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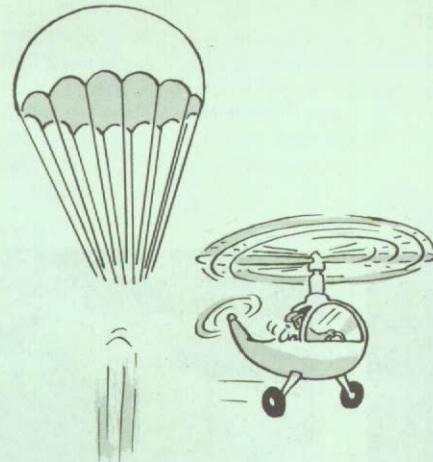
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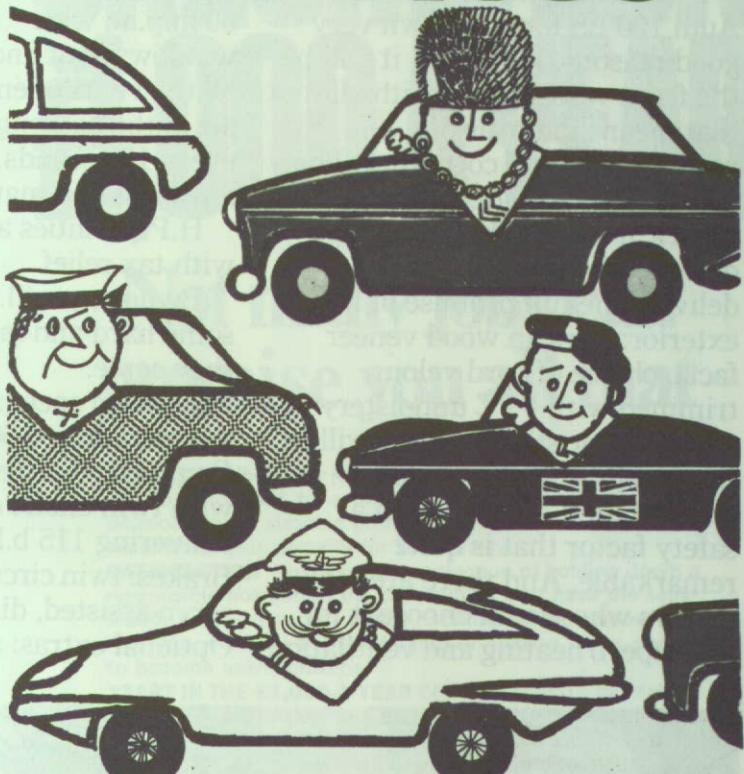
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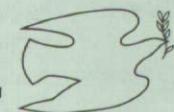
This issue will feature the Army's part in the investiture of the Prince of Wales, the Sealed Knot (a medieval society) re-enacting in uniform of the period the Battle of Marston Moor, Wilkinson Sword awards to the three Services, 1st Battalion, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment in Cyprus, the Nijmegen marches and Cambrian March, London's Victory Ex-Services Club and the Royal Engineers' lightweight bridge.

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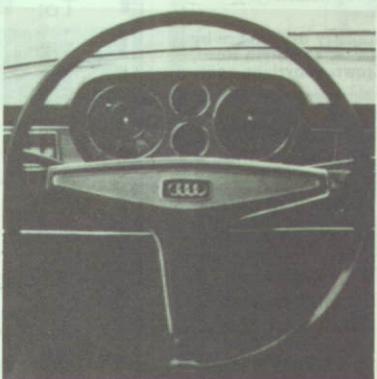
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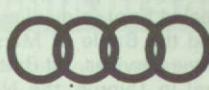
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SOLDIER readers, particularly those who travel around, are always anxious to know when and where Army occasions are happening.

In this regular feature SOLDIER will keep you posted up-to-date. Events will be listed up to a year ahead and repeated monthly. Amendments and additions are indicated in italics.

To make this feature as valuable as possible to the reader, SOLDIER invites the co-operation of organisers of tattoos, Army displays, exhibitions, at homes, open days and similar occasions on which the public is welcome to see the Army's men and equipment.

AUGUST

- 9 Open Day and pass-off parade, Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Engineers, Dover.
- 11 Army Week, Darlington (11-16 August).
- 15 Edinburgh Tattoo (15 August-6 September).
- 23 25th anniversary, Army Benevolent Fund, Gymkhana and Field Day, Gosforth Park, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
- 27 Army Open Days, Plymouth (27-29 August).
- 29 Army Week, Leeds (29 August-2 September).

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Army Week, Keighley (3-7 September).
- 4 Army Week, Sheffield (4-6 September).
- 5 Recruiting display, Glasgow (5-7 September).
- 6 25th anniversary, Army Benevolent Fund, sponsored race, Sandown Park.
- 13 Shoeburyness Garrison (including 36 Heavy Air Defence Regiment, Royal Artillery) At Home.
- 13 Recruiting display, Rochdale (13-14 September).
- 16 Recruiting display, Blackpool (16-18 September).
- 18 Military Band Festival, Berne, Switzerland (18-21 September).
- 19 Berlin Tattoo (19-20 September).
- 20 Recruiting display, Blackburn (20-21 September).
- 20 Airborne Forces Pilgrimage, Arnhem (20-21 September).
- 20 Scottish Infantry Depot, Glencorse, Open Days (20-21 September).
- 29 British Week, Tokyo (29 September- 5 October).

OCTOBER

- 6 25th anniversary, Army Benevolent Fund, Gala Night "Horse of the Year" Show, Empire Pool, Wembley.
- 10 British Week, Vienna (10-18 October).
- 24 Alamein Reunion, London.
- 25 Formation of The Royal Hussars from 10th and 11th Hussars.

NOVEMBER

- 8 Lord Mayor's Show, London.
- 8 Festival of Remembrance, Albert Hall, London.
- 20 *Disbandment parade, 5th Royal Tank Regiment, Wolfenbuttel, Germany.*

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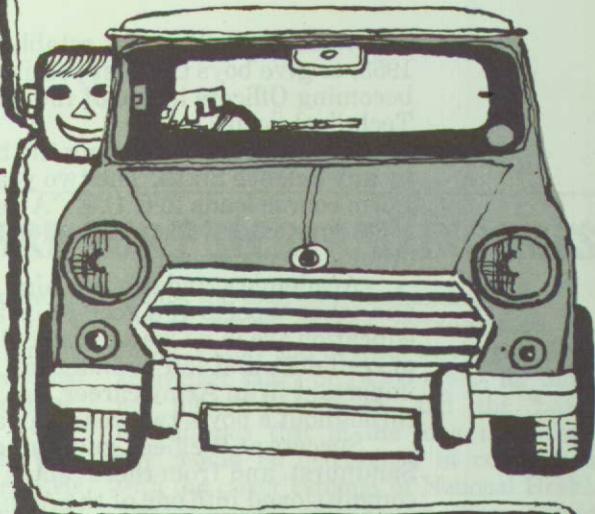


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THE NEW PAY STRUCTURE

RECOMMENDATIONS BY NATIONAL BOARD FOR PRICES AND INCOMES

AN interim pay rise of about four per cent backdated to 1 April 1969 and the issue of marriage allowance and other benefits to married officers under 25 years of age and married soldiers under 21 are some of the immediate benefits from the third report on the pay of the Armed Forces issued by the National Board for Prices and Incomes.

A recommendation for the future, even more revolutionary, is that for the first time the Serviceman will receive a gross salary out of which he will pay for his food, lodging and clothing, except uniform. This will place him on the same footing as civilian members of the British community and give him—and potential recruits—a chance to understand the full financial reimbursements of Service life.

The changeover from basic pay and allowances with free food and lodgings to a comprehensive salary has necessitated a large-scale operation to produce a new pay structure. A team is already evaluating jobs and if the practical difficulties can be overcome—not least of which is the huge size of the task—the new pay should be in issue from 1 April next year. The NBPI plans to report again in February 1970 with recommended rates in detail.

The board questioned the system which pays a married man more than a single man for doing the same job. Whatever may have been the justification in the past, says the board, "we can see none for it in the Armed Forces of today." So the proposal is to increase the single man's pay to that of the married and to produce one comprehensive basic rate for each rank and trade.

The consequent "military salary" will be subject to tax in the normal way; any non-taxable elements included (such as ration allowance, at present not taxed) will be increased to allow for this. The "military salary," says the board, must also include an X factor representing those "elements unique to military life which may withstand any measurement but which nonetheless need to be taken into account in the determination of pay."

They include the fact that the Serviceman is wholly committed, is subject to a code of discipline which reaches far beyond that obtaining in any form of civilian employment, is liable to be exposed to danger on active service, is required as part of his normal peacetime routine to endure bad or uncomfortable conditions in the field and on board ship and also that his life is subject to constant upheaval and uncertainty.

The board says: "While it is possible to define the components of the X factor a large element of judgement must inevitably enter into the measurement of them in

financial terms. Moreover, the amount of pay necessary to compensate for the X factor may need to be varied from time to time." The board is to make a "provisional judgement on what the amount should be" in its February 1970 report.

It also proposes that there should be a major review of Service pay every six years, with intermediate reviews every two years or more frequently if the board or the Ministry of Defence think it necessary. The Government has accepted all the short-term recommendations and accepted in principle the longer-term ones.

Details from the report:

SHORT-TERM MEASURES

The percentage increase payable from 1 April 1969 is to be treated as a global sum of about £14,000,000 so that the Ministry of Defence may make marginal adjustments between groups and handle it in the way "considered most appropriate by them and most in keeping with the tenor of our longer-term recommendations."

It will increase the weekly pay of a non-tradesman private (recruit) by 8s 9d to £10 6s 6d and of a warrant officer class I technician, aged 36 and committed for 21 years, by £1 4s 6d to £30 14s 3d. The annual salary of officers, four years in the rank, will improve as follows: Captain by £55 to £1469, major by £82 to £2126, lieutenant-colonel by £110 to £2738 and colonel by £137 to £3522.

From 1 July 1969 the age bar to marriage allowance and other married benefits is removed. This improves the rate for the non-tradesman private (recruit) by £2 12s 6d weekly to a total of £18 19s 3d and of the A trade class III private, committed for nine years, to £20 7s 2d. Married men under 21 were previously restricted to the lower rate of marriage allowance but now become eligible for the higher.

Married officers under 25, not previously entitled to marriage allowance at all, are now to receive £123 annually if living in married quarters and £233 if living out.

Also from 1 July, personnel in receipt of marriage allowance are now to have ration allowance continuously when away from their families on duty, in addition to being fed at public expense.

In addition, these officers and soldiers are now able to qualify for other allowances and benefits from which they were previously debarred, such as separation allowance, disturbance allowance, removal expenses, married rates of overseas allowances and family passages to overseas stations.

From 31 August 1969 education allowance is to be grossed for tax purposes when the serving parent is in the United Kingdom. When two or more children are eligible the allowance is to be aggregated and set

against the total cost of educating them.

New scales of pay recommended for Army doctors and dentists would give them an average salary of £4000 a year for those not allocated quarters, and the board recommends that in the long term their pay should be determined in comparison with the career earnings of National Health Service general practitioners. They should receive the X factor element and pay the same for quarters as other Servicemen.

MILITARY SALARY CONCEPT

Accepting that the Serviceman's pay should be based on a comprehensive "military salary" irrespective of marital status, the Prices and Incomes Board suggests that charges for soldiers' married quarters should be assessed in the same way as local authorities assess rents of council houses and that rates for officers' married quarters should be related to the costs of an owner-occupier buying a house on a mortgage. Single officers and men would pay less for accommodation, as they probably would in civil life. There should be a reduced charge for sub-standard single accommodation.

Single Servicemen living in barracks should be charged for their rations by a standard deduction from pay and in certain circumstances the charges should be remitted.

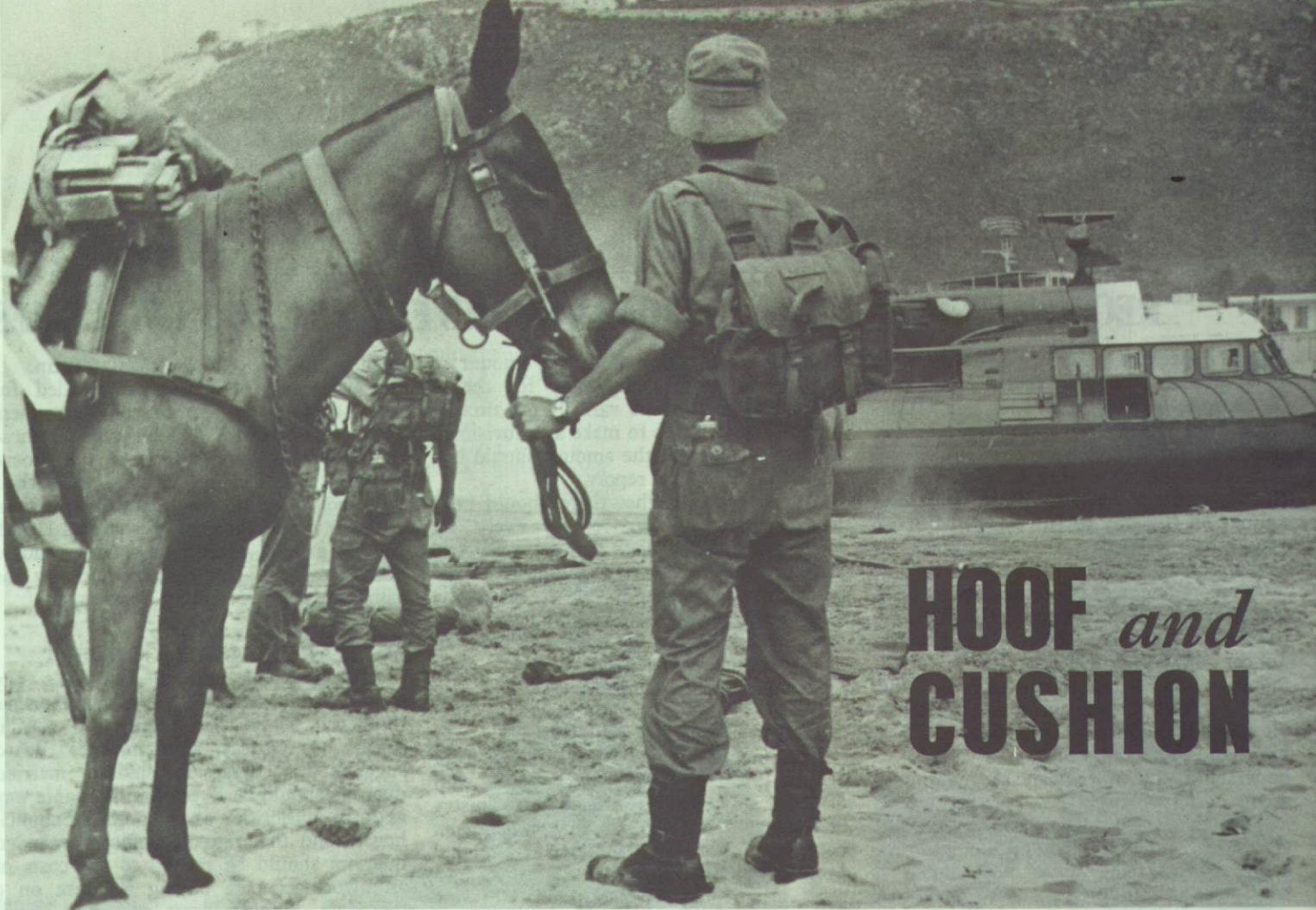
The board recommends that the allowances for personal clothing and for laundry should be abolished, that Servicemen should pay the first 10s per week of the cost of home-to-duty travel and that free batman service in married quarters should cease except in some cases of officers holding command appointments.

LONGER-TERM MEASURES

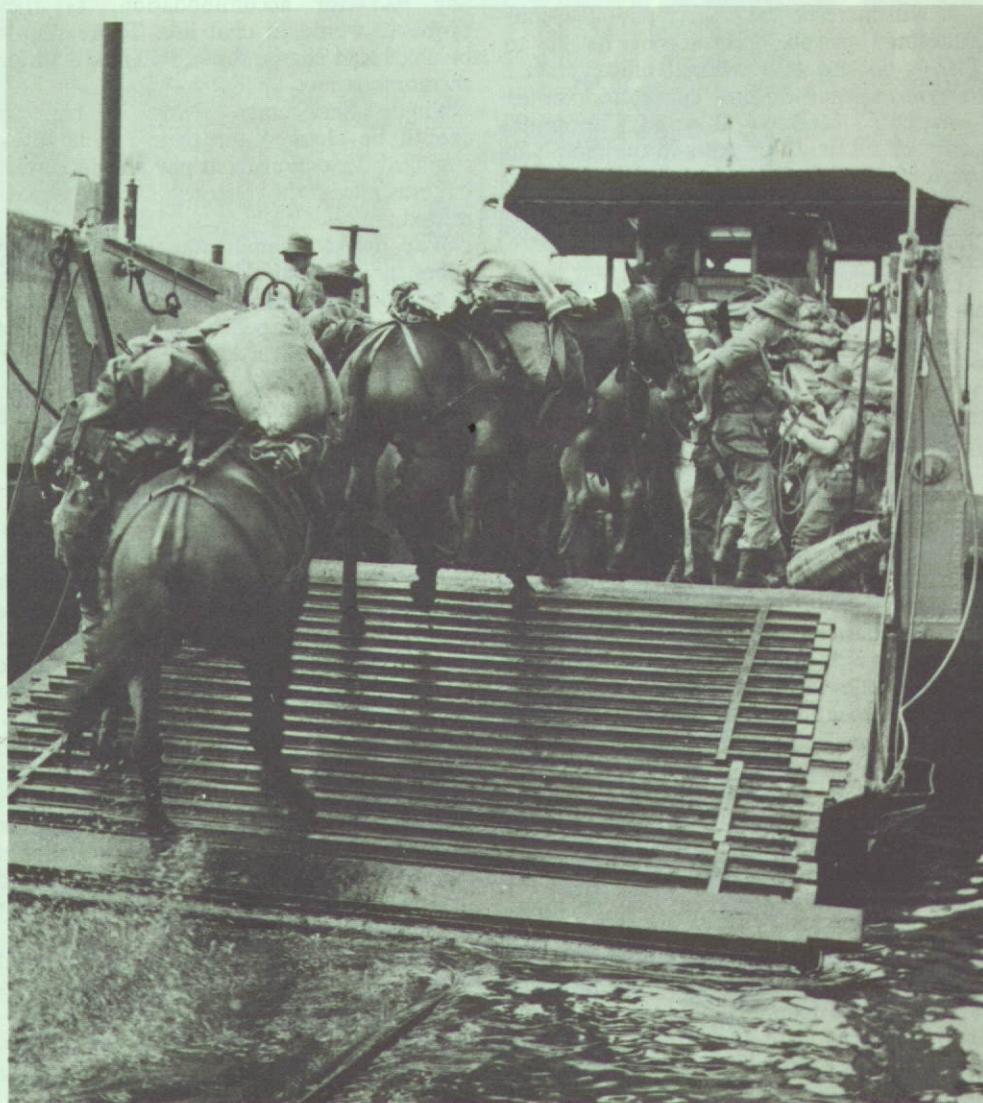
Accepting that the jobs done by Service-women are in most cases the same as those performed by men, the board proposes that their work should be evaluated by the same methods as those used for men and that they should be given equal pay for "those components of the work which are shown to be equal."

It is suggested that a system of lump sum payments should be substituted for the present one of increasing the pay of soldiers who extend their service. The board believes the number of free travel warrants should be increased and that all rail warrants should be convertible into a mileage allowance at the Serviceman's option.

Separation allowance should be revised to remove defects and disturbance allowance rates should be set at levels to compensate for the normal cost of removals, even allowing for variations between households.



HOOF and CUSHION



Old and new modes of transport supplied by the Royal Corps of Transport. The hovercraft lifted troops to a landing beach on Lantao island. The mules (embarking on landing craft, left) carried the heavier equipment over mountainous terrain.

Right. No pleasant cruise ahead for The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. The assault craft is taking them to HMS Intrepid before the start of Exercise Trident Star. Top right, An assault craft moves in to load stores into Intrepid.

MULES and hovercraft, the Army's earliest and latest transporters of stores, both played important parts in the three Services' exercise Trident Star held over five days in Hong Kong. It was the biggest in the colony for many years.

To test amphibious warfare techniques two battalions were landed by night on separate beaches on Lantao, the largest and most mountainous island in the Hong Kong group, and the troops then linked up to seek out terrorists.

The 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, spent 36 hours aboard HMS Intrepid, the Royal Navy's newest assault ship, before landing on Lantao and 4th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, went ashore in landing craft and in a hovercraft of 200 Hovercraft Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport.

The Royal Artillery's 25 Light Regiment infiltrated men ashore before the landings to set up observation posts to pinpoint targets for their guns located on the Castle Peak ranges in the New Territories and on islands around Lantao.

Mules of 414 Pack Transport Company, RCT, played a sure-footed role and proved themselves the best means of moving heavy equipment around the difficult terrain in guerilla-type operations. The troops spent two days and nights hunting down the enemy, represented by Gurkhas stationed in Hong Kong.

HMS Intrepid was used as Joint Force Headquarters by the exercise controllers, Brigadier M E M MacWilliam, Deputy Commander Land Forces Hong Kong, and Commodore T W Stocker, Commodore Amphibious Forces, and their staffs. The Royal Navy also provided two minesweepers to clear a path for Intrepid and assist the landing of the assault boats.

The Royal Air Force flew Hunter jet sorties to give ground attack cover—and helicopters to provide unexpected mobility for the terrorists.

From a report by Joint Services Public Relations, Hong Kong.



The pride of **WALES**



WITH fixed bayonets they made their last stand. On the green-sward beneath the Norman Tower at Cardiff Castle. The orders echoed against the ancient granite walls "24th, ground arms" . . . "Welch, ground arms" . . . "Royal Regiment of Wales, take up arms."

So died The South Wales Borderers and The Welch Regiment. To be reborn as a new regiment which its Colonel-in-Chief, Prince Charles, predicted would become "the pride of Wales."

These two gallant regiments, together having made 530 years of military history, had stood side by side once before. It was in 1914 at Gheluvelt when they had withstood a massive enemy onslaught, thus enabling the Worcesters to launch a counter-attack which halted the whole German offensive towards the coast.

The inauguration was a touching cere-

Left: The new Queen's Colour has a wreath of immortelles—replica of those presented by Queen Victoria commemorating two officers who died to save the Colour at Isandhlwana.

Below: Almost a namesake. Men of The Royal New South Wales Regiment inspected by the Prince. Another allied regiment, The Ontario Regiment, and five VCs were also there.

Right: The Prince drives off to cheers from the 10,000 crowd. After a ceremonial pat, goat mascot Taffy I (formerly Taffy XII of The Welch Regiment) tried to follow him.

Below right: The Prince marches on parade in step with his escort. In 1922-36, colonel-in-chief of The South Wales Borderers was Prince of Wales, now the Duke of Windsor.



mony. The old Colours were marched off to "Auld Lang Syne." The new ones were consecrated by the Chaplain-General, the Venerable Archdeacon J R Youens: "O Lord . . . Let Thy gracious favour rest on those who shall follow the Colours now about to be committed to their trust . . ." And Prince Charles, wearing Army uniform for the first time, presented them to his new regiment.

Wearing the blue sash and star of the Order of the Garter over the blue uniform of The Royal Regiment of Wales, the Prince formally received the Freedom of Cardiff from the Lord Mayor.

"Ar ran fy nghatrriad, fe hoffwn ddiolch o galon am yr anrhydedd rydych wedi ei roi i ni trwy gyflwyno i ni ryddfraint dinas Caerdydd . . ." he said to applause from the crowd of 10,000.

Then he translated: "On behalf of my regiment I am most deeply grateful for the

honour you have bestowed upon us by the presentation of the Freedom of the City of Cardiff."

His speech—part in English, part Welsh—showed a subtle balance of diplomacy and humour. He spoke of the "warmness and hospitality" shown him by the people of Wales, and called for "tolerance and patience" in the relations between Welsh and non-Welsh speaking Welshmen.

With tongue in cheek, he referred to The Welch Regiment's donkey mascot of World War Two which had warned of German shelling—"Let's hope that the latest mascot (Taffy the goat) is trained to act as an alarm in the event of another surprise sprung on us by certain activists!"

Of the regiment's recent guard duty at Buckingham Palace, he said, "having observed them doing it smartly, I can say that the Brigade of Guards is having to watch it in future."

The tough Welshmen from the valleys and cities marched past in column and review order, gave a royal salute, then raised their hats in three cheers for their new colonel-in-chief. Afterwards he drove off the parade ground in an open Land-Rover to the tune "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

The inauguration was something of a dress rehearsal for the investiture. The Prince's military bearing was impressive and his Welsh was described by the local Press as "as good as any Welshman." One of his military instructors was the regimental equerry, Lieutenant Andrew de Lukacs-Lessner de Szeged, son of a Hungarian nobleman who fought with the British Army in World War Two.

Said the lieutenant: "All I did was teach the Prince that the best way to salute is to take the longest way up and the quickest way down."



IT was at 1355 hours on a Friday when Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Todd, commanding 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, was asked by signal when his troops could move to Northern Ireland.

The Battalion was exercising in the Stanford training area of Norfolk and the married men especially were looking forward to returning to Colchester and a long weekend with their families. But by 0540 on the Saturday the first men had made their preparations and moved to Lyneham; at 0900 a second party set out for Wattisham. Colonel Todd was away by 0700

hours that day and flew by Army Beaver to be in Ballykinler camp by 1100 hours.

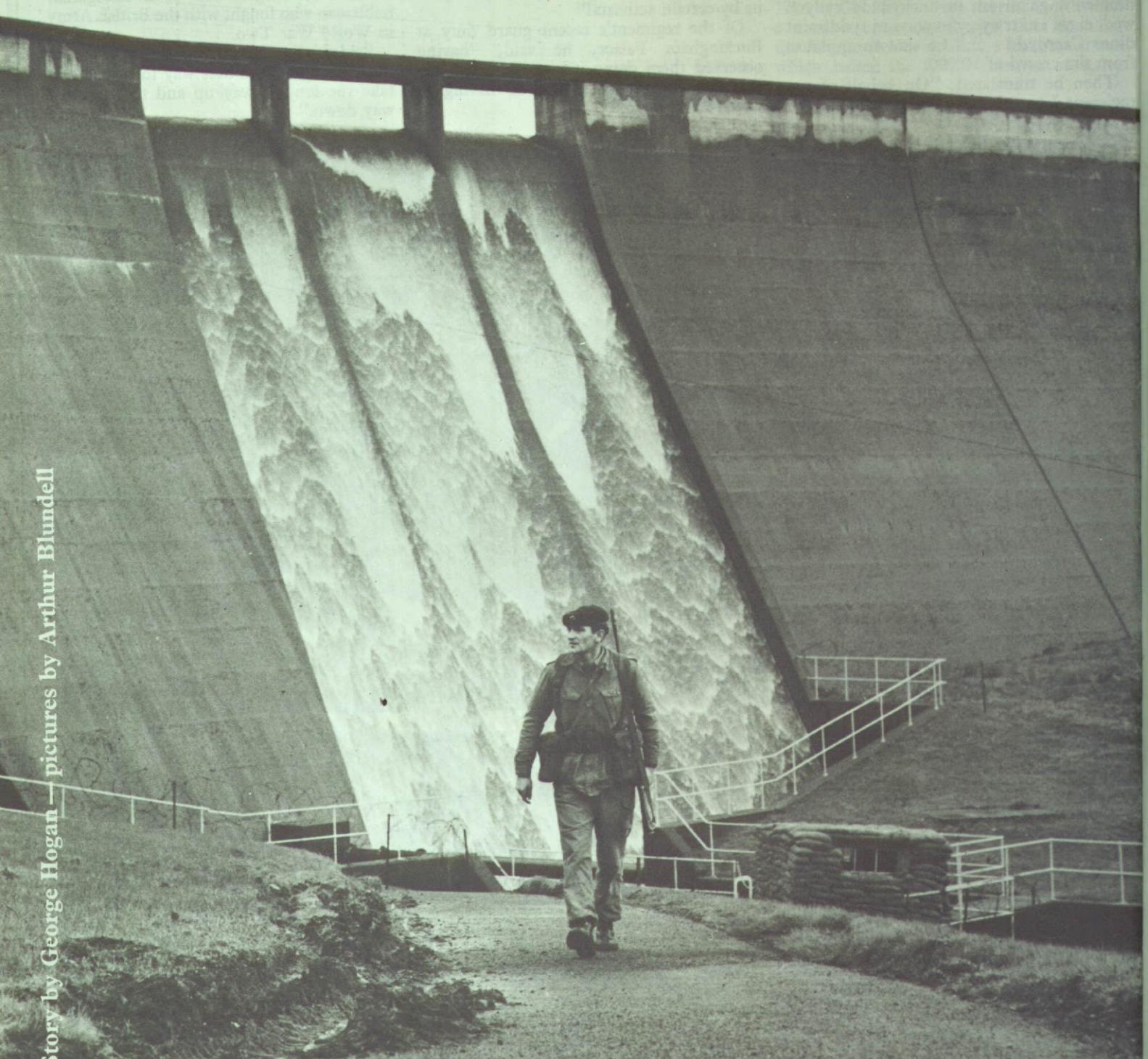
Nearly 200 officers and men, comprising a tactical headquarters and the leading company, arrived at 1600 hours with their vehicles. Recce's were completed and the first company deployed by early Sunday morning. By that evening the whole battalion was assembled in Northern Ireland. In addition to their normal vehicles they took three helicopters, flown by their own officers, and ten guard dogs, handled by Royal Army Veterinary Corps personnel from Melton Mowbray.

The whole operation reflected speed, efficiency and effectiveness, especially as

the battalion's area of responsibility extended across counties Down and Antrim west and south of Belfast with the nearest outpost 20 miles distant from Ballykinler.

The battalion reinforced 39 Infantry Brigade, commanded by Brigadier Peter Hudson with headquarters at Lisburn, which had been deployed from 21 April following a request by the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland for men to safeguard vulnerable points after serious sabotage to water pipelines and electricity supplies.

When *SOLDIER* toured Ulster it was obvious that the precautions taken were only those necessary to ensure that supplies of water and power should not be inter-



Story by George Hogan — pictures by Arthur Blundell

Guardians of Power and Water

ferred with. The troops were not in evidence but were employed on a considerable amount of guard duties and some patrolling—watching over reservoirs and pipelines, electricity switches and transformers.

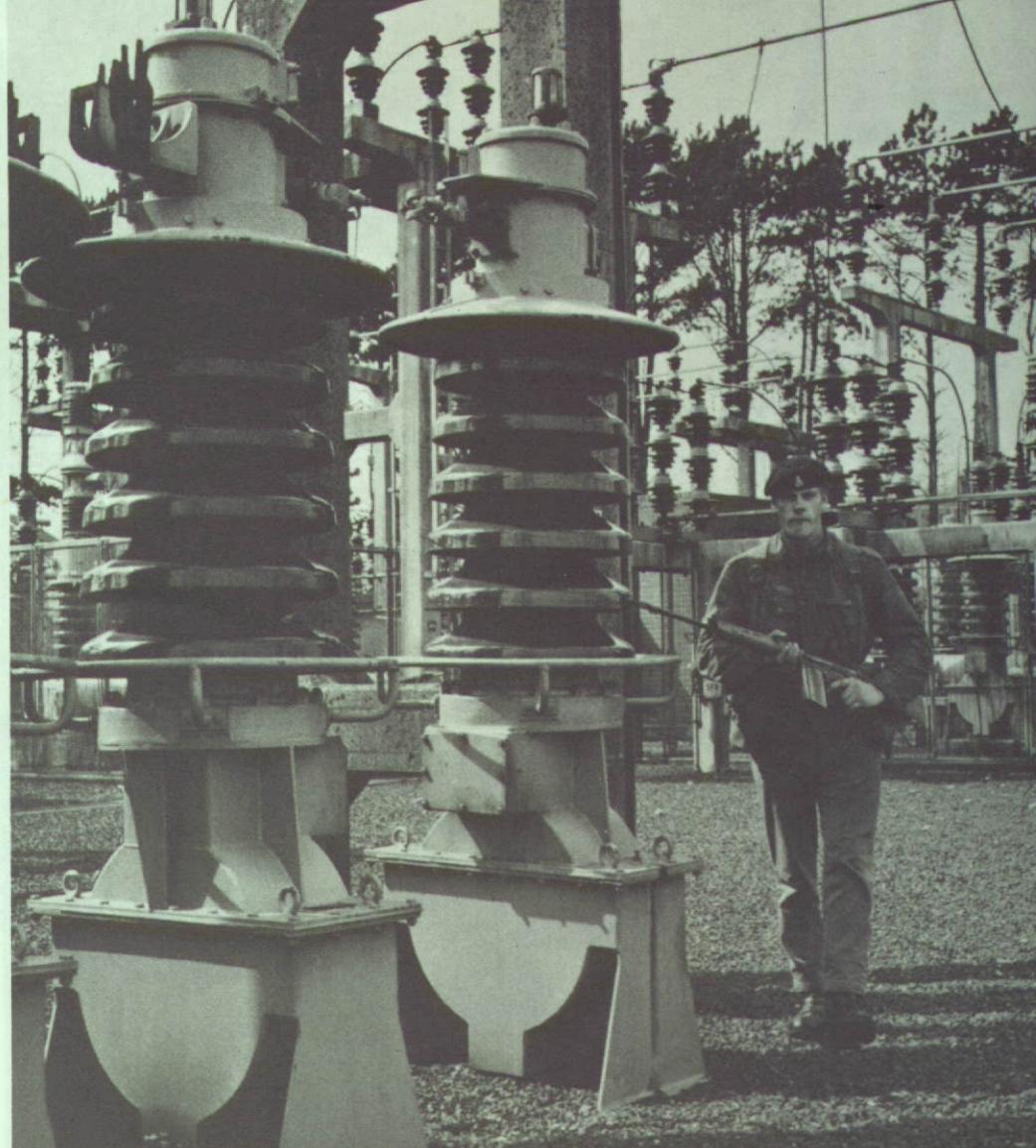
North of Belfast in counties Londonderry and Antrim, 2nd Battalion, The Queen's Regiment, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Tony Franklin and stationed in Holywood, was responsible for a number of vulnerable points such as power stations and reservoirs. Typical were Woodburn triple dam near Carrickfergus and Castlereagh power station on the outskirts of Belfast.

Woodburn has a catchment area of 5000 acres of hilly forest land. The three reservoirs have a capacity of 1,800,000 gallons but 10-13,000,000 flow through each day. Of this 7,000,000 gallons go to Belfast with the remainder supplying Larne and other areas. This is one of three lines which feed 45,000,000 gallons of water to Belfast daily.

When the Silent Valley and Lough Neagh pipelines were blown during a weekend—this was before the troops were asked for—only Woodburn was still able to supply. The arrival of a guard from The Queen's Regiment next day to watch the vulnerable points of the reservoir probably saved Belfast from a devastating drought.

The soldiers were living on compositions and had been suffering rain for a fortnight. Whenever the sun broke through, thousands of midges rose from the wet grass to torment them. They had one consolation. The water commissioners, having closed the area to public fishing, had thrown it open to the troops. The reservoirs were stocked with 50,000 grayling—but the fish were not always ready to bite.

When the transformer at Castlereagh power station, Belfast, was blown by a 30-minute time fuse, one-third of the city's supply was cut off. A new transformer being built is costing £500,000 and taking four months to complete. This station, like others guarded by the soldiers, is a huge forest of masts covered with a vast array of insulators. It is dominated and practically surrounded by overlooking hillocks covered with trees. Special constables of the Royal Ulster Constabulary paid nightly visits until the soldiers took over.



Above. Patrolling Finaghy electricity power station in south-west Belfast.

Right. Taking the signal to withdraw from Finaghy.

Below. Men of B Coy PWO wait for Royal Ulster Constabulary to take over.

Below, left. Black Mountain television station look-out.





The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment also guarded a number of vulnerable points including the Lough Neagh pipeline which is almost completely buried but at one point has a four-foot diameter pipe crossing a rushing stream. After this was blown, with the loss of 10,000,000 gallons of water a day to Belfast, a small outpost was set up in a muddy field.

Again continuous rain made life difficult but it was possible to catch rainbow trout to augment the compo. A cook who emptied a tin of salmon into a meat stew helped to make mealtimes interesting and the men were amazingly cheerful in the realisation that they were performing a worthwhile task.

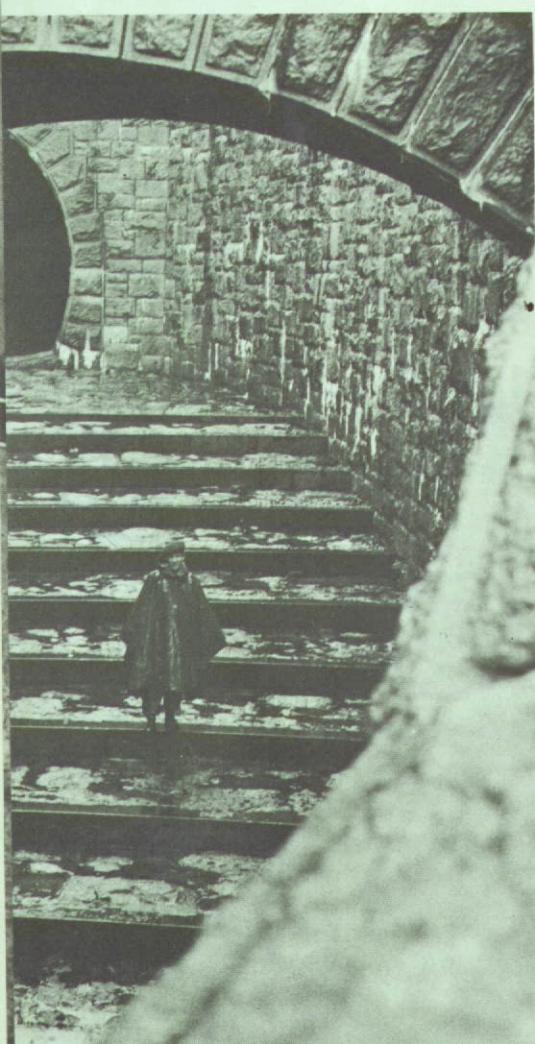
Power stations and reservoirs were being watched by this battalion which also provided a picquet for the Black Mountain television transmitting station just outside Belfast.

The 1st Battalion, The Light Infantry, stationed at Abercorn Barracks, Ballykinler, and commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Colin Frith, was responsible for power stations and for reservoirs in the mountains of Mourne feeding the pipeline to Belfast and providing 28,000,000 gallons of water a day to the city.

Two huge man-made lakes here were built in the 1920s by manhandling two-cwt blocks of stone. The workmen walked five miles each morning from the seaside town of Newcastle, climbed to 2000 feet and walked back again in the evenings. Marked on the maps as Silent Valley—it was said to be called Happy Valley until some workmen were killed—it is quiet, remote, extends for about four miles and is often covered by soft rain or mist.

The task of preventing another disastrous explosion in this desolate valley was one that the troops understood as humanitarian when they thought of the 400,000 who suffered distress in Belfast after the pipeline was cut in April.

In the western counties of Londonderry, Tyrone and Fermanagh, the 17th/21st Lancers, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Mulloy, were given a roving commission to locate possible vulnerable points. They arrived in Omagh from Germany in April and were busy converting from Chieftains to Saladins and Ferrets.



Above. Pipeline at Templepatrick fed 10,000,000 gallons of water daily.

Left. Outlet for overflow from two miles long Silent Valley reservoir.

Below. Underground pipelines blown here (Silent Valley) and Templepatrick put Belfast in jeopardy.





The Lancers' air squadron of six helicopters assisted as required while the Saladins and Ferrets patrolled up to 60 miles twice daily. In May the regiment was also providing smart and colourful lance guards for the opening of the spring assizes at Omagh and Armagh.

All the British soldiers were in out-of-the-way places, performing a protective role in the public interest, often saturated with the fine soft rain and up to their ankles in mud, but satisfied they were doing a job of work of real benefit. The units were ensuring a quick rotation of duties so that men did not stay overlong in difficult situations and all were looking for the sun to break through over this lovely land which, away from the towns, is a motley of little fields and hillocks, of colourful tiny houses and narrow winding lanes.



Above. Patrolling in search of vulnerable points tied in with 17th/21st Lancers' conversion from tanks to armoured cars on move from Germany and before sending squadrons on overseas tours.

Right. Second-Lieut Bill Thomson briefs leaders before his patrol of Ferrets sets out to train in the River Strule area near Omagh in County Tyrone.

Below. Pipeline at Annalong River, Mourne Mountains, after being blown in April. When repaired 1 Light Infantry given task of patrolling. Few people live here. (Army PR picture)



It was D-Day again. They came back to Normandy in their thousands by air and

sea to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the biggest invasion in history

SIX JUIN

Above: All is still now except for the Allied flags fluttering in the breeze. The service at Utah Beach, 5 June 1969.

Below: British beach, D-Day. The air is rent with noise and some men fall wounded. But they advance inexorably.

PERHAPS it was the glorious weather, perhaps the vivid greenness and quiet of the beautiful Normandy countryside, perhaps the friendliness of the French.

More likely it was a combination of these that gave what at times seemed an oddly

festive air to the solemn commemoration of D-Day and remembrance of those who died on the beaches, in the lanes and fields and in ruined towns and villages.

For this was no sad occasion, even at the formal services in the beautifully kept cemeteries with their meticulous rows of

white headstones, close-cropped lawns, screening trees and flowers.

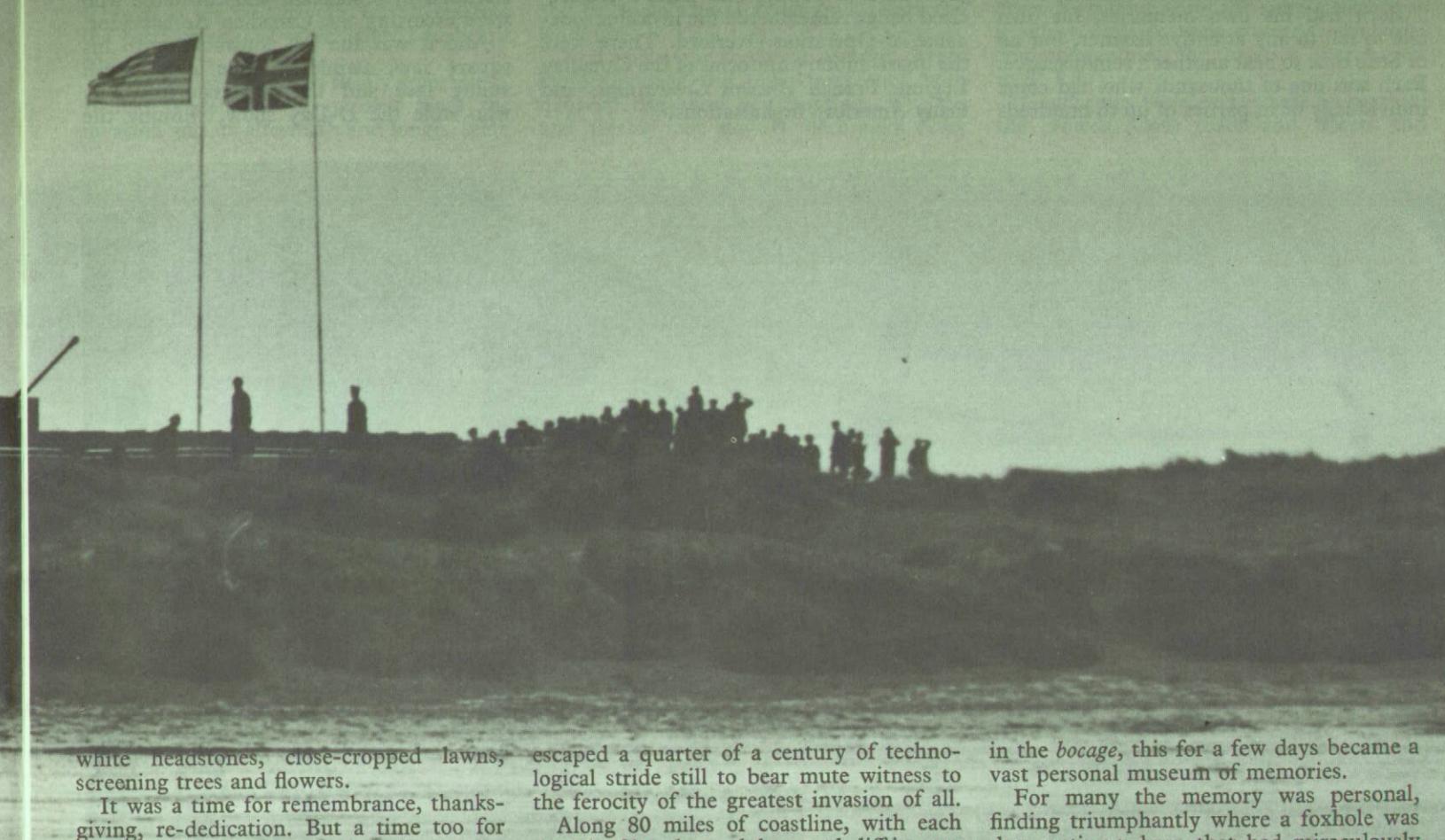
It was a time for remembrance, thanksgiving, re-dedication. But a time too for renewing the lost *camaraderie* of war, for bewilderment by all that had changed, for wondering even more that so much had

escaped a quarter of a century of technological stride still to bear mute witness to the ferocity of the greatest invasion of all.

Along 80 miles of coastline, with each stretch of beach, sand dune and cliff its own story to tell, and for 30 miles inland across the rolling fields, the familiar rivers and

in the *bocage*, this for a few days became a vast personal museum of memories.

For many the memory was personal, finding triumphantly where a foxhole was dug, noting a barn that had miraculously survived the years. Some, like the coach party of 9th Parachute Battalion, could



share a re-living of their D-Day experiences.

Hours and even minutes created the sharp differentiation of sheep and goats between the veterans of D-Day itself and the others—those who followed on D+1, D+2 and to the end of the build-up.

Each had his own memories, his own tale to tell to any attentive listener, but no or little time to hear another's reminiscence. Each was one of thousands who had come individually or in parties of up to hundreds

strong, by car and coach and even by yacht, or were combining the pilgrimage with a touring holiday.

Some wore their old berets and badges, the Canadians a maple leaf emblem, some the Flanders poppy, one party's coaster-sized badge remembered the invasion code-name of Operation Overlord. There were the quasi-military uniforms of the Canadian Legion, French *Anciens Combattants* and many American organisations.

One uniform, the broad-brimmed scout hat, scarlet tunic, yellow-striped black breeches and mirroring leather riding boots of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, stood out sharply in every ceremony attended by a sergeant and constable who were escorting the Canadian Ambassador.

And it was the tall constable, with his square jaw, twinkling blue eyes, fresh young face and unfailing courteousness who stole the D-Day show, winning the



Above: The airmen of today salute the soldiers of yesterday. The Queen's Colour Squadron of the RAF—immaculate in white gloves and belts—parades in the American Cemetery at Saint-Laurent.



Flashback to 1 September 1944. Allied commanders (left to right) were Generals Omar Bradley, Bernard Montgomery, Sir Miles Dempsey and Hodges. Gen Bradley came back for the D-Day anniversary (pictured right), Monty stayed at home and Gen Dempsey died by tragic coincidence on 6 June 1969.



respect and applause of the crowd wherever he went.

He, and a surprising number of visitors, were the schoolchildren of 1944. Some came to visit relatives' graves but most wanted to see and savour for themselves the battleground of which they had heard and read.

For the French, it was firmly an *occasion*. It had taken years to recover from the invasion and its aftermath and longer again

to reach complete awareness of the importance to France of liberation. Then the memorials and museums sprang up all over the area. Arromanches, with its splendid museum, has become a Mecca for tourists and the town's name synonymous with the landings.

And now came the great *occasion*. Every hamlet, village and town burgeoned with national flags and gay bunting. Wreaths and freshly cut flowers decorated every

memorial, every commemorative plaque. The Free French Forces were proudly remembered and members of the *Anciens Combattants*—France's equivalent of the British Legion—paraded their standards at every ceremony, from the simple service at a village cross to their country's principal commemoration, the massive march-past in St Lô.

Gendarmes were everywhere to marshal the crowds, close roads and streets and



Above: D-Day lives on in a rusting gun and road named after an American hero. Utah beach today.



Right: Old Allied tank stands silent sentinel while jets roar through the sky in a fly past.

Below: With silent salutes and hats over hearts they pay their respects. The ceremony at Saint-Laurent with Gen and Mrs Omar Bradley (centre).



FRONT COVER



They said with flowers all they needed to say. A pot of pink carnations stands on the plinth of the memorial at Hermanville Cemetery where many men of the 3rd British Division are buried. There was just a card with the words "One remembers. Thanks." Picture by Trevor Jones.

man each road junction as the long cavalcades of official limousines, coaches, lorries and cars sped unhindered along the main roads and immumenly through the narrow lanes from one ceremony to the next.

The commemoration invasion had started weeks earlier when 1st Battalion, The Royal Hampshire Regiment, set up Normandy Camp in part of the tourist camping site at Ouistreham near where the battalion landed in 1944 as a spearhead unit

of 3rd British Division. In the battalion camp too were the band of 1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, and a para detachment, pipes and drums of the 51st Highland Volunteers, Royal Marine Band (Plymouth), Royal Air Force Southern Band and the Queen's Colour Squadron of the RAF.

Representing the Royal Navy were the frigate HMS Wakeful, berthed at Caen, two Royal Naval Reserve coastal mine-

sweepers, HMS Solent and HMS Thames, at Ouistreham, and four Sea Vixens of 893 Royal Naval Air Squadron.

The major observance of Anglo-Canadian day, on 6 June, was on the front at Ouistreham when American, Canadian, French and Belgian contingents joined the British in a parade and inspection by Mr Christopher Soames, British Ambassador, an hour of speeches by Mr Soames and representatives of America, Canada,

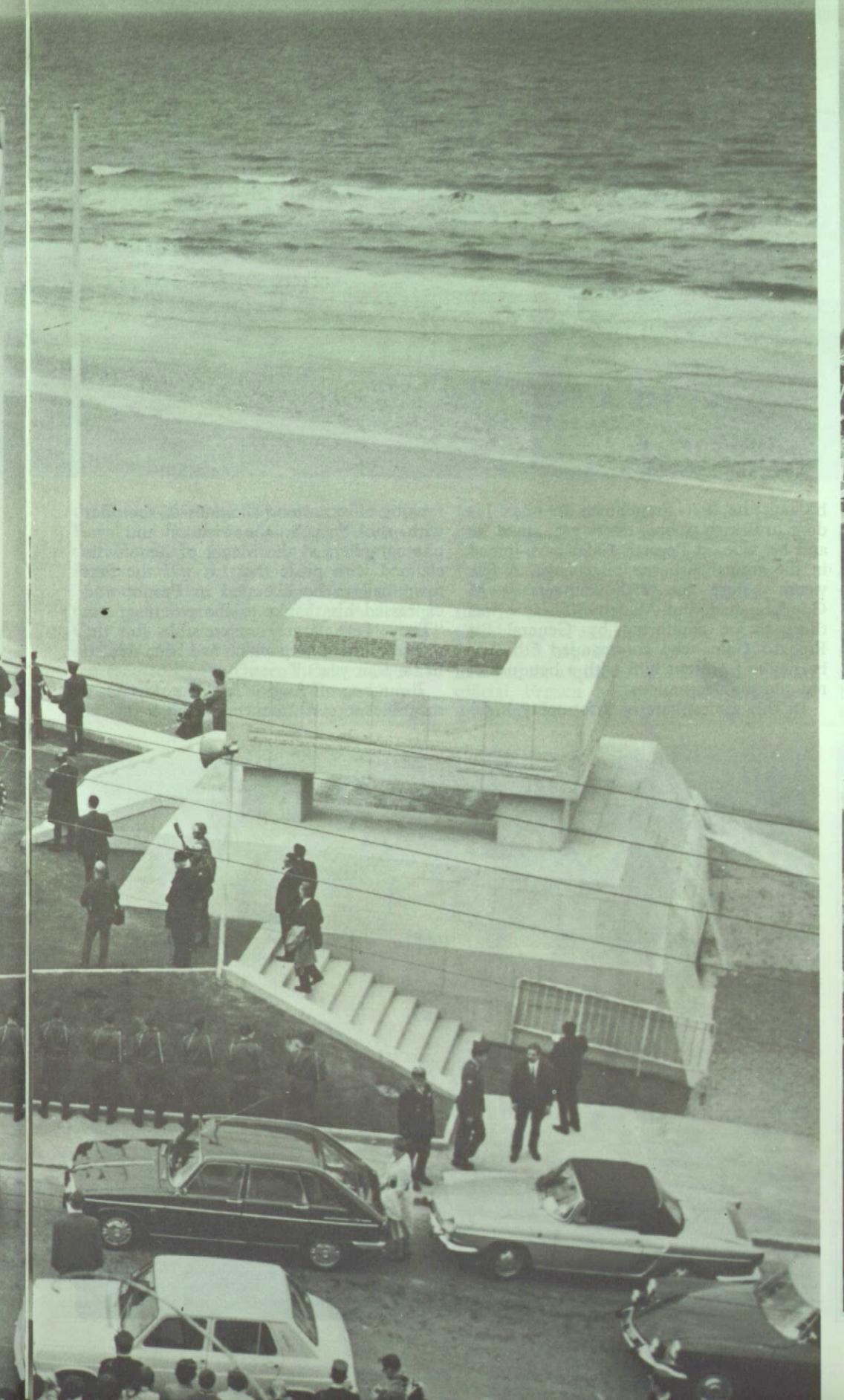
France, Belgium, Holland and Norway, a march-past and finally a drumhead service.

In the march-past were the Hampshires, Paras, Royal Air Force, Royal Marines and a detachment of Wakeful's crew, the Canadian Defence Forces Band and men of 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, and contingents of the United States, Belgium, Norway and France.

Twelve Lightning jets screamed over-

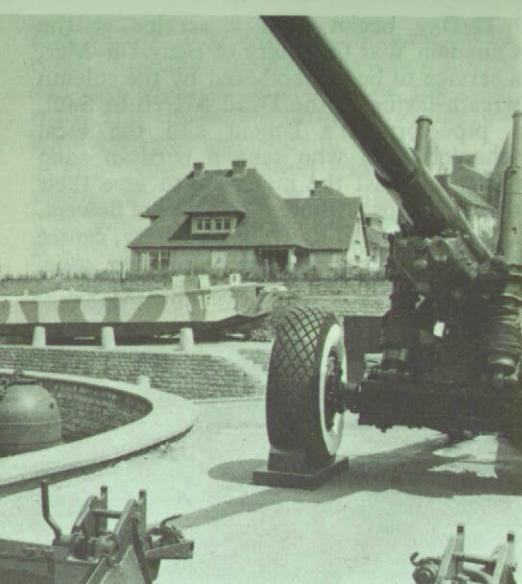
head in impeccable formation but it was a Lancaster bomber, from RAF Waddington, Lincolnshire, and two Spitfires from the Memorial Flight, RAF Coltishall, Norfolk, that brought the crowd to a fever pitch of excitement. Coming in low and at first unseen and unheard, the Lancaster, flanked by the Spitfires, hedge-hopped over the houses to roar over the parade 80 feet above the ground. Off shore, HMS Wakeful fired a salute.

D-Day began with a service at the Canadian War Cemetery of Béné-sur-Mer, a service to be remembered by the solemn wreath-laying to the Dead March in Saul, a pipe-corporal's lament and the local schoolchildren who sang a partisan song then filed past the memorial to give their thanks and pay tribute with posies of flowers. From there to Ranville Cemetery, centre of 6th Airborne Division's dropping zone, where British and German graves stand



An Honor Guard in chrome domes, a solemn dirge from the sousaphones and the Stars and Stripes and Tricolor are raised over Omaha Beach (left and above). Below: Waves and cheers from some French youngsters, but they never knew the war.

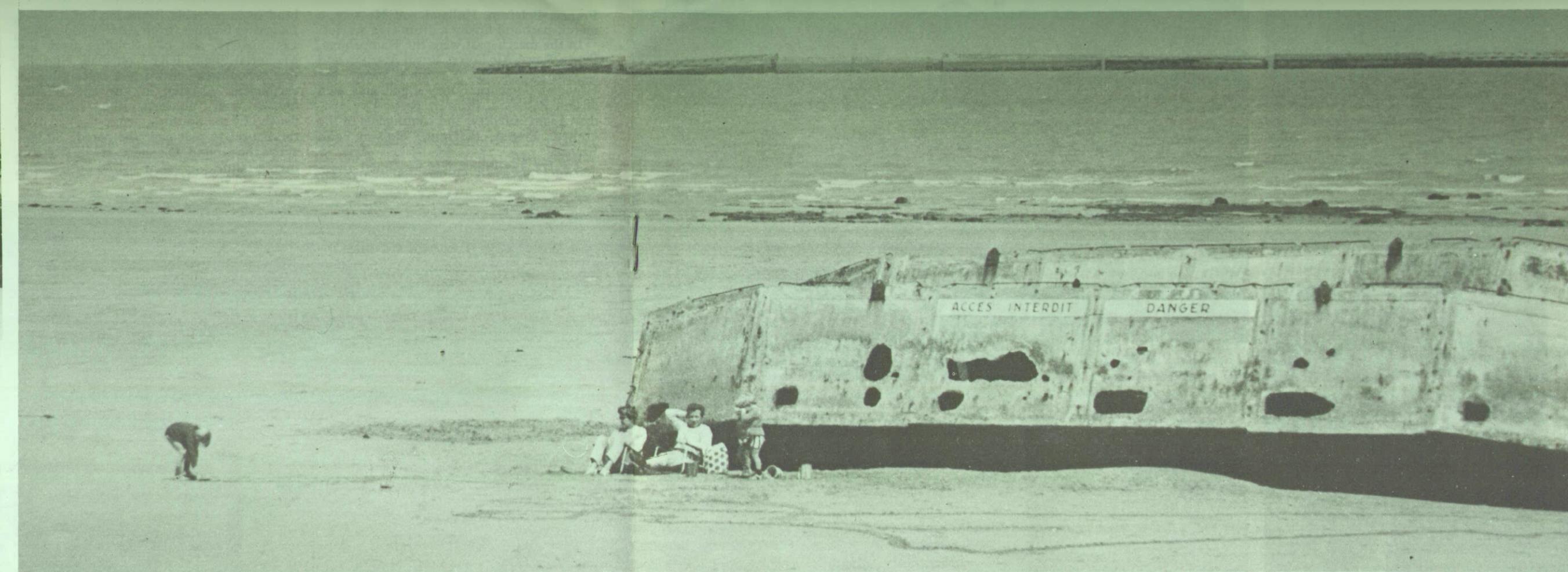




Above: A heavy field gun, a landing craft and a mine—hardware of World War Two which are now exhibits at Arromanches Museum. Right: Mulberry is today a shelter for holidaymakers.

She says it with flowers (below). General Gale receives a bouquet from Mme Thérèse Gondrée, widow of the owner of Pegasus Bridge Cafe (below right) the first place to welcome D-Day troops.

Below, opposite page: Berets, *képis* and service dress hats. VIP's meet at Pegasus Bridge for a remembrance ceremony that cemented the Entente Cordiale. At left is Ambassador Soames.



side-by-side. The Last Post was sounded, two pipers of 15th (Scottish) Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, played the lament "Flowers of the Forest."

Then to nearby Pegasus Bridge where the crowd had been waiting for some time to see the Paras. Twenty-five years ago paratroopers of 6th Airborne Division captured intact the two vital bridges over the Canal de Caen and the River Orne and M Georges Gondrée, a cafe proprietor,

became the first Frenchman to open his door to British troops. Every year since, he and his wife, at Pegasus Cafe, have joined in the annual airborne pilgrimage. A few weeks before the 25th anniversary M Gondrée died, but Madame Thérèse was there to be comforted by General Sir Richard Gale, who commanded 6th Airborne, and present him with a bouquet of red and pink carnations.

In this atmosphere of informality high-

ranking officers stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the French, the visitors and the photographers as the Mayor of Bénouville claimed with pride that his was the first town hall to be liberated in France and expressed his thanks to the paratroopers: "They were largely responsible for the return of the liberty which had been denied us for four years."

Rounding off Anglo-Canadian day was a magnificent performance by the bands of

the Royal Marines, Royal Hampshires and Royal Air Force, and pipes and drums of the Highland Volunteers as they beat Retreat in Bayeux's tree-lined park.

American day, on 5 June, began with a motorcade from Bayeux to the American Cemetery at Saint-Laurent, near Colleville-sur-Mer. Here the British contingent was represented by the Queen's Colour Squadron. Then to Vierville, once Omaha Beach, where in bitter fighting the American First

Division suffered 3000 casualties. Here a new National Guard monument was dedicated, jets swept overhead and out at sea the French cruiser De Grasse fired a salute.

Away again swept the motorcade, this time to Utah Beach on the east side of the Cherbourg Peninsula. Here American troops and large allied contingents lined up in a parade a quarter of a mile long for an official French welcome, inspection and unveiling of the 4th Division monument.

Once more the thousands of spectators and their vehicles were left behind as the official cavalcade took to the road again, to cover in minutes distances that 25 years ago took bitter days, weeks or even months.

Next, way behind schedule, to the nearby town of Carentan for a brief ceremony and on to Ste Mere-Eglise. There, French armoured cars with a motorcycle escort brought the torches that had been lit at the United States, Canadian and British



BACK COVER

1st Battalion, The Royal Hampshire Regiment, marching past the saluting dais at the major British ceremony to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the D-Day landings. This ceremony was on the front at the holiday resort of Ouistreham.

West of Ouistreham, 25 years earlier, the 1st Battalion was a spearhead, in 231 Infantry Brigade of 50 (Northumbrian) Division, of the assault. The Hampshires sailed in two infantry landing ships to within seven miles of the Normandy coast embarked in assault landing craft, some of which were lost to underwater obstacles and mines.

Preceding amphibious and flail tanks were destroyed and the Hampshires landed unsupported at 0725 under heavy enemy rifle and machine-gun fire. The battalion nevertheless captured Le Hamel and patrolled the villages of Tracy-sur-Mer and Manvieux.

In the evening the final objective, Arromanches, was attacked and captured at 2100 hours. The day's fighting cost this spearhead battalion 180 killed or wounded.

Picture by ARTHUR BLUNDELL.



Left: Citizens of Ouistreham welcome the Allies again. This time it is a picturesque procession on the D-Day anniversary. Above: The sun glints off the chrome domes of the USAF Colour party.

Left centre: A little fuller, and thinner on top maybe, but the *esprit* is still there. This time it is a picnic for 9 Parachute Battalion.

Below left and below: At the Canadian Cemetery, Bén-sur-Mer. The Canadian Ambassador speaks while French children wait to lay their posies.





Left: Pipe-corporal's lament at Bén-sur-Mer. Above: Mountie who stole the show. Below: In pith helmets, with drums and cymbals the Royal Marine Band (Plymouth) beats Retreat, Bayeux.

beachheads and at the French Resistance and Secret Army beaches in western Normandy. Over loudspeakers came the song of the Partisans and the wartime roar of approaching aircraft; in the gaily decorated streets hung parachutist puppets to recall the American drop on the town.

As the church bells rang out the torches were united into one flame in the bowl used for the Olympic flame at Grenoble last year. Later, allied veterans and soldiers of Britain, France, America and Canada took turn to stand vigil at the flame.

Finally, French day, 7 June. This, France's main commemoration, took the form of a mammoth parade of 3000 troops through the streets of St Lô, key town and the scene of bitter house-to-house fighting in the American break-out from the Cher-

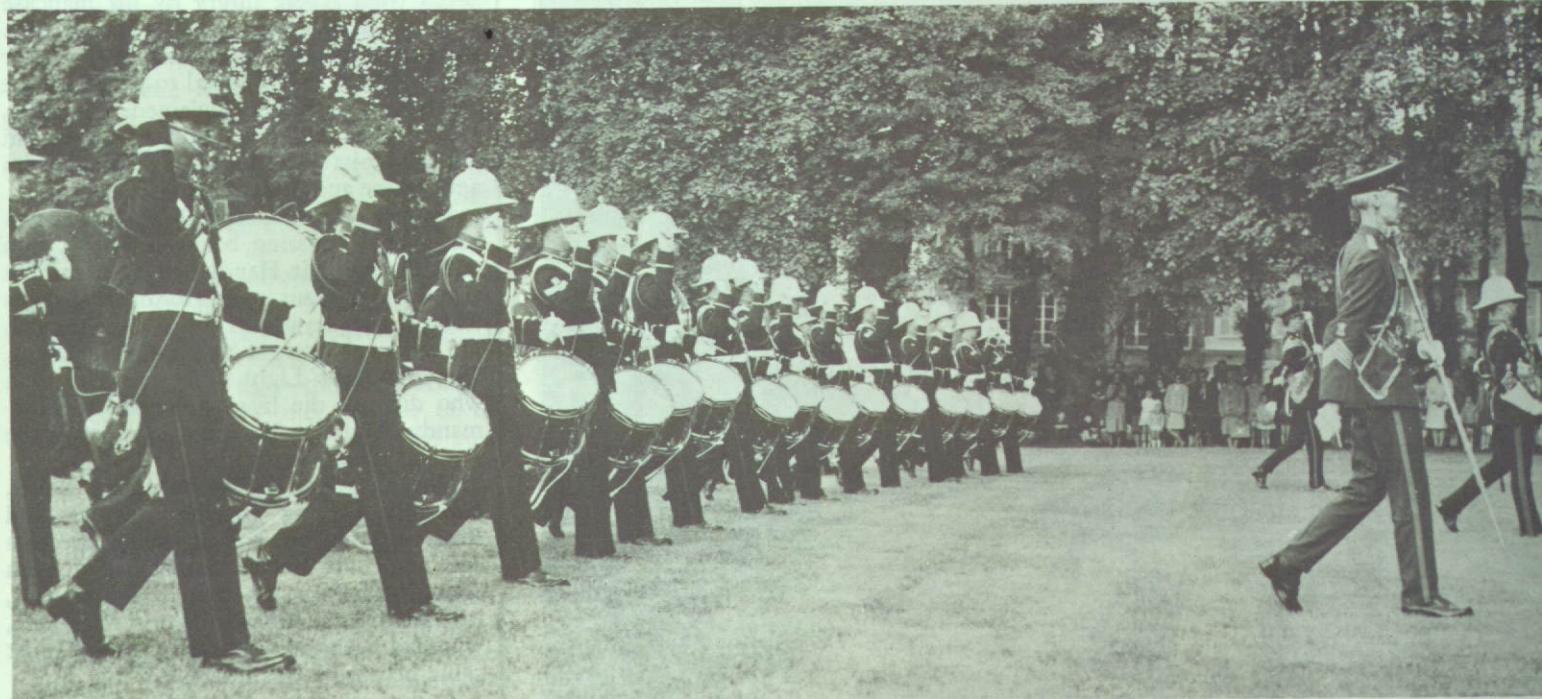
bourg Peninsula and the sweep south and east.

Streets, houses and all vantage points were packed long before the French Prime Minister, M Couve de Murville, made a curtain-raiser tour of the processional route. Then, with gaps between them to separate the bands and serving to increase the excitement, the allies marched down the hill and past the saluting dais. Rising to the tumultuous reception, the British and Canadian contingents have probably never marched more smartly nor with such pride and jauntiness.

First the Royal Marines Band, sailors from HMS Wakeful, marines, the Royal Hampshire with band and Colours, Para band and paratroopers, RAF band and Colour Squadron, Canadian band and the

impeccable Princess Pat's. Then the Americans—bands, Colour parties, soldiers and airmen, and a special cheer, given previously only to the Canadian Mountie, for two American Army photographers running in front of the parade. And finally the French in strength, with Colour parties, bands, St Cyr cadets in their colourful uniform and plumes, Les Paras, the navy and the air force.

Applause for the Mirage jets and greater applause and cheers for the stalwart Lancaster and escorting Spitfires. Today's and yesterday's aircraft, soldiers, sailors, airmen, 15 bands, the salute taken by the Prime Minister with the American General Omar Bradley at his side—it was a great and memorable day and a tremendous finale to the commemoration of the Six Juin.



TO NORMANDY WITH NOSTALGIA



Through St Lô. First came Monsieur Couve de Murville, Prime Minister of France, flanked by gendarmes (above). Afterwards the British Paras with red berets and fixed bayonets (below).



BACK they came in boats. The long and the short and the tall, the quick and the brave. Wearing the badges of their gallant regiments on civilian blazers. Armed this time with cameras instead of rifles.

Those Who Came Back included the 50 on a trip run jointly by SOLDIER and Friendship Tours. Their pilgrimage began appropriately at the Tower of London, from there by bus to Southampton, then to Le Havre by the Channel ferry Leopard (inappropriately—it is also the name of a modern German Army tank), and by coach around the beaches and battlefields punctuated by stops at the neatly kept resting places of Those Who Were Left Behind.

They did not say so, but the 50 included holders of the Military Cross, Croix-de-Guerre, Military Medal, an MBE and several mentions-in-dispatches. The Military Cross holder was Major John Shave—the official guide—who was a lieutenant in 3rd Parachute Squadron, Royal Engineers, 25 years ago. He killed two Germans with a grenade at Bures where the sappers blew up bridges over the River Dives.

The Croix-de-Guerre was won by Mr D C Wood of Fulham, then a lieutenant in 6th Battalion, The Green Howards. He landed at Ver-sur-Mer. A fellow member of the 6th Green Howards, Mr (then Private) Bill Vickers of Middlesbrough won the Military Medal. Comrades who had been with him in action from Dunkirk to the desert, were injured by landing craft propellers and drowned before he waded ashore during the first assault landing. He visited their graves at Bayeux.

Then there was ex-Corporal (later Warrant Officer II) Arthur Kite who was saved from severe injury by his mapcase after the H-hour landing at Le Hamel. "On the beach the case was struck by a mortar bomb splinter but it failed to penetrate the case's hard back," he explained. "Actually, I didn't have a map to put in the case. I had cut out a picture of Dorothy Lamour from a magazine and put that in instead."

Former Lance-Corporal Frank Hands was posted "missing, believed killed" soon after D-Day. Mr Hands had been sniping at some Germans near Hottot-les-Bagues when his ankle was shattered by shrapnel. He was unable to get back to his regiment, The Somerset Light Infantry. The man who did not die lived to return to Normandy. And take his son—a sapper in the Regular Army—with him.

Not all were D-Day veterans. Some, currently serving in the Regular and Reserve Army but still at school 25 years ago, had come "to see what it had all been about." There was a retired civil servant, in The Artists' Rifles in World War One, who had been too old to take part—"I just came because I was interested."

And there was a Dutchman, Mr Bart



History re-echoed. A Lancaster and two Spitfires roar over Ouistreham. Then came the Lightnings. They even stole the thunder of the Royal Marines.

Vanderveen, who has just published a picture book of World War Two military vehicles. He lived next to a Gestapo HQ—"you could hear people screaming"—but his father worked for the Dutch underground producing newspapers. He added: "I was 12 years old at the time. A schoolmaster came into our class with a big smile and said 'The big invasion has begun.'"

They took back their souvenirs. One had actual invasion money issued on D-Day minus one, another a spent cartridge, and a third a scented card with a girl's name and address on the back. "I have kept this card in my wallet for 25 years," said its owner, "I have never been back but I suppose I may do some day."

For many it was a drive along roads of remembrance, now with names like "Rue de la Libération," "Calle du Maréchal Montgomery," "Avenue du Six-Juin." They went down shady lanes, past open fields, through villages where they make the renowned apple brandy, Calvados. "British troops found a distillery and filled their water bottles," said Major Shave. And over the River Dives where sapper paratroops had demolished five bridges to block the German advance.

At Bures a glider had crashed into the river and the pilot, with legs broken, had to be freed before the bridge could be blown.

Le Mesnil crossroads, recalled one, was where he had his first experience of Moaning Minnie, (the Wehrmacht's six-barrelled rocket projector).

At Pegasus Bridge—the first place to be relieved on D-Day—one member of the coach party stopped to buy souvenir postcards. Then the bridge was raised to let ships through. "My retreat was cut off," he apologised, arriving 20 minutes later. Quipped someone: "You will be on fatigues tonight."

From the coach windows they spotted a rusting ack-ack gun, a house still pock-marked by bullets and walls left unrepaired after the wartime shelling. Over the coach

radio came a BBC broadcast commemorating D-Day. They all joined in—Vera Lynn was singing "Don't know where, don't know when. But I know we'll meet again some sunny day . . ."

Out of the blue came another reminder. Two Spitfires and a Lancaster roared through the sky overhead, the sun glinting on their propellers.

The coach party was then at Ranville to see the cemetery there where many old comrades were buried. A former Royal Signals lineman—a job which had about the highest fatality rate—walked along the rows of concrete headstones and remarked: "This is the sad part of the trip—the boys you left behind."

Overnight accommodation had been booked in Lisieux. On arrival it was found that some Americans had outbid the British booking. Le Maître was apologetic. The Americans were staying three nights, the British only one. He could fit them in, he said, at another hotel.

Next day at Caen one veteran soldier was intrigued to see the new station. "The RAF made a bit of a mess of it," he said "The railway bridge was tilted up in the



Above: Mr Robert Greenfield finds his brother's grave. Fusilier G A Greenfield, The Royal Scots Fusiliers, died on 1 July 1944—aged just 19.

air and there was a tender on the roof of the railway shed." The bombing at Caen had been so accurate that the town hall was knocked out while the cathedral next door was left intact, explained a squadron-leader (then a corporal) of the RAF Regiment.

Another ex-soldier recalled a "terrific explosion" in a monastery orchard near Villers Bocage. "Some German self-propelled guns had crept up on us and we went for cover," he explained. "But it wasn't them, it was us. We had left some tins of soup in boiling water."

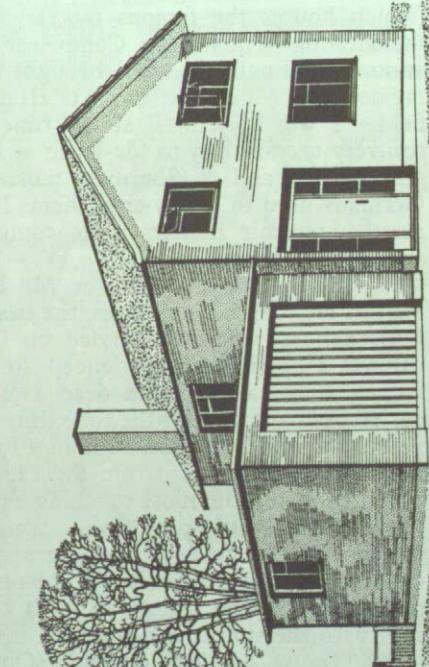
The British had been ambushed at Villers Bocage. Mr Robert Greenfield of Waltham Abbey, Essex, said his younger brother had stopped to fire his mortar to cover the retreat. Mr Greenfield, who found his brother's grave at Hottot-les-Bagues, recalled: "He was still at school when I went into the RAF. He was only 19 when he died."

It was a little street by Bayeux Cathedral (which houses the famous tapestry commemorating William the Conqueror's invasion of England) that brought back memories to Mr Robert Eaves of Huddersfield. "I was in REME at the time. My recovery section had to 'de-louse' a Bren gun carrier and a Sherman tank. The Germans used to booby-trap them. It was mostly souvenir hunters after compasses and things who got it."

A surprise was in store for Mr Frank Hands. He took his son to see the beach at Ouistreham where he landed on D+8. "It was a horrifying experience," he said. "They were taking some dead Germans out of a bunker there at the time. But when I went back with my son I found a French family had converted it into their home."

But probably the most touching sight of the trip was a little pot of pink carnations placed on the memorial at Hermanville Cemetery. No-one knew when it had been put there. Or who had given it. It bore a card with the simple hand-written inscription: "On se souvient. Merci." (One remembers. Thanks).

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This is a fitting 50th anniversary tribute to a great Service by one of the finest military bands in the world. The Central Band of the Royal Air Force has always been renowned for its fine playing and overall musicianship and few bands can match its tonal qualities and expertise. On this record it has really excelled. The items have been well-chosen to span the 50 years and it is good to hear the fine baritone voice of John Lawrenson, ably backed by the RAF choir, in such old favourites as "The Ballad of Sulaiman," "Bless 'Em all," "Lords of the Air" and "Bring Back My Bomber."

From the military band point of view Side 2 is much the better since it gives the band plenty of scope to show its many talents in "Fanfare on the RAF Call" (O'Donnell), "Battle of Britain March" (G. Langford), "Prelude and Fugue 'Spitfire'" (Walton, arranged Wallace) and the exciting "633 Squadron" (Goodwin, arranged Baldwin).

The Spitfire Fugue is particularly brilliant. The only criticism is on the question of balance—the E♭ clarinet is much too prominent all the way through and at times completely blots out the flute and piccolo. The balancing of the high woodwind in a military band is a very delicate matter and more attention should be paid to the grouping of the instruments concerned. This record is thoroughly recommended to all military band lovers.



"The Royal Marines Play Sousa" (Band of the Royal Marines School of Music) (Conductor: Lieutenant-Colonel F. Vivian Dunn) (Columbia Studio 2 Stereo TWO 235).

Colonel Dunn says on the sleeve, "The thing with Sousa is not to talk about him but to play his music, and I have tried to



"The Queen's Guards" (Tattoo by the combined bands of The Life Guards and Royal Horse Guards (The Blues) with Pipes and Drums of The Royal Highland Fusiliers) (Decca SKL 4949).

This interesting LP contains all the musical ingredients of a tattoo—State trumpeters, massed bands, mounted band, pipes and drums, combined band and pipes and the Junior Guardsmen's Band from Pirbright.

One can almost visualise the old Aldershot tattoos of pre-war days and the present Edinburgh Tattoo. This particular tattoo was taken to North America last year and was a great success.

The pipes and drums play a medley of pipe tunes which should gladden the hearts of Scotsmen anywhere and they combine extremely well with the band in arrangements by Major Jimmy Howe, Scots Guards, and Lawson and Boulton.

The Junior Guardsmen's Band sounds very professional in "Trombones to the Fore," "Milanollo" and "The Soldiers of the Queen."

Colonel Douglas Pope has done a remarkable job in bringing these young men up to such a high standard.

The picture is very vivid in the musical ride music although it is doubtful whether the delicate arrangement of "Lara's Theme" from the "Doctor Zhivago" film would be very effective in the open air. However, "Double X" by Colonel Jaeger makes a very effective canter. For my money the mounted band playing "Fehrbelliner Reitersmarsch" is the best thing on this record. It is well done in the German fashion.

The slow march, "Cardiff Castle," and quick march, "Wheels," are very good numbers well played and the piping and drumming are of the very highest order. This LP is thoroughly recommended to all lovers of bands and pipes.

play it in a manner that might have met with his approval." And he has succeeded—this Sousa record towers above all and Sousa himself would certainly have been more than pleased with it.

Mainly this is a collection of lesser-known works by the march king with a mixture of better-known ones such as "El Capitan," "The Gladiator," "The Thunderer" and "King Cotton."

Colonel Dunn tops and tails each side with the known ones to make a very clever Sousa sandwich.

The general playing is absolutely superb with every note by every instrument exactly in its place, the overall tone perfect, military in conception but orchestral in production, and the dynamics perfectly controlled.

All parts are beautifully balanced and discernible to the ear—this is not only top-class playing but top-class recording technique as well. Intonation cannot be faulted, tempo is exactly in the Sousa manner; neatness, precision and attack are first-class.

Other marches included are "Solid Men to the Front," "Hail to the Spirit of Liberty," "The Belle of Chicago," "The National Game," "Sounds Off," "The Gridiron Club," "The New York Hippodrome Club," "Daughters of Texas," "The Diploma" and "Kansas Wildcats." This is certainly a collector's choice.

The Massed Bands, Drums and Pipes of the Welsh Guards and Scots Guards (Decca SKL 4906).

This very good LP illustrates the very best in military band and pipe band performance with some really excellent drumming.

Both band and pipes combine well with very good intonation—this high standard is set during the opening fanfare which is both original and effective.

In most part the record is made up of quick and slow marches, reels and strathspeys, with one or two band specialities to add interest. One of the band numbers is "Trumpets Wild" (Harold Walters), always a winner in any programme. The cornets make a first-class job of this and are ably backed up by the full band.

The post horn trio, "The Huntman," is spoiled by poor balance; at time the soloists are completely blotted out by the band. This happens quite often and is a great pity. The tendency is to place the post horn well out of effective range of the microphones whereas it should be near enough to bring out the sharp tonal qualities of this instrument.

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left, right and centre



Four Naafi reservists found themselves back in uniform and were flown to Anguilla to provide a service for the troops. Captain John Mileham, a supplies officer at Kennington, went out first to assess the need and was followed by the three above, Sergeant Bert Mannion and Corporals Louis Wilson and George Pearson. Tea, coffee, milk, crockery, sweets and books were flown out.



A new portrait of the Queen, wearing the uniform of Colonel-in-Chief of the Irish Guards, is moved into the Upper Grosvenor Galleries in London for its first public showing. It shows Her Majesty mounted on the Metropolitan Police horse Doctor at the Queen's birthday parade on 11 June 1966, when the Irish Guards trooped the Colour. Artist Timothy Whidborne had four one-hour sittings at the Palace. The portrait was presented to the regiment by Captain M P R Boyle.

Sitting in his own snow hole REME fitter Lance-Corporal Paddy Bullock brews the tea for the party of 1st Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, learning the art of living and fighting under Arctic conditions at Voss, near Bergen, Norway. Norwegian Army experts taught them how to ski, pilot sledges and dig snow holes, as well as use snow shoes and drive snow vehicles. For some this was their second season of Arctic warfare.



REME mechanics are usually seen hard at work on Army vehicles, but Sergeant Derek Curtis just had to find time to collect branches for the floor of his tent when taking part in Arctic warfare training with the 1st Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, at Voss, Norway. Since joining the Army as a boy in 1953 Sgt Curtis has served in Germany, Cyprus, Malaysia and in Singapore.

A School of Artillery trials team fits a 105-mm gun to a Katamaran sledge in Norway to test the weapon's performance when being towed over snow. Bombardier John Dodd lies on his back to check the correctness of the fitting and Gunner Terry Wright tests a restraint strap. Sergeant Harry Kelly (rear) adjusts another part of the sledge. The performance of the weapon was also assessed while firing off skis under the wheels.



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The building later had to be evacuated, and the murals were



Stanley Warren's "Nativity" based on his first Changi sketch which, over 25 years later, still survives.

either partly destroyed or obliterated by distemper. They were not seen again until 1958 when judicious cleaning partly revealed them. In 1963 Mr Warren, art master in a secondary school in North London, returned to Changi and set about restoring the murals. They are now seen by hundreds of visitors each year and there are plans to preserve them.

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LETTERS

IN THE FAMILY

On 30 March 1906 ex-Bugle-Major David Peachey died in London. He had served 26 years with the Greenjackets, beginning at the Tower of London on 1 November 1838 and ending at Hamilton, Canada, on 21 April 1864. He was the son of an old rifleman of 24 years' service in the same battalion and his own son and grandson both followed him in the 1st Battalion of the 95th of Foot.

Thus the Peachey family gave four consecutive generations to The Royal Green Jackets, a total of 110 years' overlapping service during 1813-1914.

Bugle-Major David Peachey was without doubt the most colourful of the four. He served in the first and second Kaffir wars and throughout the Crimean War. During the battle of Inkerman he led seven other men to bring in the bodies of the divisional commander, Sir George Cathcart, and Colonel Seymour, chief of staff. Only four months later, on 5 March 1855, he was court-martialled for being drunk and reduced from sergeant to private, but the next day he

was promoted back to his full rank of sergeant. Certainly a rare, if not unique, occurrence.

David's son, William David, joined the battalion in Canada at the age of 12 years 8 months, before his father's discharge, so they served together—bugle-boy and bugle-major—under the best known bandmaster of the Victorian army, William Miller, who also knew the first Peachey—Grandfather William.

David Peachey was in Canterbury with the 1st Battalion in 1850 when Miller was presented with a handsome ten-keyed solid silver "Royal Kent" bugle. He lived to see his son succeed the great Miller (in 1880) and to inherit the bugle when Miller died in Weymouth in 1901. Bandmaster William David Peachey served for nearly 39 years, retiring in 1902 to the Isle of Wight, where he died in 1926.

His son, also named William David, was the last of these veteran riflemen, and he gave 22 years service which ended with the rank of colour-sergeant when he left The Rifle Brigade in March 1914, thus writing the

final chapter of the story of this remarkable family which began when his great-grandfather signed on two years before Waterloo.

Can any reader tell me of any other family that has given four consecutive generations in the same battalion, and of any other court-martial sentence of reduction which has lasted only 24 hours?—D Marks, 39 Morpeth Road, London E9.

The admirals fought on

It was with great interest that I read your article "The Admirals Fought On" (May) but I would like to point out an inaccuracy.

You stated that Admiral Huffmeier was contemplating an offensive for 8/9 May 1945. This is wrong. He did contemplate a commando raid on Granville for 6 May but this was cancelled at the last minute by Admiral Dönitz. The surrender of the Channel Islands was signed on 9 May at 7.14 am by Major-General Heine aboard HMS Bulldog in the presence of Brigadier-General A E Snow. This was only seven hours after the official end of the war in Europe.

It may also be of interest to know that the German authorities gave the island's administration permission to fly Union Jacks after Churchill's speech at 3 pm on 8 May.—P W Cooley, Ville-au-Bas House, St Lawrence, Jersey, CI.

The LSGC

While I have every sympathy with the contents of Mr Stokes's letter (June) I cannot agree with the points he raises.

The Long Service and Good Conduct Medal is awarded to those entitled to it after completing at least 18 years exemplary service and recommendation by the commanding officer and head of Service. To alter the existing regulations would, I feel, cheapen the award. The LSGC is one of the most coveted medals of the three Services. Other awards and decorations come a lot easier.

I agree that to be invalidated out of any Service is a great disappointment in every respect, but I can see no real reason for lowering the time limit on the award of the LSGC. Those members of the Services who are unfortunate enough to be invalidated out do, I believe, receive a silver badge for "Loyal Service." The line has to be drawn somewhere, otherwise where do we stop?—Keith E Ford, ex-warrant officer, Military Provost Staff Corps, Tanglein, 56 Lansdowne Hill, West Norwood, London SE27.

Waterloo Ball

Could I point out one small error in the article on The Gordon Highlanders and the making of the film "Waterloo." The Duchess of Richmond's famous Brussels ball took place on the evening of 15 June 1815 before the start of the three-day Waterloo campaign and not as stated on 17 June.—Roger G Williams, 153 Manor Way, Crewe, Cheshire.

Metal arm badges

Since the amalgamation of the 4th Queen's Own Hussars in 1958 and the 9th Queen's Royal Lancers in 1960 I have tried without success to obtain the metal arm badges worn by NCOs of these two former regiments. Could any reader say if these items were ever made available for purchase by military suppliers as in the case of other arm badges such as the 1st King's Dragoon Guards, 7th Queen's Own Hussars, 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars etc, all of which are quite plentiful even some ten years after amalgamation?—R Goodlad, 43 Wythburn Road, Newbold, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

Giddy goat

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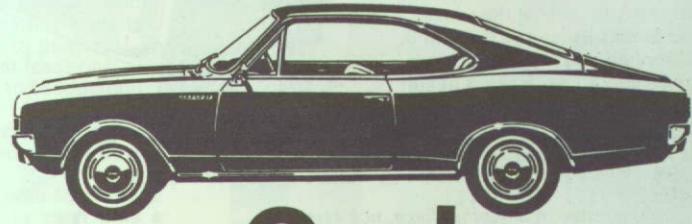
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LETTERS *continued*

while on parade with his goat, and if so, how? Secondly, since goats are stubborn creatures who will not make a placid "right turn" in unison with their handlers I hope a reader can suggest an alternative method which will work without the present task of "reversing" the goat into position and then straightening him seconds after the rest of the parade has moved.—**L/Cpl T Gardiner ACF, School House, Rhydyclafdy, Pwllheli, N. Wales.**

Thank you

May I use a few ems of space in SOLDIER to say "Thank you" to all the bandmasters and bandsmen and the gunners of the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, for the excellent evening of music and marching they gave at Wembley on 21 June 1969.

As a Bandsman and an ex-Serviceman I can appreciate the number of hours spent practising both the music and the marching. Let us not forget to say "Thank you" also to the men we did not see, the ones behind the scenes, such as the horse handlers who took the

horses home through the traffic afterwards.

May I say, gentlemen, it was all well worthwhile.—**J W Knight (Wealdstone Band, Salvation Army), 257 Kings Road, South Harrow, Middlesex.**

Waterloo

May I point out that the military adviser of the film of Waterloo has allowed two mistakes to appear in it, judging from the pictures reproduced in the June SOLDIER.

The first is that the pipes and drums did not play together as a band until the middle of the 19th century; and the second is that the "Argyll Broad-swords," which the Gordons are apparently performing, is a dance invented in Argyll about 1860.—**Lieut-Col G I Malcolm of Poltalloch, Poltalloch Estate Office, Duntrune Castle, Lochgilphead, Argyll.**

Watch out!

I would like to make a critical comment on a photograph on page 11 of the May SOLDIER showing a patrol of the 3rd Royal Anglians.

The leading man would seem to be

out rabbit-shooting, No 5 has his hood up and the last man apparently has his GPMG slung on his shoulder, making his burden obvious to any sniper. At least his opposite number in the leading section, No 6, is carrying his GPMG in the same way as the rifles of the majority. Even allowing for the foreshortening of such a photograph the men are too close together, the two sections should be more widely spaced and not in line astern, and not one man is looking to the right, where the country is wide open, in spite of the fact that they are supposed to be expecting an ambush. It is a pathetic example of how not to advance, and one of which regular troops should be ashamed!—**Maj P Love, Marymede, 75 Cirencester Road, Cheltenham, Glos.**

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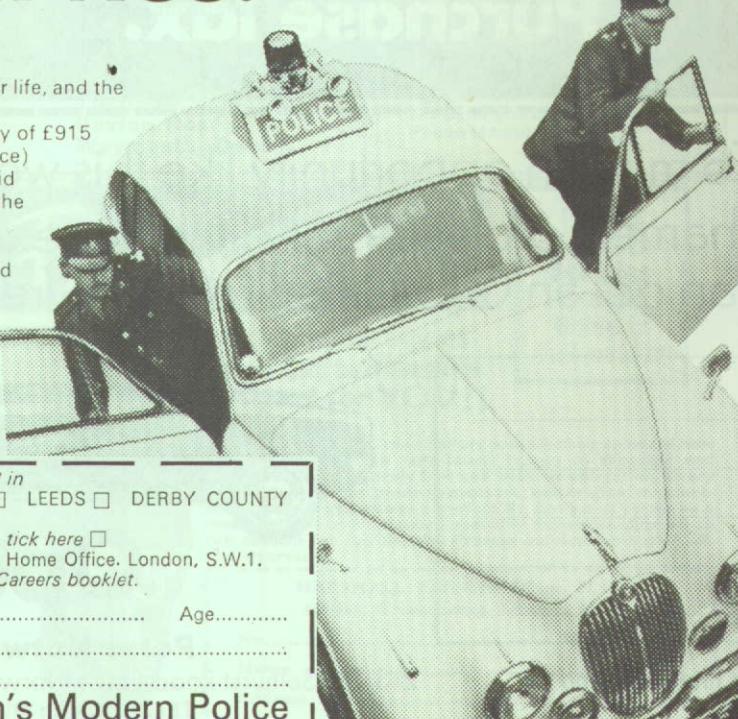
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The two pictures differ in the following respects: 1 Roof lines on right of net-board. 2 Ear of No 3. 3 Right heel of No 5. 4 Window frame at top right corner. 5 Shape of 3. 6 Mouth of No 3. 7 Shape of shadow on floor. 8 Window frame between legs of No 5. 9 Floor board at far right. 10 Top seam of ball at right.

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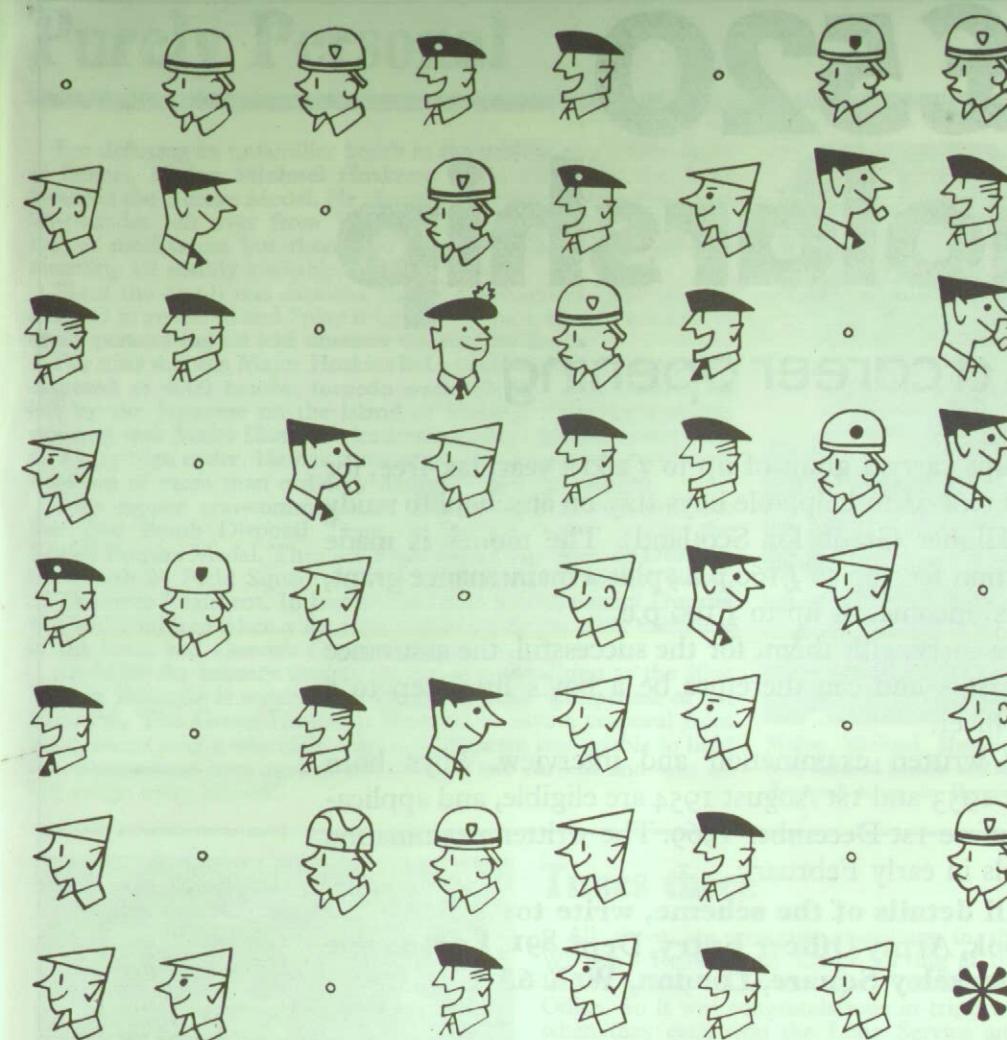
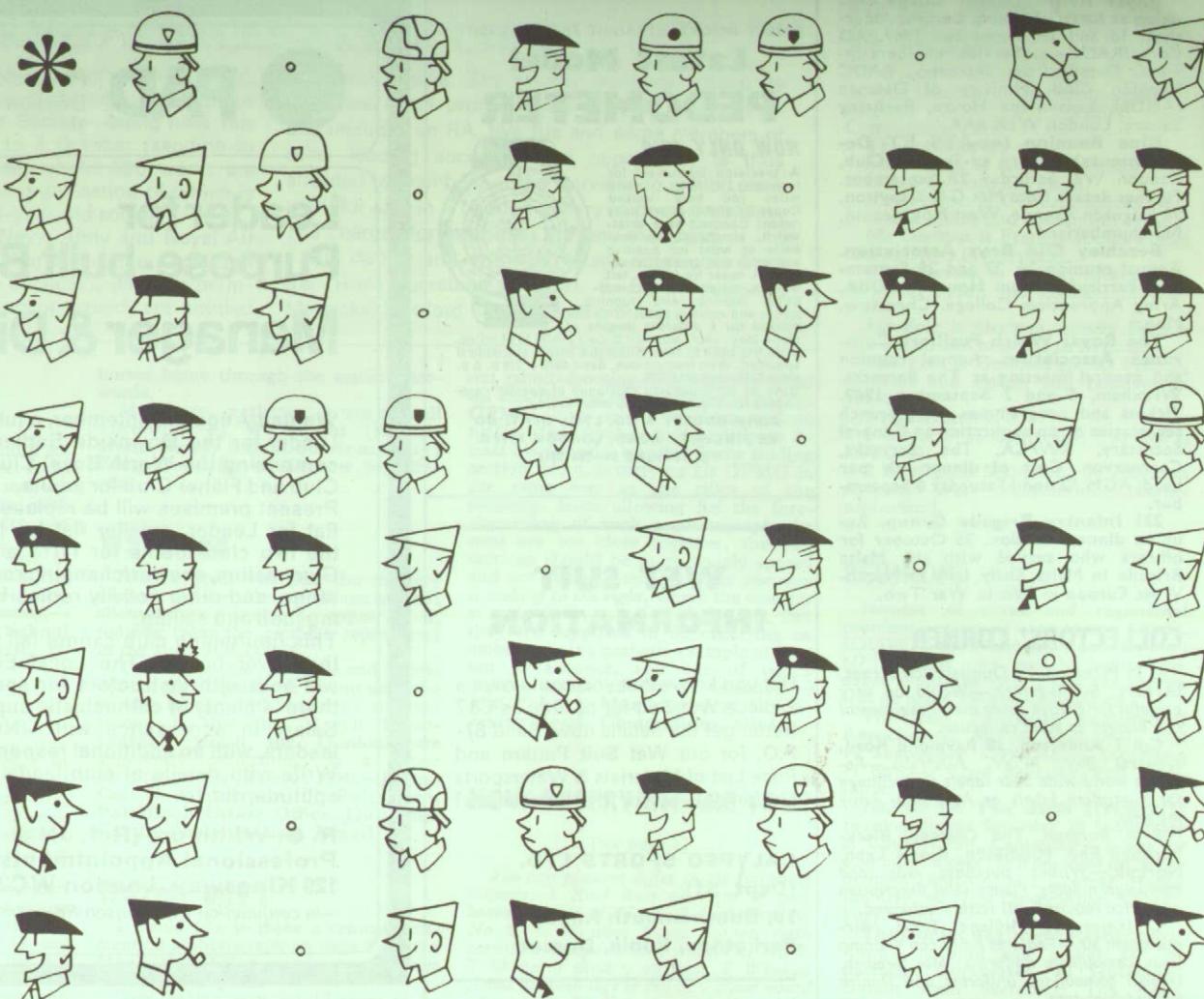
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For nine months Major Hoskins led a team which excavated and disposed of 4000 bombs, torpedo warheads and other explosives left by the Japanese on the island of Penang. "Throughout this exacting task Major Hoskins's leadership and judgement have been of a very high order. He has consistently dealt personally with any situation of more than ordinary danger," says the citation.

Two sapper non-commissioned officers who served with the Far East Bomb Disposal Team on Penang Island receive the British Empire Medal. They are Staff-Sergeant George Duncan (now with 24 Field Squadron) and Staff-Sergeant John Wood, 36 Engineer Regiment. In January last year Staff-Sergeant Duncan was badly injured when a sea mine exploded. Seven other members of the team had Queen's Commendations.

An MBE for bravery during the Army's expedition to the Blue Nile in Ethiopia is awarded to Captain John Chapman of 1st Battalion, The Green Howards. He tried to save a corporal from being swept over a waterfall. Captain Chapman was unable to hold the unconscious man against the force of the current and was all but swept away himself.



Major Michael Hoskins, RE, defused bombs and led disposal team in Brunei.



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Old not bold

Army Air Corps pilot Captain R W "Bob" Bowles thinks he has made a record by topping 8000 flying hours, all in light aircraft and helicopters.

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He transferred to the Army Air Corps on its formation in 1957 and was commissioned in June 1967. Captain Bowles, who is 42,

is at present a helicopter instructor at Headquarters 4th Division.

He won the Distinguished Flying Medal for piloting Austers during the Malayan emergency in 1950-52, and the Queen's Commendation three years ago for flying a casualty evacuation mission in Germany when thick fog had grounded all other aircraft. During the Berlin airlift in 1948 he was co-pilot of a Hastings transport aircraft.

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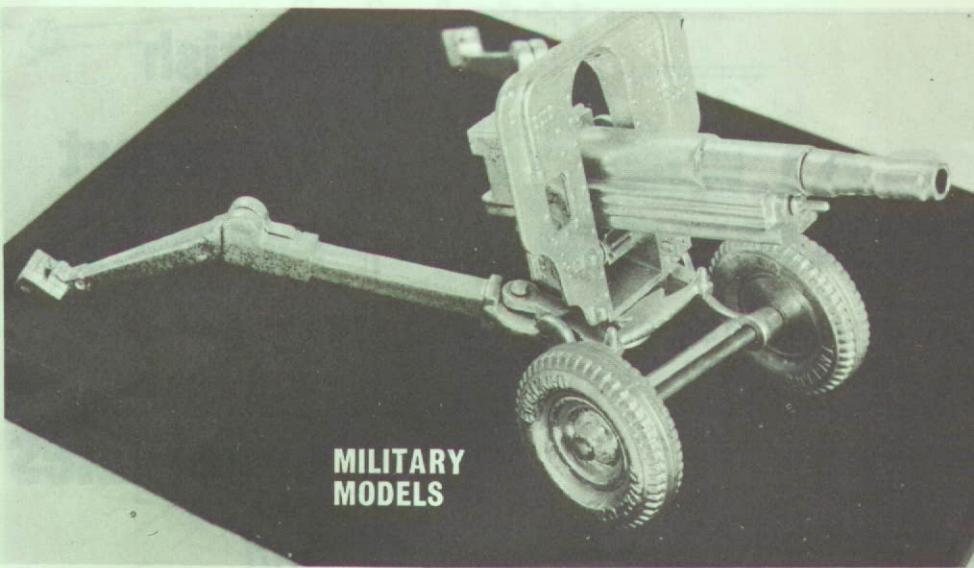
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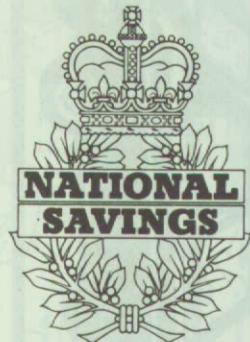
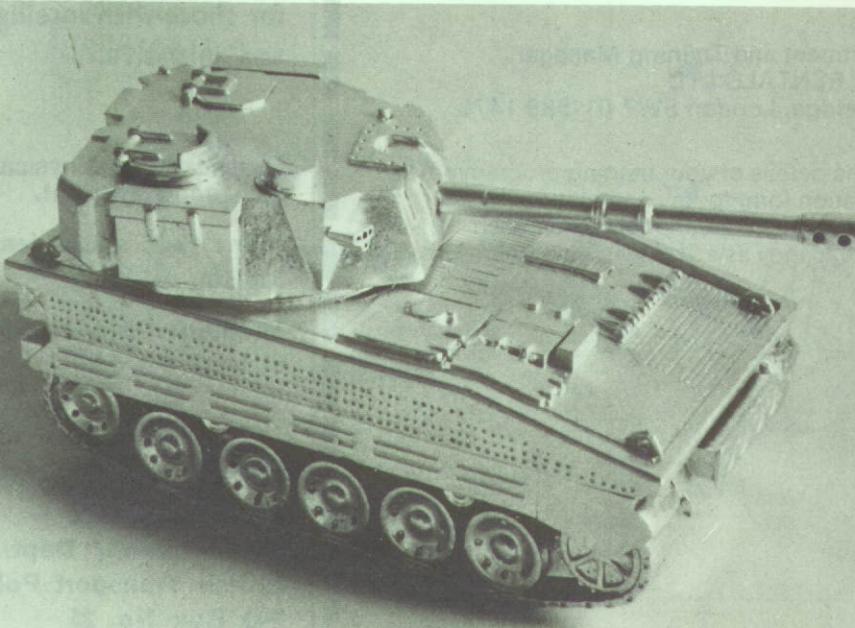
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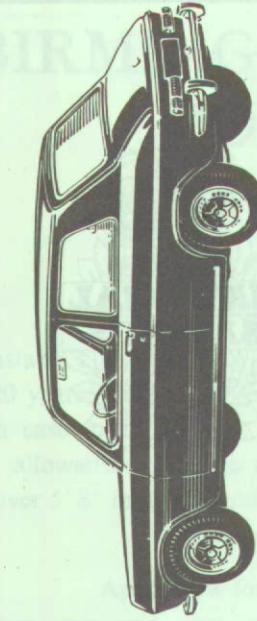
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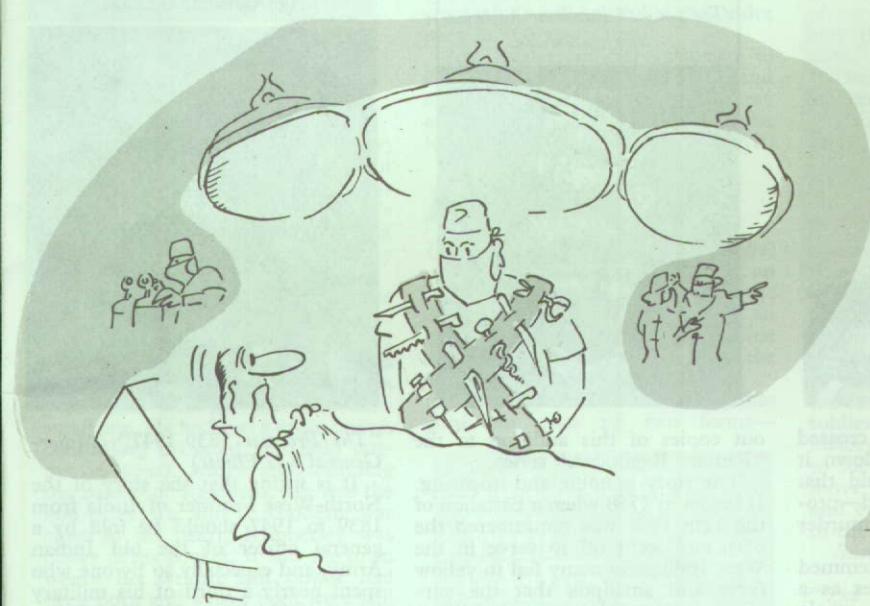
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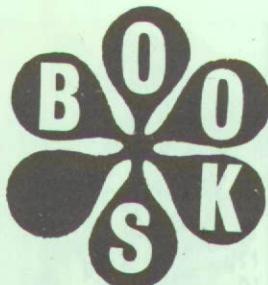
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Mr Majdalany opens his account with the Germans in control of continental Europe. He closes it when in the east, west and south, "the monstrous myth of Fortress Europe was disintegrating in the ashes and rubble of its own arrogant presumption." At this time, the Germans were in retreat in Italy, Eisenhower's tanks were racing for the Rhine, and the Soviet armies were fast approaching East Prussia, from which, in his wolf's lair, Hitler was conducting the war.

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Despite some adverse publicity, it is now accepted that the Argylls behaved in the best traditions of the British Army, tough where necessary, but never brutal. Indeed, under their control, Crater became one of the safest places in Aden; and

Having Been a Soldier

LTCOL COLIN MITCHELL



when FLOSY and the NLF crossed swords in their final showdown it was in the Argyll stronghold that refugees sought—and found—protection from the roaming murder gangs.

The Argylls' success stemmed from their colonel's qualities as a leader—"It is better the whole Battalion dies in Crater to rescue one Jock than any one of us come out alive." Under such a dynamic personality one can readily understand the supreme confidence with which the Argylls carried out his orders.

They maintained the peace of Crater with a grip so tight that Colonel Mitchell was ordered to "throttle back," an order which, in his view, could put the lives of some of his Jocks in jeopardy.

It was this which brought the clash of personality between him and his superiors to a head. The reoccupation of Crater had been achieved on the widest possible interpretation of orders; it is interesting to note that one of Mitchell's heroes, Rommel, achieved success in similar circumstances. He, too, had been told to confine himself to reconnaissance.

I cannot go along with the colonel's criticism of his superiors' judgement, not only because they cannot reply, but also because we are unaware—as indeed the colonel seems to be—of their political instructions dictated from London.

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out copies of this addition to the "Famous Regiments" series.

The story is noble and inspiring. It began in 1758 when a battalion of the 12th Foot was renumbered the 65th and went off to serve in the West Indies. So many fell to yellow fever and smallpox that the survivors had to kidnap recruits! They were certainly needed; at Bunker's Hill, taken by frontal assault while loaded with 100lb packs; in the arid hills of India tracking down Mahratta brigands and in the dense New Zealand bush, fighting it out with brave Maoris.

Meanwhile, their future partners, the 84th Foot, after two false starts in India and Canada, got under way in 1793. They, too, were determined to make their reputation and did so on bloody Walcheren, in the hard campaigns of the Peninsular War and in the Indian Mutiny, where, as if to avenge the savage treachery they endured at Cawnpore, they won six Victoria Crosses.

The year 1881 saw the consummation of the marriage of the 65th and 84th as the York and Lancaster Regiment. The hard-won traditions were not forgotten, but enhanced by fresh laurels won in the Sudan, Central and South Africa.

The greatest test came in 1914. The tough, rugged men of the north of England were ready in their thousands and served in the brutal hell of Ypres, on the Somme, at Loos, Cambrai and many more battlefields. Twenty-two battalions served and they won four Victoria Crosses and 59 battle honours. Almost 9000 were killed.

In World War Two, fortunately

"The Frontier 1839-1947" (Major-General J.G. Elliott)

It is fitting that the story of the North-West Frontier of India from 1839 to 1947 should be told by a general officer of the old Indian Army, and especially so by one who spent nearly a third of his military career of 32 years on that frontier.

The Pathans of the tribal territories are courageous, fiercely independent and probably the most warlike people in the world. Their terrain is barren, stark and mountainous, and has for the most part never been taxed or administered by any organised state. Even Akbar, greatest of all the Moghul emperors, was only able to push his armies through their main corridors and, in 1586, his forces were destroyed in the passes of Swat and Buner. Centuries later the British forced their way through every tribal valley, even, for the first and last time in history, into Tirah. However, they were able to disarm and administer only a few of the more accessible tribes.

The author sketches the historical background which led up to the outbreak of the First Afghan War in 1839 and then unfolds a tale of continuous struggle, when service on the North-West Frontier was the landmark of every British soldier posted there.

There were three parties to the struggle—the soldiers, the Pathans, and the political agents, the officers of the Indian Political Service who were responsible for the management of tribal affairs. The latter have been much maligned, both in print and, more recently, on tele-

vision, but their task was a thankless one and their innumerable successes usually passed unremarked. It was only when they failed to control their unruly charges that the Army was called in to help. As these occasions were not infrequent, the Army was constantly occupied in actions which ranged from minor local skirmishes to full-scale punitive expeditions.

Despite this history of more than a hundred years of conflict between the Pathans and the Army in India, or, perhaps, because of it, a bond grew between the two opponents that engendered a mutual respect. Each looked upon the other as an adversary worthy of his mettle.

General Elliott has dedicated his book to the Punjab Frontier Force, better known to old India hands as the "Piffers," and those who read and enjoyed his previous book, "A Roll of Honour," should not miss this one.

Cassell, 50s

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Rhodes and Kimberley

"The Lion's Cage" (Brian Gardner) No one will deny the greatness of Cecil Rhodes. But his image is certainly tarnished in Mr Gardner's penetrating and fascinating study of the four-month siege of Kimberley in the South African War.

Throughout history, sieges have brought out the best and worst in men. The siege of Kimberley showed clearly how Rhodes combined to a remarkable degree the largeness of a great man and the pettiness of a small one. He had had a great career, controlling diamond and gold output in South Africa and founding the colony of Rhodesia. He was the lion of Africa. But if Rhodesia was close to his heart, Kimberley was closer to his pocket. It was the town where his wealth and power had been born and where both were still based.

Mr Gardner writes: "Without the Kimberley diamond mines the whole edifice of his financial empire would collapse."

It is not unfair to inquire into Rhodes's motives for his actions at Kimberley. He lied to London about the situation there; he sent predictions of disaster which so alarmed the Cabinet that a great relief army was put on the march; and he intrigued against Kimberley's military commander, Colonel R G Kekewich, even attempting to take over control.

Once the relief forces had arrived, Rhodes embarked on a personal vendetta against Kekewich. It resulted in the colonel receiving only one more promotion before he died in 1914.

As the relief forces entered, Kekewich led a force out of the town in an unsuccessful bid to capture a French-manned gun which had been shelling them. It escaped, but on his return the colonel was astounded to find a lavish reception in full swing at Rhodes's headquarters, the Sanatorium Hotel.

Tables were laden with delicacies and champagne flowed freely—a strange event after a four-month siege in which infant mortality among the natives reached 93.5 per cent

while whites survived on mule flesh and roots.

And why did Rhodes bustle around collecting testimonies as to his part in the siege? Was it a guilty conscience?

Mr Gardner tells the full story of the siege for the first time and combines with it the fortunes of the relief column. It is a highly interesting account, one which gives much food for thought.

Arthur Barker, 36s

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War's boffins

"Scientists Against Time" (James Phinney Baxter III)

Dedicated to the allied scientists who gave their lives in the cause of freedom, this 473-page paperback is a monumental record of the work of America's Office of Scientific Research and Development during World War Two. First published in 1946, this is the fifth reprint of a story which will be read with wonder even in 100 years' time.

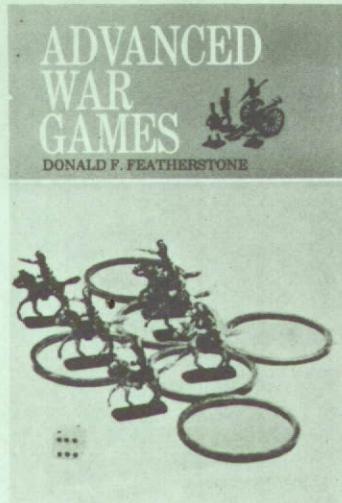
Mr Baxter, official historian to OSRD, masters with deftness and admirable clarity an awesome array of subjects which range from the low-altitude radar bombsight (LAB)

IN BRIEF

Uniforms of the SS (Andrew Mollo)

A handsomely produced book on fine quality paper, dealing with the uniforms, ranks and insignia of an organisation which for half a decade was the terror of Europe—the Schutzstaffel, the feared SS.

Now a quarter of a century has gone by since its two forms—



Waffen and Allgemeine SS—disappeared for good and the once dreaded silver runic SS collar badges have become much sought after collector's items. Very well illustrated and written in layman's language with the names of the various SS organisations, emblems etc given both in English and in German, it fills an important gap for those collectors of militaria who specialise in World War Two. For those who collect such things and do not remember the abject fear that the very mention of the organisation once inspired, this is a book which can be well recommended.

Historical Research Unit, 27 Emperor's Gate, London SW7, 60s

to the chemistry of blood substitutes and from the vast penicillin production programme to the development of the atomic bomb.

There can be no more fascinating theme, and Mr Baxter produces a dramatic story which will be enjoyed equally by scientist and layman. For the latter his main triumph lies in the fact that he has succeeded in translating into understandable terms a host of scientific detail.

In a foreword to this new edition, Dr Vannevar Bush, Director of the Office of Scientific Research and Development, writes: "This book should be required reading for every young man who is being trained for officer's responsibility in our system of national defence. I feel, too, that it should be read, or read again, by every officer on active duty, for the conduct of war today is so highly technical that no man who is called upon to make decisions in the field should be in ignorance of the possibilities and limitations of weapons of every sort, or of the history of how they arrived at their present state."

This is a recommendation which one can but echo.

MIT Press, 70 Great Russell Street, London WC1, 28s

JCW

Advanced War Games (Donald F. Featherstone)

A book which sets out to transform the blood, mud, misery and sweat of the battlefield into a complicated indoor game actuated by the throw of dice. Catering for the fans of a new hobby where toy soldiers re-fight the great battles of history the book gives details of how to set up the battle, place artillery, move troops, simulate artillery fire and even how to assess the morale of the troops after the "battle."

Stanley Paul, 42s

"The Heart of India" (Duncan Forbes)

Having already explored Nepal, Iran and Malaya, Duncan Forbes has now produced this fourth travelogue which is interesting for two reasons. The author notes many changes today compared with 25 years ago and also emphasises the basic unchanging nature of the country and its myriad people. His observant eye misses little and, while the book contains much trivia, it is also a source of interesting local information and a number of entertaining anecdotes. The author is a serving officer in the Royal Army Educational Corps.

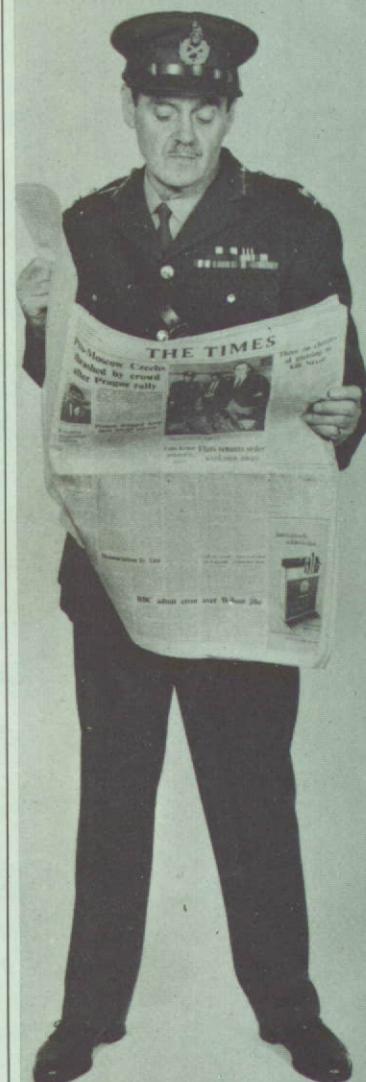
Robert Hale, 30s

"The Proud Story of the Argylls" (The Taylor Studio)

This is a portfolio (12½" x 18½") of picture-strips which originally appeared in the Glasgow Evening Times. Within its obvious limits, the strip cartoon is probably the most palatable presentation of regimental history that can be made in printed form. The fighting story of the Argylls is sketched from Crimea to Crater and is told with a pleasing balance of text and drawings. The printing on single sheets facilitates framing.

The Taylor Studio, 69 Buchanan Street, Glasgow C1, 15s 6d (post paid)

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