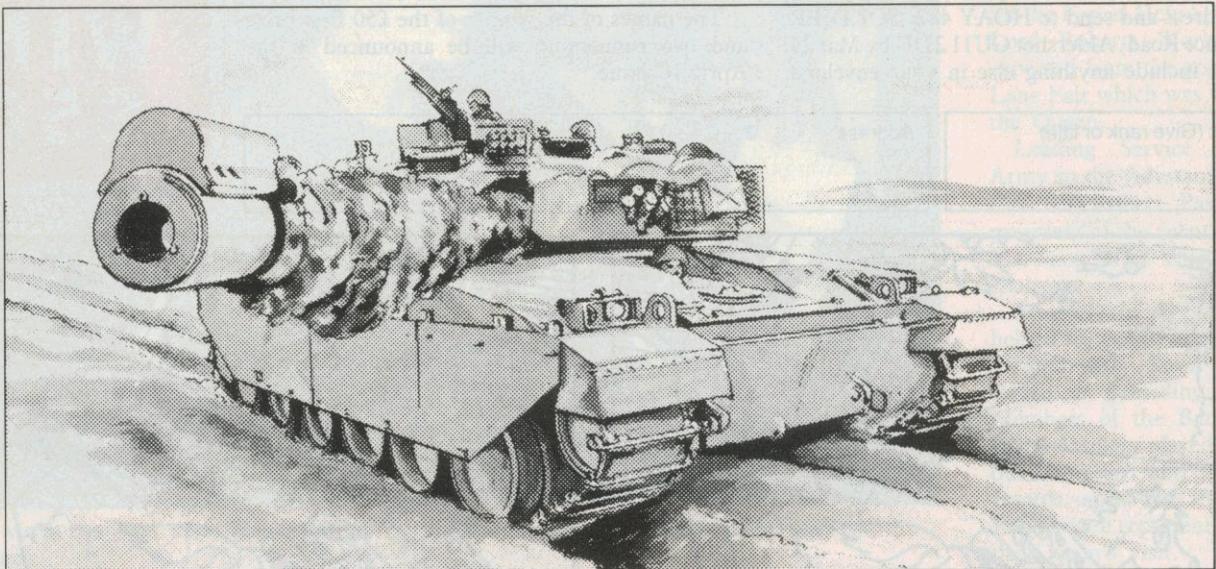
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Two Royal Air Force parachute instructors to the 4th (V) Battalion, The Parachute Regiment based at Pudsey, West Yorkshire, abseiled up and down Boots the Chemist in Leeds and raised £1,500 for a local hospice.

Sgts Mark Hyde and Graham Hughes keep 4 Para up to the mark on parachute and abseil techniques.

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A computer and software was presented to a York school for sufferers of cerebral palsy by men of the 1st Battalion, Yorkshire Volunteers, who raised £1,000 on a sponsored cycle race through North Yorkshire and Cleveland. LCpl Andy Boreham raised the most on the day - nearly £250.



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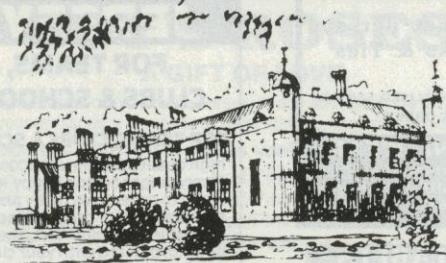
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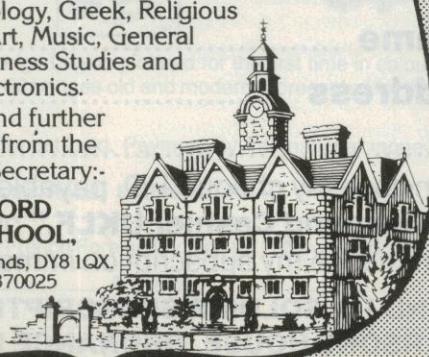
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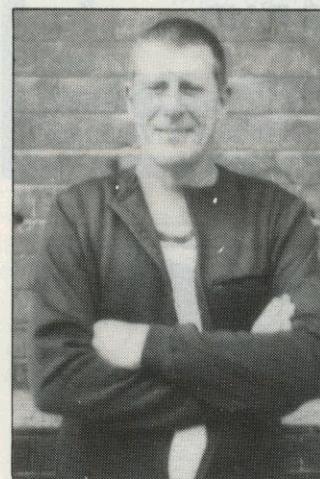
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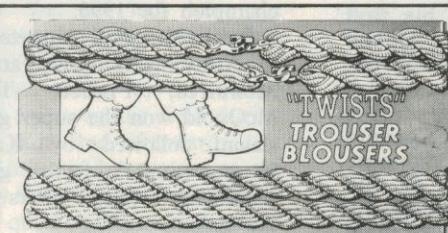
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SO BAD was the weather when normal time ran out on the Junior Soldiers Challenge Cup Final with the scores tied that both sides asked if they could share the trophy rather than play 20 minutes of extra time, writes Pat Massey.

The request was readily agreed by the Army FA

representative at the match, so both the Junior Leaders Regiment RA and the Junior Leaders Regiment RE will hold the Atlas Hydraulic Loaders-sponsored trophy for six months.

Kelly opened the scoring for the young gunners, Brown equalised and, after the break put the sappers ahead.

If anything, the gale increased in intensity, but the gunners fought back through rain driven horizontally down the park, only to go further behind when Petrie scored from the penalty spot.

Clarke brought them back into contention with a 30-yard blinder and Pickersgill equalised seconds before full time. Sgt Sandy Brown (R Signals)

scored the Army's goal direct from a corner kick.

With Wiltshire now on six points from their completed programme of four matches, and Cornwall unbeaten after two and due to entertain the Army, the soldiers face an uphill task if they are to retain the trophy for a third successive year.

Army women ski to victory



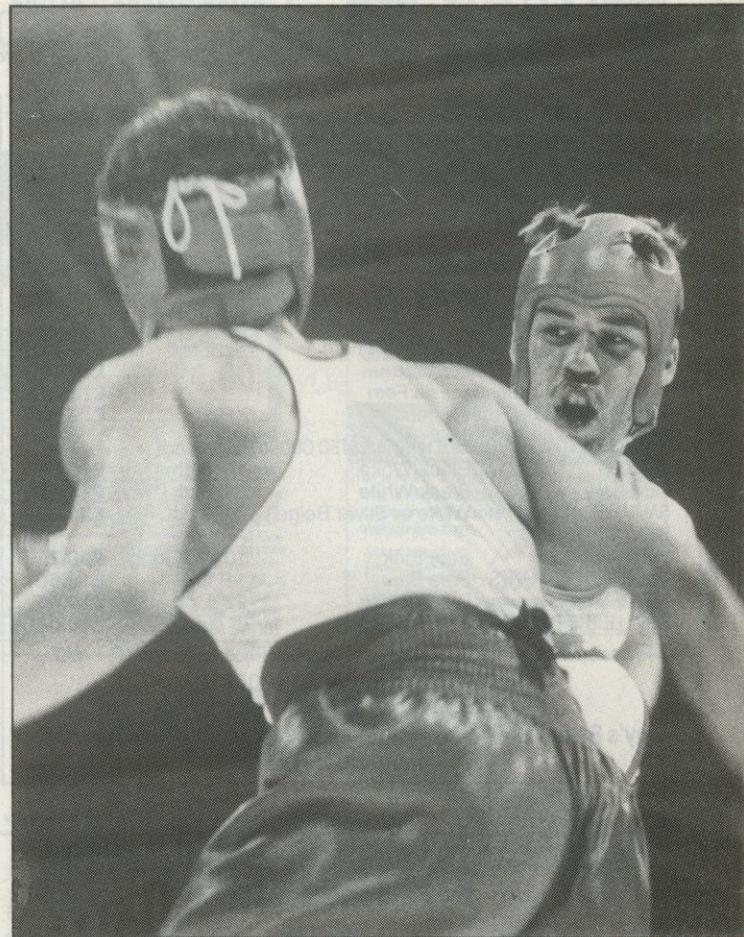
JSp Anthony O'Dea walked off with every single junior prize at the 3rd Armoured Division ski meet in Fulpmes, Austria.

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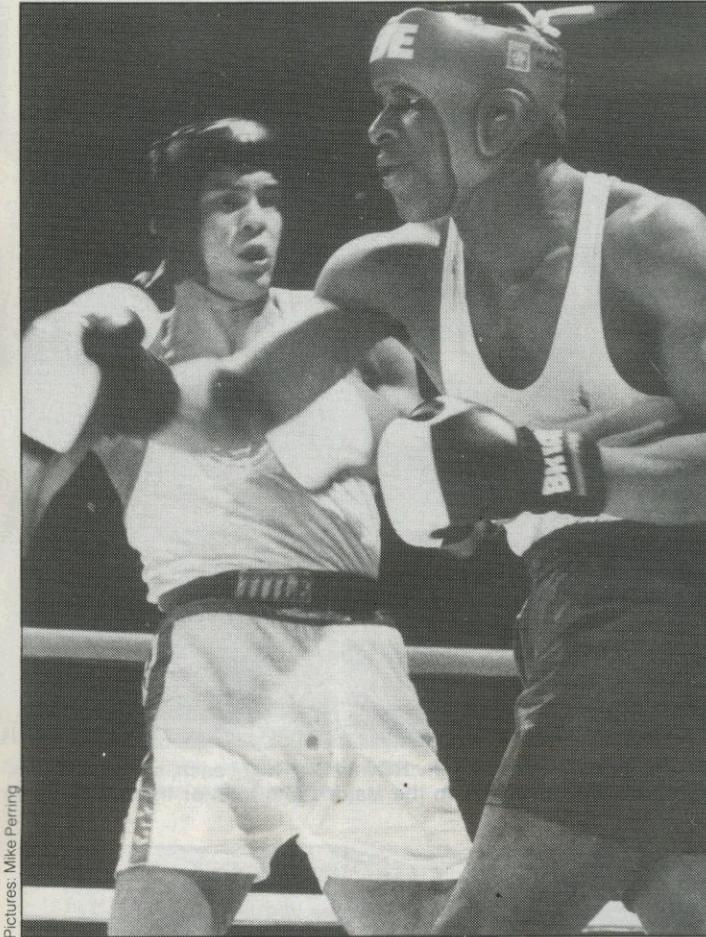
His team, Junior Leaders Regiment Royal Engineers from Dover won all the junior team prizes and in the gruelling 30km patrol race, recorded the fastest time of all, beating the best of the adult teams.

However, Sally Holt made no mistakes and emerged as the overall Army champion.

Narrow win for Army bobsleighers
BY A margin of 2.54 seconds, the Army won the 1990 Foster's British Inter-Service bobsleigh championships at Breuil Cervinia in the Italian Alps, despite the absence of top Army racers who were competing in the World Championships at St Moritz in Switzerland.



LCpl Sean Gallagher on his way to a superb victory over Combined Services champion AB Quinton Shillingford



LCpl Steve Burford (left) avoids a right cross from AEM Andy Shields before winning in the second round

Iffley Road riot shows team at its best

RECENT weeks for the senior Army XV have been very rewarding, writes John Quin.

Earlier they had competed in the Army championships at Les Menieres, France. Tana McQuoid won the super giant slalom followed by Karen Greer, winner of the giant slalom, while Niki Vickers won the slalom.

So the Army went to Cambridge knowing that nothing short of a win was acceptable. And how they did it! In gale conditions, the Army defended heroically against a very strong University side and in what turned out to be a remarkable team effort, came from behind to beat the light blues by ten points to seven.

Again, the University games were going to give indication as to how the three Services were doing in their respective build-ups to the 1990 Inter-Service championship.

The Royal Navy are doing well, having beaten Devon, but

things have not been going quite so well for the Royal Air Force. The evening before the Army lads were at Cambridge, the RAF had crashed to Leicester by 70 points to four, having lost to Rugby and Cambridge earlier in the month.

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It was a great effort and those prospective Army players who may think they have a right to a place in this side of all round

was, without doubt, the best Army performance of the season – until the following week when, with one or two enforced changes, the Army took on Oxford at Iffley Road.

Although it may not have been the best dark blue side ever to grace the famous park, that cannot detract from a remarkable team performance, the Army winning by 38 points to seven.

It could have been more, had the Army converted more than three of their eight tries.

There is no nonsense when Mrs Alison Entwistle, from the physio department at the Cambridge Military Hospital,

grafters, will, I believe, have to think again.

It is not just the 15 on the park that make this bunch so collectively good, but everyone in the set-up including selectors, coach and physio.

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Alison may have difficulties, however, at Twickenham, where the RFU has a strict rule concerning ladies going into the dressing room area.

Reign goes on as Navy make it easy

WITH the Army four bouts up before the National Anthem, there was little doubt that the men in red headgear were going to record their seventh successive Inter-Services team boxing championship in the decider against the Royal Navy at Aldershot, writes John Elliott.

The only question was by how big a margin?

When Pte John Culwick (23 Para Fd Amb RAMC) brought the light-middleweight contest to a premature end midway through the second round the Army were seven-nil up and the Navy were facing embarrassing annihilation.

ABA champion and Commonwealth Games bronze medal-winner Mne Mark Edwards overcame – but by no means overawed – Pte Glen Williams (23 Para Fd Amb) to break the Navy's duck, and fellow Royal Marine Les Hudson earned a second point with a majority decision over LCpl Carl Baker (5 AB Bde HQ and Sig Sqn) at light-heavyweight.

Heavyweight LCpl Steve Burford (RH) bided his time against Mike Tyson lookalike AEM Andy Shields before unleashing a series of damaging punches at the end of the first

round. The naval airman was retired by his corner a minute into the second round and the Army had won by the emphatic margin of eight bouts to two.

Captain-for-the-night Cpl Alan Lesbirel (2 RGJ) got the ball rolling at featherweight with a busy points win over Cook John Miller of HMS Neptune. Lesbirel snapped in a stream of punches to head and body, earning himself a unanimous decision.

LCpl John McLean (39 Engr Regt), just back from Auckland, LCpl Neil McCallum (10 Corps Tpt Regt RCT), Pte Pete Campbell (1 Staffords) and Spr Lee Innes (22 Engr Regt) merely had to walk across the ring to pick up their medals.

That meant the light-welterweight contest between LCpl Sean Gallagher (1 Staffords) and Combined Services champion AB Quinton Shillingford was only the second championship contest of the night. But it was worth waiting for. Gallagher, on his Services debut, boxed superbly to earn a majority decision.

He did so by achieving what many before him have failed to do – land effective punches on the elusive submariner. Gallagher turned the contest around with a jolting combination in the second round which had Shillingford in real trouble.

Although the sailor kept out of harm's way for much of the final round, it ended, significantly, with him hanging on.

Three special contests provided excellent entertainment for a packed Army Boxing Stadium before the Allied Beer Brands-sponsored championship bouts.

Dvr Steve Murray (27 Tpt Regt RCT) lost to Mne Brian McDermott at heavyweight, Pte Jamie Yule (1 PWO) beat AB Danny Machin in a quality light-welterweight contest, and Pte John Dowling (2 Para) had a terrific scrap with NABC finalist Mne Gary Grounds.

All three judges scored it 58-58, but gave the nod to the Marine for leading off.

King of the court – for 11th time

MAJOR Robbie Robinson has won the Army squash championship for the 11th time, writes Lance Brett.

He defeated Sgt Tom Pollard 9-1, 9-6, 9-1 in the final, in which the much-improved and determined Pollard led 5-3 in the second game.

But ultimately he was no match for ex-England international Robinson, who also carried off the Over 35 title by beating WO1 Billy Ratcliffe 3-0.

Little LCpl Mark Bell did well to beat the burly LCpl Dave Gallagher 9-5, 5-9, 3-9, 9-4, 9-2 to take the Under 25 title, and Lt Col John Woodliffe regained his veterans title by beating Capt Billy Miles 9-2, 9-4, 9-4.

The Royal Air Force won the Inter-Service tournament for the third year with a 3-2 victory over the Army after both Services had defeated the Royal Navy 5-0.

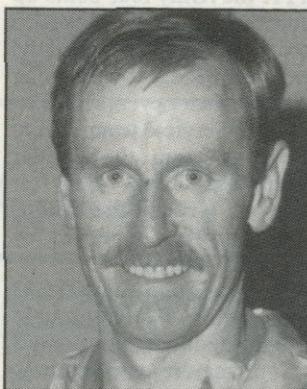
Hosted by the Navy at the Lee-on-Solent Club, the tournament was sponsored by Teachers Whisky.

On the first day the Army beat the Navy 5-0, the Army veterans won 3-2 and the Army U-25s recorded a 4-1 victory. The RAF also beat the Navy 5-0, their U-25s won 4-1 and the Navy veterans prevented a complete whitewash by beating their RAF counterparts 3-2.

Odds were reckoned to be about equal when the Army and the airmen squared up to each other on the final day of the tournament.

The RAF veterans won 3-2, but the Army U-25s hit back, winning 3-2 with a spirited deciding rubber in which Cpl Nigel Simpson beat Flt Lt Jepson 4-9, 9-6, 9-3, 6-9, 9-3.

But it was the airmen who won the major Inter-Services championship, the match turning on a memorable victory by Cpl Jim Lord over Robbie Robinson 9-10, 9-3, 8-10, 2-9. Tom Pollard beat Cpl Dave Clark of the RAF, but Flying Officer Martin clinched victory

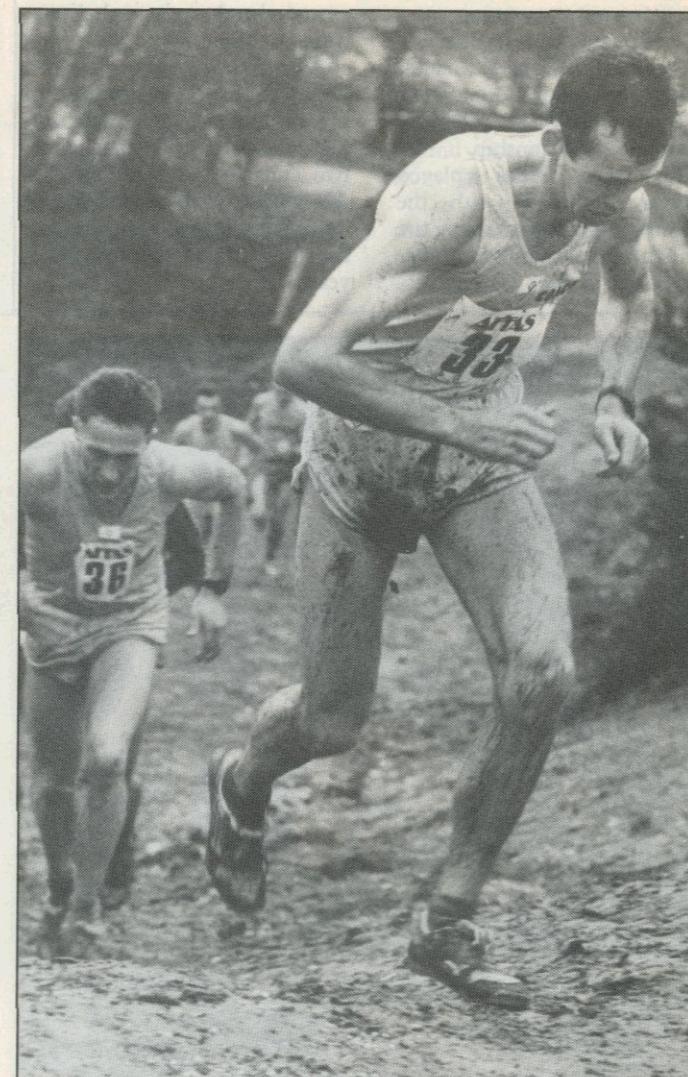


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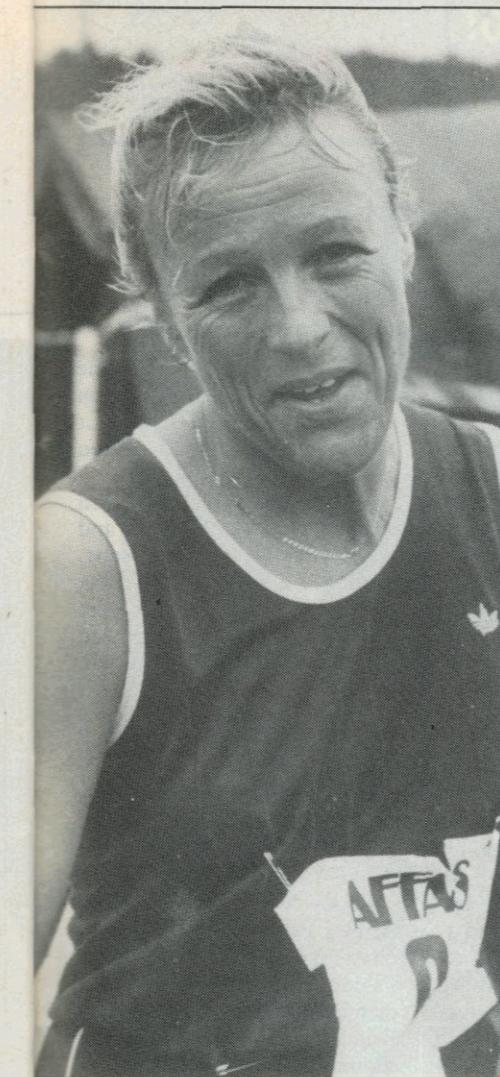
with a straight win over Gallagher.

Inter-Corps squash champions for the first time are the Royal Engineers, who broke the 12-year domination of this event by the RAOC and APTC.

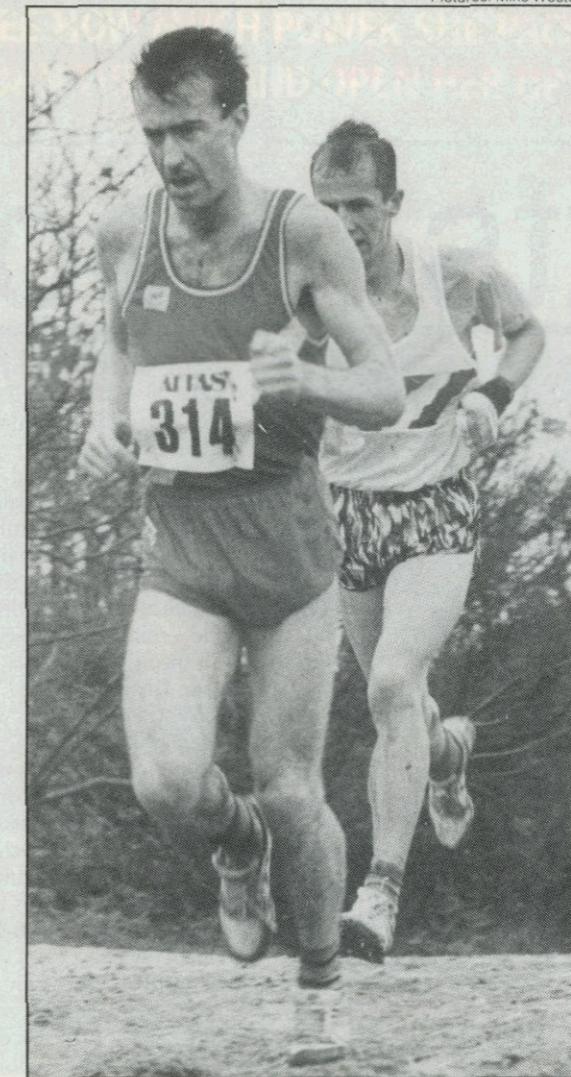
The trophy was carried away by a jubilant sapper team of Spr Nick Turton, WO1 Derek Collins, LCpl Mark Bell, Maj John Wootton and LCpl Nigel Hissey.



Sgt Bill Bailey, the 1 Armd Div HQ and Sig Regt coach, on his way to eighth place. His team won the Major Units title for the third year



SSgt Maggie Smith catches her breath after winning the women's title



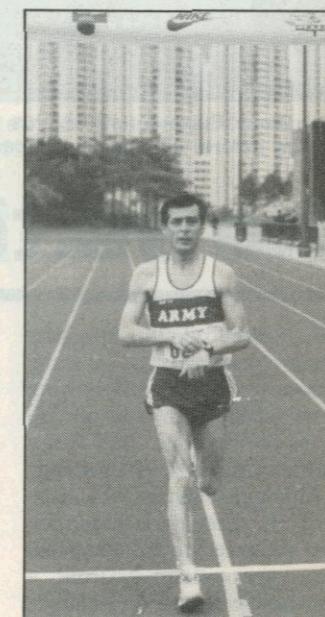
SSgt Geoff Wade leads LCpl Dave Neal on the final lap. Wade went on to record his fourth Army title

Marsh fourth in Hong Kong

CAPT Pete Marsh, RAOC, of 9 Ordnance Battalion at Corsham near Devizes, is a veteran of no fewer than 82 marathons, including those of London and New York, writes Robert Higson.

However, he doesn't turn 40 until the summer which meant that there was no veteran's trophy for him in the 1990 Hong Kong International Marathon. He had to be content with a certificate for fourth place.

Despite a recent Achilles tendon injury, Pete led home a team of five Army runners from Britain and Germany. But his time of 2hr 30.57mins was slower than previous Hong Kong marathons in which he has appeared and well below his best effort of 2hr 17mins at



Capt Pete Marsh crosses the line

the Inter-Services marathon held at RAF Swinderby in October. It was managed once again by Capt Ted Turner, APTC, who came second in 1983.

Wolverhampton in 1983.

All the Army runners found the conditions very trying as they toiled up and down the Tolo Highway in Hong Kong's New Territories.

Sgt Stephen Shepherd, of 264 Signal Squadron, was overcome by the effects of dehydration and dropped out only 800 metres from the finish.

Marsh was followed home by another member of 9 Ord Bn, Sgt Dougie Collins who came fifth in 2hr 32.17min.

Cpl Ken Chapman, FOD Dulmen in Germany, was tenth, nearly five minutes behind and LCpl James Clune of 1 PWR, the team's one infantryman, crossed the line in 15th position.

The team was selected from

Wade breezes in

GALE-force winds and driving rain didn't make life any easier for runners taking part in the Army cross country championships at Tweseldown race course near Aldershot.

And the conditions did no favours for the officials either. The race control marquee disappeared during one particularly violent blast, exposing trophies and paperwork to the elements.

Out on the course there was a terrific battle in the senior men's race between eventual winner SSgt Geoff Wade (APTC), serving with 38 Engr Regt, and LCpl Dave Neal (Ord Sqn Cdo Log Regt).

Wade, who won a vest for Northern Ireland last year, notched up his fourth Army championship when he finished

just ten seconds ahead of Neal.

The gap might have been even closer but for a fall by Neal on the final lap which lost him crucial ground. Neal, who is attached to the Royal Marines, was "discovered" by the Royal Navy last year when he ran in their cross country championships and finished second to Scottish international Chris Robison.

Third at Tweseldown, twenty seconds further back, was Maj Glen Grant (19 Fd Regt RA), himself a winner of this event on several occasions.

The all-conquering 1 Armd Div HQ and Sig Regt team from Herford, West Germany ran away with the Major Units title for the third successive year, finishing ahead of 1 PWO and 1 DWR, who were second

and third also for the third year in a row.

There was also a hat trick of wins for FOD Dulmen in the Minor Units event. They were followed home by 9 Ord Bn and PCD RE.

In the women's race Sgt Maggie Smith (WRAC Centre) recorded her ninth victory, finishing some distance ahead of Cpl Sue Sharpe (1/3 Trg Regt RE) who was involved in a good tussle with third-placed Pte Kim Holmes (53 Port Spt Sqn RCT).

WRAC Centre won the women's team prize ahead of RMA Sandhurst and Bielefeld Garrison.

The highly-promising Spr Paul Goble (42 Svy Engr Gp) won the junior race (17 to 20-year-olds) for the second

Staffords triumph

GRADE Two boxing champions in BAOR are 1 Staffords. They beat 1 RGJ by five bouts to four in a close-fought match at Osnabrück, West Germany. Turning point in the contest was at middleweight between LCpl Golbey of 1 Staffords and Rfn Waterhouse.

Both are Grade Three title-holders and produced the best bout of the evening, with Golbey winning on points to give the Staffords an unassailable 5-3 lead.

SEE team wins judo

WINNERS of the UKLF senior inter-unit novice team judo championships at ASPT Aldershot were the School of Electronic Engineering from Arborfield. RMAS were second with 9/12 L and AAC Chepstow sharing third place.

The junior competition was won by Junior Leaders' Regiment RE. The young sappers took first and second places with their A and B teams, and were followed by AAC Chepstow and AAC Harrogate in joint third.

year, with LCpl Kilbey (9 Ord Bn) and Pte Thomas (R Anglian) behind him. AAC Chepstow headed Princess Marianna College Arborfield in the team race.

The youths' (Under-17½) event was won by LCpl Grattan of JIB Shorncliffe who provided eight out of the first ten runners and so waltzed away with the team trophy ahead of Guards Depot Waterloo Coy and Army Apprentices College Chepstow.

JLdr Worthington and LCpl McKeown (both from Shorncliffe) were second and third.

The veterans competition was won by Maj Keith Arnold (3 AEC), followed by Capt Ted Turner (APTC, 3 Cadet Trg Team), and WO1 Les Wood (37 Sig Regt (V)).

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Watts in control

CAPT Nigel Watts (AAC) and Maj Julia Dixon (WRAC) both retained their trophies at the Army indoor tennis tournament held on the Army's indoor courts at Aldershot, writes Roger Henry.

The tournament, sponsored for the first time by the Pioneer Mutual Insurance Company, attracted the largest-ever entry which necessitated holding a qualifying tournament.

Notable performances in the qualifying event came from Lt Chris Jordan (1 A and SH), who won all his group matches, as did Col Brian Hopkin and Capt George Campbell (both RADC), and SSgt Davies (REME).

However, the final of the



Capt Nigel Watt

qualifying event was won by LCpl Alan Hall (R Signals) who beat Sgt Dave Catcheside (RADC) 6-3, 6-4. Both men got to the final after Hopkin and Jordan had to withdraw.

In the main competition the four group winners in the men's event, who went through to the semi-final stage, were

Nigel Watts, Cpl Eric Simpson (ACC), WO1 Bill Herlihy (RAPC) and Capt Alan Butterfield (RAEC).

Butterfield caused the main surprises of the tournament when he put out number 3 seed Maj Chris Braithwaite (15/19 H) 6-4, 6-3 in the group matches and then disposed of the number 2 seed, Eric Simpson, 6-4, 6-2 in the semi-finals.

Watts won his semi-final against Herlihy 6-4, 6-2 in a match which showed that Herlihy has made considerable progress during his tour to Cyprus and will be challenging for honours this summer.

Watts retained his trophy by beating Butterfield 6-1, 6-2 in a final which was not as one-sided as the score suggests.

In the play-off match for third and fourth places Herlihy beat Simpson 6-4, 6-3.

In the ladies' event the semi-final lined up Julia Dixon against Lt Anna Green, and Lt Sarah Hill against Lt Karen Stack.

In the first match Green showed plenty of promise and was, after a nervous start, leading 5-2 in the second set before nerves again took over and the more experienced Dixon came through to win 6-1, 7-5.

The second semi-final was a very close match with Hill winning 7-6, 6-2.

In the final Julia Dixon's experience and consistency proved decisive and she won 6-2, 6-4.

Prizes were presented by Army Lawn Tennis Association chairman, Brig Andrew Paviour, who retires as chairman in March to be replaced by Brig Barry Reeves, presently serving in HQ BAOR.

Bielefeld best

BIELEFELD Garrison were worthy winners of the Army Women's Inter-Unit badminton championships held at 1 Trg Regt RE, Gibraltar Barracks, Camberley. York Garrison were second while Dusseldorf Station finished third to emphasise the strong BAOR challenge.

Winners of the UK Inter-Corps tournament at the RAPC Centre, Worthy Down, were the Royal Engineers, who defeated REME, the outcome of the tournament being decided by the final rubber of the last match.

The sappers now represent the UK in the Inter-Corps final to be held for the first time in BAOR.

Outcome of the junior inter-unit badminton tournament at the Army Apprentices College Harrogate hinged on the third game of the final rubber between the home side and the lads from AAC Chepstow.

Chepstow triumphed when

Triathletes on the way

ARMY triathletes will be able to compete at the national, European and world championships thanks to the generosity of GKN Defence.

The makers of Warrior have agreed to sponsor the Army Triathlon Association for £2,000 a year over the next three years. ATA secretary Maj Graham Wilson, RAOC, received the first cheque from Mr Mike Docherty, Market Services Manager of GKN Defence.

App Tdsm Bishop and App Tdsm Hudson, the 1989 Army junior doubles champions, beat the less experienced AT Cpl Merchant and AT McMillan after a long, hard battle.

Semi-finalists were JLR RA and AAC Army Catering Corps.

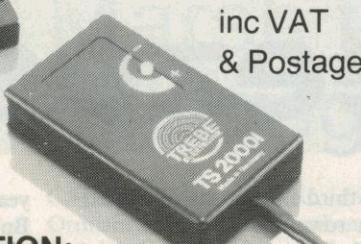


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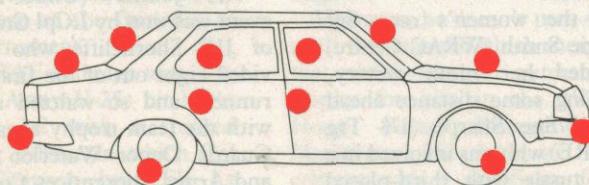
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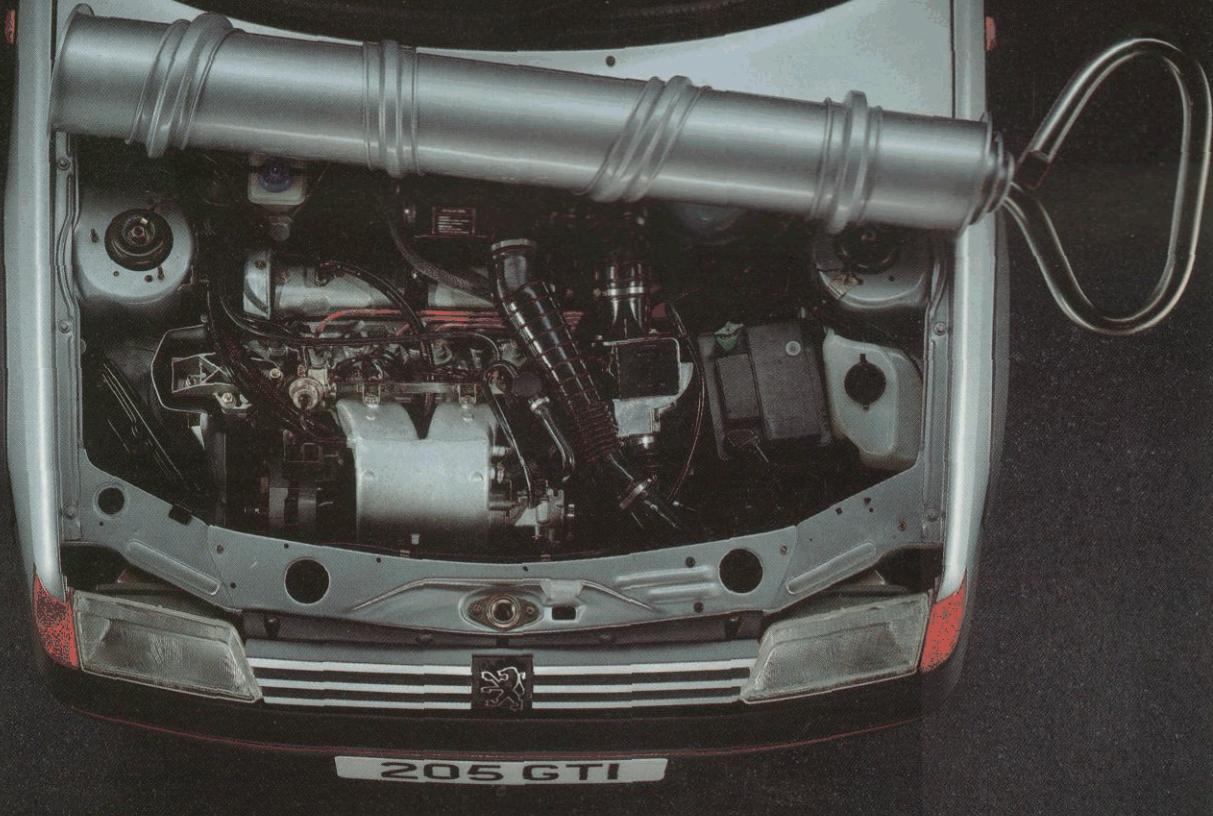
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