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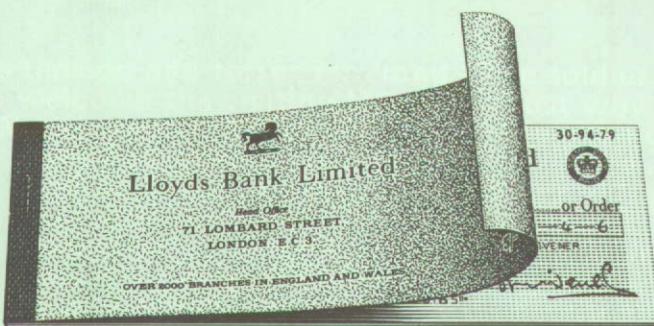
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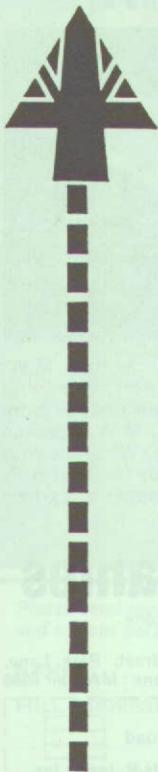
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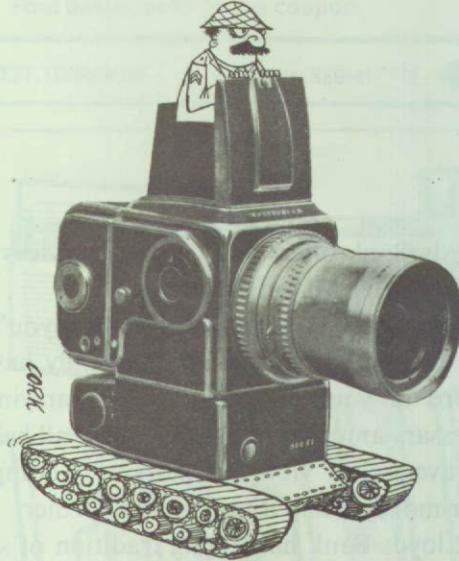
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TOWN OF TENSION AND TERROR

As tension and terror mounted to welcome the visiting United Nations mission, SOLDIER's Arthur Blundell joined the world's Press in Aden to picture the British soldier in the toughest of peace-keeping roles, that of guarding his family and his comrades against an unrecognisable enemy.

The soldier may not appreciate just why he should risk his life in an unpleasant outpost where a people already promised independence approach it with useless and indiscriminate bloodshed. But he can see and understand the writing on the wall—No freedom without blood. And he knows how to meet this kind of threat with the firm no-nonsense stand that has earned him in innumerable situations like this the deserved respect of the world.

With each of four infantry units—1st Battalion, The Lancashire Regiment; 1st Battalion, The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers; 1st Battalion, The South Wales Borderers; and 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment—Arthur Blundell went out on patrol to picture the British soldier in the town of terror. He amplifies these pictures in his own words . . .

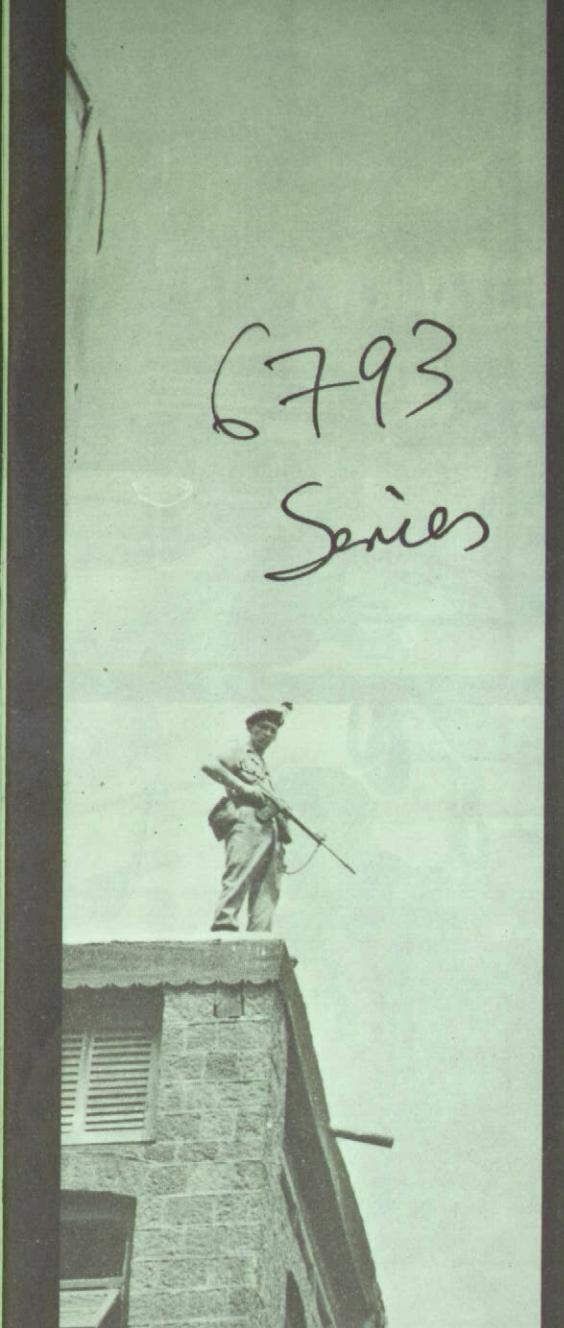
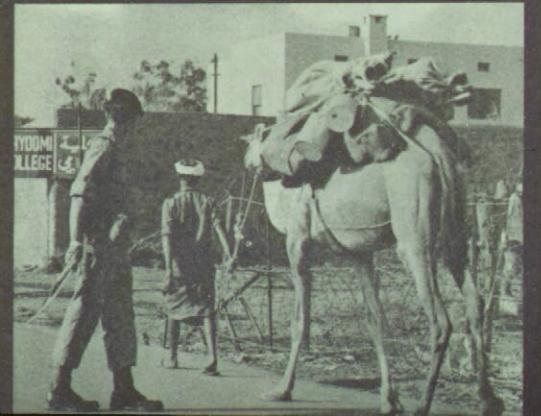
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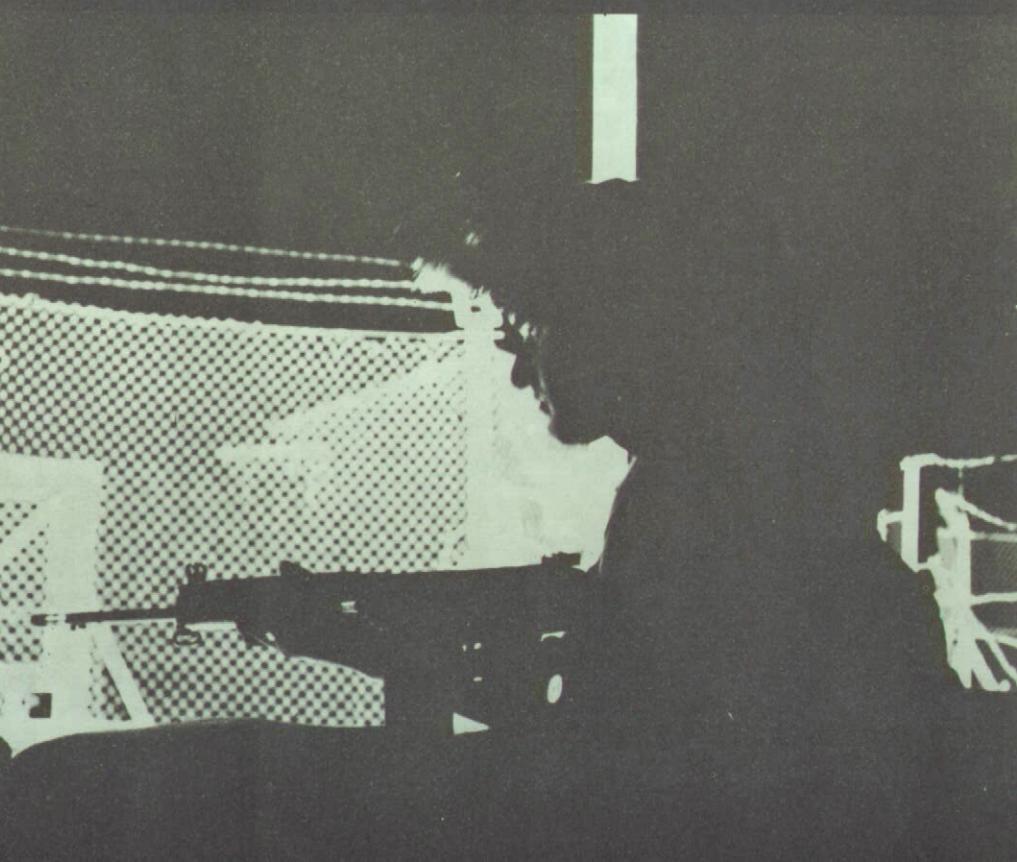
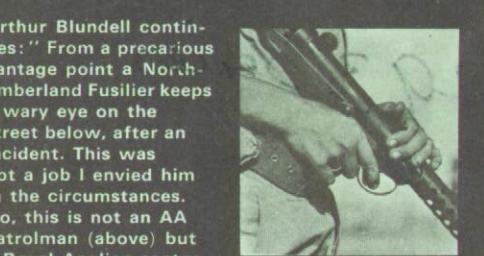




"The apparently casual pose of the soldier on the left is misleading. He is in fact extremely alert—his life depends on being so. He is serving in the Royal Anglians' 'Special Branch' and it is the Battalion policy to try and make friends with the local population. The success of this policy can be measured by the fact that sick and ailing Arabs approach them for treatment the moment the Royal Anglians enter one of their patrol areas. The girl in the Women's Royal Army Corps (below, left) is searching Muslim women for hidden arms at Checkpoint Bravo. The girls have been invaluable in this essential security task. From behind this wall of Bayoomi College (bottom left), along the road to Sheikh Othman, terrorists fought a 50-minute gun battle against the Royal Anglians at Checkpoint Golf, and came off a very definite second best. In this picture of the actual checkpoint (bottom right), Ferrets are keeping a close eye on movement in the area. Sheikh Othman, part of which can be seen in the background, has been one of the notorious trouble spots during the campaign of terrorism and the scene of more incidents than in any other sector of the Colony. During my week's tour of Aden I found ample opportunity to record the alertness, tension and strain of long hours on duty revealed in the faces of British soldiers. Below are some examples—a Royal Signals radio operator attached to The South Wales Borderers, a Royal Northumberland Fusilier, a Borderer and a Royal Anglian."

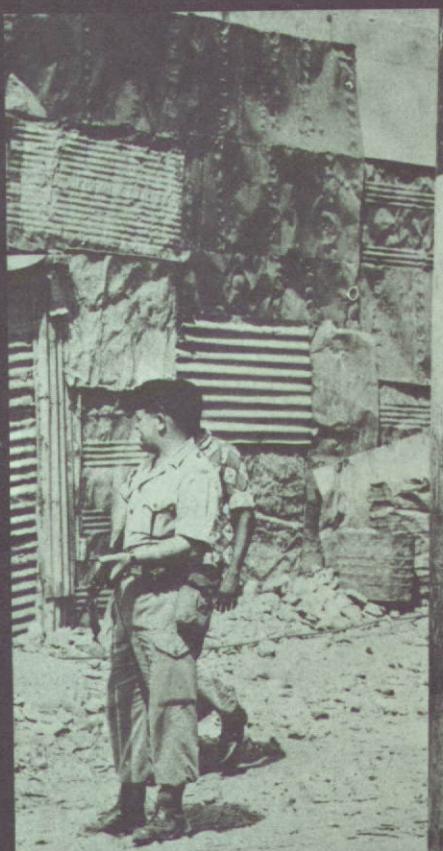
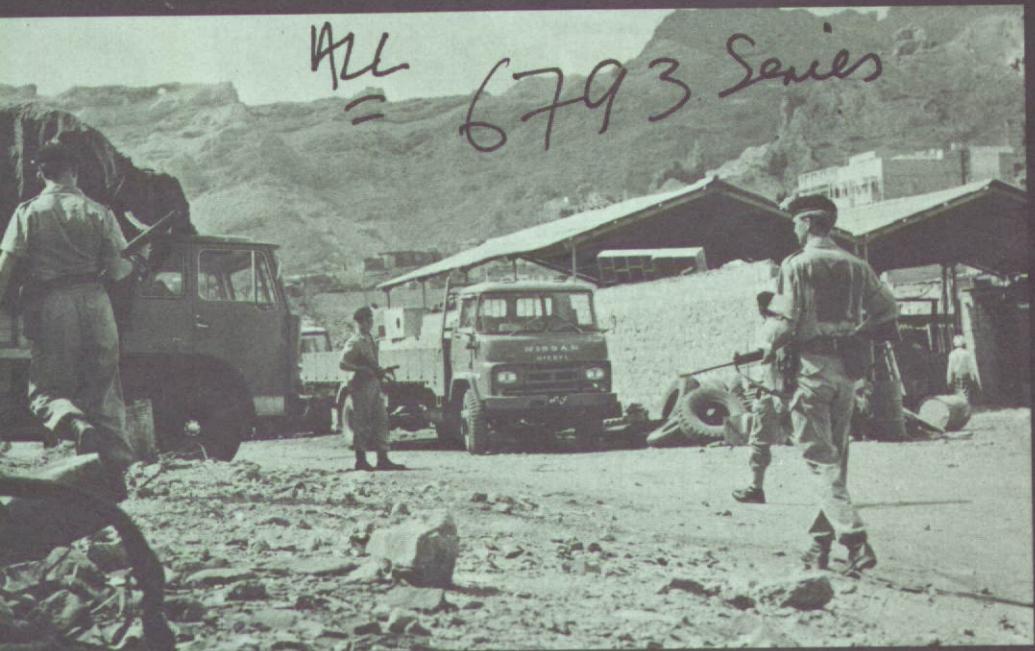


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Arthur Blundell continues: "From a precarious vantage point a Northumbrian Fusilier keeps a wary eye on the street below, after an incident. This was not a job I envied him in the circumstances. No, this is not an AA patrolman (above) but a Royal Anglian sentry at Checkpoint Bravo searching under the bonnet of an Arab Land-Rover while its driver, in East-West rig, watches. A random selection of civilian vehicles, including buses, lorries, private cars, taxis and camel carts, is stopped and thoroughly searched at the checkpoints. This night-and-day task is routine but can be rewarding in the discovery of illegal arms and ammunition. On one occasion a snap check produced a plan to assassinate a British official. Parallel to vehicle searching is the frisk-and-search technique which produces at times surprising results in arms and explosives concealed in voluminous Arab clothes. In this picture (right) a South Wales Borderer frisks an Arab in the back streets of Ma'alla by the light of a shop doorway. At bottom right is a silhouette of a sentry at Waterloo Cantonment."

"The lines of washing hung outside the buildings and across this street, in North Country fashion, give it an innocent air, but at any moment a bomb or bullet may change the scene. Right is a Lancashire Regiment's patrol in an off-the-Crescent street leading abruptly to the hillside shanties. The picture below shows Royal Northumberland Fusiliers cordoning off an area in Crater within a minute of shots being fired at a patrol. But this time the terrorists escaped in the labyrinth of warren-like alleys. Below, left, a soldier of The South Wales Borderers is digging in the choking dust and stifling heat of the Kutchha hut area at the back of Ma'alla in the hope of uncovering a Blindicide missile or Energa grenade. Information is only too rarely forthcoming on the whereabouts of these hidden weapons but when it is, then the Army acts quickly. Bottom left is The Lancashire Regiment's paint lorry with a generator-operated hose which sprays red paint over demonstrators. Bottom right, a South Wales Borderers patrol behind Ma'alla. Right, checking identity on a bus."



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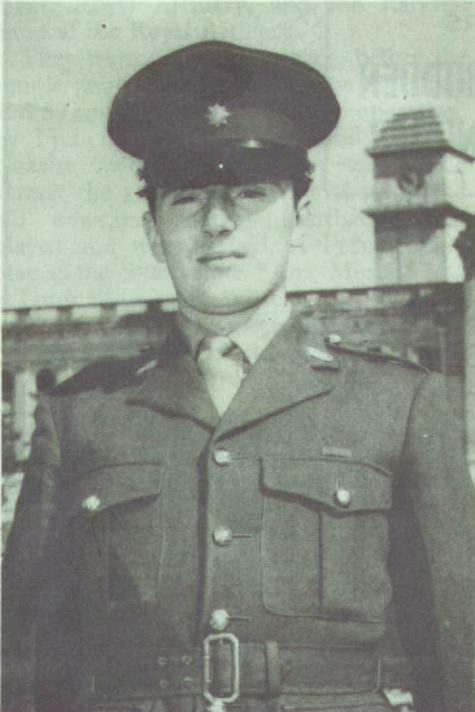
St Nazaire
Remembered

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Two weeks ago the Royal Navy's main design team was faced with a problem. On the French coast, a 100-ton freighter had gone down in flames as the St Nazaire Luftwaffe blocked the only hole available on the river. The job was to the German fortifications. Despite many hours of work, the team had not yet been able to find a way to get the freighter out of the channel. The problem was that the freighter had a hole in its side and a gun had been fired into it, causing a hole in the hull. The team had to find a way to get the freighter out of the channel without causing any damage to the ship.

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He's better off in!



Private Peter Veasey's hasty re-think on whether to buy himself out added up to a fine advertisement for the Army. Deciding after six years in 4th Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, that he would like to try his luck in civilian life, he paid £200 and went ahead with his plans. The rude awakening came when he tried to budget out the £16 a week he would be earning as a plumber. It wasn't just difficult—it was downright impossible. He found he could not afford to leave the Army and forgo £18 a week all-found! So he went to the Regimental Depot at Bury St Edmunds and told the Adjutant: "I've changed my mind." Because he had not actually left the Army, his £200 will be refunded in full.

1 From the Duke



During a visit to Singapore the Duke of Edinburgh found time to present a Gold Award certificate to Craftsman Paul Bayliss (above). The meeting was a great and unexpected thrill for Paul because he thought, when he was posted to the Far East, he had lost the chance of receiving his award from the Duke personally. He earned the supreme award of the Duke's youth scheme at the Army Apprentices College, Carlisle, while learning his trade as a vehicle mechanic. While gaining the public service qualification with the St John Ambulance Brigade, he spent many weekends and evenings on duty at football grounds and cinemas. He helped to run the camp cycling club and toured the Lake District on a bicycle. An expedition project took him back to the Lakes on foot and in mid-winter. He trekked 50 miles in four days and slept in the open.

4 Back to school



He was educated at a cathedral school, did his National Service in the Fleet Air Arm, soldiered as a Territorial with a cavalry regiment, qualified as a veterinary surgeon and finally was commissioned in the Regular Army. Now the owner of that colourful career, Captain Keith Morgan-Jones, is about to break more new ground as the first member of the Royal Army Veterinary Corps ever to go to Staff College. He is pictured here at work in an RSPCA clinic on Malta where he has performed more than 1200 operations in his spare time during a two-and-a-half-year posting. One of his tasks has been the inspection and treatment of horses owned by the King of Libya. He is now serving as Adjutant of the Corps Depot at Melton Mowbray. He goes to Staff College in October next year.

men on the raid including the Commando commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Newman, and Campbeltown's own Lieutenant-Commander Stephen Broad. The raiding force of 100 men, of whom 20 more were killed, was the most successful and were light in casualties. The raid was the last operation and the last raid of the war, and the rest of the war.

Among the survivors—all now members of the St Nazaire Society—was Mr Charles Dyce who travelled from Glasgow to attend the anniversary: "Yes, I was in the old Campbeltown. We were down below braced for the impact with the German shore batteries shelling everything they had at us. We knew that there were five tons of dynamite packed into the bows and that the whole ship might go up at any moment. With a crunch we were on to the deck and firmly wedged. Our only thought then was to get ashore and get on with the job."

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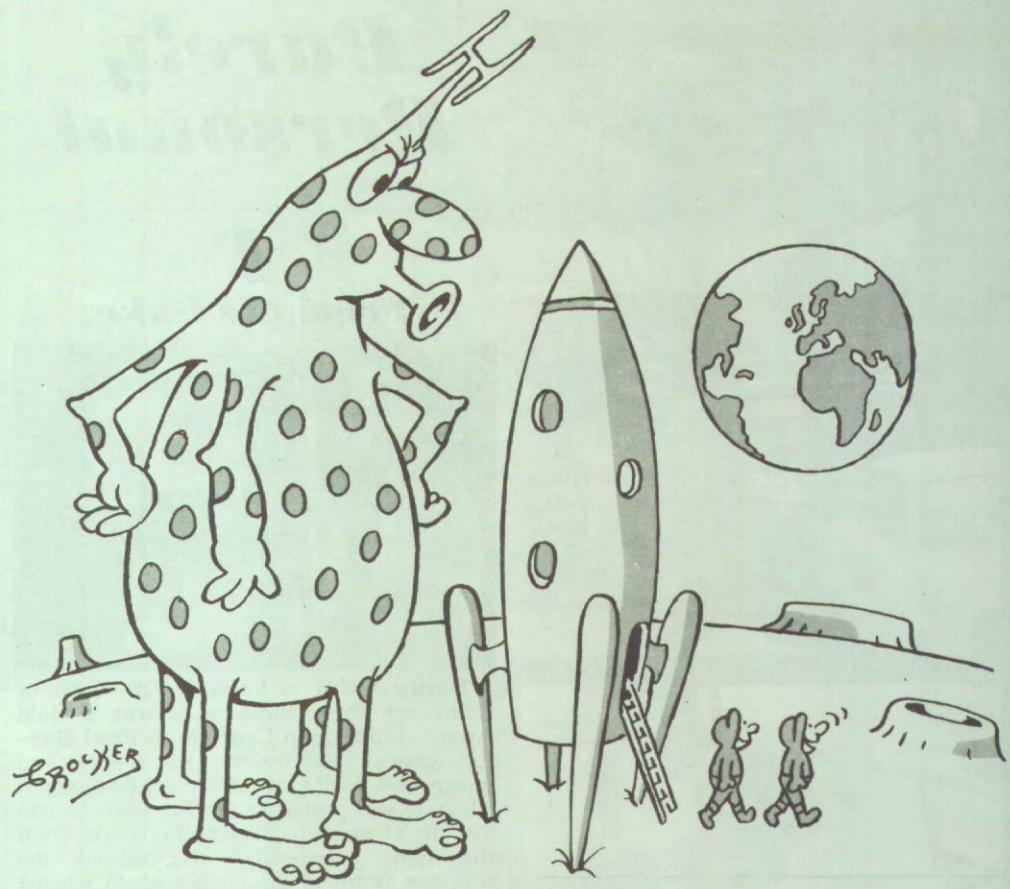
The brand new "beetle" cost Sapper Alan Kay exactly two shillings and fourpence—the price of a dollar ticket in a Singapore charity raffle. He put his luck down to his wife Glenda and two-year-old son Anthony, so naturally he took them along when he went to a Singapore motor agency to collect his winnings.

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Sergeant Butch

Hoping that his conduct sheet has been lost during the Territorial Army disbandment is **Butch** the bull terrier, one-time mascot of 5th/6th Battalion, The North Staffordshire Regiment. After all, the Army Volunteer Reserve unit at Burton-on-Trent might not be so keen to promote him to colour-sergeant if they knew that his past "crimes" include biting the regimental sergeant-major and barking at members of the Royal Family while on parade. A spokesman who described his rise from private to sergeant in eight years as "well-earned" added, "If he stays with us long enough and does nothing outrageous he stands a chance of becoming the first four-legged commissioned officer in the British Army."

humour



"Right, let's look for some little spotted men."



"It won't cure your cold but it will stop the draught."

"Best blowpipes we've ever had."

St Nazaire Remembered

TWENTY-FIVE years ago a destroyer primed with explosive rammed the gates of a giant lock on the French coast and blew it sky-high. The exploit of outrageous daring that has gone down in history as the St Nazaire Raid blocked the only funk hole available on the Atlantic seaboard to the German battleship Tirpitz and boosted Allied morale on both sides of the Channel in the dark days of 1942.

Driving rain and a gale force wind could not keep away hundreds of French people who joined 23 survivors of the raid in 25th anniversary celebrations held in St Nazaire over Easter. The Royal Navy sent the frigate HMS Dundas in honour of the destroyer Campbeltown which played a suicidal "fire-ship" role in the raid. The joint Army/Navy ancestry of the commandos who kept the Germans at bay while demolition charges were laid was recalled by detachments from the Royal Marines Volunteer Reserve, 29 Commando Regiment, Royal Artillery, and the Larkhill band of the Royal Artillery.

They were joined on parade, before the simple granite monument to the 85 sailors and 59 commandos killed on the operation, by French army and navy units and St Nazaire civic leaders. In a service which shrank the gap of 25 years and awakened old emotions, national anthems were played and wreaths laid. A French band played the final salute "Aux Morts."

Later there was a visit to the cemetery at Escoublac where most of the dead are buried. The mood of sad introspection on

the return journey was balanced by the least formal of the day's speeches reminding the visitors that the sacrifices had won a heartening return. A Frenchman said, "France was suffering under the German Occupation and it seemed there would be no end to this humiliation. Then I heard that there had been a daring raid on my home town. For all freedom-loving Frenchmen that day marked the beginning of the road back. You gentlemen helped to bring hope once more to a defeated and disgraced nation. On behalf of my fellow-countrymen I would like to assure you of our gratitude and respect."

The raid was mounted from Falmouth by 250 Commandos and 360 Royal Navy personnel. As the Campbeltown embedded her delayed action charges in the dock, the commandos were fighting their way ashore from motor launches under heavy fire.

Victoria Crosses were awarded to five

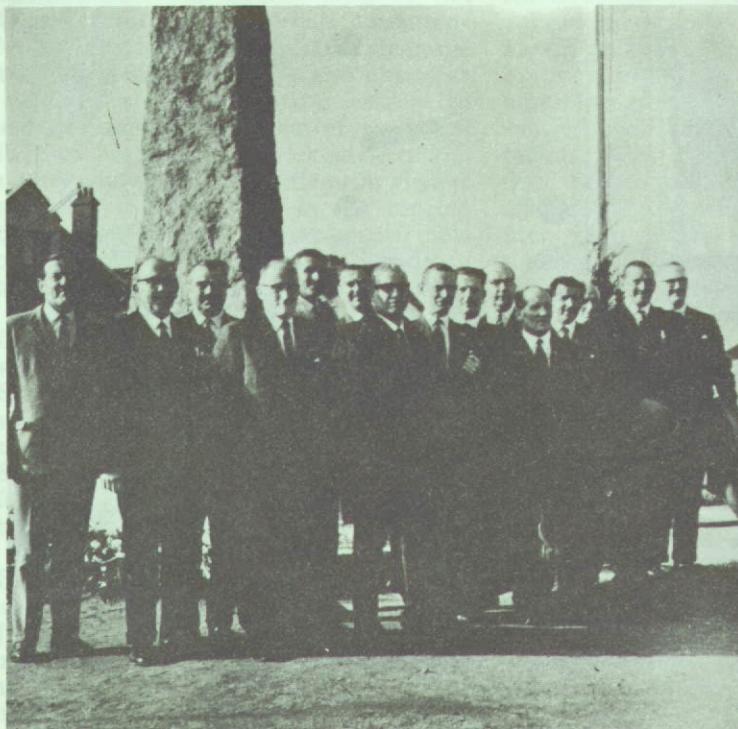
men on the raid including the Commando commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Newman, and Campbeltown's captain, Lieutenant-Commander Stephen Beattie. The raiding force lost 170 killed and 200 more were taken prisoner, but casualties were light in relation to the dangers of the operation and the dock was unusable for the rest of the war.

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Right: The veterans of the raid visited the well-kept cemetery, at Escoublac, to pay their tribute to and recall the 170 heroes who died at St Nazaire.

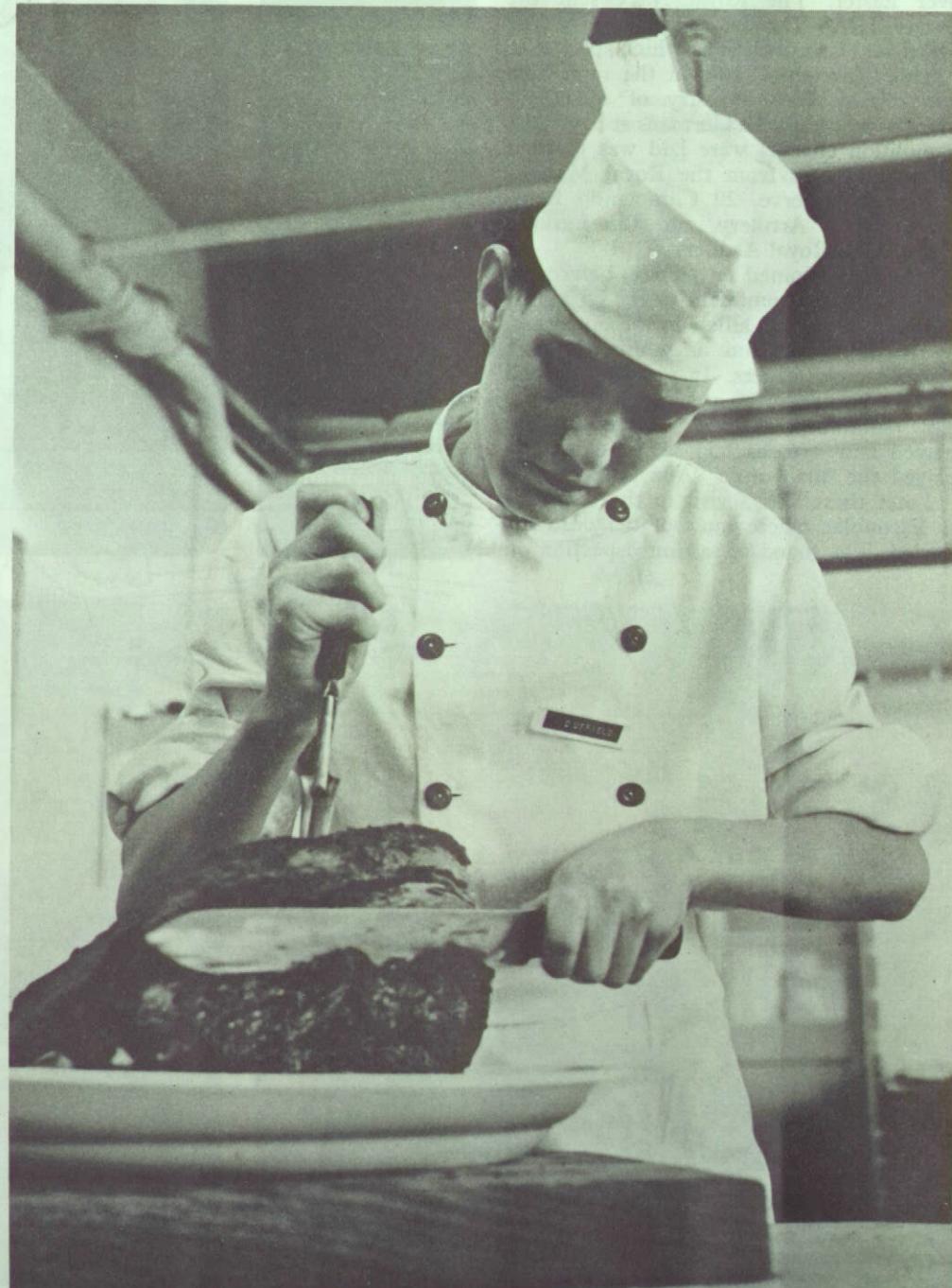
Bottom left: Survivors (there were 23 in the party) pictured at the simple granite memorial, erected by St Nazaire, to the memory of 59 Commandos and 85 sailors who died in the assault.

Bottom right: Mr A C Searson, the secretary of the St Nazaire Society, reading the inscription on the war memorial.





Right: Under an instructor's guidance, student cooks put the finishing touches to an exotic display of cold meats. Far right: A new sequence opens with the cutting of carcasses into joints.



Tactics—as learned in a military history lesson (above) and demonstrated on a joint of roast beef (right) by Junior Tradesman John Duffield.



Left: All the boys take their turn at preparing food for the Regiment in the bulk kitchens. Criticism can be ruthless, but the standard is high and the young cooks add confidence to the knowledge gained from long hours of practice in instructional kitchens like the one pictured below.

THE MAKINGS OF A COOK

WHEN Jesus fed the five thousand He set the Army Catering Corps a highish standard. But were His problems any worse than those faced by the staff of the Corps' Junior Tradesmen's Regiment in turning 450 high-spirited teenage boys into cooks, soldiers and citizens?

This is a miracle you can actually go and see happening. And lots of people do. Parents, headmasters, career advisers and sundry educationalists are frequent visitors to the Regiment's camp in the cooking quarter of Aldershot and the regular flow of fine recruits is incontrovertible evidence of their satisfaction with what they see.

Not so many years ago the Catering Corps was not in particularly good odour with the rest of the Army. During National Service especially, the notion that cooks were growing fat, rich and idle at the expense of the customers was widespread. Since then there have been mighty leaps forward and the British Army goes to battle better fed than any other.

It would be an injustice to a whole Corps galvanised by a new enthusiasm to overplay the contribution made by the Junior Tradesmen's Regiment to this wind of change. It would also tread squarely and unfairly on the toes of their near-neighbours in the Army School of Catering.

That said, it is also true that since it started in 1947 the Regiment has supplied the keen and knowledgeable technicians who are the present backbone of the Corps and its foundation for the future.

From the day they join the Regiment as 15 to 17-year-olds, the boys are surrounded by living proof that whatever they might have heard about the Army being a dead-end job, their future is brightly alive with promise. What could be more encouraging than to be taught by officers, warrant officers and senior non-commissioned officers who began their careers as boy soldiers in the same Regiment?

The Regiment's title is deceptive. Unique among Junior Tradesmen's Regiments and Army Apprentices Colleges it trains boy soldiers in both categories. The applicants who achieve the best results in the selection tests taken by all entrants undergo a 32-month course as apprentices. Other potential Army Catering Corps recruits who achieve a good grading in the tests are accepted for the 20-month junior tradesmen's course.

The distinction between the two does not set up a class or promotion barrier and the system works better in practice than it reads in cold print. For the first five terms, training for all entrants is identical, but after the junior tradesmen have

Junior Tradesmens Regiment

ARMY CATERING CORPS

finished their five terms and left, the apprentices stay on to train in advanced cookery for another year.

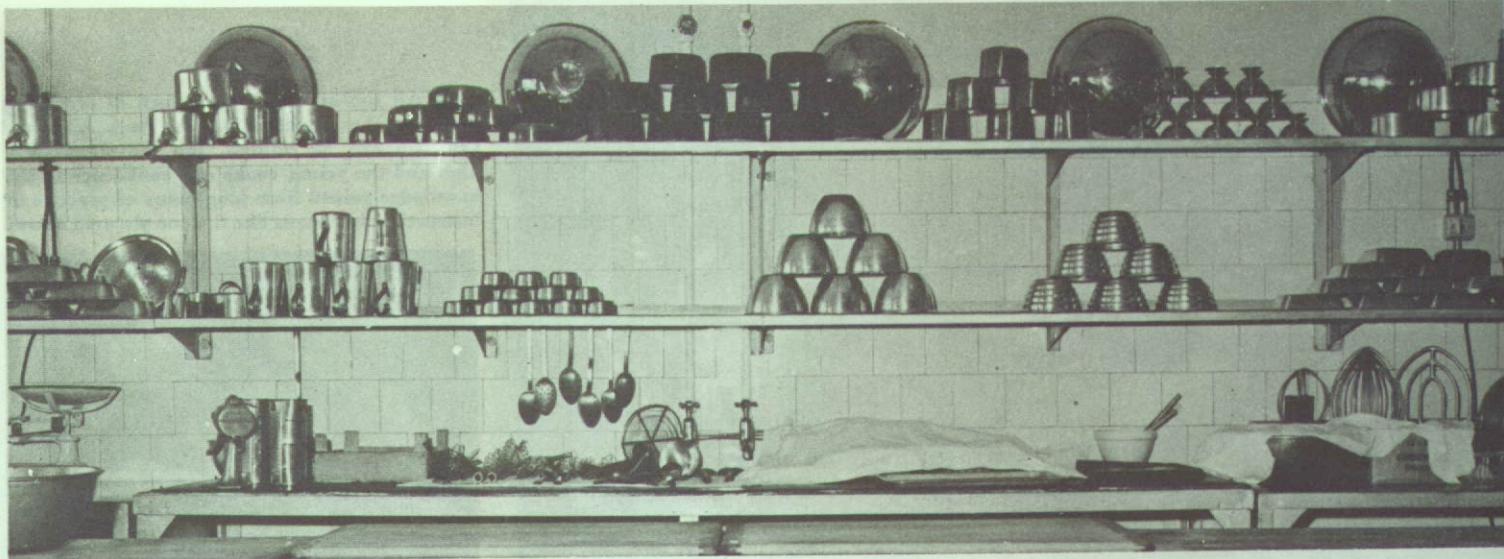
The separation is likely to disappear altogether with the rise of the school-leaving age to 16. It would be undesirable to keep a majority of apprentices in the Regiment after their 19th birthdays, so a standard two-year course without gradations is on the cards.

In teachers' common rooms, where suspicion of the Army is often prevalent, the name of the Army Catering Corps Junior Tradesmen's Regiment is good. Countless camp tours arranged for teachers have borne fruit and good recruits are plentiful. They come mainly from the upper streams of secondary schools although some join with a grammar school education behind them.

The vital requirement of every entrant whatever his background is interest in cooking. When in later years a cook has to work long and awkward hours a sense of vocation is indispensable—addiction to the hotplate makes for good cooking and happy cooks. Fortunately for the Regiment, British men are now taking an interest in cooking way beyond sardines on toast and many schools encourage boys to attend cookery classes.

Before the Junior Tradesmen so much as touch a ladle they do seven weeks of basic military training. In all, a quarter of their time with the Regiment is spent in acquiring tactics, fieldcraft and weapon-handling skills which make them soldiers as well as cooks.

In 23 instructional classrooms the boys spend the equivalent of two-and-a-half days a week learning their trade. They are taught to cook the easy way—by doing it themselves in a smooth progression from simple beginnings. Squads are small so that instructors can give individual tuition and keep careful watch on their pupils. Safety in the presence of large quantities of boiling water, steam at lethal temperatures, hotplates and naked gas flames, is of paramount importance. Floors glisten and working surfaces are scrubbed spotless



—hygiene is stressed constantly and eventually becomes habit.

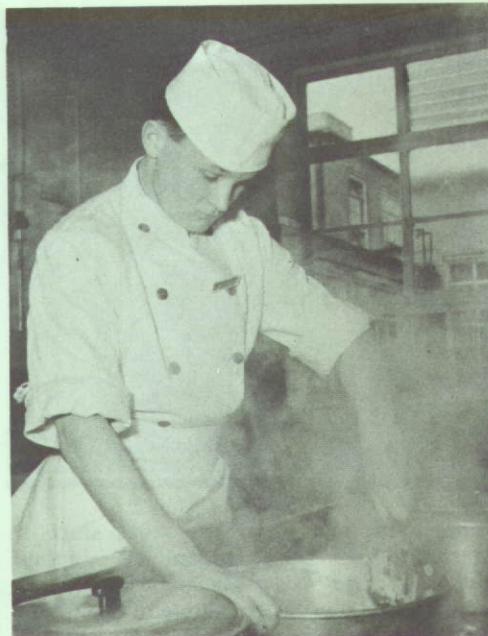
Under their 19 civilian and 14 Army instructors the boys learn to care for their implements, sharpen their knives, prepare and cook a wide range of cold, hot and sweet dishes. The test of their abilities comes with the first week of duty in the bulk kitchens cooking for the Regiment and the gourmet chefs from the Army School of Catering. They start as nervous as kittens and take the ribald complaints of their comrades to heart, but when they find that their training has more than adequately prepared them for the task they build up the confidence that will last a lifetime.

Qualified Army and civilian teachers staff an Educational Department which rounds off the boys' general schooling and qualifies them as highly as possible for future promotion. Although they can reach all junior ranks up to regimental sergeant-major in the Regiment, they start again as privates in man's service. Most of them are academically qualified for promotion to staff-sergeant when they join their first unit. The bright ones who pass their Army examinations early are pressured gently to take General Certificate of Education subjects and to join evening classes at a technical college.

Like the other instructors in the Regiment, the teachers are expected to donate their spare time freely. The boys have television in their accommodation blocks, but the staff goes to time-consuming lengths to arrange more positive off-duty activities for them. The Minerva Society is an unusual organisation which brings art, music and drama into the boys' lives. Major Reg Chandler obtains block bookings for performances at the Royal Opera House, the National Theatre and the Festival Hall and balances the parties of boys with selected adults able to talk to them freely, knowledgeably and without condescension.

Two of the most popular hobbies are related to cookery and are sponsored by the technical department. In their final year, apprentices and specially promising junior tradesmen can achieve a valuable civilian qualification by taking City and Guilds certificates. Also popular are the classes on confectionery and decorative sugar work held in the evenings.

Top: Parade ground formations of the pots and pans could be mistaken for bull, but make for easy counting. **Right:** Cavalry aspirants are members of the Regiment's pentathlon team. **Below:** Service in the Regiment is a demanding apprenticeship that produces craftsmen cooks.



When the international catering competition "Hotelympia" comes round every two years, the boys compete against their civilian contemporaries in all classes open to juniors. Each time they leave loaded with awards—last year's tally was headed by six challenge trophies.

The boys are kept busier still on outdoor activities. Five specialist instructors from the Army Physical Training Corps have a foolproof recipe for fitness—frequently prescribed—which includes gymnasium work, assault course and confidence training and swimming lessons. The list of available sports runs from angling to water polo and includes such minority activities as golf and trampolining.

Alone among boys' units the unit blazed a pioneer trail by introducing modern pentathlon. The team is trained by Major George Murphy, the unit's second-in-command, who is also, incidentally, an anti-smoking fanatic. The team competes in the Army and British championships with the prime achievement to date of beating Oxford and splitting two strong Cambridge sides.



The Regiment runs regular adventure training schemes and every year a number of boys goes on outward bound courses. Others manage to cook their passage on Army trips and expeditions abroad.

The atmosphere in the Regiment is happier than in the average boarding school but the members of the staff never forget that they are dealing with boys in transition to manhood and, as they get to know the individual boys well, they are able to take a kindly interest in their personal problems.

If the boys feel the need to pour out their troubles to an unauthoritative ear, they will always get a warm reception and a sympathetic hearing in the lounge run by the Women's Royal Voluntary Service. The representative, Gwen Denness, offers advice and guidance, visits the boys in hospital and often acts as a trusted liaison between parents and unit.

Rules are as liberal as possible but strictly enforced and the boys have fewer opportunities for getting into trouble than they would find at home. As they can earn up to £9 10s while still in training, curbing of their purse-strings is an essential part of this control. They draw five pounds a week as pocket money and the rest piles up in credits available for leaves or on application to their company commanders. The improbable yarns spun to these tolerant gentlemen are many, but judgement backed by experience rarely makes mistakes.

Requests difficult to refuse yet fraught with pitfalls are the appeals for cash to buy engagement rings. As a result of the Regiment's careful husbandry of their money, most of the boys leave with hefty nest-eggs.

ON a day when black skies mirrored Aden's present and perhaps foretold its future, nature stilled the anarchic mayhem with a cloudburst that stopped traffic and terrorism with dramatic swiftness.

When the rain began, Arabs gleefully danced in the streets proclaiming that Allah had given his blessing to the campaign for independence. The exuberance passed as a torrential downpour smashed in roofs and swept away shanty huts. As the rainstorm finally eased five hours later, five inches of rain—twice the normal ration for a year—were racing through the streets.

Rain had been forecast, but in Aden that ordinarily means nothing more than a slight extension of the usual enervating humidity. Nobody expected a deluge and when it came at 8 am, it caught the terrorists priming grenades and painting banners for the arrival of the United Nations mission next day.

The security forces were apprehensive when the only power station closed down and telephone links between scattered strongpoints went dead. They need not have worried—the floods lent pathetic irony to a half-baked threat by FLOSY's leader to "drown" the Federation and left the bedraggled Adenis concerned only with saving their skins and possessions. Two people were drowned in the rush of water from the volcanic mountains ringing the port.

For a few unbelievable hours Aden seemed more like Atlantis. You could have canoed up the Ma'alla Straight or paddled a raft into the flooded bar of the Crescent Hotel for a drink. Hopelessly defeated was Aden's primeval sewage system—the stench was sickening for days afterwards.

For the soldiers it was a change but no rest. Besides the normal security patrols,



THE DAY THE RAIN CAME!!!!!!



there were families to evacuate from endangered flats, roads to be cleared of mud and boulders, cars, lorries and a downed helicopter to be recovered. For a brief while troops and Adenis worked for a common end in an almost forgotten spirit of co-operation.

The terrorists amateurishly forgot to keep their powder dry—several rockets and grenades fired and thrown the following day failed to explode because of damp fuses.

SOLDIER photographer Arthur Blundell's pictures show: A security patrol (upper, left) splashing through the shallows as Service girls and wives paddle to their homes in a protected area; cars swept off the road by chest-deep water and left piled up (upper, right) in a knock-for-knock nightmare; Venetian aspect (far left) to the Crescent at Tawahi—the mud was ankle-deep and the streets empty because the Adenis were bailing out their homes; a helping hand (left) with a staff car after rare dark and heavy skies had given way again to Aden's burning sun.



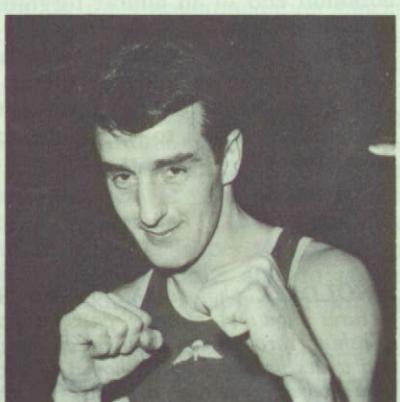
Private John Kelly, bantamweight. 3rd Div and Southern Command champion.



Private Patrick Brady, featherweight. Triallist at feather for the Army team.

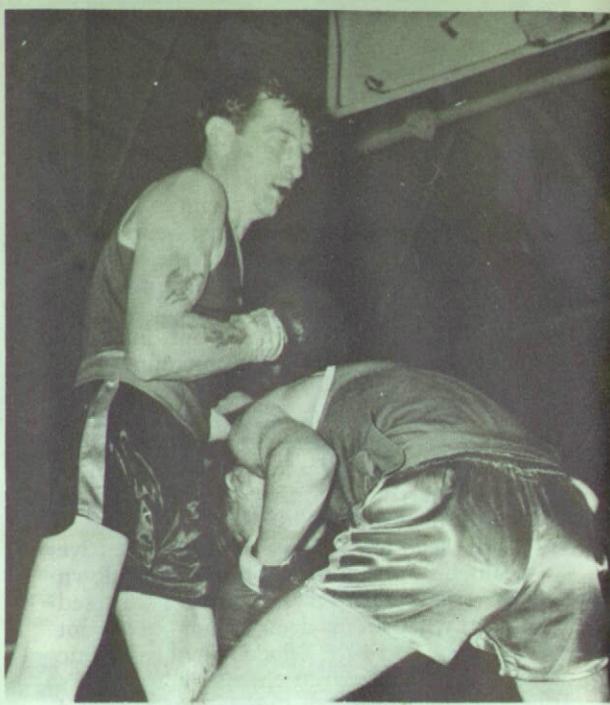


Private John Matthews, lightweight. His father runs a boxing club in Nottingham.



Private Peter Lloyd, welter. ABA finalist, boxed for England and Wales.

KNOCK-OUT PARAS



THE Marquess of Queensberry apostles in The Parachute Regiment's 1st Battalion boxing team made dynamic progress in their crusade for the top Army team title.

They battered through the early rounds of the inter-unit championship with 11-0 wins over 1st Battalion teams of the Grenadier Guards and The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire and took the United Kingdom championship with a comfortable 8-5 victory over a talented team from 1st Battalion, The King's Regiment.

As SOLDIER went to press the news came through that the 1st Para team—already 3rd Division champions—had duly beaten by eight bouts to three the British Army of the Rhine winners, 1st Battalion, The Queen's Regiment (Queen's Surreys), in the final at Munster. Architect of the team's success is Lieutenant Geoff Banks, a former light-weight who joined The Parachute Regiment as a private soldier 22 years ago. SOLDIER asked for the formula of success and the answer came as straight and crisp as an old English left. Apart from understating his own vital contribution, Lieutenant Banks was absolutely frank.

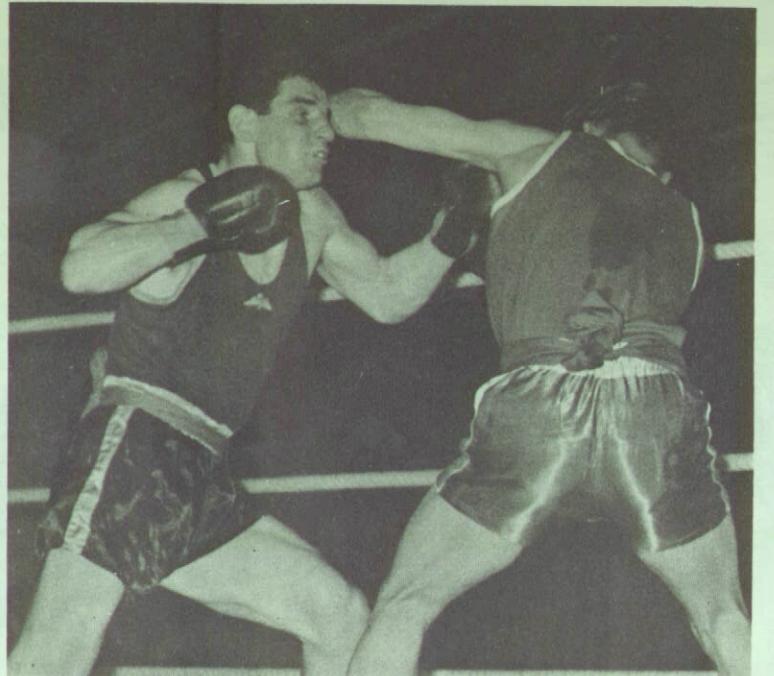
"We have two great assets. One is our trainer's enthusiasm. Colour-Sergeant 'Punchy' Jones boxed at welterweight for the Royal Marines and has guided the Battalion's boxing team for four or five years. He is popular, conscientious and a great fillip to the team's morale.

"Secondly there is the team's almost fanatical desire to win the inter-unit title for the first time in the history of the Regiment. We really want to win it this time and we are getting tremendous support from the Battalion—we never have fewer than 200 supporters.



Clever boxing by Kingsman L Duncan won him his bout against 1 Para's Winton in the UK team final.

Left: Brady on his way to a points win on the UK team finals night.



Right: Bebbington's left goes home after making his opponent miss. He won his UK final bout with ease.

bit of weight off do more. They spend the day on education and then do their hard training in the evening. Sometimes they spar with the Army team, sometimes among themselves. They finish late in the evening and they're nicely tired to turn in. We encourage them to stay out of the pubs and Colour-Sergeant Jones does the round to make sure they are out of trouble. We don't believe in booze-ups during training. At the end of the season we shall take our wives and girl friends out to dinner, but until then the beer can wait.

"That gave us a list of 60 names and the inter-company championships brought it down to 17 potentially good boxers. We put them into the Southern Command novices and six of our 11 finalists won their weights. With our existing experienced talent and these novices we clearly had a promising team.

"They do their roadwork before breakfast every morning—five or seven miles—and the little men we may want to take a

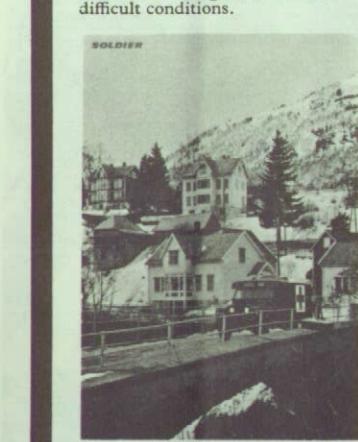
was in camp concentrating on boxing. "Has anyone asked to leave? No, but some have been sacked for not toeing the line. We have no time for ballerinas or gladiators; the boxers are all first-rate soldiers and I am really proud of them.

"Their best ally is their will to win. Brigadier Farrer-Hockley mentioned it after the UK final when he congratulated the team on its 'courage, skill and exemplary sportsmanship.'

"I think they are going to win the final. If you wanted to stop them now you would have to put a machine-gun in the ring. The only way they are going to beat us is with a sledgehammer."

COVER PICTURES

Front cover by Army PR; back by Paul Trumper



BACK

When the British soldier takes to skis a few spills are inevitable—when they occurred during Exercise Hardfall in Norway, this Land-Rover ambulance was soon on the spot. Corporal Derrick Wright, Royal Corps of Transport, boasted that his vehicle was equipped for most emergencies in the difficult conditions.



FRONT

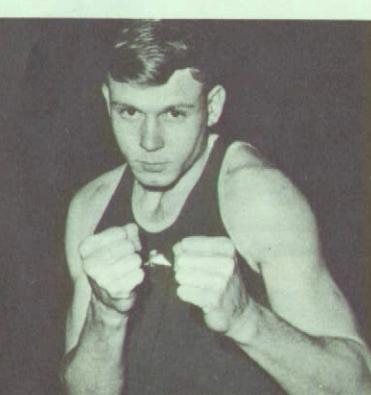
A proud moment for Corporal William Macintyre, a sousaphone player in the Band of 1st Battalion, The Royal Highland Fusiliers. As SOLDIER reported last month, the Highlanders were granted the Freedom of Iserlohn, Westphalia—a unique honour in the German Federal Republic. And on a day of pomp and ceremony Corporal Macintyre, of Girvan, Ayrshire, was there to play his part. A veteran of Malaya, Aden, Malta and Cyprus, he had recently returned from a three months' tour of the United States by the band.



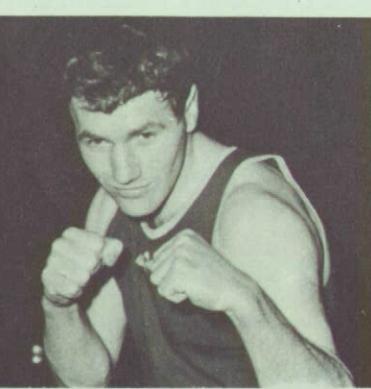
Private Cliff Bebbington, light welter. Runner-up in Army championships.



Private Alan Story, light-heavyweight. Chosen to box in the Army team trials.



Private Richard Chiltern, heavyweight.



Private Gordon Winton, light middle. S Command runner-up to a 1 Para man.

WHIRLYBIRD WORKOUT



Used mainly on exercise control, the Army Air Corps Scouts and Sioux totalled 206 flying hours during Exercise Stardust.



Top: Somewhere in the fictional island of Kalibar insurgency stirs. At RAF Odiham an intervention force mounts up in Wessex helicopters.

Kalibar, a Berkshire island bearing a striking resemblance to Salisbury Plain, was assailed during Exercise Stardust by the largest swarm of helicopters ever mustered in Britain. Since helicopters in the British Services are as rare as stardust there was a hint of irony in the titling for the tri-Service manoeuvres which put approximately 50 Sioux, Scouts, Wessex and Whirlwinds under unified command.

The Grand Design planned the exercise of a Strategic Reserve brigade in a heliborne counter-insurgency role. It meant that for the first time British Forces were experimenting with American air armada tactics on a reasonable scale. A flying command post controlled the choppers as they lifted infantrymen forward, two companies at a time, and unarmed helicopters dummyed as gunship escorts. It was appropriate that there should have been United States troops on the exercise—40 men of 3 Engineer Battalion on an exchange visit from Munich.

The Joint Forces Headquarters was running a composite battlefield air force of Royal Navy Wessex helicopters from HMS Albion, Wessex and Whirlwinds from 38 Group Royal Air Force and 3rd Division Scouts and Sioux.

The Wessex and Whirlwinds flew 3162 men in 1767 separate sorties. In a total of 962 helicopter flying hours, plus many more by resupply aircraft, there was only one minor incident—a case of slight damage to a helicopter after collision with a tree.



Left: A Navy Wessex lifts off from Odiham with kit bound for Kalibar, fairy tale isle in Berkshire.

Below left: Setting up in a new position, gunners train their one-o-five on a distant area vulnerable to attack by the insurgents.

Below: Echoes of a tragic day in Dallas in this photo of a soldier covering a Stardust road block party.



With many choppers airborne, pilots plotted their flight plans carefully.





MAY 1917

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Clubbing, stabbing and strangling, Italian storm-troops put the defenders of an Austrian trench to death in a frenzy of violence. The Italian soldiers of 1917 were a well-led aggressive force

and in the May offensive they asserted a battle superiority over their Austrian enemies. Early in the month British and Italian artillery pounded 50 miles of front to screen the direction of the

thrust until the last moment. Cadorna, the Italian commander, opened the battle with a left hook and followed it with an immaculately timed right. The cumulative effects rocked the Austrians and

they yielded valuable high ground in both areas. The Italians estimated they had killed or wounded 100,000 Austrians in addition to taking 24,000 prisoners. War artist Matania was intrigued by

the breastplates and shoulder armour worn by the young picked troops who led specially dangerous assaults and compares them to the *hastati* who spearheaded Caesar's legions in battle.

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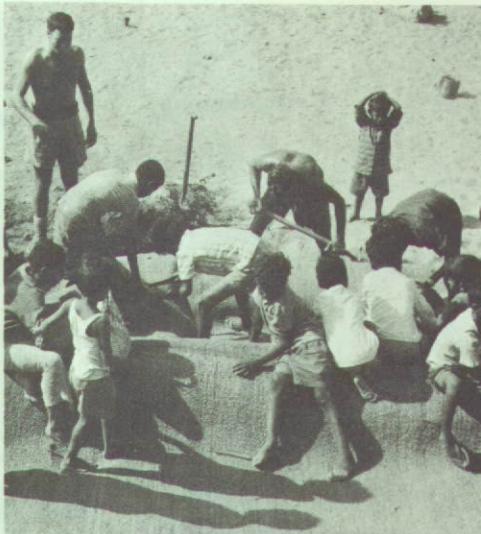
HIGHWAY TO PROSPERITY

WHILE politics occupied the minds of their neighbours in terrorist-haunted Aden, the villagers of Bir Fuqum, 40 miles to the west, had a very basic problem—how to get their fishermen's catch to market.

For the village lies on the coast behind a range of sand dunes and transport always found difficulty getting in and out. That is until the Sappers came along!

One of the last jobs for 48 Field Squadron, Royal Engineers, before leaving Aden after a 13-month tour, was to lay a track to Bir Fuqum. And with the track came prosperity. Now the fishermen can clear their boats of the daily catch and tradesmen get a reliable supply of fresh fruit and vegetables.

Twenty men, led by Lieutenant James Barber, spent two days planning and constructing this highway to a new way of life for a tiny part of South Arabia.



A helping hand from village children. They find track-laying more interesting than goat-herding.



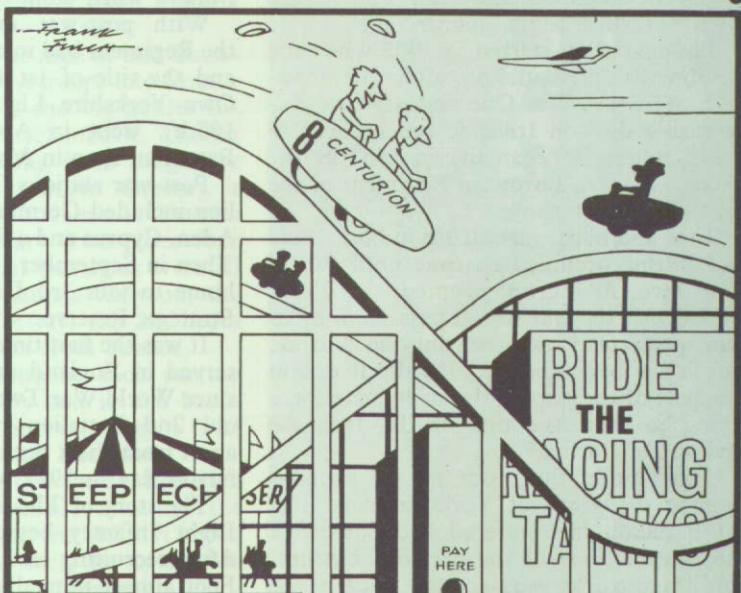
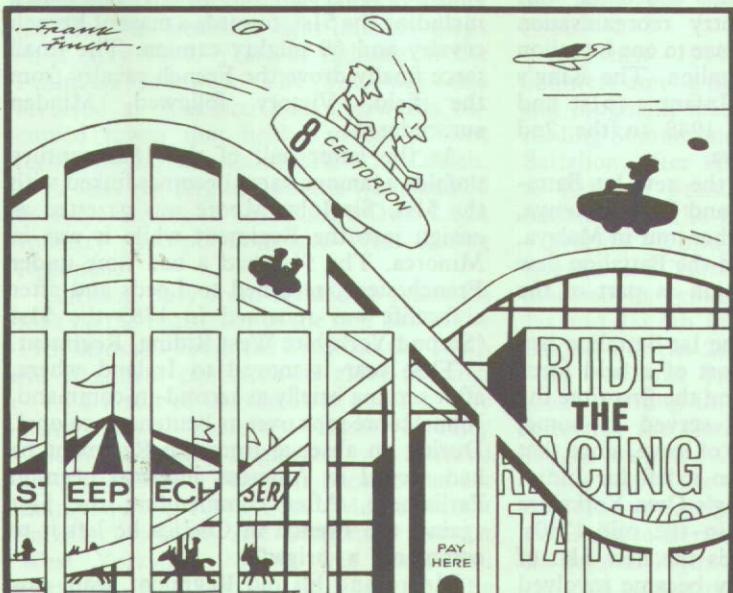
Lieutenant Barber receives a signature for the new track from the grateful Amir of Bir Fuqum.



Right: Sappers at work! The track takes shape.

• HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

These two pictures look alike, but they vary in ten minor details. Look at them very carefully. If you cannot detect the differences, see page 30.



EXILED FOR 32 YEARS



THE KING'S OWN YORKSHIRE

An overseas tour of 32 years! You may wonder what dog-eared history book contains that item.

But the book still smells of new paper. That long tour ended less than three years ago for the Regiment that embodies the toughness of the men of the Yorkshire Coalfield—the Regiment they call The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

The marathon started in 1922 when the Regiment's 2nd Battalion, after the blood-bath of World War One and a year's disagreeable duty in Ireland, was ordered to India, where it began life in 1839 as the Second Madras European Regiment of the East India Company.

Riots and tribal turbulence in both India and Burma occupied its time until World War Two. As Europe erupted, the Tykes fretted that the war would pass them by as they performed garrison duty in Burma. But at the beginning of 1942 the Battalion was part of the hopelessly inadequate force trying to stem the tide of the Japanese invasion of Burma.

Once more this country of pagodas became the grave of Yorkshiresmen. The 1st Battalion had suffered badly there in the Burma Wars of the previous century. And three trucks were enough to carry the

gallant 2nd Battalion after the Japanese and the jungle had finished with it during the retreat to India.

The 2nd Battalion never fought again as a whole although members of it saw action with such units as the Chindits. After being re-formed it was poised for the invasion of Malaya when atom bombs ended the war.

With post-war infantry reorganisation the Regiment had to reduce to one battalion and the title of 1st Battalion, The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (51st and 105th), went in April 1948 to the 2nd Battalion, then in Malaya.

Post-war stations for the new 1st Battalion included Germany and Berlin, Kenya, Aden, Cyprus and a further tour in Malaya. Then in September 1964 the Battalion flew home to join 3rd Division as part of the Strategic Reserve.

It was the first time the 1st Battalion had served in England as part of a field force since World War Two and the first time the old 2nd Battalion had served at home, apart from short periods of leave, since that far-off day in 1922 when it left for India!

The story of The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry begins in the mid-1750s. After recruiting in Leeds the new 51st of Foot almost immediately became involved

in the Seven Years War with France. A part in the abortive raid on Rochefort was followed by what many believe is the Regiment's greatest battle honour—Minden.

A 52,000-strong French army was facing 41,000 British and Hanoverians when a confused order sent nine infantry regiments, including the 51st, towards a mass of French cavalry and 60 mighty cannon. The small force finally drove the French cavalry from the field. Victory followed, Minden surrendered.

As the latter half of the 18th century unfolds a famous name becomes linked with the 51st. Sir John Moore was gazetted as ensign into the Regiment while it was in Minorca. The 51st had a bad time under French siege, returned to Leeds and after a facelift was renamed in 1783 the 51st (Second Yorkshire West Riding) Regiment.

That year it moved to Ireland where, after serving briefly as second-in-command, John Moore took over as lieutenant-colonel.

During an absence from the Regiment he had served in America and had been in Parliament. After commanding the 51st against the French in Corsica he left it to command a brigade.

Moore and his old Regiment again saw

LIGHT INFANTRY

action together in the retreat on Corunna. At a critical stage of the Battle of Lugo he placed himself at the head of his old unit and the enemy were driven off. Later the Regiment covered the embarkation of the army. Moore, of course, was killed.

In recognition of its efforts at Lugo and Corunna and in memory of Sir John Moore the 51st was created a light infantry corps on 2 May 1809. Years of fighting in the Peninsula followed. The 51st was also involved at Waterloo and afterwards occupied towns that held a savage portent for the Regiment—Cambrai and Le Cateau.

In 1821 the Regiment's title was changed by Royal decree to 51st King's Own Light Infantry (Second Yorkshire West Riding Regiment).

Garrison duty from Ireland to Australia took up the remainder of the first half of the 19th century. From the 1850s to the 1880s the Regiment continued its globe-trotting.

As a result of the Cardwell reforms The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (South Yorkshire Regiment) was formed on 1 July 1881. The 51st became the 1st Battalion; the 105th Foot (Madras Light Infantry) became 2nd Battalion; and 1st West Yorkshire Militia was made 3rd Battalion. In 1887 the title became The

King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry).

At the outbreak of the South African War the 2nd Battalion found itself in South Africa. It played a part in the long march to the relief of Kimberley and it was during this period that Private Charles Ward, in a brave dash with a message while under hot fire, won the Regiment's first Victoria Cross.

And then—1914. The men of 2nd Battalion were among the first troops into France and fought in many of the big battles including Somme and Passchendaele. The 1st Battalion, after returning from Singapore to fight in France, went to Greece; it returned for the final advance in France.

During World War Two the four Regular and Territorial battalions were all involved in fighting retreats early on, the 1st and 1st 4th in Norway, the 2nd from Burma and the 2nd 4th from France.

In 1943 the 1st Battalion took part in tough fighting in Sicily and in the battle following the Garigliano crossing in 1944 fought with the 2nd 4th Battalion.

The end of the war saw the 1st Battalion in Germany where it was first to control the autobahn to Berlin. And the old 51st ended its days in Plymouth where in April 1948 the title passed to the 2nd Battalion.



THE SILENT TOAST

A toast with a glorious origin is drunk standing in silence in the officers' messes of the Regiment. It is to "Dyas and the stormers" and commemorates an incident in 1811 at Badajoz during the Peninsular War.

Ensign Joseph Dyas (pictured above) volunteered to lead a "forlorn hope" storming party against the walls of a fort. The attack failed with heavy casualties. Dyas volunteered to lead a second attempt. This also failed. But Dyas was offered immediate promotion.

The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief of The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry since 1927, is regarded as the Regiment's "longest serving soldier." She receives regular reports about Regimental activities and visits the 1st Battalion during its infrequent homecomings.

Left: 1st Battalion spent a frustrating period in Greece in World War One but returned for the last advance in France. It is pictured here at Bayeux. Below: Aden 1965—KOYLI's latest tour.



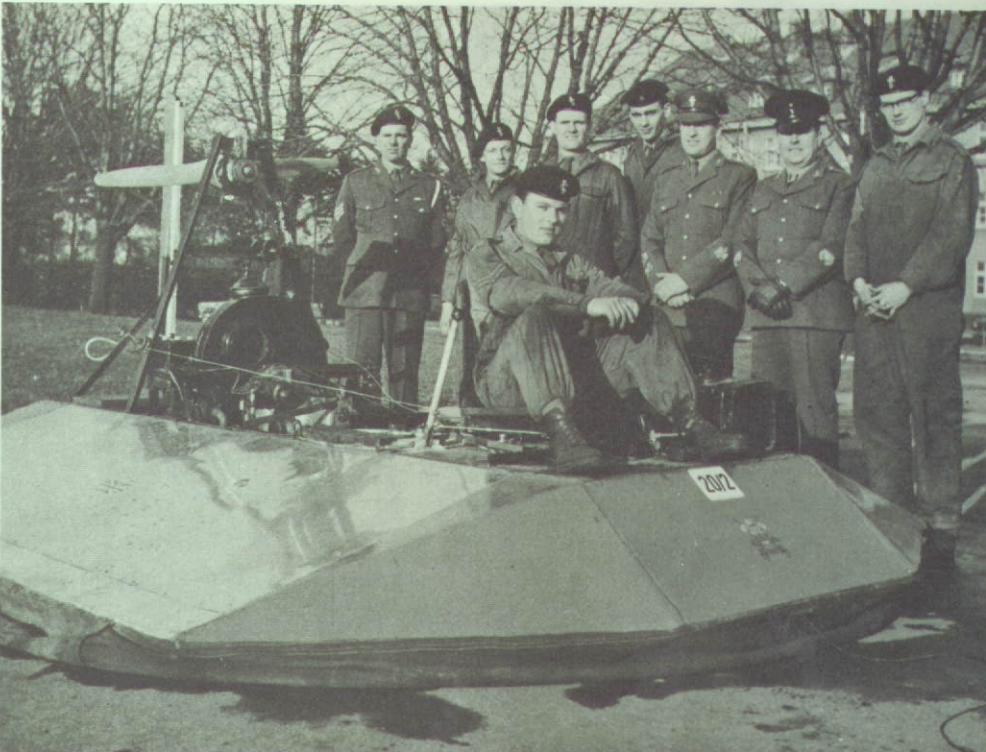
Left Right & Centre



Four men who lived fulfilled their last duty to a brother who died when they presented to his Regiment the Victoria Cross he won 52 years ago. At Balhousie Castle, Perth, headquarters of The Black Watch, John, William, James and Albert, brothers of the late Sergeant David Finlay, gave his medals (above) to the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier H C Baker-Baker (extreme left). Sergeant Finlay joined up in 1910 as an under-age 17-year-old and won the Victoria Cross on 9 May 1915. He was killed in action in January 1916. Three of Sergeant Finlay's old comrades who attended the ceremony heard Brigadier Baker-Baker express the Regiment's "most grateful thanks" to the Finlay family. He said it was a pity other Victoria Crosses went to the auction salerooms because they became "Just collectors' pieces without any regard for where they were won, how they were won or who won them."



Raised glasses during the topping-out ritual (above) on top of the Army School of Catering's new 14-storey tower block at Aldershot. Man in the middle of a motley band of builders and celebrants is Brigadier B A Sindall, Director of the Corps. The tower block is the dominating feature of the Army Catering Corps training centre under construction since 1965 and not due to be finished for another year. The block contains the largest known concentration of kitchen classrooms in the world—there are 56 and each one has cookers and equipment for every student. The training centre is a major project in the redevelopment of military Aldershot. The centre, barracks, messes and recreation facilities will cost £3,500,000. The model (right) shows how the centre concentration will look on completion.



The hovercraft jockey on a home-made steed (above) is one of nine Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers who built the nameless wonder in their spare time. Soon after the first "flight", a demonstration was given for officers of 4th Division attending a study period at Herford, West Germany. The ten-by-six-foot hovercraft was designed by Warrant Officer II Roy Hamilton, Royal Signals, and built by the Light Aid Detachment of 3rd Carabiniers under the direction of Warrant Officer I Alderton. The home-built cushioncraft has an immediate claim to fame—at only £3 it must be the cheapest ever made. The powerplant is a 1200cc engine recovered from a crashed Volkswagen, while the main lifting fan started life in a tank. The body is of welded aluminium and the craft rides on a canvas skirt. A belt-driven propeller provides forward speed and blasts air at a rear-mounted steering rudder.



Chris Barber—puffing melodies into the trombone (above)—invited two gunners to join his band during a visit to their camp in Hilden, West Germany. Gunner Ronald Simpson, on the drums, and Gunner Stephen Meacock, fingering the bass, are both keen jazz fans. They got their chance of sitting in with the country's best-known traditional jazz group when Chris Barber chose 34 Light Air Defence Regiment's camp as the location of a short film he was making for German television. After filming, the jazzmen lined up for an impromptu session and let the pair loose on some of the easier jazz classics.



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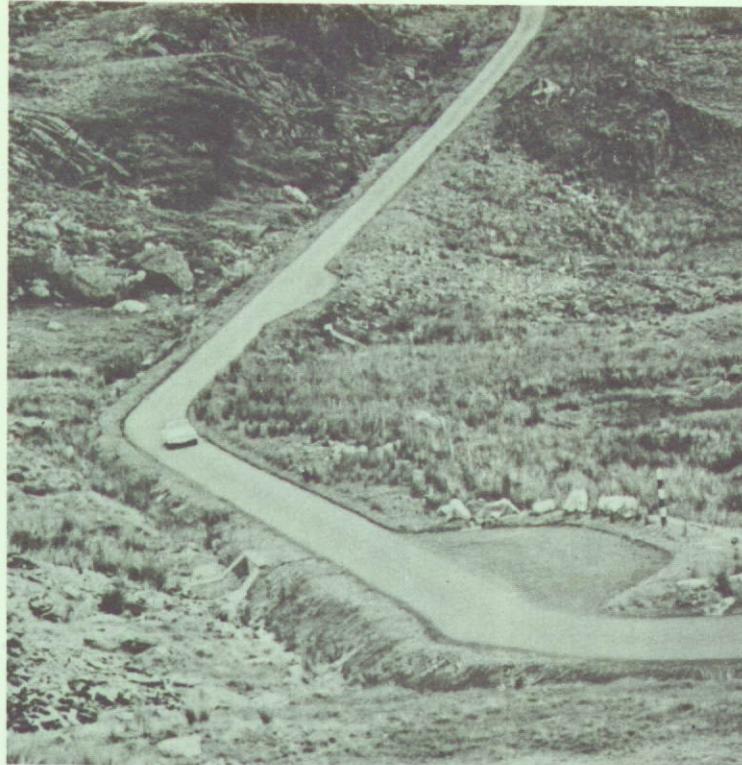
Tina and Bobby Moore agree—
it's great to sit down to an evening meal in a pub.

SAYS **Bobby Moore**

WHEN Tina and I go out of an evening we quite often choose to go to a pub. Nowadays there are so many fabulous pubs around you find you've got lots of favourites—so we usually toss up to decide which one to go to. This time, Tina called "heads"—and "heads" it was. So here we are in our local. We usually have a quiet drink and then sit down to a good meal. The

food's terrific and the beer couldn't be better. Even when I'm in training, I enjoy a pint or two. I think it does you good. You meet people, you have a drink—you find yourself relaxing. Tina and I have spent lots of great evenings in a pub. We enjoy the atmosphere—whether we're with friends or just on our own. Yes, atmosphere—that's what's special about a pub.

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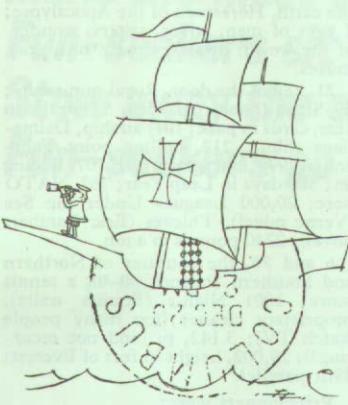
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Record?

Reading the article on The Gordon Highlanders (October) I was interested to note their claim to hold the record for the longest period on operations in Borneo after 12 months in that theatre. At the time of going to press this was possibly correct but I feel I should point out that the record is now held by 1st Battalion, Malaysia Rangers, who moved to Taiping in West Malaya having completed 14 months (October 65 to December 66) on active service in Sarawak.

For the whole of this period the Battalion was deployed in company bases along the Sarawak-Indonesian border in both the First and Second Divisions. Readers may be interested to know that the Malaysia Rangers were formerly the Sarawak Rangers, once the smallest unit in the British Army, whose members won universal respect while serving as trackers and guides to many regiments during the emergency in Malaya.

Their successors are no exception, and all those who fought with and alongside the Rangers in Borneo have nothing but admiration for their fine fighting qualities of endurance, enthusiasm, initiative, good humour and courage under all circumstances. The impressive list of kills obtained both during and after Confrontation will testify to this.

The Battalion is made up of all races in Sarawak—Ibans, Kelabits, Muruts, Kenyahs, Malays and Land Dyaks to name only a few. The vast majority are Ibans or Sea Dyaks, whose headhunting ancestors once terrorised Sarawak until pacified by the Brooke rajahs.

Raised, equipped and trained by the British Army, the Battalion was handed over as a complete fighting unit to the Malaysian Armed Forces in October 1965 before moving to Borneo. Until recently it was staffed by British officers and non-commissioned officers on secondment but these are gradually being replaced by their Malaysian equivalents.

Those of us who served with the Battalion will always remember "the fighting men of Borneo" with great warmth and affection.—**Capt C J Newbould, The Gloucestershire Regiment, Senior Staff Mess, Royal Military College, Sungai Besi, Selangor, West Malaysia.**

Suvla Bay

The East Yorkshire Regimental Association is anxious to contact officers and men who served with the 6th (Service) Battalion of the Regiment at Suvla Bay in August 1915. If this letter is read by any members of that Battalion will they please write to the undersigned, giving name, rank and number at the time they were serving.—**Lieut-Col F R Yorke (Rtd), Secretary, East Yorkshire Regimental Association, 11 Butcher Row, Beverley, Yorks.**

Bird watching

The Army Bird-Watching Society has been formed under the presidency of General Sir Gerald Lathbury to encourage and promote Bird-Watching in the Army. The annual subscription is 10s and membership is open to:

Serving and retired officers and other ranks of the Regular Army and Territorial & Army Emergency Reserve.

Officers and other ranks of Commonwealth and colonial armies.

Civil servants serving or who have served in military establishments.

Anyone interested in joining the Society should write to:—**Maj C Worrin (Rtd), Hon Sec, Army Bird-Watching Society, c/o Army Apprentices College, Harrogate, Yorks.**

"Pozzy wallahs"

As an ex-Worcesters man of World War Two your mention of the nickname "The Vein Openers" ("Your Regiment," March) reminded me of another uncomplimentary tag with which our Regiment was stuck, arising from an incident in World War One. We were called "The Pozzy Wallahs" because we were supposed to have hijacked a highly prized consignment of pozzy, in other words lorry-loads of jam, intended for the Royal Warwicks.

If the Worcesters and the Warwicks are now to be merged it is fitting that, even if the Regiments are not going to be preserved as such, at least the pozzy mixture will be.

Our marching tune "The Windsors" was followed by "The Lincolnshire Poacher," with which county we had a further association—so poaching on others' preserves seems to be an ingredient of Worcester sauce!—**E Reston, 4 Downs Park, Downley, High Wycombe, Bucks.**

The Fovant badges



Members of the Fovant Badges Society discussing their difficulties.

The Fovant Badges Society has officially agreed to the establishment of a trust fund created for the sole purpose of providing money for the preservation of these famous badges.

Our aim is to set up a fund endowed with sufficient capital, suitably invested and under the guardianship of our bankers, to produce an income sufficient for the upkeep of the badges, as at present our funds are not enough for this purpose.

In the meantime the badges have to be cared for, and thus we have a double task. We have made many new friends and members of the Society and their contributions of money are helping to swell the fund, which at the moment is still small. Membership of this Society—minimum subscription 5s—is one way in which interested people can help.—**L Bradford, Hon Sec, The Fovant Badges Society, Fovant, Salisbury, Wilts.**

Medals for sale

I was interested in the article on the Victoria Cross (January) but could not help being disturbed by the implication that Americans—if in fact they are the buyers—are doing something improper by purchasing VCs which are offered for sale by British owners. It would appear to me far more logical for the criticism to be directed toward those British families which initially assign a monetary value to the medal.

I certainly agree that the practice of selling Victoria Crosses is less than desirable and should be stopped. But I do not believe the solution is to pass legislation against export to "other than Commonwealth countries." As the article points out, there are in Britain more than 200 wealthy collectors presumably willing to purchase a VC should the opportunity present itself. It is the *selling* that is improper; the nationality of the purchaser is completely irrelevant.

Neither do I believe that slapping the faces of purchasers would do very much to halt the sale of Victoria Crosses.

The practice will stop only when the seller no longer desires to sell; when the rightful ownership of the VC—with all its magnificent overtones of extraordinary courage and devotion to duty—means more than the money that the collector is willing to pay.—**Lieut-Col L O Giuffrida, Department of Larger Unit Operations, US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas 66027, USA.**

Toxophily

As an archer of many years standing I was most interested in the excellent article "Bows and Arrows" (February). However, may I draw attention to two points mentioned in the article:

1 Just as the gold is never called the bull, so an arrow is never fired but is shot, loosed or released.

2 An archer using a modern composite bow usually finds a draw weight of 35lb to 45lb adequate for target shooting, even for the 100 yards of the York Round. Heavier draw weights than this, in the 50lb class, are mostly used for hunting.

I am sure any local archery club would be only too pleased to give help and advice on tackle to Servicemen and women wishing to take up this expanding and absorbing sport.—**A Harrison, 53 National Avenue, Hull, Yorks.**

TERRITORIAL ARMY BADGES

The captions to the three Honourable Artillery Company cap badges illustrated on page 21 of the February SOLDIER ("Badges of the Territorial Army" supplement) should be amended to read, from left to right, as follows:

Honourable Artillery Company (Artillery)

Honourable Artillery Company (Infantry)

Honourable Artillery Company (Artillery beret badge)

The badge of The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire illustrated on page 26 is the collar badge; the Regiment wore the cap badge of The Yorkshire Brigade which is reproduced below.

T & AVR in Yorkshire



The Green Howards Territorials (T & AVR III) inherit the 4th/5th Battalion's Colours, its Regimental silver and property and most of the unit's funds. Its members continue to wear The Green Howards' cap badge, collar badge and other Regimental emblems on their battle dress. Also inherited is the TA Battalion band which is located at Scarborough.

All men of The Yorkshire Volunteers wear the Yorkshire Brigade cap badge, but each rifle company wear the collar badge of its representative sponsoring regiment. The men of HQ Company, based on York, wear the collar badge of the Yorkshire regiment in which area they live or were recruited.

Advanced level tactics

If so disposed, we in this country are free to envisage the possibility, in the dim and speculative future, of an attack from without by some major power. Would it not be profitable to build up a system of defence, integrated with our national life and stemming from the inculcation of the principle of defence and all that it implies, throughout our educational system? Why should it not start with sixth formers?

What if we do produce the finest classical scholars and scientific experts in the world, if an attack from without finds us as unprepared as we were in 1914 and again in 1939?

We need to be reminded occasionally of the counsels of perfection, but no one who remembers the shock sustained at the outbreak of either or both world wars can fail to realise that the enemy without—and sometimes within—is a constant and that men in many parts of the world, despite all appearances to the contrary, are still little more than highly inflammable animals.

Will some enlightened don or dons, in substantial agreement with the suggestion, give a lead in elaboration?—**W J Tull, 96 Knightsway, Leeds 15.**

Gorget patches

I could not but notice that in the picture of Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Carver (Purely Personal, March) he appears to be improperly dressed. Though wearing the insignia of his rank, his gorget patches are clearly those of a colonel or brigadier.—**Lieut J B Whale RM, Winslow, Chapel Hill, Truro.**

★ General Carver was not improperly dressed. General officers' gorget patches are in three sizes—miniature for wear with bush jacket or battledress, medium for wear with Service dress and large for wear with No. 1 dress. The miniature size bears a line of gold gimp beneath the



Home ownership

Many Servicemen serving overseas with their families are concerned about the accommodation problem on their return to the United Kingdom. The allocation of several million pounds for the purchase of houses by the Ministry of Defence, while praiseworthy, is not a real answer to the problem. However, the administrative tail attached to families housing is one which could be considerably reduced from its present magnitude by assistance in individual house purchase.

Civilian police authorities have reduced the previous wastage of recruits by a rent allowance for policemen to buy their own homes, and this feeling of increased security for his family makes a man think twice about resigning from the Force. It costs local authorities less to pay rent allowance than to pay for new houses.

That Servicemen are an increasingly responsible breed has been shown by the recently introduced life insurance scheme, initiated as the result of a splendid donation by the Army Kinema Corporation. Why NAAFI, with all its finances, could not have boosted the initial fund is incomprehensible to me, but perhaps NAAFI could now start a scheme of house purchase on the co-operative society lines? Certainly, with its ever diminishing demands overseas, now is the time for NAAFI to deal out some of its reserves.

The Services would benefit both financially and administratively by ridding themselves of the tail that wags the dog. This fact is well illustrated by the increasing number of Servicemen who purchase their own homes and whose families remain in UK while the husbands serve a tour overseas, thus cutting the costs of overseas expenditure on passages, schooling, etc.

For example, a house is purchased by the Ministry of Defence on a mortgage of £6 weekly—the Serviceman pays an average of £2 10s, a loss to the Service of £3 10s plus the cost and wear and tear on all furnishings. If a rent

allowance of £3 is given, the Service will still make a considerable saving and the Serviceman would have £5 10s available to buy his own home.

There is nothing like home ownership to increase a man's responsibility, thus not only the Service but also the community and country would benefit.

Let the authorities avoid the caravan and hostel spectre and develop without delay a progressive programme of home ownership.—**WO II D E H Ward, HQ CI COY (Cyprus), BFPO 53.**

★ In addition to "Save While You Serve," a new scheme is under consideration by the Ministry of Defence to facilitate house purchase by Servicemen prior to release or retirement.

COLLECTORS' CORNER

A L Boode, 76 Herenstraat, Rijswijk, Holland.—Collects cap and collar badges, shoulder titles and histories of Scottish regiments. Offers Netherlands cap badges or other items in exchange.

M Sadler, 76 Brightwell Road, Norwich, Norfolk.—Collects all German militaria of World War Two, helmets, caps, uniforms, weapons etc. Especially requires KAR 98K Mauser service rifle and German stick grenade.

A York, 35 Main Street, East Hampton, New York, USA 11937.—Requires temperance and total abstinence medals, badges and insignia, Army, Navy, Church, civil etc, worldwide, also USA decorations and campaign medals.

R Riley, 34 Felskirk Road, Woodhouse Park, Manchester 22.—Wishes exchange metal badges for similar anodised.

R F Hartill, 35 Ryland Street, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire.—Collects British cap and collar badges and formation signs. Will exchange formation signs for cap badges.

R Ashton (ex-Canadian Army), 37 Margrietlaan, Ede (Gelderland), Holland.—Collects all militaria World War Two, also reading material and action photos.

S G Cummings, 7 Harberton Park, Londonderry, N Ireland.—Requires non-anodised Special Air Service cap badge.

A J Simpson, 480 43rd Avenue, Lachine, Quebec, Canada.—Collects worldwide war medals. Will exchange similar or cap badges, insignia, stamps, FDCs, viewcards, illustrated magazines etc.

S J Ellis, 15 Durham Close, Canterbury, Kent.—Requires one copy June 1962 SOLDIER.

F Hulme, 34 Shepherd Street, Biddulph, Stoke-on-Trent.—Requires coloured photo or print 16th Lancers in pre-1914 uniform; also Lancashire Fusiliers.

REUNIONS

Royal Military Police Association. Reunion and dinner, Saturday, 3 June. Dinner at Depot & Training Establishment RMP, Roussillon Barracks, Chichester, Sussex, 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets 22s 6d from Secretary, Roussillon Barracks. Reunion at Depot, Roussillon Barracks, where accommodation available on written request.

Military Provost Staff Corps Association. Reunion dinner, Saturday, 15 July, Berechurch Hall Camp, Colchester. Details from Hon Sec, MPSC Association, Berechurch Hall Camp, Colchester, Essex.

XVIIIth Royal Irish Regiment and South Irish Horse. AGM and reunion dinner, Chevrons Club, London, 3 June. Annual parade and service at Cenotaph, Sunday, 4 June, meet Horse Guards Parade 11am. Details from P J Boyle, 13 Sticklepath Terrace, Barnstaple, N Devon.

HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

(see page 23)

The two pictures vary in the following respects:

1 Spelling of CENTURION. 2 Left end of farther track. 3 Flag on top of roundabout. 4 Front wheel of CENTURION. 5 Beret of rider at top right. 6 Middle bar of "E" in RIDE. 7 Left flag on roundabout. 8 Length of plane. 9 White edge of paybox. 10 Rider on right of roundabout.

PUT TWO AND TWO TOGETHER

Competition 104 (January) proved to be a tougher proposition than its predecessor, Number Off! (November).

Among the accepted answers were: XI, Soccer eleven; 4 Just Men, seasons, winds, freedoms, Gospels, corners of the earth, Horsemen of the Apocalypse; 7 ages of man, wives, sisters, wonder of the world, dwarfs, deadly sins, seas muses.

21 key of the door, Royal gun salute; 39 Steps (book); Articles; 52 weeks in year, cards in pack; 101, airship, Dalmatians (film); 212, boiling point Fahrenheit; 999, emergency call; 707, Boeing jet; 366 days in Leap Year; 762, NATO bore; 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (Verne novel); Thieves (Eric Lambert novel); 2240 pounds in a ton.

6 and 26, the counties of Northern and Southern Ireland; 30-40, a tennis score; 1001 Nighs (Strauss waltz), proprietary cleaner (too many people watch TV); 3.142, pi (and not recurring); 29,002, height in feet of Everest; 49th parallel.

Prizewinners were:

1 Flt Sgt B J Marlowe, Office of the Air Attaché, British Embassy, Bangkok, BFPO 656.

2 Cpl Watson, 14 (Berlin) Inf Wksp REME, BFPO 45.

3 2/Lieut R M Bucknall RA, 1 Hillcroft Cottages, Sourmilk Hill Lane, Low Fell, Gateshead 9, Co. Durham.

4 Capt C D Brown RAEC, c/o Wessex Brigade Depot, Wyvern Barracks, Topsham Road, Exeter.

5 A Masters, 115 Hales Road, Cheltenham, Glos.

6 A H Moorman, CSD RAOC, Kirkwood's Road, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland.

7 Cpl J Funnell, 12 Coy RAMC, Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, London SE18.

8 Mrs P L Newman, 31 Frere Avenue, Fleet, Hants.

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Date

6	Lincoln Cathedral consecrated	1092
6	Phoenix Park murders in Dublin	1882
7	Greece proclaimed an independent kingdom	1832
9	Piccadilly Circus first lit by electricity	1932
11	First broadcast by BBC	1922
17	French Fleet destroyed off Cap La Hogue	1692
20	Treaty of Jeddah signed	1927
21	Island of St Helena discovered by Joao de Nova	1502
23	Mutiny at the Nore	1797
24	Battle of Pinchincha	1822
24	Empire Day first celebrated	1902
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28	Treaty of Bucharest signed	1812
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In the remainder of the 19th century the gunboat became synonymous with one kind of British Imperialism, the policing of British interests in faraway places where soldiers were not present. Gunboats sought out and sank the pirates of the China Seas; they thwarted the slavers off Africa and the "black-birders" of the South Pacific.

When naval policy was reoriented in 1904, Admiral Sir John Fisher sounded the death-knell of the gunboat—"merely a symbol of the power of the nation, not a concrete embodiment of it." A few survived to fight in World War One.

The principles of "gunboat diplomacy" have continued into the Cold War, the authors point out. Where once a cruiser would have landed men to prevent the Chinese looting a tea-merchant's warehouse, today the United States Marines land in Santo Domingo "to restore equilibrium in Latin America."

This book contains some interesting descriptions of the actions in which small craft took part and sets out the naval and imperial backgrounds against which they operated. The second part of the book lists details and fates of all the vessels of this type during the period of the gunboat's story.

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MALAYAN EMERGENCY

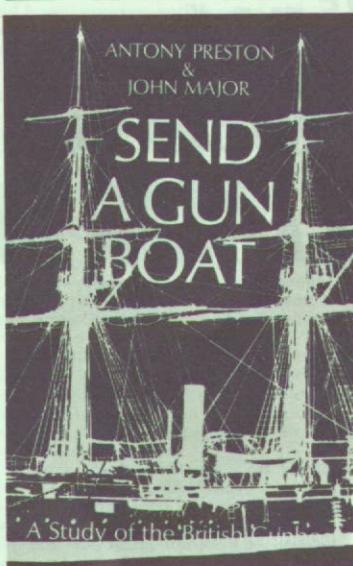
"The Long Long War" (Richard Clutterbuck)

In the dense jungle of the Malaya—Thailand border lurk a Chinese called Chin Peng and his 400 dedicated followers.

They are the remnant of thousands of Communist thugs against whom British and Commonwealth forces waged their highly successful campaign from 1948 to 1960. This gang exists like a dormant cancer, ready, should the chance ever come, to plunge Malaysia into the chaos and torment which is Vietnam.

This is the grim warning Brigadier

BOOKS



Clutterbuck sounds as he concludes his excellent account of the Malayan insurgent war. It is a note which should be heeded by the complacent and by those who think merely in terms of defence costs.

As Brigadier Clutterbuck develops his theme he draws the comparison with what happened in Vietnam and it becomes tragically obvious how wrong things have gone in the battle against the Viet Cong.

From the outset the British had a plan devised by General Sir Harold Briggs, first Director of Operations in Malaya. Until his appointment in 1950 the security forces were largely on the defensive. But gradually the tide turned. Under the Briggs plan half a million squatters from the jungle fringes were resettled and protected. This cut the guerrillas' supply lines and influence.

Backed by stringent emergency regulations, war executive committees ensured co-operation of civilians, military and police. Once this happy state had been achieved it was just a question of time.

Malaya achieved self-government and independence. Its people had a free and just government and could see they were far better off without the Communists. So far as one can see this message has yet to be got across to the South Vietnamese.

Brigadier Clutterbuck is forth-

right in his criticism of officers whose "predilection for major operations seems incurable." He writes: "On arrival in Malaya they would address themselves with chinagraphs to a map almost wholly green except for one red pin. 'Easy,' they would say. 'Battalion on the left, battalion on the right, battalion blocking the end, and a fourth battalion to drive through. Can't miss, old boy.'

"These manoeuvres are still described in United States Army textbooks though they were removed from the British ones long ago."

Militarily, superb intelligence work and the ability to learn the lessons of the jungle defeated the Communists.

The nations of the East have much to learn from Malaya in the lessons so ably set in this book.

Cassell, 30s

J C W

THRUSTING, CHOPPING—AND SAWING

"British Military Swords" (John Wilkinson Latham)

This survey and identification of British military swords from 1800 to the present day is written by a member of the famous sword-making firm. As a sword collector he gathered his notes for it over 20 years.

The work is mainly intended for collectors but other seekers after miscellaneous military information will find much of interest in it.

The chapter on infantry swords records that from 1831 the infantry had a sword blade stiffened with a ramrod back which made it a good thrusting weapon but not much use for cutting. It was replaced in 1846 with a wedge-shaped blade.

Infantry Pioneers had a most useful sword issued in 1856. It had a straight blade with a saw back and could be used for chopping trees and sawing up timber.

Asked in 1890 to submit patterns for a new infantry sword hilt, sword makers did so on dummy blades which were not sharpened. The War Office approved both hilt and dummy blade—so was born the sword without an edge.

Drummers carried unsharpened swords until 1901 by which time those on active service were stretcher bearers, rated as non-combatants and not supposed to carry weapons. It did not matter much, anyway, for their swords, even when sharpened, were virtually useless.

There was a major scandal in the late 19th century when cheap sword blades, bought from Germany, bent or broke in action. A long-term result of this scandal was a new cavalry sword approved by Edward VII in 1908.

"The finest sword with which any army in the world has ever been equipped," says the author, reporting sadly that it was introduced when the sword was almost dying out of warfare. It is this type of sword which today's Household Cavalry men carry.

Hutchinson, 63s

R L E

FIELD OF SLAUGHTER

"Vimy Ridge" (Alexander McKee)

"It was not an impressive feature. The upward slope in front was green and gentle . . ."

Such must have been the impression that the six-mile Vimy Ridge conveyed to the French soldiers in 1915 as they poured forward to relieve the pressure on their base at Arras. Despite the ferocious determination of the assaults the "upward slope" was too much for them; 150,000 casualties later they handed the problem over to the British.

Next year the British troops took their crack at the Ridge, but the practice of packing troops tightly in the forward areas resulted in appalling losses for little gain. The Ridge was too tough for orthodox methods of attack and tired troops.

The High Command decided to bring in the fresh Canadian Corps which was so strong that it was really a miniature army. Its four divisions contained the flower of Canadian manhood—physical standards and self-confidence were very high. Even the 40-yard-wide belt of wire in front of the German positions did not dismay them.

The Royal Flying Corps lost 131 aircraft in four days in an attempt to win air superiority but air observation plotted every German gun position except two.

At last, in a swirling snowstorm on Easter Monday, the *elite* of Canada surged forward through the mud up that long, sinister hogsback of a hill. They went without great-coats and the customary prolonged softening-up artillery barrage. The Germans knew they were coming but the speed and daring of the attack completely stunned them.

The author logically follows the adventures of each division in turn, giving the whole picture depth by viewing the battle through the eyes of a handful of individuals.

There were great feats of heroism on both sides but victory at first was clearly with the Canadians. The German line had been dented to a depth of six kilometres along an 18-kilometre front and 4000 prisoners were streaming back to the cages. But the Corps had 8000 casualties and these quickly increased as it became more and more obvious that the High Command did not know what to do. While massed British cavalry waited petulantly in the rear, the chances for the long-awaited general breakthrough dissolved.

Perhaps the only really permanent feature of what the Germans called the Schlachtfeld—field of slaughter—is the imposing Canadian Memorial on Hill 145.

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A W H

IN BRIEF

"History of the Scottish Regiments" (W P Paul)

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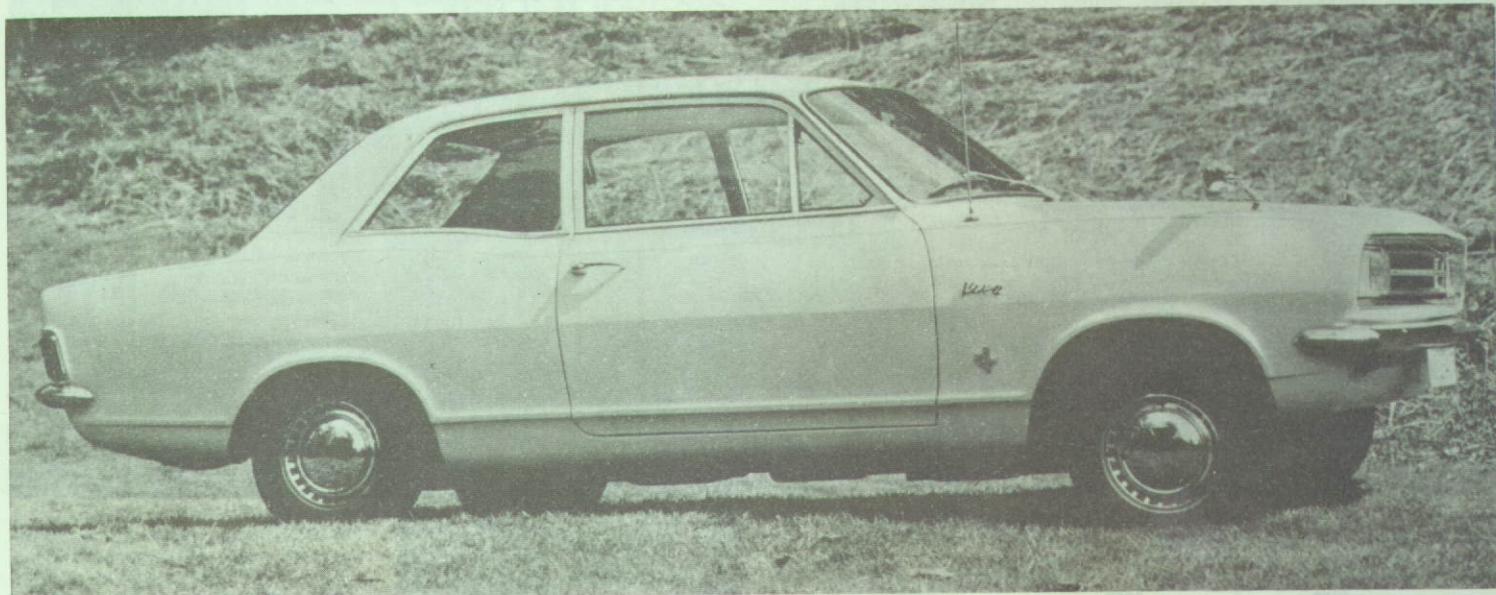
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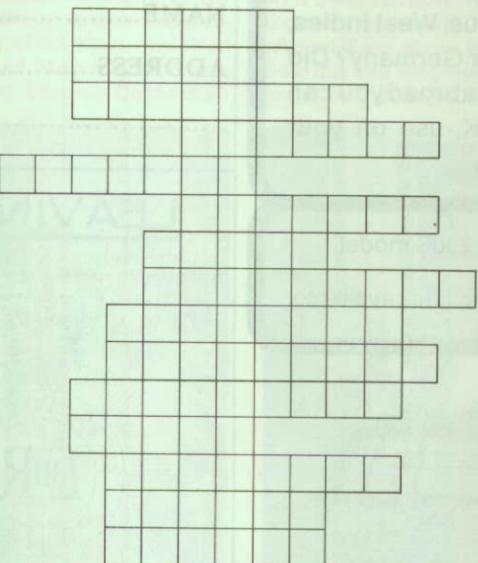
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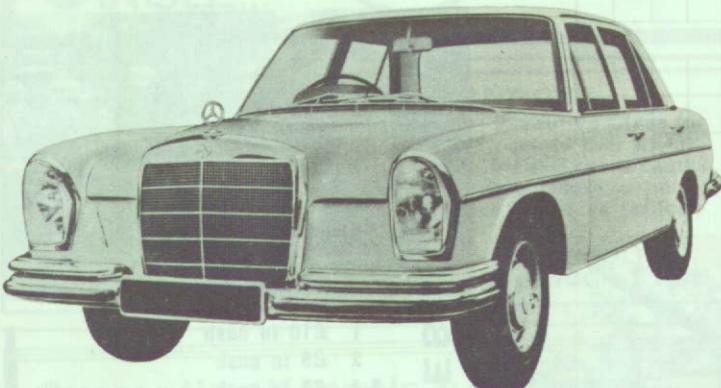
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Farewell to the Territorials —and to their Colours

From tip to toe of Britain the Territorials—men of the Citizen Army which fought so gallantly in two world wars—have quietly bowed themselves out of existence.

Many of the men are soldiering on; most of their units, too, live on in the new Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve which has risen phoenix-like from the ashes of the old Reserve Forces.

But it was still the end of the road for the Territorial Army and the Army Emergency Reserve and the death-knell of divisions, brigades, battalions and regiments which had weathered changing seas and two wars yet proudly kept intact for nearly 60 years their traditions, honours and titles. They bowed out quietly but not unnoticed. Parades, " freedom " marches, laying up of Colours, services and other ceremonies gave their fellow citizens a last opportunity to express unspokenly the interest and gratitude which the British public has always accorded the Reserve Forces.

A typical farewell was that of The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. First, to mark the end of its association with Buckinghamshire, the Battalion paraded through Aylesbury to the Town Hall, where the Mayor, Alderman G Davies, inspected the Battalion and Band and took the salute at a march past. In Oxford, a week later, the Battalion was inspected by the Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Colonel J Thomson, and by Lieutenant-General Sir John Mogg, Colonel Commandant of the 1st Royal Green Jackets. Led by its Band and Bugles (below), the Battalion then marched past the Town Hall, giving a salute to the Lord Mayor of Oxford, Air Vice-Marshal MacNeece Foster, to Christ Church Cathedral.



The Colours of the 4th/5th (Cinque Ports) Battalion, The Royal Sussex Regiment, being handed over in Chichester Cathedral.

At a civic reception in Sandwich Guildhall (below), Major Colin M Gower, commanding C Company of 5th Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment), presents a commemorative plaque, bearing the Regimental crest of The Buffs, to the Mayor, Councillor Ralph J Sage, to mark the Company's farewell to the town.



Two silver bugles were presented to Elgin and Dingwall when 11th Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, laid up Colours in the two towns. At Elgin (far left), in St Giles Church, the Colours (left), were those of the old 6th (Morayshire) Battalion. After the service Lord Provost George A Smith took the salute and accepted for safe keeping two of the four silver bugles which the old 6th Battalion carried into battle. On the following day the Battalion laid up in St Clement's Church, Dingwall, the Colours it inherited from the 4th/5th Battalion and earlier from the 4th Ross Highland Battalion, then marched through Dingwall town in a final farewell.

An historic order, "28th, rear rank, right about face," signalled the start of a "back badge" parade in King's Square, Gloucester, of 5th Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment. Commanding the Old Comrades on parade was Colonel J P Carne VC. From King's Square (right) the Battalion marched past the Guildhall, where the Mayor, Councillor A G Neal, took the salute, to a service in Gloucester Cathedral during which the Battalion's Colours were handed to the Dean for safe keeping. (Far right are the Colours and escort on parade.)



The Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of 2nd (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, inspected (below) a parade of 4th Battalion, The Northamptonshire Regiment, before the Battalion laid up its Colours in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton. In church was Major L P Dorman, the Colour Party Ensign when the Colours were presented in 1909.



A hundred and fifty officers and men of 4th Battalion, The Wiltshire Regiment, marched through Salisbury "with drums beating, Colours flying and bayonets fixed" to lay up their Colours in the Cathedral (below). The Market Place parade was inspected by the Mayor of Salisbury, Councillor W S Biddle, who also presented medals and certificates and took the salute outside the Guildhall.



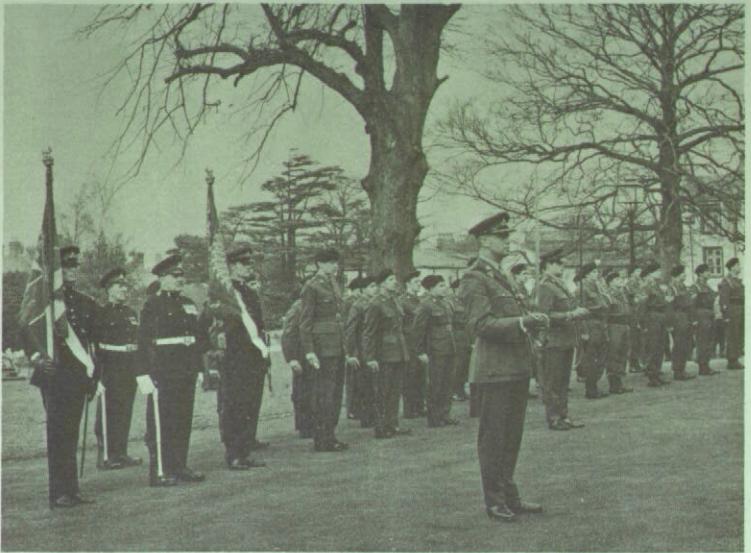
Six Colours of The Middlesex Regiment (below) were given a farewell parade at Mill Hill Barracks by the 5th Battalion, in whose custody the Colours had been since the amalgamation of the 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions into the 5th in 1961. The parade was inspected by Major-General C M M Man, Deputy Colonel of 4th Battalion, The Queen's Regiment (Middlesex), and afterwards the Colours of the 7th were laid up in St Mary's Church, Hornsey.



More than 1200 past and present members of 5th Battalion, The King's Regiment (Liverpool), direct descendant of the Volunteer Force that became the Territorial Army, attended a service of remembrance and thanksgiving in Liverpool Cathedral (below). A War Office letter of 9 June 1859 authorised the founding of a Volunteer Rifle Company, with three officers and 100 men, to be ranked first in Lancashire and "third in the entire Kingdom." During the service the Battalion Colours were handed over to its successor, C Company (King's), of The Lancastrian Volunteers, and a page in the Book of Remembrance was turned by the Reverend Arthur Proctor who won the Victoria Cross on the Somme.



One of the Territorial Royal Artillery regiments (right) which had, by inheritance, its own Colours, laid them up in St Asaph Cathedral (far right) during a service which included a Welsh hymn. The unit, 372 (The Flintshire and Denbighshire Yeomanry) Field Regiment, was an amalgamation of 384 Regiment (Royal Welch Fusiliers), formerly 5th Battalion of The Royal Welch Fusiliers, and 361 (Caernarvon and Denbighshire Yeomanry) Regiment; the Colours laid up were those of the 5th Royal Welch Fusiliers. The service, at which the Lesson was read by Field-Marshal Lord Harding, included a rededication of the Battalion war memorial tablet (moved from Rhyl Drill Hall).



Princess Marina, Colonel-in-Chief of The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, attended the laying-up in Sherborne Abbey of the Colours which she presented to The Dorset Regiment in 1956. Below, Yeoman Warder John Webber, ex-Regimental Sergeant-Major of the Dorsets, escorts Princess Marina from the Abbey.



More than 100 officers and men of the 4th/5th Battalion, The Royal Hampshire Regiment, exercised the Regiment's "freedom" by marching through Winchester, past the Guildhall, to hand over their Colours in the grounds of Series House, the Regimental Museum (below), to the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General R H Batten. At the city Guildhall the parade's salute was taken by the Mayor of Winchester, Councillor Mrs W J Carpenter Turner.



On the eve of the Territorial & Army Volunteer Reserve's formation the Secretary of State for Defence (Mr Denis Healey) sent the following message to the Army:

"On this 31st March 1967 I want to thank all members of the Territorial Army and Army Emergency Reserve for their services to this country in times of peace and war. Tomorrow will see the start of the Territorial & Army Volunteer Reserve.

"I am confident that this new force will maintain the traditions of service, discipline and comradeship so admirably set by its predecessors.

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