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# British sappers in 'sniper mile'



Picture: Terry Champion

# Peace force troops ready

A SECOND operation by British Army troops in the former Yugoslav republics was due to be announced as **SOLDIER** went to press. Under Operation Grapple soldiers would be deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina to escort convoys delivering humanitarian aid throughout the embattled country, writes Laurie Manton.

Subject to United Nations approval, a mechanised infantry battlegroup centred on Fallingbostel-based 1st Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment, reinforced by soldiers from 2nd Battalion, The Royal Irish Regiment, would use Warrior fighting vehicles to deter attacks against aid convoys.

It would be the first operational deployment for the new Royal Irish Regiment, formed on July 1 from R Irish and the UDR.

A squadron of 9th/12th Lancers from Herford, equipped with Scimitar armoured recce vehicles, with 30mm Rarden Cannon, would provide

medium reconnaissance, with engineer support coming from Hameln-based 35 Engineer Regiment.

The battlegroup, expected to total almost 2,000 troops, would include a substantial logistic support element, including signals, transport and ordnance personnel. A REME workshop would be attached.

Troops would find themselves operating in difficult

## Insurance cost held

SERVICE personnel deployed to Iraq and the former republics of Yugoslavia are being urged to apply for PAX+ insurance against injury and death.

Brokers Bain Clarkson say that although there is no difference to the premium from the United Kingdom peacetime charge at the moment this may change for new applicants.

Unit admin officers have all the details.

**FRONT COVER:** Ptes David West and Terry Pegg select items for troops in Bosnia from the medical stores at the Defence Medical Equipment Depot (DMED) at Ludgershall. See Pages 22-23. (Picture: Terry Champion)

conditions across some of the country's mountainous regions.

Operation Hanwood, under which a British Medical Battalion has been supporting the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in Croatia since June, will continue. It is providing second line medical support at four sectors within the UN protection areas (UNPAs), in which UN troops are "demilitarising" the warring factions.

The weather is starting to break in the region and snow chains have been ordered to enable ambulances and logistic vehicles to continue operating when snow falls.

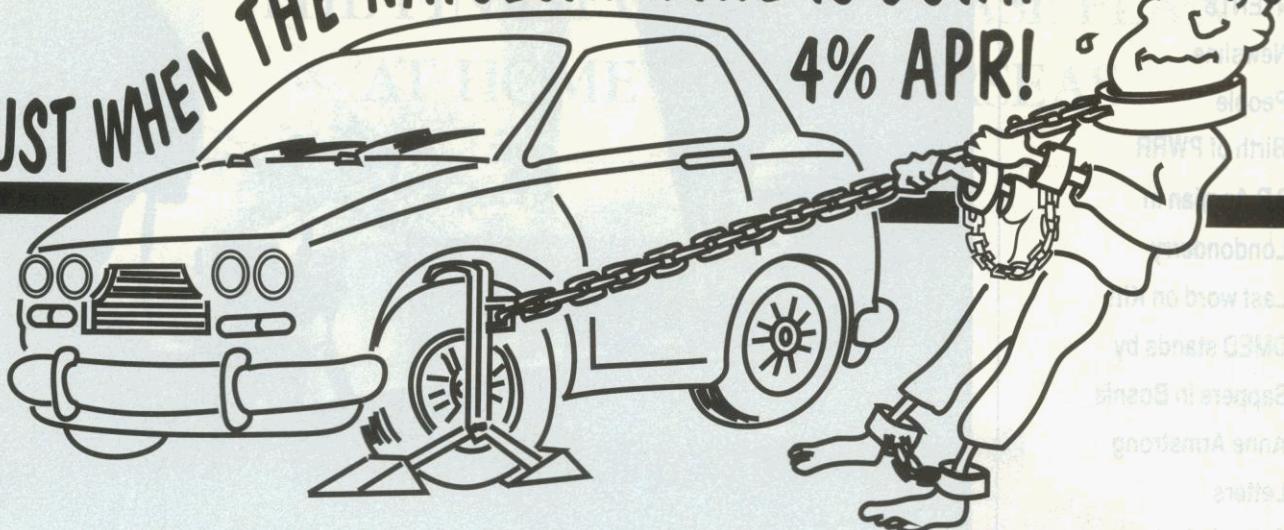
The normal infrastructure of society has ceased to exist in some sectors. There is no electricity to heat and light homes, and the local telephone system has been knocked out.

Roads, poorly repaired at the best of times, are now breaking up. It takes soldiers up to five hours to drive the 350km with supplies from the British headquarters in Zagreb to Sector South headquarters at Knin.

Part of the route involves driving through a mountainous

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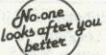
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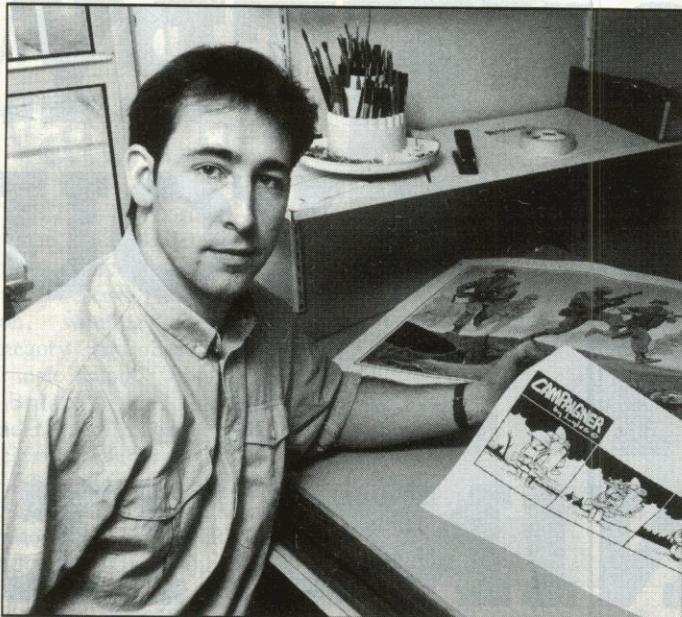
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# Tom signs on for the duration



TOM is a "universal soldier" who is hard-working and professional, but destined never to make it to the sergeants' mess.

His ancestry can be traced back through his grandfather and great-grandfather, "Tommy" and "Thomas Atkins", who served in the Second and First World Wars.

In his dreams, he can go even further back in history – to Waterloo or the Crimea.

But first and foremost, he is a character whose exploits, told with a wry and perceptive humour, will appeal very much to the soldier of the 1990s.

Tom, destined to become a highly popular figure with **SOLDIER** readers, is the creation of artist Kevin Lyles. Kevin (left), who has



travelled extensively with the Army and Royal Marines as an artist and journalist, works on film posters and in publishing and advertising. He recently entered the world of fine art prints with a company based in California.

Tom's exploits as he tastes life on Salisbury Plain, the first of an occasional cartoon series, appear in the next issue.

## Cheshire

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pass with hairpin bends.

The long-serving 1-tonne Land Rover ambulance is now being replaced by the Land Rover 130 airfield crash rescue version which is more suited for the role.

The new vehicles, issued from the Central Vehicle Depot, Ashchurch, were transported overland on low-loader trucks and are being equipped at Zagreb before issue to 24 Airmobile Field Ambulance.

British Army medics have been praised by the BBC for treating reporter Martin Bell who was wounded by mortar fire in Sarajevo.

The stretcher-bound reporter was greeted on the tarmac at Zagreb airport by Maj Vanessa Lloyd Davies and a team of medics who took him by ambulance to the British Army medical centre where he had his wounds treated before being casevac to the United Kingdom.

BBC Foreign Editor John Mahoney said: "He couldn't have been in better hands."

As **SOLDIER** went to press, the first members of the British Contingent were being presented with UN medals in recognition of their service with the peacekeeping operation.

The UNPROFOR medal, which has a distinctive blue, green, white, red, white, brown and blue striped ribbon, is awarded for 90 days' continuous service.

The Commander British



Contingent, Col Mark Cook, late 10 GR, told **SOLDIER** that mines laid during the fighting in some sectors were proving a serious hazard to troops and vehicles. Several peacekeepers have been killed by mines.

"We have been providing medical support for mine clearance operations carried out by Canadian engineers in sectors South and East," he said.

The roulement tour on Operation Hanwood is expected to last a minimum of 12 months and the current force of 294 BRITMEDBATT personnel will be replaced by a

medical and logistic group from Minden-based 4 Armoured Field Ambulance in December.

The UN protection force is not alone in employing British Army personnel. The European Community Monitoring Mission (ECMM) has 41 officers from the UK serving as mediators or staff, including Maj Gen David Cranston, late AAC, and his Chief-of-Staff, Col Iain Johnstone, late Royal Scots.

This number could rise when the ECMM deploys monitors to the Hungarian and Bulgarian borders. Six monitors have been killed in the past 12 months.

So shocked was Col Mark Cook (centre) by the plight of orphans made homeless by the civil war in northern Croatia that he has pledged to rebuild their shattered orphanage.

Now Col Cook, Britain's senior commander with the United Nations peacekeeping force in the former Yugoslavia, is appealing for donations towards the £250,000 needed to repair the orphans' home at Lipik.

Full story in Page 27.

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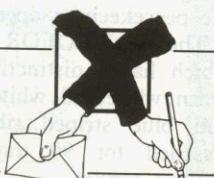
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# Reserves win top Nato cup

THREE Territorial Army women officer cadets blazed a trail of success at Nato's top annual reserve forces competition, winning the female category and beating many all-male teams.

Britain fielded six teams under the banner of the Reserve Forces Association (RFA) against ten other Nato countries at this year's Confederation of Interallied Reserved Officers (CIOR) military pentathlon at Oirschot, Holland.

OCdts Emma Fryer (Northumbria UOTC), Cathy Hawley (Southampton) and Amy Brooker (London) excelled in the competition, which tested marksmanship with SLRs, pistols and Uzi, an assault course race, first aid, swimming and military orienteering.

British men in the 28-strong squad took first and third in the first aid event, and OCdt Daniel Caola (London UOTC) was a member of the best-placed international team.

The event coincided with the CIOR summit congress at the Royal Dutch Military Academy.

Team coach Lt Col Eric Ironside, Para, is handing over after four years to Lt Col Stephen Quant, Wessex, who will be preparing a squad for next year's competition in Washington DC. TA officers and officer cadets wishing to be considered can contact him through the RFA, The Chapel, Duke of Yorks Headquarters, London SW3 4SG, or G3 Training, HQ Southern District at Aldershot.

## Dewsbury VCs honoured

SOLDIERS of C Company 8th (Yorkshire) Battalion, The Light Infantry headed a parade at Dewsbury, West Yorkshire to honour two Victoria Cross winners who had roads in the town named after them.

First World War VCs, Sgt John Ormsby and Pte Horace Waller, started their Army careers as volunteers at the local Drill Hall, where C Company is based.



Maj Gen John Friedberger, Colonel of The Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales's Own), accompanied by the CO, Lt Col Johnny Kaye, inspects the quarter guard during the Munster-based regiment's annual weekend celebration of its Warburg 1760 battle honour. It was the last full regimental parade for The Royal Hussars before their amalgamation with 14th/20th King's Hussars in December

## Hussars on last parade



The Tower of London guard mounted by the 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards is relieved by a guard of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers to mark the merger of 1 RRF and 3 RRF

## Gunners involved in OP challenge

MORTAR fire controllers from United Kingdom-based infantry battalions joined gunners for the first time in the annual UKLF observation post competition, held by UKLF's Artillery Branch on Salisbury Plain.

Regular and TA forward observation officers and their parties had to think on their feet in a stressful environment. Swift appreciations and good plans had to change as situations developed rapidly in a free-play orienteering-style exercise which combined military skills and dismounted cross-country movement.

FOOs had to select the most important of 33 stands to complete in 24 hours. The 35 four and six-man teams then had a race carrying a full Jerry can.

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# Service cavers in 'deep' trouble

MEMBERS of a Combined Services Caving Association expedition in Thailand were escorted at gunpoint off a mountain range after local authorities became alarmed by rumours of gold and jewels left there by Japanese troops withdrawing from the area 45 years ago.

The expedition to Kanchanaburi province, led by Capt Richard Smith, RAOC and Sgt Ian Rolland, RAF, had been approved by the Thai Government and supported by the Joint Services Expedition Trust, the British Sports Council and the Royal Geographical Society.

Expelled from their main exploration area, the Service cavers moved to the Sri Nikarin reservoir, visited previously by Australian and French expeditions, and discovered an extensive system.

In all, they added about 10km of new cave passage to Thailand's growing inventory, and returned with hundreds of insect specimens for Oxford's University Museum and hawk-moths for the Natural History Museum.



Champion shot JLCpl Hutchinson is given the traditional accolade by Light Division Depot colleagues after winning the last Junior Bisley. The LI Depot, Winchester, dominated the meeting, filling ten of the first 12 places. The team was trained by SMI Bob Sayers SASC and a number of permanent staff from the Junior Soldiers' Company. Changes in the training of young soldiers throughout the Army mean there will no longer be a Junior Bisley meeting

## ARRC elements exercise

GERMAN infantrymen of the crack 511 Jaeger Battalion joined forces with the 1st Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, and elements of the 17th/21st Lancers for the climax of a two-week exercise on Salisbury Plain.

Exercise Panther's Fire, culminating in attacks on Copehill Down fighting village, was organised by the British

### IN BRIEF

19th Infantry Brigade, part of Nato's new Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC).

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Five months after it was disbanded under Options for Change, the 2nd Infantry Division has been given a new

lease of life in the form of a refurbished museum at its former headquarters, Imphal Barracks in York. The museum was opened by Gen Sir Martin Farndale, President of the 2 Div OCA, during the Kohima reunion weekend at York.

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Strength of the Regular Army on July 1 was 143,648, according to the latest figures released by the Government Statistical Service. The number is 3,642 down on July 1991.

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High winds and extreme cold 100ft from the top prevented a nine-man team from The Gloucestershire Regiment reaching the summit of Mt McKinley in Alaska.

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Main element of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Irish Regiment has arrived in Cyprus for a two-year posting.

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The Royal Armoured Corps Junior Leaders Regiment will hold a farewell Freedom parade through Wareham, Dorset, on September 13. JLRRAC disbands next year.



## Glosters get Gulf Medals

Maj Gen Robin Grist, Colonel of the regiment, presents Gulf Medals to four soldiers of the 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment during their regimental weekend at Alma Barracks, Catterick. From left to right are CSgt Dave Kershaw, who served on attachment to 1 Staffords; LCpl Shaun Gascoigne, now part of 1 Glosters LAD, who served with 40 Fd Regt RA; and Pte Owen Butler, on attachment to HMS Gloucester. Sgt Ken Barnet, with 1 Staffords, received the Gulf Medal and the LS and GC Medal.



## England Grand Slam forward on Sovereign's Parade



### KOSB marks Korea return

SEVERAL hundred veterans paraded with The King's Own Scottish Borderers at Glen-course Barracks, Penicuik to mark the 40th anniversary of the regiment's return from the Korean War.

During the 16 months of the

1st Battalion's service in Korea, 3,000 National Service soldiers served with the Borderers.

The battalion gained three battle honours and 51 decorations. These included one Victoria Cross and 12 Military Medals.

England rugby cap 2nd Lt Tim Rodber leads Marne Company on the 109th Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

Rodber, who played in England's Grand Slam pack last winter, is joining The Green Howards.

The Queen's representative on parade, Fd Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, Chief of the Defence Staff, presented the Sword of Honour to Senior Under Officer David Livingston, who joins The Light Infantry.

2nd Lt Sara Billingham (above right), who will join the Royal Signals, won the Queen's Medal and the Cane of Honour.

### Mercian Colours laid up



The Colours of the 1st Battalion, The Mercian Volunteers are marched through the streets of Wolverhampton for the final time by successor unit the 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Staffordshire Regiment, before being laid up in St Peter's Church

### Lloyds battery on move

EIGHTEEN officers and 236 soldiers of 26 Field Regiment Royal Artillery paraded at Gutersloh to bid farewell to 43 Air Defence Battery (Lloyds Company).

The battery has redeployed to the United Kingdom under Options for Change to become part of 47 Air Defence Regiment based at Thorney Island.

Maj Gen Mike Tennant, Director Royal Artillery, inspected the parade and was accompanied by Lt Col Iain Campbell, commanding officer of 26 Fd Regt.

The battery, which joined 26 Fd in 1987 while serving at Thorney Island, saw action in the Falklands and the Gulf. Raised in 1771, it takes its honour title in recognition of the valour of an officer commander mortally wounded at the Battle of Waterloo.

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Open wide... Capt **Keith Jarvis** helps WRVS member **Wendy Jones** to taste rations prepared by the 3rd (V) Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers, five times Welsh champion combat catering team.

The WRVS ladies and Clwyd Emergency Planning Department - who would provide meals in a civil emergency - watched field cooking by 3 RWF at Kinmel Park Camp, North Wales.

WO **Ivan Beatty**, ACC, Sgt **John Murray**, Cpl **John McNulty** showed them a variety of skills - then dished up a delicious meal.



Picture: Bob Hewitt, Rwy and Prestatyn Visitor



## Derek's on tour with Hampshire

Young Hampshire cricketer **Derek Kenway** (above right) has a lot to smile about. Congratulated by recruiter Sgt **Bob Ford**, R Hamps, he has been selected to tour Barbados with the West of England Schools Under-14 cricket team this winter. Derek, a promising wicketkeeper-batsman, is being sponsored on tour by Army Careers Offices in Hampshire.

regiment, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshire) in that capacity.

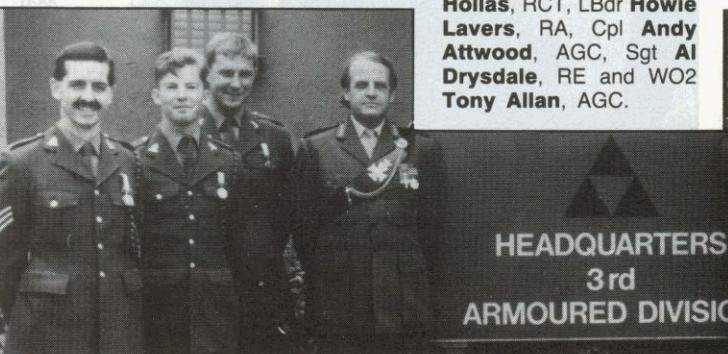
Pictured (back, from left) are Sgt **Mick Conn** (Southampton ACIO), Sgt **Vic Potter** (Andover, due to close in March) and Sgt **Martin Jasper** (Portsmouth); front, Sgt **Adi Dedman** (Isle of Wight, also due to close next year), Brig **Bob Long**, Colonel of the regiment, and Aldershot-based Sgt **Bob Ford**.



Picture: Pte G Moreno

## HQ 3 Armd Div medals

Below - Staff of HQ 3rd Armoured Division who served on Op Granby were presented with Gulf Medals by the GOC, Maj Gen **Christopher Wallace**. From the left are Sgt **Paul Dickson**, AGC, Pte **Paul Brown**, AGC, Cpl **Al York**, R Signals, Gen **Wallace**, Maj **David Hollas**, RCT, LBdr **Howie Lavers**, RA, Cpl **Andy Attwood**, AGC, Sgt **Al Drysdale**, RE and WO2 **Tony Allan**, AGC.



## Jocks' tale for C-in-C

Gen Sir **Charles Guthrie** (right), Commander-in-Chief BAOR, gets the Jocks' view of life in Berlin from (far left) Pte **Adrian Hunter**, Pte **Kevin Allen** and Cpl **Tam Robertson** of the 1st Battalion, The Gordon Highlanders. The C-in-C spent an afternoon at Ruhleben Fighting City for an inter-operability day organised by the Gordons and involving French and US Army units.



## Martin's PEOPLE in the fast lane



Air trooper **Martin Smith** meets **Nigel Mansell** after literally dropping in on the new world motor racing champion the day before the German Grand Prix at Hockenheim. Martin, a driver with Soest-based 3 Regiment AAC was on helicopter training in the area and was chosen to present Britain's racing ace with a regimental plaque and an Air trooper Teddy for his daughter Chloe. Martin's ambition is to become a helicopter pilot.



## RSM Lynne is first for RMP

WO1 (RSM) **Lynne Horton**, first woman RSM in the Royal Military Police, received her LS and GC Medal from Brig **Christopher Hammerbeck**, Deputy Commander British Forces Hong Kong, where she serves.



## Honour guard

Pte **Shelley Whitehead** (above) won a drill competition to earn the honour of becoming the first woman soldier to stand ceremonial guard outside the Governor's residence in Gibraltar. Shelley, a junior school PE teacher from Blackburn, is a member of the Territorial Army's 4th Battalion, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment which was on exercise on the Rock.

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# New regiment slips quietly into the Line

THE Queen's Regiment and The Royal Hampshire Regiment, whose battle honours have been won over three centuries, amalgamated officially but without ceremony on September 9 to become The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshire).

Colonel-in-Chief of the new 2,500-strong regiment, England's senior Infantry Regiment of the Line, is the Princess of Wales. Queen Margrethe of Denmark has been appointed Allied Colonel-in-Chief, continuing a link with the Royal Danish House established more than 300 years ago.

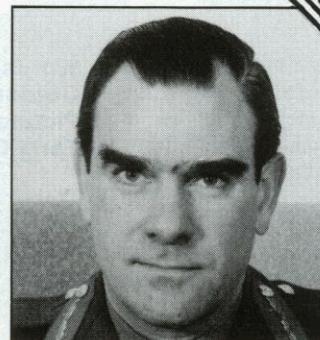
Principal customs and traditions of the Queens and the Royal Hampshire have been safeguarded within the amalgamation. Its forebears won more than 550 battle honours and 56 Victoria Crosses.

Under the amalgamation, the single R Hamps and three Queens Regular battalions have been reduced to two.

The new 1st Battalion will be stationed in Roman Barracks, Colchester under the command of Lt Col Mike Reeve-Tucker, the 2nd Battalion in Howe Barracks, Canterbury under Lt Col David Wake, soon to be succeeded by Lt Col Mike Cooper.

Maj Gen Anthony Denison-Smith, late Gren Gds and commander of the 4th Armoured Division, is Colonel of the regiment, and Brigadiers Bob Acworth, Mike Constantine and Tim Glass and Col Richard Graham have been appointed Deputy Colonels.

Khaki berets have replaced navy blue infantry ones, and the bronze buttons and badges worn by the Hampshire since the South African War are expected to be adopted by the new regiment soon after September 9, the 49th



anniversary of the Battle of Salerno in which both regiments fought.

This first amalgamation of Regular infantry regiments under Options for Change was brought forward by six months for administrative reasons. Because of the acceleration, it will not be marked by a full ceremonial parade until next summer when badges and embellishments are ready.

Until metal badges are issued to all ranks, cloth badges and "Princess of Wales's" shoulder titles are to be worn.

TA soldiers within the regiment's two volunteer battalions - the Canterbury-based 5th and Horsham-based 6th/7th - and B (Queen's Regiment) Company of The London Regiment, will wear cloth badges on their blue infantry berets until they are issued with the khaki version.

Soldiers will wear the Royal Tiger badge worn on their left sleeve.

It is hoped the PWRR quick march will be a combination of the Queens' *Soldiers of the Queen* and the Royal Hampshire's lead-in *To be a Farmer's Boy*. The *Minden Rose*, written by Bandmaster Callum Gray for the Tigers' Minden Day Parade in Portsmouth last year, is to be adopted as the new regiment's slow march.

The PWRR is to recruit in Surrey, Kent, Sussex, Hamp-

shire, Middlesex, the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands, and will have regimental

headquarters at Howe Barracks, Canterbury and a Western HQ in Winchester.



Above - An artist's impression of the new regimental badge

Far left - The Princess of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief

Left - Maj Gen Anthony Denison-Smith, Colonel

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# Anglian beret on the streets is a symbol of hope

ESSEX MAN has made his mark on Londonderry. The Pompadours, 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, have returned to Colchester after 15 months in the city during which they followed a policy which has amazed observers by its success.

Symbolic of it was the Royal Anglians' beret. Londonderry is the only place where the beret has replaced the helmet. East of the Foyle, even in the strongly nationalist Gobnascall estate, it is now the rule by day, and west of the Foyle at least

one member of each patrol wears the beret. "It is a small but significant step," said the commanding officer, Lt Col Robin Chisnall, who first went to Belfast in 1972 as a second lieutenant. He was wounded, returning to duty after a year, and has been back regularly since.

"The span of Irish history is long and the last 22 years is a short time. I would hate to think we have not progressed in that time, but we have managed

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further here and there is a lot of hope." Community relations was the cutting edge of operations, with the beret symbolising the softer face of the soldiers and drawing a less antagonistic reaction than the helmet. Operations were geared to the police taking the lead, although soldiers were always in the background. Stand-off patrols secured the edges of nationalist estates, allowing policemen to walk alone.

The Pompadours did not lose sight of the high threat level, but some 95 per cent of their work was directed to community relations.

Most military successes were due to skill and sharp eyes, like noticing cut turf in the Creggan which hid a bomb.

One in particular illustrated the three pillars of wisdom: effective operations, police primacy, and community relations. Before rebuilding began at two locations, a combat appreciation established likely areas of attack. On one possible route a patrol noticed a car which was heavy on its rear axle.

They noted it had been repaired. A quick plate check established that it had been sold recently but that no work had been done on it.

Further investigation revealed a Mark 12 horizontal mortar ready to fire through a cardboard rear.

At the same time LCpl David Stephen and his team were being set upon by a gang of youths. He backed off to avoid escalating the situation, leaving the police to make an arrest later.

Nearby another team was confronted by a mother shouting that her baby was dying. Sgt Paul Thompson



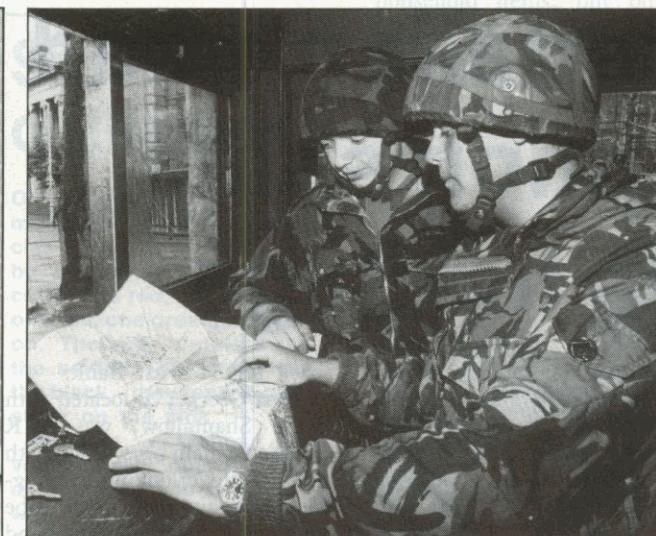
Bedford man: Maj Bill Willmott, OC B company



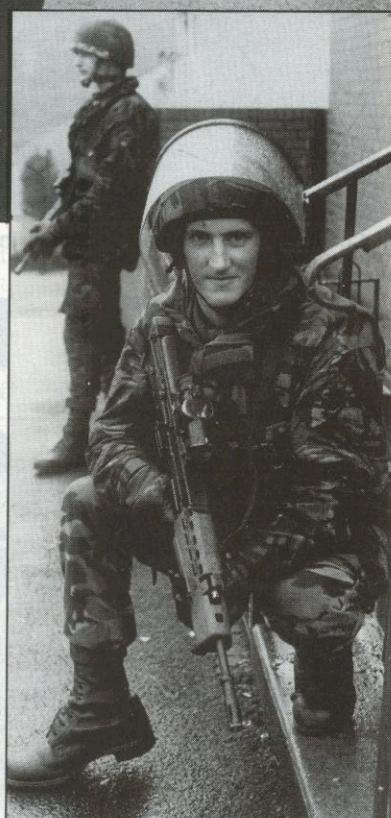
Helmeted Royal Anglians guard the RUC and a Green Howard in a beret before conducting a search. The atmosphere on the streets has changed significantly in the past few years



Essex man and rightly proud of it – Provost Sgt Ian Coulridge



Ptes Neil Bronze and John Tridell hand over watch at the Bishop's Gate on the city wall



Pte David Sanger

significant interface. Wherever soldiers went there was a "workshop" to discuss the concerns of the community and of the Security Forces. It also gave soldiers a better feel for an area – and another forum for warning 14-year-olds that if they threw milk bottles they could be mistakenly identified as coffee-jar bombers and shot.

Their success could be measured by the 20th anniversary of Bloody Sunday when only the Royal Ulster Constabulary was highly visible. The height of the marching season passed with few incidents.

To reinforce the importance of community relations, exceptional behaviour by soldiers was rewarded by small cash awards. The awards extended to relations with the

RUC, operations and administrative efficiency.

The Green Howards, in Londonderry in 1988 and back supporting 3 R Anglian, noted a significant change in the atmosphere. They had a good tour, but the different approach pioneered by the Royal Hampshire who followed in March 1989 was vindicated by the Royal Anglians.

"The general attitude is quite a shock for the junior NCOs compared with when we were last here," said Lt Simon Knocker, Green Howards.

"People greet you in the street and talk to you. The strategy is working."

Pte John Tridell transferred to the Royal Anglians after a tour with the Royal Hampshire and felt the city had calmed down considerably.

"When I was first here you were guaranteed to get bottled, bricked or possibly even petrol-bombed each day, with riots every month. Buses were burnt out on the bridges, something I haven't seen in the past three years."

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Cpl Andy Fleming and Jed of 8 Infantry Brigade Specialist Dog Section lend a hand and a nose



Inserting patrols by rigid raider is a useful option



Sgt Steve Brown (right) encourages a 4 Platoon soldier on patrol

## Searchers seek to reduce the damage

AS SOON as Sgt Steve Brown enters a house he has a pretty good feel if there is anything hidden in it. When he speaks to the occupants, he knows.

There is a lot of area to cover in the average home, and bomb components are often innocuous.

"All you may have is a pile of household items, but put it together and you could have most of a projectile or bomb," said Sgt Brown, 4 Platoon Sergeant, who is very wary of

disturbing the peace. He expects to be blamed.

Sophisticated detection equipment helps community relations. Once, searches were carried out with the "help" of hammers and crowbars.

"You can sympathise with the people. They don't want us blundering about ripping them apart, but neither do they want the next house taken over by terrorists. They'll now 'phone and tell us, so the terrorist is being backed into a corner."

## HOPE

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## Battalion's sad option splits its heritage

"Politeness is drummed into us and it is working."

Despite the changed atmosphere Pte Neil Bronze was suspicious when he met his future wife. He was a bit dubious when she asked him home to meet the parents.

"Walking down the road, the kerb was not green white and orange, but red, white and blue, and her dad had his own UDR plaque on the wall, plus ones from every regiment from the past 20 years."

Londonderry is a difficult posting because of the month's separation from families just across the water. Because the city is compact, the slightest bang is heard by everybody.

Accommodation built in the 1840s gave particular problems to QM Capt Mac McGowen. Every day he had reports of ceilings down, toilets blocked or drains that could not cope. Now rotting temporary accommodation with plastic sheets to keep out the rain are finally being replaced.

The present troubles started in Londonderry in 1969, but the men from Essex have done their part in helping the city back to normality.

AT ONE time Lt Col Robin Chisnall had 750 men and women with 21 different cap badges under command from his Ebrington HQ overlooking the Foyle. They included a company of Green Howards from Catterick on a four-month emergency roulement in the city. Additional security during rebuilding programmes was provided by 1st Battalion, Welsh Guards, and a platoon of Royal Military Police continued the RMP presence which started 21 years ago.

The Royal Anglians' duties revolved round a three-month cycle - a month in the city, followed by leave and a month as the Waterside Company on the east side of Londonderry, including guards and duties at the Ebrington HQ and married quarters. After mandatory tests and some retraining, it was

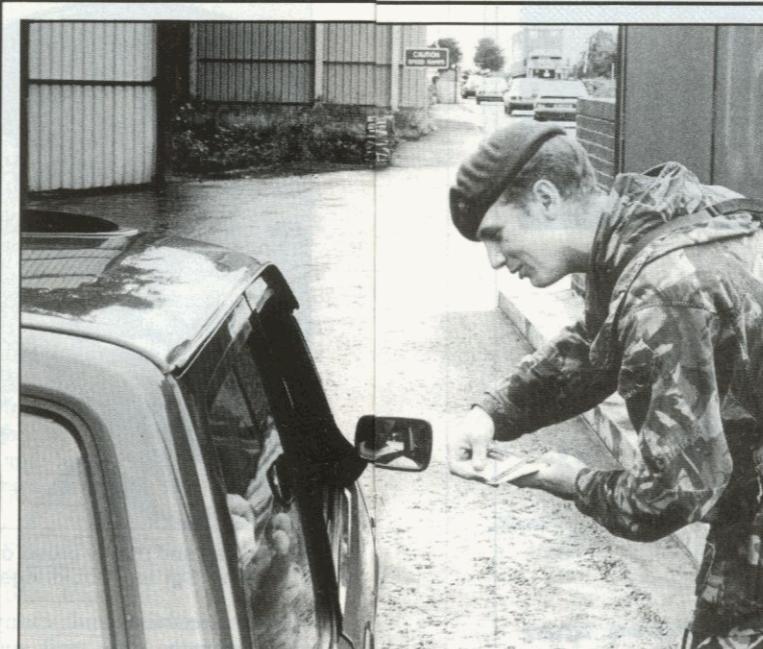
back to the West Bank.

Fort George, co-located with RUC Shantallow, was 3 R Anglian's main base, along with Masonic (overlooking the Bogside from city walls soon to be re-opened to the public) and Rosemount. Three "Victors" provided patrol bases as well as vehicle check points, but troops suffering considerable discomfort before permanent hardened and air conditioned quarters were installed.

The Pompadours are one of the few operational battalions to have left Northern Ireland before the end of their tour.

Options for Change dealt unkindly with the battalion, which merges with the 1st and 2nd Battalions in October.

There was a heavy responsibility on the unsung heroes of HQ Company during their final months: as well as maintaining operations during the handover



A relaxed approach at a "Victor" - Pte Scott Wray checks a car

## Snookered on the pink

One of the less scientific methods of checking vehicles in Northern Ireland is by playing snooker with cars - one red, one yellow, one red, one green, and so on. The only problem is the soldiers never get to the black - they tend to get stuck on the pink.

Random searches at vehicle check points are a useful tool - a lorry driver was surprised when his customs-sealed vehicle was opened. It had never happened before to him, but now he knows. Smugglers of cigarette lighters were also surprised to be stopped.

just becoming an amorphous mass," said Maj Bill Willmott, OC B Company. "My grandparents joined the Bedfordshire Regiment in 1914, and we will now have no Regular serving link. All the silver of the Cambridgeshire Regiment is in store and never seen, and famous regiments like the Leicesters are forgotten."

The Irish tunes commemorating this during reveille on St Patrick's Day will be played whenever possible.



Sgt Ned Kelly and his multiple of Green Howards

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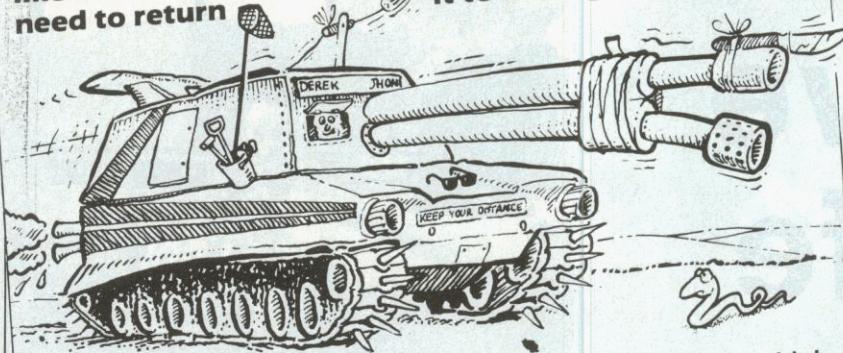
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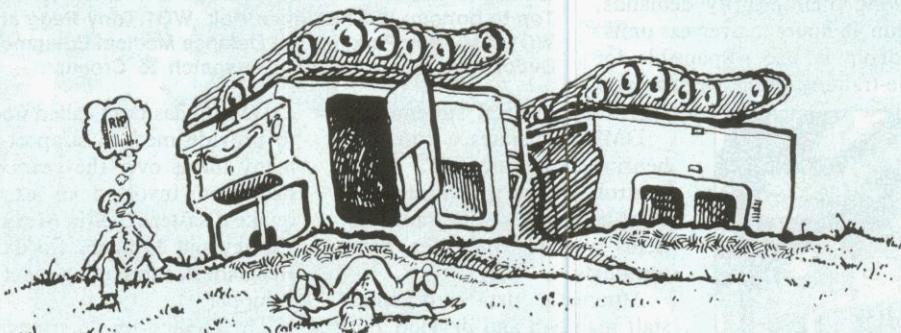
Most of the local mods that were used in the Gulf have now been removed. However, if your gun still looks like this one, or has any other unauthorized mods, you need to return it to its original state.



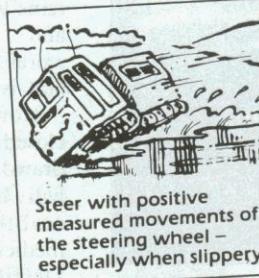
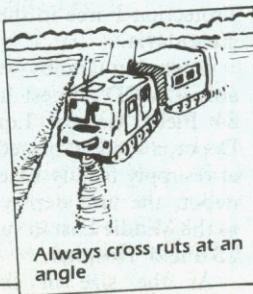
If any modifications were made during Op Granby which you think worked well, stick in a technical staff suggestion telling someone about it. Your QM(T) department or the Workshop ASM will know how to do this if you don't.



Kit! bits: Cartoon advice on M109 modifications (top); flight safety and the need for clean work areas (above); BV 206 driving hints (below); fusebox tip (below right)



Some people seem to think that it's impossible to turn over in a Hagleund. This is not the case as many drivers have found in the past. Here's a few reminders of how not to tip over:



# New kit guide **KIT!** carries graphic message

A NEW magazine, aimed at putting over in a light-hearted but nonetheless serious way the latest information on Army equipment care has been given the official "thumbs up".

Following the success of a trial issue published last year, Kit! – described as "the soldier's guide to equipment care in bite-size chunks" – was officially distributed throughout the Regular and Territorial Army for the first time this summer.

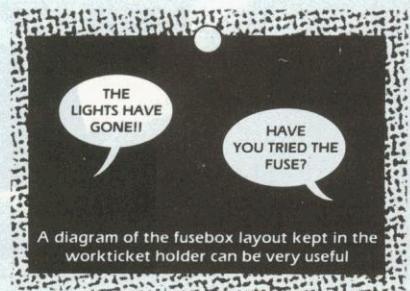
Aim of the A5 colour magazine, which is to be produced up to six times a year, is to "send messages to both users and maintainers to help improve the standard of equipment care in the Army. The messages are specifically aimed at the JNCOs and soldiers who have a direct 'hands-on' contact with equipment."

A two-man team, Maj Andy Brown and WO1 Roger Stansbury, are the driving force behind Kit! Their ideas are "interpreted" by a professional cartoonist working on contract.

Items covered so far by the publication, which contains a mixture of cartoon illustrations and clear graphics, have included such diverse subjects as sensible driving of tracked vehicles, weapon inspection, trailer care, and maintenance of sleeping systems.

If you haven't yet seen the magazine, write to Kit!, HQ QMG, Andover, Hants SP11 8HT.

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A diagram of the fusebox layout kept in the workticket holder can be very useful

# DMED-ics' fast move saves life in Bosnia

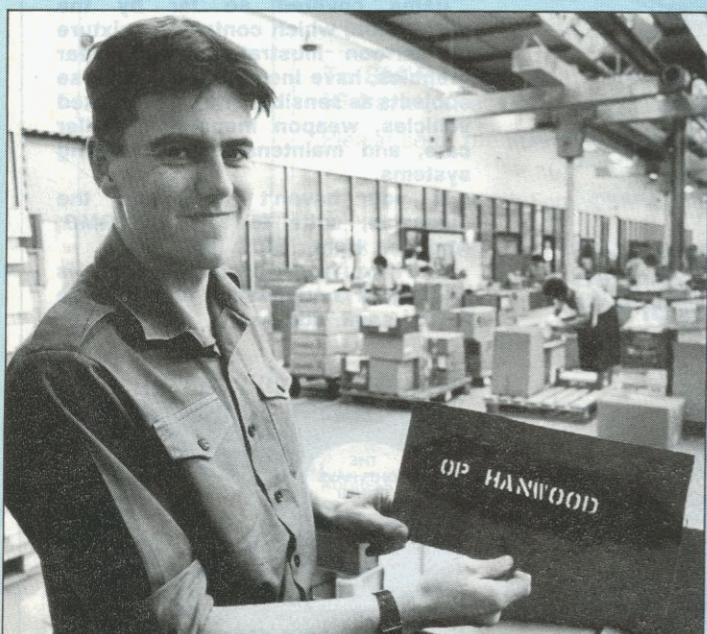
AT LEAST one Serbian in Bosnia-Herzegovina owes his life to the staff of an unsung Army stores depot, according to its commanding officer, Col Paddy Magee.

Staff at the Defence Medical Equipment Depot (DMED) at Ludgershall worked throughout the night of July 7 to select and pack three truck-loads of urgent medical supplies for an airlift to the besieged airport at Sarajevo.

Almost as soon as the boxes were off the aircraft, equipment from one of them was used to save the life of a severely injured Serbian.

"The DMED soldiers who packed that box are understandably proud of their role in the casualty process," said Col Magee.

The depot, which is based at Drummond Barracks, occupies a 16-acre site with its own railway sidings, purpose-built loading bays and storage facilities.



Pte Carl Magee prepares to stencil boxes of urgent medical supplies bound for the United Nations British Medical Battalion deployed on Operation Hanwood

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DMED is the sole Ministry of Defence establishment responsible for the provisioning and supply of all medical and dental material to the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force worldwide.

It holds more than 40,000 items in stock and makes 250,000 issues annually. Each year, £32 million worth of goods is purchased from more than 1,300 commercial and military suppliers. Its staff of 200 includes

150 civilian storekeepers and clerks. In peacetime, the military staff, mostly RAMC medical storemen, are employed throughout the depot.

The medics also man the Urgent Issues Cell which provides a 24-hour, 365-days-a-year service to 500 customer units. This department can get supplies to UK hospitals within hours of receiving their priority demands, and within 48 hours to overseas units.

The depot is also responsible for the trade-training of all Regular and

Territorial medical storemen.

DMED operates a comprehensive computerised stock control system providing instant access to a wide range of items via 42 computer data terminals.

Automatic data processing staff maintain and develop 180 programmes covering such areas as receipts, stock control and issues.

The Defence Medical Equipment Depot stores and maintains war maintenance reserves and medical mobilisations stores for out-of-area operations and war.

Now that DMED BAOR has closed under the Germany drawdown, DMED Ludgershall has taken over all the mobilisation pre-stocked medical unit equipment. A DMED Sub Depot to store the ex-BAOR stock has had to be opened.

As the size of the force deployed to the Gulf grew



Top to bottom: WO2 Stephen Holt, WO1 Tony Pegg and WO1 (SMI) Roy Parkin at the Defence Medical Equipment Depot with stores awaiting despatch to Croatia

DMED has been called upon to provide medical support in many forms over the years. It has been involved in earthquake disaster relief in Mexico, Turkey and Armenia, floods in Bangladesh and famine relief in Ethiopia.

The medics are no strangers to war and its consequences, having been involved in the Falklands and the Gulf and, currently, in Operation Hanwood, providing medical support to the United Nations Protection Force in the former Yugoslavia.

Operation Granby was probably DMED's finest hour. As 84 Field Medical Equipment Depot, a shadow-posted medical resupply facility based at the depot, the unit deployed fully to the Middle East in support of 22 Field Hospital.

According to staff at the



Col Paddy Magee with a Saracen ambulance



Mrs Angie Sadler, Mrs Val Stevens and Pte Andy Fisher at work in the packing bay

depot, sending out all of the equipment during the crisis was the easy bit.

At the end of hostilities, a special department was set up at DMED to clean, identify and repair equipment before returning it to stock.

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Ptes David West and Terry Pegg select items from the store

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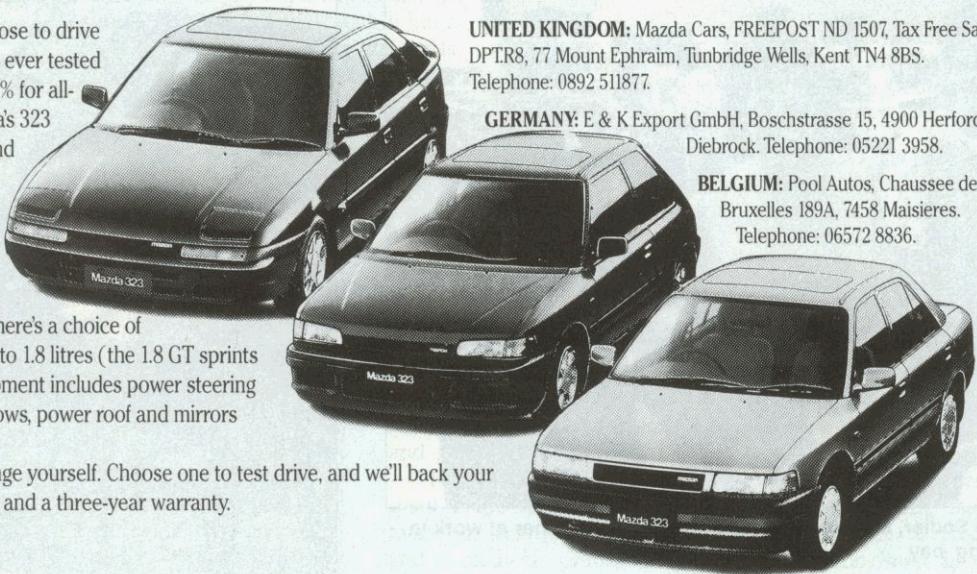
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# With the Royal Engineers



The strain shows on the face of this sapper as the Royal Engineers rush to unload a truck that has brought sandbags from Sarajevo airport to the United Nations headquarters in the war-torn city. The building is regularly hit by shells and bullets

## in Sarajevo

IMAGINE a very large tin can fitted with portholes. Leave it to bake in the sun and you get some idea of what it is like to ride in the back of a French armoured personnel carrier from Sarajevo airport to the United Nations headquarters in this battle-worn city.

Only the crazy would make the journey any other way along the infamous "sniper mile" but even this sweatbox method of travel cannot guarantee the safety of the UN peacekeepers.

On the day SOLDIER flew in to visit the British Army's front-line sappers, another

APC was struck by an anti-tank round. Three French soldiers in the back were wounded when the projectile crashed into their vehicle. One lost an eye and most of an arm.

Sarajevo is one of the most dangerous places on earth and it is here that Capt Damian McKeown and 1 Troop, 3 Field Squadron, Royal Engineers have been carrying out difficult, dangerous work on behalf of the UN force.

The sappers, part of 22 Engineer Regiment based at Perham Down, Tidworth, were sent to Sarajevo to provide Force engineer level support to

UNPROFOR's sector headquarters based in a former telephone company office, the PTT building.

With the three UN battalions – French, Ukrainian and Egyptian – in the city able to provide their own sapper support, the British troops were tasked to build defences for United Nations Military Observers (UNMOs) monitoring military action in the area.

The UNMOs are co-located with Serbian and Bosnian artillery and mortar positions and were finding themselves exposed to shelling when fire was returned.

Early in the proceedings, the

sappers informed the UNMOs and Serbian and Bosnian liaison officers where they would be working to ensure they would not be subject to bombardment.

The situation in the city is described as "fluid" and local commanders do not always have total control over their own troops.

"Having informed all sides that our work was starting, someone decided to open fire without giving a b. . . . who was in the way," said Capt McKeown.

Two Royal Engineer soldiers were wounded when a shell exploded on the position they

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A soldier negotiates with armed irregular soldiers after a 14-tonne self-loading dump truck broke down at the entrance to "sniper mile". The truck was eventually restarted and a dangerous moment was over



A British truck drives past a knocked-out T55 tank that lies abandoned on "sniper mile", which runs through no man's land. Fire sweeps across the road from both sides, but troops have learned to ignore it

# Sappers run gauntlet

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were reinforcing with sandbags.

Troop SSgt Gordon Grieveson was hit in the arm by a red-hot shell fragment that left his uniform sleeve smoking. He dismissed his wound as "slight".

The other casualty was a sapper who had a shell splinter lodged in his leg. Cpl Jason Till administered first aid to the two men and evacuated the position immediately.

Both were treated at the French military hospital in the PTT building before the soldier

with the leg wound was casevac'd to Zagreb where he was treated in a local hospital.

Next day the sappers in their soft-skinned Bedford 4-ton trucks were in a convoy that found itself in the middle of a fire fight as they drove to the airport.

"Sniper mile" separates the warring factions who regularly fire across it at each other. British soldiers in one vehicle were less than impressed when mortar bombs exploded each side of their truck, peppering it with shrapnel as it traversed this unofficial no-man's-land.

Some might call the use of soft-skinned vehicles in the war zone foolhardy, but the bottom line is that stores still have to be transported and the Bedfords are big enough to move a lot of it.

"To move stores in small quantities leaves you on the positions longer and makes you more vulnerable," said Capt McKeown.

"My men found themselves placed in a very stressful situation, but coped with it well. They have acted very professionally."

This was confirmed by the deputy commander of the French logistic headquarters, Capt John Laquorette, who told SOLDIER that the British soldiers were the hardest-working members of the Sarajevo force. "They are remarkable," he said.

There was praise, too, for Capt Nick Stansfield, AGC (ETS) who arrived with the original engineer recce to

Sarajevo. A fluent Serbo-Croat speaker, he was an immense help to the sappers in making initial contacts at direct level with local people.

Now the UNMOs' defensive bunkers have been completed, the troop is working on defences at the headquarters building which is regularly shelled or mortared.

Windows and entrances have been sandbagged and an observation post at the front of the building has been strengthened.

The sappers do not work at night when the fighting around the building becomes fiercer. The men rest and sleep in the second subterranean level of the PTT building.

They are safe in this underground shelter and can relax away from the dangers of snipers and bombardment.

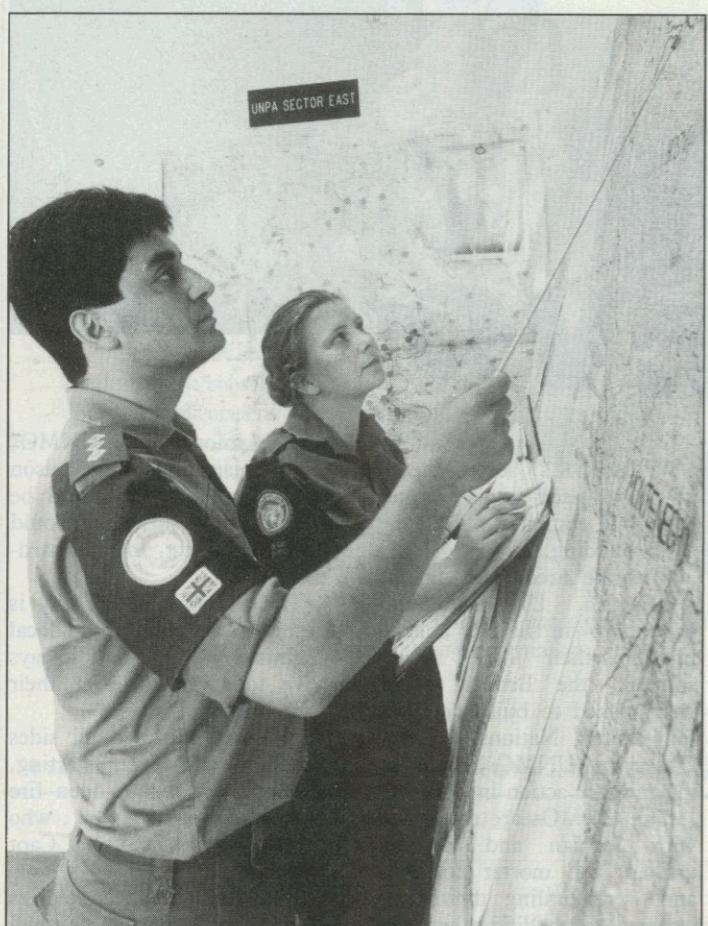
What they cannot ignore is the sound of rounds exploding outside, and each time a shell hits nearby, it is awarded marks out of ten. Most are given a six or seven.

After dark, a sapper led the SOLDIER team outside to experience the sight and sounds of war.

Soon afterwards, a shell (awarded ten out of ten) removed a sizeable chunk of reinforced concrete close to their previous vantage point.

Every day, Royal Engineer sections travel to the airport where they use their self-loading dump truck and a light-wheeled tractor to dig fill for sandbags.

The bags are loaded on the

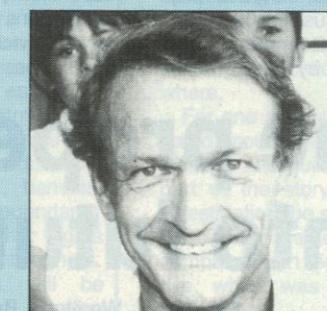


Capt Roger McBroom RAMC and Pte Jennie Skingley QARANC on duty in 24 Airmobile Field Ambulance's Ops Room check to see where troops involved in Operation Grapple may be operating



Sappers wearing body armour take a break from filling sandbags at Sarajevo airport to receive their mail

## Colonel's crusade for Croatia orphans



Col Mark Cook

A BRITISH Army officer has launched a personal crusade to rebuild the lives of 55 orphans whose home was destroyed by a Serbian bombardment in the civil war that has torn apart the former Yugoslavia.

Britain's senior commander with the United Nations peacekeeping force, Col Mark Cook, late 10 GR, is determined to raise £250,000 to reopen the orphanage at Lipik in northern Croatia, and is asking the Army to help.

This left the British convoy stranded, helpless and exposed.

Courageously, an NCO leapt from the lead vehicle and dashed back along the road under the eyes of the sniper to offer help. The truck restarted, he ran back, a Union flag attached conspicuously to the front of his body armour.

It was a nasty moment, but just one of many faced daily by these British Army sappers who find themselves in the front-line action as part of the UN peacekeeping force in Bosnia-Herzegovina. They are a credit to their corps.

ders have been contacted, and many British soldiers under Col Cook's command are expected to volunteer their labour.

The children - Serb, Croat and Bosnian Muslim - betray no signs of the ethnic hatred that has torn their country apart. Several cried when Col Cook and Dr Marina Topic, who organised the evacuation, showed them photographs of the devasted orphanage.

Col Cook hopes that when British soldiers and their families read of the plight of the orphans in SOLDIER they will be moved to organise coffee mornings, bring-and-buy sales and collections to raise the thousands of pounds needed to re-build the orphanage.

Donations can be sent to SOS for children, PO Box 630, Glasgow G11 7JR.

devote all his spare time to organising the project.

Shrugging off suggestions that he might jeopardise the UN's neutrality, he said: "I anticipate that there will be critics who say I should be out soldiering, but I have days off and I will devote myself to the task then. It is a humanitarian, voluntary mission."

Local carpenters and buil-

# Removals van blaze ended in heartbreak

BOMBARDIER Ian Bennett and his wife Denise had a shock when they arrived at the guardroom for directions to their UK quarter on being posted from Germany.

They were given the grim news that all their possessions had been lost in a van fire in a removal company compound in the UK.

Later the couple, married just two years, were dealt another blow when they were told their goods were under-insured.

Denise contacted me in the hope that their experience would warn others moving between the UK and north-west Europe to be fully acquainted with the ins and outs of transit insurance and with changes that have occurred in the past year.

When she and her husband took out their worldwide insurance policy their possessions were valued at £10,000. Between then and their posting the value of their

belongings rose to £15,000.

They were unaware that they should have had their possessions revalued before their move and increased their insurance accordingly.

After the fire the insurance company paid out the amount they were insured

## Fire leaves couple out of pocket

for £10,000, although the loss adjusters valued their possessions at about £15,000.

When the Bennetts attempted to claim the £5,000 difference from the removal company they received another shock. The removal company offered an ex-gratia payment of just £1,000.

The Bennetts were advised by the MoD's

# New name propels RBLHA into future

## Housing 21

THIS MONTH the Royal British Legion Housing Association takes a step towards the 21st Century – with a new name.

"Housing 21" is the new identity for the organisation which provides housing for ex-Service families under the Patriot scheme and sheltered accommodation for retired personnel and dependants over 60.

With new fund-raising schemes in the offing, the title will help the general public, the City and

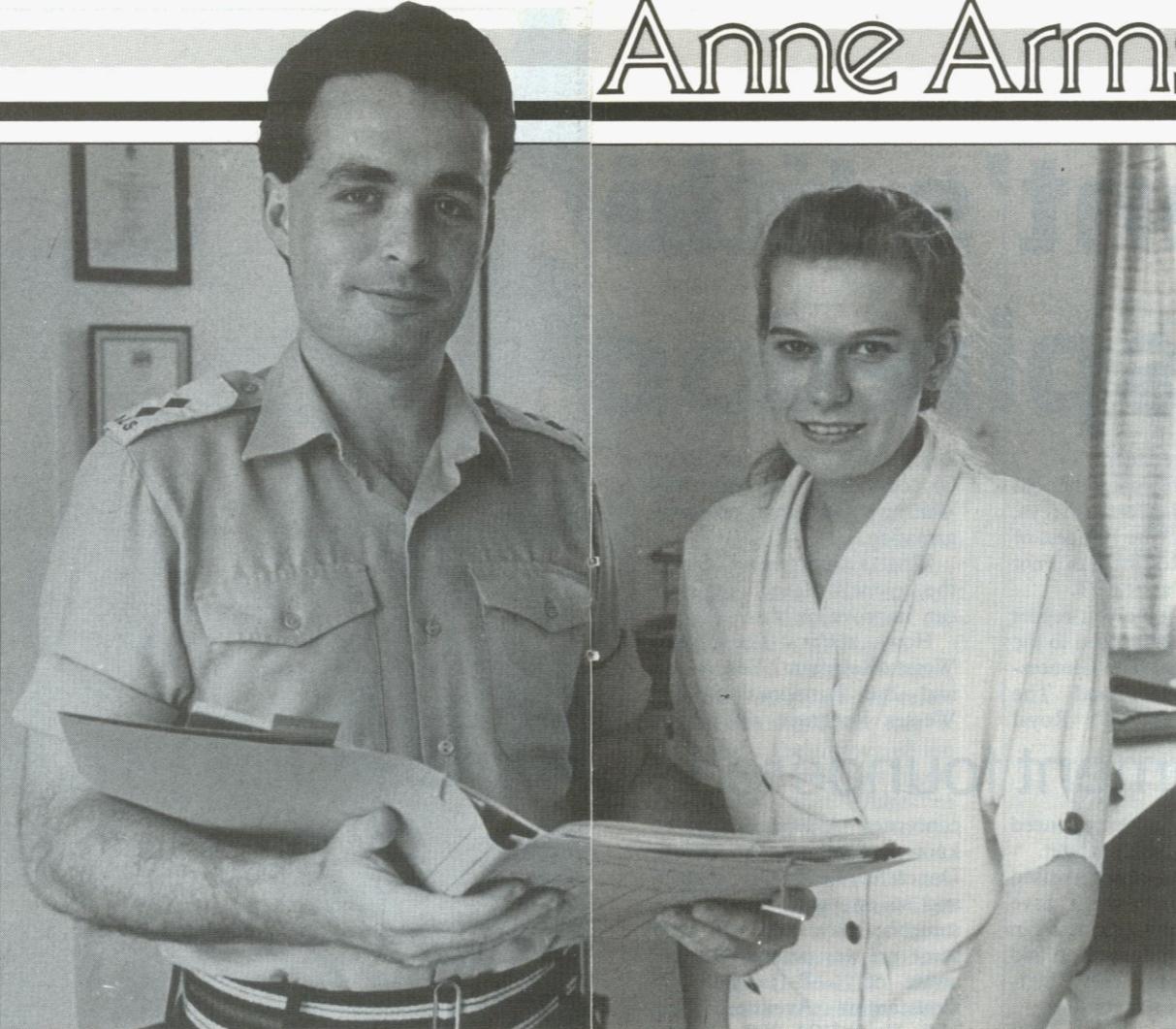
Wootton Bassett, Farnham, Bourton on the Water, Norwich (Watton), Bradley Stoke (Bristol) and Hamble.

Other schemes where contracts are not yet exchanged are at Fleet, Luton, Totton (Southampton), Hook, Gloucester and Grays.

Information is available from Housing 21 (RBLHA), PO Box 32, St Johns Road, Penn, High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 8JF (tel: 0494 813771).

charitable organisations to distinguish it from the Royal British Legion, which is a separately managed and financed organisation.

Current Patriot schemes offer rented accommodation in Plymouth, Newton Abbot, Okehampton, Darenth near Maidstone, Bovey Tracey, St Austell,



Picture: Mike Weston

**Lt Nigel Jones AGC (ALS) offers Mrs Denise Bennett legal advice after she and her husband lost most of their possessions in a removal van fire**

On Hogg Robinson and Guardian Royal Exchange terms the Bennetts would have had to find an extra premium of £87.50, out of a £643 disturbance allowance, to give them immediate cover for the £5,000 insurance gap at the time of their move.

In insurance company words, "Failure to select an adequate level of cover will result in a claim being reduced. An extra premium can also be incurred if china, glass, marble, and earthenware exceeds 50 per cent of total value." My advice is that it pays to shop around for the best policy to suit the insured...

Studying the small print is vital – and the Joint Services Unaccompanied Baggage Guide (F/Mov/713) and Army General and Administrative Instructions Vol 3 Chapter 90 are essential reading. When you complete and sign F/Mov/713A it is assumed that you have understood all the instructions – including those relating to insurance.

Luckily, Bdr Bennett received a prompt payout from the insurance company which averted a financial crisis – but not all such settlements are treated in the same way.

When I sought advice on the Bennett case, MoD said: "While we have every sympathy and appreciate

the distress that this family has suffered there is nothing further that can be done to assist in this particular case.

"We will, however, examine the possibility of providing personnel with information that will enable them to more accurately assess the cost of replacing their effects in the hope that their loss is not repeated through a mistake."

There was yet another blow for Bdr Bennett. As he lost all his kit, it cost him £700 to replace. He signed P1954, which was immediately processed – and on his next pay slip the whole amount had been deducted in one go.

This should not have happened because his pay slip included the letters USP – unusually small payment. This is intended to alert the pay office so that the problem can be discussed with the Serviceman.

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## Residence rule puts children out of bounds

SCHOOL problems facing many Service families and UK-based civilians returning home after serving abroad have been highlighted by calls and letters I have received.

They hit difficulties when, from overseas, they try to enter their children into local authority or grant-maintained schools.

In September 1991 Family G visited a grant-maintained school and explained that a year from that date they would be resident and by then would have owned their house for four years. The house is within the priority area for the school of their choice.

Their boy took the entrance exam overseas

and passed, finishing 41st out of 470 candidates chasing 120 places. In May the parents were told their son was being offered a place on ability as long as they could be in residence within two weeks. This, of course, was not possible.

A following letter stated that no place could be offered because they were not resident at the time of the admissions panel sat.

On August 20, by which time the family were resident in their house, I helped Mr G lodge an appeal, which was heard before two governors and an independent chairman. The appeal failed on residency grounds.

The family now has the right to an appeal to the Secretary of State for Education, which is now under way.

This case is just the tip of the iceberg. Others are resigned to the fact that their children must go to schools they have not chosen, because they have no UK address.

They have had to accept that their children must travel many miles and must make up the numbers in schools which have vacancies because, in many cases, the locals are sending their children elsewhere.

For one school I investigated I could see why. The location and buildings told part of the story and on investigation the school roll was 100 names short compared with the alternative, which was oversubscribed.

The MoD has made representations to the Education Department on these and other issues and the Service Children's Education Authority (SCEA) has prepared guidelines and a questionnaire for parents who face or have faced difficulties in obtaining a State place for their children.

They are available from SCEA DC1, HQ SCEA, Court Road, Eltham, London SE9 5NR.

## BRIEFLY...

## Homing in on your last post

ALL 22-year service personnel will be interviewed by their units at the 18½-year point so that the MRO can try to ensure their final tour of duty is close to where they want to live when they leave.

Soldiers serving on an open engagement cannot secure permanent voluntary release once they have passed their discharge-as-of-right point. In exceptional circumstances, other than compassionate, applications may be submitted to MoD M3(A) for a decision.

All Service personnel and dependants travelling to the South Atlantic from RAF Brize Norton must have a valid passport in case planes are diverted from the normal route.

Those who may be approaching redundancy are reminded to read DCI Army 99-1992 July 30 for officers and DCI 100 for soldiers. They cover Phase 2, including compensation terms, selection, retirement dates, representations and administrative provisions.

October 1 has been designated by the United Nations as International Day for the Elderly. Help the Aged is marking the occasion on Sunday October 4 and if there is a service in your garrison or local church it is a good time to remember all elderly ex-Service people.

Housing Officers' Families, a scheme run by Haig Homes, has accommodation in Ashstead and Morden (Surrey), Cheltenham and Hampstead with rents of £30 a week for flats to £70 for four-bedroom houses and maisonettes. Apply to John Holt, Gen Secretary, Alban Dobson House, Green Lane, Morden, Surrey SM4 5NS.

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## Let's keep RCT's flag flying high

WITH the passing next year of the Royal Corps of Transport on the formation of the Royal Logistic Corps it is up to former members of the RCT to keep the name alive for as long as possible.

When the Royal Army Service Corps ceased it was simple to change the name of the RASC Association to RASC/RCT Association. Next April's change means a new title and badge.

Central London Branch of the RASC/RCT Association is looking for ex-RASC and RCT members to keep the flag flying and the titles of two great corps alive for many years to come.

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# Regiment's title is an inspired choice

THE PHOTOGRAPHS of the farewell parade of The Royal Hampshire Regiment (August 24) showed how moving it must have been for all those taking part.

We regret its passing, but what an inspired title for the new regiment, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, which closely links the two being amalgamated.

The Princess of Wales, being the Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Hampshires, retains the same appointment with the new

amalgamated regiment.

The 2nd of Foot, the old Queen's Royal West Surreys, were known as The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment of Foot between 1715 and 1727.

In the same issue you report that it has been proposed to the Army Board that The Gloucestershire Regiment and The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal

Regiment become The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment on amalgamation.

What a compromise! Surely the colonels of each regiment can improve on this?

How about The Royal Wessex Regiment? Yes, the 1st and 2nd Battalions of The Wessex Regiment are part of

## Bearskins experiment foundered

REGARDING the manufacture of bearskins (August 10 and September 7) I have been making inquiries on the subject for some time.

The last information I had was that experiments with a synthetic version had been going on for quite a while, but

problems were experienced when the material got wet.

Incidentally I am surprised by the good response I have received to my request in SOLDIER for information and photographs of pre-1939 Aldershot and Tidworth tattoos.

To date the replies have

concerned Aldershot only. I know of those at York, Doncaster, Leeds, Nottingham and so on, but, who knows, someone may come up with some pre-war tattoos I am not aware of. – **P Jackson, 95 Constantine Avenue, Tang Hill, York YO1 3SZ.**

the Territorial Army, but the battalions could be renumbered. Or even "The Royal Americans" to link the 62nd Foot (The Wiltshire Regiment) and the Glosters' American Citation for the Battle of Imjin in Korea.

Also in the August 10 issue, Richard Doherty, when referring to the significant role of the Irish in the history of the British Army, mentions incorrectly that the Duke of Wellington, an Irishman, was the first British field marshal.

The first field marshal was appointed by King George II in 1736. He was a Scot, Lord George Hamilton, the (1st) Earl of Orkney (1666-1737), fifth son of the Earl of Selkirk. – **M J Everett, Tintern, Gwent.**

## BIRD'S EYE-VIEW



"Great . . . it's a Get Well card and a new white suit for Martin Bell!"

• DMED-ics' fast move – See Pages 22-23

## CWGC tends Kiwi graves

IN THE item headed "Bulford medal parade" (August 10) it was stated that the graves of New Zealand soldiers at Codford were tended by soldiers of 249 Signal Squadron.

This is not the case. The Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery at Codford St Mary is in the care of the UK Director of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, whose office is in Leamington Spa.

Ever since the consecration of the War Graves Cemetery in 1923 the graves have been tended by Commission garden-

ers and by locally-employed gardeners who live in Codford St Mary.

The Commission sends its gardeners at regular intervals and gives a grant to the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church to provide for a local gardener to cut the grass, tend the graves and generally care for the cemetery, which contains 66 New Zealand graves from the First World War and Australian and British

## MM award queried

SOLDIER reported (June 1) a widow being presented with a Military Medal awarded posthumously to her husband for gallantry in the Gulf War.

In *Victoria Cross Battles of the Second World War*, C E Lucas Phillips states: "If a man is killed in a feat not considered to merit the VC he is eligible for no honour except Mentioned in Despatches. The George Cross is treated as the VC."

Can someone please give an explanation? My admiration for Sgt Dowling is in no way diminished by this query; my condolences to his widow. – **H Bunn, Scunthorpe, Lincs.**

## Women's Freedom limited

DURING the past few months I have noted many articles regarding the changes and integration of female soldiers into various corps.

The British Army has at last recognised what many foreign armies have recognised for many years, that female soldiers have a role to play in all parts of the Service.

Indeed, female soldiers are now in teeth arms and carry weapons into battle alongside their male colleagues.

It is therefore sad that ideas still prevail within the Army excluding females from bearing arms on ceremonial occasions.

This was discovered by the female officers and soldiers of 150 (Northumbrian) Transport Regiment RCT (V) when on parade to commemorate the granting of the Freedom of Kingston upon Hull.

Maybe other readers can comment? – **Maj N W Wilkinson RCT (V), 218 (ER) Sqn RCT (V), Middleton Barracks, Hull.**

## Colonel's not what he seems to be

YOUR coverage of the Scots Guards' 350th anniversary celebrations (August 10) referred to the Queen, the Duke of Kent and Brig Mike Scott respectively as Colonel-in-Chief, Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment.

I do not see any rank badges worn by the Queen or the Duke of Kent. The Lieutenant Colonel, though a brigadier, is wearing the badges of a full colonel. Can you explain? – **Graham Freymuth, Almeria, Spain.**

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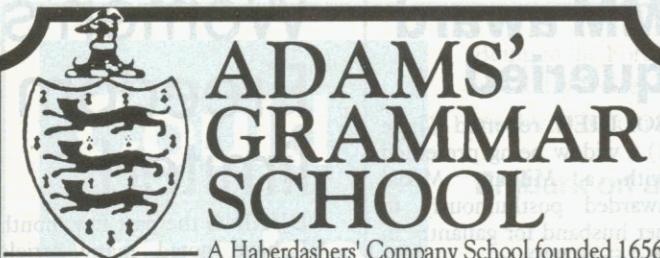
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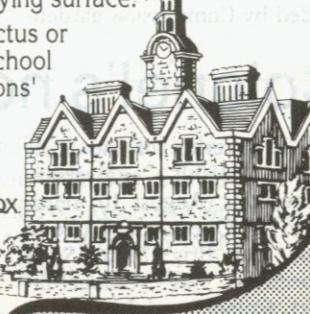
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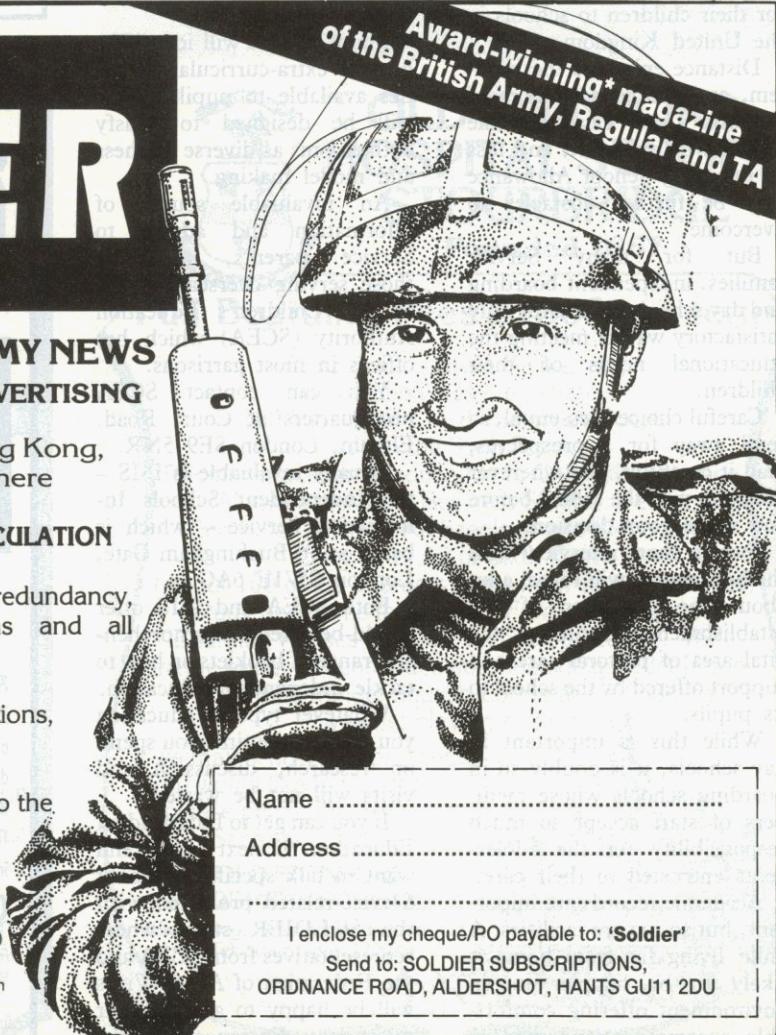
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# Capital run so vital to Rock runners

AFTER gallantly battling against the city streets in the London Marathon and raising more than £4,500 for intensive care equipment, Sgt Pete Jackson, LCpl Ian Martinez and LCpl Damian Muscatt of **The Gibraltar Regiment** presented one of two Vital Signs Monitor Dinamap machines to St Bernard's Hospital Gibraltar.

The other Dinamap machine will be donated to Castle Hill Hospital, Cottingham Gate, near Hull, where staff nursed Sgt Jackson's father until his death earlier this year.

Scottish football club Partick Thistle played host to a cheque-presentation by 71 Aircraft Workshop REME and Dukla Pumpherston which resulted in seven season tickets being purchased for old age pensioners in the Glasgow area.

The Detmold unit played a football match against Dukla to raise the money for CASE (Community Assessment and Support of the Elderly) and the Salvation Army in Glasgow.

Cpl Andy Cotterill, LCpl Phil McCarthy and Tpr Pete Kelly of the 5 Innis DG walked from Germany to Liverpool in 18 days and raised more than £5,000 for the Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool.

**Recce Platoon, 3/4 Yorks** completed a sponsored abseil at the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary and raised £1,300 to help send a group of seriously ill children from the area on a holiday.

Kings Heath-based 202 (Midlands) General Hospital RAMC (V) raised £1,300 for their adopted charity, the

Macmillan Nurse Appeal, during a frantic period of sponsored events on their annual camp in Chester. Quartermaster Capt John Farrugia contributed £607 by walking 25 miles carrying a 54lb pack.

Men from 2 Tp, 55 Trg Sqn, 3 Training Regiment RE got themselves sponsored to complete the Bracknell half marathon and raised £520 to send field eventer Terry Hopkins to the Barcelona Paraplegic Olympics.



Picture: SAC Richie Reader

Sgt Pete Jackson travels in style to present his cheque to Gibraltar's St Bernard's Hospital. Staff Nurses Sandra Caetano and Mayte Desoiza made sure he got there



Cheques totalling £10,000 were given to six children's charities when York-based 2 Signal Regiment disbursed the proceeds of its annual "Race the Sun" relay.

A 24-hour sponsored disco by 16 Battalion RAOC at Bicester raised £726 for Springfield Handicapped School, Witney, Oxfordshire.

Cpl Mark Consadine of The Royal Yeomanry receives the keys to a 16-ton truck from Mr Dudley Hutchings of Booker Wholesale Foods. Mark, accompanied by OCdt Edward Blomfield-Smith, Sgt Terry Drew and CoH Michael Dangerfield, all of Croydon-based C Squadron, used the vehicle to transport computer equipment worth more than £1.2m to the University of Sava in Romania. The equipment, donated by the Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology in Hammersmith, will be

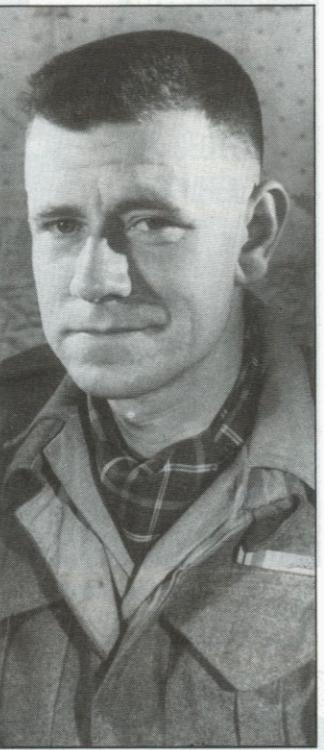
## Mission Romania

used to co-ordinate the relief operation for Romanian children.

Also pictured are (from left) OCdt Blomfield-Smith, CoH Dangerfield, the Mayor of Croydon, and Col D J "Mac" McLellan, Representative Deputy Lieutenant to Croydon.

## Balkans problems revisited

### SOLDIER to Soldier



Donald Densham-Booth pictured in Northern Italy in 1945

BRITISH Army involvement in the war-torn republics of former Yugoslavia strikes a chord with a Royal Engineers officer who served there in 1945.

Lt Col Donald Densham-Booth, now retired in Devon, commanded 56 Field Company RE, part of the 8th Army's 13 Corps which spearheaded the advance of Allied forces across the Po and into Trieste during the closing stages of the Second World War.

He still has a copy of the booklet issued to unit commanders to inform them of the nature of their Yugoslav (spelt with a J) "allies", then advancing through Istria with the intention of occupying Trieste and Venetia Giulia for their own political ends.

"In fact," Lt Col Densham-Booth told SOLDIER, "the Yugoslav Army passed through our lines to occupy high ground with infantry and artillery, threatening the rear of 13 Corps area."

The removal of Yugoslav forces under Marshal Tito proved to be a formidable task.

Lt Col Densham-Booth was in command of 19 Field Squadron RE in the Pola Enclave, Istria when his Brigade Commander, Brig Robin de Winton, was assassinated by a political activist outside Brigade HQ on February 10, 1947.

The booklet, *British Military Mission to Yugoslavia, March 1945*, clearly illustrates the problems created by the ethnic mix of nationalities within the 12 original states of modern Yugoslavia.

It gives a pen picture of the

## Kings mark Chindit raid

KING'S Regiment involvement with the Chindits is commemorated in a David Rowlands oil painting depicting the glider assault in Broadway, Burma on March 5-6, 1944.

Central figure in the painting is Lt Col W P Scott MC, who won the DSO for leading the successful action 200 miles behind enemy lines.

In July the painting was unveiled by Brig Scott in the Officers' Mess of 1 Kings at Cavalry Barracks, Hounslow and the regiment has now made a limited edition of 150 signed and numbered prints available.

Cheques for £25 (plus £2.50 p&p in the UK) made payable to RHQ (1) The King's Regiment should be sent to either PRI 1 Kings, Cavalry Barracks, Hounslow, Middx TW4 6EZ or RHQ (1) The King's Regiment, TA Centre, Ardwick Green, Manchester M12 6HD.

For further details contact Lt Col D D J Lawrence-Brown on 071-218 6303.

## Mulberry man's tomb restored

THE VERY active Surrey Branch of the Normandy Veterans Association has completed another project—the restoration of the memorial tomb of Sir John Watson Gibson, designer and creator of the Mulberry Harbour, who died in 1947.

His moss-covered grave in a small cemetery in Staines was found two years ago by Normandy veteran Reg Shickle, who organised a working party to put

matters right. New leaded lettering and figures now adorn the pristine tomb.

A number of distinguished guests are due to attend the re-dedication service planned for September 13, and the veterans have pledged to look after the site.

Work on the Gibson tomb had to wait while Surrey Branch completed two other projects, the creation of a stone memorial and stained glass window for the Garrison Church of St Barbara in Blackdown Barracks, Camberley.

## Five-five returns

OLD SHROPSHIRE Gunners gathered at Shrewsbury's Sundorne Road TA Centre to witness the installation of a Second World War 5.5in medium gun outside the headquarters of 95 (Shropshire Yeomanry) Signal Squadron.

The gun, known colloquially as the "five-five", was acquired and renovated by the present Squadron members, whose commander, Maj Paul Fathers, told the old comrades it was a tribute to them and many other Shropshire men who served the guns in the war.

His audience included ex-members of the 75th and 76th (Shropshire Yeomanry) Medium Regiments Royal Artillery; 240th (Shropshire RHA) Med Bty of 51st (Midlands) Med Regt RA, and other members of the Shrewsbury Branch of the Royal Artillery Association.

**27 Field Regiment RA:** Former members who wish to attend the disbandment parade at Munster Orts (Munsterlager) on November 28 should contact WO2 Spense, HQ Bty, 27 Fd Regt RA, BFPO 20 (Dortmund Mil ext 3360).

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## REUNIONS

### ● Huntley's Platoon, Kent

**ACF:** The platoon disbanded in March due to school closure. Reunion for former cadets and instructors on October 2 at TA Centre, St John's Road, Tunbridge Wells. Details from Capt C M Riley (tel: 0892 543150).

### ● 4th Bn, The Northamptonshire Regiment (1939-46)

The 46th annual reunion dinner will be held at Higham Ferrers Working Men's Club, High Ferrers, Northants, on October 2. Tickets (£6) from Maj V Harding, Old Barn Cottage, Oasby, Grantham, Lincs NG32 3NA (tel: 05295 345).

### ● Queen's Lancashire Regiment

**October:** October 2-4, Warrington October Revolution weekend, culminating in annual service of commemoration and thanksgiving, march past and receptions. Details from RHQ QLR (tel: 0925 33563 am Tue-Fri; 0772 651345 Mon-Fri 0800-1630).

### ● Greek Campaign Veterans

**1940-41:** Reunion, Morecambe, October 2-4. Contact Frank Gill, 38 Halifax Crescent, Thornton, Liverpool L23 1TH (tel: 051-924 2712).

### ● Port Clearance Society

Second annual meeting and dinner on October 9 at Hezberouck Officers' Mess following seminar on FMA tasks and achievements in out-of-area operations. Details from Lt Col A M Campbell REME, Chief Instructor, School of Equipment Support (Army), Arborfield, Reading RG2 9NN (tel: 0734 763485 or Arborfield Mil 2485).

### ● Royal Pioneer Corps

Past and Present Officers' Dinner, Northampton, October 16. Details from RPC Secretary, Simpson Barracks, Wootton, Northampton NN4 0HX (tel: 0869 258734).

### ● 3rd Battalion, Coldstream Guards, 4 Coy 1950-55

Reunion dinner in Birmingham on October 31. Details from Harry Westgarth, 49 Rokeby Park, Anlaby Park Road North, Hull HU4 7QE (tel: 0482 503649).

### ● Scottish Horsemen

79th and 80th (Med) Regiments (The Scottish Horse) RA and pre-1939 and post-1946 Scottish Horsemen will hold a reunion at Dunkeld in early November. Details from Secretary, Scottish Horse Club, 19 Crown Terrace, Aberdeen AB1 2HD.

### ● Air Despatchers

Eighth reunion at Air Mounting Centre, 29 Tpt and Mov Regt RCT on October 17. Past and serving air despatchers wishing to attend should contact WO2 B Lawson, RCT, 47 AD Sqn RCT, RAF Lyneham, Chippenham, Wilts SN15 4PZ.

### ● Eighth Army Veterans' Association

Sussex Branch annual reunion, October 17 and El Alamein Service of Remembrance, October 23. Contact Bill Ash

## DIARY

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

**Until November 29:** Assignment Falklands exhibition depicting the role of the sappers during the war, Royal Engineers Museum, Brompton Barracks, Chatham, Kent.

### SEPTEMBER

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

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

### OCTOBER

**4:** Aldershot Militaria Society exhibition and fair, The Maltings, Farnham, Surrey (details from 0252 716303).

**9-11:** Independent Education '92, Business Design Centre, Islington. Information pack from 071-782 6390. See Pages 32-33.

**31-November 1:** Fourth Birmingham International Tattoo, National Indoor Arena (ticket hotline: 021-200 2222).

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

## APPOINTMENTS

MAJ GEN The Hon T P J Boyd-Carpenter MBE to be Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Programmes and Personnel) in the rank of lieutenant general from September 25, in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Barry Wilson KCB.

Maj Gen D L Burden CBE to be Director General Logistic Support (Army) from September 7.

Brig A H Boyle to be Director General Command Control Communications and Information Systems (Army) Signal Officer in Chief (Army) in the rank of major general, from November 2, in succession to Maj Gen R F L Cook.

Brigadier - W E Shackell - To MoD, Aug 24; I McLeod - To be DA/MA Pakistan, Sept 4.

Colonels - P D Gardner - To HQ Kings Div, Aug 27; J H Johnston; late RAMC - To HQ BAOR/HQ BRSC, Sept 4; S C H Ashworth - To HQ BAOR/HQ BRSC, Sept 4; B A C Duncan - To be DA/NA/MA Amman, Sept 5; R F Clayton-Jones - To be Warden RA Chd Trg Cen & Depot, Sept 1; J J Holliman - To be Sen Chap HQ 1(BR) Corps, Sept 1; C J Newbold - To HQ UKLF, Sept 1 E M Powell - To R Signals MRO, Sept 1; N G D Robinson - To HQ Queens Division, Sept 1.

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● Windsor School, Hamm, Germany: Reunion for pupils/teachers planned 1993. Contact Bob Jordan, Greenacre, Shepherds Lane, Compton Down, Winchester, Hants SO21 2AB, for details and newsletter.

● Gold Coast and Ghana Forces Association: New OCA being formed. Reunion dinner at Union Jack Club, London, planned for January 23. Details from Secretary, Peter King, 12 Orpwood Way, Abingdon OX14 5QX or B J Harris on 0227 262607.

● 144 Field Ambulance RAMC (V): Disbandment/reunion at 11 Wenlock Street, London N1 7NT on March 6-7. Ex-members of 44 and 144 Fd Amb wishing to attend should send sae for details to Capt (QM) J P Hamill, 144 Field Ambulance RAMC (V), 11 Wenlock Street, London N1 7NT or telephone 071-253 1101.

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

**Retirement:**

Colonels - A E Houlton, late RE, Aug 31; T B Owen, late RAOC, Aug 26; J I Pocock, late QDG, Aug 30; D C Watt, late RAOC, Aug 25; A I Booth, late RAMC, Sept 9; J A Cooper, late RE, Sept 2; M R Cooper, late RE, Sept 2; J A E Hawxwell, late REME, Sept 2; A Norman-Bailey, late RAOC, Sept 1; G H Peebles, late Gordons, Sept 1; A R Redwood-Davies, late DWR, Sept 7; C C Tomlinson, RACD, Sept 1.

Lt Cols - R W Myles, RAMC, Sept 9; I M Strain, RAMC, Sept 10.

## Music to feed the imagination

**Music from the Royal Tournament 1992**  
Producer: Maj Michael Parker  
CVO  
Conductors: Wing Cdr Barrie Hingley, Capt L P Tyler

EVEN FOR those who did not see the Royal Tournament the sleeve notes, and particularly the music, give you a fair idea of events in the arena.

This year was a Royal Air Force occasion, with their five bands under the direction of Wing Cdr Hingley, the REME Band as house band, and Los Altos High School Band from California.

As one who was not there I do wonder what *The Creation of the World* was all about – the first chapter of Genesis, or as the result of a big bang, which occurs after only 20 seconds.

Anyway, it all sounded very effective to music by Mahler, of all people.

We then skip a few billion years to *World War One* with a Battle in the Air to music by Barrie Hingley, in which he does a Tchaikovsky act in confronting the Spitfires with Messerschmitts in the shape of *God Save the King* and *Deutschland Uber Alles*.

Again very effective, but how did The Master (with his recently awarded CVO) portray such a battle? I shall never know.

*The Musical Drive* by the King's Troop RHA, a hardy annual, is accompanied by the REME Band to suitable horsey tunes, then comes *World War Two*, where one can more easily guess the arena goings-on because a dozen of the well-worn songs accompany them.

I imagine theatrical costumiers, for the hire of uniforms, and whoever hires out old vehicles, did well.

Other regular arena acts are the *RAF Regiment in Action*, the *Royal Navy Field Gun Competition*, and the *RAF Police Dogs*, all accompanied by the house band.

*The Redcaps* is a display by the Royal Military Police Horse and Motor Cycle Teams, and *Study in Blue* a salute to the USA with Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue played by Flt Lt Stewart Stirling as its main feature.

The American high school band is a hefty-sounding unit who give jazzy versions of five standard pops, ending with – guess what? Which takes us into Space – well, as far as the moon, anyway, this time to music by Elgar (1st Symphony), and *Ad Astra*.

*Heroes of the Air* are remembered with Lords of the Air, then it's down to earth with fanfare, National Anthem and RAF March Past.

My word, I did enjoy all that spectacle.

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## Transport of delight . . .

**Concert bandstand**  
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THIS I PRESUME to be Maj Terry Kenny's last recording before his retirement from the Army, the band now under Capt Ray Maycock.

And typical of Terry Kenny it is, with a mixed bag of marches and "novelty pieces", several of them written or arranged by himself.

These include the marches *Americaine* and *Ship to Shore*, and arrangements of a *Spanish March* by Czech bandmaster Josef Matys, and *Bombasto*, an old American march.

Sets of Slow and Quick Marches on band and pipes are interspersed with sets on pipes and drums alone, and with band items.

A real treat is the Rabbie Burns poem *Scots Wha Hae*, declaimed very effectively by LCpl Goodall to band accompaniment. I understood hardly a word of it, but what the hael.

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*Trumpet by Candlelight* completes Kenny's contribution.

Another Czech march is *88th Regiment; Free and Easy* a trombone trio, *Music Box Dancer*, a TV jingle, and a xylophone duet *Glad Chatter* is obligatory for such a bandstand programme as this.

Dare I say it is a transport of delight for deckchair fusiliers?

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## Scottish mystification

**Royal Highlanders**  
Bands and Pipes and Drums of The Black Watch  
Conductor: Bandmaster T Calton  
Pipe Major: A Brown  
Drum Major: A McPherson

THIS PROGRAMME is a well-considered, and therefore varied, selection of Scottish airs played by every combination of instruments available.

Here are solo and massed pipes, with or without band accompaniment, band on its own, and in all the various rhythms of slow and quick march, jig, reel, strathspey, with penny whistle, accordion, guitar, and even poetry in words as well as music.

As always with Scottish airs some of the titles are often more attractive than the air itself, and sometimes mystifying. What do you make of *Price of the Pig*, *Bottle the Boat*, *Itchy Fingers*, the latter happily juxtaposed with *The Clumsy Lover*?

After the regimental calls on bugle and pipes there are six *Company Marches* on band, pipes and drums followed by a pipes and drums set.

*Impressions on a Scottish Air* is a band version of Annie Laurie by American James Ployhar, and *Royal Highlanders* a medley of songs associated with the regiment.

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The only surviving McBashford of That Ilk enjoyed it immensely.

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## Diary of a Para in the Falklands

IT IS ALWAYS good to have news of one's former battalion. *With 3 Para to the Falklands* is especially welcome because it is written by a member of the sergeants' mess, where all the hard work in a battalion is done and where well-earned jugs of beer are drunk.

Also, one seldom hears from an NCO who is not only compassionate but enjoys poetry, is a bit of a philosopher, has a sense of humour and writes well.

Sgt Graham Colbeck's landscape-format softback book gives not only a good account of the actions of 3 Para in the Falklands but an insight into the life and thoughts of a key member of the battalion.

The author, who commanded the Milan Section, is obviously a rebel and therefore the more likeable: "I remember a vague warning . . . which prohibited the carrying of personal cameras. Since this was more a rumour than an actual order I chose to ignore it.

I heard no such warning about diaries and any doubts I had were dispelled when I saw that my company commander did the same."

Thank goodness he did, for he has constructed, as he puts it, "a personal portrait of life with the battalion as I experienced it. The picture is



Sgt Graham Colbeck on Mount Longdon with an enemy Cobra missile

an honest one and I have included the warts – for no military unit is ever perfect."

He gives a vivid picture of the long journey to the Falklands in the *Canberra*, where the sergeants dined in luxury with the officers, and he even had a cabin to himself whereas most officers shared. A man of resource is Sgt Colbeck!

Keeping sane was paramount in such close confinement and he applied himself to contributions to the ship's newspaper, the *Canberra Buzz*. He also started his diary, which he kept religiously thereafter.

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His compassion is continually present. "A child's furry toy animal which Pte X had kept inside his smock for good luck

was carried away with his body . . . A reverence for our dead seems to have prevented any photography of them."

However, he did take photographs of Argentinian dead "as the vanquished enemy were regarded as a much lower form of dead."

The latter statement requires further explanation, which is perhaps to be found in his own conclusions on war: "Battle is a delicate balance between extremes of human behaviour – selfish cowardice and selfless sacrifice; brutality and humanity; callousness and pity – and the virtuous must be made to outweigh the dishonourable, both in the individual and the unit, if either is to survive with any pride." – PSN

**With 3 Para to the Falklands**  
by Sgt Graham Colbeck. Warrior Publications, PO Box 18, Thirsk, N Yorks, £7.70 inc p and p.

## Matchstick Men earned that shilling

IF YOU DON'T know what a "snatch" is, you soon will if you read Alan Wood's *The Glider Soldiers*, a record of the courageous part played by the "Matchbox Men" in the 1939-45 war.

These brave men were so called because their seven-ton wooden gliders, landing at 70mph, could be reduced to matchwood in seconds.

The "snatch" refers to the take-up of the tow rope when yanked into the air by the tug

aircraft from standstill to 100 knots in four seconds. Some

omitted one of the reasons for which I admired the soldiers. "The Horsa (glider) was a sovereign cure for a hangover. It not only pitched, rolled and yawed like any other aircraft, but it also surged forward and backward as the tow rope tightened and slackened.

"Everybody was sick and in a

Horsa full of 25 men, within ten minutes from take-off there was a terrible tide washing to and fro on the glider floor – but of course one must remember

that every man got a shilling a day extra pay."

But still the glidermen emerged from their matchwood wrecks to go into battle, win and survive, even though large numbers were killed as records at the Museum of Army Flying at Middle Wallop testify.

This book confirms that the lads in the Horsas earned that extra shilling a day. – JM

**The Glider Soldiers**, by Alan Wood. Spellmount, £25.

## BOOK REVIEWS

## Life and times of the real 007

ONE MAN's war story can be, and often is, another man's boredom. But that's not the case with Patrick Dalzel-Job.

For his account of his wartime exploits in Norway and France moves at the pace of a James Bond movie.

Which is not surprising, since broadcaster Charles Wheeler, who spent time in France with Dalzel-Job, says in the foreword that Ian Fleming, Bond's creator, based his hero on Dalzel-Job and fellow commando Dunstan Curtis.

These two, and possibly others from Naval Intelligence, were Fleming's inspiration for 007, says Wheeler.

Dalzel-Job modestly dismisses the idea, but his encounters behind the enemy lines in Norway and far ahead of the Allied advance in France are very much in the Bond mould.

With his two Royal Marine assistants he created havoc with a captured German machine gun mounted on a Jeep stuffed full of explosives.

He became a parachutist; he organised the evacuation of thousands of civilians from Narvik to escape the German bombers; he took part in MTB raids on enemy ships off the Norwegian coast; he joined Naval Intelligence, where he met Cdr Ian Fleming, a man he considered "cold and austere and very Pusser".

He penetrated the enemy lines to get information about the V1 flying bombs and he tells of the sinking of the German battleship *Tirpitz* in November 1944. The Norwegian girl he was later to marry witnessed the raid by RAF Lancaster bombers.

These are just a few of the amazing and exciting times of Patrick Dalzel-Job, whose book is simply unputdownable. – JM

**From Arctic Snow to Dust of Normandy** by Patrick Dalzel-Job. Alan Sutton Publishing, £14.95. Service and ex-Service people can obtain autographed copies price £12 post paid from: Nead-an-Eoin Publishing, Plockton, Ross-shire IV52 8TU. Tel: 059984 244.



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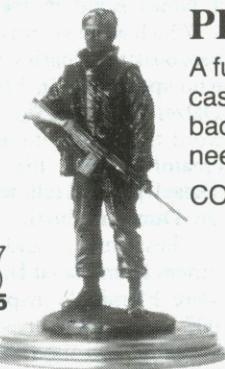
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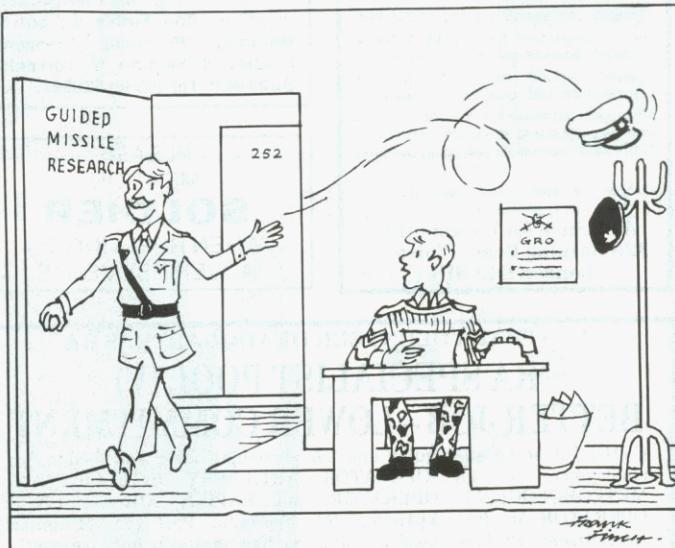
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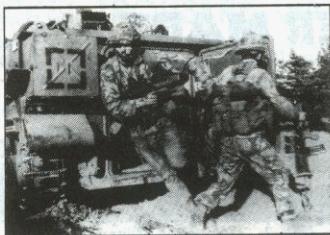
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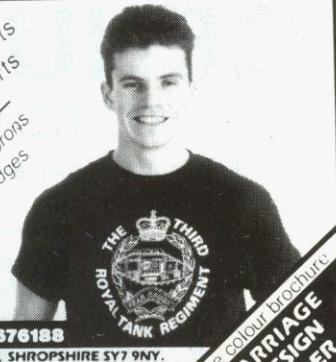
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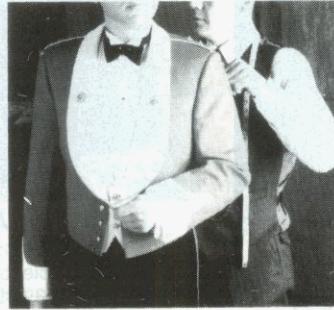
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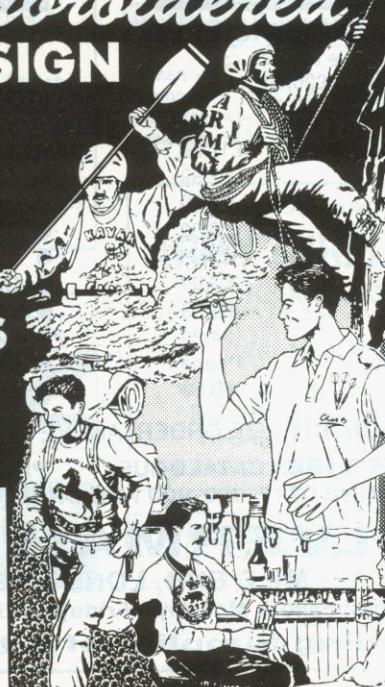
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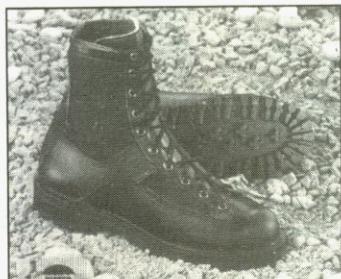
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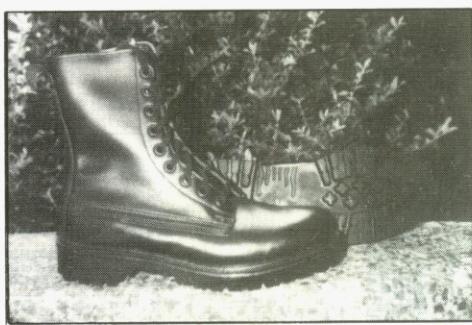
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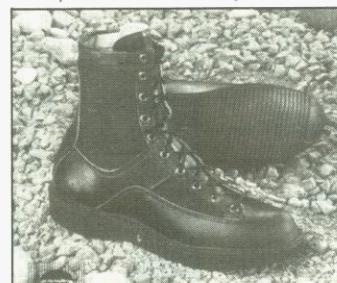
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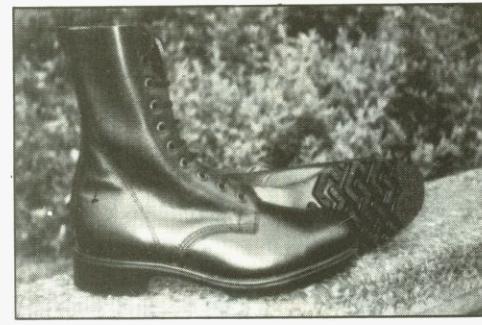
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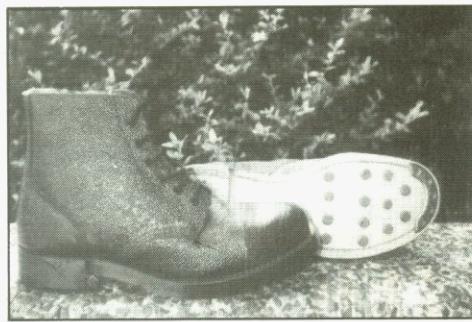
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Martin, serving with 2 Signal Regiment at York, created Inter-Service marathon history last year when he won the race for a third consecutive year. Until then no one had defended the championship successfully more than once.

By his own admission, Martin has not had a good year since Swinderby 1991, but he is getting back into shape and is very keen to compete.

"I will be trying to win, although the time won't be important," he said.

The Army championships are run concurrently with the Inter-Services, and the race also decides the destiny of the Major and Minor Units competition trophies.

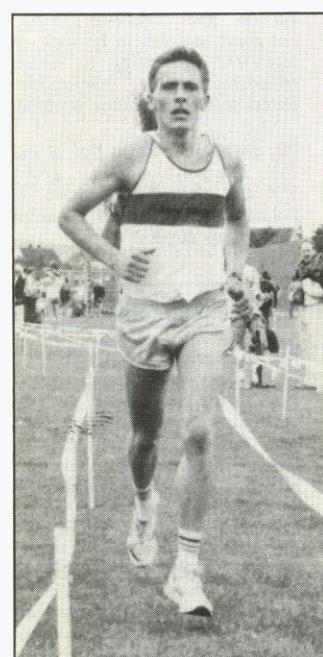
Favourites to return with their share of the silverware are FOD Dulmen, for several years a force in Army running. Their new-look team, led by WO1 (RSM) Steve Lonn, will again be in contention, with Sgt Dougie Collins, fifth overall last year, likely to be prominent in the main race.

Last year Jeff Martin inspired the School of Signals, Blandford to an upset Major Units victory over The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, champions for the previous four years.

First three past the post in Army colours automatically count towards the Inter-Service title, won for the past six years by the Army. Last year there were ten soldiers in the first 14.

Others expected to be in the running include Maj Nick Bateson from 1 (BR) Corps, Maj Roy Hunter (1 Kings) and WO2 Terry Hazell (14 Fd Regt RA), who was fourth overall and second Army finisher a year ago.

The Army senior, veteran,



junior and women's cross country championships are to be held at Longmoor on February 3.

## Kuwaiti match

A FOOTBALL match staged at Burton's Court, London to mark the liberation of Kuwait was won by Gulf War veterans of the Grenadier Guards.

Their opponents were a team composed of Kuwaiti students studying in Britain.

## Three run in Siberia

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The international event, organised to focus attention on world hunger and raise funds for aid projects in India,



Inter-Services golf champions. The Army team is (back row, left to right) SSGT Vee Walker, Maj Sue Lambert, WO2 Brenda Smith; (front) Lt Col Mary Harwood, LCpl Lesley Collins, SSgt Sarah Stonier (captain), Col Cas Bolland (chairman AWGS) and Lt Sarah Lowe



Pte Peter Batey of the 2nd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment receives the Army Footballer of the Year trophy from AFA President Gen Sir John Stibb. Batey, a central defender, turns out for Farnborough Town in the Vauxhall Conference League when he is not playing for the Army and the Combined Services

## RAOC blows the whistle

THE RAOC is due to play its last football fixture under corps colours on March 31 before being absorbed into the new Royal Logistic Corps.

To mark the occasion, past and present players who have represented the RAOC are sought for a dinner to be held at CAD Kineton during March 1993. Those interested should contact Maj Rick Attard (Bicester Mil 3049) or Maj Ray Goff (Kineton Mil 3492).

# Ladies in form on fairways

Picture Cpl S Taylor, 2 Para

THE ARMY women's golf team retained the Inter-Services championship at the China Fleet Golf and Country Club, Plymouth with 6-3 victories over both the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force.

Against their hosts, the Navy, the Army team were held during the morning foursomes, but pulled away in the afternoon session, winning four of the six matches and halving one.

The Army-RAF match on the final day was the championship decider, the RAF having earlier beaten the Navy 5-4.

Once again the morning play ended all square, and once again the Army piled on the pressure after lunch, winning four out of six matches.

Sponsored by Continental Airlines and the Guam Hilton, the eight-strong team from Hong Kong, led by Col Mike Winarick, took on and beat an American Services team on the superb 18-hole course at Anderson Air Force Base in Guam.

The Golf Society has made visits to Thailand, Malaysia and the Philippines in the past.

# Gyorffy leads decathlon challenge

CAPT Terry Gyorffy (REME att 4 RTR) led the Army to victory in the Inter-Service decathlon championships at RAF Cosford, finishing first in the individual competition with 6,087 points.

SSgt Neil Killen (6,779) and his 21 Signal Regiment teammate, Cpl Trevor McSween (5,666), made sure of the Army's team position by following up in third and fourth places. Cpl Stuart Gibbs of the Royal Marines was second.

Ex-REME Garry Smith, competing as a guest, was fifth overall and LCpl John Smith (21 Sig Regt) seventh.

Killen, the Army champion, was comfortably in the lead after seven events but nearly blew it when he failed to clear a height in the pole vault. Having elected to come in at 3.80m – some distance below his personal best – he fell back to fourth place. A strong finish in the javelin and 1,500m pulled him back to third.

Fortunately, the Army had a cushion of nearly 2,000 points and went on to win comfortably, scoring 17,532 points against the Royal Navy's 16,331 and the Royal Air Force's 15,560.

The Army women's team finished second to a record-breaking RAF team. Cpl Liz Churchley (DIT Det SIB BAOR) was third in the individual placings behind two RAF competitors. Sgt Steph Paul (MoD), wife of sprinter Cpl Lenny Paul, finished a valiant fourth in her first ever heptathlon, and 2nd Lt Bobbie Scott (21 Sig Regt) was fifth.

## Rock wives in the swim

ARMY wives came up trumps in Gibraltar's Inter-Service swimming championships, beating the RAF women by two points. The men's match was won by the Navy, with the Army second and the RAF third.



Cpl Mick Worsnop (helmet) gets inside the line during his innings of 29 against MCTC. Backing up is SSgt Gavin Aldridge as wicketkeeper Sgt Dan Daly tidies up

Picture: Mike Weston

# REME on merit – but only just

## Paras win major title

THERE was a tie for first place in Division A of the Army's Famous Grouse Inter-Corps cricket merit table, with REME and the Infantry both finishing on 26 points.

REME, the defending champions, retain the trophy for another year.

The merit tables are compiled during the season as games take place, with each of the top division teams playing seven matches.

REME and the Infantry both won three and drew four. The Royal Engineers, who also won three matches and held both REME and Infantry to draws, suffered a defeat at the hands of the Royal Armoured Corps which cost them the chance of a three-way tie.

RAC and Royal Artillery shared fourth place in the merit table, with the RCT sixth, Royal Signals seventh and the winless RAOC eighth.

Winners of Division B were the Army Catering Corps by virtue of victory over RAMC/RADC and AGC (SPS). They

lost to AGC (ETS) who finished second in the table, with the medical services third after beating AGC (SPS).

The wretched late summer weather relented for the Leyland DAF-sponsored Major and Minor Units finals, which were played at Aldershot on a dry and bright day.

Senior honours went to the 2nd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment who recorded a convincing six-wicket victory over 2 Signal Regiment from York.

The signallers scored 132 for nine in 40 overs, Evans propping up the innings with 37. The Para bowlers shared the wickets, Stephenson, Allum, Martin and Ward each taking two.

Openers Hukley (27) and Dunk (21) put on 40, and with Cole (22), Batey (20 not out)

and Allum (19 not out) also making sound contributions, the Paras reached their target in the 31st over.

Jones was 2 Signals' most successful bowler, taking two for 21 in his eight overs.

AGC (SPS) kept the Minor trophy "in the family". Last year it was won by RAPC Worthy Down, a name lost to Options for Change.

After being bowled out for 174 in their 40th over, AGC (SPS) skittled the Military Corrective Training Centre, Colchester for 60 to win by a massive 114-run margin.

James, Thompson and Godfrey did the damage, taking three wickets apiece as only Binstead (18) and Daly (14) reached double figures. Earlier, Thompson had top-scored for AGC (SPS) with 38. Other valuable contributions came from Dunn (24), Aldridge (22) and Worsnop (29).

Walters returned the best bowling figures for MCTC, finishing with four for 18 from seven overs.

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Some of the cap badges commanded by Lt Col Robin Chisnall in Londonderry fall in behind him: Maj Simon Porter, R Anglian; Capt Simon Mitchell RAMC; Lt Willy English SG; 2nd Lt Dominic Freeland, Gren Gds; SQMS Philip Howard ACC; WO2 Martin Price WG; SSgt John Gall AGC; Sgt Mick Stratford REME; Cpl Gary Laidlaw, Green Howards; LCpl Patrick Wellington RMP; Pte Chris Francis, R Anglian. See Pages 16-19.

Picture Terry Champion