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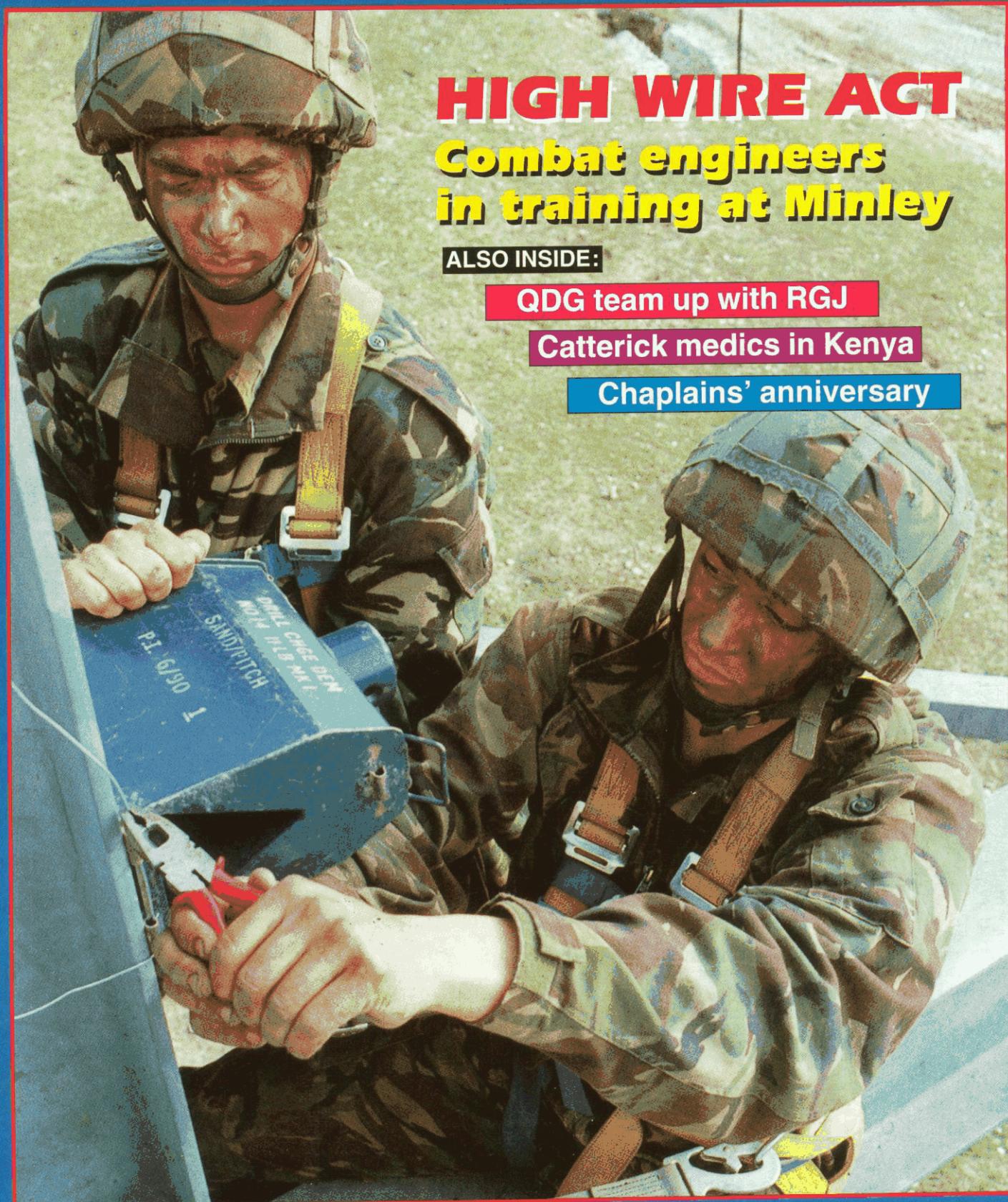
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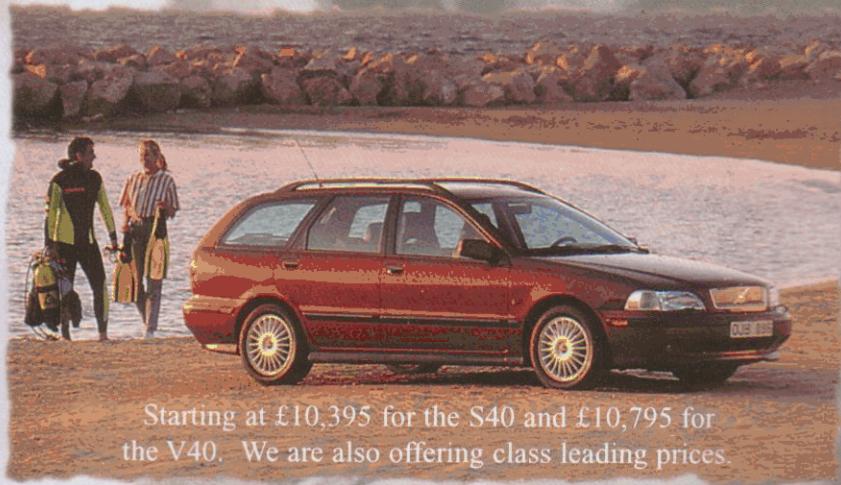
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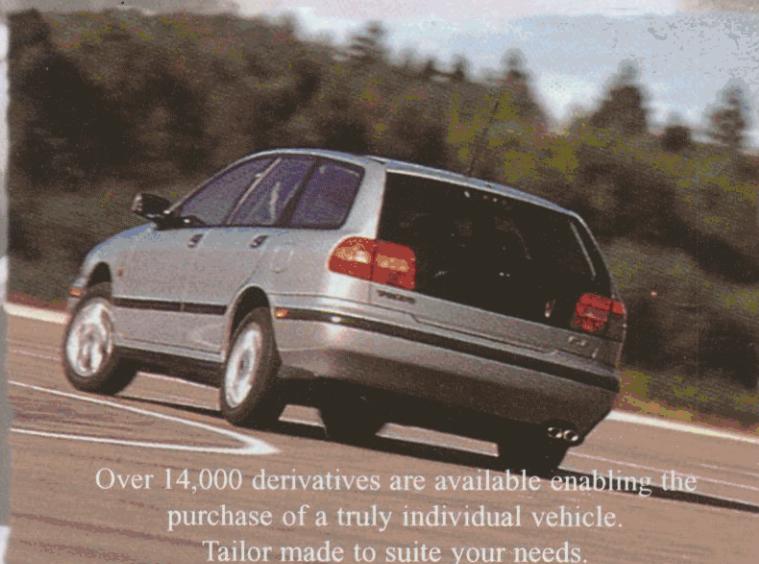
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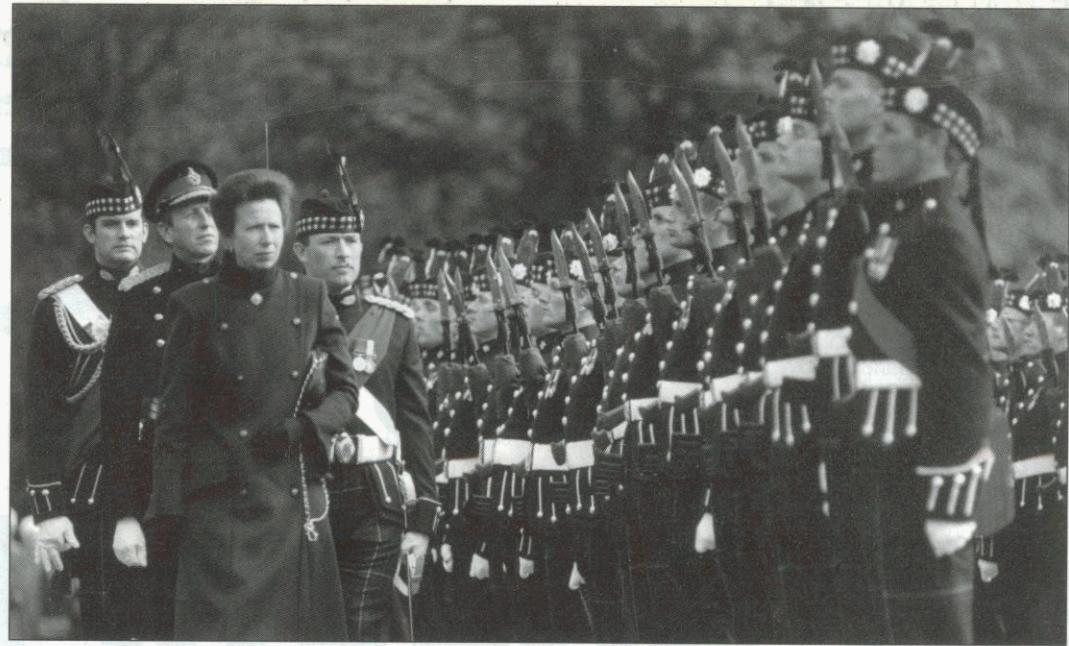
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It's an honour

Men of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) form a guard of honour for the Princess Royal, their Colonel-in-Chief, on her arrival at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh, where she represented the Queen at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Maj Alex Anderson commanded the guard

Army spreads its Web wide

THE British Army has launched itself on the Internet with the creation of its own Web site where users can surf through 200 pages of information.

The operation was master-minded by Maj Nick Sharples PWRR, serving on the staff of the Director of Public Relations (Army).

It offers anyone on the Internet an opportunity to find out more about the British Army, and to take part in the Army World Challenge, a game based on operational scenarios.

Challenge is designed for the 16-24 age group, target of the Army's recruiters.

Each game begins with a mission brief, before players are invited to make a military decision from a choice of three.

The careers section offers guidance on joining up, and encourages "visitors" to ask for an information pack. Army organisation is explained in depth and there is a glossary of military terms and abbreviations.

"We have explained the Army's roles and functions," explained Maj Sharples. "Regiments and corps have contributed brief histories and details of their main recruiting areas. I expect more quality and quantity of information as they become aware of the potential of the Web."

Photographs and informa-



Maj Nick Sharples (left) and Brig Philip Trousdale, DPR(A), call up an Army Web page during a press preview in London

tion on weapons, vehicles and equipment can be accessed.

Adventurous training and sport have a section which will include reports on Army-led expeditions.

Click on the "Army World" button and maps and information on deployments worldwide will be available.

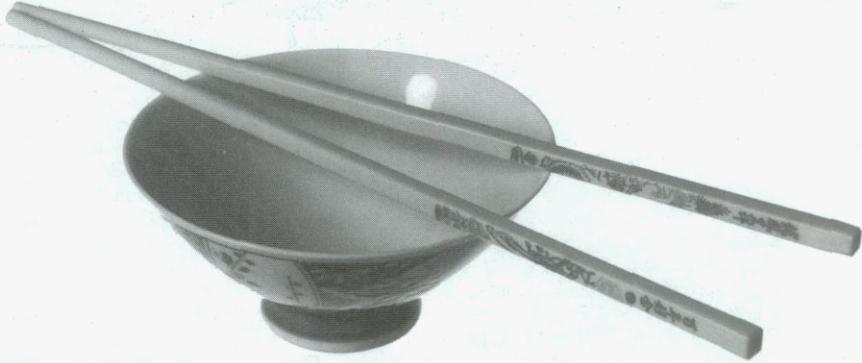
"Photographs will be available as high resolution images. Our Internet site will provide a major source of Army images."

The site will also offer latest news on what the Army is up

to, including details of events such as the Edinburgh Tattoo and Royal Tournament. Press releases issued by Army Public Information offices worldwide will eventually be on site.

Soldier readers connected to the Internet need not feel left out. It is planned to launch an electronic version of the magazine with stories and pictures from every issue.

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KBE

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CBE

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RBL stakes future on youngsters

WHO said the Royal British Legion was for the older generation? A new fund-raising initiative to coincide with its 75th anniversary year will focus on three-year-olds.

The youngsters will be fleet-of-foot racehorses competing at York on October 12 in a race entitled The Royal British Legion Stakes. It will be run in conjunction with a sweepstake with £10,000 as top prize.

Branches, clubs and other groups – Army messes, for example – are being invited to sell tickets. For each £1 sold they will be able to keep 12p for their Poppy Appeal or for a charity.

The RBL aims to turn the race into an annual event with up to £60,000 prize money.

Tickets are available from RBL Sweepstakes, Crown Lane, Cressage, Shropshire SY5 6BT (for England and Wales) or Bennet House, 17 Lansdown Crescent, Portrush, Co Antrim BT56 8AY (for Northern Ireland). They should be returned by September 4.

It's a fact

LAST year 440 individuals were tried by Army courts martial, compared with 930 in 1990. – Parliamentary reply.

New Colours for 1 RWF



The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Welch Fusiliers, presents new Colours to the 1st Battalion at their Chepstow barracks. Seventeen members of 1 RWF were honoured in the recent Bosnia bravery awards

Mountain munitions destroyed

PEACE on the high slopes of the Mourne Mountains was briefly interrupted when the Army carried out a controlled explosion to make safe Second World War munitions found off the Brandy Pad in the

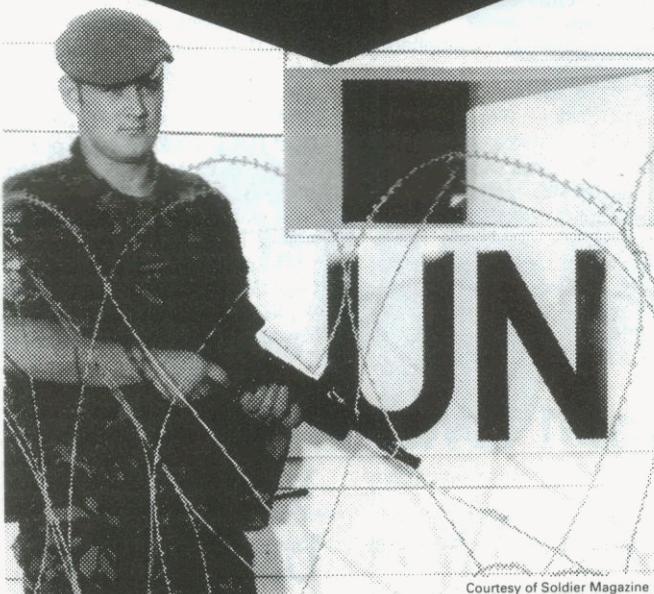
Clonachullion area. Called in after ramblers had reported the find to the Royal Ulster Constabulary, a bomb disposal team was flown by helicopter to the mountain slopes to destroy several 155mm shells.

Helped by good weather conditions, the team spent four hours on the mountain carrying out a detailed examination of the area for other possible devices before blowing up the munitions.

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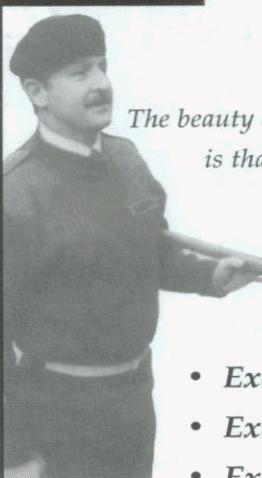
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Tri-Service transport school launched

THE former Army School of Mechanical Transport at Leconfield, east Yorkshire, has become tri-Service, taking students from the Royal Marines and, later this year, from the Royal Air Force.

Re-named the Defence School of Transport, the estab-

lishment is expected this year to train almost 10,000 students on a variety of courses from motor transport management and combat support signals to specialist driver/operator courses and basic driver training.

The school's launch coincided with the formation of its

parent body, the Army Individual Training Organisation (AITO), which will train 85,000 soldiers this year.

Headed by chief executive Maj Gen Christopher Elliott, AITO comprises 34 training organisations providing 1,400 training courses.



Picture: Chris Barker

Pictured at the launch of the new tri-Service Defence School of Transport at Normandy Barracks, Leconfield were (left to right) Sgt Rambahadur Hirachan (QOG Transport Regt); Chief Technician Ron Maugey ('E' Flight 202 Sqn RAF); and Cpl Nigel Platt (Royal Marines Division). Driving the BV206 was Sgt Duncan Plumpton (Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment), an instructor at the school

Hong Kong dragons bound for Earls Court

ONE OF the highlights at the 1996 Royal Tournament, hosted this year by the Royal Navy at Earls Court from July 9 to 20, will be a display by the Hong Kong Military Service Corps.

As well as a traditional display by four lion dancing teams, performed to the music of the Royal Hong Kong Police Band, the HKMSC's ten-minute act will incorporate two 60ft dragons.

The difference on this occasion is that they will be carried on motor cycles.

In an additional gesture by the organisers to mark the vital contribution the British Garrison has made over the years to the success story of the colony, Hong Kong's governor, Christopher Patten – due to hand over sovereignty next year – has been invited to take the salute at one of the performances.

He will be escorted during his trip by Maj Gen Bryan Dutton, Commander British Forces Hong Kong.

The musical drive by the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery – a perennial favourite at the show – will feature as usual, as will the Royal Signals' White Helmets motorcycle stunt team.

Theme of this year's event is "Power from the Sea".

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this month when 650 soldiers, commanded by Lt Col Colin Tadier, will arrive in theatre.

The Army's largest single UNICOM computer system – with 169 terminals – has gone on-line at the Army Pay and Documentation Office in Northern Ireland. The office handles almost £150 million each year and looks after the financial and administrative needs of 2,000 military and civilian staff at Headquarters Northern Ireland.

IN BRIEF

RMA Sandhurst became a temporary mobilisation centre for 200 TA and Reserve officers and soldiers who volunteered for service in Bosnia. After medicals and issue of kit, they completed a package of training on Salisbury Plain.

A purpose-built tri-Service recruiting centre has opened in Palace Barracks, Holywood. It has links with the Northern Ireland Training and Employment Agency and has been set a target of sign-

ing up 900 recruits this year, two-thirds of them for the Army.

Armed Forces Minister Nicholas Soames made his first visit to the Gurkha Training Wing at Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Church Crookham.

Eighteen AS90 self-propelled guns belonging to 1st Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery have been shipped to Bosnia in readiness for the regiment's deployment later

Around the Houses

A summary of Defence topics from Westminster

No support for Gulf CW reports

REPORTED detections of chemical warfare agents in the Gulf by the Czechoslovak military had been studied by UK authorities, who had found no collateral evidence to support them, Defence minister Earl Howe said in a Lords written answer.

He was responding to a question from the Countess of Mar on Czech military reports of low levels of CW agents detected in the Saudi theatre in the early days of the Gulf War air conflict.

In a subsequent debate, the Countess asked if the strict application of the Official Secrets Act took precedence over disclosure of information which would assist in the diagnosis of health problems reported by Op Granby soldiers.

Earl Howe replied: "... no. It is our practice to release available information which would assist in the treatment of health problems experienced by members of the Armed Forces who served in Operation Granby."

The Countess called for an inquiry into allegations that up to 10,000 medical incidents had been "removed, lost or corrupted" from MoD computers, and that these events related to Gulf War health problems. Earl Howe said mechanisms were in place for the release of all necessary information.

Armed Forces Minister Nicholas Soames said on June 18 that he intends to update MPs on the MoD's continuing work on Gulf health issues. To date 937 serving and ex-serving men and women had come forward for medical assessment, of whom 592 had been seen. A second physician is now helping the evaluations.

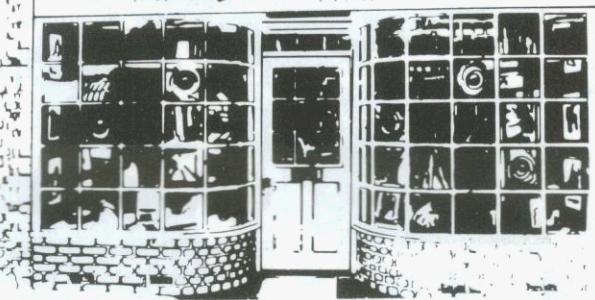
Up to 251 members of the Army Reserve and TA are being called out to support operations in Bosnia. Armed Forces Minister Nicholas Soames said in a Commons written reply on June 13 that volunteers were being sought. The majority will replace those called out in February but there is an additional need to fill 55 posts to reinforce Regular units. Those called out will report to a mobilisation centre between July 8 and 12.

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British IFOR soldiers in river rescue

TWO soldiers serving with IFOR rescued an elderly Croatian couple trapped in a river.

Cpl Al Elderbrant and LCpl Chris Gunn of South Wales-based H Troop, 14 Signal Regiment (EW) were travelling to their base at Vitez when they spotted the pair stranded on top of their vehicle in a fast-flowing river.

Cpl Elderbrant stopped the recovery vehicle and ambulance from a passing Belgian IFOR convoy and sent the rest of the convoy to get help. He then attached himself to a safety rope which the Belgians anchored to their vehicle.

When a Dutch vehicle arrived another rope was thrown to the car. The trapped

man tied it to his vehicle and Cpl Elderbrant pulled himself over while LCpl Gunn took charge on the bank.

With the aid of a ladder provided by Dutch military police, the 15ft gap between car and bank was breached and both victims crawled across the ladder, secured by Cpl Elderbrant, to safety.



History in the making

Maj Gen Bryan Dutton, Commander British Forces Hong Kong, is greeted by Maj Gen Liu Zhenwu, commander of the future PLA garrison, during an historic meeting in Shenzhen, southern China.

It is believed to be the first visit by a British commander of the Territory to China since the Communist take-over in 1949.

Gen Dutton's two-day visit to the in-coming garrison's headquarters at Shenzhen was said to have gone a long way to increasing the familiarisation between the garrisons.

Bosnia unit had hot food but no toilets

LIVING conditions provided for British soldiers deployed in Bosnia have been criticised by the Commons Defence Committee. But the MPs praised British catering as the best in theatre.

The MPs' report* says a unit of 230 men camped on a disused factory site, in temperatures of minus 25C, had not been provided with showers and lavatories for two months.

MPs were told toilet facilities were so inadequate that troops waited until they left camp on patrol before making use of appropriate cover in mine-infested countryside.

"A higher standard should be expected for a peacekeeping mission in a place like Bosnia than would be the norm for a short exercise on Salisbury Plain or a high-intensity conflict in Germany," says the report.

The all-party group concluded that if the UK is to be involved with peacekeeping missions in future, the MoD would have to acquire and maintain a greater quantity

and range of combat stores to meet a variety of eventualities.

When the committee visited Bosnia four months into the IFOR deployment about 2,000 soldiers did not have access to welfare telephones, or their access involved a weekly 30-minute bus ride into a town with a single international line.

After initial difficulties experienced by private telephone contractors, 90 per cent of British troops had access to a welfare telephone by May 12.

But the MPs did single out the feeding arrangements for British troops as being better than for any other nation's soldiers. British troops ate three hot meals a day from the outset while US units lived on ration packs for three months.

IFOR's Challenger tanks and heavy artillery had offered a visible expression of military strength and political will, and tanks had ensured a high level

of crew protection. "This compares with, for example, the inappropriate deployment of Saxon vehicles to Gorazde by UNPROFOR," say the MPs.

For future operations British forces should be provided with equipment necessary to outperform weapons available to local factions and to cover the possibility of withdrawal in the face of hostile action, they say.

Commenting on their concern at the strain being put on the British Army by operations in Bosnia, the MPs say: "We conclude that in the wide range of post-Cold War scenarios in which the Armed Forces might be needed, either a prolonged peacekeeping mission like IFOR is too large a task for the Army or the Army is too small.

"We believe that British forces in Bosnia are continuing to do an excellent job. The professionalism, adaptability and good humour of the British soldiers in this difficult task is much to be admired. The IFOR deployment has gone very well to date."

*Fifth Report, *British Forces in Bosnia*, by the Defence Committee, House of Commons. HMSO, £6.50.



SOLDIERS manning the range on St Kilda, one of Britain's smallest and most remote military stations, are being overrun by fieldmice, which are ruining clothes and food. — *Sunday Telegraph*

□ British Servicemen were used as guinea pigs in secret radiation tests at Porton Down in the 1960s, the Defence Secretary has admitted in letters to Labour MP Ken Livingstone. — *Sunday Telegraph*

□ Belligerent Turkish and Turkish Cypriot forces in Cyprus are subjecting British troops serving with the United Nations to threats and petty harassment. — *Times*

□ The Royal Artillery motorcycle team, the Flying Gunners, has been forced to withdraw from public displays after five of the 26 team members were injured in two pile-ups. — *Daily Telegraph*

□ The Corporation of London is seeking to prevent a bagpiper from practising on Hampstead Heath, but the piper claims he is not a musician because bagpipes are instruments of war. The corporation is citing a by-law which prohibits music. — *Times*

Map unit deployed to Kiseljak

THE BRITISH Army's map making unit – 13 Topographic Squadron RE – has been deployed to Bosnia as part of the 60,000-strong NATO Implementation Force.

It is the first time the whole squadron has deployed overseas since 1964.

From its base at Kiseljak the unit provides maps detailing borders, former confrontation lines and minefields to all IFOR troops.

With several million mines laid in the region, demand for accurate geographical details and maps has become critical.

The deployment is the culmination of a three-year period during which the squadron, based at Hermitage near Newbury, changed from a static role to being fully mobile.

Right Royal double

Cpl Jason John of 100 Field Squadron (Militia) offers a toast, in the form of a bottle of Double Royal ale, to the squadron's parent unit, the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia). A thirst-quenching 12,000 bottles of the special beer have been produced by a Cardiff brewery to help celebrate the unit's unique position in the Army of being the only regiment with two Royals in its title...



Picture: South Wales Echo



TARTAN AND TURNER

These members of 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots, encountered television presenter Anthea Turner at Edinburgh Castle during the filming of a fund-raising tour for six UK charities. The lucky lads (left to right) are Cpl David Gibb, Sgt George Gaff and LCpl Alan Rooney.

Major success

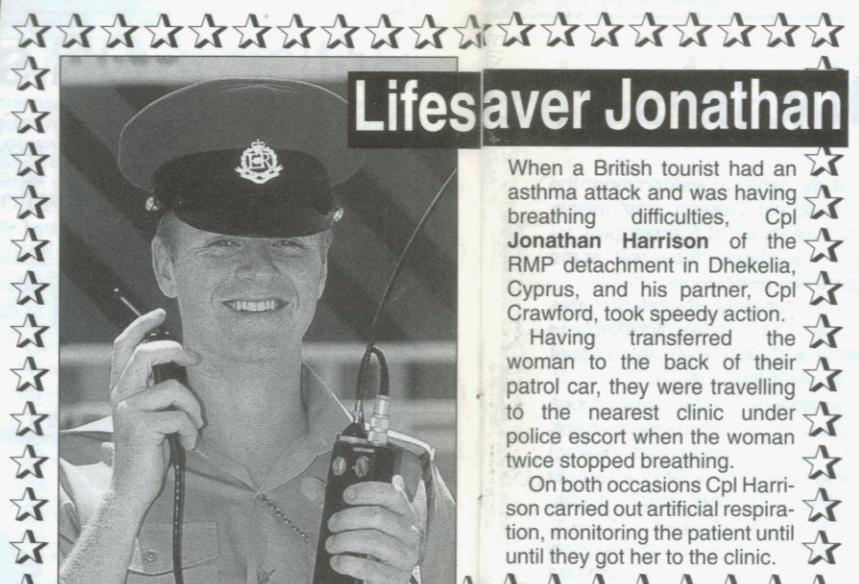
Over the past seven years, Maj Emma Welch has served in Cyprus, the Falklands, southern France, Spain and Portugal. At 26, she is believed to be the youngest major in the Army, and the first with the Royal Artillery.

Now she finds herself under the wing of IFOR at the helm of the Army's press and information centre at Split's Divulje Barracks.

Her younger sister Victoria, with the QARANC, is serving with 22 Field Hospital, which is due to deploy to Bosnia this month.



Defence secretary Michael Portillo meets commanding officer Lt Col Richard Folkes and aircrew from 5 Regiment, Army Air Corps at Aldergrove, before continuing to Londonderry, where he visited units of 8 Infantry Brigade.



Lifesaver Jonathan

When a British tourist had an asthma attack and was having breathing difficulties, Cpl Jonathan Harrison of the RMP detachment in Dhekelia, Cyprus, and his partner, Cpl Crawford, took speedy action.

Having transferred the woman to the back of their patrol car, they were travelling to the nearest clinic under police escort when the woman twice stopped breathing.

On both occasions Cpl Harrison carried out artificial respiration, monitoring the patient until they got her to the clinic.



NEWS ITEM...

Exchanging Great Britain hockey player's cap for film director's hat is Maj Peter Boxell RA (second right), former leading light in the sport, who, with Sgt Steve Dock RLC (far right), has taken over as Land Command's mobile news team. Peter plans to take the team, which replaces Sgt Dave Brown (left) and Maj Tim Purbrick (next to him) to Canada, Poland, the Falklands and back to Bosnia (where the quartet is pictured) during the next few months.

PEOPLE



The guest and the goat



Chelsea Pensioner Dennis Welsh, late Royal Welch Fusiliers and Welch Regiment, took the opportunity to inspect Billy, the 3 RWF's regimental goat (pictured with Goat Major Sgt Norman Pritchard) when he was invited to the opening by the Queen of the new £1.6 million Territorial Army Centre in Aberystwyth, which houses the battalion's Recce Platoon.

Happy recipient of this year's Black Horse Solo Award at Bovington is Cpl Andy Craze of the Band of the Royal Lancers, seen with Ian Glover of Lloyds Bank, who, for the second consecutive year, staged the competition in conjunction with the band.

Event organiser Capt Denis Burton said: "The Black Horse award plays a vital part in training as it often provides the first opportunity for new band members to give a solo performance in public."

The Band of the Royal Lancers was formed in 1994.

SOLO SUCCESS



Caring captain

Once sick parade is over, Capt Simon Hall, medical officer attached to the Queen's Own Hussars currently deployed with IFOR in Bosnia, can be found helping with patients like this one at a health centre in the Moslem town of Kijuc.

With the help of an interpreter, he diagnoses and consults with local medical staff.

"I got involved shortly after arriving here with the QRH," Simon explained. "At one stage there was a large medical team at the clinic dealing with 10,000 people. However, with the violence, the staff has dwindled and the number of patients has risen dramatically as refugees have fled their homes."

Will the real Army community please stand up

POLLY TOYNBEE writes and broadcasts on social affairs. She is well known for her outspoken nature.

Her attention has been caught by the number of television programmes featuring the military.

She argues that they are cheap to make and easier than trying to research and make proper documentaries.

Main focus of her fire appears to be "the archaic class system still played out between officers and men, at a time when most decent companies have eliminated such stereotypes..."

The slick answer is that the Army isn't a business and cannot be run like one. The problem, as I see it, is that Polly Toynbee can't be the only one who misreads the subtle messages which come over in these "fly-on-the-wall" glimpses of military life.

When I first worked with the Army many years ago, the system was archaic. A married woman was not allowed to sign forms - whether to march into a quarter or buy a washing machine. She really was "wife of" for all purposes.

Twenty years later the system has evolved. There are advice centres on every corner and support organisations for everyone. It is no longer acceptable to refer exclusively to Army wives. There is a small but growing band of Army husbands and Army couples.

These days we can actually discuss the great taboos. Silver-haired policy-makers have been able to talk about pregnant Service women, single parents and homosexuality without being dubbed trouble-makers.

Polly Toynbee says the Army "is now a curiosity, a world apart". She says the British public is unlikely to meet a real-life soldier.

We know she



Cari's column

is right in the sense that all three Services are invisible on a day-to-day basis. All the public has to go on are television images... such as the current documentary *Flying Soldiers* and the popular drama series *Soldier, Soldier*. Of the two genres, I prefer the latter.

Roving camera and energetic producer catch soldiers at times when they ought to be left alone. This is the key to entertaining TV from the programme-maker's point of view.

A languid subaltern draped over his bunk reflecting on life for the benefit of a winsome producer confirms the very worst fears of civilian viewers.

At least the structure of a drama allows time for balance.

This is where the real PR work

Left: Project sponsor Lt Col Rod Milsom (left) hands over the Pimlico married quarters site to Peter Preston of the Defence Housing Executive

Below: Gdsm Kenneth Sweetman, wife Lianne and baby daughter Emily outside the refurbished flats. Kenneth, who is serving with the 1st Battalion, Welsh Guards at Wellington Barracks, and his family will be among the first to be allocated a quarter in the flats

Very des res ...

FAMILIES of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales will be the first to benefit from refurbished flats in Pimlico, Central London, when the battalion moves into Cavalry Barracks at Hounslow.

The flats, in four blocks near the House of Commons, have received a £6.6 million facelift over the past four years. They were built in 1927.

Structural changes have produced more space, each block of five floors has its own lift and there are landscaped play areas.

Maj Steve Tuck, HQ London District, who lived in the flats 20 years ago as a young Grenadier Guardsman, was impressed with the work. "The difference from when I lived there is striking. There's so much more space."

It is the first completed project to be taken over by the Defence Housing Executive. Among those present for the hand-over ceremony were Lt Col (Retd) Rod Milsom, the project sponsor from HQ Land Command, DHE representative Peter Preston, and Maj (Retd) Bill Matthews, Army welfare support officer for the area.



It is easy to understand the attraction of allowing cameras into the daily lives of Service personnel. You hope they will come across as real people.

Unfortunately, the stereotypes persist. Civilians expect RSMs to shout and officers to clink glasses over silver-laden tables.

It doesn't matter how much footage is given to youngsters getting fit and passing (or failing) courses; one glimpse of a Hooray Henry, or the lonely soldier's wife, is the image that sticks.

I live on the edge of a training area and soldiers in uniform are often in our village. It is interesting to watch the reaction from local people... smiles and greetings and a sense of trust in strangers just because they are in uniform.

There is a concentration of US Air Force personnel in the village, living out their lives quietly and respectfully, helping their neighbours and getting involved in the community's activities. They are outgoing and fun, wish you a good morning and ask you how ya doin'.

This is where the real PR work

is done. A few cartons of ice cream for a school party goes a lot further than thousands of pounds on a publicity drive.

Soldiers and their families raise money for charity, build playgrounds and help at local events all over the UK and abroad. They are the ones who should feature in TV documentaries. But they don't.

Next time someone wants to do a fly-on-the-wall, the MoD should agree only if the filmmakers look at the real lives of Service families within the wider community.

It would help, of course, if we saw more soldiers in uniform... driving to work, shopping in the supermarket, walking with their wives and sweethearts.

It might take a while, though, before we see them beaming at us, asking us how we are doin' and urging us to have a nice day.

● Cari Roberts presents *Counterpoint* on BFBS radio. Write to her at BFBS, BFPO 786; or c/o *Soldier*.

BIGGEST FRANCHISE SHOW IN BRITAIN

MORE than 160 expanding companies have already booked stands at the National Franchise Exhibition at the NEC, Birmingham in the autumn.

Visitors will have an unprecedented choice of companies to meet, including big-name franchises such as McDonalds Restaurants, Greenalls Inns, Dyno-Rod, Red Star Parcels and BP Oil.

All the major high street banks and the main sponsors, the British Franchise Association, will be running free seminars at the NEC covering every aspect of franchising. Visitors will be able to get free and impartial advice from specialist lawyers, consultants, accountants and banks.

Exhibitors will be seeking franchisees and offer investments from under £5,000 to over £500,000.

New launches at the NEC will include a paint repair system, sandwich restaurants, security branding, supply and maintenance of indoor tropical plants, car hire and soft furnishings.

The exhibition will be open from October 4-6, with tickets costing £10 on the door or £8 (£14 a pair) in advance. You can register in advance on the Franchise Hotline 01203 426461.

Two thought-provoking new studies - *Changing Step* by Ruth Jolly and *Breaking Ranks* by Chris Jessup - explore contemporary problems faced by Servicemen and women, and their families, during and after their military careers. Both are published by Brassey's in hardback, price £20 each.

How we cope with trauma of change



MICHAEL C was absorbed in a busy job at HQ BAOR when he heard he was being considered for redundancy in 1990.

"He felt sick and angry and humiliated," said his wife. "There were days when he frantically made decisions for our future which we had to reverse, and other days when he couldn't get himself into gear for anything."

The family flew home from Germany in a state of shock; assured of money, advice and time to plan, but with their whole lives suspended in midstream.

Michael's traumatic experience is described in Ruth Jolly's *Changing Step*, sub-titled *From military to civilian life: people in transition*.

Her book is based on in-depth interviews with 62 people, ten of them former officers, another ten from other ranks from all three

Services. They ranged in age from 24 to 59, and had served from three to 36 years.

The author explores "conventional wisdoms" (young men adjust to civvy street more easily than veterans; those who take a trade into civvy street have an advantage; an actively supportive family makes a vital contribution to the process of change) and found similar themes running through story after story.

"They show that, faced with the reality of a major life change, people have three options: they may make a conscious effort to alter their self-image in accordance with the new circumstances, or they may make a similar con-

scious decision to resist any changes to their image, ignoring the new circumstances.

"Or they may take a 'damage limitation' path. This involves a gradual acceptance of small differences while preserving continuity - at times an artificial continuity - with the past in as many ways as possible," writes Ruth Jolly.

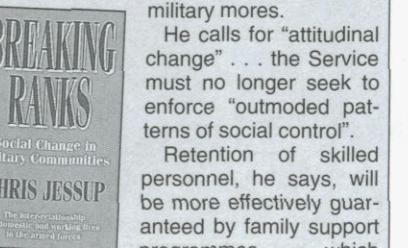
All went through three stages, starting with *confrontation*, often in a state of shock, moving to *disengagement* from the Army (always a muddled process), and into *resocialisation*, the final phase of "changing step" under which a new social identity is assumed.

In seeking to discover why her interviewees joined up, the parental and family influences that shaped them, and their struggles to adapt, Ruth Jolly has written a book that will confront and, possibly, explain many of the inner traumas faced by those about to leave the Armed Forces.

Here are a few of her observations and conclusions:

Red herring: it is easier/more difficult to adjust if the new occupation is allied to the military. **Jolly's conclusion:** the size of the step away from the military is beside the point. What is crucial is the sincerity and power of the individual's attachment to it.

Fact: Most, but not all, subjects who had adapted well had a generally satisfactory military career and had left more or less of their own accord. The desire to reach a new goal in civilian life was clearly crucial...



HOW does the Service impact on military personnel and their families?

Well, for starters, a professional army's requirement for high military competence plus instant global operational readiness interferes profoundly with the construction of a private, personal life. So says Chris Jessup while trying to answer the question in *Breaking Ranks: Social Change in Military Communities*.

He finds that higher educational standards and a greater awareness of what quality of life is possible have undermined the social structure founded on benevolent paternalism which has characterised the relationship between British and American military institutions and families in the past.

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Two chapter headings give a flavour: *The Rise and Rise of the Professional Woman* examines the implications of gender equality for the military workforce;

"Empowerment" demands that military institutions abandon any claims on the time and energies of spouses and develop customer charters in which spouses are identified as important individuals with legitimate needs which the military has no right to deny. It means amending institutional structures...

"Above all, it means letting go... trusting the community to make decisions for itself, believing that individuals are the best judges of their own cause; and encouraging a network of sensitive, varied and supportive helping networks..."

As Mr Jessup concludes: The Armed Forces are moving into uncharted territories.

Unfinished business syndrome: "When an individual has to confront the reality that his or her career in the military is going to end, the amount of disquiet this engenders does seem to depend upon that person's level of contentment with his or her achievements so far."

Family strengths: "Families who survive the peculiar pressures of Service life tend to be extraordinarily close and strong. But paradoxically, it is in some circumstances those very pressures that have helped to make them so. Take them away and family solidarity may threaten to crumble. A sobering thought."

"A caring family is the best back-up that any leaver can have. But it must not be forgotten that all the members of the family are leavers too, and all of them both need, and can give, support." - JNE

shapes of things to come

THERE was clearly something different about the new Warrior reconnaissance vehicle making its show debut at the Battlefield Systems International (BSI) exhibition at Chertsey, but few people were able to say precisely what, writes Laurie Manton.

Manufacturers GKN Defence had to provide the explanation: that the vehicle had five wheel stations instead of the normal six, and was nearly a metre shorter than previous variants.

Designed for a close reconnaissance role, it requires only three crew – commander, driver and gunner – with an additional seat in the rear for a crew member to operate surveillance equipment.

The recce vehicle on display at BSI, like GKN's Desert Warrior variant, is fitted with a Hughes Delco Systems turret, equipped with a stabilised Bushmaster 25mm cannon, co-axial 7.62mm machine gun and optional TOW anti-tank missile launchers fitted either side of the turret.

It boasts a fully-integrated battlefield management system for tactical reconnaissance – IBIS – which incorporates advanced digital and electronic technology, combining turret and command and control functions at all levels of an all-arms battle group.

Reflective

Other innovative defence concepts on display included Flectalon thermal camouflage for personnel and the METSMAN meteorological sensor. The thermal camouflage system is the result of a collaboration between Ultra Electronics Weapon Systems and Flectalon, who manufacture an infra-red reflective fibre of the same name.

The Flectalon material traps pockets of air to reduce heat loss and also reflects infra-red heat in the bands used by infra-red imaging equipment, making troops and their vehicles, equipment and observation posts thermally invisible by day and night.

Successful trials have been carried out by the Army's Surveillance, Target Acquisition, Night Observation and Counter-surveillance establishment and are currently under way with specialist units with a requirement for avoiding IR surveillance.

The accuracy of the opening salvos in a large calibre direct-fire battle may well determine the outcome of an engagement. First-round hit performance is critically important, and that is where METSMAN earns its keep.

Under the most hostile conditions, the



Picture: Terry Champion

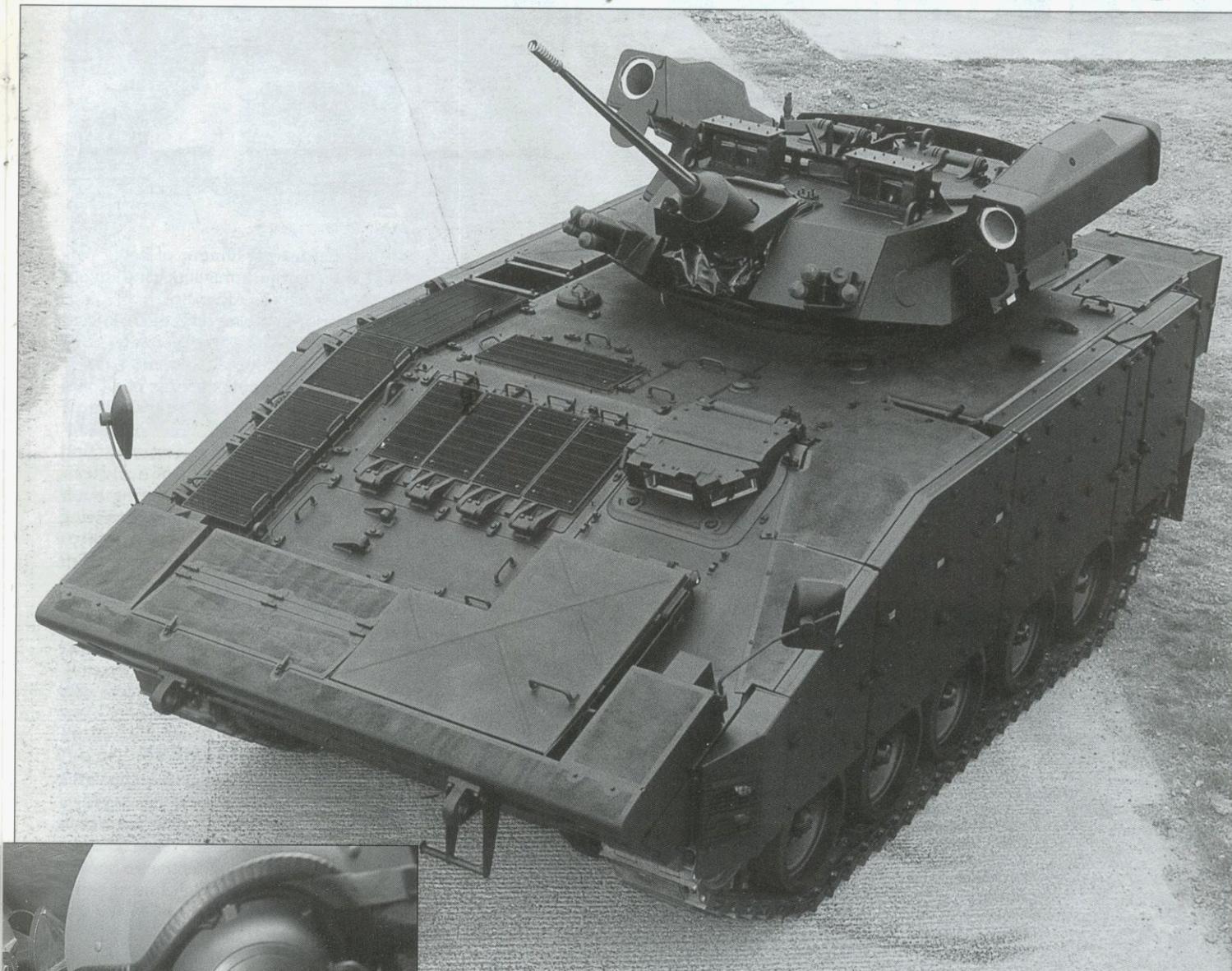


Picture: Terry Champion

Maj David Swann of Hermitage-based 42 Survey Engineer Group demonstrates the British Army's geographic support system to an exhibition visitor on the Military Survey stand



Two consortia at the battlefield systems exhibition were demonstrating their ability to produce a new battlefield communications system under the Bowman programme. Bowman will replace the Clansman



Picture: GKN Defence Ltd

First picture of the new Warrior recce vehicle built by GKN Defence. Soldiers have already dubbed it the "short wheelbase Warrior"

British Aerospace, GEC-Marconi, Hunting Engineering and Cogent Defence Systems have produced the Crossbow radio system.

Yeoman handed over the first package of equipment to Maj Phil Fisher, Quartermaster of the Bowman Military Team at Blandford.

Among units involved in the testing process are the Signals, Armoured and Infantry Trials and Development Units, the Army Air Corps and the Royal Artillery Command and Information System Group.

The armoured unit will evaluate the system's performance in armoured vehi-

cles, while the infantry unit will check out Yeoman's performance mounted in Land Rovers and when used by dismounted Infantry. The trials will run from September until February 1997.

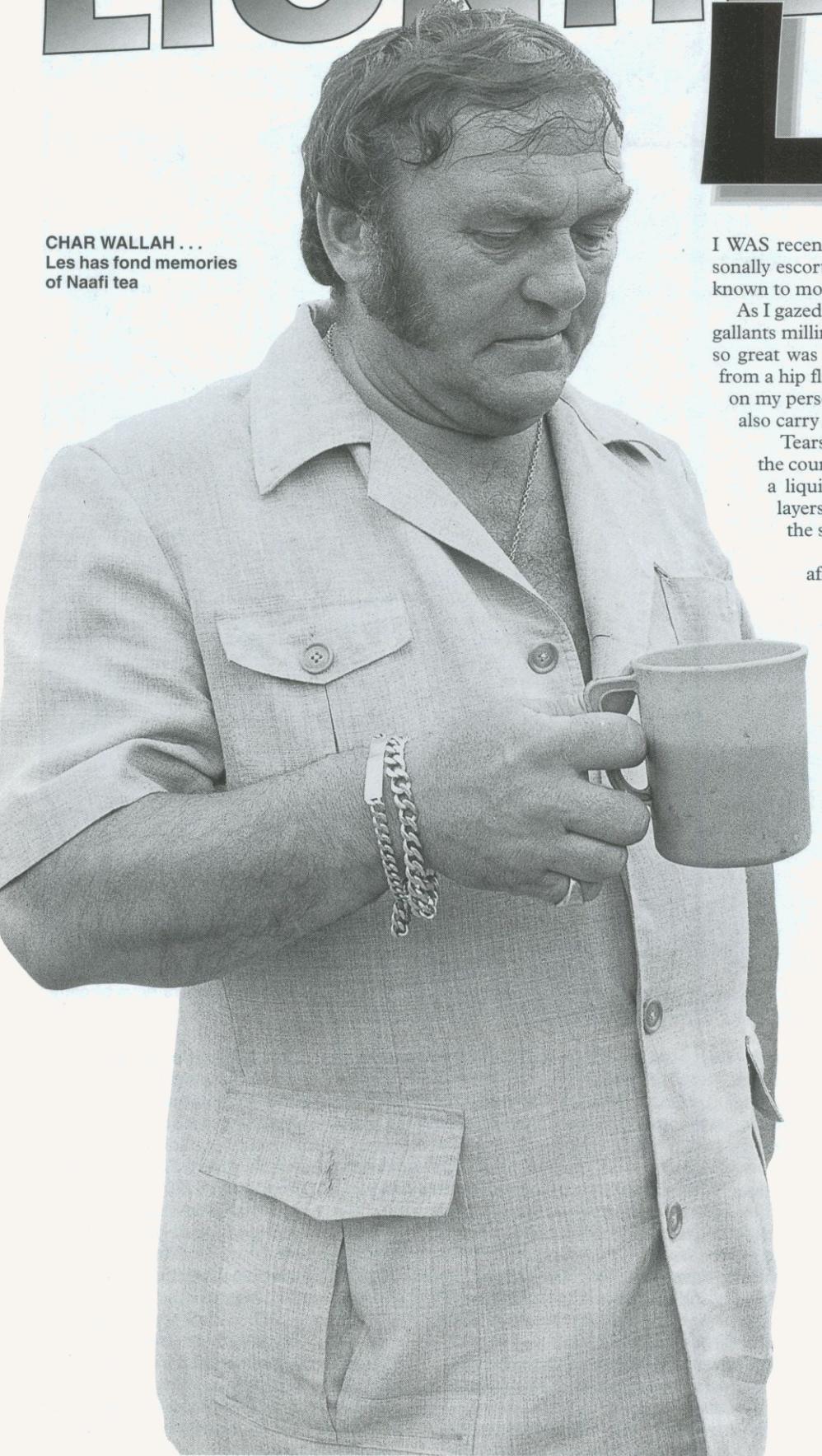
Probably the smallest exhibitor with the most on offer was the Defence Codification Authority launched earlier this year.

The MoD establishment displayed its new Item of Supply Information System (ISIS) CD-ROM for the first time. The CD contains details of 4.5 million items of supply and their NATO stock numbers, and ten million part numbers.

Many people may not realise that the late Les Dawson submitted some of his earliest work to *Soldier* magazine when he was in the Army. With compilations of his best work being shown to current audiences on BBC TV recently, it seemed an opportune time to offer *Soldier* readers the chance to laugh at this article the great comic wrote for us in 1978

LIONHEARTED LES

CHAR WALLAH...
Les has fond memories
of Naafi tea



I WAS recently accorded the distinct honour of being personally escorted around that spartan, sprawling cantonment known to most intelligent deserters as Aldershot.

As I gazed with growing pride at the myriads of khaki-clad gallants milling about outside the MO's office, I confess that so great was my emotion I had recourse to swallow deeply from a hip flask. I always carry an ample quantity of alcohol on my person in case I should sustain a severe snake bite. I also carry along a snake...

Tears welled unbidden to my eyes as I strove to find the courage necessary to quaff a mouthful of Army tea – a liquid that is quite capable of stripping the outer layers of copper from a lavatory cistern or dissolving the small intestine of a musk ox.

A rather spotty officer, and he was spotty, I'm afraid – in fact he blew his nose on a braille handkerchief – gave me a sandwich that was so old it was probably prepared in Kitchener's bivouac. I was curiously informed by a rather vague "brass hat" that the cutback on military spending was so acute that the new weapons were coming from Airfix.

WHITE FEATHERS

I was saddened at the thought of a diminished Army. I still recall my days as a trooper with The Queen's Bays, 2nd Dragoon Guards, with nostalgic relish. Despite what it says in my Army discharge book, I am not an alarmist, although I must admit there is a germ of truth in the rumour that I tried to surrender to the Germans in 1953. I still discuss my role in keeping the peace in Europe just after the war and I've still got all my white feathers. We Dawsons are of warrior stock – in fact the first Dawson, Albert, was a direct descendant of Elric the Peculiar, the only Viking ever to get mugged in Gateshead. My great-grandfather fought with Wellington – they couldn't trust him with a gun. At the Charge of the Light Brigade, my great-uncle rode into the valley of death – the only trouble was, he rode side-saddle.

My father cancelled a holiday in Jersey because he heard about the Battle of the Flowers... What a supreme coward he was – he was in Dunkirk when the first shot was fired and under a commode in Crewe when the second one went off. When war was



THOSE WERE THE DAYS: Les has a nostalgic look through *Soldier* back numbers

declared in 1939, he was the only man I know who went to night school to learn how to live without a trigger finger.

Perhaps the one member of the Dawsons who salves our pride was Beauregarde Dawson, who was a bugler with General Custer and stood by his side at the massacre of The Little Big Horn. As the Indians closed in for the kill, Custer trumpeted: "I shall wear my scarlet trousers so that the Redskins won't see my blood." Beauregarde said in reply: "I think I'll wear my khaki ones."

My Army career was not an illustrious one. My uniform was so ill-fitting I became a model for a burst frankfurter. Whenever I

fired off a rifle, the bang caused me to leap into a thicket like a startled fawn. I found cleanliness most irksome.

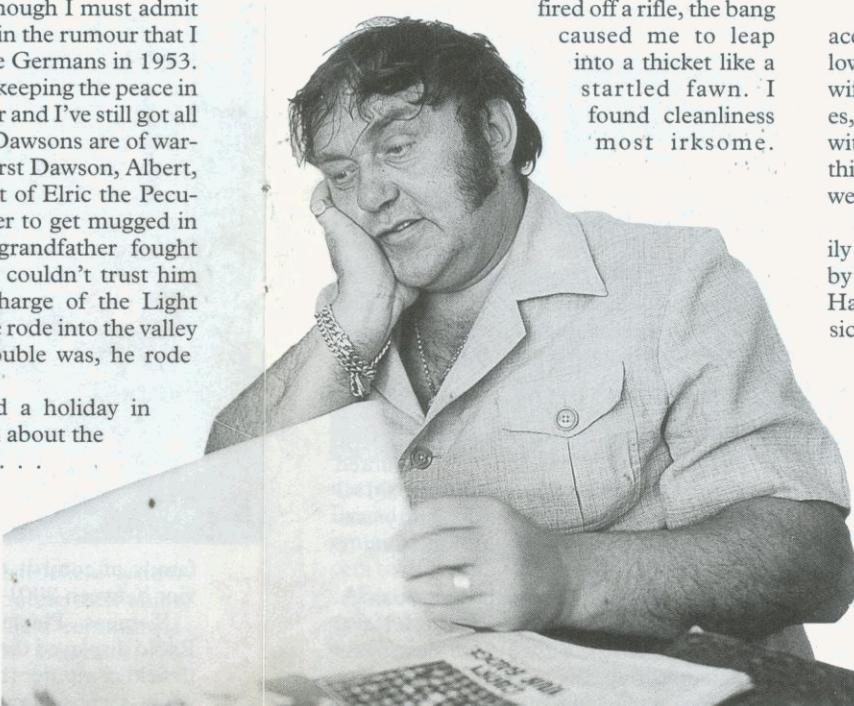
I'm not saying that I came from a dirty family, but the safest place to keep money in our house was under the soap.

When my National Service was near the end, the Korean War broke out and Clement Attlee, for some absurd reason, put six months extra on my time. I screamed and drummed my heels but I still had to do it – and I have never voted for a Labour government since. I think the Army did me the world of good though... Before my enlistment, beer made me ill; now, thanks to the character-building I endured at Catterick Camp, the thinking man's Belsen... I'm only ill when I'm not drinking beer.

So here I sit on the verandah of my highly acclaimed Wimpey-style Mandalay bungalow, sipping a mint julep and listening to the wife playing her records of Hitler's speeches, and I look back on my military service with a sort of tenderness. And that's one thing about me, I'm intensely patriotic, as well as a bloody liar.

Should this barren rock of ours, so heavily drenched in history, ever be threatened by a force of arms again, then by the Lord Harry I'll be the first to go and demand a sick note.

They can keep their atomic warheads. Nuclear fission? I throw back my head and howl in derision. In the final analysis, it is the common soldier who gets the Black Market going. I must close now, the old wound throbs – the one I received in the face of Naafi prices. My dear mother-in-law has arrived home from her job on the Wall of Death and I have to scrape the cinders off her jack-boots. I close with the words of General Wolfe: 'A friend in need... is a pest.'



Red Stripe isn't just a beer

AS 120 paratroopers from B Company, 3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment have discovered, Red Stripe isn't just the local Jamaican beer.

It also meant four weeks in the dense jungle of north eastern Jamaica learning jungle warfare skills from survival, through contact drills and on to a final six-day company-level exercise.

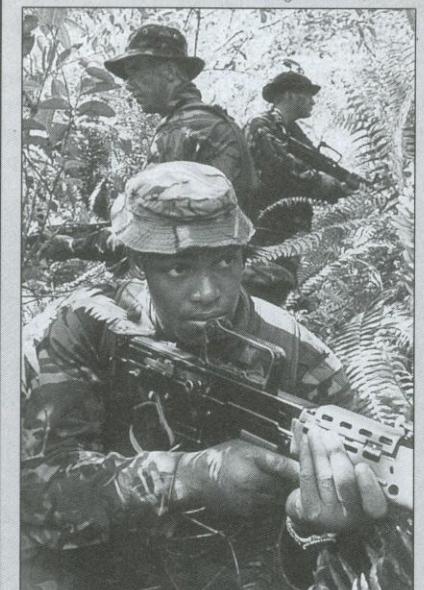
Running alongside the jungle programme in Exercise Red Stripe was the adventurous training package of diving taught by Sgt Kev Malcolm, free-fall parachuting and sailing in the Jamaican Defence Force's yacht. Finally there were three days R and R to let the company have a taste of local life in top resorts such as Montego Bay.

"We have a lot of young soldiers here and for them this will all be quite new," said company commander Maj John Barrett. "They will have some good training and see what Jamaica has to offer, which is a great deal."

For the soldiers it was a big change from coping with the temperatures of minus 40C they experienced in Norway during Exercise Hardfall in February.

On patrol in the jungle the day-time temperature was as high as 30C. In July B Coy will join the rest of 3 Para on Exercise Pond Jump West in Canada.

Picture Sgt D Brown, AMNT



Pte Mark Reid (foreground) keeps a jungle watch during B Company's exercise in Jamaica

Cavalrymen back to basics

(... and you don't get much more basic than a tank rut on the Plain)



Rfn Matt Bennett keeps a low profile as aerials are removed from a Recce Platoon Sabre

Mark Waterall found fighting in built-up areas "on the ball", even though he was trained as a tank commander and would normally have avoided such areas at all costs.

"In tanks we have 62 tons of armour round us so there is no worry about small arms fire . . ."

Several QDG drivers commented on the difference in cross-country performance between wheels and tracks.

Wheels have less grip on mud, which was a matter of concern for drivers and passengers, said Cpl Waterall.

This was the latest in a series of exciting and challenging experiences which the dragoons have faced in recent years.

"TESEX on tanks in BATUS (Canada) last year was an eye-opener," said Cpl Waterall. "You understand where you are going wrong and learn how

you need to improve your personal skills as a vehicle commander."

The QDG went through a Northern Ireland tour as infantry and completed an outstanding gunnery course in Hohne where 61 out of 63 recruits passed out.

There were mixed feelings when the firing camp was cut short because the squadron had been looking forward to returning to BATUS.

Instead it will be deploying to Bosnia. But the Queen's Dragoon Guards know they will be better cavalrymen for the dismounted experience. Understanding how foot soldiers work will help them anticipate infantry reactions during mixed exercises in the future.

Dragoons had started as mounted infantry, said WO2 Chris Gibbons, QDG squadron sergeant major, so history was repeating itself and they were returning to their roots.

The cavalrymen know about casualties. On the same day as ancestors of the Royal Green Jackets (the 52nd) were destroying Napoleon's Imperial Guard at Waterloo, the King's Dragoon Guards were breaking



through the French lines with the Heavy Brigade, losing so many men that the remaining sergeants invited surviving officers to dine with them.

But it was a salutary lesson for modern cavalrymen to come up against the high cost of fighting in built-up areas.

"I warned them to expect heavy casualties while clearing buildings," said Cpl Tony

Cox, one of two RGJ corporals detached to each of the QDG Troops.

"They were still taken aback but battled on and it was good to see them putting everything into practice. There was a lot of tactics work in FIBUA they had never touched before but they were enthusiastic and picked it up quickly."

The QDG battle group first discovered

Tpr Lee Schofield covers a mixed section of QDG and 1 RGJ debussing from a Saxon

Cpl Mark Waterall, QDG, and LCpl Kevyn Diggle, RGJ, swap experiences

that TESEX was a superb training tool last year in Canada, said B Sqn commander Maj Dave Norris.

"Many of the principles are the same for infantry as for cavalry," he said.

"How you use the ground in a tank is much the same as the way you use it as infantry . . . you are always looking for that dead area in which you can move."

Both cavalry and infantry approached joint training positively, said WO2 Gibbons. "The RGJ particularly enjoyed it because they got us out of our vehicles and made us work hard. We picked up a lot of information from them."

Challenger drivers had been on a week's course to acquaint themselves with Saxon. It took longer to familiarise the 1 RGJ reconnaissance platoon with Sabre and its quicker movement and different tactical approach.

Rfn Matt Bennett and other members of the platoon spent three months learning tactics and formations, and tricks such as removing antennae when approaching the crest of a hill.

"The sighting system is pretty good and the aerials are the only things giving us away," he said.

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Snipers Tpr Mark Davies and LCpl Stef Shaw



Saxons in line to refuel between missions



Above: Rfn Anthony Penny, Rfn Simon Wicks and Rfn Mark Smith check their equipment before the battle

Left: A Challenger of 1 RTR probes for weaknesses in the RGJ battle group



Rfn Simon Wicks moves up the line with comrades

Rise and fall of Maj Bedford

Maj Simon Bedford, OC A Company, 1st Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, had been at his unit's forming up point for only five minutes when he was shot.

His company was "shaking out" before attacking an enemy strongpoint when an enemy sniper found his target. Fortunately, it was not a 7.62 round which took him out, but a second-generation laser beam which activated one of the sensors on Maj Bedford's Direct Fire Weapons Effect Simulation equipment.

"A commander waves his arms about and tends to have a group of people round him and is easy for a sniper to pick out. Sadly I went down first," he said.

"I have to be as aware of my own movements and field craft as much as anybody else, so I won't be making that mistake again."

BASIC FIELDCRAFT

"You really have to crawl around and observe basic fieldcraft skills which we have always been taught but to which we perhaps only paid lip service."

"Commanders cannot afford to do that now."

Not just field craft skills were tested, but the ability to maintain control. It was likely that a rifleman would end up commanding a section of eight soldiers and might even find himself leading a platoon.

"It is not something you believe until it happens, but when you find your corporal, sergeant and officer are no longer with you, then it really hits home," said Maj Bedford.

Despite ending the battle with only 37 unscathed out of 113, Maj Bedford found it gratifying to see how his riflemen reacted. "It was purely through the psychological and physical momentum that the company managed to achieve its mission," he said.

Back to basics

• From Page 19

As well as the interaction between RGJ and QDG, there was terrific rivalry between 1 and 2 RGJ to see who could "kill" the greatest number of the other battalion, said WO1 Paul Harding, 1 RGJ's RSM.

Rivalry between 1 and 2 RGJ was not the only spice to the exercise. Sgt Rab Livingstone of 6 Tp, D Sqn, 1 RTR had no sympathy for the dismounted cavalry of the QDG.

He supplied one Challenger to defend the bridge and two to attack the minefield, and because they were doing the same attack three times while the infantry changed on each occasion, the armour was totally in command by the final exercise.

"We started the attack at 2100 and had massacred them by 2230. But they called in reinforcements and we had to fight them until 0630," he said.

"We still had one tank left at the end, but it had used up all its ammunition destroying the infantry."

Sgt Ginge Owen and 10 Platoon of C Company used stealth to capture one of the Challengers during a recce patrol. It was used against the attackers.

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Greenjacket cavalry Bosnia-bound

A UNIQUE formation will deploy to the Balkans in August with the 1st Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets.

B Squadron, 1 RGJ will have a squadron headquarters from the 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards plus One and Two Troops from B Squadron, as well as 3 Platoon from the Royal Green Jackets.

challenges and will enjoy returning to their tanks next year, having earned their medals the hard way."

Having recently returned from a tour as resident battalion in Cyprus, the Greenjackets found the Tactical Equipment Simulation exercise on Salisbury Plain an exciting experience, particularly as it was the first time in five years that the battalion had operated at the high-intensity level.

"It is marvellous being part of a vibrant field army formation in a brigade with a real role," said Col Jackson.

Initial "war-fighting" training was designed so that the battalion would be able to operate with 1 Mechanised Brigade in whatever situation may develop in

Bosnia. This was followed by specific pre-Bosnia training, first for the commanders, then the whole battlegroup.

Maj David Norris, officer commanding B Sqn QDG, is confident his troopers will be as adaptable as he had been. Now on his second appointment as a squadron commander, he previously commanded a medium recce squadron with CVRT and is destined to be a mechanised company commander.

"It is a challenge, but the regiment is used to change," he said.

While the squadron is operating in Saxon in Bosnia, the remainder of the QDG, commanded by Lt Col Hamish MacDonald, will deploy with Challenger.

Maj Norris thinks he will have the best of it. "All the reports I have heard indicate that there are more jobs for the infantry to do, especially in Saxon because it is a less aggressive way of going about the business and is possibly more accepted by the local population than turning up in a tank," he said.

Col Jackson said: "We are confident we will be able to step down from our high-intensity conflict role to peacekeeping and face any eventuality."

"There is so much work to be done in confidence building and helping the civilian population, but we will be there over the election period and who knows what could happen then?"

It takes a would-be combat engineer 11 weeks of concentrated effort at 3 Royal School of Military Engineering Regiment, Minley to learn the skills of this special trade

SAPPERS arrive at Minley having completed ten weeks of basic training at the Army Training Regiment, Bassingbourn and leave as fully-fledged combat engineers ready for service in theatres such as former Yugoslavia, the Falkland Islands, Cyprus and Africa.

All of the skills taught have relevance to recent humanitarian and operational work undertaken by the Royal Engineers: mine clearance and the construction of field defences in the Balkans; infrastructure support such as supplying bulk drinking water in Angola; bridge construction in Rwanda; construction and maintenance work elsewhere in Africa. The list is long.

Training at 3 RSME Regiment is extremely diverse. One day a student may be learning how to handle and use plastic explosive, the next he may be instructed on the detection and clearance of mines.

Bridge-building, watermanship, mine warfare, route maintenance... all become bread-and-butter to the trained combat engineer.

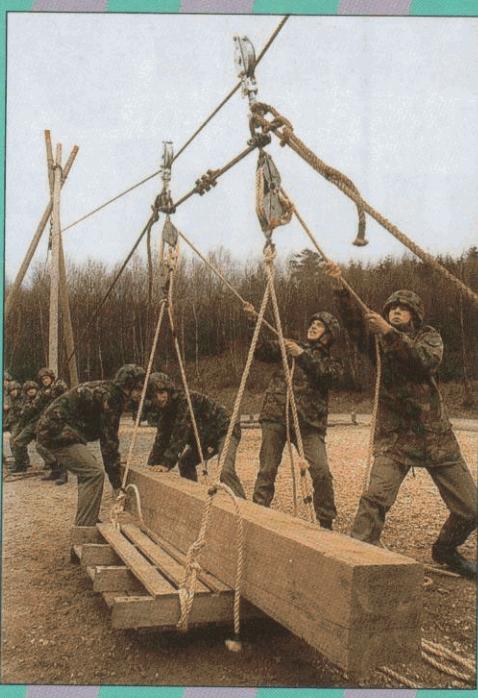
The hands-on approach to teaching is illustrated by the motto the school adopts:

*"Tell me and I will forget.
Show me and I will remember.
Let me do it and I will understand."*

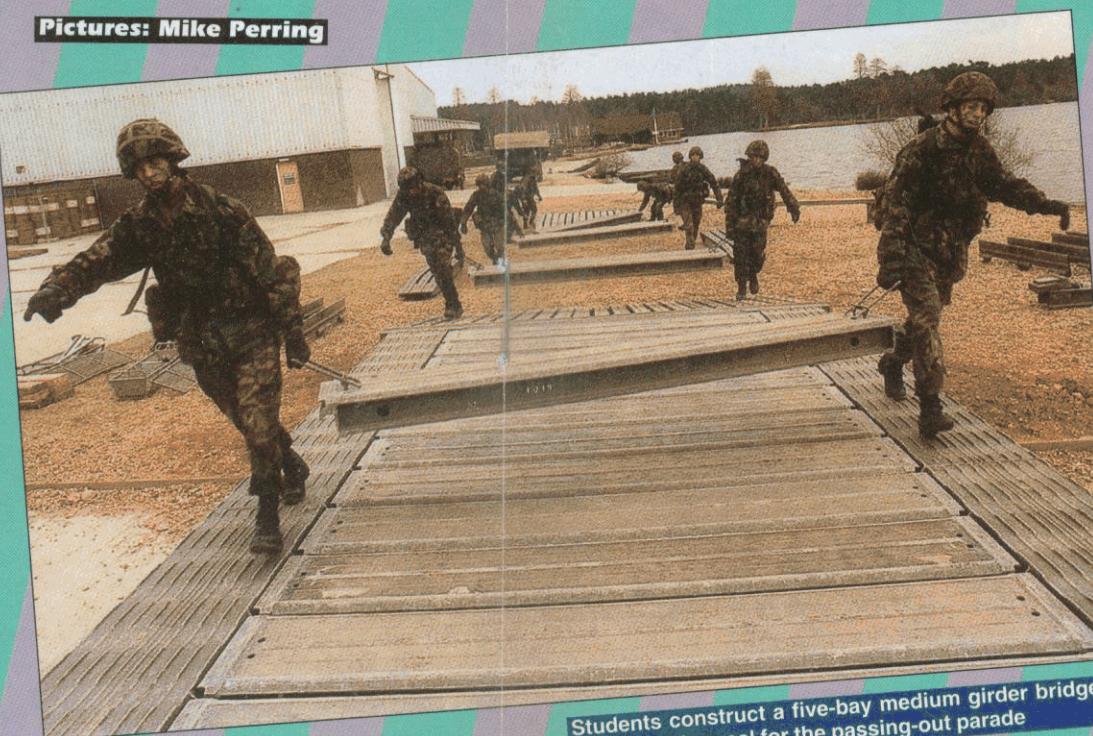
In addition to learning combat engineer skills, students continue a full and active physical education programme. The "seamless" transition develops the Phase 1 standard reached at ATR Bassingbourn to Phase 2 training.

The underlying ethos behind training is that troop and section commanders are preparing students to deploy on operations at the end of their courses to help the Royal Engineers carry out their tasks worldwide.

How to become a combat engineer



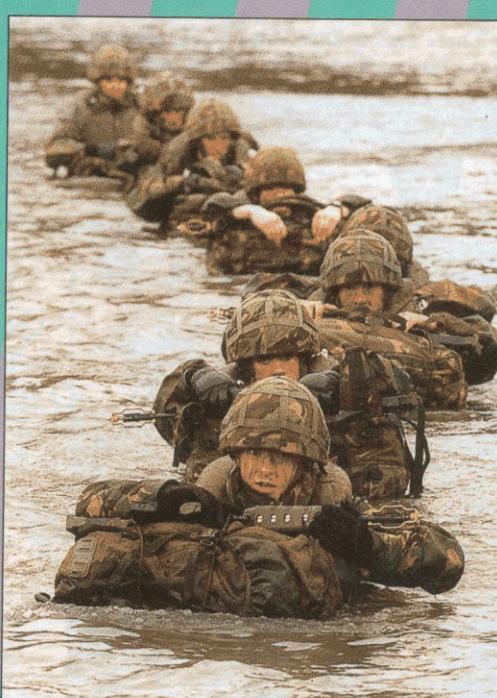
Aerial route: Minley candidates use a ropeway to move a heavy load



Students construct a five-bay medium girder bridge during a rehearsal for the passing-out parade



Gently does it... sappers must practise clearing a safe lane through a minefield

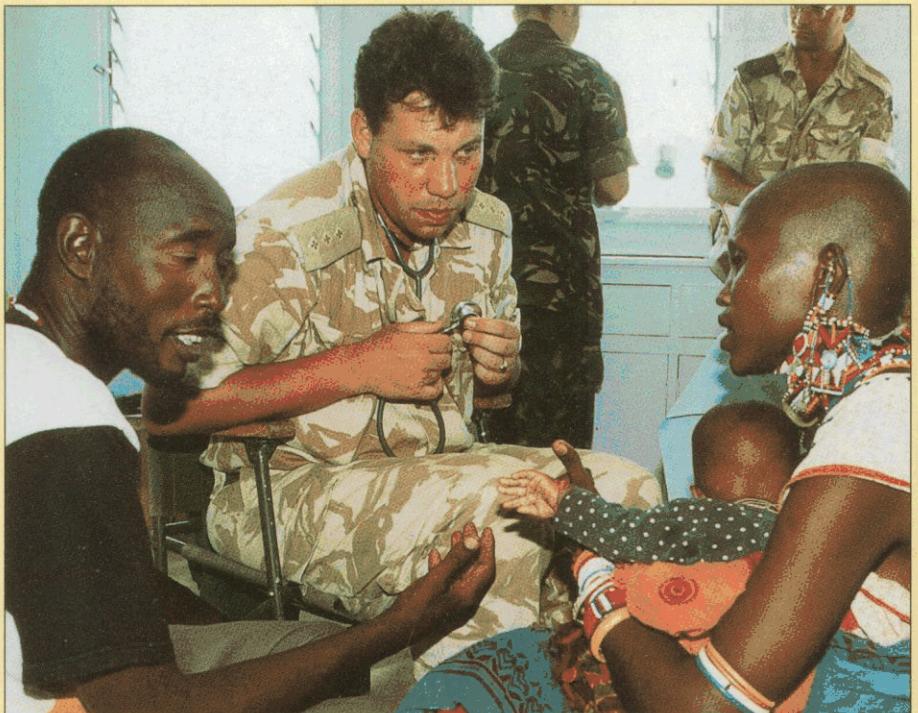


Follow the leader: sappers learn the hard way that if you can't go over it you have to go through it

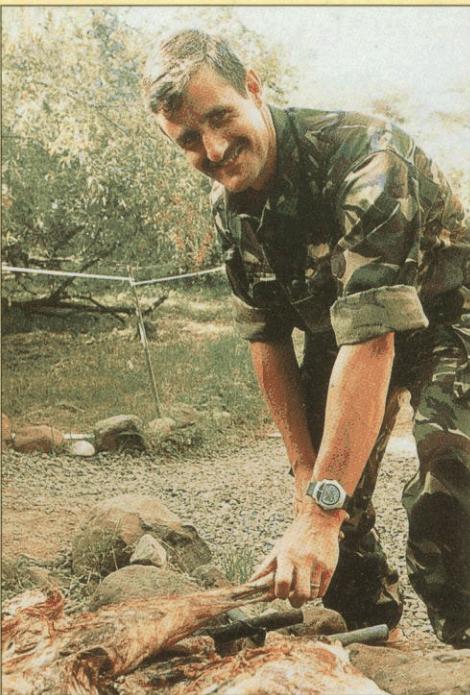
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Above: Combat engineers storm ashore from their assault boats as they secure a beach-head





Listening: Capt Bob Darby holds a clinic at a remote health centre



Floyd on the barbie: Master chef SSgt Jon Floyd gets to grips with the unit barbecue



Above - Bush stop: Capt Bob Darby (front) with members of the Exercise Sharp Point team deep in the Kenyan countryside

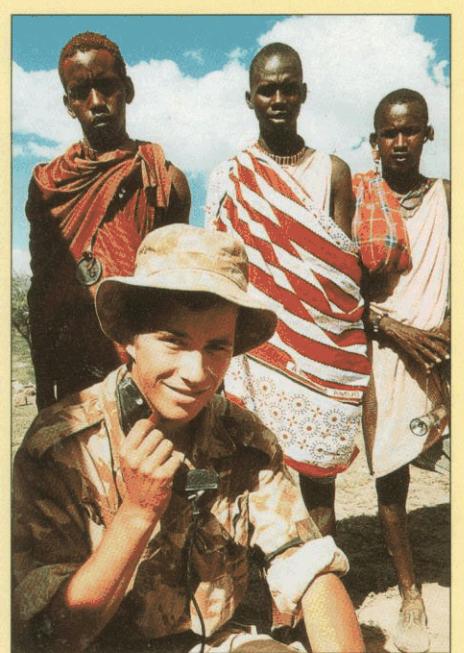
Left - Country call: Lt Victoria Bailey cleans up an infected eye

Branching out into bush medicine

Report: James Gaskin
Pictures: Chris Barker

"MIND your backs," yelled the driver... and the soldiers behind him in the unprotected back of the vehicle rapidly leaned inwards.

There was a loud thwack of lacerating thorn bushes hitting the side as the first of



Anyone there? Pte Glen Tilbury provided comms for Sharp Point

two trucks bounced across parts of the Kenyan bush where roads were a distant memory.

Four hours south-west of Nairobi, this was "Born Free" country in the raw.

But the people in the vehicles were not looking for lions... they were scouring the bush for members of the nomadic Masai tribe.

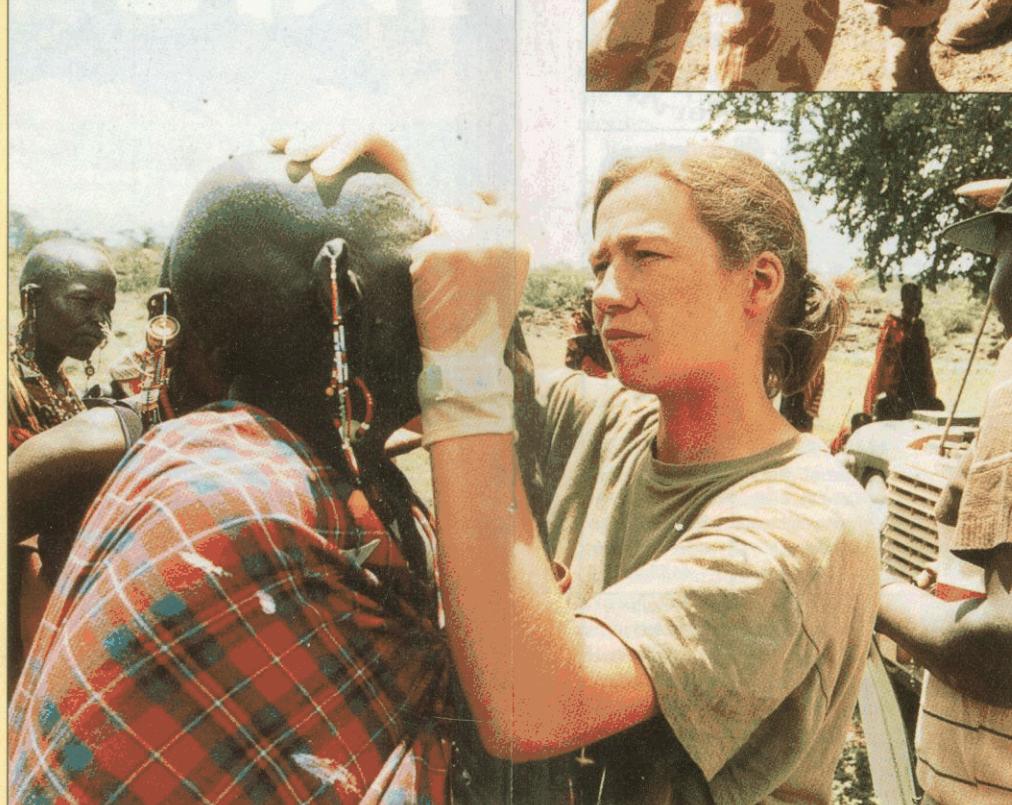
Members of 24 Airmobile Field Ambulance from Catterick in North Yorkshire were helping the Kenyan Government to deliver its vaccination programme to people in the remotest areas of the country.

Middle of nowhere

On good days, the RAMC unit arrived at a medical centre and worked under shelter of a roof. On many others the guide halted the small convoy in the middle of nowhere and the doctors held their clinic under a convenient tree.

As the medics travelled through the hot bush, surgical masks were pressed into service as dust filters.

Working closely with two major aid agencies, 24 Fd Amb, beefed up by Territorial Army doctors and nurses, was taking medicine to the people under Exercise Sharp Point, commanded by Maj Alan



Rees. Personnel from 15 units were assembled to help with the mission.

Capt David Collie, 2iC and motor transport officer, completed the initial recce to

ensure the project was possible. A veteran logistician, he found his expertise stretched to the limit by hundreds of miles of dirt tracks. But the system he set up was not

found wanting. When two soldiers based at the unit's most northerly location were required back in the United Kingdom as soon as possible, they were on home soil within 48 hours.

By the end of Sharp Point, the British medics, working in three field teams, had notched up 1,200 vaccinations and 1,050 cases of primary care treatment.

Main category of patients to benefit were the children of Kenya's nomadic tribes. The team also dispensed health advice and carried out some dental work.

"It was a great opportunity for us to assist in the vaccination programme being carried out by the Kenyan Government and to practise our medical skills in a difficult and challenging environment," said Maj Rees. Vaccines, supplied by the government, were aimed at preventing tuberculosis, polio, measles, diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus.

In their primary care role, the medics

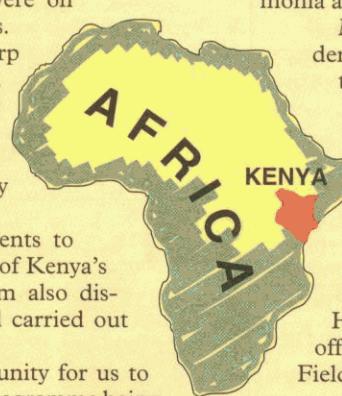
provided ante-natal advice, tackled eye problems including trachoma, cataracts and conjunctivitis, and came across pneumonia and malaria cases.

Maj Sarah Frankland ran a dental clinic, making 70 extractions and seven surgical extractions, as well as many fillings and hygiene treatments.

Capt Bob Darby, a qualified nurse and Regular soldier, described the conditions he found at a medical centre near the Tanzanian border as "a big culture shock". He normally serves as training officer with the London-based 256 Field Hospital, a TA unit.

Pte Glen Tilbury, a radio operator and driver, provided field communications for the exercise, and SSgt Jon Floyd, a master chef with the RLC, was in charge of making sure the 50 soldiers on Sharp Point were properly fed.

He was suitably pleased when a tribesman presented him with a goat for a unit barbecue.



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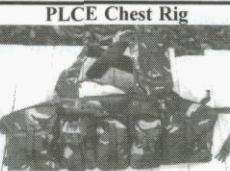
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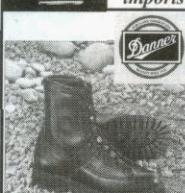
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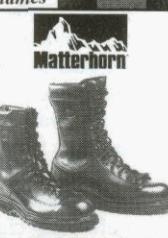
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The Queen talks to Peter Archer about his painting

ARMY padres celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Royal Army Chaplains' Department when they assembled in Westminster Abbey for a service of thanksgiving, writes Gordon Skilling.

Focal point of the service was an act of rededication during which the royal warrant of the department was carried through the Abbey first by the Very Rev Ivan Neill, oldest surviving Chaplain General, then by the Rev Tim Cole, one of the newest recruits.

Representatives of the main denominations led prayers for a congregation which contained delegates from Army churches throughout the country.

An outstanding address by Dr George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, did justice to the glittering occasion and the august assembly he faced.

It sparkled with the irreverent comments of Wellington to the Foreign Office bureaucrats and accountants while he was fighting a war; it praised the gallant and dedicated service of chaplains typified by the four Victoria Crosses awarded during the First World War and after which the department earned the title "Royal".

Although pastoral support for regimental soldiers was a common feature in Britain for centuries it was not until 1796 that a royal warrant was issued to regularize and establish the department.

The Archbishop spoke eloquently of how soldiers had drawn strength from their chaplains in the most trying of circumstances in places such as the First World

Soldiers of God mark anniversary

War trenches, the beaches of Normandy and the hills of Korea.

Many chaplains had applied to work with Wellington during the Peninsular war; only

one was considered as having the physical stamina to do the key tasks, one of which, said Dr Carey with an apology to the Methodist brethren, was to monitor the growth of Methodism so that they could warn him if there was anything "which ought to be put a stop to".

Chaplains had to take on the whole armour of God and take their share of hardship like good soldiers of Christ Jesus.

The example of Theodore Hardy was not unique. He became a temporary chaplain in 1916 aged 54, winning first a DSO then an MC then the VC.

In the Second World War six chaplains received the DSO and 94 the MC, two being awarded two bars to their Military Crosses. Some of those who could testify to

this bravery were present at the service and at a garden party the following day.

The Queen, as the chaplains' patron, also attended the party at the temporal home of the department at Bagshot Park, where the Chaplain General, the Rev Dr Victor Dobbin, presented many of the department's personalities.

The Queen had first view of an oil painting by Peter Archer depicting a communion service in the field during the Cold War somewhere in Germany, with a small group of soldiers taking the sacrament beside their Chieftain tank. Relaxed and obviously enjoying her visit, the Queen was delighted to be presented with an enamelled pill box displaying the badges of Christian and Jewish chaplains and commemorating the chaplains' association with her as Patron and with Bagshot Park.

Commemorative services will also be held in the autumn at Lisburn, St Giles's in Edinburgh, and the cathedral in Brecon.

● The Ven Peter Mallett, who died while preparing to attend the Westminster service, was a popular former Chaplain General who saw active service in Malaya, Aden and Northern Ireland. His riveting services once featured a live tiger.



The Chaplain General, the Rev Dr Victor Dobbin, tells the Queen about the commemorative pill box with which she was presented

Irony in making competent Gurkhas redundant

IN your issue of June 10 under the heading of "Terriers deployed to Split and Sarajevo" you published a picture purporting to depict Territorial Army capbadges in Bosnia.

While the British Army has certainly treated the Brigade of Gurkhas as if it were the TA,

with Options for Change (what options?) imposing a 70 per cent cut in the number of Gurkhas as compared with 28 per cent for the British, Gurkha regiments are now and always have been part of the Regular force.

The 3rd Battalion, The

Royal Gurkha Rifles is a Regular battalion stationed in the United Kingdom.

It is perhaps ironic that at a time when the British Army appears to be having problems finding recruits, I am making perfectly competent Gurkha soldiers compulsorily redundant.

With that peculiar British penchant for toadying to our enemies and betraying our friends, 3 RGR is to be disbanded later this year. — **Maj J G H Corrigan, OC The Gurkha Training Wing, Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Church Crookham.**

Mystery of bugle unearthed on Glosters' Hill 235

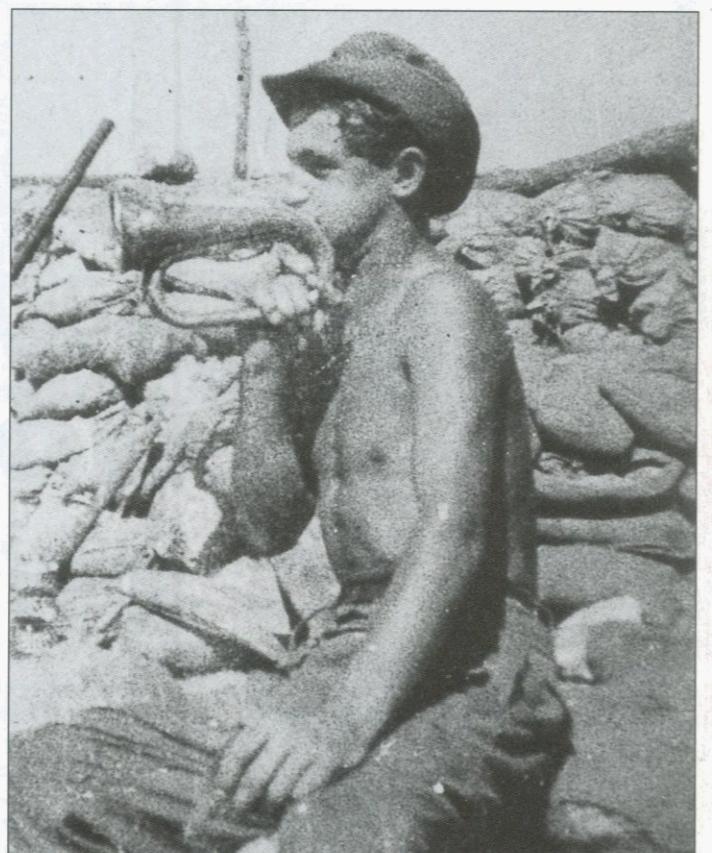
DURING my recent visit to Korea (reported in *Soldier*, May 27), a colleague who had served with the 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment in 1951 had an interesting story to tell.

Soon after the Imjin River battle, the re-formed Glosters visited Hill 235, site of the battalion's final stand. The story of the defiant sounding of *Last Reveille* by Drum Major Buss is well known, after which the bugle was seemingly demolished with a grenade to prevent its use by the enemy.

Searching the shattered weapon pits and trenches, my colleague unearthed a battered bugle, which is still in his possession today, bearing evidence of manufacture by R J Ward and Sons, Liverpool 1923, and the inscriptions 2 GR and 16.

That it is not the bugle of *Last Reveille* fame has been established beyond reasonable doubt. The bugles taken to Korea by 1 Glosters were of Canadian manufacture.

My colleague and I wonder if readers can throw light on



how the bugle came to be on Hill 235 in the summer of 1951. Was it the prized personal possession of one of the men taken prisoner during the battle?

If it has any historical signif-

icance, should it be suitably displayed?

The poor quality photograph of bugle and finder [reproduced above] was taken in about 1951. — **Jim Jacobs, Fareham, Hants,**

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Post-Turkish delight

I HAVE just returned from holiday in Turkey to find two issues of *Soldier* awaiting me. Both are a delight to read, especially the brilliant interview with John Prebble by Gordon Skilling (May 13).

The new cover presentation is fantastic and has improved the look of the magazine 100 per cent. It just goes from strength to strength in every respect.

I am putting together a history of the British Army since 1645 and really could not be without *Soldier* for information on the whereabouts of personnel and regiments and the promotions listings. Thanks a lot. — **Wesley E Knight (ex-NCO, 1 Para), Leicester.**

BIRD'S EYE-VIEW



Catterick medics treat Kenya's nomadic tribes — Pages 24-25

Cadets wear '37 pattern webbing

ANYONE got any Blanco? I was intrigued by the letter from Sean Johnson (April 29) in which he pleaded for his REME volunteer unit to have the chance to acquire up-to-date kit.

While concurring with Mr Johnson's sentiments, he failed to ask the fundamental question: who supplies the surplus stores?

We have been promised ten whole sets of '58 pattern, to share among 270 cadets, since

before 1992. Presumably when the Regular Army is issued with inter-galactic space-age webbing, our cadet forces will be just about due an issue of PLCE.

Oh, for some '58 pattern webbing — the cadet forces are still on '37 pattern!

The answer is that most kit and equipment is supplied

from the Ministry of Defence by public auction. It is a crying shame that reserves and cadets are once again treated as "second-class", having to resort to purchasing "basic issued items".

If the MoD insists we pay for it, could we not, as Mr Johnson suggests, cut out the middle man and thus achieve a more competitive price? — **A R Penfold, Sevenoaks, Kent.**

Terror in Canal Zone

DORIS GOLDER, Walter Bentham and Brian Sinclair-Whitely are to be congratulated on their accounts of life and actions in the Suez Canal Zone when terrorists were operating (Letters, Mar 4, April 15, May 13).

Even the sceptics who wondered what the palaver was all about with the continuing correspondence on that "missing medal" must now realise there is substance in the claim.

It is a sorry state of affairs if "politics" or "procedure" still prevent its award and those

concerned in the denial should surely question their reasoning. — **W H D Podd (ex-4th RTR), Oulton Broad, Suffolk.**

CONGRATULATIONS to Pte Gwiliam Jenkins, regimental goat of 1 RRW on being presented with the General Service Medal for Northern Ireland (*Soldier*, April 29).

One can now assume that all the police dogs who saw service in that theatre will also be awarded the GSM.

Perhaps one day all the

nel who saw active service during the 1951-54 emergency in the Suez Canal Zone will get their medal, too. — **Harry Whitehead (former CSM, 19 Armd Wksp REME), York.**

REGARDING Leon Clarke's letter (May 11) on the subject of a medal for the Suez Emergency, how did he get on at the RBL conference in Scarborough? I wish he would tell us as a lot of us around here are waiting with bated breath. — **C L Golder, Bolton, Lancs.**

For the record...

King's Corporal

CPL Cosgrove (Letters, May 27) wasn't a "King's Corporal", but he was properly dressed.

After the Middlesex Yeomanry Cavalry (Uxbridge) had been re-titled Middlesex (Duke of Cambridge's Hussars) Yeomanry Cavalry in 1884 they provided an escort for Queen Victoria.

As a mark of distinction their full-rank NCOs were granted the privilege of wearing a crown above their chevrons. SQMSs wore four chevrons with the crown.

On re-forming and transferring to Royal Signals in 1921, the dress distinction continued, as it did when they were embodied as 1st Armd Div Signals in 1939. — **Alan R N Simcock, Dorset.**

IN 1922 the Middlesex Yeomanry was absorbed into the Royal Signals but retained its own cap-badge, buttons and NCOs' arm badges. The NCOs' arm badge of the MY was the Imperial Crown in gilding metal, worn by corporals and sergeants above their stripes. — **A Osborne, Manchester.**

THE King's Corporal chestnut needs to be laid to rest. Household Cavalry NCOs have worn a crown above chevrons with their Service dress and other orders of dress from pre-1914; Middlesex Yeomanry NCOs likewise from the last century, granted as an honour for escort duty and smart turnout. — **Edward A G Croucher, Diss, Norfolk.**

DURING 30 years as honorary secretary of the Military Historical Society I encountered the mythical King's Corporal several times and compiled a formidable file on the subject. Mr L A Griffith (May 27) met a run-of-the-mill corporal of the Middlesex Yeomanry who doubtless amused himself by attributing his regiment's customary rank-marking to the King's Corporal story. — **John Gaynor, Bromley, Kent.**

● **Mr E Osborne, of Surbiton, Surrey, a Soldier reader since it started, notes that the MY rank-marking distinction is detailed in Brian Leigh-Davis's book, British Army Uniforms and Insignia of World War Two, and asks whether WOs wore the badge, which would lead to an SSM wearing two crowns on his sleeve. Mr Alec Coleman, of Bury, Lancs, has also written in similar vein to the above correspondents. — Editor.**

I contend that only a killjoy tries to demolish legends! My dad, a Mons Star man, swore blind they had a King's Corporal in his RFA battery. It was an award for an act of bravery in the retreat. I prefer to believe my old dad. — **C L Golder, Bolton, Lancs.**

'Leaping' into marriage – thanks to SOLDIER

WHEN military modeller Peter Newell was introduced to *Soldier* magazine – and, more specifically, its Pen Pals columns – by, among others, SSgt Paul Middleton REME, Capt (Retd) David Graham RTC and the Tank Museum's David Fletcher, he little dreamt what it would lead to.

"Being severely disabled with epilepsy and cancer, I had few friends, especially lady friends, so I placed an advert in *Soldier* last December," Peter, who lives near Scunthorpe, said.

In January, he received a reply from Susan Robinson, an occupational therapy assistant at a Scunthorpe hospital.

Calling at the Army Careers Information Office in Doncaster to enquire about penfriends, she had



The brand new Mr and Mrs Newell sign the register on their big day

been given the pick of two issues of *Soldier* – and had chosen Peter's advertisement.

After exchanging several letters a week, they met and, as Peter describes it, "that was that." Being Leap Year, Susan took the opportunity to "pop the question" to her fellow-writer by letter. He immediately telephoned to accept.

"We would like to thank the staff of *Soldier* for making two lonely people a very, very happy newly-wed couple," they said.

THEY SAID IT: This rough draft (right) was advertising agency Saatchi and Saatchi's instant suggestion for a recruiting campaign following reports that French Army officers had admitted the British Army is the greatest thing since sliced bread.

Sounds like a Gallic endorsement of the Army's "Be the Best" slogan ...

Army is mentioned in French dispatches

By Tim Butcher
Defence Correspondent

SENIOR French officers have admitted what retired generals have boasted since Waterloo – that the British Army is better.

In a front-page article in the newspaper *Le Monde* French commanders are quoted praising the professionalism of the British forces which they describe as the "super-pros".

MERCI, MON ARMÉE

Wingate archive for sale

CHINDIT commander Maj Gen Orde Wingate's military archive is to be sold by Sotheby's in London on July 11.

Letters, military plans and photographs reflect the leader's controversial personality during his service in Palestine, Abyssinia and the Far East. Wingate died in an aircraft crash in northern Assam in 1944.

Kohima Cathedral: Ex-14th Army sergeant Michael Gavin believes Burma veterans and their families will be interested in this photograph of the cathedral built by the Bishop of Kohima and the Naga tribe as a tribute to the British and Indian troops who fought and died in the village during one of the pivotal battles of the Second World War. Their resistance against overwhelming odds halted the Japanese advance into India.

Of particular interest are papers concerning the planning behind Wingate's "Special Night Squad" operations in pre-war Palestine, the liberation of Addis Ababa in 1941, and the second Chindit campaign behind the Japanese lines in Burma.

Coming under the hammer in Sotheby's salerooms will be his Bible, letters, notebooks, confidential files, and his plans for a Jewish Army dedicated to the establishment of a homeland.

The papers of the commander described by Churchill as "a man of genius" are expected to fetch £100,000.

50 YEARS AGO

From *Soldier*, July 1946

GETTING THE BLUES

From the top of his beret to the toes of his shoes, the British soldier (of all ranks) will have a completely new outfit to wear when he takes his girlfriend out. And, unlike the old "blue patrols" which he bought himself, it will be issued to him.

For most units the new No. 1 Dress is indigo blue, but rifle regiments will wear rifle green, the King's Royal Rifle Corps black, Highland regiments dark piper green tunics with kilts instead of trousers and Lowland regiments trews with the blue tunics.

25 YEARS AGO

From *Soldier*, July 1971

... AND THE GREENS

Green is to be the predominant colour of the well-dressed soldier of the Seventies. Green shirt, liner (a new item), poncho, working belt, gloves – even vests, shorts, pants and "long johns" are in the darkest green.

Phone call home led to Nepal rescue sortie

OUR assistant military attaché in Kathmandu, Lt Col Paul Gay, has written to tell us about the unique co-operation between British and Royal Nepalese Armies which lay behind the international rescue of a Serviceman climbing Mount Everest.

The incident, widely reported in April, was sparked by a satellite telephone call from expedition member Mike Trueman, a retired Army major, to his wife, Helen, a paediatrician working in Hong Kong.

She immediately contacted British Gurkhas Nepal and alerted



International rescue: From left are Maj Tim Woodman, Maj Sudheer Shrestha, Maj Eknath Thapa and Capt Dipak Karki in front of the mercy mission helicopter

the duty officer, Maj Tim Woodman.

Maj Woodman called in Col Gay whose request to Capt Dipak Karki, operations officer of 11 Air Brigade, Royal Nepalese Army, resulted in Maj Sudheer Shrestha and Maj Eknath Thapa setting off for Everest Base Camp in their Ecureuil helicopter.

Meanwhile Maj Woodman had arranged for Dr Padam Chand,

the British Gurkhas' doctor, to be on standby for their return while Col Gay confirmed arrangements for the hospital reception.

An hour after being lifted off Everest, Leading Seaman Eamon Fullen of the Royal Navy was being treated for a suspected heart attack.

He made an excellent recovery, reports Col Gay, and flew home a fortnight later.

DATES

July

5: Royal Engineers Rowing Club 150th anniversary row-past and reunion, Royal Henley. 9-20: Royal Tournament.

11: RBL 75th anniversary service, Westminster Abbey.

14: Para spectacular, Southsea Common, in aid of Airborne Forces welfare. Free entry.

21: Aldershot Military Museum special events day, 1.30pm (01252 314598).

21: Oxon-Bucks RBL gala day, Stonor Park nr Henley-on-Thames. Details: 01865 53151.

28: Tank Museum battle day, Bovington.

August

14-26: Gurkhas at Gallipoli, 80th anniversary exhibition, Gurkha Museum, Winchester (01962 842832).

September

7-8: Farnborough International 96 airshow.

7-8: Berwick Military Tattoo. Proceeds to SSAFA.

October

6: Aldershot militaria fair, The Maltings, Farnham, Surrey.

November

16: Classic military band concert, Band of RAF College Cranwell at Cranwell in aid of SSAFA. (details: 01406 425550).

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

BACK TO NORMANDY: Twenty-eight officers from 42 (North West) Brigade at Preston re-fought the battle for Normandy during Exercise Great Escape Two.

Under Brigade Commander Brig David Shaw they toured D-Day battlefields, researched in detail aspects of the campaign and attended a Normandy Veterans Association parade at Bayeux Military Cemetery to mark the 52nd anniversary of the landings.

J Fisher and B Thorpe, who were barrack room Trained Soldiers in Maj Peter Horsfall's brigade squad in January 1959 at the **Caterham Guards Depot** are asked to contact him at Daydream, 222 Leigh Hunt Drive, Southgate, London N14 6DS.

News of Raymond Mius and Philip Doherty, both ex-Parachute Regiment, and from the Coventry area, sought by Lynn Phipps, 25 Oaklea Crescent, Fremlington, Barnstaple, North Devon EX31 3DE (01271 329026) for family birthday celebration.

Sandhurst open day

□ Military displays, including the Red Devils parachute team, bands, sports and recreational activities will be featured at an open day at RMA Sandhurst on July 7. Admission and car parking at the event, from 10am until 5pm, are free.



Headstone of LCpl Collinson, 105 Provost Coy, at Annabichal

Return to BZA

TWENTY-TWO former members of 105 Provost Company RMP, a mixture of Regular and National Servicemen from the period 1945-55, returned to what was known as the British Zone of Austria.

They visited their former Lendorf Barracks at Klagenfurt and paid their respects in the military section of Annabichal cemetery to LCpl Ron Collinson, killed in a motor cycle accident in October 1952.

The party also called at the former offices of the Graz detachment and Schonbrunn Barracks in Vienna, now headquarters of the Austrian Army.

REUNIONS

Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters: Regimental Association annual Crich dinner, July 6, and pilgrimage to Regimental Memorial Crich, July 7. Details: RHQ, WFR, Foresters House, HQ Chetwynd Barracks, Beeston, Notts NG9 5HA (0115 9465415).

ACC Association Corps Sunday, July 7, St Omer Barracks, Aldershot. Open air service followed by lunch. Old comrades welcome. Details: 01252 340893/4.

101 (London) Engr Regt (EOD) (V): Reunion for former members from formation as 1st Middlesex Engineers to present at RHQ on July 13. Details from Maj Brian

COMMANDERS' COMMENDATIONS

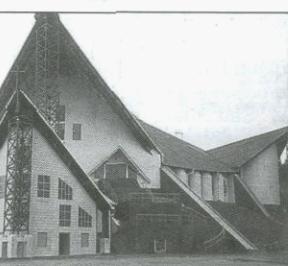
C-IN-C LAND COMMAND has commended SSgt Stuart Twist REME for his courageous actions in saving the life of a child in the sea off Brunei on January 28.

Joint Commander Operation Hamden commendations (for service on, or in support of, operations in former Yugoslavia, May-Dec 1995): Maj C Davies AGC(SPS); Maj S J Kirkbride, 9/12 L; Maj J D McIlroy RE; Maj N Turner REME; Maj P H D Wright RA; Capt S M Carrington RLC; Capt P J Everitt RHA; Capt T Gallagher RE; Capt C R Hopkin RRF; Capt A Jones, R Anglian; Capt S P North RGBW; Capt G O'Meara, R Signals; Capt P R A Shackleton, Bdr G S Reeve RA; Capt S E C

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Joint Commander Operation Chantress commendations (for service on, or in support of, operations in Angola, April-Aug 1995): Capt P G Smith RLC; WO2 R L Starbuck AGC(SPS); Csgt P W Cunliffe WG; Cpl I C Augar RE; Cpl D C Clarke RLC; Cpl R S Millwood RE; Spr P W Fernandez-Josey RE.



Nothing 'chicken' about this jungle soldier

PERHAPS stuck for a title for his book, John Cross decided on *A Face Like a Chicken's Backside*, sub-titled *An Unconventional Soldier in South East Asia, 1948-71*.

Why such a title? Because a Malayan aborigine guerrilla, won over in a hearts-and-minds exercise in the Emergency 40 years ago, compared his looks to that particular part of a fowl's anatomy.

Such matters are, of course, in the eye of the beholder and the imaginative critic tempered his remarks by describing him as a "good man".

No doubt the author possessed fine character qualities, but while the sub-title is plainly true, the main title is obviously not, if his photograph on the cover is anything to go by.

A girl called Jane also liked the look of him enough to leave England and agree to marry him in Malaya, even though he commanded a company of Gurkhas and was constantly roaming the jungle hunting communist bandits.

Realising the danger he faced she did not stay long,

A Face Like a Chicken's Backside by J P Cross. Greenhill Books, hardback, £17.99.

giving him the elbow by having a note air-dropped to him declaring that by the time he got it she would be out of Malaya.

This gave him the freedom to pursue his Army career, which he did for the next 38 years, ten of which he spent in the jungle chasing terrorists.

His book tells of his adventures with the Gurkhas and of his time as commanding officer of the Gurkha Independent Parachute Company; and of

his experiences as the last commandant of the British Army's Jungle Warfare School (JWS), in Johore Bahru near the Singapore Causeway, which trained officers and men from five continents.

Ironically, when he left the JWS, he was posted as defence attache to Laos, a country controlled by those of the same political creed against which he had been waging war for most of his military life.

These tales of jungle adventures are only too real – and the book has 16 pages of photographs to prove it. – JM

Last word on the cruellest Fascist

BEFORE committing suicide, Hitler named Joseph Goebbels to succeed him as Chancellor of the Third Reich, which had now shrunk, because of the Red Army's near total occupation of Berlin, to an area one mile from north to south and rather less from east to west.

Goebbels held the highest office in Germany for only a few brief hours until he poisoned himself, his wife and six children. An inglorious end for "the malevolent genius whose oratory once inspired a nation to fight a total war and to hold out to the very end". So writes David Irving in a new biography, *Goebbels: Mastermind of the Third Reich*.

He draws extensively on more than 75,000 pages of Goebbels's diaries that had lain unrecognised as collection No 1477 in the former Soviet state archives in Moscow, until discovered in 1992 by Dr Elke Frohlich, the leading German authority on the diaries.

A cripple, Joseph Goebbels was taunted at school and the bitterness caused in his formative years was to ferment for the rest of his life.

"He hated the human race, and he boasted of this hatred in his secret diaries," Irving writes.

Goebbels: Mastermind of the Third Reich by David Irving. Focal Point, hardback, £25.



Joseph Goebbels... described as a "malevolent genius"

beautiful Magda Quant, an episode which had a profound effect throughout a life haunted by debt and chaotic relationships with women.

By the early 1920s, unwanted as a writer, he blamed Jewish employers. In 1924 the Nazi party proved his destiny.

Goebbels was given control of Nazi propaganda in 1929 but also continued his work in the office of *gauleiter* of Berlin, which put him in charge of some of the movement's thugs.

"G", wrote one English visitor, "has charm and a captivating smile and manner" – surprising, he felt,

in one described as the cruellest man in the whole Fascist movement.

Irving sheds light on *Kristallnacht* – the Night of Broken

Glass, on November 9-10, 1938 – which he says was triggered by Goebbels in an anti-Jewish frenzy after his affair with the Czech actress Lida Baarova ended. Goebbels, says the author, later goaded Hitler towards the Final Solution, his annihilation of Europe's Jews.

By the outbreak of war his ministry employed 9,762 professional orators; he had nearly 300 mobile cinemas by the end of 1940; his presses printed 560,000 portraits of Hitler, plus millions of leaflets, posters and wall-newspapers.

Surprisingly, there is no mention of *Signal* magazine, published by his ministry in 20 languages, with a peak readership of two-and-a-half million.

It would have been interesting if the author had recalled that after the war *Soldier* was printed on the *Signal* presses.

In brief

Military Badge Collecting by John Gaylor. New and revised sixth edition brought out to mark the 25th anniversary of this definitive guide to Army badges. There are almost 800 photographs, including the post-Options for Change versions. Pen and Sword Books/Leo Cooper, £17.95

Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep. Illustrated edition of the poem, author unknown, found in an envelope left by LBdr Stephen Cummins who was killed at the age of 24 when a mine blew up an armoured car near Londonderry in 1989. It was read at his funeral and on BBC TV during Remembrance Sunday last year. Souvenir Press, £4.99.

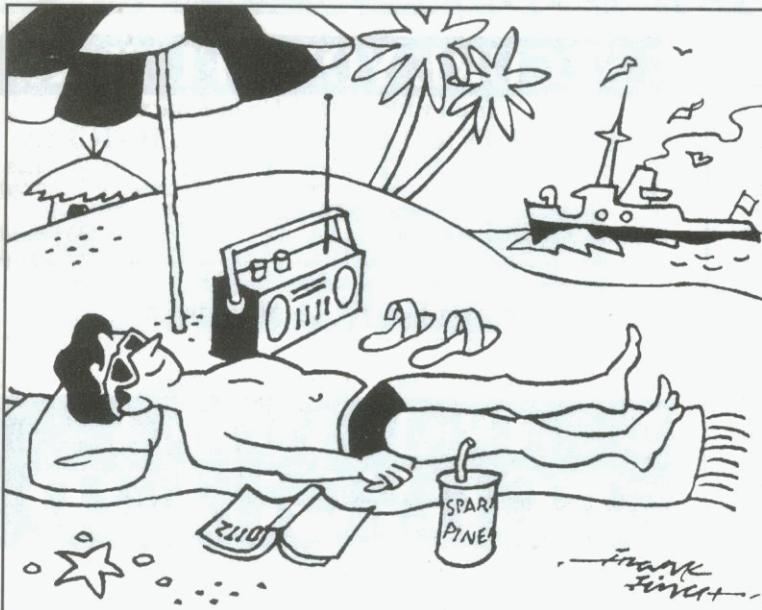
Britain in the Second World War: A social history by Harold L Smith. Latest in the *Documents in Contemporary History* series designed for sixth-formers and undergraduates. Manchester University Press, £12.99.

The Vital Guide to Combat Guns and Infantry Weapons, edited by Chris Bishop. Airlife Publishing, £9.95.

A Drop in the Ocean by Jim Burtt-Smith and John French. Dramatic accounts of aircrew saved from the sea. Pen and Sword Books/Leo Cooper, £17.95.

A slight source of irritation to this reviewer is Irving's use of the Americanism "gotten" and modern slang such as "cock-up", which seem out of period for this work. But the book's authenticity is convincing, not least because of its wealth of source notes.

Is this, the best balanced of the Goebbels biographies, the last word on his life? Most likely it is. – BJ



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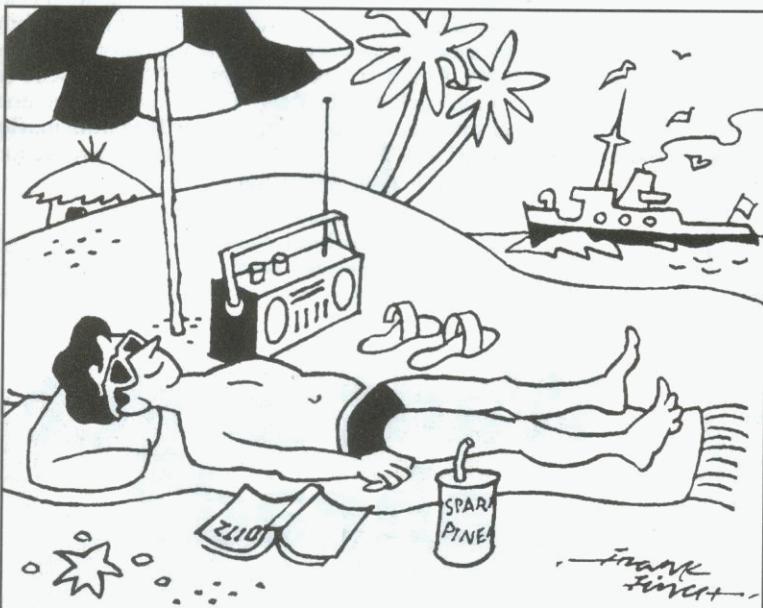
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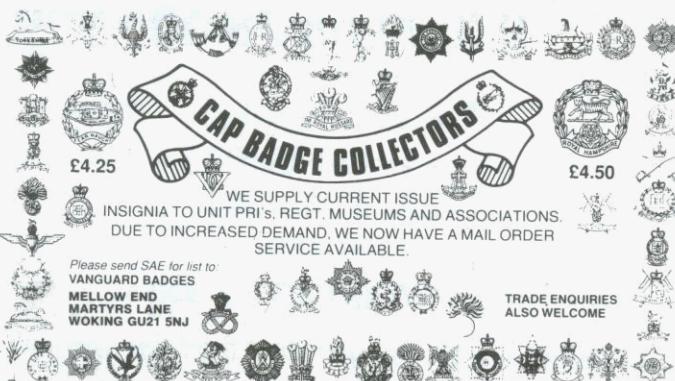
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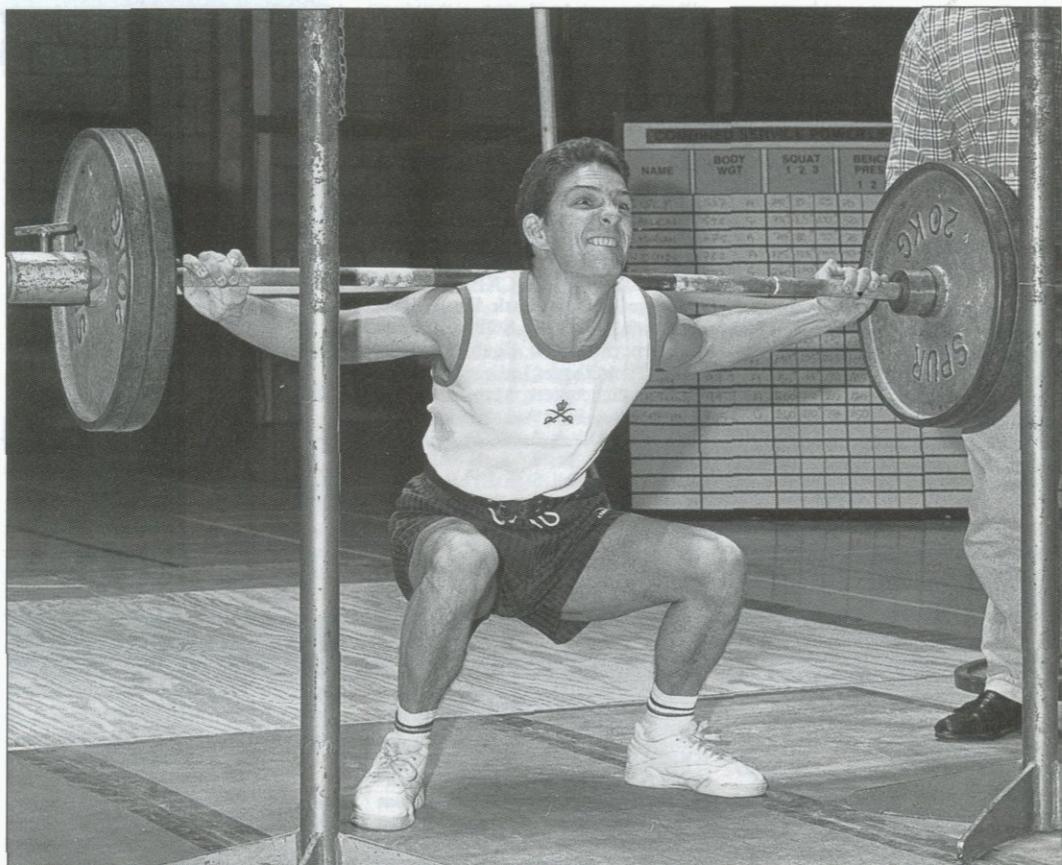
Stevenson wins

CPL Sean Stevenson of the RLC won the 1996 Army golf championships held at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, beating Sgt David Sandby (AGC) in the final.

The Inter-Corps championships, held on the same course, were won by the Royal Artillery. The runners-up were the RLC. Full reports on both events will appear in the next issue.

Swimming venue

THE Army inter-unit swimming and water polo championships are being held at RMA Sandhurst on July 9 and 10.



Squatting to conquer: Sgt (SI) Steve Grey lifts 145kg to set a British power-lifting record at Larkhill

Novice Steve lifts new British record

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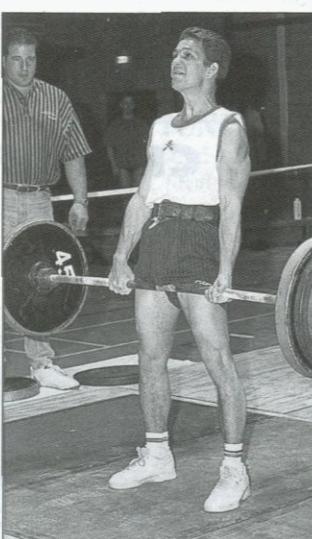
His opening lifts broke British senior records in all three disciplines – squat, bench press and deadlift – and each successive effort went on to raise the records several more times.

Grey's final attempt of 95.5kg (15 stone) on the bench press would have produced a European best. But although he succeeded in lifting the weight, the attempt was disqualified on a technicality.

In the other disciplines he recorded a squat of 105kg (16.5st) and a deadlift of 145kg (22.8st).

It was a stunning debut for a novice who weighed in at just 56kg (9st). Although he has trained with weights for several years, this was 27-year-old Grey's first competition.

Now being coached by a former world champion, he



Taking the strain: Sgt Steve Grey in action

has been invited to take part in the British national championships at Macclesfield on July 13-14. If he does well he could go on to represent Britain in the European and World events.

The competition, hosted by 14 Regiment RA, attracted athletes from the United Kingdom.

Late plunder by Sussex sets too steep a target

Army v Sussex II

ALTHOUGH the Army bowled well for the first 40 overs of their 55-over match against Sussex 2nd XI at Crawley, the professionals are adept at the limited overs game and piled on the runs in the closing stages.

Pte Bally Blagrove (11 Sig Regt) in particular bowled tightly and was unlucky in his opening spell not to have taken wickets, the ball dropping into space from involuntary shots.

Capt James Carr-Smith (RY) also bowled well, suffering only in the final couple of overs, and his figures of 1-44 in 11 overs were good by any standard.

Sussex's total of 322-3 looked daunting, and even more so when their visitors were reduced to 19-3 in their fourth over.

Capt Christopher St George (2 Para) and Capt Simon Mason (2 RGJ) got their heads down and put together a stand of 127 for the fourth wicket.

If nothing else, the Army

bowlers will have learned that anything minutely outside leg stump will be called a wide.

Sussex II 322-3. **Army** 223-6 (St George 89, Mason 54). Sussex won by 99 runs.

Army v CCC

Club Cricket Conference fielded several experienced and talented young players against the Army at Aldershot but were restricted by hostile bowling from Pte Blagrove and LCpl Martin Hutton (RDG).

They rode out the storm, however, and scored heavily in the later stages of their innings to finish with 256-4 in their 55 overs.

The Army batsmen were always behind the run-rate, although fine knocks by Sgt Nick Palmer (2 (Trg) Regt AAC) and Sgt Steve Bunn (33 Engr Regt (EOD)) put them in with a chance.

But St George's dismissal just when he looked to be getting on top put paid to any chance of victory.

Despite the defeat, there

Sappers row to victory in oldest boat race

A BOAT race first rowed 124 years ago between the RA and RE has been revived to mark the 150th anniversary of the Royal Engineers Rowing Club.

It ended in a win for the engineers, who led from start to finish on the 800m Reading town regatta course.

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The RERC crew on their way to winning the revived Royal Engineers-Royal Artillery boat race at Reading

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The awards, organised by *The Sunday Times* in association with Moët & Chandon, include categories for sports-woman of the year, women's team, student sportswoman, coach-administrator and overseas sportswoman.

Outstanding achievements and efforts of women in sport across all ages, nationalities and disciplines are recognised by the awards, for which nominations are received from the general public.

Director Army Sport Control Board will pass on nominations from regiments, corps and units. Entries have to be in before September 23 and should be sent to DASCB, Clayton Barracks, Thornhill Road, Aldershot GU11 2BG (fax Aldershot Mil (722) 3525).



was rowed on finals day at the Henley Royal Regatta, was reinstated for the 1996 version.

Col Heron (0115-9293924) would be pleased to hear from anyone who can fill in gaps in the history of the race, which is to become a regular fixture. The two clubs are among the oldest in Britain, only Leander and Eton College predating

Kelly looks world class in UK trials

SGT Kelly Holmes demonstrated her world-class credentials by winning the 800m and 1,500m at the AAA championships in Birmingham.

With the event doubling as Britain's official Olympic trials, Holmes was under pressure from Diane Modahl in the two-lap race.

But Modahl, recently reinstated to athletics after her exoneration following discredited tests for performance-enhancing drugs, was left trailing on the final bend as Holmes went up a gear and cruised home in 1min 57.84, the fastest time in the world this year.

It was the second time in a few weeks that she had posted a 1996 best. At the end of May she ran 1min 58.87sec while winning in Slovenia.

Holmes, serving with the Household Division Army Youth Team, is the only British woman to attain the Olympic 1,500m qualifying time. She has not ruled out the possibility of competing over both distances in Atlanta.

• Cpl Alan Shepherd (2 Sig Regt) retained the Army 10,000m championship when he recorded a time of 31min 43.8sec in the Aldershot Military Stadium.

He finished 11 seconds clear of Sgt Ken Butler (82 AB Sqn) while LCpl Sean Malone (BAD Kineton) won the veteran title in the same race.

• LCpl David Nolan (1 RRF) doubled up to win both the 400m (46.4sec) and the 100m (11.03sec) at the Army individual championships at the Aldershot Military Stadium on June 5.

Other winners were:



Picture: Eric Marsh

Cpl Dave Maynard wins the 400m title at the Military Stadium



UK titles: Sgt Kelly Holmes

Men

200m, Sgt Vincent, AAC Harrogate, 22.26sec; 800m, Cpl Robinson, 9 Regt RA, 1min 53.53sec; 1,500m, SSgt Finch, 7 (Para) RHA, 3:58.79.

3,000m steeplechase (senior), Cpl Palmer, HQ CRE, 9:28.9; 3,000m steeplechase (junior), AT Caddywould (Harrogate), 10:13.8; 2,000m steeplechase (junior), Sig Hill, 11 Sig Regt, 7:26.2; 5,000m, Spr Rankin, 28 Engr Regt, 15:10.7.

110m hurdles, SSgt Killen, 2 Sig Regt, 16.7sec; 400m hurdles, Cpl Beaumont, SEME, 55.30sec.

High jump, Cpl McSween, 34 Sig Regt, 1.95m; long jump, Sgt Walker, 9 Regt AAC, 6.92m; triple

jump, Sgt Walker, 9 Regt AAC, 14.55m; pole vault, Capt Gyorffy, HQ 3 UK Div, 4.10m.

Discus, SSgt Killen, 2 Sig Regt, 38.76m; hammer, Cpl Jones, 2 Sig Regt, 50.00m; javelin, Pte Welsh, BAD Kineton, 56.40m; shot, LCpl Wiseman, AGC (ES Branch), 13.62m.

Women

100m, Sig Michalska, 2 Sig Regt, 13.06sec; 200m, Sig Michalska, 2 Sig Regt, 26.39sec; 400m, Sig Michalska, 2 Sig Regt, 158.69sec; 800m, Cfn Hawkins, SEAE, 2m 33.54sec; 1,500m, Cfn Hawkins, SEAE, 5m 01.1sec; 3,000m, Pte Yates, 47 Regt RA, 11:53.8.

100m hurdles, SSgt Paul, HQ AMUS, 17.43sec; 400m hurdles, Capt McKinney-Bennet, AGC Worthy Down, 69.62sec.

High jump, SSgt Paul, HQ AMUS, 1.35m; long jump, Capt Swain, AMF(L) CSS Bn, 5.18m; triple jump, SSgt Paul, HQ AMUS, 10.51m; discus, Cpl Terry, 16 Sig Regt, 33.35m; javelin, Pte Morrison, 20 Tpt Sqn RLC, 36.38m; shot, Sig Tudge, 21 Sig Regt, 10.21m.

Marple Cup – 1, 2 Sig Regt, 87 points; 2, 27 Tpt Regt RLC, 23; 3, 28 Engr Regt and 5 Regt RA, 21.

The Army women's heptathlon championships will be held in conjunction with the Inter-Services heptathlon at HMS Temeraire, Portsmouth, on July 29-30.

Day one events will be 100m hurdles, high jump, shot and 200m, followed the next day by long jump, javelin and the 800m.

Carling Cup entries wanted ... the more the merrier

ARMY teams – as many of them as possible – are being invited to take part in the Carling Cup, the country's biggest five-a-side football tournament.

Backed by Premiership sponsors Carling, the organisers hope to attract as many as 10,000 teams from pubs, clubs, sports centres, friends, families, and workplace. A free subscription to Sky Sports is being offered to every person who takes part.

The tournament kicks off in September and closing date for entries is August 23. About 6,000 teams and 42,000 players took part in last year's inaugural competition which was proclaimed by the Football Association, professionals and competitors.

FA REGULATIONS

First round matches will be staged between September 22 and October 20, leading to finals on December 7-8. No women's or mixed teams are allowed under FA regulations, and players must be over 18.

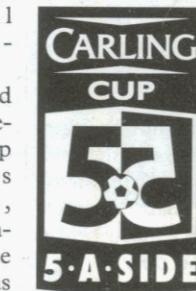
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Cpl Dave Maynard hands the Stambois Cup to Maj Gen Martin White, DG Log SP(A), before it went on display at HQ QMG

Loggies lift Stambois Cup at third attempt

A NEW corps name has been engraved on the Stambois Cup, presented nearly 50 years ago for football matches between the RAOC and REME.

The trophy, which has now gone on display in HQ QMG at Andover, was presented in 1947 by Arthur A Stambois.

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Signals in Malta

CYPRUS-based 3 Squadron, 9 Signal Regiment (Radio) played three matches on a footballing visit to Malta, drawing 2-2 with the Maltese Police, losing 6-1 to the Armed Forces of Malta and drawing 1-1 with Malta B.

The tour was assisted by a £1,800 grant from the Army Sports Lottery.

Infantry beat RE at last

RE 2, Infantry 3

THE Infantry just had the edge in a pulsating first half against the Royal Engineers, taking the lead through Pte Simon Yeo (Cheshire).

Cpl Rikki Banbridge (Staffords) and LCpl James McIlvogue (WG) added further goals midway through the second half as the Infantry

looked to be heading to a comfortable win.

But McIlvogue was sent off for retaliation and the sappers scored twice in the last ten minutes through Sgt Bobby Lockwood and Cpl Lee Innes.

The Infantry held out to record their first ever win against the engineers in six attempts.

Skydivers need help

THE ARMY 9 skydiving team is being hotly tipped as favourites for this year's British championships.

If that happens, the team would represent GB at the 1997 world championships.

But the highly-motivated individuals who make up the team have a serious problem – they are hampered by lack of funds for training.

At the moment the team – an officer, warrant officer, two sergeants, a lance corporal and two privates – pay for their own training, amounting to thousands of pounds each year.

Recently the Army 9 prepared with the US Army's Golden Knights at Fort Bragg, giving them an edge they hope will see them carry off the GB title.

Now they are looking for sponsorship for their next training camp, to be held in Holland or southern France. Maj Mark Davis, HQ 39 Inf Bde, BFPO 801 (01846 608707) would be glad to hear from anyone who can help.

SOLDIER



Potent presence: a Challenger main battle tank of The Queen's Royal Hussars raises dust while on patrol near Kljuc in Bosnia

