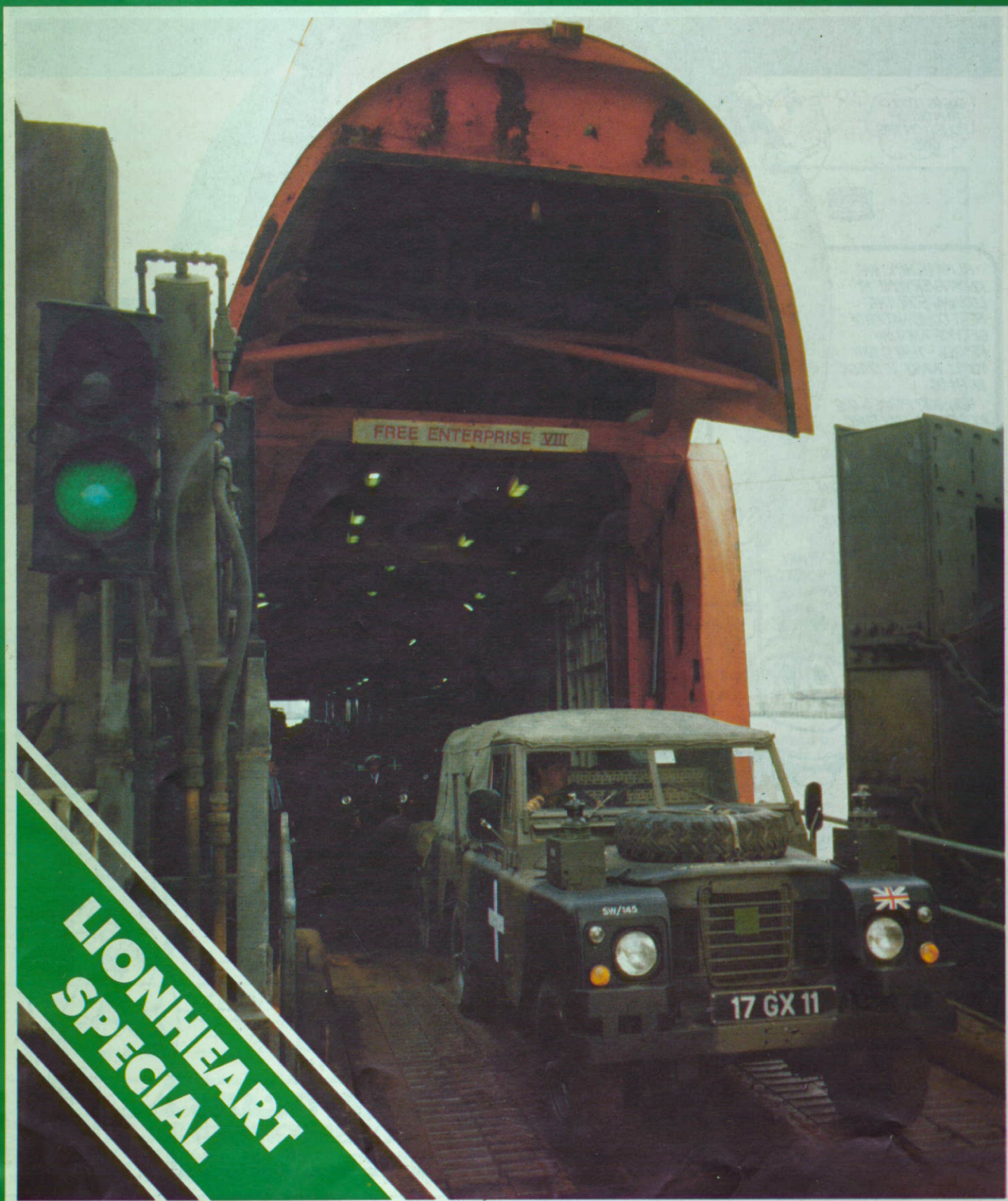


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SOLDIER writer Robert Higson and photographer Doug Pratt (extreme left and right) found themselves in the picture for a change as they left for Germany on a Tri-Star. Together with SOLDIER photographer Paul Haley — not lucky enough to have his photo taken — they are keeping you in the Lionheart picture.

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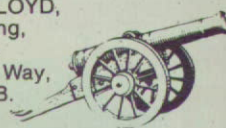
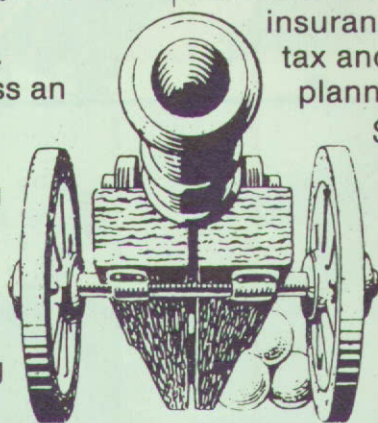
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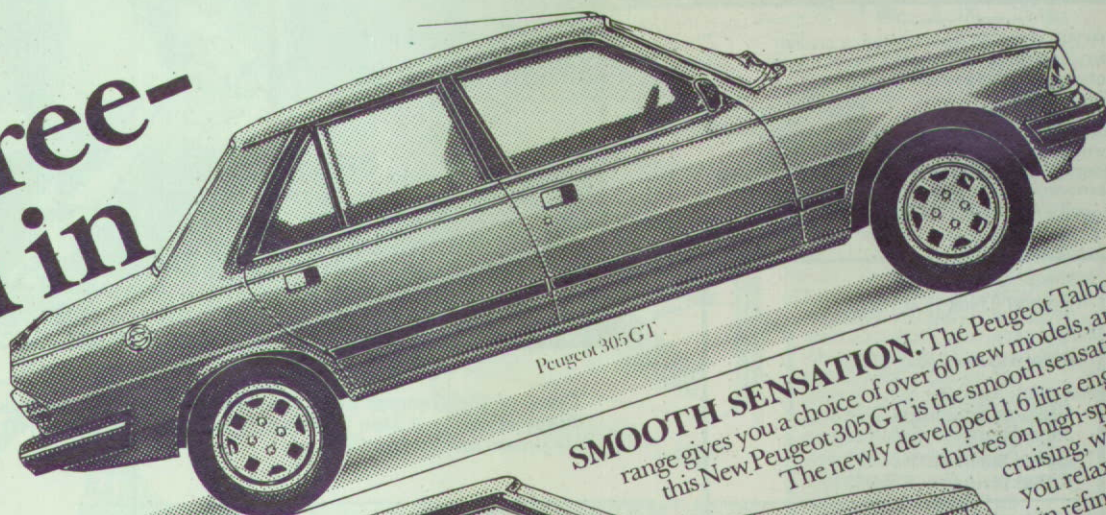
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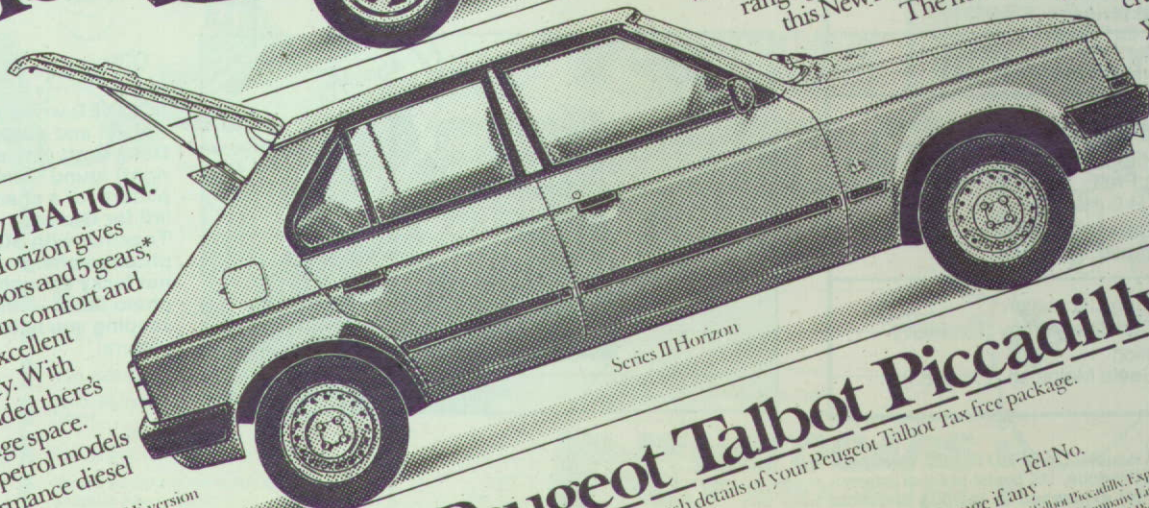
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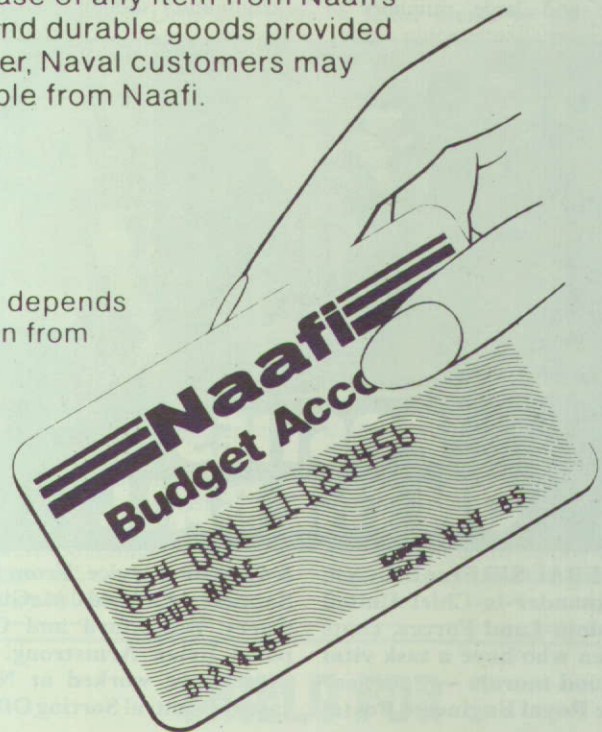
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The 'Community' Exercise - praise for everyone

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE Mr Michael Heseltine has thanked "the community at large" for their support of Exercise Lionheart.

Talking as some 70,000 British personnel had left the United Kingdom to join Lionheart or other NATO exercises, Mr Heseltine said the "immensely complex undertaking" had required the support of many thousands more in the community.

"They range from employers who have released members of the Territorial Army — and families for their understanding — to members of the travelling public who may have encountered military traffic and large numbers of

soldiers on the roads or at ports."

Mr Heseltine said that 35,000 TA personnel were involved — nearly half the total of part-time soldiers — and referred to them as "community soldiers", stressing

their vital contribution to reinforcement plans for Germany, adding: "Their dedication and professionalism are an inspiration."

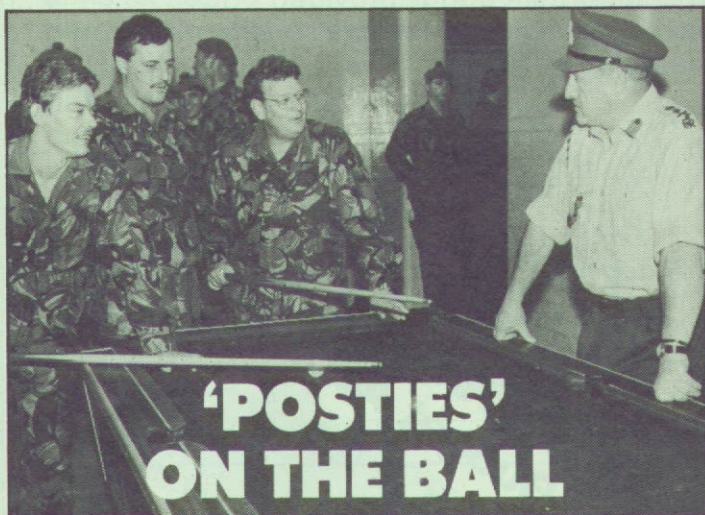
On the exercises as a whole he said: "Lionheart is the culmination of 18 months planning. It is a dramatic demonstration of our resolve to support NATO and deter aggression, as well as a shop window through which the public can see the skill and sense of purpose that so characterises our Armed Forces, both Regulars and

Reserves.

"Lionheart is for the community and of the community, and without their support it could not have got underway so smoothly."

● Lots of VIPs have taken the chance to see something of the Lionheart action — including Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe.

Together with his West German counterpart, Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, Sir Geoffrey watched the action from a bunker overlooking the Sibbesse Gap.



'POSTIES' ON THE BALL

GENERAL SIR Frank Kitson, Commander-in-Chief United Kingdom Land Forces, chats to men who have a task vital for good morale — "posties" of the Royal Engineers Postal

& Courier Service. From left: Sappers Edward McGuire, Garry Warneford and Corporal Brian Armstrong. All three have worked at Newcastle's Central Sorting Office.

WELCOME ALLIED GESTURE

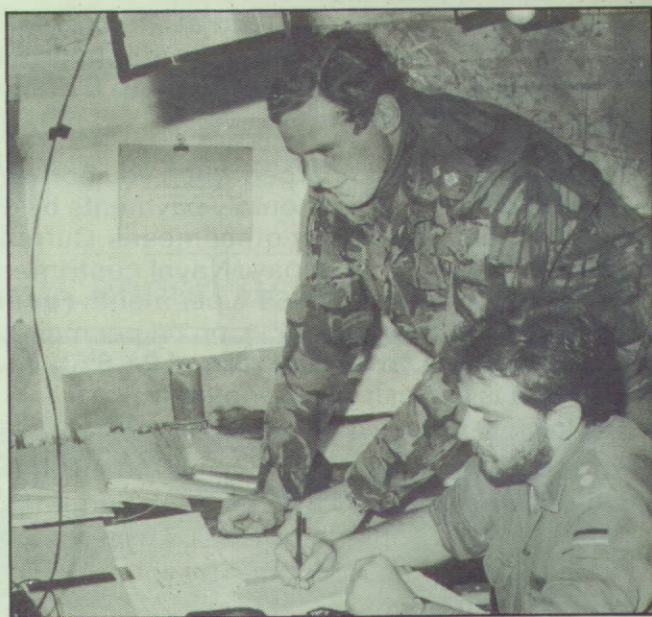
WHILE MOST people seem to have been heading east for Germany, one man made a point of heading west — to the north of

England, where General Wolfgang Altenburg met men of 2nd Infantry Division preparing for the move to the Continent.

General Altenburg, Inspector General of the German Federal Armed Forces, was accompanied by Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, Chief of the Defence Staff. Our picture from UKLF Mobile Team (York) shows General Altenburg meeting men of 29 Engineer Brigade, lined up at Hull docks.



CO-OPERATION...



"SOMEWHERE IN Germany" ... in a rear co-ordination centre, Lieutenant Colin Brundle of 1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery and Lieutenant Sylvius Kamback of Panzerbattalion 33 show true Allied co-operation in keeping tabs on Exercise Lionheart.

Back in uniform!

THE POINTING finger is to stress a point about pay — and not length of hair and beard! The setting was York, where nearly a third of the 4,000 reserves who had volunteered to give their mobilisation scheme its first "war footing" test were slotted into

Exercise Lionheart.

The Reinforcement Drafting Unit at Strensall was one of three such centres set up to put the former Regular soldiers back into uniform, give them equipment, pay and weapons then send them on their way to Germany.



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Tank Transporters celebrate

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Some 50 of those who like to talk about peace and freedom failed in their attempt to stop over 40 tank transporters loaded with a bewildering selection of British and German armoured equipment being cheered through the City.

Police cleared the road and Chief Superintendent Smulczynski led the drive past of the huge vehicles and their impressive loads, all the more notable for the obvious pride

the crews displayed.

The Squadron is half Polish, after the war many concentration camp inmates and ex-

servicemen who had fought through the Steppes of Russia into Persia or at places like Tobruk, Cassino and Arnhem joined the

Civil Mixed Watchmans Service and through that 17 Tank Transporter Unit. This unit came to Hamm in 1948.



Little and large. A father makes an early inspection of the vehicles which help to ensure peace for his children.



Trooper Barry Cliff drives the first Chieftain into the hangars, closely watched by the Quartermaster.

MR NIGEL (Grant) Weir is awarded the Department of Health & Social Security Challenge Shield by Lord Glenarthur, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the DHSS, for his entry in the 1984 War Pensioners' National Homecrafts & Art Competition.

Grant won his award, given for the most outstanding achievement by a severely disabled war pensioner, for a rug which he wove by means of an elasticated band tied around his middle: with his left hand and the use of his mouth, he was able to pull the work through the loops using a hook fixed to the front of the elastic band. The rug

is shown in the foreground of the picture.

The presentation took place at the Victory Services Club in London.

The annual competition is held as a means of providing an interest for war pensioners involved in homecrafts. It also provides publicity on what can be achieved by war disabled pensioners.

In 1979, at the age of 22, Grant sustained severe head, leg and hand wounds when the Land-Rover in which he was travelling as a member of an Ulster Defence Regiment patrol was blown up by a 400 lb terrorist bomb.

NEW HOMES FOR TANKS

THE QUEEN's Royal Irish Hussars have started the move into their new tank hangars in Germany, four months ahead of schedule. Work commenced on the hangars on July 1983, and will be completed by February next.

Major Jim McLucas, the Quartermaster of the Regiment, says "The old hangars were built in 1935/36 and were too cramped. These new hangars will not only be bigger, but they will also be heated.

"When work is completed, not only will we have all our tanks co-located in two hangar blocks, but there will be centralised washdown and servicing bay facilities within the complex."

Property Services Agency, German Civilian Administration and the civilian contractors have managed to carry out the project with minimum disruption to the Regiment and others living in York Barracks.

SHIELD FOR DETERMINED NIGEL



BEST WOMAN LORRY DRIVER

WHEN SECOND Lieutenant Helen O'Hara, 2 i/c 83 Ordnance Company (V), turned up at the Lorry Driver of the Year championships at Newport Pagnall recently, she was a firm favourite to become the best woman lorry driver in Britain.

The reason, as she ruefully admitted to SOLDIER, was that she was the only woman in the entire competition.

Still getting to the finals was no mean achievement. Helen beat 120 drivers — all but two of them men — to win the Hampshire heats and qualify. She came fourth in the class for best services driver

and 13th in Class B for lorries with a rigid chassis.

And she was, of course, best woman driver of the year.

Helen started driving lorries when she was with 71 Signal Regiment (V) at Brighton some ten years ago. After a break working in Germany she joined 83 Ordnance Company, a sponsored unit based at HQ ROAC in Corsham, Wilts.

Helen now works as a computer programmer for the Royal Navy at Gosport, but she has never considered giving up her TA affiliations in favour of the Senior Service.

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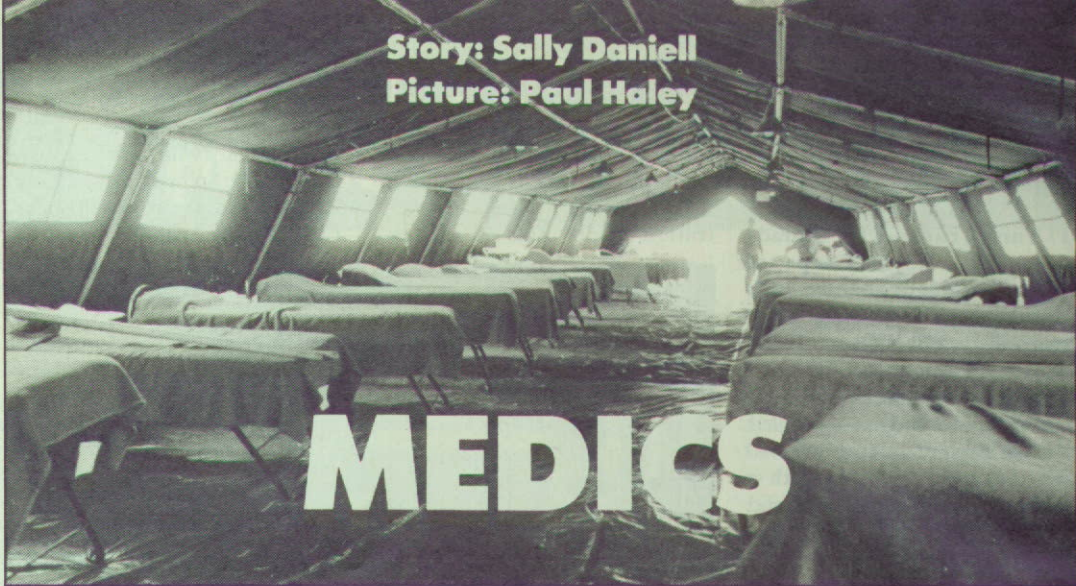
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217 PROVE A POINT...

FOR the first time ever, members of 217 (London) General Hospital exercised their operational role for real when they established the field hospital at the Farnborough International Air Show.

In previous show years, 2 Field Hospital has normally undertaken the task but since Exercise Bold Gannet had a prior claim on these Regulars, the London-based TA medics stepped into the breach.

Functioning as part of a string of first aid and casualty evacuation units, the fifty-bed field hospital was there to provide immediate life-saving treatment before evacuation to one of the local general hospitals.

The 120 staff included two anaesthetists and five surgeons and provided a full intensive-care service, resuscitation team plus a burns unit.

Daily 'Red Flag' exercises kept the staff on their toes during the week but the whole hospital sprang into action following the crash of the de Havilland Buffalo, the first aircraft to crash at Farnborough Air Show since 1974. The crew were treated for shock by the field hospital staff and one man was evacuated to the Cambridge Military Hospital in Aldershot. Two RAF Puma and a Wessex helicopters were standing by for such purposes throughout the

show.

Major Graham Barker, a gynaecologist at the Middlesex hospital said "This is the closest our people will ever get to handling a real situation. So much of what we do is just exercise.

"Here we can expect real casualties and when you think about it, if an aircraft crashed into the crowd, the casualty potential is enormous.

"You could tell the difference in the attitude of the staff when the crash happened. You could see the intensity of their faces — they knew it was for real this time."

● Full colour picture: Back page.

3 QUEENS WIN A TROPHY

IF YOU need first aid, 3rd Battalion The Queen's Regiment are the ones to call on, as they proved when they won the Connaught Shield at Hohne.

The Connaught Shield is an annual 1 (BR) Corps First Aid Military Skills Competition that has been contested since 1902, and provides a tough test in a variety of combat casualty situations ranging from evacuation under fire to treatment of NBC (Nuclear, Biological and Chemical warfare) victims and ends up with a gruelling stretcher race over a four kilometre course.

Hard on the heels of 3 Queens were 3rd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment 'A' Team, with 1st Battalion The Green Howards coming third.

The competition was organised this year by 1st Armoured Field Ambulance, whose Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel John East, outlined its aim: "The idea is to stimulate overall interest in first aid throughout the Corps, and the hope is that medical skills should improve at unit level as teams prepare for the competition."

Lieutenant General Sir Martin Farndale, Commander 1 (BR) Corps, presented the Shield to Captain Steve Kilpatrick, 3 Queens team leader, and congratulated all

the entrants, reminding them of the importance of a knowledge of first aid: "There is no doubt that the emergency treatment of casualties before they can be taken to a medic would save many lives,

and as a means of drawing attention to this, the Connaught Shield is highly effective. I am sure that all competitors would wish me to thank the organisers for such a well-run competition."



3 QUEENS: Stretcher Race winners, and victors overall



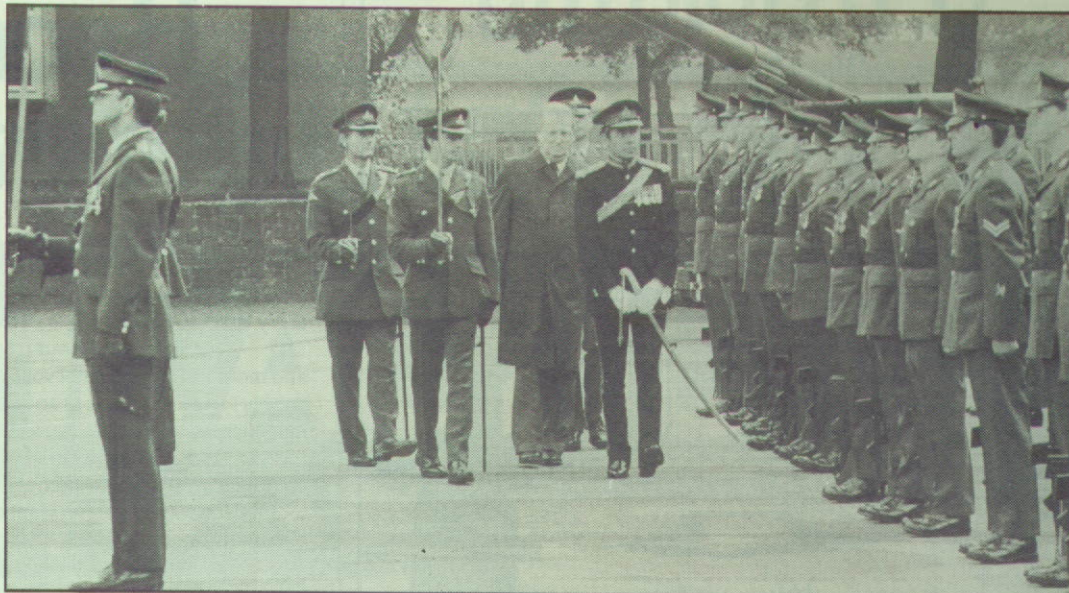
Goodbye to Dortmund

THE SUSSEX GUNNERS said farewell to Dortmund after 10 years continuous service with BAOR, marching off to "Sussex by the Sea".

26 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, is unique in having had three of its batteries together since 1899.

Thanking them for their service in Germany, Major General Guy Watkins, GOC Artillery Division, said they had left a tangible mark in Dortmund.

General Watkins, pictured inspecting the parade, added: "A Sussex man myself, I know that your country will be the richer for your return to Thorney Island".



GENERAL Sir Thomas Morony, Master Gunner, was accompanied by the Oberbürgermeister of Celle, Dr Horstmann when 94 Locating Regiment, Royal Artillery said farewell to their hosts after 28 years.

In this period a remarkable relationship developed between the Regiment and Celle, many soldiers completing their service in Celle, some marrying local girls — and some settling in the town after retirement.

Addressing the Regiment, the Master Gunner said: "This is a sad day for us all, but you have written a proud chapter in the history of the Royal Regiment. You have set a very high standard of professionalism in your trade. I have been a locator in my time and I know the quality that your trades exact."

Dr Horstmann told the departing men: "You will always be welcome when you visit Celle in the future."

Farewell to Celle



MEMBERS of E Battery, 1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery, travelled from their Hohné base in West Germany to Belgium to commemorate their unique part in the opening stages of World War 1.

Seventy years ago, in the small mining town of Peronnes, not far from Brussels, E Battery fired the first British shell at the Battle of Mons.

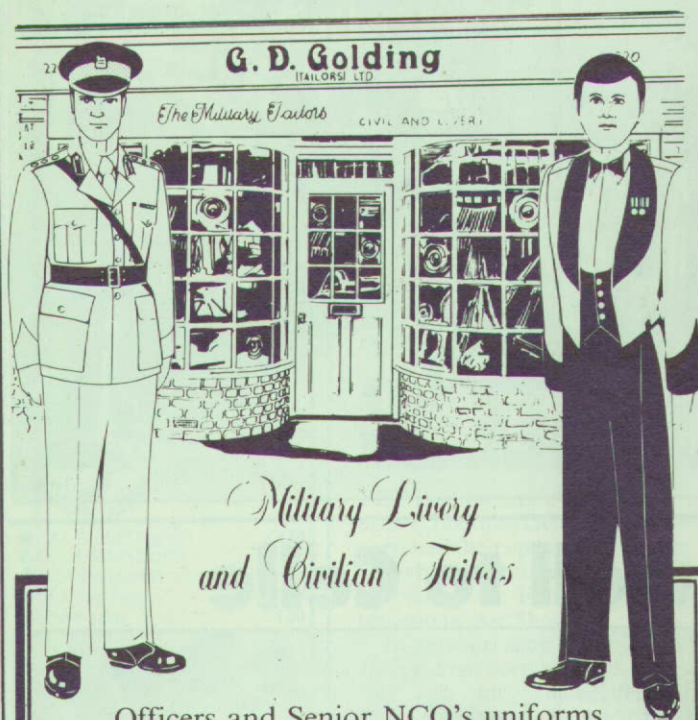
A plaque marks the site of the original firing position, now in the grounds of a spark plug factory. In a moving ceremony, many locals who saw the last commemoration in 1965 watched members of the Battery form a sword guard to pay respects to their forbears.

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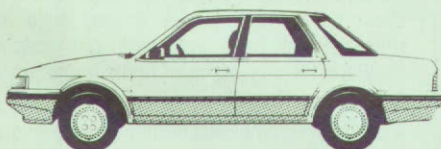


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ONCE AGAIN we are looking to readers for a little help... in trying to identify the soldier pictured on this page.

The picture originally appeared in northern editions of the Daily Mail, 16 August 1969 and, we think, was taken in Belfast.

Efforts are now being made to try and establish the identity of the man and, if possible, his current whereabouts.

If you think you can help, please write with as much information as possible — not to SOLDIER — to Army Information Services, Headquarters Northern Ireland, BFPO 825.

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MOVING somewhat further back in time, the 3rd Armoured Division wants to 'hang' Lieutenant General Sir William Eyre, who led them over 130 years ago — a fact which leads to thoughts of paintings and not lynchings!

Based in Korbecke, West Germany, the "Iron Division" already has 49 generals in the "rogues gallery" going back to 1809 — and Eyre is needed to complete the set.

General Eyre, who had previously served with the 73rd Foot (The Black Watch), commanded the Division in 1855 in the Crimea. He had been promoted ADC to Queen Victoria in 1853 and to Brigadier the following February.

All attempts to trace a likeness of him

have failed so far. If you can help in any way, please contact Major Roger Fielding, Public Information, HQ 3 Armoured Division, BFPO 106. If you wish you can telephone. The number (from UK) is: (01049)-2924-81-348.

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PORTRAITS will be well to the fore at the National Army Museum (6-17 November) with an exhibition of portraits of contemporary military and defence personnel.

The drawings, paintings and sculpture are by members of the Contemporary Portrait Society and its invitees. Many of the likenesses have been executed especially for the show.

Sitters include the Marquis of Anglesey, General Sir Richard Worsley, Brigadier H G Meechie WRAC, Chelsea pensioners, Yeomen of the Guard and nurses from Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps.

The Contemporary Portrait Society came into being some twenty years ago through a number of artists feeling unhappy that the art of portraiture had degenerated in this country, becoming sentimental or pompous.

Further information on the exhibition from the Society, 33 Sunbury Lane, London SW11 3NP (01-223 6769).



WE mentioned in this column of the last issue (24 September) the strong links between Wales and the Dutch city 's-Hertogenbosch. Now we hear the citizens of the city liberated by the 53rd Welsh Division forty years ago are offering free accommodation to veterans who wish to attend next year's event in Holland, when 's-Hertogenbosch also marks its own 800th anniversary.

The event is scheduled for 22-27 October 1985 and the offer includes not only veterans, but relatives of those who died in the battle, and those who served with the 53 Division throughout the war.

Those interested should write to: The Secretary, Aristoteleslan 17, 5216 CN 's-Hertogenbosch, Nederland before 16 October this year.

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THE FORTIETH anniversary of D-Day is over, but many 'pilgrims' will still be planning to visit Normandy to pay their respects now all the crowds have dispersed.

If so, they may be interested in a recent

guide published by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Entitled 'Normandy June-August 1944' the guide gives details of all the Commonwealth War Graves in the Calvados and the war memorial at Bayeux.

The guide is available from the Commission at 2 Marlow Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7DX for 50p.

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A former Army officer has launched a campaign for a big commemoration at Aldershot next year to mark the centenary of the arrival in the town of the famous statue of the Duke of Wellington, which previously adorned the triumphal arch at London's Hyde Park Corner.

The statue, in Round Hill, was handed over on 19 August 1885 by the Prince of Wales in what was described at the time as "one of the prettiest ceremonies that has ever been witnessed in Aldershot." Representatives from every unit in Aldershot were on parade and vast crowds gathered.

Councillor Brian Willcox, who until two years ago was a captain in the Royal Army Medical Corps, will be asking Rushmoor Council and the Army to commemorate the centenary.

"This was an important event in Aldershot's history and the statue is the town's most famous landmark. We cannot allow this to go by without some sort of ceremony" he told SOLDIER.

Aldershot Garrison Adjutant, Lieutenant Colonel Dick Sherrard-Smith, commented: "This is most interesting. I will raise it with the appropriate authorities and we will see."

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THE PREPARATION

David Fox-Pitt: a sharp
change of scene!

**TINKER-
TAILOR
(well,
not quite...)
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Story: Robert Higson

Pictures: Doug Pratt

Britain's biggest troop movement since the World War 2 was also the most comprehensive mobilisation of TA units for exercise purposes. Volunteer armoured reconnaissance units, artillery, infantry as well as logistic and support units have poured across the Channel for the big test of Britain's ability to reinforce its Rhine Army in a hurry.

North East District at York counted a few heads and announced that 300 members of the "Task Force" from their region would be women, representing a bewildering number of units and responsibilities.

No fewer than 14 women were due to go with an Infantry battalion (the 7th The Light Infantry from County Durham) as drivers, cooks, radio operators and so on (see Families in Battle page 16).

So faced with the impossibility of keeping up with it all,

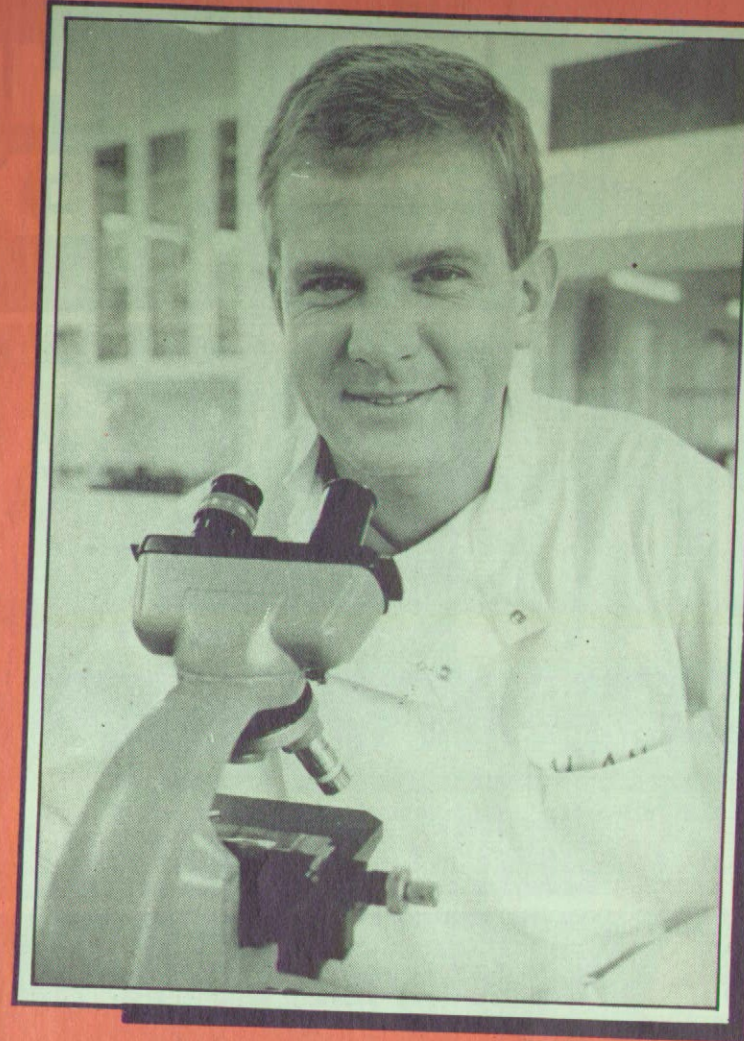
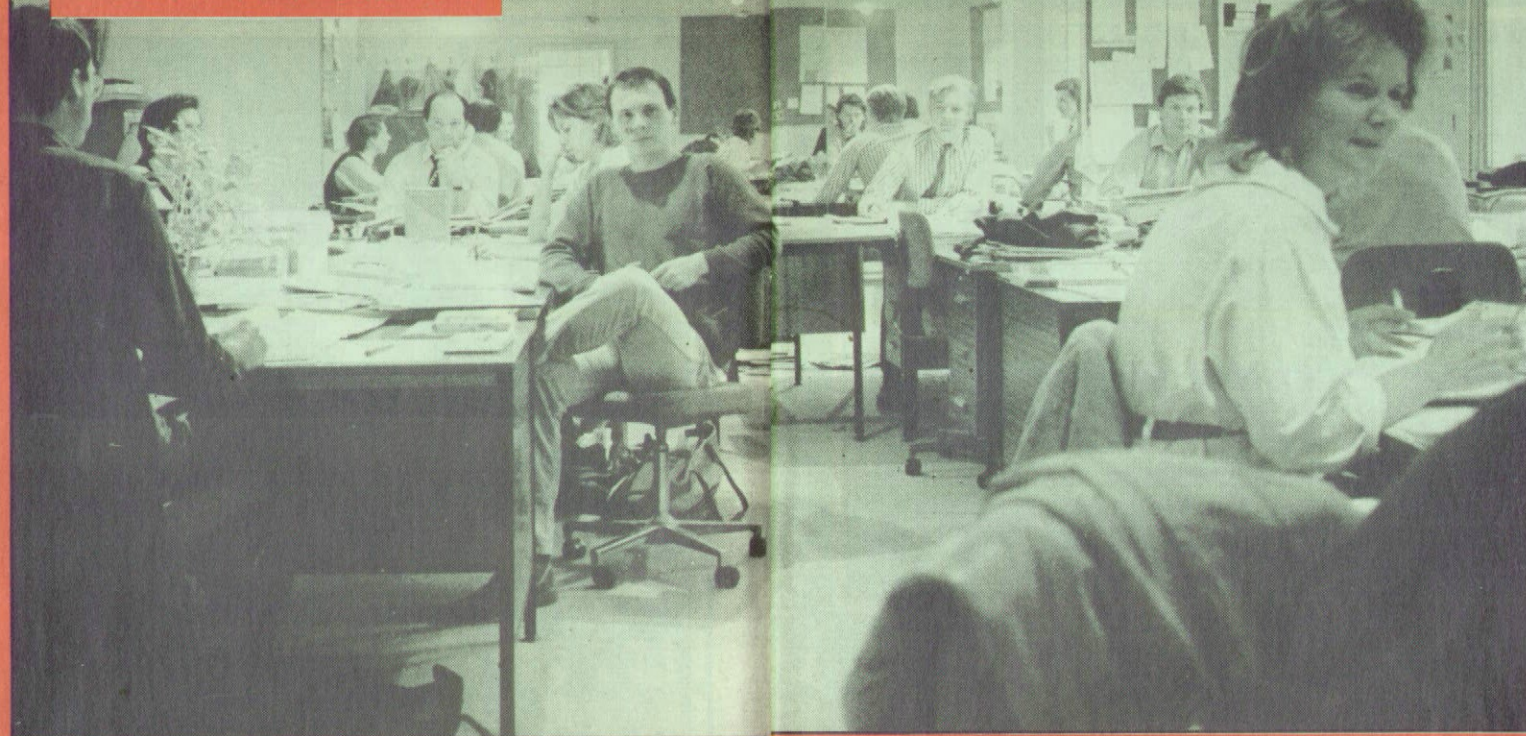
We lighted on Number 4 Company, the 10th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, to be our guide and mentor. Of course, the first thing that has to be mentioned is that Number 4 Company (probably like most TA units elsewhere) is hardly typical. The company draws its recruits from Central London, not always the best place to find volunteer soldiers, and it is based at the Duke of York's Headquarters in Chelsea.

However in order to get a few of the volunteer Paras at work before they left for Germany it was necessary to have a fairly confined and easily accessible area.

So Central London it was and on a day — about a week before the exercise — we went to see our hosts in Civvy Street.

Lance Corporal Redmond Donnelly, 30, is a partner in a firm of accountants in Holborn. He has been with 10 Para five or six years and has done about 30 jumps.

He likes the unit, because, he Prosper Keating, centre, in the world of advertising. ►



Alan Hardie: different sort of testing time.

Red has been on exercises in Germany and Denmark, but they were tiny in comparison with Lionheart.

Redmond Donnelly: welcome break from figures.

Alan completed seven jumps to get his wings a year ago. He likes to get in a minimum of eight weekends a year — more depends on his girl friend. He says he likes working outside and enjoys the work.

Private Prosper Keating, 23, works for an agency selling advertising space just off Oxford Street. He only joined the unit in January and still hasn't qualified to wear the famous Para wings. He says he joined for the prospect of excitement and activity.

He describes his career before coming to London at the beginning of this year as that of a qualified helmsman taking fishing boats

Private David Fox-Pitt, 20, is a trainee manager at Claridges. His career as a volunteer Para has been short but quite spectacular. In January he joined 15 Para in Scotland, in May he qualified for his wings at Brize Norton and in July he transferred to 10 Para in London.

His reason for joining — quite simple, he just likes parachuting. Incidentally David has a father who served in the Welsh Guards, a grandfather who was a major general, and a sister who has Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs, once Colonel of The Parachute Regiment, as a father-in-law.

- For the progress of 10 Para — turn to page 25.



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THE FAMILY EXERCISE!



AS far as we know there was no prize for the TA unit with the largest number of family groups in Exercise Lionheart. But had there been such a competition then SOLDIER has heard of at least two units with strong claims to the title.

First to take a bow: 202 (Midland) General Hospital RAMC(V) from Birmingham. On mobilisation they had the potential to send over eight husband and wife teams, although only four could be present for this pre-exercise photograph above (taken by David Warren and published with the kind permission of the Sunday Mercury, Birmingham).

They are, in the front, Colonel Paul Daly, RAMC, Commanding Officer, and Lieutenant Colonel Pamela Daly, QARANC, Matron.

Behind, from left to right: Lieutenant David Bish, Laboratory tech officer, and Captain Linda Bish, nursing officer. Lance Corporal D R Williams, combat medical technician, and Lance Corporal E P Williams WRAC, army accounts clerk. Major Dermot Murray, medical officer, and Major Betty Murray, nursing officer.

Of course you would expect men and women to work alongside each other in a medical unit. But not in an infantry unit. However the 7th Battalion, The Light Infantry (V)

from County Durham, is exceptional.

Originally 7 LI was a home defence unit and recruited a fair number of women. Such was their dedication that it was felt only right to allow them to stay on, at least for the time being, when the battalion's war role was changed.

7 LI brought the family touch to Lionheart with four pairs of brothers, one pair of sisters and two married couples among the 530 members of the battalion in Germany for the exercise.

The picture below shows most of them mustered in the Drill Hall before departure: Brother's Private Paul Bailes and Tony Bailes, from Stanley, on the left of the back

row. Next to them Private Derek Iddon, whose brother Lance Corporal Norman Iddon, is missing from the group. On the right: Corporal Michael Tough and Lieutenant Richard Tough, from Spennymoor.

Middle row, the married couples: Sergeant Wally Walburn and Lance Corporal Liz Walburn from Cockfield. And Sergeant Pauline Shaw and Staff Sergeant Lee Shaw, from Crook.

In the front, the two sisters: Private Lynn Fletcher and Lance Corporal Marie Fletcher from Newton Aycliffe. Marie spent the exercise driving a four ton truck loaded with spares along the autobahns from Zeebrugge.





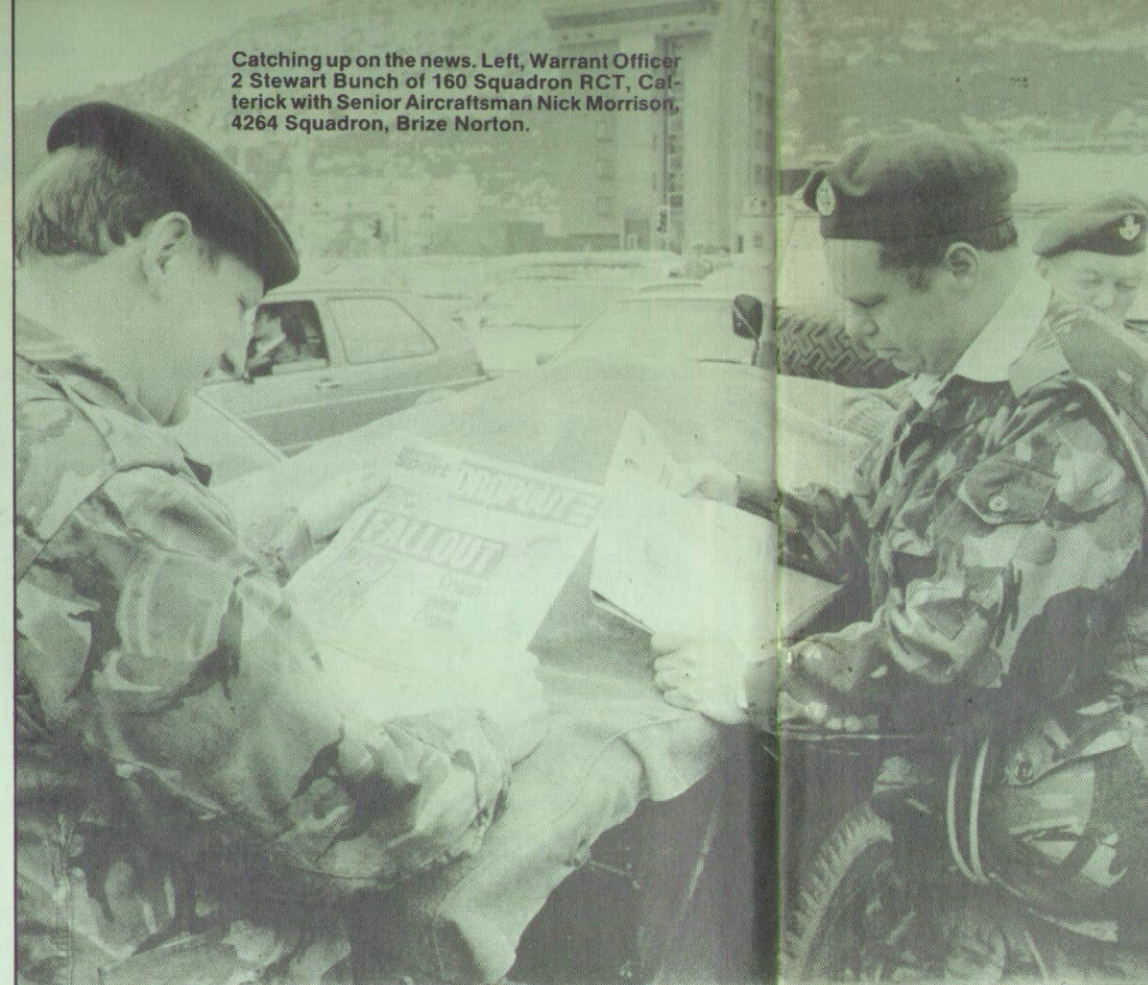
THE BIG MOVE



SOLDIER photographer *Paul Haley* went to Dover to capture the spirit of the big move to the Continent — and caught Corporal Paul Jarvis, 660 Provost Company RMP at a checkpoint near the famous port. (More pictures — see over.)



Safely in port — and time for a welcome 'cuppa'



Catching up on the news. Left, Warrant Officer 2 Stewart Bunch of 160 Squadron RCT, Caterick with Senior Aircraftman Nick Morrison, 4264 Squadron, Brize Norton.



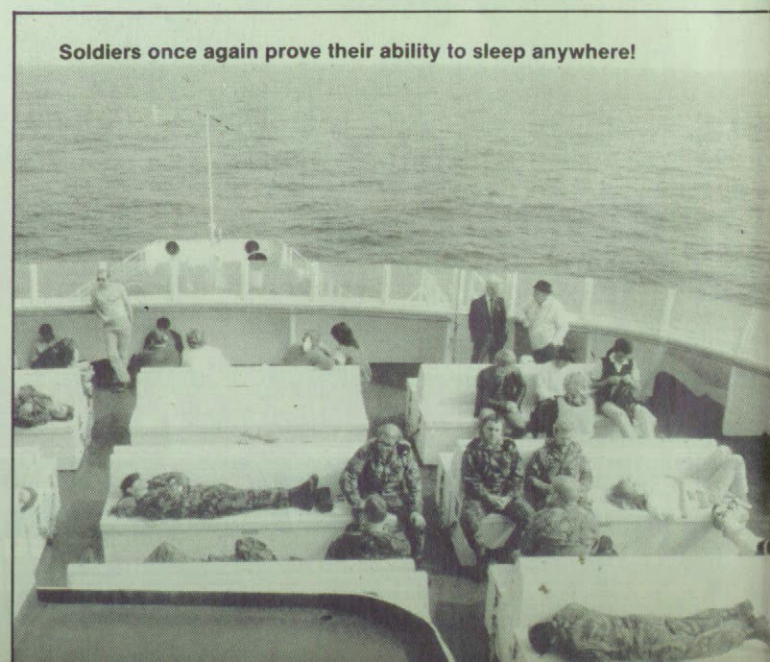
Sergeants Simpson and Bower, Royal Engineers, look ahead. Behind them, the famous white cliffs.



Land Rovers pack the car deck.



On the bridge of the Townsend Thoresen ferry Free Enterprise VIII. Left to right: Bombardier Robert Davey, Gunners Richard Clark and Roger Walker and Lance Bombardier Anthony McDonald — all of MT Troop, 1 Battery, Royal Artillery.



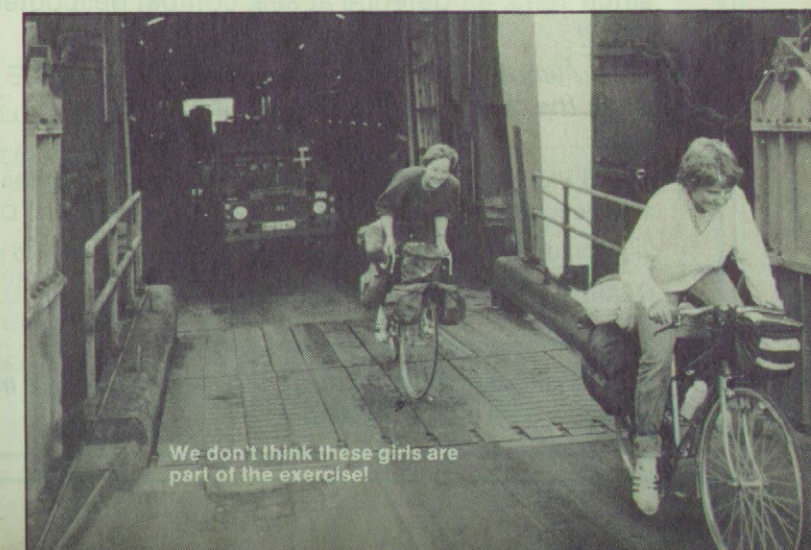
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PREP SCHOOLS: Think early is the vital message

THE COMMON theme of caring for pupils was evident throughout the three-day conference of 550 headmasters and headmistresses, members of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools who are also members of ISIS, (Independent Schools Information Services) at the 94th annual conference in Cambridge.

ISIS statistics show that more Service parents are deciding that a boarding education for their over seven-year-olds is the answer to overcoming a variety of problems.

The Heads gave me a wide variety of reasons why parents had taken the decision to send both boys and girls away to school, and these coincided with what I had also been told by Service parents.

Continuity of education was the main reason, another was that fathers were away a lot more, others, that postings seemed to come in mid-term.

Going to day schools mid-term was difficult for all, with different books, and differing standards making it more difficult to keep up.

The heads heard from The Reverend John Bach, Dean of Residence, New University of Ulster, that much more emphasis should be placed on deploying their best teachers to help children who were backward and slow.

To label a child at such an early age as a 'failure' was in many instances making him the criminal of tomorrow.

"Poor achievement in schools is a reliable prediction factor in delinquency. A great achievement of independent schools is the time and care they give late developers," he said.

The theme that scholarships are not all important was followed by Professor John Mays, Emeritus Professor of Sociology at Liverpool University.

He said that the prep schools have a wonderful opportunity to prepare a child's personality and character over five to seven years — a time of great influence.

Then, John Edwards, formerly adviser for spoken English in Mid-Glamorgan, spoke on "Teacher-Talk".

The three Rs are important but so is learning to converse: "Your voice is your main professional asset."

Mr Edwards said that far too many youngsters were now coming to state schools capable only of producing "grunts and gestures".

"They come from homes where the only standard language they hear from parents is 'shut up', 'switch it off' and 'go to bed'. And all this is grunted in competition

with the video."

To end on a sombre note, the Chairman, Mr John Clark of IAPS said 100,000 pupils are now in IAPS schools. He drew attention to being more flexible with taking day school pupils "but we must make our schools more pleasing to the eye for mothers of eight-year-olds who, rightly nowadays, have more say in education."

This is even more prevalent for Service fathers are just not available and it is the mothers who make the appointments, visit the school and ask the questions.

I spoke to Mr Clark about the increase in Service parents choosing preparatory education.

"To visit a prep school when your son or daughter is four or five is not too early to arrange a visit. Don't delay. Many Service parents leave it far too late and so find the prep school of their choice is full.

Prep school heads expect visits from parents and if you are in UK take up the opportunity to visit so you have at least some idea should you decide later, when the posting comes unexpectedly.

Also it does require forward financial planning even with BSA for average fees are £1,000.

To sum up, Mr Clark said: "Find the school for your son or daughter, not because you have a friend's child there, or you have heard it is good. Visit and see for yourself, for personal contact with the school at this age is very important."

Announcement was made of the start of Review Inspections to Preparatory schools. Teams of inspectors will visit about 100 fee paying schools a year, to ensure that a high standard was maintained among the members of IAPS.

Information can be obtained from: Service Childrens Education Authority, Schools Branch, Institute of Army Edn, Court Rd, Eltham, London SE9 5NR; and Independent School Information Service (ISIS), 56 Buckingham Gate, London, SW1E 6AG.

FOUR years ago I visited the National Health Service Central Registry in Smedley Hydro.

I discovered that one of the main reasons for the delay in forwarding wives medical documents was the incorrect completion of the F Med 246 both by the wives and the medical centres.

In some units four individual copies were made out, often carbon was not used, initials and numbers were forgotten or changed, the National Health Number was missing, or the National Insurance Number inserted instead (I was one such culprit).

Sometimes no previous names were mentioned. How can they trace Williams who has suddenly become Smith on a second marriage during a posting?

Just a few of the points I mentioned in my report, when I said it was important to revise the F Med 246.

So what's new? The F Med 246 has been revised and is now F Med 246 Rev 5/84.

The information details have been tidied up, F Med 246 will be produced in sets of three, two 'flimsies' and one card using non-carbon paper, one flimsy and one card to go to the Central Register, and one retained.

If the system works then the documents should arrive within, normally, four to six weeks. For urgent requests the doctor has only to make this request and the emergency cell is activated to trace the wives' documents



and forward them. Hence the importance of completing the form correctly.

Do make sure that you notify your last doctor that you have left, then he can send your documents immediately to the Central Registry to await the request of your new doctor. Again, sign on as soon as you arrive.

If you have lost yours or your childrens' National Health Service Number write to: National Health Service, Central Registry (Services), Smedley Hydro, Southport, Lancs.

Also do write your NHS number on your emergency card and in your Wives Guide Medical Section.

● The Federation of Army Wives Clubs annual meeting will be held at Deepcut, 18 October, open to all members, with the guest speaker Baroness Phillips, Lord Lieutenant of Greater London.

More information from your Wives Club chairman or ring me.

Anne Armstrong

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TIPS FOR STUDENTS

Did you know that there is a vacation hardship allowance? If you're in danger of hardship during a vacation, apply to your education authority for a vacation hardship allowance.

Make sure you have the following DHSS Leaflets: FB20 March 84 'Leaving School — A Pocket Guide to Social Security'; FB23 March 84 'Going to College or University — A Pocket Guide to Social Security'.

All 16-year olds should have got their National Insurance Numbers. If you are 16, overseas and not on a YTS scheme and have not yet got a NI number, write to the Overseas Branch, Central Office, Newcastle-upon-Tyne and ask how to get one.

The '1984 Grant to Students', free from DES Publications, Despatch Dept, Honeypot Lane, Canons Park, Stanmore, Middlesex, explains among many items, the difference between mandatory and discretionary grants.

ALLOWANCES UP

Boarding School Allowance has been increased with effect from the start of the September 84 term:

New annual rates: 1st and 2nd children, £2,580; 3rd child, £3,063; 4th child, £3,192.

MEALS COST MORE

With effect from the beginning of the autumn term 1984, the mid-day meal charges in Germany are increased as follows:

- Entitled Children — Increased to DM2.25
- Non-Entitled Children — Increased to DM3.65

This information will be confirmed by schools, but this notice serves as a warning to parents of the extra expense.

DIARY DATES

SCEA and ISIS presentation team will visit BFG to give two-hour presentations and will cover the following topics:

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- b) Types of school available.
- c) Independent schools.
- d) LEA maintained schools.
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- f) Boarding School Allowance and the continuity principle.
- g) Advisory services available.

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If you would like to attend or have a private discussion contact your Local Army Education Officer. Either or both parents welcome.

TIP

STATUTORY SICK PAY (SSP)

AN important DHSS leaflet (NI208 April 84 National Insurance Contribution Rates and Statutory Sick Pay Rates) tells you how to avoid losing your right to claim SSP.

This leaflet also shows the newstyled NI Number Card. Also read leaflet NI 244 Check Your

THE BENEFIT PROBLEM

I am expecting my first baby in early November, and have paid full rate NI contributions continuously up until Christmas 1983 (14 years employment) and contributions on my part-time earnings (supply teaching) since then. I am, consequently, trying to claim Maternity Allowance.

In the 16th week of pregnancy, my husband made enquiries at his Pay Office, and simultaneously I wrote to the DHSS in my parents' home town — the Pay Office said they didn't hold the forms, the DHSS told me to obtain the form from my husband's Pay Office!

I then went to see the SSAFA sister, who said she only holds forms for Maternity Benefit, and advised me to write to the Overseas Branch of DHSS at Newcastle, which I did on 20 June. I have since read in the paper that the Newcastle Office is in the middle of an industrial dispute, so am fast relinquishing hope of claiming by the 26th week of pregnancy. If you can offer me any advice, I would be most grateful.

I understand from the DHSS Maternity Benefits booklet, that in UK Maternity Benefit and Allowances are claimed on separate sections of one form. Why then can SSAFA not hold copies of this form which we can send to DHSS Newcastle, or is that too simple?

Thank you for all your work on behalf of Service families. I look forward to the system being reviewed. — Mrs P, BFPO 38.

Four years ago when I visited the Overseas Branch at Newcastle-upon-Tyne I arranged for a system to be introduced to

Right to Statutory Sick Pay.

Both leaflets can be obtained from your local Social Security Office and from BFPOs overseas. Check for current rates as they may change.

Remember, you can claim SSP when you are employed overseas

overcome this very problem for those overseas, as I had received — as had the Overseas Branch — hundreds of individual requests for forms.

Overseas Maternity Benefit is claimed through your husband's pay on Form FINS 98 REV 11/81 Maternity Allowance on BM4. This form in UK is two-sided, one side for Maternity Benefit and Side 2 for Maternity Allowance, and is completed together.

Overseas it was arranged that a bulk issue would be sent to SSAFA HQ, London who would dispense them to all SSAFA sisters overseas and they would be restocked every six months, apart from emergency replenishments.

SSAFA has been alerted to the request and is looking into the distribution of BM4s. I have copies of BM4 and if anyone cannot obtain one, drop me a line.

My mother is in UK and is suffering from arthritis and can't get about. We are in Hong Kong and so can't see her until Easter next year.

She is a pensioner but she may be able to have extra help from the Social Services. It's so difficult to get information out here.

Your mother may be entitled to allowance NI 211, Help for Handicapped People MBI, Help with Mobility Getting Around HB4.

The DHSS leaflets are available at BFPOs but also from CABs or Social Services.

You may also wish to contact The Arthritis Care, 6 Grosvenor Crescent, London, SW1X. 01-235 0902; or Age Concern, Bernard Sunley House, 60 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 3LL. 01-640 5431.

Remember, if you are worried about your mother contact SSAFA and they will be able to arrange a SSAFA representative to call.

as long as you are paying British National Insurance Contributions Class 1.

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less than £34	no entitlement

ASK ANNE

I have been told that there are admissible extras which are allowed for children at boarding school. My daughter wants to take up ballet but it will be quite an extra expense, my son is only 13 but when he's 14 he can add carpentry as an extra to the ones he's already doing.

Will we have to pay for this also? The rules that govern what is admissible or not as an extra on the school bill are laid down in Army Allowances and Charges Para 1216. The full list can be found in Unit Pay Office or I have a list available on request.

Computer Studies have now been added to the list of admissible extras.

Ballet is an inadmissible extra whereas woodwork is admissible. But it does depend on each school bill as to whether it is an extra. That is why it is best to check first, otherwise you may have to pay, as the extra does not fulfill the criteria laid down.

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We are posted in November but my husband is not due back from the Falklands until December. I am expecting a baby in December and really cannot face a move in November on my own.

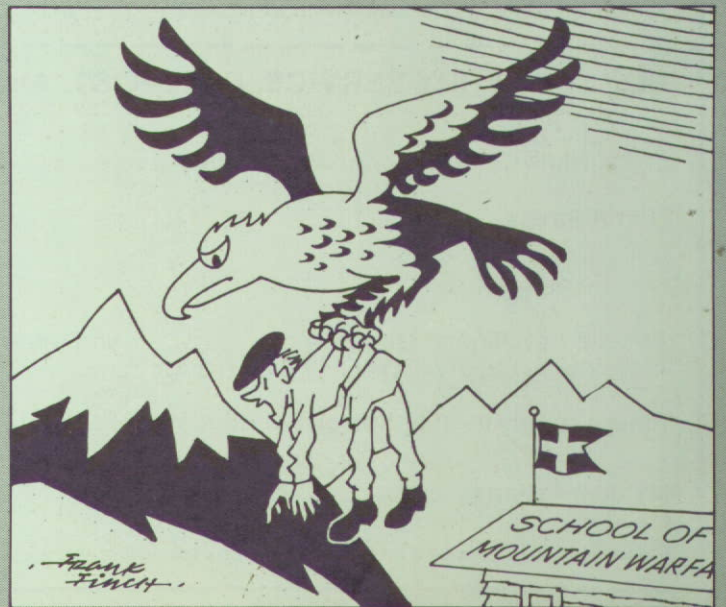
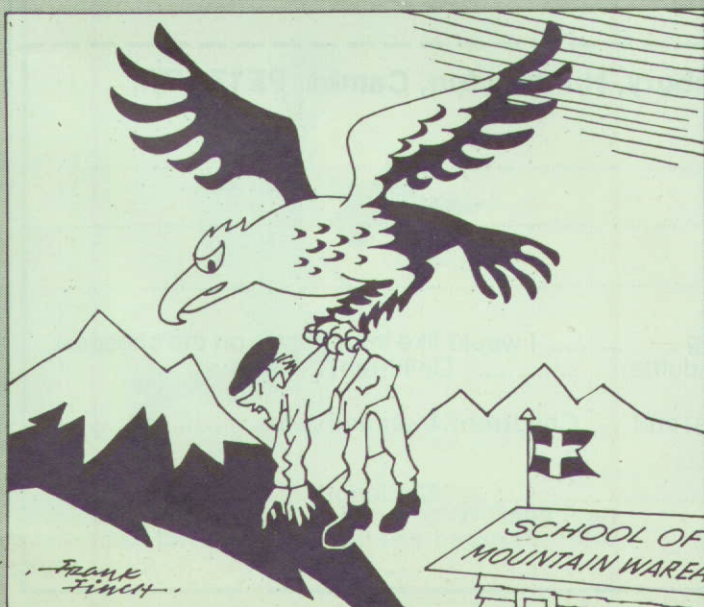
Can I stay in the quarter until December when Tony comes back? What should I do. I am with my mother at the moment in UK. — Mrs C, BFPO.

There are Army regulations which could cover special cases, and I think you may be covered by these special instructions, and these can be found in AGAIs Vol 3 Chapter 84.

Do contact your families officer as soon as you return to Germany and ask if a special case is applicable.

How observant are you?

These two pictures look alike but they differ in ten details. Look at them carefully. If you cannot spot the differences turn to page 40.



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The ACTION!

10 Para tackle impossible odds

It will never make the history books but 10 Para's first foray into the real business of Exercise Lionheart was a battle against impossible odds in the best heroic tradition.

After several days of intensive training, 4 Company, the 10th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, undertook the battalion's first heliborne assault in a bold attempt to challenge the enemy's hold on an important crossing over the River Weser.

Their mission: to take and hold the bridge at Vlotho with the aim of drawing out the defenders' reserve forces. At this stage 10 Para were assigned to 5 Airborne Brigade which deployed the Orange Special Forces in their task of disrupting Blue activity in the Rear Combat Zone.

The whole concept, as outlined by Major Tom Schwartz, the battalion's training major, was to

Into action with a GPMG.

hold the position for up to three to four hours to test the reaction of the defenders.

Surprise was the key factor but unfortunately there was a vital security leak brought about the exercise requirement of informing local landowners when helicopter landings were to take place.

Evidently the Blue defenders took the precaution of keeping in touch with the landowners for their own reasons so that when 4 Company's two Chinook heli-

copters arrived, the 5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment were ready and waiting.

"We walked into a trap," said Lance Corporal Red Donnelly, the company's radio operator. "They knew when we were coming and at what time."

"In a way it was similar to Arnhem," said Private Chris Riley of 11 Platoon. "There was more opposition than we expected, but we took the bridge."

Captain Peter Baron, 4 Company's OC, said the umpires had assessed 10 casualties for each of the two platoons for every 10 minutes of action. That meant that even though 4 Company had reached both ends of the bridge they had been virtually wiped out in just 30 minutes.

At first light Captain Baron led the 45 men of his company to the temporary landing strip near Barker Barracks at Paderborn where they boarded their US Air Force Chinooks for the flight to Vlotho. For many of them this was their first experience of an operation of this nature and there was an unmistakable air of excitement as the young part-time paras, each with an Orange strip tied around his helmet, clambered aboard the giant choppers.

Lieutenant Colonel Johnny Winter, the Commanding Officer, came along to wish them well and ask them not to be too rough with the defenders.

The plans called for one Chinook with one platoon to land each side of the Weser and for the troops to secure both approaches to the bridge as soon as possible.

But there were signs of trouble as soon as they approached their designated landing strips. The

10 Para speed away from a Chinook.

defenders let off a couple of PE charges as a taste of what was to come.

5 Royal Anglians and a platoon of assault pioneers were well dug in and took a terrible toll as 4 Company swarmed into the fray. The umpires decided that one platoon had sustained 10 casualties even before they got out of the Chinook.

Lance Corporal Alan Hardie, leading a section of 11 Platoon for the first time in action, reached the bridge without being hit. At least he thought he did. "No one told me I was dead," he said. But he had more to worry about on this occasion than on previous exercises.

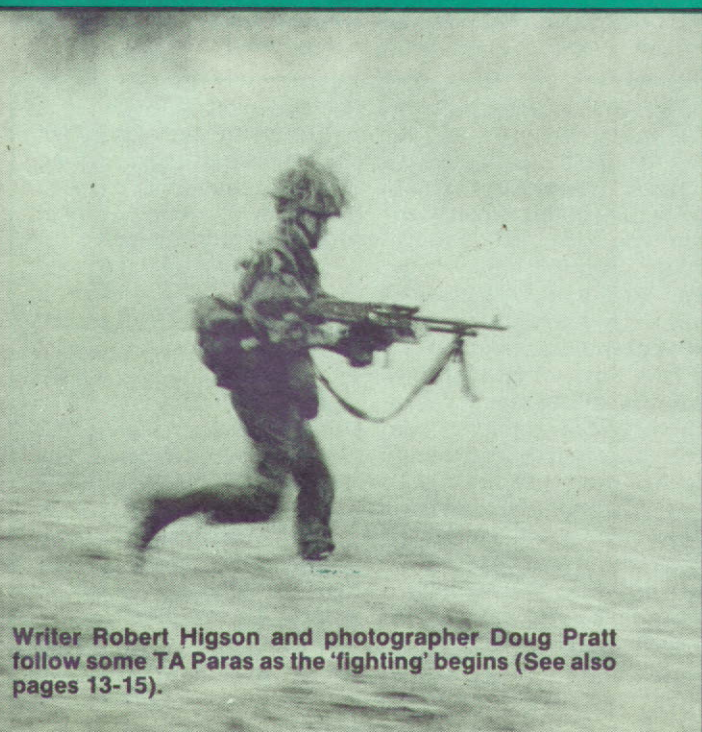
"Leading a section is a lot of hard work and it gives you a lot to think about," he said. "I don't know whether I'd rather be a Tom. At least then you don't need to think what to do, there is someone to tell you."

Private Prosper Keating also got to the objective but he died. "The first proper exercise I've been on," was how he described it. "A lot of fun and excitement but it certainly brought home to me just how easy it is to get killed."

Private David Fox-Pitt was killed just before he got to the bridge. "Great fun and very realistic," was his comment on returning to base none the worse for the experience.

The operation took place at 8.30 am as local people went to work. The novelty of the exercise was increased by having a considerable gallery of spectators, many of whom, the paras reported, regarded the frantic activity as

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Writer Robert Higson and photographer Doug Pratt follow some TA Paras as the 'fighting' begins (See also pages 13-15).



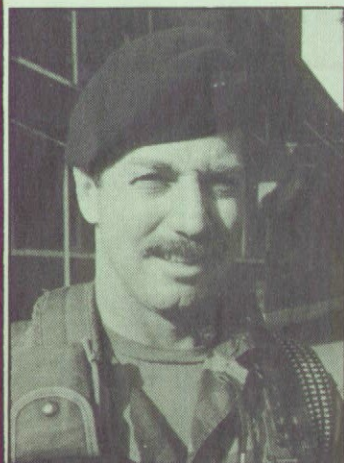
Private David Fox-Pitt, left. Sharp change from Claridges.

though they passed such sights on their way to work every day of the week.

Finally 4 Company left the field of action bloodied but unbowed. "The enemy were terrified of us," said Lance Corporal Donnelly with some satisfaction.

Indeed Captain Baron mentioned one PSI from 5 Anglian who rushed up full of concern

AN AMERICAN OBSERVES



Not all the several thousand Americans on Exercise Lionheart were involved with 1st US Armoured Brigade and the Orange attack on the Blue Forces of 1 British Corps.

One of them turned up with the 10th Battalion, The Parachute Regiment (V) as one volunteer observing the actions of others.

Sergeant Jerry Bailey, aged 38, from California, is a member of A Company 2/160th Mechanised Infantry Bat-

when the part time paras started ejecting defenders from a trench near the bridge. "Be gentle with them lads," the PSI is alleged to have said, "they are only TA."

10 Para's second task as part of Orange Special Forces, was to despatch a raiding party on 1 British Corps Supply Area (Alpha) in the countryside to the east of Melle.

On this occasion it was 60 men of Support Company with HQ elements who boarded two Chinooks with the intention of doing what mischief they could to the defences of CSA Alpha.

Major John Power, OC Support Company and a civil servant by trade, had snipers as well as the recce platoon and the anti-tank, mortar and machine gun platoons to accomplish this task.

talion, a National Guard component of the 40th Infantry Division.

He came to Britain as one of the 10 ncos, each representing a different state, to observe and report on the British nco system which, he told me, has been recognised as the best for many years.

A former regular Army man with two years experience in Vietnam, Sergeant Bailey runs his own sports medicine clinic back home, which enables him, with the help of a partner, to devote much of his time to part-time soldiering.

Americans have a reputation for being unable to accept other peoples' ideas on dietary matters — espec-

The intelligence brief mentioned the need to reduce the ability of the Blue Forces to re-supply their two forward armoured divisions from the well-stocked Corps supply areas. On a more practical level the paras were told: "Don't destroy the stores!"

Each CSA is defended by a Territorial battalion, which has the extremely difficult task of providing cover for an area of concealed supply dumps that may cover as much as 100 square kilometres.

In the case of CSA Alpha it was the 5th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, who had the unenviable job of trying to pin down and eliminate the raiding paras.

Major Power divided his attack into two groups. The northern party was simply to make as much of a nuisance of itself as it could. This it did by setting up the machine gun platoon in a very strong defensive position, dominating two supply dumps.

The paras claimed later that 5 RRF had to extend their attempts to remove this menace from a platoon attack to an assault that involved a couple of companies. They also claimed the singular coup of eliminating the Commanding Officer of 5 RRF by guile and deception.

A small patrol led by Colour Sergeant Peter Taylor, the PSI of Support Company, stripped a trio of 5 RRF 'casualties' of their NBC suits and then walked into the enemy O Group, masked and unrecognisable and shot the colonel dead.

The colonel protested, but eventually agreed to die if the raiding party conceded that they too had perished.

A more difficult question to decide was whether the paras who came on the operation without NBC suits were in fact in danger of contamination as the defenders were all "suited up" as a result of a

ially now, says Sergeant Bailey, as they are all so health conscious.

"But," he added, "I'm an ex-regular infantry man and I can adjust to eating anything." And that was just as well for the 10 Para cuisine was not in a position to cater for individual tastes.

The one thing that did impress the sergeant, as a former airborne soldier, was the news that British paras have dropped in full NBC kit.

"I just couldn't believe it when I heard that," he said. "I don't know how they could see properly. But wait till I tell them back home. A lot of the guys are always complaining about NBC suits. Wait till I tell them that the British

gas alert.

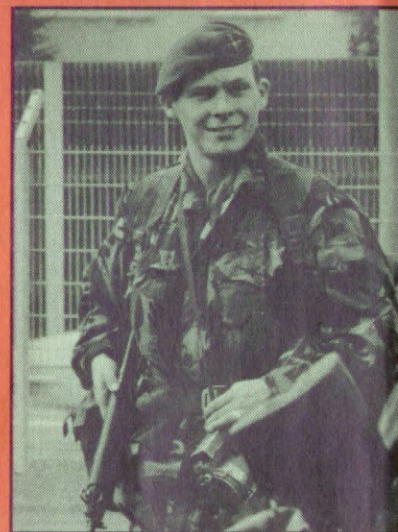
The paras argued that as the gas would have come from Orange sources they could assume that areas where Orange forces were operating would not be attacked.

In any case, it was part of their plan to confuse the enemy with false alerts, principally by the simple means of banging two mess tins together and shouting "gas... gas... gas!"

The southern party, led by Captain Brian Burnikell, landed in the wrong place and only discovered where it was after consulting a local farmer.

Actually, it came down not too far from 5 RRF's B Company HQ. The paras were able to claim that sniper fire wiped out the defenders' first recce patrol on the grounds that the shooters were Army-qualified snipers and at least one, Corporal Ben Miller, has represented 10 Para four times on the winning TA team at Bisley.

The attackers moved on before 5 RRF could assemble larger forces and on their way to the assigned target of supply dumps they attacked an Ordnance group they



Private Prosper Keating — "easy to get killed".

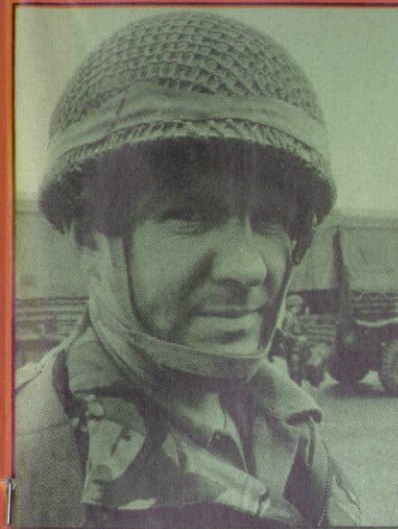
actually jump in them."

The undoubted highlight of Sgt Bailey's visit was jumping in the ceremonial drop to mark the 40th anniversary of the battle of Arnhem.

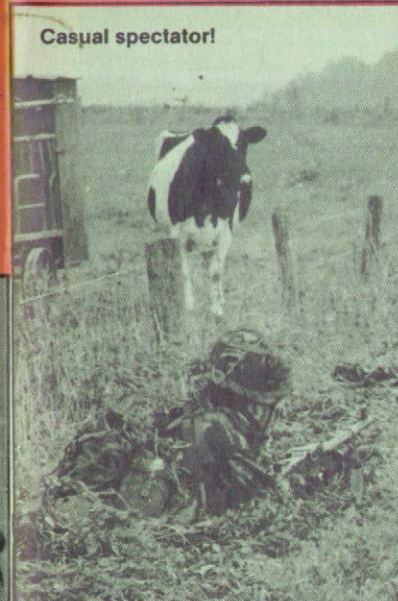
A delighted Sgt Bailey said he believed he was the first member of the US National Guard to jump at Arnhem... but he wasn't the only American in the drop.

Major Luther Terry, US Special Forces Reserve, was attached to 10 Para while working in London — until recently when he was transferred to Singapore. He flew back from there especially to take part in the commemorative event.

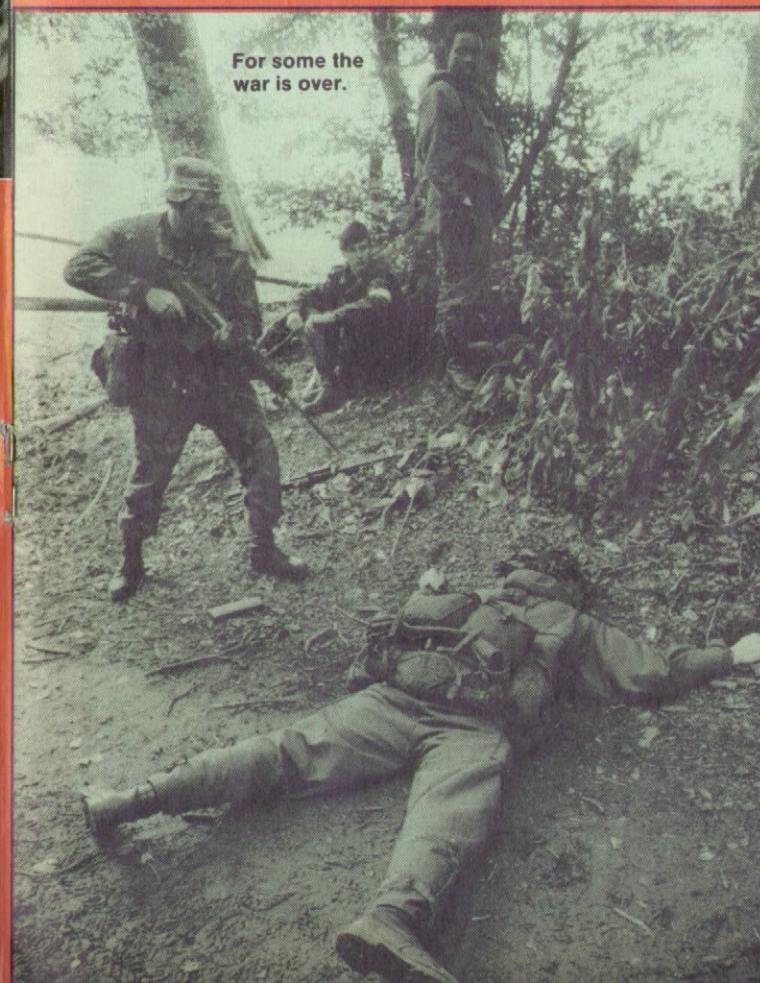
● Full report on the Arnhem ceremonies — next issue.



Lance Corporal Alan Hardie — leading for the first time.



Casual spectator!



For some the war is over.

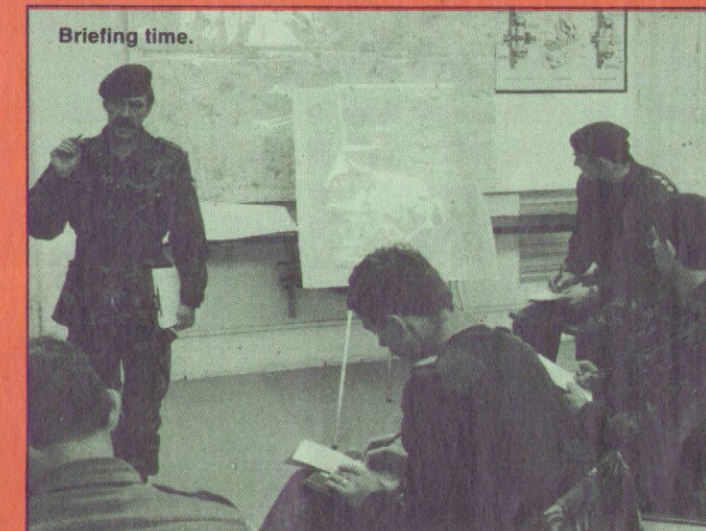
happened to spot in a village.

The encounter developed into a lively fight — which had to be quickly ended by the umpires who could not permit conflict in built-up areas. The day ended for the southern party with an attack on a dump held by members of 22 Ordnance company. Here the defenders had been alerted by gas warning and were in position to put up stiff resistance.

The paras did what else they could to make life difficult for the organisation and operation of CSA Alpha, notably by removing and misplacing the TAC signs that directed drivers to the various dumps.

At the end of the day they returned to base with the feeling of a job well done.

How many of them would have returned if this had been a real operation is another matter.



Briefing time.

Major Ron Schulz, a former 2 i/c of 10 Para who went along as an umpire reckons that not more than a dozen men would have survived the real thing.

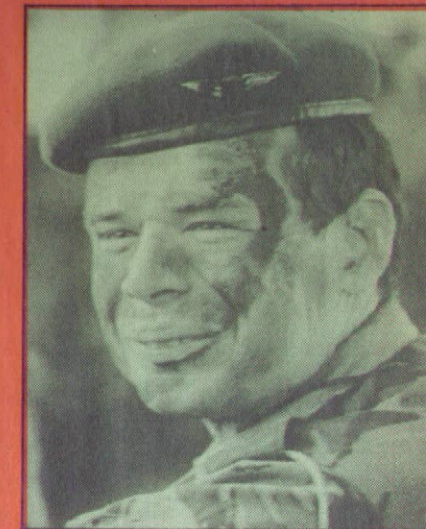
But he said the paras ability to disrupt and dismay the rear areas was evident.

"These places are very vulnerable", he said, "They are packed with supply dumps and headquarters, and the defending battalions have a major problem.

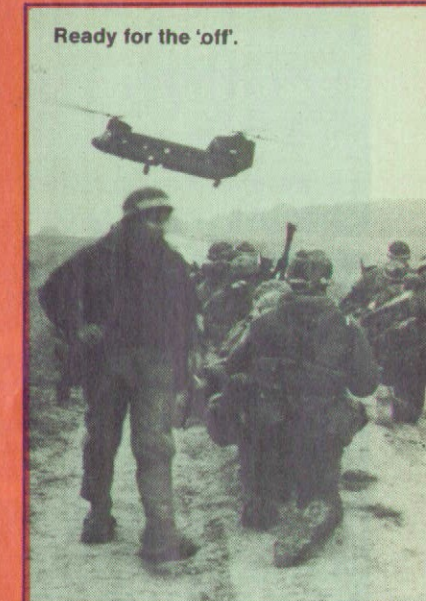
"They are really in a jam until they can get rid of invading parties because you can do an awful lot of damage to store dumps with just a handful of people."

Major Schulz added that the determination and flexibility of the paras to press on and attack gave the defenders a difficult time.

"The ability of the paras to 'up stakes and hoof it' often catches standard infantry on the hop."



Lance Corporal Redmond Donnelly — "enemy terrified".



Ready for the 'off'.



For others, its still to come.



STOP THE ENEMY!

Paul Haley's camera caught the early flavour of Lionheart as the Orange Forces (enemy) began their assault on Blue Forces (ours!). Before beginning the counter-attack Blue had to stop the Orange attack...

Awaiting the first sign of an enemy probe is a Chieftain of D Squadron The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars — but for the town of Esherhausen it looks like business as usual (top).

Right: a look at Saxons making their 'debut' in a major exercise with their owners — 1st Battalion The King's Own Royal Border Regiment.

TACHQ is a barn for men of 1st Battalion the 51st Highland Volunteers and Sergeant Major Frank Baillie (PSI) and Sergeant Gordon Elliot compare notes (below) on the latest information on their Orange rivals.

Below right: Men of King's Own Border prepare to set about defending the bridge in Greene.



Americans of D Company 41st Infantry Battalion race from their M2 Bradley APC. Below: like men, machines have problems from time to time — and American engineers take on an engine change for one of their M1s.



Much of the Orange Force make-up had a distinctly American and German look about it. Above an M1 Abrams tank of the United States Army's 3/67th Armoured Regiment moves to the attack. Below, even attackers need rest at some stage and this German soldier makes the most of his Marder 'bed'.





Satisfying Turn-out

WHEN the last 10 Para head had been counted prior to leaving the Battalion's Chelsea Headquarters, over 80 per cent of the trained men had left for Lionheart.

This was a tonic for the Adjutant, Captain David Benest and a vindication of the effort to impress upon everyone the importance of the exercise and the need for greater than usual commitment.

"It is very satisfying from my point of view that we managed to get so many out for an exercise of this importance," said the 10 Para CO, Lieutenant Colonel Johnny Winter. "It is more than we have had in recent years for annual camp and I think it reflects the interest of the soldiers."

Lionheart was certainly the dramatic change of activity that the desk bound members of 4 Company said they relished most about the Paras: living rough and working hard, but is it really asking a bit much to expect men straight from their city offices to be able to keep up with regulars on this sort of event?

"I think it is entirely fair that we should expect this of them," said Colonel Winter.

"After all that is what they are paid for, that's what they train for. But I think it would be wrong or invidious to draw direct comparisons between the regular and his Territorial counterpart in that, with the best will in the world, the Territorial soldier doesn't have the continuity of training to be on a

par immediately.

"What we are looking for in our soldiers is the potential that, given a period of training like this two weeks, would bring them up to that sort of level.

"Of course the man is a genuine volunteer. If he didn't want to be he wouldn't be here and that enthusiasm is worth a great deal. And of course the one thing we have over the Regular army is the continuity of jobs.

"Some of the men in my battalion have been doing the same

job for 10 or 15 years and they are experts in their particular field."

Colonel Winter had every intention of working his men hard over the two-week exercise: "I am keen that all members of the battalion realise the importance of our role in Germany. We are relied on to arrive here in good order and in a timely fashion.

"The battalion has a reasonably high proportion of young soldiers who have not exercised in Germany before so it is a very useful experience for them.

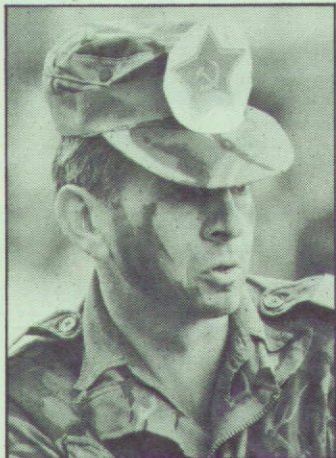
"I am keen for everyone to appreciate our role within the 4th Armoured Division and have the opportunity of exercising with the units that form that division on something approximating to the real ground.

"On a lower level I am particularly keen to get as much training value for the battalion out of it as I can.

"The opportunity of having so many soldiers together for 14 consecutive days is one that I intend to make the most of."

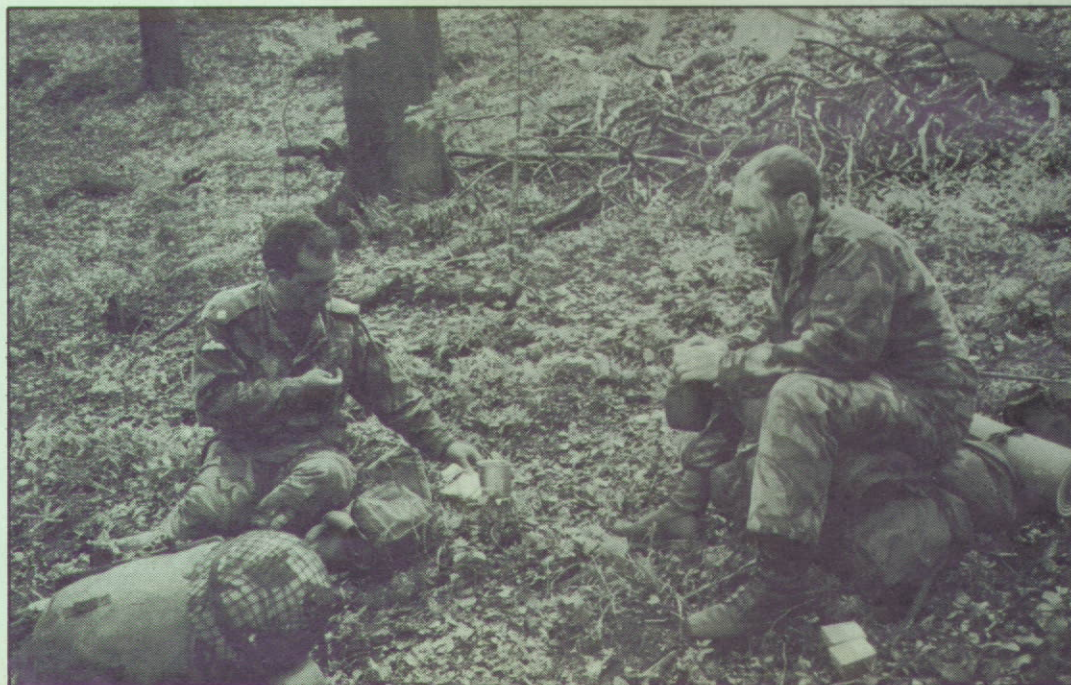


Home from home for 4 Company 10 Para switched between the grimy concrete floor of a vehicle maintenance wing — and a beech wood, below.



Lieutenant Colonel Johnny Winter: "Invidious to draw direct comparisons."

Having looked at some aspects of the opening stages of Exercise Lionheart our next issue will contain coverage of the Blue Forces counter-attack — and will include extra full colour pages.



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IT WAS, for many, their first time away from home and mum's cooking and certainly their first time with the Army in camp near the seaside.

Rousing awakenings at 0630 and limb-stretching PT just ten minutes later.

But the 360 Army Cadet Forces youngsters loved every action-packed minute of it by all accounts.

Four companies of the Wiltshire Army Cadet Force had 'invaded' in strength the quieter environs of Cornwall at Penhale Camp near Newquay.

With them were 70 skilled adult instructors and 40 Regular and TA soldiers who had all volunteered themselves to put the lads through their paces for a fortnight and savoured taste of life in the field, grown-up style.

During the first week the lads took part in military training, split into groups based on age and experience.

The School of Infantry at Warminster had loaned them

SLRs on which to perfect their marksmanship or, at least, improve on their firing line techniques.

There, too, was the obligatory assault course with which some of the pint-sized boys in combat kit got to grips with gusto.

Another popular activity among the visitors was abseiling 80 feet down a cliff face above Perran Beach.

Map reading and orienteering were organised near Penhale Sands and the Cornwall North Coast Path.

And that was just the first week. The second phase saw a 36-hour exercise on the wilds of Bodmin

Moor where the cadets over-nighted under canvas and cooked their own "scoff" on camp fires.

End-of-camp highlights included a march-and-shoot competition.

But all work and no play dulls even the most enterprising Jack-the-lad and breaks from serious training were spent swimming, canoeing and trampolining. Some even went on the coastal walks; others made trips into Newquay, Falmouth and Truro.

Mid-way through the camp, some of the families visited Penhale for the traditional drumhead open air service. This was conducted by

the Rev Edwin Bennett from Penton Mewsey who is Senior Chaplain to the ACF and was assisted by the Rev Peter Stone, Chaplain of Dauntsey's School, West Lavington and the Rev Malcolm Williams of Salisbury.

It was another 'first time' annual camp, too, for another visitor to Penhale Camp... Colonel Basil Hobbs, who became Commandant of the Wiltshire ACF last October and is the Regimental Secretary of The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment based in the RHQ at Salisbury.

Pictures: UKLF



Maintaining a family connection with D Company's Trowbridge Platoon, begun by their father and an uncle are 16-year-old David Ford, Cadet Regimental Sergeant Major, seen above inspecting twin brothers Barrie, centre and Stuart. Other pictures by UKLF show Wiltshire cadets in action... or eating!



Story: Graham Smith



Cadets from 202 Acton Cadet Squadron, R.E., have been getting a taste of Commando training Belgian style.

A party from the London suburb recently spent a week at the Commando Training Centre at Marche-les-Dames, Belgium, undertaking rock climbing, obstacle courses, and a two hour exercise in total darkness with the appropriate name of "Black Out."

The cadets took enthusiastically to such tasks as building a make-shift stretcher to ferry a patient across water. Their first stretcher case, their OC Captain A V Hart, arrived on the other side soaking wet but in one piece.

They also experienced a couple of "death slides" both of which demanded a fair bit of dexterity to come to a safe and dignified halt.

It was hard but rewarding work and at the end the cadets were full of thanks to the staff at the training centre and hopes that the unit will be able to return next year.

IT should have been an almighty disaster. The Woofers set off on an exercise and were all immediately captured.

This was the first unexpected turn of events as a completely different kind of exercise to that which they had been expecting swung into action for the 1st Battalion the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters.

Although they didn't know it at the time, almost the whole battalion was to be disorientated, then sent out into the Sauerland countryside for three nights in a tactical evasion exercise which was to be a severe test of their military resilience and spirit.

The first stage was learning in a very practical way how to treat prisoners by being treated as prisoners themselves. Like the good soldiers they are, they did not, of course, give up hope.

"Friendly troops" eventually caused a diversion which allowed them to escape in groups of five to eight.

The initial disaster had now led to an exciting opportunity for the battalion to practise operating in small patrols over broken and unfamiliar ground.

The soldiers, with nothing but their "Y-fronts", NBC suits and boots found their familiar command structures had been chucked out of the window.

They had to cope with rapidly changing operational and physical circumstances made worse by lack of food and sleep.

Hampered by the absence of

normal navigational aids, the soldiers had various "agents" to meet and had also to pass a variety of agility and confidence tests.

In addition to that, the whole countryside had been alerted against them. The enemy were 273 Parachute Battalion from Iserlohn and 202 Panzer Grenadier Battalion from Hemer, in reality long established friends who added a further dimension to the exercise by giving the Battalion an excellent

opportunity to work together with some of their German allies.

The Germans had one great advantage. Many of them actually live in the exercise area, and local children spotting soldiers lurking about in the undergrowth were often quick to phone up the Bundeswehr or the Polizei and do the dirty.

Some patrols nevertheless did very well, scrounging a slap up meal and a nice shower before setting off again, though they had to weigh up such fleeting pleasures against the risk that someone might phone the authorities and warn them which way they were going.

At the start of the exercise, the Woofers had a meal of black bread, pea soup and black tea before setting off.

Thereafter it was not much more than dreams of the steak, egg and

Keeping clothing dry! Private Keith Candel and Sergeant David Redfern.

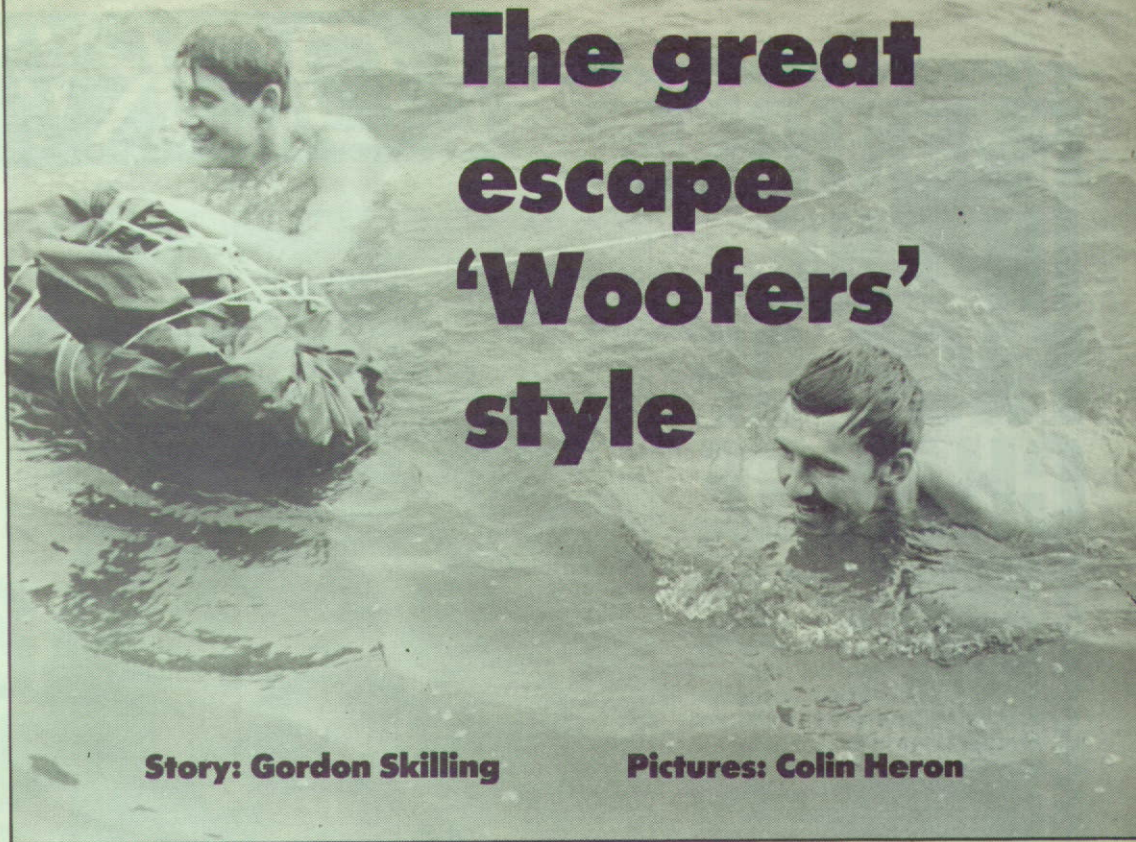
chips awaiting them at the end of the exercise which kept them going for the next three days.

A good two thirds of the battalion managed to escape capture again, and those who were captured learned a lot about themselves and now know it might have been better to have swum the river instead of trying to make it over the bridge.

After five years with the 4th Armoured Division, the Woofers are due next month to become the demonstration battalion at the School of Infantry at Warminster.

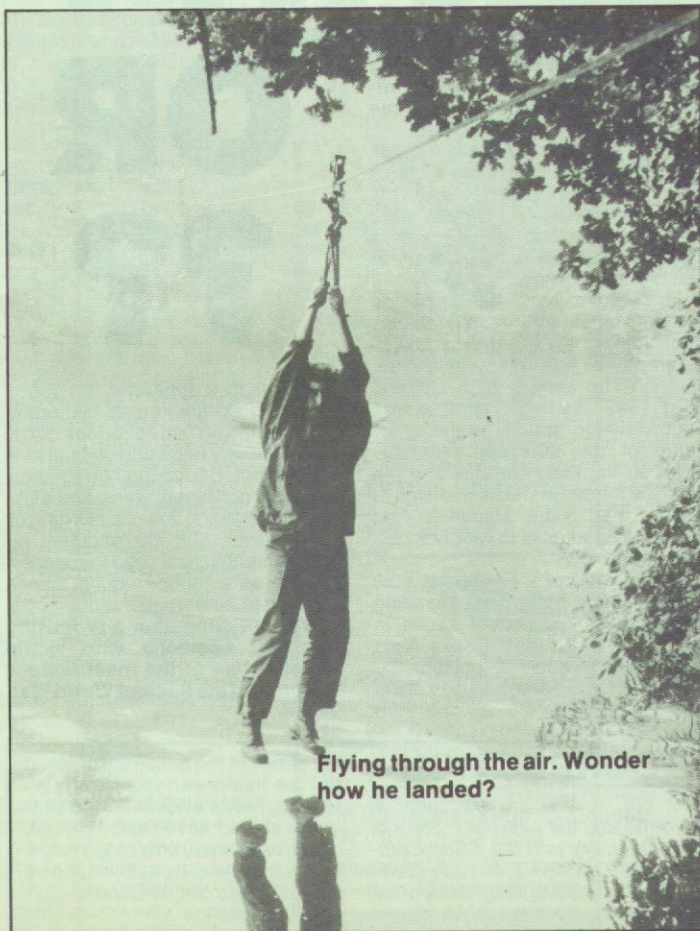
They were unable to take part in Lionheart, but the exercise they have just completed has shown that they have what it takes.

The great escape 'Woofers' style



Story: Gordon Skilling

Pictures: Colin Heron



Flying through the air. Wonder how he landed?



Mouldy bread? Well, if you are hungry...

FLEXIBLE IN THE FACE OF CHANGE

THE British Army must be very nearly unique in that it consists of regiments whose histories, give or take the odd amalgamation hiccup, can be traced in an unbroken line back to the first real establishment of a national regular army in the seventeenth century.

Indeed, so much is written about the achievements of particular regiments that one is apt to forget that they function within the broader context of a cohesive arm of the Service. In this concise and very readable little book, Major Myatt goes some way to redressing that imbalance by assessing the emergence and changing role of the British Infantry as a body.

Clearly it cannot attempt a detailed and comprehensive history — that would take several volumes — but it outlines the broad sweep of events, pinpointing the factors which had the most marked effect, so that the most consistent and challenging theme in the history of the British infantry, its flexibility in the face of the need for change, emerges crystal clear.

Against a backdrop of very different campaigns — the Seven Years War, the American Revolution, the Napoleonic Wars, the Colonial Wars of the nineteenth century, culminating in the problems posed by the Boer War, and finally the two World Wars — the changes in the infantry theory and practice are charted, and the practical developments in weapons, equipment and uniforms considered and assessed.

It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the British Infantry arm has reached its current position through a long and often bitter testing, a rare and surprisingly relevant cumulation of experience endangered now not by external forces, but by internal policy shifts. As the author sums up pointedly, "It is fatally easy to disband good infantry, but remarkably difficult to reassemble it." IJK.

The British Infantry 1660-1945 by Fred Myatt. (Blandford Press £6.95).

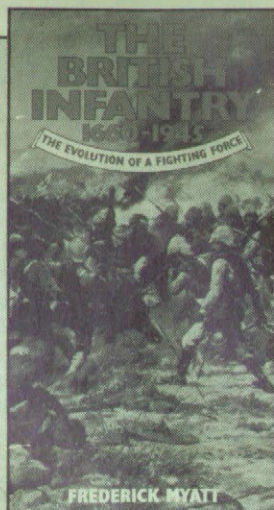
NEW FICTION

Deed of Glory by Alan Evans. Published by Hodder & Stoughton, price £8.95. An account of the true-life adventure of the Commando raid on the docks of St Nazaire in March 1942.

The First Man to Land by Douglas Reeman. Published by Hutchinson Books Ltd, price £8.95. Second novel about the seafaring Blackwood family. The Royal Navy sends its Marines to counter the fanatically cruel Boxer enemy.



Soldiers of 1 Royal Anglian on Exercise Pond Jump West at Wainwright, Canada earlier this year.



SUPERSTAR



General Montgomery in August 1943.

Few military figures this century have aroused as many passions as Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein — one of the superstars of World War Two.

Large numbers of people thought he was the greatest thing to have happened to British arms since the Duke of Wellington. Others were equally convinced that he was a diplomatic liability whose efforts at self promotion knew no bounds.

Three years ago there appeared the first volume of what must have a good claim to be the definitive biography of this remarkable man, "Monty: The Making of a General 1887-1942", by Nigel Hamilton was endowed with special authority by virtue of the personal friendship between the Field Marshal and the author's father Sir Denis Hamilton. It meant that Sir Denis Hamilton had unrestricted access to Monty's personal papers.

The Making of a General is now available to a much wider reading public having just been issued in paperback by Coronet Books. Next year Coronet hope to put out the second volume "Monty: Master of the Battlefield 1942-44", with the third

OR ??

and final book appearing in 1987. Writing an authorised biography, Nigel Hamilton naturally does not go out of his way to be unduly critical of his subject. But young Montgomery is vividly portrayed, warts and all, in this massive first volume. His difficult relationship with his mother, his almost pathological need to succeed, his life as a moody young officer, inclined to be abrupt and unfriendly. It was not altogether a promising start for someone who would become one of the most famous generals of the Second World War. — RH

CORRECTION

In our review of *Decision in Normandy, the Unwritten Story of Montgomery and the Allied Campaign* (SOLDIER 2 July) by Carlo D'Este, we inadvertently omitted one line of type which may have altered

the sense of the sentence. Instead of: "He has drawn extensively on Montgomery's evidence," the sentence should have read: "He has drawn extensively on Montgomery's critics and those he sacked and he even belittles Major-General Belchem's evidence..."

SABRE CUTS AND STEEDS

ANY book on the subject of cavalry is virtually bound to mention the old *Punch* cartoon which has an insouciant cavalry officer summarising his service's role in war as "giving tone to what would otherwise be a mere vulgar brawl."

The British Cavalry by Philip Warner (published by J M Bent & Sons Ltd., £12.95) is no exception. Indeed, Mr Warner starts his first chapter with an account from the Peninsula War which seems to make the joke come true. A British officer described how he met and mortally wounded a young French officer in a hand to hand duel on horseback.

He wrote: "I shall never forget his good-humoured, fine countenance during the whole time we were engaged in this single combat, talking cheerfully and politely to me as if we were exchanging civilities instead of sabre cuts."

SHOCKED

He was shocked later to hear that the Frenchman had died. And upset that a sabre cut on his forefinger prevented him playing the violin for weeks: "a great deprivation, as I always played in the bivouac at night."

Later in the 19th Century, says Mr Warner, cavalry officers were noted for bone-headed, uncultured arrogance rather than the ability to play the violin or converse with their opponents in fluent French.

But whether viewed with admiration or abhorrence the cavalry was always different. For glamour and excitement no other arm of the service could match it. Anyone could become a foot soldier, it was said during the Napoleonic wars, but you needed to be something special to make a good cavalryman.

HEADY

Unfortunately, as Mr Warner points out, the heady atmosphere created its own problems. Like many modern drivers of fast cars, cavalrymen would sometimes get carried away with inflated and unwarranted faith in their

own ability. Mr Warner recounts many stories of over excited troops galloping off the battlefield in pursuit of a broken enemy, only to return with exhausted and blown horses to discover that their own side had been vanquished in their absence.

Philip Warner, a former senior lecturer at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, traces the use and development of mounted troops from the chariot-borne warriors of antiquity to their modern counterparts, riding to war on motorised steeds of steel.

Not unnaturally most of his

narrative is centred on what must have been the golden age of British Cavalry — the 18th and the 19th Centuries. Starting with the brilliant campaigns of the first Duke of Marlborough and ending with the frustrations of the Boer War, this 200 year span saw the development of the great cavalry regiments of the British Army.

Modern weapons ended the role of horses as weapons of offense, despite the incurable faith of many commanders. Seven years before the First World War, the man who was to become Field Marshal Haig, C-in-C

British Forces on the Western Front, wrote a book explaining why the cavalry's role in the future would be greater than ever.

The cavalry never featured in any significant way on the Western Front, but in Palestine the Australian Light Horse and several British yeomanry regiments helped General Allenby on the road to Jerusalem and beyond.

But it was also the Middle East that saw a flickering of cavalry action in the Second World War when Yorkshire Dragoons and yeomanry from North Somerset and

Cheshire were used in 1941 against the Vichy French in Syria.

But, says Mr Warner, there was even one later action. A mounted detachment of the Burma Frontier Force, cut off and ambushed by a vastly superior Japanese force in 1942, preferred to charge the enemy rather than surrender.

"The odds were too great and the cavalry force was wiped out," Mr Warner says. "Few people have ever heard of it, but of its kind it was as heroic a charge as that of the Light Brigade." — RH

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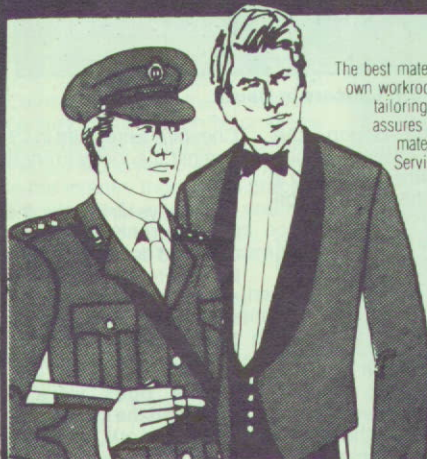
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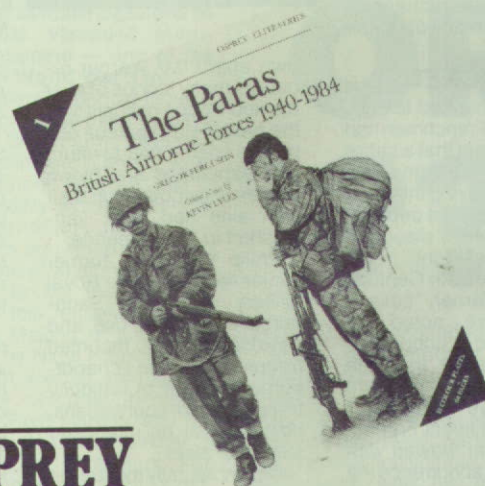
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Even so, the most creative of war correspondents would have found it difficult to overstate the blood-thirstiness of the Ashanti warriors of 1873.

When the small expeditionary force under Colonel Sir Garnet Wolseley burst into the deserted Ashanti capital of Kumassi, in what is now Ghana, an horrific sight met their eyes.

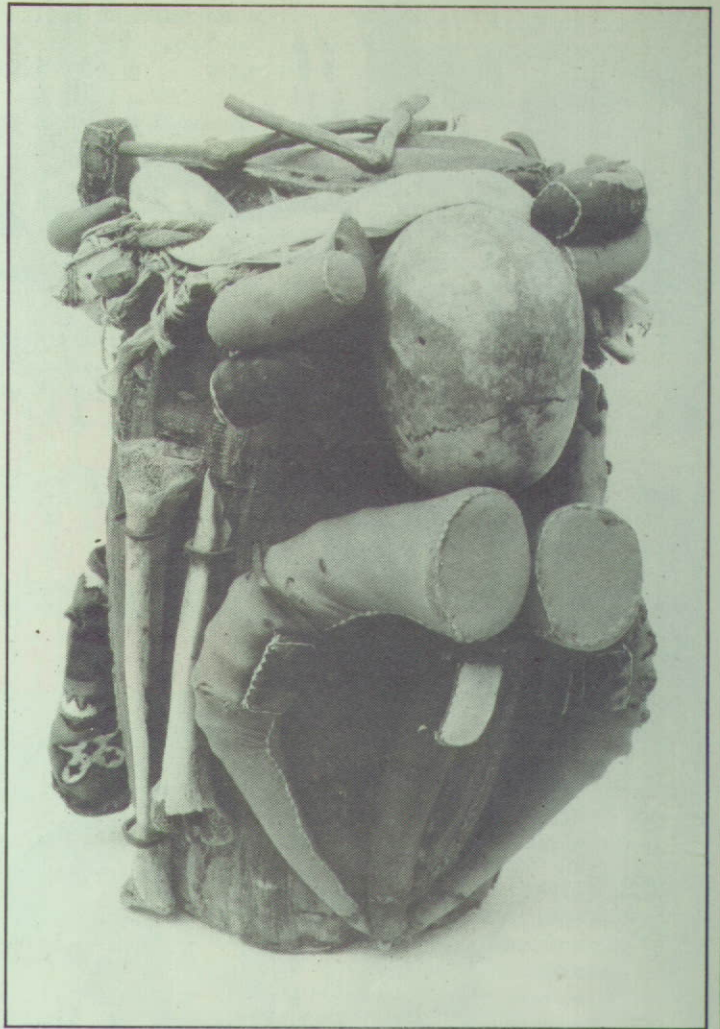
Numerous dismembered corpses were littered round a sacred grove, complete with a blood-saturated sacrificial stool and a huge brass vessel brimming with fresh gore.

From this ghastly scene

Wolseley removed a number of trophies, including a drum decorated with patches of human skin, hair, a skull, jawbones and other grizzly relics, including padding made from the red cloth of British uniforms, possibly the remains of soldiers massacred in Ashanti country in 1821.

This frightful object can now be seen in the Story of the Army gallery. In a silver and ceramics case in the museum's upper corridor is another curious souvenir of Wolseley's campaign.

The Ashanti leader, King Kofi, was the owner of a Georgian silver coffee-pot. Mercifully, it is not known whether the King poured coffee from this elegant vessel while his victims were being butchered.



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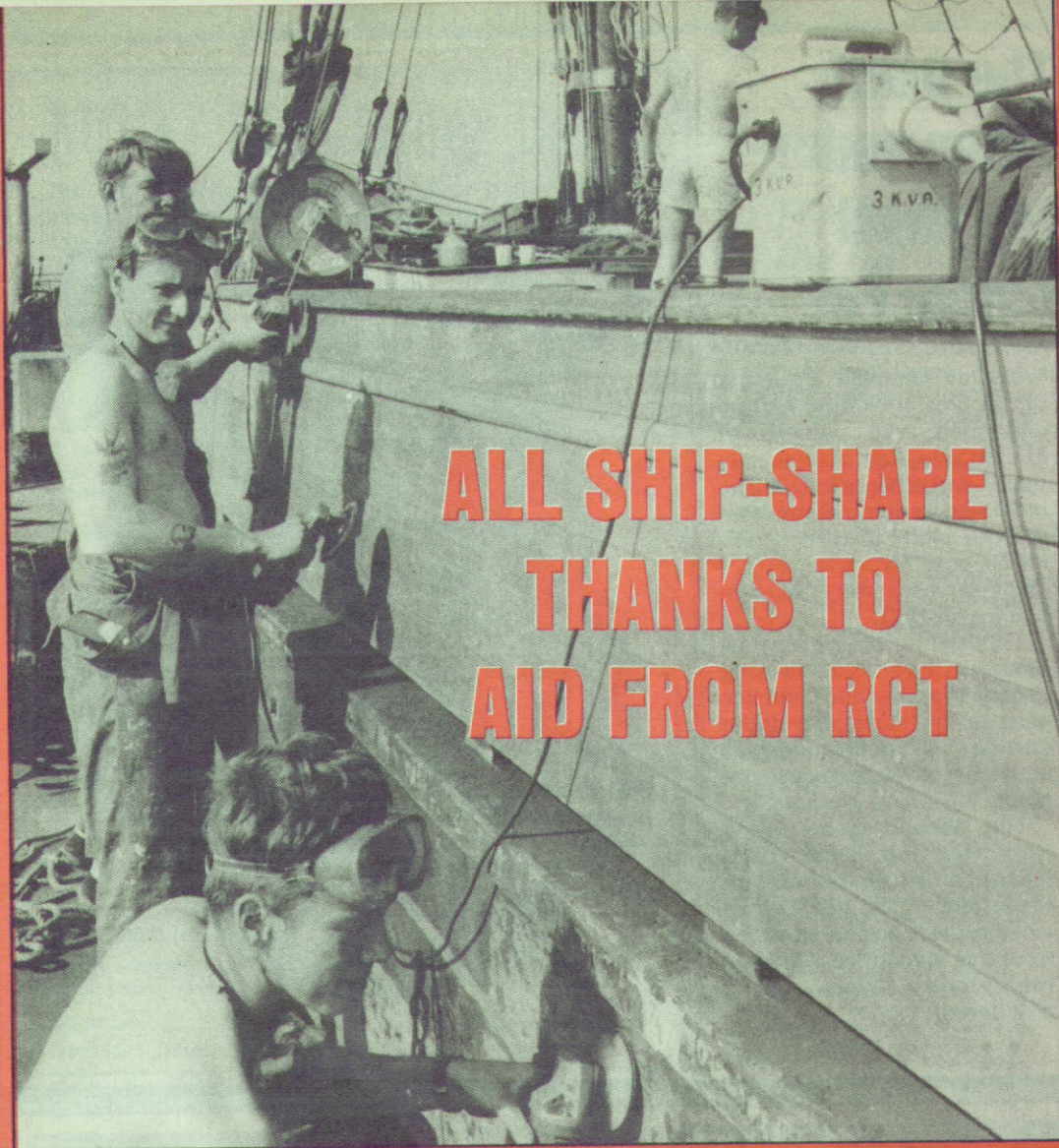
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ALL SHIP-SHAPE THANKS TO AID FROM RCT

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Built in 1938, ZEBU was one of the last of the old Baltic traders to be built in Sweden.

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There she remained, down on her luck and up for sale, until discovered by Nick and Jane Broughton, the present owners.

They sold their business in order to devote themselves to the restoration of ZEBU. Their plans and their enthusiasm were sufficient to get Operation Raleigh interested, provided the brigantine could be made ready and sea worthy in time for the first stage of the round-the-world trip in mid-October.

The young soldiers from Buller played an important role in helping ZEBU meet this dead line. And 61 Depot Squadron now has in its possession a finely carved name plate bearing the name ZEBU, while ZEBU itself sets off on its travels with a framed squadron crest screwed to a bulkhead.

Perhaps there will even be a couple of the trainees among the future crews of venturers. Some of the lads were sufficiently impressed with the whole idea that they have applied to sail on the ship they've helped restore.

YOUNG trainees from the Royal Corps of Transport have been getting to grips with a form of conveyance very different from the lorries they learn to drive at Leconfield.

In the process they have made a small but substantial contribution to Operation Raleigh — the scheme which will give teams of young people a taste of adventure over the next four years.

The trainees came from Holding Troop, 61 Depot Squadron, Depot and Training Regiment, RCT, at Buller Barracks, Aldershot. Having finished their recruit training they were awaiting posting to Leconfield.

In this period of limbo they are generally found something to do in the shape of odd jobs, but thanks to Captain Laurie May, 2 i/c 61 Depot Squadron, some of them were given the chance to learn a bit about boat renovation.

"In an ideal world these boys would go straight to Leconfield," Captain May told SOLDIER. "But it's not. We keep them occupied, obviously, but it is rather mundane work, if one is honest."

Captain May has been involved with Operation Raleigh for over a year: on a couple of occasions she has helped out with selection weekends.

When she was asked if she could find some soldiers prepared to give a hand with the restoration of one of the Operation's support ships,

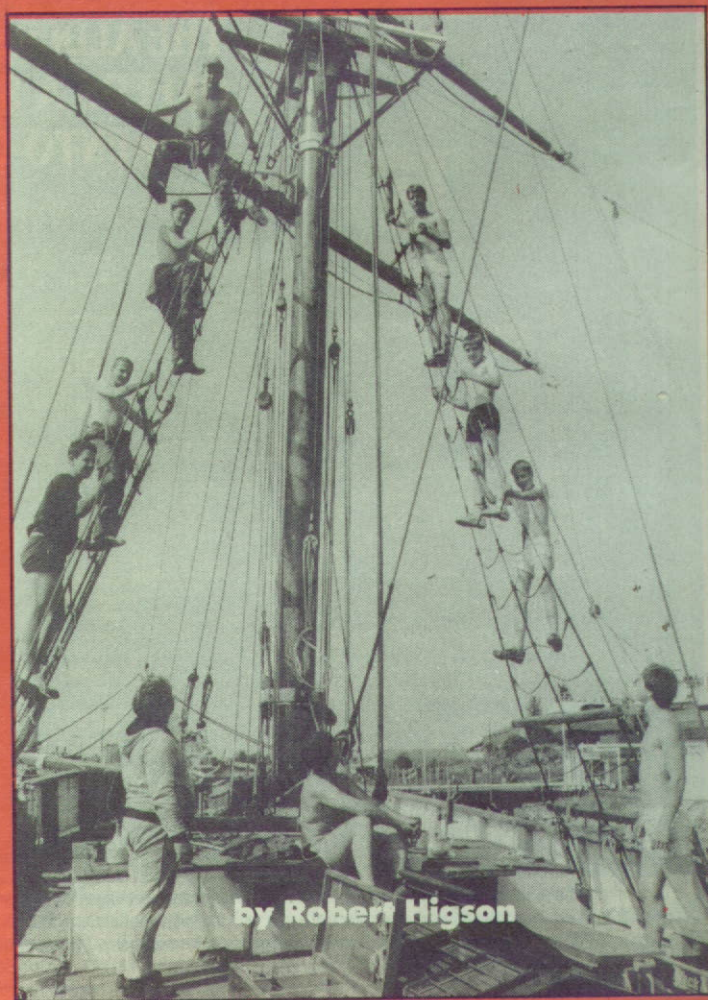
she knew where to look.

As a result four separate groups of young soldiers from Buller were taken by Corporal Tom Cawood, a section NCO of Holding Troop, across to Lowestoft for a week of scraping, sanding, painting and varnishing.

Altogether some 35 trainees were involved and some of them displayed surprising skills. Everyone was very impressed when Driver John Anker was able to shape a tree trunk into a 40 foot spar in the week that he was there.

"Well, I tell you they were marvellous," she said. "Initially we were asked to go up there for one week. That's how it started. Could I provide the lads? Yes. Fine, got them up there. And then they actually requested that they go up for another two weeks at least. They were genuinely pleased with the lads."

The object of all this activity was the 72-foot brigantine, ZEBU, which is due to provide some adventurers on Operation Raleigh



by Robert Higson

FLYING ROUND IN CIRCLES



On the radar screen below there are 21 British military aircraft, dating from the '30s to the present day. Fifteen of them will immediately become apparent as you fill in the clues — each answer begins on its numbered square and continues in a clockwise direction.

- 1 Footwear fit for a duke.
- 2 Swimmer with its own weapon.
- 3 Does he always win?
- 4 Capital of Northern Ireland.
- 5 What a shambles in this Yorkshire city.
- 6 Another Yorkshire city.
- 7 Courageous.
- 8 Gull-like bird.
- 9 Bird of prey. *Eagle*
- 10 Irritating little biter. *Mosquito*
- 11 Large ocean going bird.
- 12 A bridge — wing-tip to wing-tip
- 13 Mercenary fighter in Roman times.
- 14 Put short answer on. *Answer*
- 15 Bandit.
- 16 Feline. American flyer when wild. *Catclaw*
- 17 Do dragons do this when they're angry?
- 18 Missiles — when seen from the keeper's view.
- 19 An Australian that never gets off the ground.
- 20 They refuel at dinner time.

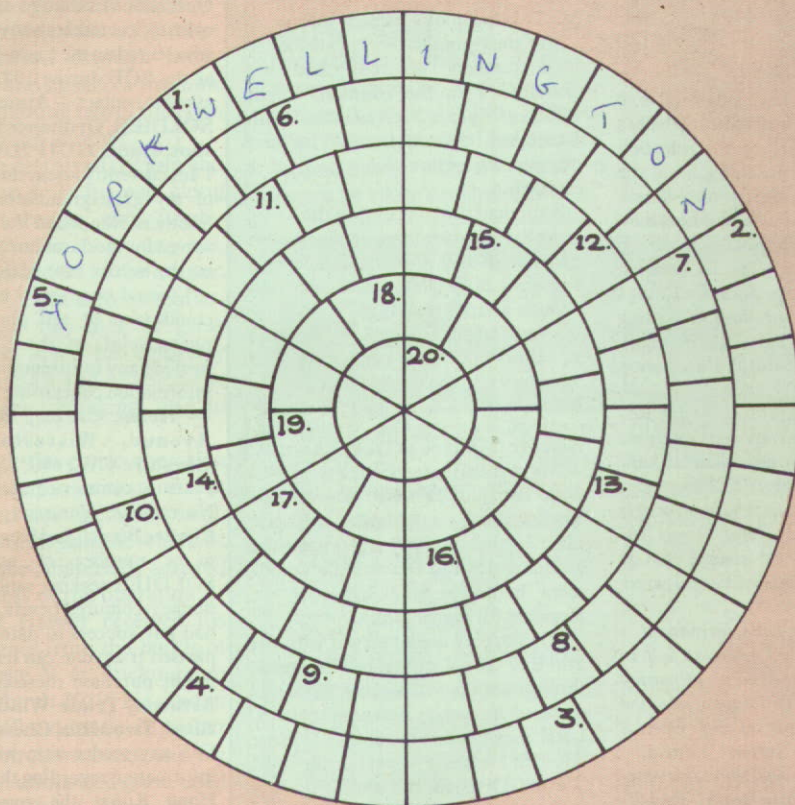
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20 They refuel at dinner time.

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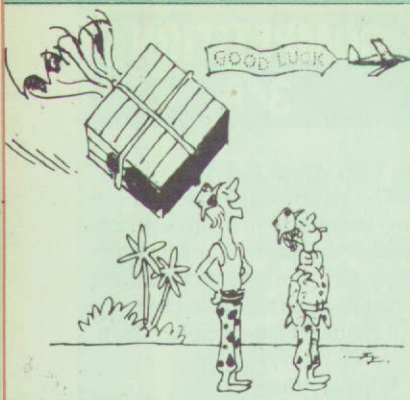
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Congratulations to Lt Col Iain Robertson and his 224 (North Staffordshire) Field Ambulance (V) who won the Army Medical Services Challenge Shield TA (SOLDIER 27 August).

To win such a coveted trophy as this is indeed something of which to be proud. But could we remind Colonel Iain that his neighbouring Field Ambulance — 22 (East Midland) Field Ambulance, based at Leicester accomplished this "hitherto unknown feat" in 1975 and 76 and again in 1978 and 79.

We wish 224 the very best of good fortune in 1985. To win then would indeed be a record. — H Charlton, 70 Melton Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7NF.

Since receiving this letter we have also heard from 223 (Durham) field Ambulance that they won the shield in 1983! — Ed.

UNINSPIRING

The expansion of the TA is good news, particularly for The Cheshire Regiment, The Light Infantry and The Royal Green Jackets who will all acquire extra battalions. But what of the titles chosen for the other three new battalions?

1st Bn The Yorkshire & Cleveland Volunteers is fairly uninspiring and must lead to confusion with the existing Yorkshire Volunteers who already have three battalions. Why couldn't we have

TA battalions for The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, The Green Howards and the Duke of Wellington's Regiment?

8th Bn The Queen's Fusiliers (City of London). Who on earth are The Queen's Fusiliers? How can it be the 8th Bn when there is no 1st? If neither The Queen's Regiment nor the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers would give way, it would have been preferable to revive The London Regiment which had a distinguished history in the annals of the TA.

3rd Bn Devon & Cornwall Rifle Volunteers. Why the 3rd Bn when there are no 1st and 2nd? If it is the 3rd Bn of The Wessex Regt, would it not make sense to say so, with 'Devon and Cornwall Rifle Volunteers' as a subsidiary title? — R J Davenport, 60 Station Road, Halstead, Sevenoaks, Kent.

LONG WAIT

I am writing about the length of time our son has had to wait to hear if he has been called forward to the selection centre for the purpose of joining the Army. In all, and after several letters and telephone calls from the authorities, it took 10 months. I do think this is too long to wait just to hear about a job especially when he is so keen to join. I hope other boys thinking of joining will now be warned. — R Counsell, 81 Pretoria Road, Patchway, Bristol BS12 5PU.

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There have been some delays this year, particularly where, as in Heath Counsell's case, we could not call him forward for his initial job choice. Army Careers Officers throughout the country have tried to keep parents in the picture and as at Bristol, have called boys in for rebriefing if there are no further vacancies in any

job. Heath Counsell was called to the Selection Centre in August and we wish him luck in seeking a career in the Army.

ROOTS

In response to our request for your families' Army connections, Major Euan Gordon, late of The Gordon Highlanders writes:

My great-great-grandfather, The Rev William Gordon was Minister in the Parish of Urquhart, Chaplain to the Duke of Gordon at Gordon Castle, and on the formation of The Gordon Highlanders became Hon Chaplain to the regiment.

Unfortunately, there has been a break in the line. However, portraits of the Rev William and of Mrs Gordon hang in my office and seem to watch my every move.

Mr D Hingle of Fulham writes:

My great-grandfather enlisted in the 16th Lancers in 1849 and my grandfather in the Highland Light Infantry. My father served in the South Lancashire Regiment from 1911-19 and his six brothers served in various other regiments.

I also had three cousins in the Army as well as my two sons, one in the 4th Bn The Royal Green Jackets and another has just left the Goldstream Guards after 15 years.

I myself served in the Royal Marines so I think our family can be proud of our service to the Crown over the last 134 years.

And Mr Osborne of Dawlish writes:

My grandad served in the Boer War with the 1st Bn The Devonshire Regiment and was wounded at Wagon Hill. He left in 1908 and joined the Exeter and South Devon Rifle Volunteers before re-enlisting with the Regulars for war service.

His son (my uncle) served with the 5th Bn, The Devonshire Regiment throughout the 1920s and 30s and was engaged in coastal defences in 1939. Later they became the 86th A/T Regt RA (5th Devons) — part of the 43rd Wessex Division and my uncle was with them from Normandy to Hamburg.

I served overseas with the 1st Bn in 1951 before joining the 4th Bn in 1953 serving until 1964.

Competition

Competition No 344, 'A Question of Boundaries' should not have posed too much of a problem for the students of North American geography among you; but then we did make it easy by including the names of the districts in our list of 25. All you needed was an atlas and a sheet of tracing paper! For those who couldn't quite manage it, the answers were 1 Arizona, 2 California, 3 Idaho, 4 Mackenzie, 5 Manitoba, 6 Montana, 7 Nevada, 8 New Mexico, 9 Oregon, 10 Saskatchewan, 11 Vermont, 12 Yukon. Prizewinners were: 1st G Johns, Berry Park, Derriton Road, Pyworthy, Devon. 2nd L/Cpl M Crowther, HQ Sqn 14/20 H, BFPO 30. 3rd G W Andrews, 7 Hayman Road, Minehead, Somerset. 4th Maj Egon Maarup, Snerlevej 6, 7500 Holstebro, Sweden. 5th Keith Sell, 20 Gaunts Way, Letchworth, Herts.

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Can You Help?

I am at present compiling a book entitled Uniforms & Insignia of the World's Armed Forces since 1945 and wondered if readers of SOLDIER can help. Any information will be gratefully received. — S Bland, 32 Linnett Close, Larkshall Road, Chingford, London E4 6UB.

UK readers will be aware of the current television series on the wartime Special Operations Executive. In the interests of historical research anyone (all ranks) who served on the Cairo-Yugoslav desk of the SOE during 1942 and 1943 is asked to contact — Anne Armstrong, SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU.

I am currently researching the history of my great-grandfather's unit, the Southern Rhodesian Volunteers which served for the duration of the Boer War on the border near Mafeking.

I would be grateful to anyone who could loan or sell photographs (or photocopies) of the SRV or could provide any information of sources of information concerning this regiment.

— Helen Carter, 28 Ropebank Avenue, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire CW2 6RP.

I am a committee member of the Normandy Veterans Association, Chester Branch and have been writing to a number of advertisers in SOLDIER seeking sand-coloured or donkey-coloured berets. As I have not had any success to date, I should be pleased if anyone can tell me where I might purchase these items. — J H Arnison, Trade Winds, Parkgate Road, Two Mills, Chester CH1 6EZ.

Can any reader help with photos or information regarding the following in Hong Kong: the coastal defences situated on the island and at Devils Peak on Kowloon; the Shing Mun Redoubt that formed part of the Gin Drinkers line during the battle of Hong Kong Dec 1941. I would be most grateful and all costs would be covered. — WO2 P H Starling RAMC, British Military Hospital, Hong Kong, BFPO 1.

I am engaged in researching and writing the history of Gravesend Milton Barracks and the regiments that occupied them from 1860, when it was built, until the mid-1970s, when the last regiment left and most of the site was taken over by the local council.

I would be interested to hear from anyone who has photographs of the barrack buildings or the regiments carrying out their day to day functions, parades, fatigues, rifle drill, band concerts or regimental dinners etc.

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OLD SOLDIERS MARK VC's GRAVE

THANKS to the Queen's Royal Surrey Regimental Association, a headstone now marks the grave of a World War One hero — Sergeant Jack Harvey, VC.

Exactly 66 years to the day that Sergeant Harvey won his country's highest award a simple ceremony was held at Redstone Cemetery, Redhill in Surrey, to dedicate the new headstone.

In September 1918, Sergeant Harvey was a private in the 1/22nd Battalion (County of London) Regiment (The Queen's), when he won his country's highest award for gallantry. At the time he was employed as a regimental cook.

According to the citation: "When the advance of his company was held up by intense machine-gun fire, Private Harvey at once dashed forward through heavy enemy fire and rushed a machine gun post, shooting two of the team and bayoneting another.

"He then destroyed the gun and continued to work his way along the enemy trench, and, single-handed, rushed an enemy dug-out, which contained 37 of the enemy, and compelled them to surrender.

"By these two acts of great gallantry he saved his company heavy casualties and enabled the whole of the attacking line to advance.

"Through the entire operation he showed the most magnificent courage and determination, and, by the splendid example which he set to all ranks, materially assisted in the success of the operation."

Sergeant Harvey received his Victoria Cross from the hands of King George V at Buckingham Palace in March 1919. He died in August 1940 evidently in rather straitened circumstances, and lay buried in an unmarked grave until the Queen's Royal Surrey Regimental Association took action.

The Queen's Regiment has a permanent display of its 46 VC holders. Research into the background and whereabouts of each

revealed where, and in what circumstances, Sergeant Harvey was buried.

Much of the information came from Mr Nigel McCrey, a Nottingham police constable and a collector of medals. Mr McCrey bought Sergeant Harvey's VC for £9,500 (many years ago the sergeant's widow had sold it for £60). Once in possession of the medal he was determined to find out more about the man who won it.

The result was a service at the Redstone Cemetery attended by

20 relatives of Sergeant Harvey's family, officers of the Regimental Association, and the Mayors of Reigate and the London Borough of Southwark.

It was conducted by the Rev Douglas Walker, Vicar of All Saints, Sheerness, Kent, who is padre to the 5th (Volunteer) Battalion, the Queen's Regiment, which traces its origins back to the

formation of the Surrey Rifle Volunteer Corps in 1860 and is the direct descendent of Sergeant Harvey's old unit.

In fact the new TA battalion to be raised in London — the 8th (Volunteer) Battalion, the Queen's Fusiliers (City of London) based on Clapham, Edgware, Camberwell and Balham — covers some of the old Territorial Force recruiting area.

Photographs Courtesy Steven Paul Sanday, Nottingham.

The Rev Douglas Walker leads the prayers. Lieutenant Colonel J W Sewell, president of the Queen's Royal Surrey Regimental Association, stands next to Captain P J Gardner, representing the VC and GC Association, on the left. Lieutenant Colonel L M Wilson, secretary of the Regiment Association, stands next to Padre Walker on the right.



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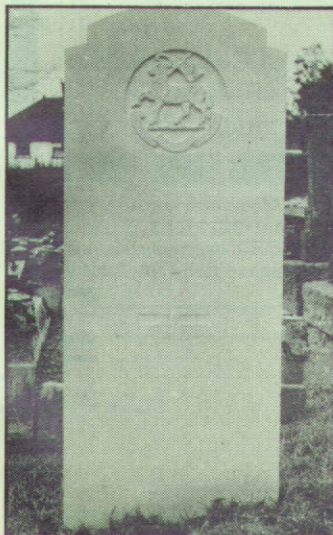
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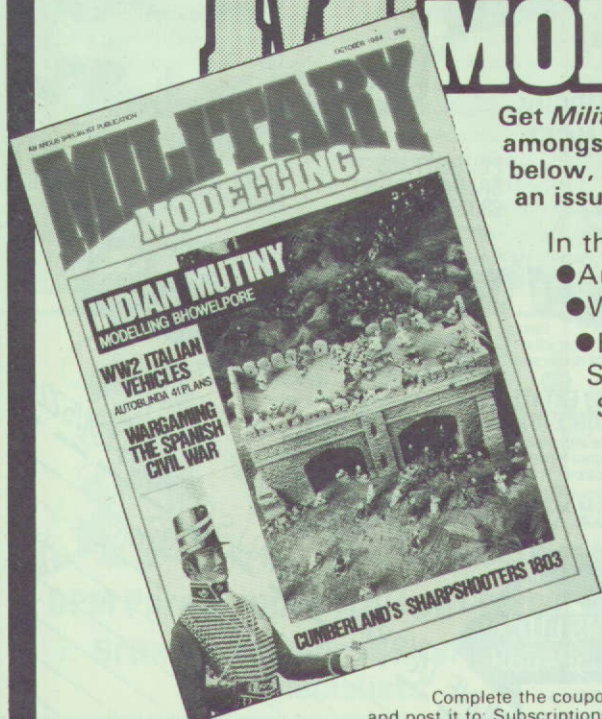
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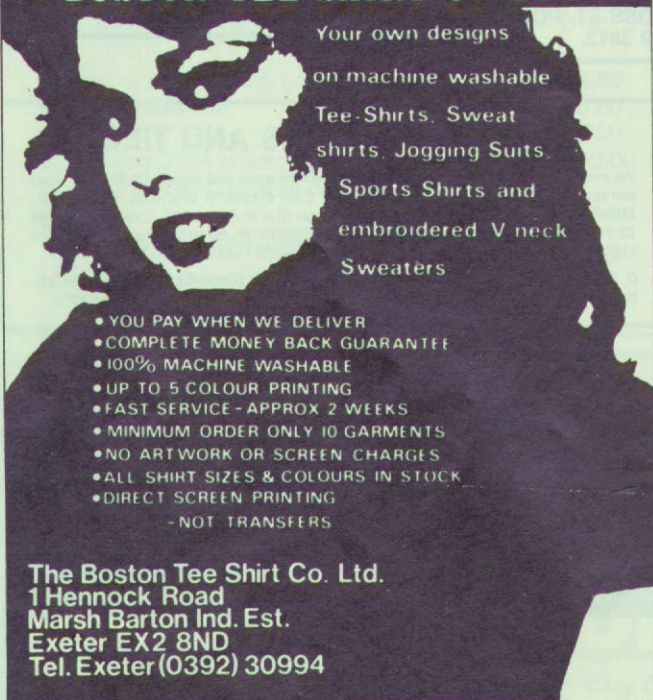
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On the final day, everything hinged on the Army-RN decider and it proved story-book stuff with the soldiers leading 5½-4½ and the last match on course: Staff Sergeant Chris Carveth knowing that defeat by Petty Officer Eddy Comerford would mean sharing the championship with the Navy.

These experienced campaigners enjoyed a ding-dong struggle and it was all square after 12 holes, but a good birdie at the 14th and a good putt at the next gave Carveth a two-hole lead and with the 16th halved, the knowledge the Army could not lose.

A pleasant task for team captain Major Meekings as he helps Steve Marriner with his blazer.

So the Army denied the RN what in golfing terms could have been one of their most famous victories since Trafalgar. The Army team admitted the final day was much too close for comfort and their rivals had the consolation of knowing their squad will have to be treated with much more respect in future years — if they can keep the individuals and standards intact.

Looking back, the morning foursomes were vital for the Army, who at one stage were up in three encounters and sharing the fourth, yet three matches were decided on the 18th with honours even, the champions winning one, sharing one, losing the other and the fourth was a more emphatic Army

win, 3 & 2.

The afternoon singles were real thrillers and the Navy started like one of their fastest frigates — after six holes being up in three and square in four.

But by the 13th hole stages the Army were viewing that number as lucky for a change, being well up in three matches and all square in two.

When it came to totting up, Naval champion Lieutenant Commander Malcolm Edmunds beat the Army's best Corporal Steve Marriner 3 & 2; Lieutenant Alan Bray RN beat Sergeant Ian Gray after a real see-saw tussle 2 & 1 and wins for Corporal Doug Spiller (5 & 4), Sergeant Rupert Kellock (3 & 2) and Captain Len Yates (3 & 2) counterbalanced defeats for Lance Corporal Bruce Manners (one down) and Army Captain Major Harry Meekings (one down)... Carveth's victory giving the singles battle a 4-4 look.

Spiller dropped only half a point and Yates won both singles during the championships.



Top: Len Yates putting at the sixth, watched by Harry Meekings who is in more striking action (above) leading the Army to victory.

RESULTS

ARMY v RAF: Foursomes, 1½-2½, singles 5½-2½. Total — 7-5; RN v RAF: (3-1) (4½-3½) 7½-4½; ARMY v RN (2½-1½) (4-4) 6½-5½.

For the second year running the event was sponsored by General Accident, who have also agreed to help next year.

...AND NOW FOR HONG KONG!

GOLF is booming... and a Combined Services team is to visit Hong Kong for the first time next month (12-21 November).

Matches will be played against the Hong Kong Association of Golf Clubs and Combined Services Hong Kong and individuals will take part in the Hong Kong Open amateur championships.

Players chosen to make the tour — selection made by captains of all three Services — are: Maj Ian Pearce ACC, captain, Maj Harry Meekings, R Sigs, Lt Cdr Malcolm Edmunds RN, Sqn Ldr Ian Skellern RAF, F/O Brian Cramb RAF, Sgt Ian Gray RAOC, J/T Rick Smart, RAF.



RUGBY

AS SOLDIER went to Press, Combined Services selectors were meeting to announce a squad for the fixture against Public School Wanderers at Aldershot Military Stadium on Wednesday 17 October (7.30pm).

This match will be a most useful 'warm-up' for the servicemen, preparing for what will undoubtedly be one of the season's highlights — the encounter with the touring Australians, also at Aldershot Military Stadium on Saturday 27 October (2.30pm).

Admission is free for the match with the Wanderers — and rugby enthusiasts turning up for this one should have a good idea of what the CS team to face the tourists

might look like.

There are bound to be changes with at least one famous face missing — the Army's Peter Warfield, now teaching in civilian life.

Among the familiar faces still available are likely to be Pilot Officer Roy Underwood, RAF — a flier in more ways than the obvious one! — Corporal John Orwin, RAF, who will captain Gloucester this season, and Sergeant Steve Peacock of the Army Physical Training Corps and

Yorkshire.

Prices for the Australian match will be: centre stand £6, wing stand £5, temporary seating £4, standing £3 — or £2 in the case of a block booking for parties of 20 or more.

Tickets can be obtained from the Army RFU Secretary, Lieutenant Colonel Pat Dawson, M Block, Clayton Barracks, Aldershot, Hampshire GU11 2BG ... or at the ground on the day.

It is nearly three years since the Australians last faced Combined Services at Aldershot, and though

the tourists were 33-9 victors — "it was an extremely good match", recalls Colonel Dawson.

What the CS XV will welcome on the day, of course, is plenty of support — both in terms of numbers and vocal effort. With Aldershot now being more than the "home of the British Army", with sky and navy blue uniforms increasingly in evidence, we hope the players get the support the occasion warrants.

Then it is up to the men on the field!

SOCCER

BY NOW, the Combined Services soccer team should be back from their tour of Berlin — and we hope to have a round up of their matches in the next issue.

There are five more CS fixtures on the diary, beginning with a visit to Southampton at the Dell (6 November) followed by a journey north to Catterick to face Middlesbrough (5 December) ... who will

be keen to avenge the first-ever defeat by the servicemen last year.

On 15 January, a Football Association XI visits Aldershot, just eight days before the combined side travels to France to begin defence of the Kentish Cup — won so dramatically and so deservedly last February.

The Belgians visit Aldershot in the last game of the Kentish Cup on 20 February ... and here's hoping everything hinges on this match after a good result in France!

The Inter-Service Championships dates to note are: RN v Army,

Portsmouth 13 March; Army v RAF, Aldershot 27 March — with the RAF and RN meeting on 20 March.

In the South West Counties Championship, the Army will visit Devon (18 December 1984) before a local "derby" with Hampshire at the Military Stadium, Aldershot, 21 January.

Dorset will visit Aldershot on 5 March and the Army will wind up their group matches with a visit to Sussex at Lancing 19 March.

The Army (UK) Cup Final will be played on 20 March and the

Army Challenge Cup Final on 10 April — both games will be floodlit and will start at 7.30pm hours.

The Army Six-a-Side Championships will be staged at Aldershot on 17 October.

Notable representative sides who will visit Aldershot will be Carshalton Athletic and Uxbridge from the Isthmian League, The Civil Service, HM Prison Services and Territorial Army.

In the final game of the season, the Army will break new ground and visit Preston North End on 13 May.

Busy time for combined squad

TRIATHLON

THREE members of the Army Physical Training Corps entered the third World Triathlon Championships in Nice and finished honourably, all three coming in the first 120 of the 430 competitors.

After the two mile swim, first Briton out of the water was Warrant Officer 2 Ted Martin from the RAOC Apprentices College at Deepcut, but he was unable to keep his lead over the next two legs and finished 118th in 8 hrs 22 mins.

Overtaking Martin on the 75 mile cycle ride through the mountains was Sergeant Phil Walker from the Guards Depot Pirbright. Then, setting off on the 20 mile road run, he too was passed by the eventual winner, American professional Mark Allan, who finished in a time of 6 hrs 5 mins. Walker finished 60th in 7 hrs 42 mins and Sergeant Andy Smith from the Junior Signals Regiment Harrogate came in number 75 in 7 hrs 53 mins.

It is worth a mention, we feel, that Captain Sarah Springman of Cambridge UOTC finished 50th — ten places ahead of her (male) Regular Army challengers. Well done, that girl!



CALLING BAOR RUGBY FANS

THE Felinfoel Rugby Football Club in West Wales has sent a plea for help to units in BAOR. They want to know whether anyone would be prepared to host their Youth XV next Easter.

The Army has promised to host the main team for the club's end of season tour to Germany but it cannot accommodate both teams.

And Felinfoel need to take their youth side with them to help fill the plane they will have to charter.

Any unit prepared to give a little hospitality to the young players, and perhaps arrange a fixture with a local youth XV, British or German, should contact: Mr Roger Halfacre, c/o Felinfoel RFC, Felinfoel, Llanelli, Dyed.

RHA SAIL AWAY WITH HONOURS

AFTER 1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery set sail from England in 1982, the flotilla of boardsailers found themselves with no captain at the helm.

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In the last 3 years, WO2 Parker

has made sure that the boardsailing squadron has never run aground. And this year in the BFG boardsailing competition on the Mohnesee, Bombardier Ross McPhail, runner-up in the novice class in 1983, won the Div 1 over 70 kg class, while staff sergeant John Uttley, who only took up the sport two months ago, sailed past the others to become the 1984 BFG novice champion.

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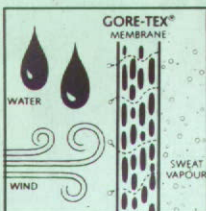
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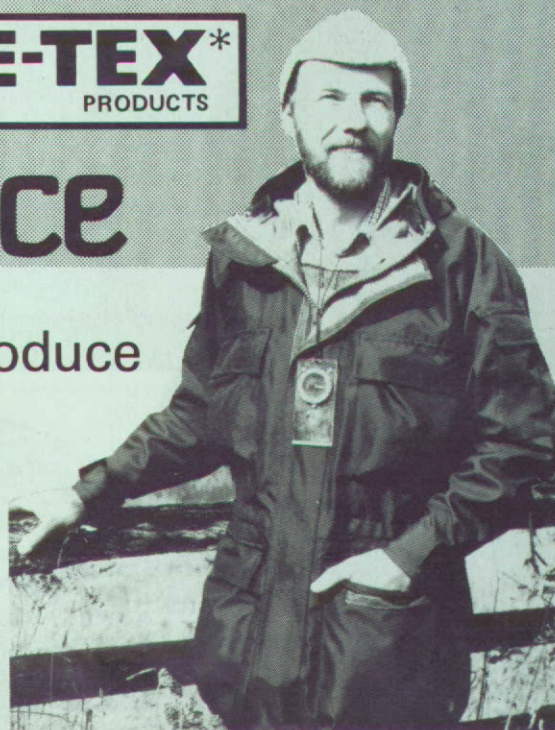
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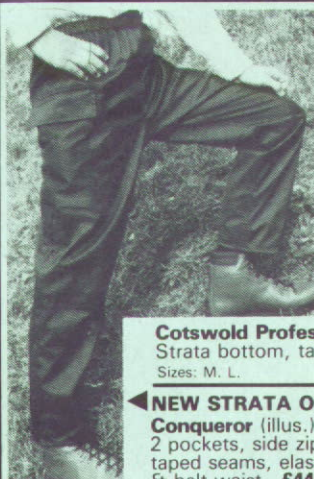
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