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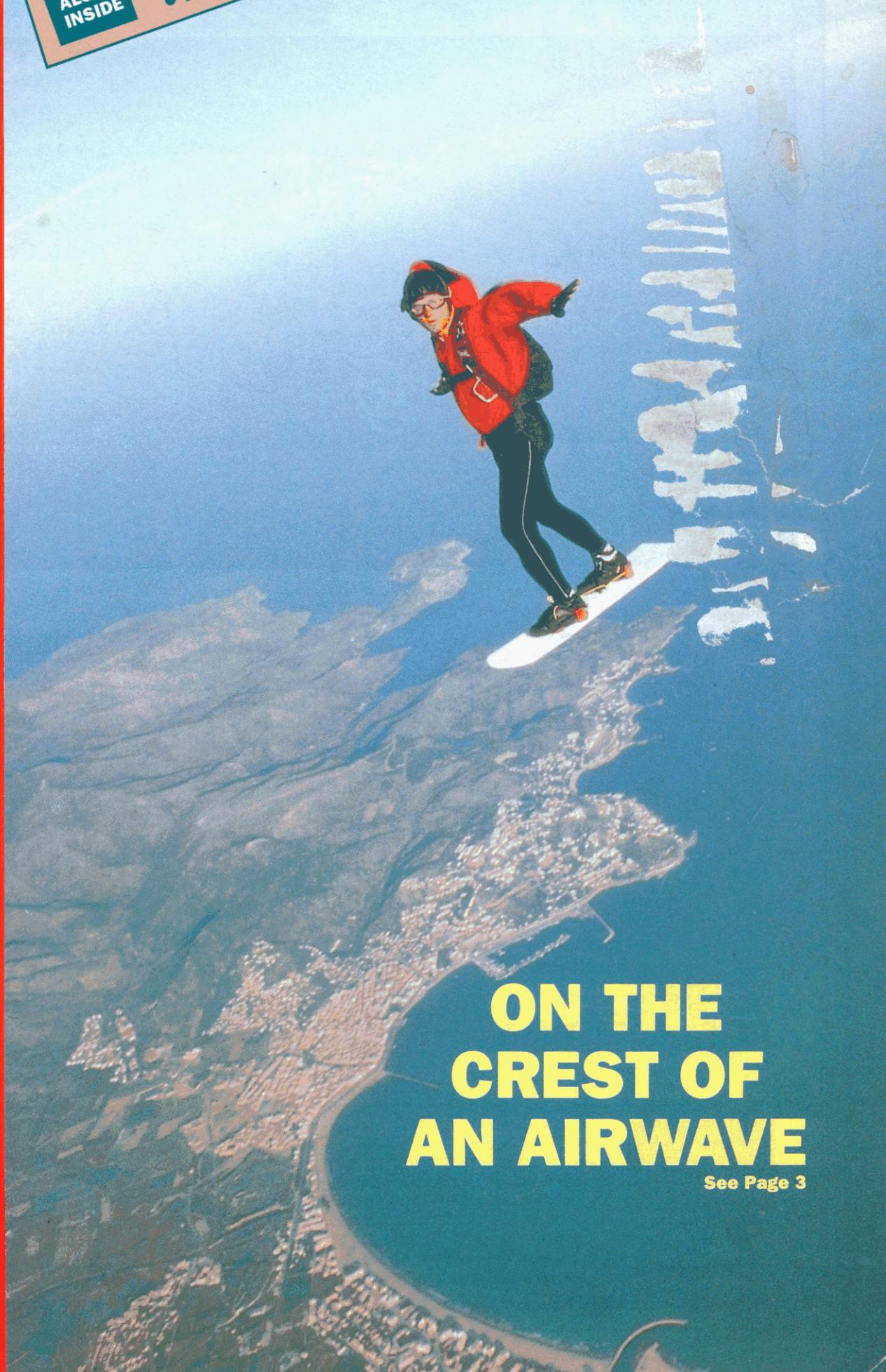
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A time to reflect... British troops deployed on Op Grapple with the United Nations humanitarian force attend a Remembrance Day service in barracks at Split. More news from Bosnia on Pages 4-5.

## 321 EOD Coy marks 21 years of operations

# Salute to valour

THE BRITISH Army's most highly decorated unit has received messages of congratulation to mark 21 years of operations in Northern Ireland.

Armed Forces Minister Archie Hamilton told the men of 321 Explosives Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Company RAOC that he acknowledged the debt Britain owed them.

Since its formation in 1969, 321 EOD Coy has disarmed 4,700 bombs in Northern Ireland, recovered almost 200,000 kilos of explosives, and responded to more than 40,000 calls in the Province.

It has paid a high price, losing 17 EOD operators and three team members killed, and

a further 22 operators injured. Thousands of civilian lives and injuries have been saved in the process.

The bravery and dedication of 321 EOD Coy personnel has been recognised in the award of two George Crosses, 33 George Medals, 65 Queen's Gallantry Medals, more than 100 Mentions in Despatches, 16 OBEs, 21 MBEs and 19 BEMs.

The unit traces its history to November 9, 1971 when a headquarters was formed at Lisburn to bring all existing EOD sections under one command.

Mr Hamilton's signal stated: "For the past 21 years, members of 321 EOD Com-

pany have daily placed themselves between terrorist attacks and the public in Northern Ireland. They have given unfailing professional and selfless service and undoubtedly have saved many lives and injuries that otherwise would have been caused by indiscriminate bombings.

"They have performed their dangerous task with great courage and dedication and it is significant that the company has become the most decorated unit in the Army in peacetime. I am very aware of the great sacrifices made by members of the unit and their families and I gratefully acknowledge the debt this country owes them."

## Board stiff? Not likely!



**FRONT COVER:** LCpl Dave Alexander of The Parachute Regiment's world-famous display team, the Red Devils, makes a slightly unconventional descent over Spain - by surfboard - after exiting from the team's plane. Below him is the Costa Brava coastline. Competition team member Cpl Dave Mitchell (pictured left) - who took the photograph - explained that activities in Britain were restricted to the post-Easter period, when the weather was more reliable. Demonstration team selection and training are carried out in sunnier climes such as Spain and France during the winter months.

# RECCE TEAM OPENS FIRE

BRITISH troops opened fire in Bosnia for the first time on November 7 when they were ambushed 20 miles south of Tuzla.

Land Rover-borne recce troops from 1 Cheshire and 42 Fd Sqn RE under the command of Capt Robert Ryan, Cheshire, fired 30 rounds in response to the sustained mortar and machinegun attack and retired safely to their base at Vitez. Two of the four vehicles, all clearly identified as British and in United Nations white livery, were struck.

The incident took place in a narrow valley controlled by Serbians while the patrol was reconnoitring routes for relief supplies between Vitez and Tuzla, one of the main destinations for British-protected convoys.

Brig Andrew Cumming, commander of British forces in Bosnia, said reconnaissance of the road would be continued once armoured vehicles - Warrior and Scimitar - had arrived in theatre.

British troops arriving at Split are being accommodated in former Yugoslav army barracks at Divulje, next to the city's airport.

The barracks were vandalised by withdrawing units and repaired by local contractors. They are being made more comfortable by Royal Engineers.

Among problems faced by troops in the former JNA barracks is the threat of anti-personnel mines. Two have been discovered so far.

From Split, troops are moving along what they have dubbed the Ho Chi Minh trail to Tomislavgrad, where the National Support Element is based, including 5 Ordnance Battalion and a REME workshop. Most of 35 Engineer Regiment is also in the town with heavy-clearance equipment to keep the roads open. Troops then drive on to a

## BFPO numbers issued

BFPO numbers have been allocated to Op Grapple locations. The main body of troops in Bosnia will use BFPO 544, while UN HQ BHC has been allocated BFPO 543. Free blueys are available for use with these numbers. BFPO numbers may be issued for other detachments in due course.

Four members of the Expeditionary Force Institutes (EFI), Naafi's voluntary military wing, completed two days of intensive training at Sennelager before deploying with 31 Ordnance Company RAOC to Bosnia. The EFI already has two men - Capt Andy Cowan and SSgt Chris Webb - serving with BRITMEDBATT in Croatia.

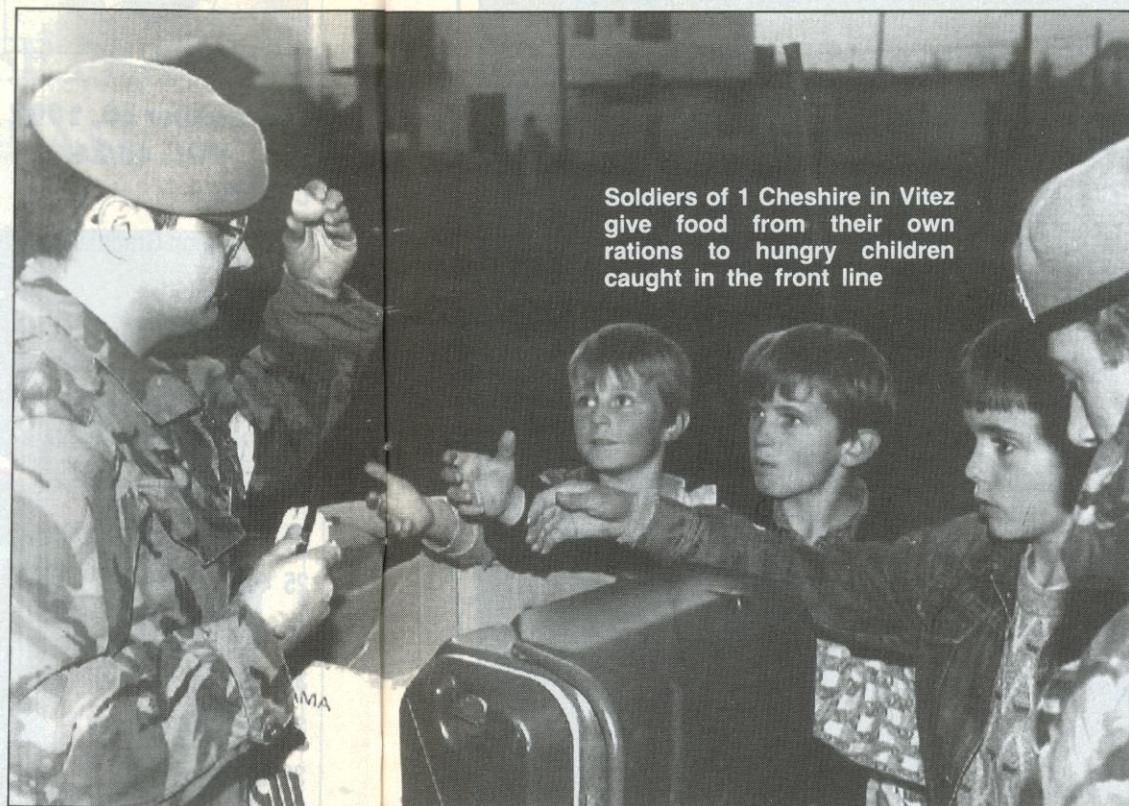


Field Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, Chief of the Defence Staff, speaks to troops at RAF Gutersloh before the flight to Split on the Operation Grapple deployment. CDS, who spent two hours with soldiers from 35 Engineer Regiment, 10 Regiment RCT and 5 Ordnance Battalion, was

accompanied by Gen Sir Charles Guthrie, C-in-C BAOR, and Maj Gen Iain Mackay-Dick, GOC 1 Armd Div. The flights from Gutersloh to Split are by US Air Force C130 Hercules aircraft. With CDS are (from left) LCpl David Clarke, Dvr Jennifer Keay and Dvr Paul Green from 10 Regt RCT

staging post at Gorni Vakuf where one company of Cheshire and another REME workshop are based. The infantry company is there to keep the "back door" from Vitez open should evacuation be necessary.

Based at Vitez is the Cheshire group proper - 1 Cheshire, one company of REME and one reconnaissance squadron of 9/12 L. The Dutch Army, based in a nearby town, is providing driver and communications support.



Soldiers of 1 Cheshire in Vitez give food from their own rations to hungry children caught in the front line



Above - Lt Col Bob Stewart, commanding officer of the 1 Cheshire group, hands over blankets to a Muslim refugee. The volunteer drivers in the background are LCpl Mick Gray (left) and LCpl Jeff Jones, both RAOC serving with 360 Ord Coy

Right - British trucks deliver aid to refugees in the mountains

## Aid rushed to refugees

From Maj Martin Waters, P Info HQ COMBRITFOR

WITHIN hours of offloading more than 100 vehicles from the *Bastra Star*, the first ro-ro ferry to arrive in Split from Emden, Germany, the British Army advance party preparing for the main Cheshire group received a request to assist refugees made homeless in the Bosnian mountains.

The appeal for help came from United Nations officials as about 12,000 refugees moved south along mountain roads

## Weapons 'sufficient'

AS THE main elements of the Cheshire battalion group arrived in Bosnia, Defence Secretary Malcolm Rifkind denied that the force was becoming involved in interne- cine war from which it could not be extricated or that it was insufficiently armed.

He said that the British Government would not allow troops to be "sucked into this war", and would not permit any provocation to alter that determination.

On the question of weapons, he said the current assessment was that the battlegroup's personal weapons and its 30mm

Rarden cannon-equipped War- rior fighting vehicles would be sufficient.

Mr Rifkind said officers leaving for Bosnia believed the risk of attack to British combat helicopters would be greater than any benefit gained from deploying them. Given the nature of the task, they had also expressed doubts about the benefit of deploying artillery.

The Defence Secretary re- stated that the mission was humanitarian, and that it was no part of the plan for the Cheshire group to fight its way through opposition in order to deliver its aid.



towards Travnik in the aftermath of the fall of Jajce to Serbian forces.

British trucks were hastily loaded at the UN warehouse in Split before setting out on a gruelling 12-hour convoy up mountain roads and tracks.

The drivers were soldiers

from 3 and 5 Ordnance Battalions, 7 Armoured Work- shops and 1 Armoured Division Field Ambulance, all from Germany. In command of the mercy mission was Maj Mike Heelis, REME, the officer commanding REME work- shops about to arrive in theatre.

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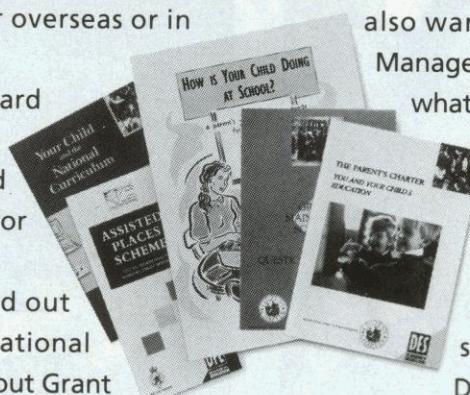


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From the cover picture of the

Household Cavalry on parade in Aberdeen to December's photograph of the Queen inspecting the 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards on their 350th anniversary, the handy A4 magazine-size calendar reflects

the British Army on parade and at work during the past year.

There's still time to order your copy before Christmas... at £4.50 they make great stocking-filers! Turn to Page 22 for the details.

## Britain to help Russian troops resettle

BRITAIN is to help Russia's armed forces resettle former Service personnel under the terms of an agreement signed in London by Defence Secretary Malcolm Rifkind and Russian Defence Minister Gen Grachev.

British expertise in preparing soldiers for civilian life will be made available to the Russians.

The memorandum paves the way for a range of discussions and exchanges in 1993 and 1994. At the most senior level military chiefs of staff from both countries will meet in London and Moscow to develop personal contact and dialogue.

A second memorandum formalises previously agreed arrangements on British assistance to Russia for the secure transportation of nuclear weapons intended for dismantlement.

An MoD disability programme has been launched by Lord Cranborne, Under Secretary of State for Defence. The initiative will seek to create a working environment in which disabled staff can realise their full potential.

## Young gunners on promotion ladder

TWENTY-EIGHT young gunners passed the 1992 lance bombardier leadership course run by 39 Heavy Regiment RA at Dempsey Barracks, Senneker.

First phase of the four-week long cadre, run by Capt Paul Tombleson and WO2 (TSM)



Gen Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the General Staff, presents the flag of 1st (British) Corps to Mr Ian Robertson, director of the National Army Museum in Chelsea. Behind them is Sir Joshua Reynolds's portrait of the Marquess of Granby (1721-1770), commander in chief of the British contingent in Germany during the Seven Years War. Gen Inge, a former commander of 1 (BR) Corps, received the flag at the disbandment parade on October 2 in the barracks at Bielefeld where it had flown for 39 years. The "Spearhead"

## Spearhead flag to be displayed

symbol of 1 Corps lives on in the flag of the new British-led Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC), which has adapted the motto of the Duke of Wellington, "Audentis Fortuna Iuvat" (Fortune Favours the Brave).

## Princess at Guards Chapel

David Cotter with the help of 39's training wing, concentrated on improving the students' fitness and military skills, before a final exercise in awful weather in the Sauerland, south-east of Iserlohn.

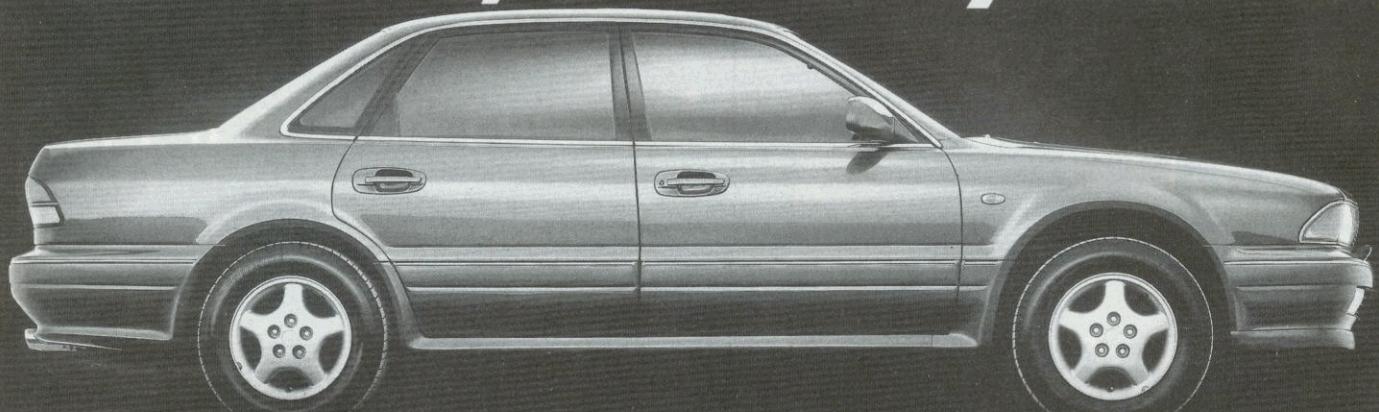
Brig Colin Groves, Commandant Sennelager Training Cen-

tre, inspected the final parade and presented awards for best student to Gnr (now LBdr) Paul Wright of 57 Bty, 32 Hy Regt, and for best effort to Gnr Carl Thomas of 56 (HQ) Bty, 39 Hy Regt.

Thirty-eight candidates started the course.

THE PRINCESS of Wales attended the annual Welsh Guards Remembrance Day Service at the Guards Chapel in Wellington Barracks, London. She later presented the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to LCpl Radford Bennett of the WG Band.

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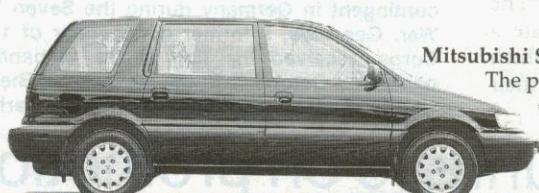
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# Caring Deepcut awarded Sword of Peace

A proud moment for the Training Battalion and Depot RAOC at Deepcut as it is presented with the 1991 Wilkinson Sword of Peace.

Receiving it from Mr Colin Bass of Wilkinson Sword is Lt Simon Jordan. Cpl Glyn Lloyd holds the framed citation and on the right is commanding officer Lt Col Ralph Elliott.

The battalion, which is responsible for the regimental training and technical development of RAOC officers and soldiers, received the accolade for its support of White Lodge Centre, Chertsey, which helps children and adults suffering from cerebral palsy and other physical handicaps.

Over the past 22 years the Training Battalion and Depot RAOC has raised £67,000 for White Lodge Centre. Recent events have included a raffle to pay for Christmas presents for the younger patients, and a sponsored assault course competition at Blackdown Barracks.



Picture: Mike Weston

# Terriers' Christmas assault on Everest

A TEAM of Territorial Army soldiers aims to reach the summit of Everest on Christmas Day.

Led by Regular officer Lt Col Philip Neame of The Parachute Regiment, the 19-strong party consists of 14 members of the TA, one from the Royal Marines Reserve, a United States Vermont National Guardsman and two civilians.

Project Darc Star is the first venture by a new military charity, the Reserve Forces Ulysses Trust, which has the objective of promoting expeditions and adventure for the Volunteer Reserve Forces.

The expedition plans to conquer the mountain by way of the unclimbed Canadian Spur, made possible only because the extreme cold at this time of year reduces the risk of avalanche.

The assault starts on December 1, and the team is faced with overcoming the hardship of the Everest winter when temperatures can be as low as



Lt Col Phil Neame (right), the expedition's leader, and medical officer Capt Christine A'Court demonstrate one of the tents that will be used on the mountain

minus 50 degrees, and drop off the scale when the wind chill factor is added. Jet stream winds can also reach 140mph at that altitude.

The team's medical officer, Capt Christine A'Court, RAMC (V) will carry out research in a number of areas, one of which could benefit seriously ill patients in intensive care units.

The TA climbers – drawn from 5/8 Kings, 10 Para, 6 LI, DLOY and the TA SAS are Maj Rod Stables, Capts Christine A'Court, Nick Neve, James Perryer and Jim Wilkinson, Lt Brendan Conlon, Sgt John Rennie, Cpl John Batty, Barry Mills, Mike Smith and Harry Taylor, LCpl Lionel Fairweather, Tpr Mal Duff and Pte Bryan Stadden.

## TA posties pack up at Mill Hill

THIRTY years of Territorial Army sapper "postie" training at Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, ended on November 5 when more than 70 volunteer soldiers passed out at a final parade.

With the Royal Engineers Postal and Courier Service being absorbed into the Royal Logistic Corps in April, TA training for posties will pass to their new headquarters at Grantham.

Soldiers of the specialist RE PCS TA organisation are recruited almost exclusively from the Post Office and most of its officers hold senior appointments in the business. Chief executive of Royal Mail, Col Bill Cockburn, is Honorary Colonel of RE PCS TA.

## Danish stretch

DANISH Reserve Forces are looking into the feasibility of adapting the Territorial Army's Executive Stretch management training exercises for use in Denmark. Two Danish officers took part in an Executive Stretch run by 3 Cheshire at Leek Training Camp, Staffs.

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# Mercian merges with DLOY

THE DUKE of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, the northwest's oldest and most senior Territorial Army unit, has amalgamated with a Midlands unit, The Queen's Own Mercian Yeomanry, to form The Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry.

With headquarters in Telford, the new regiment has squadrons in Stourbridge, Dudley and Wigan, and detachments in Coventry, Shrewsbury and Blackpool.

First commanding officer is Lt Col Mike Evans, a Shrewsbury-based land agent who commanded the QOY until the merger.

Its home defence reconnaissance role is unchanged.

Regimental traditions have been preserved where possible, with A Sqn (Stourbridge) representing The Queen's Own Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry; B Sqn (Dudley) The Staffordshire Yeomanry; D Sqn (Wigan) The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry; and HQ Sqn (Telford) The Shropshire Yeomanry.

The former DLOY traced its history to the formation of the Bolton Light Horse Volunteers in 1798.

## MPs see posties at work

STAFF at 24 Postal and Courier Squadron RE in Hong Kong spoke to members of the All Party Parliamentary Study Group for Defence when the 12 MPs and peers visited the Colony recently.

The squadron serves all British forces in the Far East, dependents and government contracted agencies, and has detachments in Brunei, Nepal, Korea and Bangkok.

WO2 Andy Swan, Warrant Officer in charge, showed the group over the Command Distribution Office.



These Territorial Army soldiers from Perth-based 212 Squadron RCT REME Workshop were the overall winners of the annual Exercise Scottish Bluebell competition for REME units in Scotland. They won the Bluebell Trophy sponsored by Bryant and May for battlefield damage assessment, workshop procedures, driving and tactical siting of their field workshop, and the Turner Diesel Trophy for the night exercise phase.

Pictured at Drip Camp, Stirling, with their trophies after competing with 11 other teams in

## Perth unit passes the Bluebell test

the finals are (back, from left) Cpl William Mailer, Sgt Tom Davidson (who also won the trophy for best team leader), Cpl Bob Malloch, LCpl Bruce Fleming and Cpl Alec Gerard; and (kneeling) Cfn Gordon Rafferty and Cfn Paul Macfarlane.

## ADR sappers form up at Scottish air bases

A NEW Territorial Army sapper regiment has been established in the north of Britain to support the Royal Air Force.

The role of 76 Engineer Regiment (Volunteers), under the command of Lt Col Mike Paterson RE, is to provide an airfield damage repair (ADR) capability at the RAF's "front line" bases at Kinloss, Lossiemouth, Leuchars and Leeming.

The regimental HQ became operational on October 1 at

Pitreavie Castle, Fife, headquarters of the Air Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland and Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Established on May 5, 76 Engr Regt has squadrons at all the designated RAF stations except Lossiemouth, where a vigorous recruiting campaign is under way to form 237 Fd Sqn (ADR) (V).

For recruiting reasons the squadron will be split between Lossiemouth and Gordon Barracks in Aberdeen, where up to

60 per cent of the manpower will be based.

The three existing field squadrons – 234 at Leeming, 236 at Kinloss and 277 at Leuchars – were set up as independent units of 12 Engineer Brigade between 1982 and 1988. In England, 77 Engineer Regiment (Volunteers) has been similarly established to take under command TA ADR squadrons south of North Yorkshire.

The formal opening of 76 Engr Regt's headquarters on November 21 was being marked by an inaugural parade at Pitreavie Castle in the presence of the regiment's Honorary Colonel, Air Vice Marshal George Chesworth; Commander 12 Engr Bde, Brig Stephen Gilbert; and commanders of the RAF stations supported by the regiment.

## March of Freedom

MEMBERS of 101 Provost Company RMP paraded through Xanten, Germany to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the granting of the town's Freedom.

Maj Gen Christopher Wallace, Colonel Commandant of

the Royal Military Police, and Herr Alfred Melters, the Mayor of Xanten, inspected the parade and later took the salute as the Redcaps marched through the ancient town accompanied by the Band of the Queen's Own Highlanders.

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## Still going Strong!

Capt **George Strong** has just completed his half century in uniform – and he still has a year to go before he retires.

George enlisted as an apprentice at Chepstow in 1942, going on to serve in the Royal Army Service Corps and Royal Corps of Transport until 1976.

While on terminal leave he joined Merseyside Army Cadet Force, and is still serving as their Captain Quartermaster. In his time, George – awarded the BEM in 1975 – has been a member of the Army rally team and won an Army driving championship. He played hockey at corps level and was involved in battalion football.

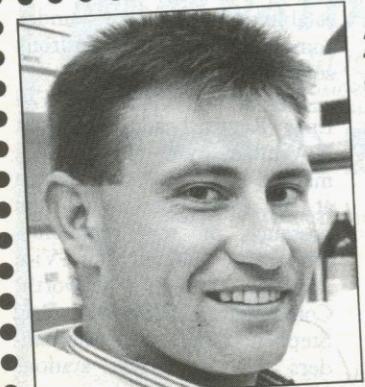


Picture: Cpl John Carroll

As the tallest man in the outfit, WO2 (SQMS) **Vinny Cooke** ACC can be forgiven for looking down on his colleagues in the 1st Battalion, The Royal Irish Regiment, currently based at Episkopi in Cyprus. Mr Cooke measures up at a lofty 7ft 4in, which must make him one of the tallest men in the Army let alone the Irish Regiment.

## Mission Mongolia

suspension bridge across the Buyant, which proved invaluable to two remote communities. Also among the party, which included doctors and scientists, was Cpl **Andrew Herrod** RAMC, whose medical expertise and climbing experience were called upon to the full.



## A long way from home

Pharmacist **Renfrey Pearson** is a military anomaly. A native of Hobart, Tasmania, and a member of the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps, he is attached to 219 Wessex Field Hospital (TAVR) in Portsmouth and has been working for the Royal Navy in Gibraltar.



## Fred takes the bell

Hanging up his gloves after 42 years with the Army is **Fred Holden**. A lightweight semi-finalist in the Amateur Boxing Association youth competition at the age of 17, Fred continued his boxing career with REME after enlisting as a private soldier and reaching the rank of major (QM).

"I'm a little overweight now," admits Fred, a captain in D Coy, The 4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment until its recent disbandment, "but the Army has helped me keep in shape for many years."



## US tribute for ABF fund-raiser

Famous for at least one night was ex-Regular RCT captain **Alan Potts**, who was presented with an award by an American with an unusual claim to fame.

Alan, a member of the Army Benevolent Fund Merseyside Appeal Committee, regularly arranges fund-raising military band concerts – including performances by the 76th US Army Band, who recognised his efforts by awarding him a Commander's Award Medal and citation.

Handing over both was Col **Brian Lobdell** (left), the last American to be based at Burtonwood, a US Army Air Force base for the past 50 years.



## Stan's days in camp are over

You could say that Capt **Stan Mullen** (left) is a veteran of Army Cadet Force annual camps. Since 1939 he has attended 53 of them! Pictured receiving a third bar to his ACF long service medal from Col **Ian Keers**, Commandant Leicestershire and Northamptonshire ACF, 64-year-old Stan, who is a clerk of works for Oxford City Council, has now retired. His annual camp at Thetford training area, Norfolk.

# PEOPLE



Air Vice Marshal **George Chesworth** (centre) has been appointed Honorary Colonel of 76 Engineer Regiment (Volunteers), one of three new Territorial Army regiments in the corps.

The first CO, Lt Col **Mike Paterson** (left), has his HQ at Pitreavie Castle in Fife and field squadrons based at RAFs Leeming (234 Fd Sqn), Kinloss (236) and Leuchars (277). A fourth squadron, 237, is being formed at RAF Lossiemouth. Unusually, the regiment has a TA RSM, **Derek Syme** (right).



## Sappers' Colonel

## DERRICK GETS HIS ALAMEIN MEDALS



A 50-year wait for the Africa Star medals which he had never received had a happy ending for 78-year-old former Desert Rat **Derrick Jones** (left).

Cancer victim Derrick, who fought at El Alamein, was presented with the medals by Maj Gen **Michael Carleton-Smith** (right), director general of Marie Curie Cancer Care, after they had been traced by the diligent efforts of solicitors, staff at the Edenhall Marie Curie Centre in Hampstead – where Derrick is a patient – and social workers.



WO **Lubica Zboranova** stood out from the usual crowd of multinational treaty inspectors when she arrived in Britain with a team from the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic. They were conducting the first verification of British Forces in the United Kingdom under the terms of the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) Treaty.

Lubica is pictured with WO2 **Trevor Howard** RCT of the Joint Arms Control Implementation Group which accompanied the visitors on their inspection of combat helicopters and pilot training equipment at the Army Air Corps Centre, Middle Wallop. They also saw REME technicians training at the School of Aeronautical Engineering and visited 70 Aircraft Workshop REME.



Picture: Chris Fletcher

Veterans visit battlefield in their thousands

# Return to El Alamein

THE BATTLE of El Alamein, after which Winston Churchill said "We never had a defeat", was commemorated by a 50th anniversary service at the Commonwealth War Graves cemetery, El Alamein, on Sunday, October 25, writes **Maj Pam Huggett**.

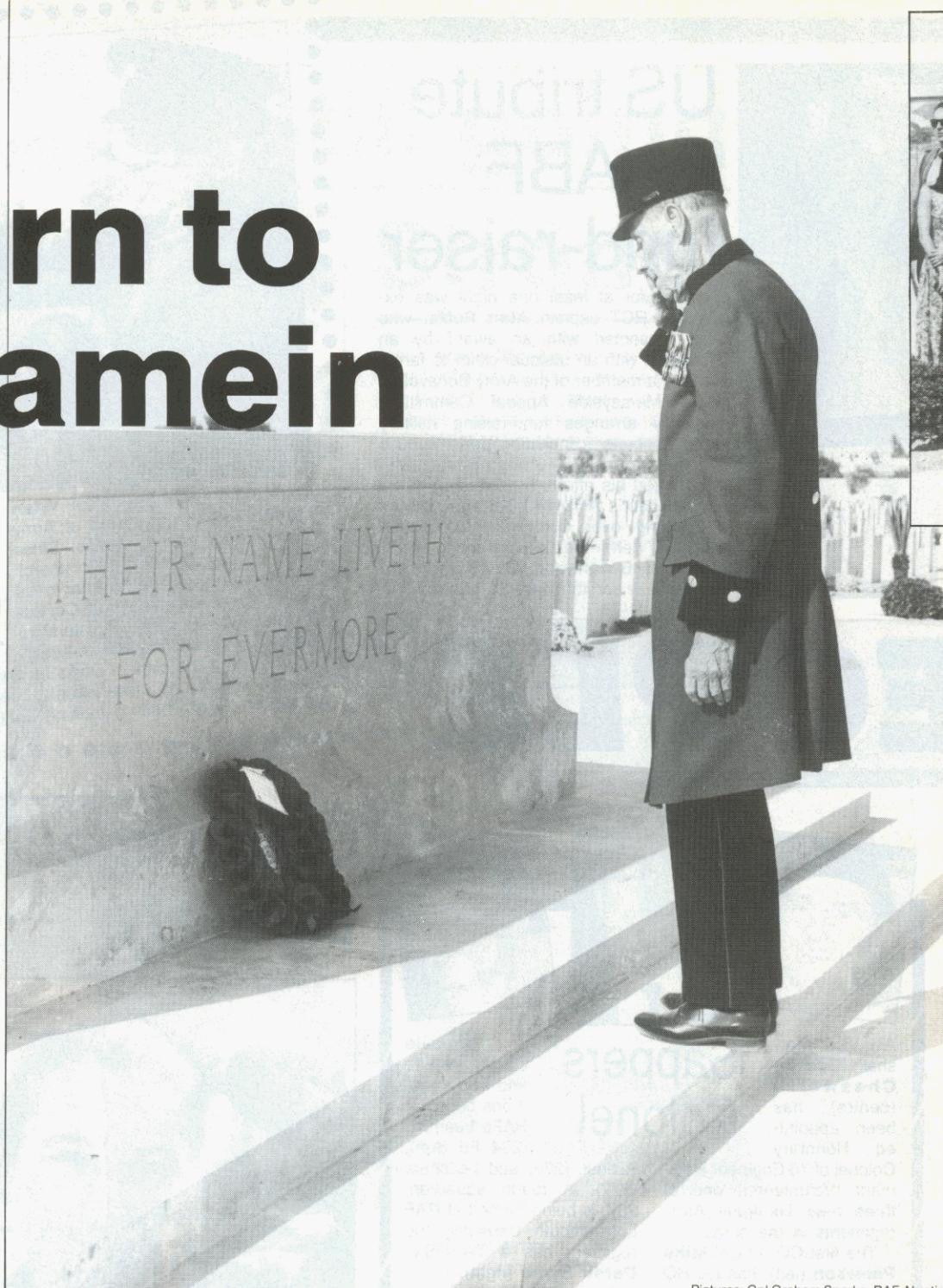
Led by the Governor of Mersa Matruh Province, representing the Egyptian Government, and the Duke of Kent on behalf of the Queen, government ministers and ambassadors of Allied nations laid wreaths on the Stone of Remembrance followed by veterans' associations from around the world.

Accompanied by Service widows and their families, veterans had travelled from as far away as Australia, New Zealand and Canada, as well as the European and African groups, filling to overflowing the memorial buildings overlooking the 7,000 graves.

Beyond the cemetery walls the flat, featureless desert stretched to the horizon, showing few marks now of the 12-day battle that raged 50 years ago, except for the minefields still marked on local maps.

The Commonwealth service was conducted by the Venerable Howard Levett, Archdeacon of the Anglican Diocese of Egypt and North Africa. Earlier he, the dignitaries and many of the pilgrims had attended the international service held this year at the German memorial and organised annually in turn by the German, Italian and British embassies.

After the Act of Remembrance, led by the Duke of Kent, and the wreath laying, Pipe Major Graham Marr, Queen's Own Highlanders, piped the Lament. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by the bugle of Cpl Nelson Macleod of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets.



A veteran pays his own homage in a moment of solitude at the El Alamein commemorative service which attracted an international congregation of 3,000

Prayers, led by the clergy, followed the scripture reading given by the Prime Minister, John Major, and after the final hymn, the band of the 1st Battalion, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, who had provided music throughout the ceremony, marched off with the Guard of Honour drawn from the armed forces of Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand.

"I was not born when this battle took place," said Mr Major to one veteran as he joined many of the 3,000 pilgrims on their first visit to El Alamein.

Among military and MoD guests at the service were Defence Minister Malcolm Rifkind; the Chief of the Defence Staff, Fd Marshal Sir Richard Vincent; the Chief of the General Staff, Gen Sir Peter Inge; the Adjutant General,

Gen Sir David Ramsbotham; and Gen Sir Charles Richardson, GSO1 Plans, Eighth Army.

The Royal British Legion was represented by its president, Gen Sir Edward Burgess, and Gen Sir Michael Gow, president of RBL Scotland, and British visitors included Col Mike Jeffery, chairman of the Eighth Army Association.

Ceremonial officer Lt Col Ewen Cameron SG, who led the El Alamein anniversary project team, was assisted by Maj Helen Merrington-Rust AGC, Maj Emma Ford AGC and WO1 Robert Jackson SG, RSM Guards Depot. Chief usher was Maj Simon Ledger, 13/18 H.



Above - Representatives from the Royal British Legion, the Eighth Army Veterans' Association and the Scottish British Legion lead the column of national veterans' associations waiting to lay wreaths

Below - The Guard of Honour formed from the Royal Australian Army, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment and the Royal New Zealand Army



The tri-Service Colour Party, CSgt Smith RM, CSgt Philip Parker, Gren Gds and Fit Sgt Gary Austen RAF, lead the standard bearers of the veterans' associations. The apparently endless expanse of desert in the background is where the Battle of El Alamein took place 50 years ago



Prime Minister John Major joins the band of The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment and other members of the Cyprus contingent for a relaxed photo-call after the ceremony



## Fermanagh tour completes eventful two years for Gulf War veterans



Pte James Horne keeps a watchful eye on the border road outside the new Gortmullen Patrol Base

# New bases improve life for Staffords

A VOLLEY of shots shatters the peace at Killyvilly crossing point on the Fermanagh border.

The new patrol base is under fire from terrorists a couple of fields away. A bullet glances off the pristine metal of the front sangar watch tower, but within seconds a corporal and a young private from the 1st Battalion, The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's) are returning fire from the top of the sangars.

Their attackers soon flee and later examination of the terrorists' position 1,500 metres away reveals the Staffords' shots landed only 18 inches from the aggressors.

The private involved recalled he first saw a couple of flashes and thought nothing of it, but

when these were followed by several bursts of gunfire he jumped for his weapon.

"I was scared, but as soon as I started firing I wasn't so afraid," he said.

Fermanagh has always been regarded as a relatively "quiet" posting compared with other hot spots in Northern Ireland, but the Staffords have found it anything but a sleepy hollow.

The beautiful rolling hills and valleys may be a popular tourist

spot - this year the county even played host to the world fishing championships - but beneath this tranquil exterior lies a threat that is all too real.

By the halfway mark of their six-month tour, the Staffords had recorded 23 separate terrorist-related

incidents, thankfully without loss of life. Their baptism began only three days after taking operational command when a 600lb bomb destroyed Fivemiletown Police Station

within their patch. Commanding officer Lt Col Nigel Alderman points the finger at enemy fluidity as one of the major problems for Security Forces operating in border country.

"The difficulty is that the terrorist can mount operations from across the border, attack and escape back across the border," he explained.

Patrolling the border, reassuring the local population, manning check points and maintaining the closed border crossing points keep the Staffords busy and permanent vigilance.

During their tour the introduction of modern offroad patrol bases to replace the old permanent vehicle check points

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## Staffords

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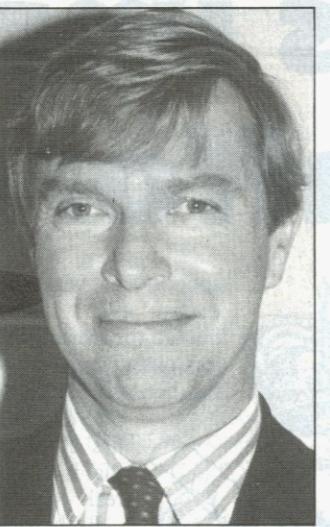
has improved life immeasurably for the soldiers.

Platoon commander Lt Andy Layton explained: "The VCP accommodation was built for only a few soldiers and at times there were quite a number in there. It was a constant battle to keep it clean and hygienic. Our standard of patrolling was quite good before but it is now far better because the soldiers can administer themselves better."

"The quality of life is not that bad. We can keep clean and live in a hygienic situation."

Pte James Horne agreed: "It's a lot cleaner and the accommodation is a lot bigger. There are four people to a room now instead of eight to one small Portakabin."

Weights, a punch bag and a fitness trail help to keep the soldiers in peak condition. Protection and security is also greatly improved. The whole business of checking vehicles and operating barriers can now be carried out automatically,



CO Lt Col Nigel Alderman

but most bases like to retain a human presence as well to help on the public relations side.

Nobody likes talking to a machine.

For soldiers who have recently had only a passing acquaintance with their homes and families, morale is remarkably good.

"It's a very worthwhile job," concluded: Lt Col Alderman.

tion with The Cheshire Regiment, an early move from Fallingbostel to Chester and now a six-month unaccompanied tour in Northern Ireland, the Staffords have had an eventful two years.

Lt Col Alderman paid tribute to the families back in England.

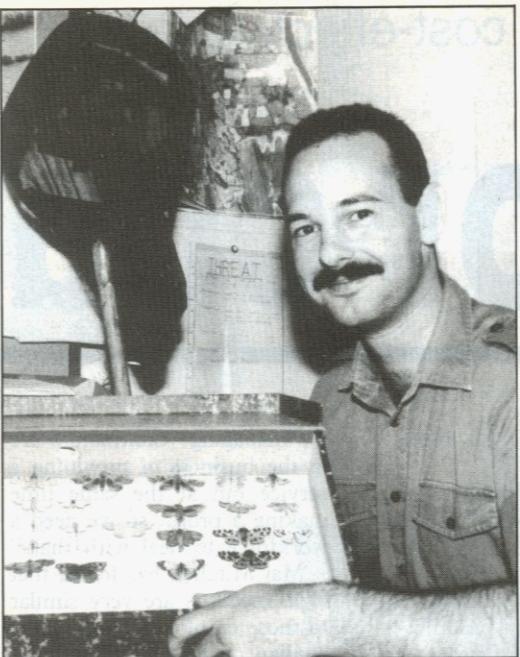
"The soldiers are indebted to their wives and the back-up at home. They have received a lot of strength and support and that is very important for morale."

The battalion was last posted to Northern Ireland in 1984 and despite lack of experience there, its soldiers are finding that service in the Gulf War, although a completely different role, has stood them in good stead in terms of developing maturity and responsibility.

Northern Ireland is a new job for most of the battalion and many of the soldiers are enjoying the challenge of working in an operational environment.

"It's a very worthwhile job," concluded: Lt Col Alderman.

by Lynn Pegler



Above - Cpl Robert Daw displays his unusual collection of moths and butterflies from his desk at A Company's Int Cell. His butterfly net is always at the ready to expand his collection, which he intends to mount properly when he returns home to Chester

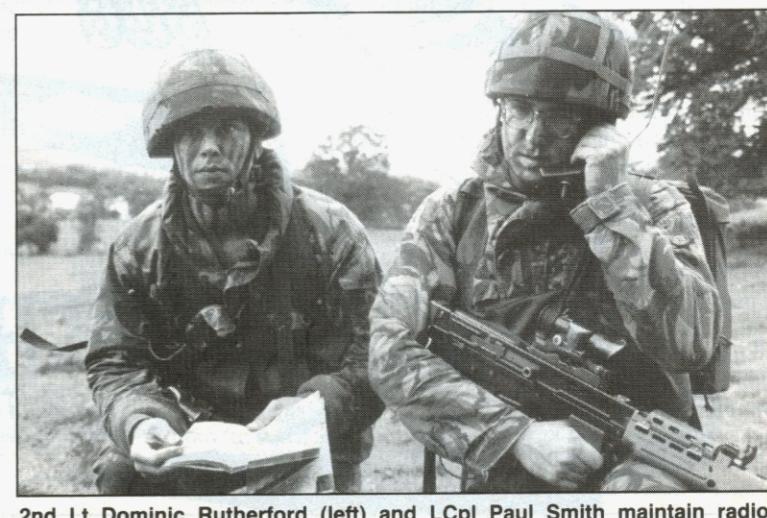
Left - C Company soldiers prepare to go on patrol from Coy HQ in Lismaskea

Right - B Company soldiers model their new sweatshirts at their barracks in Clogher

Below - B Company soldiers board a Puma helicopter at their barracks in Clogher for the start of another patrol



Not quite Buckingham Palace! The Duke of York chats to Stafford soldiers in their accommodation block



2nd Lt Dominic Rutherford (left) and LCpl Paul Smith maintain radio contact during a patrol

ACS (UK) puts the emphasis on value and cost-effectiveness...

# Catering for change

THE NEXT time you tuck into a tasty banger in the cookhouse or mess, take a pause in mid-bite.

Have you ever wondered just how the choice of that particular sausage was made – or how much fuel was consumed in its preparation?

Staff at the Army Catering Service (UK) have.

As Col Andrew Fisher, commanding officer of the ACS (UK) headquarters operation at HQ UKLF Wilton put it: "We are going through a decisive period in the history of Army catering, when things are about to change significantly not only as far as the Army Catering Corps is concerned, but also in the way in which we do our work."

The Army Catering Service (UK), which concerns itself mainly with the management of catering at unit level, became a separate establishment 20 years

ago to manage the growing complexities of the catering business, explained Col Fisher. It provided a presence at each level of command.

"We currently have 2,500 Regular soldiers, 3,000 Territorials and 2,000 directly-employed labour on our books, as well as 90 catering contracts costing £41m."

When the ACC becomes part of the new Royal Logistic Corps in April, the place of the ACS within UKLF will change, with Col Fisher's organisation becoming part of the staff establishment at each level of command.

In the past, the ACC has been mainly concerned with the production of food and the training of chefs.

"Together with the ACS, it is now able to take on wider responsibilities, which will

include the supply of food," said Col Fisher.

"This is all-important, since developments in catering outside the Army, coupled with the increased awareness of food standards by the population, require us to keep pace."

An intensive programme has been carried out to qualify all ACS management to advanced level of the certificate of environmental health.

And all food handlers – more than 7,000 of them – are being brought to certificate level.

On the contracts side, events have similarly been gathering momentum under the guidance of SO2 Contracts Maj David Mitchell.

"Contracting is dynamic, it is always moving," he said.

"We have contracts worth £41m which we are responsible

for managing. Contractors are in the business of providing a service but at the same time making a profit, so we need a workforce to deal with that."

Maj Mitchell has found that ACS methods are very similar to those employed by the large civilian contract catering companies with which he frequently collaborates.

"I find this very encouraging: it means that our people could well be the managers and staff of tomorrow."

"When they leave the Army they are fully qualified and the contracting side is an outlet for them."

(Officers will be taking post-degree Masters Business Administration courses and all soldiers City and Guilds/National Vocational Qualification courses.)

Legal aspects of contracts are dealt with by separate ACS branches, with a head office in Glasgow.

The technical side is covered at Wilton, said Major Mitchell.

"We do the technical assessment when the tenders come in, and actively manage their monitoring."

He and his team had found that, in order to get value for money from a contract, monitoring was essential.

"We have put together a monitoring package which contains a series of checks and inspection procedures which will give guidance to the people involved, and are training them to use it.

"The package looks after quality control and quality assurance, which the catering industry has been looking at. That can do nothing but help our case."

In the Army, as in the commercial world, market testing has become all-important.

"We look at a complete area, such as cleaning, and identify if any supporting functions can be done 'in-house' or whether industry can do it more efficiently," Maj Mitchell said.

"With our ACS experience over the past five or six years



Keeping up with their civilian catering counterparts: Maj David Borrett and Maj David Mitchell

of identified and listed food commodities supplied by Naafi.

"For example, there might be, say, 70 or 80 particular types of beefburger or soft drink on the market and it has to be ascertained which brand the Army would buy from the Naafi."

A committee identifies an item, which is then given a "blind test" by a panel which includes Army and RAF chefs.

Texture, appearance and so on are marked – at that point, the panel knows neither the company nor the price – and scores are then collated and a price comparison made.

"We don't necessarily choose the cheapest or the best," said Maj Borrett, "but the best value for the customer's money."

And that is where the aforementioned banger comes in...

"About two years ago we introduced the Focus purchasing system, a method which civilian catering companies had been using for some time," said Maj Borrett.

More than 100 items have currently been selected for testing.

Even the humble gooseberry is not immune to scrutiny: the

size of cans has now been standardised in every Army kitchen in the UK.

"Standardisation saves storage space, as well as a lot of headaches for our computer operators in sorting out the different sizes," said Maj Borrett.

Savings of a totally different kind are the territory of WO1 (SSM) Dick Diamond, energy co-ordinator at ACS UKLF and architect of two highly successful fuel consumption monitoring schemes.

Following a three-year study by the ACC into the use of energy in military kitchens, it was found that, with minimum investment, savings of £500,000 a year could be achieved.

"Here at ACS UKLF, we have taken the study to its next stage – with a programme of briefings aimed at encouraging budget holders and property managers to install simple energy monitoring systems."

Small machines put into the junior ranks' kitchens at HQ UKLF Wilton (in April) and 17 Port and Maritime Regiment RCT at Marchwood, Southampton (in July) are already producing dividends.

Savings in gas and electricity consumption of around £1,600 and £5,000 respectively are anticipated in the first year of use.

"The machines give an indication, on paper, of the amount of both types of fuel used, in half-hourly batches," said WO1 Diamond.

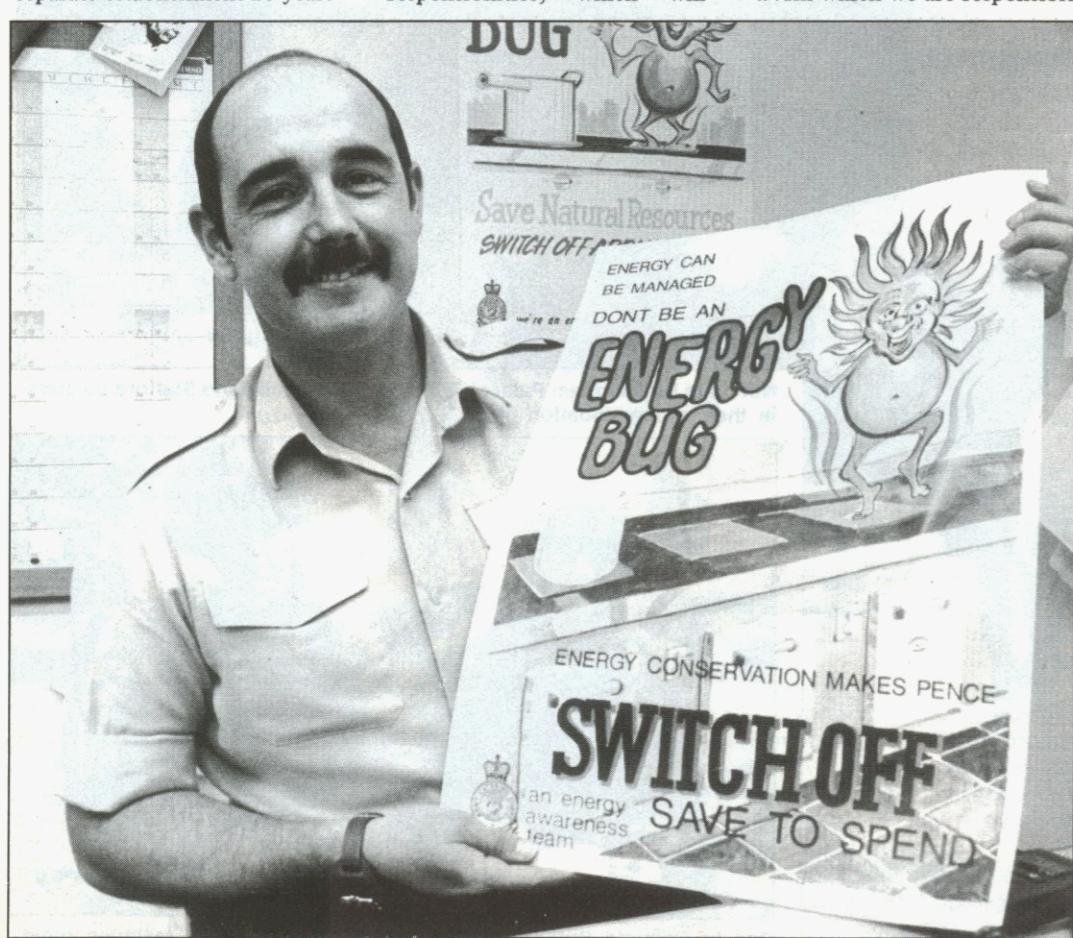
"These bite-size chunks mean that a busy master chef need not be an electronics genius to understand them. He can even see at a glance if the previous night's duty chef has switched everything off."

Initial reactions had been favourable. Kitchen staff could see results and improvements in the quality of the food and the working environment.

"As you can see, it is not just the food on a plate that we deal with in the ACS," said Col Fisher.

"We concentrate more on the larger issues and are very keen, at every level, to make the Army a cost-effective, value-for-money, efficient service as we prepare to go into the new corps."

Indeed, the enlightened progress of the ACS should provide plenty of people with food for thought...

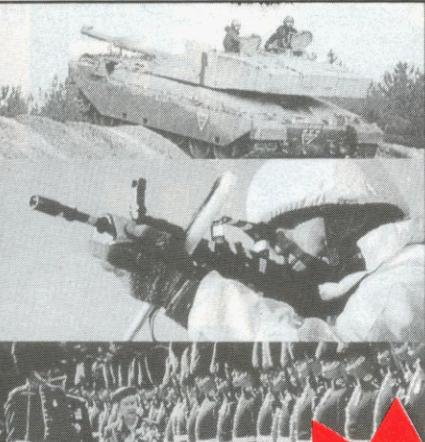
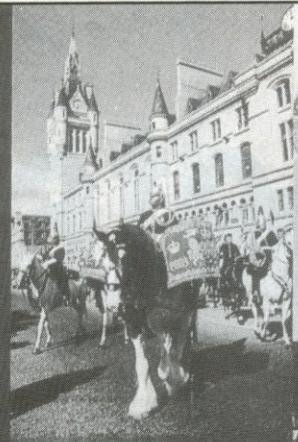


WO1 Dick Diamond with self-explanatory poster

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# Durable dozen achieve gold on Cambrian

NINETY Service teams, Regular and Territorial, including Royal Air Force, American, Swiss and the Italian Alpini, battled through wind, rain and some sunshine to gain awards in the British Army's toughest endurance test - the Cambrian Patrol.

Regarded internationally for its severity, the annual examination of military skills, endurance and stamina takes the form of a long-range reconnaissance patrol in the rugged mountains of mid Wales.

Eight-man teams carrying equipment weighing up to 70lb each marched day and night up to 85km during the 2½-day TA weekend phase, and the two longer weekday phases for Regulars. Teams set out from Sennybridge ranges and tackled recce tasks deep in the Radnor Forest.

"It's just about the Army's



"It's the toughest thing I've ever done," said Gulf and Yugoslavia veteran, Scottish Television news cameraman Ian Hamilton (left) as he finished Cambrian '92.

Ian lost half a stone as he filmed the team of the Dumbarton-based 3rd/51st Highlanders competing in the Army's toughest long-range reconnaissance patrol test to win a bronze award. "I can't speak too highly of the

toughest test, involving teamwork, leadership, decision-making under stress, and determination when faced with adversity," said Brig Bruce Willing, Commander 160 (Wales) Brigade.

Teams do not compete against each other but aim to achieve award-winning performances.

Awards were won by:

#### Regular units

**Gold** - 3 Para (2 teams); 9 Para Sqn RE; 36 Engr Regt; 2 and 3 Sqns RAF Regt; 14 MI Bn (USA).

**Silver** - 22 Loc Bty RA; 7 GR (2 teams); 5 AB Bde Log Bn; 216 Para Sig Sqn; 1 Gren Gds; 2 Gren Gds; 2 SG; 2 RGJ; 1 BW; 2 PWRR (two teams); 36 Engr Regt; 8 Fd Wksp REME; 4 R Irish; 7 Para RHA; 2 PWRR; 6/7 PWRR (TA team in Regular test); 210 Sig Sqn; 13 Sig Regt; 1, 34 and 51 Sqns RAF Regt; Julia Bde, Alpini.

**Bronze** - 658 Sqn AAC; 51 Fd Sqn RE; 5 Fd Bty RA; 48 Sqn RAF Regt.

#### Territorial units

**Gold** - 7 LI; 3 RRR; 6/7 PWRR; 3 RWF; Bristol UOTC, 19 Sqn RAF Regt.

**Silver** - 3/4 Yorks; R Wx Y; 5

Territorials, they were fantastic, especially when you consider that they have ordinary jobs during the week," said Ian.

Carrying his camera, spare clothing and Army rations, Ian had to move fast across the windswept and rain-sodden Sennybridge ranges and Radnor Forest area, covering more ground than the team as he ranged ahead of them to set up his camera shots.

LI; 4 Para; 3 Cheshire; 4 WFR; 1 Wessex; R Mon RE (M); 4 RRR; 9 Regt AAC; Birmingham UOTC; 5 PWRR; 3 Staffords; 249 Sig Sqn AMF; 5 Rangers; 2503 R Aux AF Regt.

**Bronze** - 5 RRF; 3/51 Highland; 2 Wessex; 6 RRF; Wales UOTC; 73 Ord Coy RAOC; 8 LI; 5 RGJ; 75 Engr Regt; East Midlands UOTC; Aberdeen UOTC; 4 Kings Own Border; 104 AD Regt RA; 42 Ord Coy RAOC; 2 Sqn RAF Regt; 2620 R Aux AF Regt.

**Certificate (TA)** - Manchester UOTC; Jersey Fd Sqn RE; 1/52 Lowland; 5/8 Kings; 4 QLR.

## EXERCISE SILVER BEAVER

# Transport Terriers up to speed with DROPS

NEW Leyland Daf DROPS vehicles have been put through their paces by the Territorial Army soldiers of 156 Transport Regiment for the first time in a full field regimental exercise - and were voted a real winner.

More than 470 officers and soldiers from 156 (Merseyside and Greater Manchester) Transport RCT (Volunteers) have just returned from their two-week annual camp, Exercise Silver Beaver, in Germany, where they had a chance to get to work with the new vehicles.

During the fortnight's training for their new role as a third line transport regiment, the unit moved 3,000 tons of simulated ammunition over a total distance of 175,000 miles. This mileage also included 100

vehicle loads of live ammunition in 200-mile loops and 16 flattracks of other stores on a 100-mile loop.

Commanding officer Lt Col John May said: "The camp was a great success and once again proved that the regiment is well on the way to fulfilling its new role in support of the Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corps."

The new role becomes effective in 1995 and the regiment is already equipped with 40 DROPS vehicles at each of its squadron headquarters in Allerton, Bootle,

Birkenhead and Manchester.

The volunteers also practised their helicopter handling role, preparing and connecting loads for carriage underslung by an RAF Chinook helicopter.

Visitors to the camp included Sir Kenneth Oxford, Honorary Colonel of the regiment; Brig Ian Shapter, secretary NW TAVRA; Col Charles Dickie, chairman NW TAVRA; Col Peter Daniel, commander 2 Group RCT; and Col Keith Skempton, deputy chief of staff 1 Armoured Division in Germany.

The large regimental group

deployed to the Continent by sea from Hull and Harwich and spent much of the first week of the camp on the Sennelager training areas practising loading techniques.

After moving towards Bergen Hohne and Oerke Fallingbostel during the second week, part of the regiment was involved in unloading the last Multi-Launch Rocket System (MLRS) ammunition pods from a Nato forward storage site which has now become available to be handed over by the British Army to local authorities.

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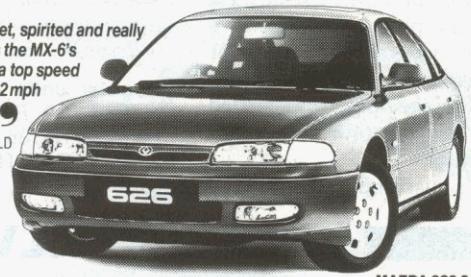
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Maj Gen Iain Mackay-Dick, GOC 1 Div, gets the feel of an 18th century musket

# Gunners learn from the past

*"We hang and flog men in my regiment . . ."*

MERCIFULLY, if these are the innermost thoughts of Lt Col Jonathan Bailey, commanding officer of 40 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, he keeps them to himself.

Instead, the immortal words were uttered by a perhaps slightly over-zealous officer of The 37th Regiment of Foot – one of two re-enactment units participating, at Col Bailey's invitation, in an extremely realistic Seven Years War battlefields tour in Germany in October, writes Phil Wilcox.

The battlefields concerned were Hastedbeck and Minden, where 40 Field played host to, among others, 335 Panzer Artillery Battalion (their new *Partnerschaft* or affiliated battalion) and the regiment's Dutch neighbours in Hohne, de Nederlandse Truppen.

## AD battery on its way to UK

**CHANGES** are almost literally in the air for 40 Field.

Their 10 Assay Air Defence Battery, which has had connections with Hohne for 30 years, will be moving back to the United Kingdom in January, and will become an element of the new 47 Air Defence Regiment. A farewell parade was held earlier this month.

Based at Thorney Island, 47 Regiment is currently a field gun regiment.

At Hohne, 10 Assay

Battery will be replaced by a fourth (field) battery – itself a merger between 6 and 36 (Arcot 1751) Battery – to be known as 6/36 (Arcot 1751).

This will leave 40 Field in Hohne with four batteries, each of eight guns, which will give the new field regiment in Germany greatly enhanced firepower, with 32 (currently M109) guns.

And 10 Assay will eventually be equipped with the new HVM (high velocity missile).

Speaking at an authentic 18th century banquet (the fare included such morsels as Kharcho soup, circa 1760, containing mutton, garlic,

"Our focus has shifted away from the central front," he said.

"We are an Army that expects to be deployed worldwide – if necessary in high intensity conflict. We appreciate that we are unlikely ever to fight a war, except as part of a coalition, and that we must cultivate our coalition partners in peace and war. Command and staff procedures must be developed to make a coalition force effective."

Economic constraints had seldom been more dire, the colonel added, and budgets and contractorisation had been introduced to improve efficiency.

The Army anticipated operating on a less dense, non-linear battlefield, where ironically, success would probably go to whoever managed to apply the greatest concentration of force

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plums and rice) in Hastedbeck on the eve of the tour, Col Bailey took the opportunity to outline some of the British Army's current concerns.



Left - Origin of the "square meal": food distributed in the field on square plates  
Below - Weary waiters: members of 137 Battery, 40 Field Regiment, at the end of an evening when, dressed appropriately, they served at the 18th century banquet. From left to right (standing) are LBdrs Craig Stewart, Simon Miles and Gerard Parrott (front), James Mills and George Jackson



Project Officer Maj Dick Park

Below - Battlefield guide Maj (Retd) Frank Baldwin points out interesting features on the site of the Battle of Minden



to do, he explained, was to make people adopt the mentality of an average 18th century soldier and look at tactics at a low level: how they slept, ate, and survived in the field, the practicalities of life in that era and the speed of movement across the 18th century battlefield.

This latter aspect was dramatically demonstrated at the Hastenbeck re-enactment, as horsemen charged across the smoke-shrouded battlefield, but even more so once the action had moved to Minden.

There, the five horses involved charged towards the assembled spectators, stopping within ten metres of them.

Bearing that in mind, Col Bailey said the re-enactment exercise taking place the following day would be "a study of the geometry of firepower, as generated by a contractorised Army, fighting as part of a coalition force, in the first truly world war - for that is what the Seven Years War was."

Project officer for the event, Maj Dick Park, Battery Commander of 137 (Java) Field Battery, had the vital task of bringing together a number of outside agencies to create "something more stimulating than the average battlefield tour - which frequently consists of standing on a hill with a bottle, trying to keep oneself warm."

His own battery, which, with other elements of 40 Field, had been actively involved in preparing the "battlefields", had been both bemused and

interested to find themselves involved in a demonstration of a wheel of three battalions, with a 600 metre frontage.

"It illustrated that there must have been real problems in trying to keep shoulder to shoulder so one could display as many muskets to your front as possible," he said.

"I had not realised that some of the drill movements we do now are derived from early 18th and 17th century tactics: for example, there was a good reason to present your musket in the right direction to fire."

Six months ago, Maj Park admitted, he had known very

little about the Seven Years War, but now feels he can speak with a certain amount of authority on at least two of the battlefields.

"It's been an eye-opener for me, and I hope, for my battery. I have learned a lot."

Helping to create an authentic atmosphere alongside The 37th Regiment of Foot, replete with period cannon, smoke and explosions, were members of The 2nd Rhode Island Artillery - fellow members of living history group The Society of the American Revolution.

"They very kindly volunteered to give up their time to



Above - Taking things very seriously: historical soldiers and their modern counterparts

Below - Quite used to explosive atmospheres, re-enacted or not, is WO2 Paul McFarlane, both sergeant and colonel's drummer in The 37th Regiment of Foot - but more usually to be found with 33 Engineer Regiment (EOD)



come out here, at no cost, to take part in what was something of a novel venture," said Col Bailey.

"To me, their presence was valuable because, not only can they tell us the details about weapons and uniform, but their presence animates the landscape.

"Instead of just looking at modern fields, suddenly you see what would seem like real figures from the past. Peoples' imaginations are captured by the sight of the Colour, the sight of the cavalry actually moving and the sight of guns firing."

Battlefield touring was coming back into fashion at all levels in the British Army, from the more grandiose which looked at operational lessons to those on a smaller scale at unit level, said the colonel.

"Most of the exams which officers take from time to time are based on the post-1945 period, but I am of the view that there is a lot to be learned also from earlier battles."

For that reason, he had been quite keen to find an example of a battle which had modern relevance, which was local, which could be studied, and yet which came from an age in which apparently, superficially there was very little in common.

"I was looking for one, at least 18th century or earlier, with a coalition or allied angle

to it so it would be interesting to Dutch and Germans who might be in the area."

The regiment took the opportunity to examine the Hastenbeck (1757) and Minden (1759) battlefields - not only to prove a point about lessons from military history, but also as an ideal vehicle for establishing close relations with its German *partenschaft* battalion.

As drawdown continues, it is somewhat unusual for a British regiment to be forging relationships in Germany rather than breaking them. But 40 Field's partnership with 335 Panzer Artillery Battalion is due to be conferred "early in the New Year".

"This was the first occasion I had met their commanding officer and his officers, so we thought it would be an ideal opportunity to have them as our guests at a manifestly coalition event which had military relevance, coupled with a social atmosphere," said Col Bailey.

Both elements were much in evidence during the tour. Former 129 Battery major Frank Baldwin, the historian responsible for planting the seeds of the idea with Col Bailey, was a happy man.

And three other guests - potential officers from Scotland - said their image of the Army had been changed for the better . . .

## Gunners

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at the decisive point - and this would often require local linearity.

"We are particularly aware," said Col Bailey, "that on this battlefield our information requirements will be critical, and that if we are to command effectively we must have a style of command that issues missions clearly, while encouraging timely initiative and leadership at all levels of command."

All these current concerns were major issues in the British Army of the 18th century . . .

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What the regiment had tried

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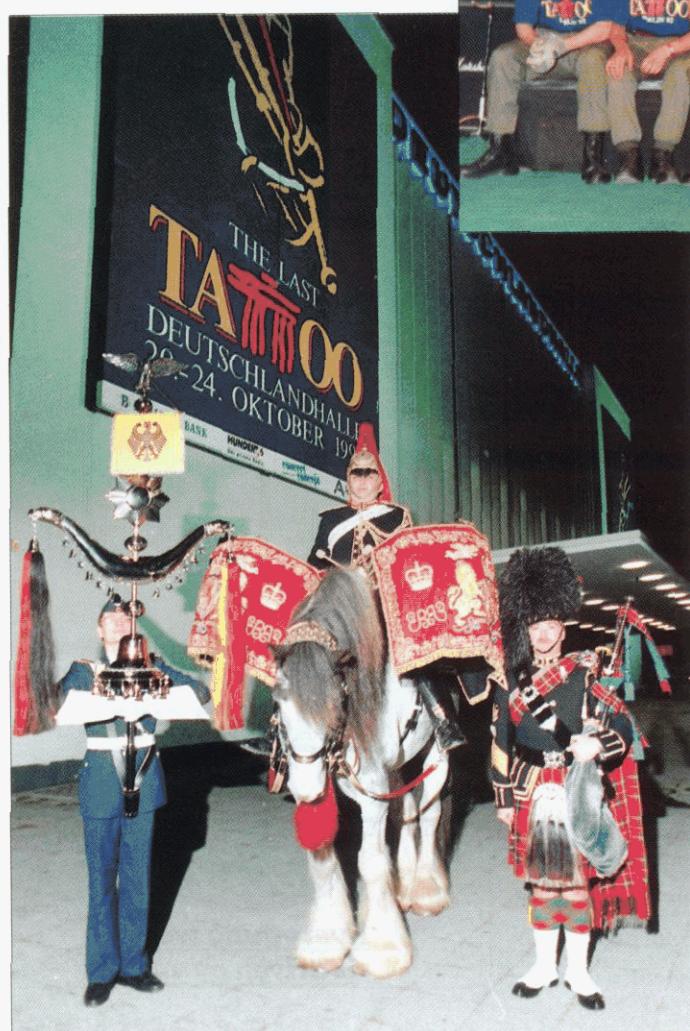
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Above - The ice pageant with its dancing fountains was a colourful and fitting end to the tradition of Tattoo in Berlin

Right - Rock superstars Status Quo took time out from rehearsals for a photo-call with soldiers from the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment, who formed the arena party

Below - All the pomp and ceremony of the Last Tattoo, outside the Deutschlandhalle on the opening night



SINCE 1947 the British Military Tattoo in Berlin has attracted thousands of enthusiastic Berliners and Service families, and has become a legendary part of the city's culture. As the Allies now prepare to leave, the tradition has become history and at the end of October, the British staged The Last Tattoo - a splendid military show which saluted the spirit of Europe.

It was a spectacular occasion, made even more special by the attendance of the Queen and Prince Philip.

More than 1,000 military musicians and performers, including legendary rockers Status Quo and singers Bonnie Tyler, Johnny Logan and Roger Whittaker, entertained thousands of visitors to Berlin's Deutschlandhalle as the British Forces said a fond farewell to a city which has been home for almost 50 years.

For Berliners, the British



Light Division musicians took audiences on a tour of the Mediterranean



Carrying a torch for the Berlin Tattoo - one of the ice dancers

# THE LAST TATTOO

Military Tattoo has become an important date in the calendar since the first performance on the Maifeld at the Olympic Stadium. Thousands have flocked to see the shows in the past, but everyone knew this year's show would be a special one. Not only was it the final Tattoo, but it was the first to take place in a re-united Germany and the first in a Berlin no longer divided by the Wall.

For the British it was a proud moment, with the Queen attending the first night during her State visit to Germany. For many it was a sad occasion.

Over the years, the event has

developed into a magnificent display of military music and skills - The Last Tattoo was to be no exception.

Produced by Maj Michael Parker, who is also responsible for the Royal Tournament, the backdrop for the show was a 19th century landscape depicting London and the Thames and the theme - 'Britain Salutes Europe in Berlin'.

In a musical extravaganza, 13 military bands, the pipes and drums, corps of drums, bugles and dancers from another ten regiments, and two choirs, took the 6,000-strong audience at each performance on an

enchanting whirlwind tour of Europe.

It was a fabulous combination of music and special effects, with flashing lasers, fireworks and dancing fountains. Particularly popular with the crowds was the Light Division's Mediterranean medley, which included slow and fast marching to Zorba the Greek, the massed Pipes and Drums and Dancers, which provided a colourful tribute to Scotland, and the Mounted Band of the Blues and Royals, with their magnificent drum horses, Belasarius and Janus.

Visiting performers included the Argyll and Sutherland

Highlanders of Canada, the Kevock Choir from Scotland and the Luftwaffenmusikkorps 5 Berlin, formed in 1991 from musicians from the former East Germany.

Following a spectacular laser tribute to Germany and the Brandenburg Gate, youngsters from the Lee Valley Ice Centre took centre stage with an exciting ice ballet, before a spectacular finale, in the shape of an 18th century River Thames ice pageant, brought the evening and the Tattoo to an end.

For more than 40 years the Military Tattoo has contributed much to the friendly

relationship between the British and the Berliners. While the show itself may now have passed into history, the memories will remain long after the troops have gone.

● The Tattoo was such a popular event that all the tickets sold out, and two extra performances also sold out. The result was that the Tattoo's more serious aim, to raise money for the charity Aktion Sorgenkind, was more than realised. Instead of the DM100,000 target, the Commander-in-Chief was able to present a cheque for DM150,000.

# Look, Boss! This is me on my day off

WHEN The Royal Yeomanry welcomed a party of VIPs to their annual camp at Wyke Regis some troopers were more than usually interested, writes Gordon Skilling.

These really were important people – their civilian bosses, invited along to see what their staff gets up to on camp after asking for two weeks off.

The employers, from Swindon, watched Fox armoured cars of The Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry's A Squadron completing a battle run, then took part in various military activities.

It crossed SSgt Terry Smyth's mind during abseiling practice that he was in a strong position to ask for a pay rise as he encouraged his boss to go over a cliff at Portland Bill!

The visit was an eye-opener. LCpl Colin Comley, an employee of Rover for 20 years, reckons many civilians believe the Territorial soldiers are in it for a good time. Two of his managers learned just what hard work it can be.

"Regulars train seven days a week but Territorials have a full-time job for five days, then do another job at the

## Royal Yeomanry gives civilian managers taste of the Army

weekend," said Mr Tom Hazell, Cpl Comley's boss. "Despite that, they achieve and maintain Regulars' levels of skills."

Their TA involvement often gives them skills which can benefit their companies, particularly in terms of leadership.

One of the training packages at Wyke Regis involved junior ranks learning about abseiling and then carrying out a complicated cliff rescue. They then had to teach the techniques to their sergeants and officers.

Some small firms cannot afford to release volunteers, and not all give special time off to attend camp.

"We rely on their goodwill," said Lt Col Christopher Day, commanding officer. "They have great difficulty during a recession and may only keep on

the best. These are the individuals we want in the TA, so there has to be significant give-and-take between us."

The Royal Yeomanry has had a change of cap badge in its ranks. Gone is the old B Squadron of the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry, now with The Queen's Own Yeomanry. In its place is the Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry.

C Squadron is the Kent and Sharpshooters Yeomanry based in Croydon; D Squadron, The North Irish Horse from Belfast and HQ Squadron the Westminster Dragoons, due to move from Victoria to Chelsea.

The dedication of the volunteers was impressive. SSgt Bob Chamberlain, A Squadron's galloping grocer (their SQMS), has been in 22 years and will stay till they throw him out. "It's the only hobby which pays well," he said. "I don't know why more don't do it."

One of the REME linchpins is Sgt Fred Batten. He caught the soldiering bug during National Service in Libya and Aden from 1956 to 1958, then joined the TA and has been with the Yeomanry ever since.



Pictures: Sgt Fred Batten

Above – Men of A Squadron, The Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry, ready for anything

Below – SSgt Terry Smyth



LCpl Colin Comley explains his role to John Ordish and Tom Hazell



Pam McClure of Square D finds squeezing into an overall harder than squeezing into a Fox



SSgt Bob Chamberlain shows his boss, Bill Elliott, around the inside of a Fox

## Foxes go to earth

THE ROYAL Yeomanry Foxes are going to earth. The camp near Weymouth may have been the last time the Foxes will be seen in strength, as the unit is to be re-equipped with Land Rovers.

Stripped-down Land Rovers armed with a couple of general purpose machine guns are a far cry from the armoured cars and 30mm Rarden cannons with which the Royal Yeomen have been equipped since the mid 60s. Apart from the obvious lack of clout, they are going to be colder . . .

The old Foxes required a lot of maintenance.

The arrival of the Land Rover will mean less time spent on the tank park, and will enable the regiment to drive to its destination instead of having to load Foxes into freight-liners at considerable expense. Spares, maintenance and fuel will be greatly reduced.



Cpl Mike Chriswick, a contracts officer for the Royal Navy, shows his superiors, Roger Munn (in turret) and Geoff Auton, the ins and outs of a Fox

He did it his way . . .

WHEN Michael Lindsay Stewart retired from the Army in 1990 after 21 years he had no specialist technical training to take into civvy street.

Now this former officer in the Black Watch has built a successful business career in the United States.

He has also distilled the experience of switching from the military to the civilian world into a book, *The Job Assault Course*, which has been endorsed in a foreword by the Chief of the General Staff, Gen Sir Peter Inge.

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## Sign on with RBL women

THE RECESSION is forcing the Royal British Legion Women's Section to face up to unprecedented demands on its services and welfare support says its chairman, Dame Mary Briggs.

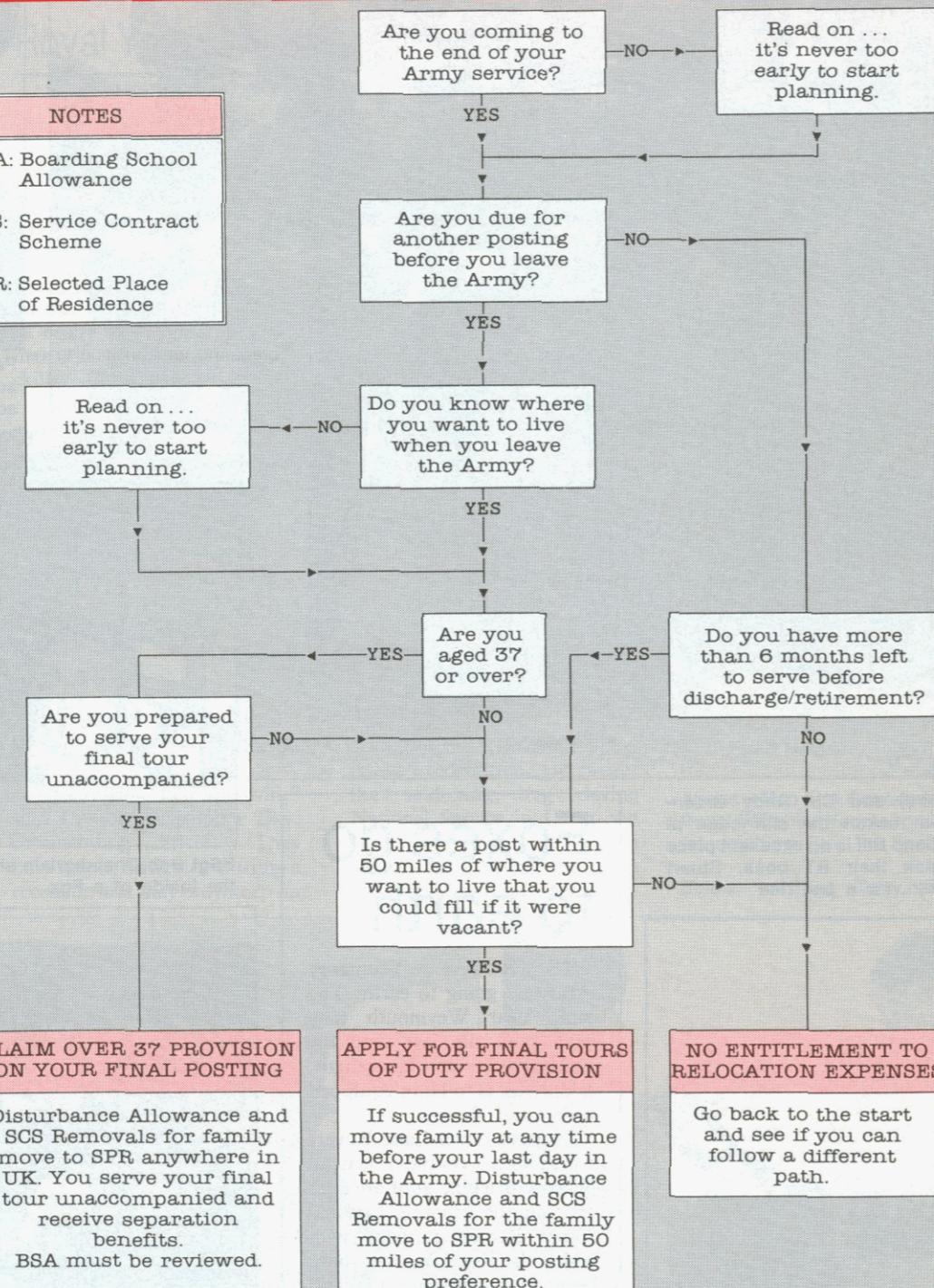
Launching a new membership drive in London, she said that contrary to many beliefs the section was self-supporting and received no help from Poppy Appeal funds nor a Royal British Legion grant.

Membership, costing just £7, is open to everyone, with or without a direct forces connection. At the moment 2,000 branches in the UK and overseas have a total of 111,000 members who enjoy social benefits as well as helping others.

Write to Women's Section, RBL, Haig House, 48 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5JY or ring 071-973 0633.

## End-of-service relocation

**NOTES**  
BSA: Boarding School Allowance  
SCS: Service Contract Scheme  
SPR: Selected Place of Residence



## A pointer in the right direction

SOLDIERS under the age of 37 who are approaching the end of their service will find this flow chart useful as they consider where they want to live at the end of their Army career.

It was provided by the MoD after I took up the case of a sergeant who

had written to me pointing out that he was suffering financially through lack of information, coupled with the refusal of his manning authority to grant a final posting to his preferred geographical area.

Sgt B incurred extra expense when he took what he considered to be

a responsible decision to move his family to his preferred location although he had not been posted there.

He tells me that the chart would have helped him if he had known about it well before his 37th birthday.

I hope his experience



## Officers and NCOs praise Herford Job Centre

# Mole-catcher Bill is spoilt for choice



Sgt Bill Brown, with Herford Job Centre receptionist Samantha Beuzeval, uses a computer to check out employment prospects

THOUSANDS of Servicemen and women and their dependants, preparing for transition to civilian life, have been taking advantage of the Job Centre at Herford Garrison.

After just eight months in existence there had been 2,247 personal callers from all over Germany, 3,000 telephone calls and 300 letters.

The Department of Employment had already conducted 1,802 advisory interviews.

When I called in, one casual "customer", Sgt Bill Brown, told me: "I wrote in for advice on how to become a mole catcher – a job that was not sought-after, so I thought I had a chance!"

"Instead, I have done the jobsearch programme and my list of possibilities has grown to 48, as the print-out shows."

With receptionist Samantha Beuzeval, Bill then went through each job on the programme to obtain a shortlist.

"I am amazed – there are jobs I did not know existed or that I might have an aptitude for," he said, as Samantha booked him in for his first advisory interview with

Margaret Boyle of the Department of Employment.

Bill had nothing but praise for the help he was given and urged everyone to make use of the centre.

Meanwhile, SSgt Martin Newstead, another 22-year man, was having the first of three interviews.

Martin had already completed all the preliminary paperwork but the job he had hoped for in the UK had not materialised because of the recession.

With a year still to serve, time was on his side – but, more important, he was able to take advantage of extremely helpful advice and in-depth counselling to point him in new directions for employment.

"It's better to find out now than a few months before leaving," he said.

All the callers I spoke to agreed that before the advent of the Job Centre, ferreting out all the necessary facts and advice would have taken much more time and trouble.

Now it was all available in one place – with hi-tech job selection support, instant communication with the UK and helpful staff in pleasant surroundings.

For Margaret's Employment Department colleague, Sue Burlinson, the work was interesting and rewarding.

And divisional resettlement officer Maj Mike Beaumont found its location convenient for his "customers". It's an invaluable asset," he said. But if all else fails, the right of appeal to the school and then to the Secretary of State is also there. Use it. Don't take no for an answer.

If families had not raised this problem it might have gone unnoticed. Their letters to me brought it into the open – and something has been done to put it right.

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## Services ask schools for a new deal on places

PARENTS of children in Service schools overseas waiting to know whether they will be affected by the next phase of Army redundancies are in a Catch-22 situation.

They need to apply for alternative school places for their children this autumn – but will not know whether they are on the redundancy list until February next year.

But there has been an official helping hand for those who fear that this unfortunate timing will put them at the end of the school places queue.

The end-of-service chart is intended as a useful guide only. You must also check your entitlement with your pay staff.

children in State and grant-maintained schools and in those seeking assisted places. Independent day schools, which may be an answer for those switching from full boarding, are showing a rise in attendances.

However, a number of Service families and UK-based civilians have written to tell me that despite the promise of the Citizen's Charter, for them there was no choice.

The drawdown means an increase in parents seeking places for their

children in a less-favoured school; others appealed successfully.

Now the Department of Education has written to all school authorities attaching a letter from Maj Gen Cliff Kinig, Director of Army Education, explaining the special problems and asking schools not to dismiss applications from Service parents overseas.

The letter says MoD will

give local education authorities information on regimental and unit moves to help ease the way.

This is a step forward in Service parents' campaign to get their children into schools of their choice.

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## SOLDIER to Soldier

### Grave of Kipling's son found

WRITER Rudyard Kipling's son John, who died in the First World War, now has a known grave thanks partly to the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

He is one of 23 Servicemen of both world wars whose final resting places have been identified after public investigation and re-examination of the commission's original cemetery documents.

Lt John Kipling, Irish Guards, was last seen on September 27 1915 near Chalk Pit Wood during the Battle of Loos. His grave is now known to be in St Mary's Advanced Dressing Station Cemetery, Haisnes, France.

Rudyard Kipling served as a CWGC commissioner from its formation in 1917 until his death in 1936. He made several unsuccessful attempts to find his son's grave but was apparently following inaccurate references.

Others whose graves have been identified include two members of the famous Rimau raid, killed near Singapore in 1944 and two men of the 53rd (Welsh) Reconnaissance Regiment, killed in Normandy in the same year.

Commission headstones, giving full details of each casualty, have been or will be erected over the previously "unknown" graves and



### Poster power!

A collection of 84 First World War recruiting posters, some of which are shown here, is expected to fetch up to £2,400 in a militaria sale at Sotheby's saleroom at Billingshurst, West Sussex, on December 3.

They are being sold by Sqn Ldr David Roberts RAF (Retd) whose father, a mounted orderly in

the 7th Dragoon Guards, was given them in the 1930s by his wartime brigadier.

It is believed that more than 150 poster designs were commissioned by the Parliamentary Recruiting Committee to persuade men to volunteer after the outbreak of war and before conscription was introduced.

In due course the corresponding names will be removed from memorials to the missing.

In its 1991-92 report, the commission notes the growing interest in the two world wars and those who died. About 30,000 casualty traces were received and processed.

If local retailers do not have it in stock the video can be obtained from The Tattoo Office, 22 Market Street, Edinburgh EH1 1QB at a cost of £12.99 for the UK (plus £1.15 p and p), Europe (plus £2.20) and Australasia (£4.25) version, or £16.99 for the USA and Canada (£3.80) and Japan (£4.25).

### Video view of tattoo

EDITED highlights of the pageantry and splendour of this year's Edinburgh Military Tattoo are now available on a 54-minute video.

Filmed by BBC Television, with commentary by Tom Fleming, the excerpts include footage of the Scots Guards, celebrating their 350th anniversary, and the music of the Massed Bands of the Royal Marines as well as the Massed

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## APPOINTMENTS

MAJ GEN M J D Walker CBE to be Assistant Chief of the General Staff from December 11 in succession to Maj Gen R N Wheeler CBE.

Brig P A J Cordingley DSO to be General Officer Commanding Eastern District in the rank of Major General from November 23, in succession to Maj Gen M J D Walker CBE.

**Colonel** – P V Panton – To be OIC CMRO, Oct 30; D H Wright, late RAMC – To (UK) Div HQ and Sig Regt, Nov 2; T McG Brown – To HQ BAOR/HQ BRSC, Nov 2.

**Retirements**  
**Brigadier** – J Taylor, ALC, Nov 1.

**Colonels** – D L De Beaujeu, late 14/20 H, Nov 2; J N Eddison, late RAOC, Nov 1; A G R Holman, late RE, Nov 1; M R Walker, late AAC, Oct 29; A P A Areng-Jones, late Glosters, Nov 9.

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**Lt Cols** – P J Howson, RACD – To be Sen Chap 1 Armd Div HQ and Sig Regt, Oct 28; T V Merritt, RRF – To MoD, Oct 26, D S B Phipps, R Anglian – To BGTT

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**Colonel** – D L De Beaujeu, late 14/20 H, Nov 2; J N Eddison, late RAOC, Nov 1; A G R Holman, late RE, Nov 1; M R Walker, late AAC, Oct 29; A P A Areng-Jones, late Glosters, Nov 9.

## DIARY

### JANUARY 1993

30: Victorian Military Society "British India" fair, Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London W2 (1030 to 1630). Details from Dan Allen, tel: 0635 48628.

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

## REUNIONS

### 1993

● **RAOC footballers past and present:** RAOC Football Association will play its last fixture under the corps flag on March 31 and to mark the occasion a reunion dinner will be held at CAD Kineton in March. Details from Maj Richard Attard (Bicester Mil 3049) or Maj Ray Goff (Kineton Mil 3492).

● **REME Association:** Annual reunion at Pontin's Seacroft Holiday Village, Hemsby-on-Sea, Norfolk, over bank holiday April 30 to May 3. Cost £71 per person. Booking forms from Secretary, REME Association, Isaac Road, Arborfield, Reading, Berks RG2 9LN (tel: 0734 763219 or Arborfield Mil 2219).

● **Bridlington Combined Ex-Services Association:** Reunion weekend and conference, May 14-16. Details with SAE from Ticket Secretary, 17 Hustler Road, Bridlington, E Yorks after January 1.

● **Malayan Campaign 1948-60:** A commemorative remembrance service is planned by the Planters Association of Malaysia to be held at Batu Gajah Christian Cemetery on June 19. To pay homage to those who fell during the Malayan Emergency and Borneo-Indonesian Confrontation, as well as the Second World War, a 21-day pilgrimage to Malaysia and Singapore, leaving on June 6, is being organised for all those who served and relatives of the fallen. Details from Peter Dawson, 9 Park Avenue East, Keyworth, Nottingham NG12 5JZ.

● **The El Adem Radio Service (TEARS):** Reunion on June 19 at Stakis Country Court Hotel, Northampton, to mark 35th anniversary of first broadcast. Ex-TEARS personnel based at RAF El Adem between 1958 and 1970 are asked to contact John Moir, 27 Wilton Drive, Horndean, Waterlooville PO8 9QY (tel: 0705 59489).

● **Royal Canadian Regiment:** The regiment will hold its 110th anniversary reunion in CFB Gagetown, New Brunswick, on June 25-27. Details from RHQ, Royal Canadian Regiment, Wolseley Barracks, London, Ontario, Canada N5Y 4T7.

● **Bari pilgrimage:** A combined Airborne/RN Holiday/Pilgrimage to Bari, Italy, costing about £500, is planned for the 50th anniversary in September 1993 of the loss of HMS *Abdiel*. Details from Maj C M Steggles, Airborne Forces Security Fund, Browning Barracks, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2BU.

## SEARCHLINE

● **Kenneth Henry Winn**, brother of Leonard Charles Winn and who served with 2 Gren Gds in Hong Kong in 1978, is sought by his natural sister Evelyn, who was adopted in infancy. Please contact Mrs E Woodward, 103 Olive Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex SS9 3PX.

● **2nd and 1st/7th Bns, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment:** Members who took part in the Normandy campaign from D-Day to Falaise in August 1944 are asked to contact Area HQ RRF, St John's House, Warwick CV34 4NF, giving regimental number, rank and appointment at the time.

● **Cap badges:** Army Cadet Force member Robert Cook, of 2 Longstone Gardens, Edinburgh EH14 2AW, is anxious to add to his collection of British military cap badges. Will cover reasonable costs.

● **Junior Leaders (RCT) Regt, 1972:** Gary Taylor, of 12 Ashlands Avenue, Mosley Common, Worsley, Manchester, wishes to contact someone with the initials "J V" who served in or with the regiment at Norton Manor Camp, Taunton, Somerset, in 1972.

● **Oxford University OTC:** Past members sought to join newly formed old members' association. Details from the Secretary, The Blue Contemptibles, Oxford University OTC, Yeomanry House, Manor Road, Oxford OX1 3UQ.

● **Airborne Pathfinders:** Ex-members of 21st Independent Parachute Company, 1st Independent Parachute Platoon and Corps personnel attached are invited to contact F W Weatherley, Flat 48, Blenheim Court, 399 Markfield Drive, Flanderwell, Rotherham S66 0LB (tel: 0709 532116) for information regarding their club and future reunions.

● **Maritime Royal Artillery:** An Old Comrades Association exists for soldiers who served with the MRA during the Second World War, and branch meetings are held in many parts of the country. Details from the president, Morrison L James, Summerhill Cottage, Drabbles Lane, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 9ER (0983 405474) or secretary, Lionel Wheble, Ffynnonogoch Cottage, Pen-uwch, Tregaron, Dyfed, Wales SY25 6QZ (tel: 0974 821412).

● **164 Railway Operating Coy RE (1939-45):** Ex-MT Driver L R Swindale (6 Yew Tree Crescent, Stapenhill, Burton-on-Trent DE15 9QL) wishes to hear from former MT personnel who served with him, including Sgt Shaw, Capt

## MILITARIA

● **Kings Regiment:** Ron Boardman (1 Goodwood Avenue, Fulwood, Preston PR2 4TZ), lately CSgt of 1 Kings, is compiling a publication on the Regular battalions of the regiment (Kings and Manchester) from 1950 to present day. He seeks the loan of photographs/negatives, written anecdotes, menus and invitations, old regimental journals, newspaper cuttings, maps, cartoons, boxing programmes and other memorabilia (preferably enhanced by details of names, places and dates). Receipt of items will be acknowledged and mentioned in publication.

## DISBANDMENT

### PARADES

● **10 Field Squadron RE:** Former members who wish to attend the disbandment parade at RAF Gutersloh on December 7 should contact WO2 (SSM) Follows, 10 Fd Sqn RE, BFPO 113 (tel: Gutersloh Mil ext 308).

● **27th Field Regiment RA:** Past members wishing to attend the final parade at Ubique Barracks, Dortmund on December 10, followed by lunch should contact the Project Officer, Officers' Mess, 27 Fd Regt RA, BFPO 20 (Dortmund Mil 3491). This supersedes the previously advertised disbandment parade at Münster Ortze on November 28.

### 94 Loc Regt WOs'

### and Sgts' Mess

● The Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess, 94 Locating Regiment Royal Artillery has a number of items presented to the mess since 1959 when the regiment was stationed at Celle, Germany. Due to the regiment going into suspended animation, donors or their families who want the items returned should contact WO2 (RQMS) J Turnbull, QM(T) Department, 94 Loc Regt RA, Roberts Barracks, Larkhill, Salisbury, Wilts SP4 8QU (tel: 0980 665252).



## Irish Hussars celebrate Balaklava

Soldiers of The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars parade at Fallingsbostel to mark the 138th anniversary of the Charge of the Light Brigade.

The Balaklava Parade was the last before the regiment deploys to Cyprus for a six-month tour with the United Nations. In September 1993 it is due to amalgamate with The Queen's Own

Hussars to form The Queen's Royal Hussars (The Queen's Own and Royal Irish).

The salute was taken by the Colonel of the regiment, Gen Sir Brian Kenny, DSACEUR(UK).

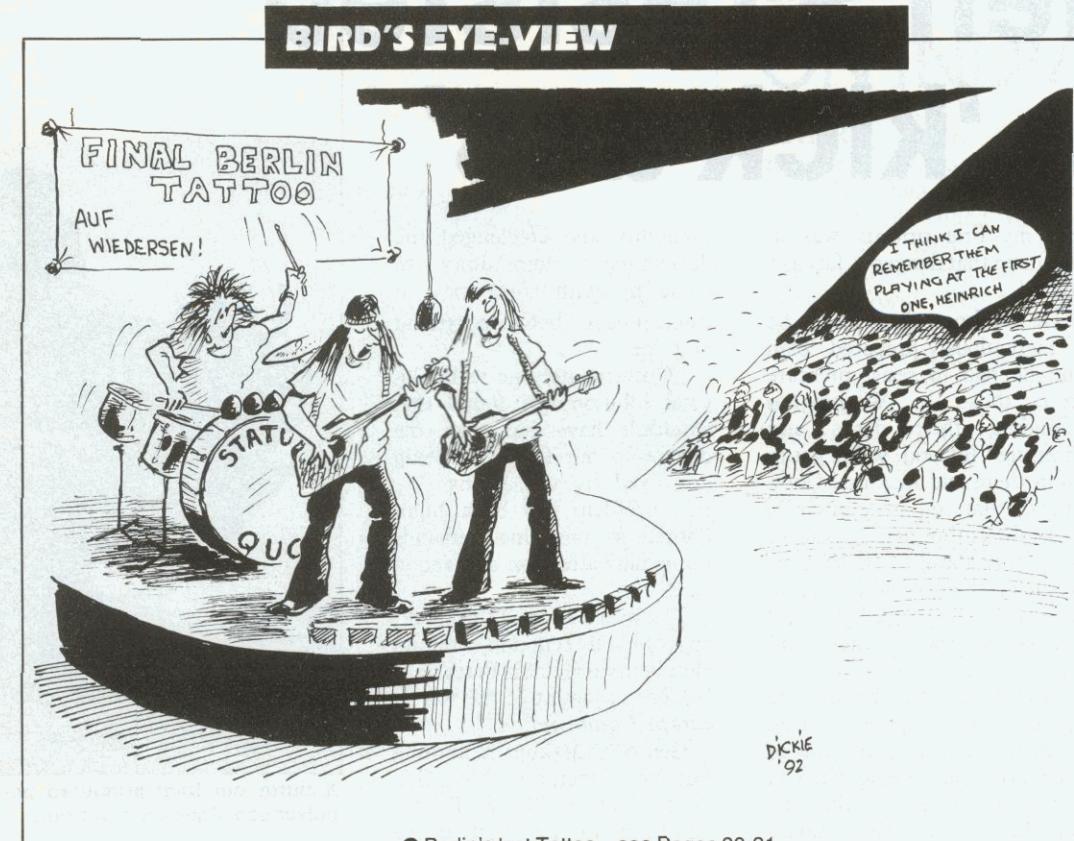
More than 70 former officers and 200 other ranks returned for an Old Comrades' weekend arranged to coincide with the parade.

## Berlin leads BFBS appeal

DESPITE the effects of drawdown, hopes are high that the latest BFBS Germany appeal for Wireless For The Blind will eclipse last year's record total of DM177,000 raised by Service listeners across BFG.

This year's "Ring Us Up" sessions on December 12 and 13 follow a week of lunchtime fund-raising by BFBS Berlin in its lunchtime show, and will be followed on December 31 by the return of the "last and first record of 92/93" feature which invites bids for musical New Year honours.

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● Berlin's last Tattoo – see Pages 30-31

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## Division a deceit

IN YOUR El Alamein feature (November 2), describing the positions at the start of the battle on October 23, you referred to "... 30 Corps, with 1, 8 and 10 Armoured Divisions of 13 Corps behind them."

This should have read: "... 30 Corps, with 1 and 10 Armoured Divisions of 10 Corps behind them. 8 Armoured Division consisted of the HQ only and no tanks. It was used to deceive the enemy into thinking that it was a full division." – E E Hemmings (late RE), Hove, E Sussex.

● Quite right. The Royal Engineers' skill in creating a phantom division is mentioned later in the story. Some sources still confuse reality and fiction. – Editor

## Post-Corporate

## clasp 'discussed'

WHAT are the deciding factors regarding the award of campaign medals and clasps?

I was under the impression they were awarded for a set

period of time or in a set place while on active service with a risk of death or injury, regardless of whether any lives were actually lost, as in the case of the Rhodesia Medal, of which I am a holder.

Stay tuned to BFBS Germany as the full story unfolds.

– Colin Macdonald, BFBS Rheindahlen.

### Women bearing arms

I WAS angered by Maj Godfrey's letter (SOLDIER, November 2). He thinks the only women who should bear arms are female soldiers in the old Communist empire.

Perhaps the Communists were more in line with the

states that personnel involved in the post-war EOD operations were to receive the General Service Medal and Kuwait clasp.

I am not trying to belittle the work of the lads in Kuwait. No doubt I know personally some of the REs involved.

However, I am wondering why an award was given for EOD operations in the Gulf but not for the post-war clearance of the Falkland Islands.

During my tour "down south" from September 1982 to February 1983 my section and I found ourselves in the middle of a booby-trapped field, wrongly marked on the map as

being a couple of kilometres away (not all minefields had been found and fenced at this time).

In another incident one of my sappers and three QEs searching with us were injured by the detonation of a luckily

small piece of unexploded ordnance. The OC lost a foot and the following detachment's OC lost a leg on mines.

So it was more dangerous than Ascension, but you still got a medal for staying there.

Perhaps the medal discrepancy is because the Falklands conflict was a purely British affair, while the Gulf involved other nations who are more generous with recognition of service and the British Government did not want to be embarrassed. – Recently-retired Corporal RE, Crawley, W Sussex.

● The suggestion of an award of a clasp to the GSM for post-Operation Corporate bomb and mine clearance duties in the Falkland Islands was discussed but turned down. It is not MoD policy, we are told, to review past decisions concerning the award of campaign and service medals. – Editor

## DEFINITIVE WORK ON INDIAN ARMY

## Why Gen S resisted calls to 'kick ass'

"I STEPPED out of the airplane into a blast of desert heat. The temperature at Riyadh military airport was 115 degrees in the shade, and it was only mid morning."

The big man had arrived to find his place in history.

Since graduating from the United States Military Academy, West Point, in 1956 H. Norman Schwarzkopf has commanded Army units from infantry platoons to the entire US, British and French coalition forces that participated in the Gulf War.

It is expected of a senior commander to write his memoirs. In fact, it is almost as much a duty to publish his experience and summaries of campaigns for the benefit of future generations as it is to effectively lead his commands.

Gen Schwarzkopf's book, written with the assistance of Peter Petre and entitled *It Doesn't Take a Hero*, is his autobiography and 291 of its 503 pages of text are about his life before becoming Commander-in-Chief, US Central Command and Commander of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

It is his account of the latter campaigns we have been eagerly anticipating.

Despite his nickname Stormin' Norman, the general gives the impression of being a cool and tolerant commander; he did his stormin' only in order to get things done in the way he considered to be correct.

So here was this big man faced with 900,000 men organised into 63 divisions, including eight élite Republican Guard forces, and an arsenal of "some of the best weapons the international arms bazaar had to offer" – tanks, artillery, missiles and aircraft from the Soviet Union, South Africa, China and France.

The logistics problems were enormous and the USA is the only nation in the world able to achieve such a feat.

Understandably, Schwarzkopf was "worried about getting kicked back into the sea and losing thousands and thousands of lives, and knew

that my first priority was to eliminate that danger as fast as I could".

He also knew there had to be a meticulously-prepared plan and he had to resist pressure from those in Washington pounding their desks and shouting "By God, we've got to go in there and kick ass! Gotta punish that son of a bitch."

As the author says, "none of them was going to be shot at. None of them would have to answer to the mothers and fathers of dead soldiers and marines".

However, even before the action began, people were dying through accidents, one of the more bizarre being when an officer was demonstrating the soundness of the safety mechanism on the .45 pistol. "He put the weapon to his head and it discharged."

Desert Shield ended and the first shots of Desert Storm were fired at 02.40 hours on January 17, 1991.

At first it was an air war, using a degree of technology that had never been seen before in action. By February 19, nine days before the land attack was launched, Schwarzkopf was confident of victory.

"I knew we'd defeat them – but I didn't know how bloody the ground war might be. I could conjure up a dozen scenarios in which the Iraqis would make victory extremely costly."

The general wanted a quick end to his war; he wanted the Air Force to keep bombing the convoys back up at the Euphrates where the bridges had been blown and to launch his ground attack on February 24, destroying everything on the way to the sea. This part of the campaign was to last only five days – a 100 Hour War!

On the friendly fire incident that has been the subject of much critical analysis, Schwarzkopf explains: "In the Gulf War our problem was that our technological ability to engage targets exceeded our ability to identify targets clearly . . . Early on, we became aware of the danger posed to our own forces by this enhanced

capability and challenged the development community to come up with some way to discriminate between friend and foe.

"Unfortunately no technological solution was found that wouldn't have increased the danger to our forces of being destroyed by the enemy . . . this problem has been highlighted as one that demands immediate attention and action . . ."

The publication of this book, appropriately enough, follows closely upon Gen Sir Peter de la Billière's account of the war in *Storm Command*.

Gen Schwarzkopf is nothing but complimentary about Gen de la Billière: "Great Britain had been our closest ally in the crisis, and he and I had become good friends. I trusted his brains and judgement so much that I asked his advice on even the most sensitive of military issues."

This does not perhaps entirely correspond with Sir Peter's version but he will surely be pleased to read that he was "a superb soldier, advisor, confidant and friend".

Norman Schwarzkopf has left his impressive mark on history. It seems a pity that his publishers are inappropriately named Bantam Press because Stormin' Norman is certainly no bantam. – BJ

**It Doesn't Take a Hero: The Autobiography of Gen H. Norman Schwarzkopf** written with Peter Petre. Bantam Press, hardback, £17.99.

## IN BRIEF

**Emergency Sahib** by Lt Col Robin Schlaefli. Memoir highlights the Sikhs' and Punjabi Mohammedans' great contribution to the Second World War effort in India and Burma. R.J. Leach and Co, 38 Inglemere Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 2BE, price £16.95 plus £1.70 p and p.

**Shield of Zion** by Netanel Lorch. Story of the Israeli Defence Forces with superb photography by Carlos Lorch and an introduction by Yitzhak Rabin. Airlife Publishing Ltd, hardback, £25.



Picture: Mike Weston

A burnt out Iraqi armoured personnel carrier on the road to Kuwait. High technology delivery systems pulverised Saddam's armour.

## Gulf verdict: A crushing mismatch

"THE RISKS of war-making have increased . . . to the point at which it is now well established that a government which loses a war cannot expect to remain in power.

"However, the single exception to this global rule has been the Arab governments of the Middle East, which have frequently been able to survive the popular discontent following a lost war."

So write the editors of *The Gulf War Assessed*, a collection of contributions by staff members of the War Studies Department of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. Coalition warfare, we are

told, is the hardest of all forms of conflict, and the task facing the American planners was to find a way to integrate the various elements of the Coalition into a unified structure, "selecting a form of war and a strategy which would exploit the strengths of each member".

The planners had to consider the impressive size of Saddam's forces, their recent experience of war with Iran and their reported "terror" weapons, causing a reasonable expectation that the war would cost the Coalition thousands of lives.

The authors' assessments of the planning are not without criticism. "The US war

machine was strong on technology, on firepower, and after a false start, on logistics . . ."

For instance, it took a long time for the Americans to get their catering arrangements organised.

". . . But although it was strong on information gathering, it was very weak on intelligence and information assessment, and unprepared to take risks.

"Also, as in the past, its approach to alliance warfare was to dominate the alliance, and impose an American way of war."

This is harsher than anything that can be found in Gen Sir Peter de la Billière's recently published *Storm Command*.

More than any previous conflict, this was an air war and the authors correct some of the popular misconceptions that were originated at high command press conferences and spread worldwide by the media.

"There were a number of claims made about various aspects of the air war that did not bear close examination.

"Possibly the most prominent feature of the Gulf War was its hi-tech nature, with the air campaign often being likened

to some sort of video game. 'Smart' munitions, for example, were credited with unerring accuracy."

Quoting a former US Naval Secretary, the authors go on to tell us that laser-guided munitions had a 60 per cent hit capability and even this figure was for missiles fired under test conditions.

"No-one was shown the videos of missiles missing their targets . . . A vivid example of the 'bridge-busting' effort was provided on January 20, when Gen Norman Schwarzkopf displayed a video of an American plane destroying an Iraqi bridge with a single missile . . . This was undoubtedly impressive, although it should be compared with the RAF estimate that, on average, it required 24 aircraft sorties to destroy a bridge."

At sea the Coalition had overwhelming naval superiority: approximately 120 US and 30 Coalition warships, posing a serious threat to Iraq. This was underestimated by Saddam, and Andrew Lambert in his chapter "The Naval War" is of the opinion that, "There is now a danger that post-war analyses will make the same mistake."

In the event the ground war

Army After Partition and

excellent notes on uniforms and rank structure.

The photographs are, however, inadequate and limited, there being only two out of 23 of the pre-1910 period.

This is very much a reference book for military historians and collectors but it will also take its rightful place in reference libraries as a definitive work.

John Gaylor is to be congratulated on his painstaking and devoted work and your reviewer is grateful to discover that his brother's regiment, the 5/7 Rajputs, although destroyed by the Japanese in Hong Kong in 1941, was re-raised as 5 Rajputs in 1961. – PSN

**Sons Of John Company. The Indian and Pakistani Armies 1903-91** by John Gaylor. Spellmount Ltd., £28.

lasted only five days. "It is clear that the Coalition grossly overestimated the strength and fighting abilities of the Iraqi army.

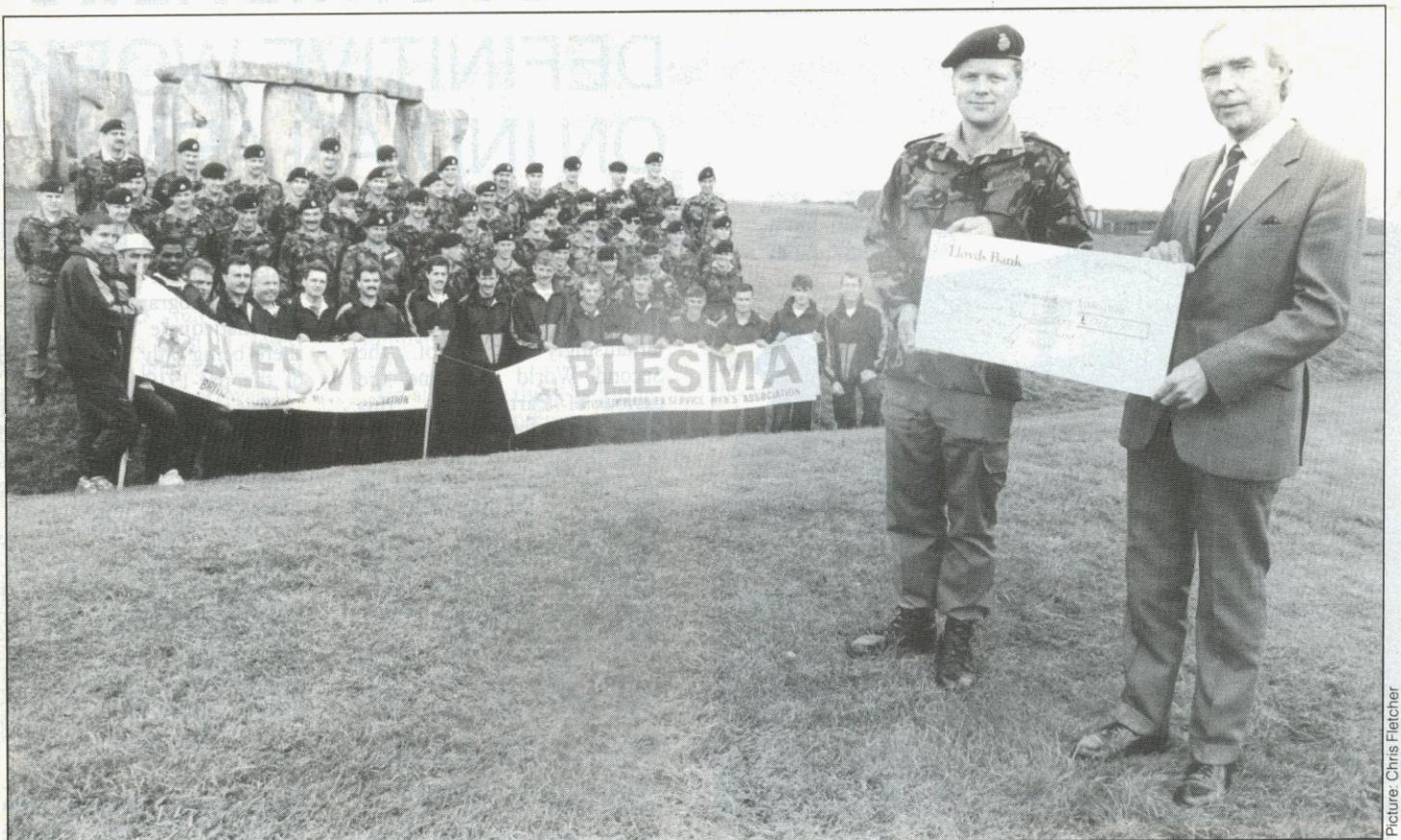
"A cynical view is that this was done deliberately, in order to legitimise what was always going to be a massacre by creating a phantom ogre."

"More probably, both CENTCOM and Washington were over-compensating for the malaise of Vietnam, and were desperate not to underestimate their enemy."

Of the US Commander, the authors' assessment is magnanimous: "Having achieved a crushing mismatch, which compared with victories such as Agincourt in 1415, Plassey in 1757, or Omdurman in 1898, Schwarzkopf had certainly found his place in military history. And his 100 Hours War will no doubt be taught and studied for years to come."

There can also be no doubt that this book is a retrospect by experts but it will certainly not be the last word on the Gulf War. – BJ

**The Gulf War Assessed** edited by John Pimlott and Stephen Badsey. Arms and Armour, hardback, £16.99.



## 414 goes all the way for BLESMAN

Capt Simon Bamford RCT hands over a cheque for more than £10,600 to the General Secretary of the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association, Lt Col Raymond Holland (right) during a ceremony at Stonehenge. Members of

Bulford-based 414 Tank Transporter Unit RCT and the Logistic Support Battalion AMF(L) raised the money for BLESMAN by completing a sponsored run from John o'Groats to Land's End. They completed it in 11 days.

Picture: Chris Fletcher



Little Rhys Gilbert is only three months old and - with the help of his parents - he has already helped raise more than £1,500 for charity.

Rhys was born prematurely and spent the first 12 days of his life in an incubator at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

Grateful parents, LSgt Phillip Gilbert, Welsh Guards and his wife Debbie have been campaigning with colleagues from

## Hasn't Rhys done well!

Headquarters 24 Airmobile Brigade and Catterick Garrison to raise £2,000 towards the cost of another incubator so that other babies might be saved.

## ALL IN A GOOD CAUSE

## HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

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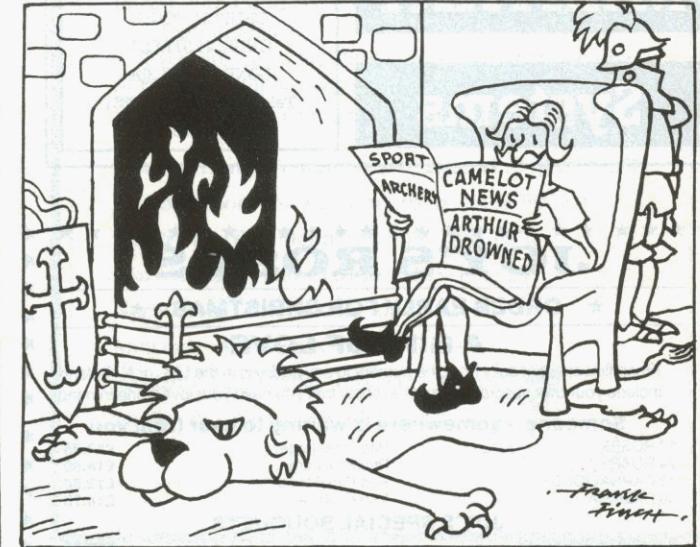
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## Gen Montgomery and the Rolls

## Royce Wraith campaign cars

# THE SEARCH GOES ON

A LETTER from Mr L M C Brown published in SOLDIER (August 24) was one of several received since the quest began to solve enigmas raised by two Rolls Royce Wraith cars being allotted to Gen Montgomery for use in the North West Europe campaign.

The Rolls remembered by Mr Brown as being in Edinburgh in 1947 was not one sent to Europe. It was, in fact, a Phantom III - a larger car than the Wraiths - chassis number 3 DL 52, despatched to coachbuilders Hooper and Company Limited on June 4, 1938.

Hoopers fitted their standard "enclosed drive" limousine body with "tuck-in" back, painted crimson with black-and-yellow lining.

On July 1, 1938, Lord Craigmyle took delivery of the Phantom III, paying £2,490.3s, including £15.3s worth of optional extras.

In 1940, His Lordship was

prompted by patriotism to donate the car to the War Office for the use of GOC Scotland, ten of whom it served over the next 26 years.

In 1966 the "Old Grey Mare", as it was affectionately known, was retired and placed in the custody of the Junior Tradesmen's Regiment at Troon, Ayrshire, to be the establishment's mascot!

When, in 1974, the JTR was disbanded, the car was mechanically rebuilt by REME apprentices at Sterling Depot workshops. The post-1974 history of 3 DL 52 has yet to be clarified.

Mr Brown's recollection of the car being green does not correspond with a HQ Scotland (Army) report which mentions "light grey" paint replacing the original crimson livery - hence the nickname, "Old Grey Mare".

The remarks about the ATS driver with "film-star looks"

Earlier this year in SOLDIER, Brian Jewell told of his search to discover the histories and present whereabouts of Rolls Royce cars in military service during the Second World War. Here is his progress report...

are interesting. Perhaps some reader will know her identity.

From Mr J McKenzie arrived a letter recalling a "Belgian-bodied" Rolls Royce sold by the Army in Germany to a civilian buyer in 1958.

By coincidence, a few days later there came news of this car

from its present owner, Mr Douglas McCorkindale, of Arlington, Virginia, and it seems this is a Rolls that was used by Montgomery.

It is a Phantom III, chassis number 3 CP 144, bodied in Belgium in 1937 by coachbuilders Vesters and Neirinck for a Belgian named Jean Francqui.

Sometime during or after 1945 the car was acquired by the British Army for use by Lt Gen Sir Charles F Keightley.

Mr McCorkindale believes the car was used by Montgomery when on visits to Brussels.

Yet another Rolls Royce which claims the distinction of having carried Montgomery was noticed by Mr Paul Hancox in the Channel Islands.

In the Jersey Motor Museum there is a 1936 Phantom III (chassis number 3 AZ 186) with touring limousine coachwork by Freestone and Webb. The Museum's guide states: "During the War, in 1944, the car was used by Gen Montgomery whilst planning the D-Day operations, also by Gen Carl Spraatz of the USAF..."

Fortunately, Mr Michael Wilcock, the museum's director, knows a great deal about the car as it was originally

owned by his father.

"I remembered accompanying my father to London to hand over the car on December 2, 1943, and have an even greater memory of collecting it again in London from Rolls Royce at the height of the flying bomb attacks later in 1944, when it was no longer required," he writes.

It had been on loan to the Ministry of War Transport and not compulsorily purchased, and Mr Wilcock senior was told it had been used between London and Virginia Water, where Montgomery was planning the D-Day landings. It seems that Monty did not like the car because he could not be clearly seen in the rear seat!

The Phantom III had a long and widely-travelled career at home and in the Far East between 1945 and 1964 when it returned to the Wilcock family and to have its original DGY 1 registration plates refitted.

Finally, to return to the Rolls Royce Wraith cars that did go to Europe with Montgomery, chassis numbers WMB 40 and WHC 43.

There now seems to be good reason to believe that the latter car (with Windovers coachwork) was returned to England to be used as one of the transports for the Chiefs of Imperial General Staff, census number 16 YF 68 replacing M 5109233 worn when in service at Montgomery's Tac HQ.

The SOLDIER library has a 1951 photograph of 16 YF 68 showing Sgt Leonard Dengate fixing Fd Marshal Sir William Slim's flag to the car.

This is very probably the car struck-off by the Army in November 1955 as being "beyond economic repair", but which still lives and is at present undergoing restoration by Mr David H Timmons in Columbus, Ohio.

The search goes on.

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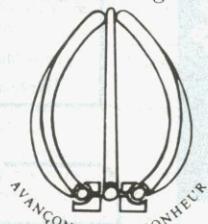
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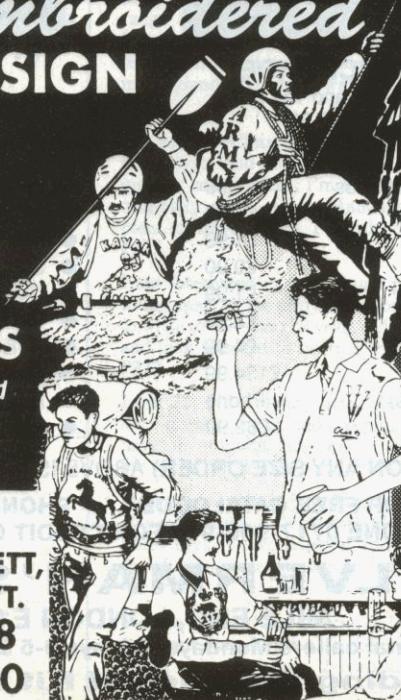
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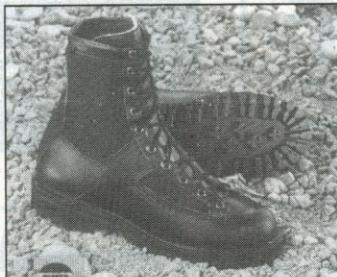
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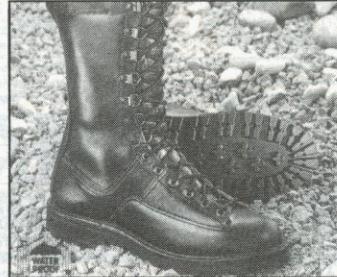
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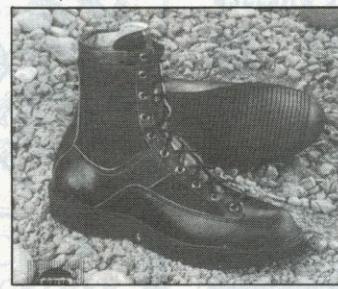
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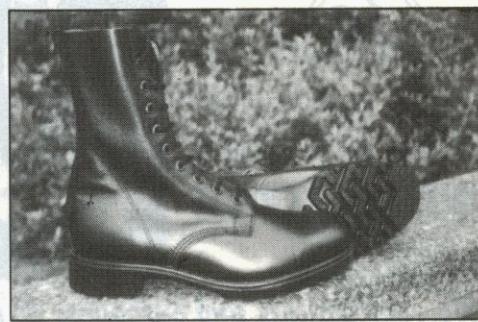
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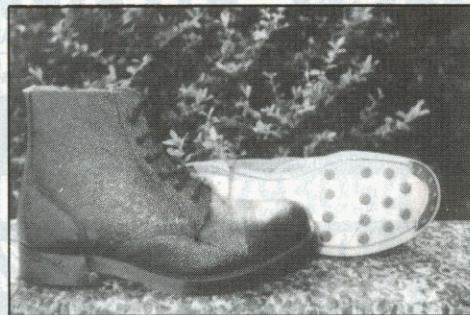
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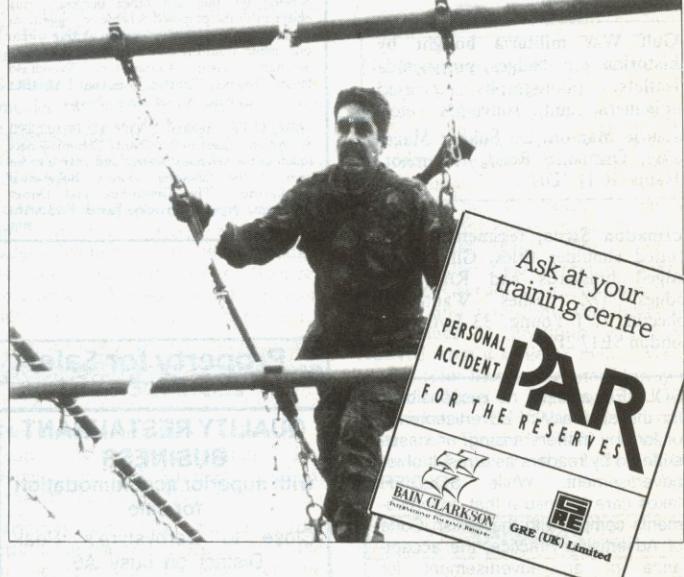
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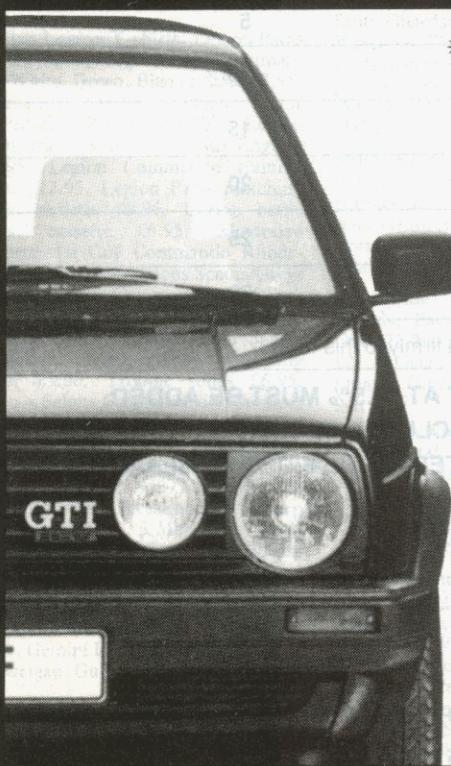
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# APTC wins corps title

THE APTC won the Inter-Corps indoor hockey tournament held at RAF Newton on November 5 but have elected not to go forward to the Hockey Association Indoor Cup competition.

Runners-up at Newton, the Royal Engineers, will carry the Army colours into the HA draw, along with third placed AG Corps and the Royal Artillery, who finished fourth and so benefit most from the APTC decision.

The physical trainers cruised through the tournament, beating the gunners 5-2 in the semi-finals and the sappers 3-1 in the final.

The only corps not to be



## Kelly sets the pace

GREAT Britain runner Cpl Kelly Holmes (AGC) is the only new name to appear in the revised 1992 Army Athlete Association records.

Based at HQ York Garrison, Cpl Holmes (above) won her first GB Under 23 vest in July when she ran an 800m race against Germany and the CIS.

She recorded a personal best of 2min 4.9sec on that occasion, but reduced her time in a subsequent international to 2min 3.94sec, the best ever time posted by an Army woman athlete.

Holmes is the current Army and Inter-Service champion over 200m, 400m and 800m.

Longest surviving record on the AAA books is the 8min 47.8sec 3,000m steeplechase run by LCpl Ernie Pomfret (10 Hussars) way back in 1964.

beaten by them were REME, who shared four goals in the preliminary round robin stage of the competition.

This season's outdoor Inter-Service tournament is to be hosted by the Army at Aldershot on March 10-12, the winners of which qualify for the HA county championships later in the month.

### UNDER 21 HOCKEY

The Army junior hockey tournament was played at Aldershot as a round robin on October 10. The Army Apprentice College, Chepstow beat Princess Marina College, Aborfield in the key match of the tournament and won the Junior Cup which will comple-

ment the Youth Cup they won in May.

These tournaments give the Army Under 21 committee an opportunity to view the potential available for the Army Under 21 team. The selectors also receive names from the various corps secretaries and in early December conduct a training weekend at Aldershot to form a squad for the lead-up matches and the Inter-Services, scheduled for Aldershot on March 10-12.

The management comprises a chairman, secretary, manager and coach, who between them visit the various Apprentice and Junior units to watch matches.

Before the Inter-Services, the

Under 21s have five training weekends, each of which culminates in a match against a strong civilian side.

At the Inter-Services, the Combined Services committee looks at the sides and selects an Under 21 squad. The 1991/92 Army side benefited from a good season of coaching and hard matches and their ambition is to win the Under 21 Inter-Services championship, currently held by the Royal Air Force.

If any reader feels he has the ability to play for the Army side, or knows somebody in that category, he is asked to let the team manager know through the Army HA.

# Essex men fall to late strike

ESSEX always make things difficult for the Army, and this match at the Military Stadium, Aldershot, was no exception, writes Pat Massey.

Very little separated the sides, and the Army won the game with just three minutes to go when Cpl Dave Maynard (DERR) held off a challenge on the left edge of the penalty area before firing a hard, low shot into the far corner.

It was the second time he had beaten the 'keeper.

The visitors, in fact, opened the scoring from the penalty spot after 30 minutes of uncompromising defence by both teams. Sgt Alan Higgins (R Signals) accidentally clipped the heels of East Thurrock United's Ian Fleming as he made a run into the area, and Paul Batram (Erith and Belvedere) sent Cfn Mike Taylor (REME) the wrong way from the resulting penalty.

Six minutes later Maynard put the Army back on terms after Cpl Bob Corner (REME) had headed on a high cross. Maynard later rapped the base of a post, and Sig Jim Strouts (R Signals) and Sgt Norman Naife (RE) both went close before Maynard stole victory for the Army.

### AFA 2, Army 3

The Army pulled off their second win in two days when they beat a strong Amateur Football Alliance side by the odd goal in five.

A handling error by SSI Nigel Wiscombe gave the Alliance an early lead, but the Army goalkeeper atoned with an otherwise sound performance.

Maynard took his goal tally to four in two games by twice heading home crosses from Higgins, who marauded happily down the right flank, and Cpl Trevor McSween (R Signals) scored the third.

### Army B 3, Oxford U 3

The Army B side dominated the opening half of their game against the Dark Blues and with a bit more luck in front of goal might have scored more than twice.

Cpl Neil Eaton (ACC) was responsible for both, the first from an AT Craig Evans (AAC) lay-off, the second from a corner delivered by Army coach WO2 Joey Roach (APTC), who drafted himself in at the last minute to fill the right back slot.

### Infantry 1, REME 2

The REME opened strongly against the Infantry at Tidworth and went ahead when SSgt Campbell Moffat scored on the half hour with a fierce shot from the edge of the penalty area.

LCpl Neal Roberts (RWF) equalised from close range just before halftime, and Cpl Bob Corner scored for REME on the hour to give them a victory they deserved on the balance of play.

# Best of British head for snow slopes



Pictured at Colerne, Wilts before they departed for snow training in Norway are (from left to right, back row) squad coach SSgt Bob Anderson (22 Sig Regt), Spr Jason Evans (28 Amph Regt), Spr Andrew Dunkin (35 Engr Regt), Dvr David McGlade (1 ADTR), Pte Mark McAlpine (1 QO Hldrs), team manager Lt Martin Kelleway (2 R Anglian); front, Spr Stephen Nadollek (35 Engr Regt), Pte Robert Mayall (2 R Anglian), Spr Simon Lee (35 Engr Regt) and Spr Wayne Page (35 Engr Regt)

## Army youngsters will take on best in world

KITTED out for the snow-fields of Europe are eight young soldiers who will lead Britain's challenge at the 1993 world junior biathlon ski championships. And all of them are soldiers.

The eight youngsters impressed national coaches at the British and Army championships last winter. A starting squad of 15 has been reduced to eight, from which the best five or six will represent Britain in the Under 21 world biathlon (ski-shoot) championships at Ruhpolding,

Bavaria from February 14-22.

Final selection will be made after the Army and British championships at Autrans, France in January.

Throughout the summer the youngsters worked on developing their endurance, strength, balance and shooting skill. This was done through running, swimming, weight and circuit training, roller-skiing and hours on the shooting range.

Roller-skiing is the next best thing to snow skiing if there is no snow about. The equipment used is an aluminium bar with

wheels at either end. Boots, bindings and poles are the same as those used on snow skis.

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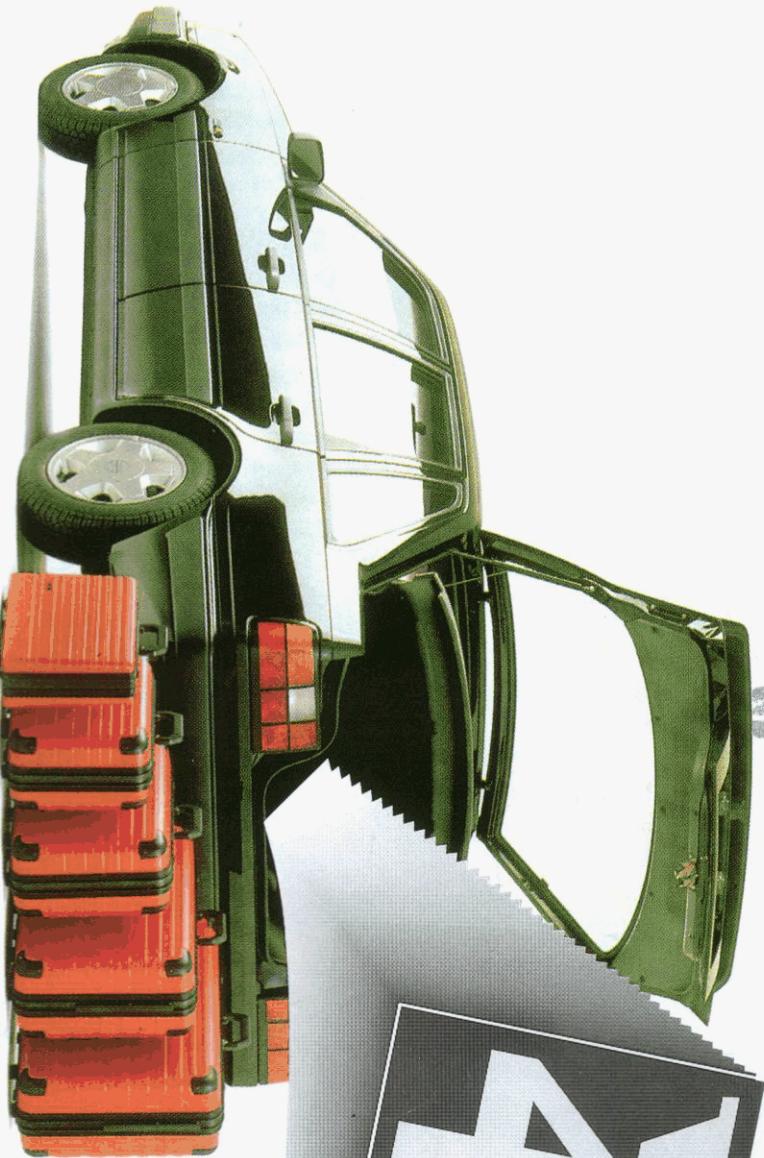
As well as training at Colerne during the summer, camps were held in Scotland and Wales. The squad competed in the Scottish roller-ski championships, with Spr Jason Evans, Pte Robert Mayall and Spr Stephen Nadollek finishing

first, second and third respectively in the six-mile junior race.

In the ten-mile junior race at the British roller-ski championships at Leyton, London, Page finished second and Spr Simon Lee third.

After conditioning training at Colerne, they left for Skei, near Tretten in Norway to train and compete against local clubs on snow.

They return to their units early in December before tackling the division and corps championships after Christmas.



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