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Lt Heather Moon AGC and Sam Browne belt on parade with her platoon at ATR Winchester

# New belt goes on parade

WHEN Lt Heather Moon, Adjutant General's Corps, made Army history last month, **SOLDIER** captured this exclusive picture for posterity.

Although the new Sam Browne waist belt of the type she is wearing has occasionally been worn on parade at the Army Training Regiment's Winchester base, this was the first time that photographs had been allowed.

Three options for female belts are currently being considered by the Army dress

committee: the other two are a cross-belt and sword sling for cavalry officers and a Sam Browne waist belt without a cross-belt.

Pending final committee approval, the version worn by Lt Moon – pictured above when 8 Platoon AGC passed out at ATR Winchester – is the most likely to be adopted.

Brig Gael Ramsey, Commander Aldershot Area, who inspected the parade, had very complimentary views on the new belt.

Lt Moon, an instructor at ATR Winchester, is wearing medals for UN, Gulf and General Service. She recently returned from a mountain-climbing expedition in Bolivia.

## Croatian police pull plug on loggy board sailors

# Charity 'surfers arrested as spies

TWO ARMY windsurfers were arrested by Croatian police while attempting a sponsored sail along the Adriatic coast to raise money for Croatian and Bosnian children.

But despite this unexpected turn of events they still expect to collect more than £3,000 for the charities Save the Children and Feed the Children.

Sgt Maj David Mansfield

(35) and LCpl David Snowden (26) are serving with 94 Supply Squadron RLC, based at Split, as part of the United Nations peacekeeping force. The squadron is part of Hullavington-based 9 Supply Regiment RLC.

The two men were halfway through their 61km sail when 15 Croatians boarded the safety boat in which they were resting with a back-up crew who had been helping to organise the event.

"They were obviously a mix of soldiers and police," said Sgt Maj Mansfield, "and they were armed to the teeth.

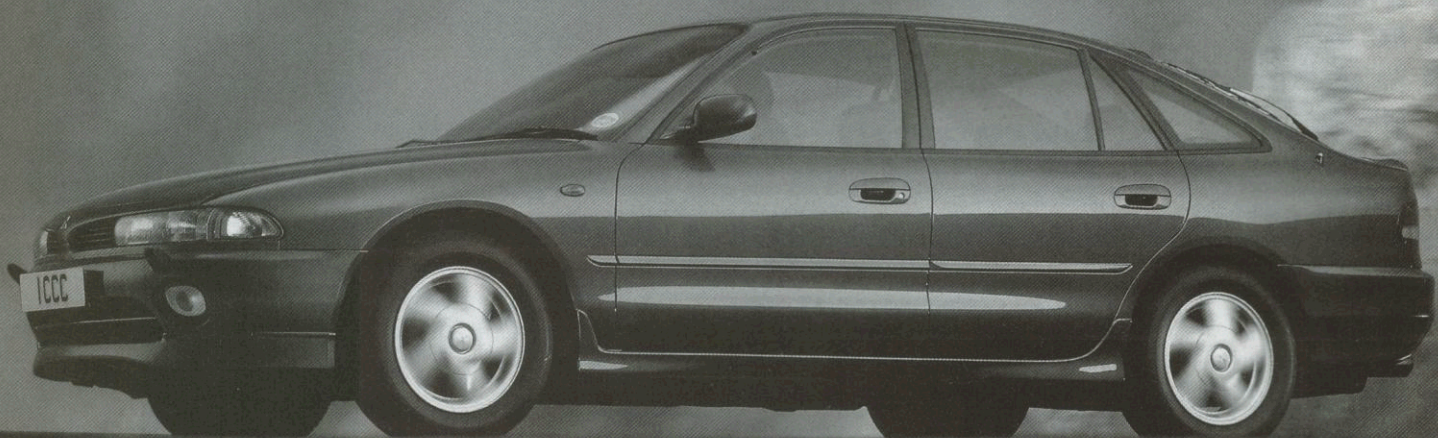
"There was definitely a funny side – it was not a large

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**FRONT COVER:** Pte Emilio Fitz-Gerald of the 1st Battalion, The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment inspects a driver's papers at a vehicle checkpoint on the outskirts of Newtonhamilton. 1 DERR has just completed a tour of duty in Northern Ireland as the roulement battalion. Story and more pictures in Pages 14-15. (Picture: Terry Champion.)



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## Arrested at sea

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boat and when 15 men climbed on board it started sinking.

"They took our Croatian boat driver away for questioning, and searched us. We were dressed in our Feed the Children T-shirts, and they thought we might be spies, but we were not in any danger."

The windsurfers realised they had been watched from the moment they set out. The area, with its many beaches and hotels, used to be a major tourist area, but is now used as a rest and recuperation area by the Croatian military.

The actual windsurfing had been hard-going. There was very little wind, and that was blowing in the wrong direction, so they had to do a great deal of tacking. The route they had chosen was between Omis beach, south of Split, and the Canadian base at Gradiz, which they reckoned they would reach in about four days.

The Croatian authorities gave the windsurfers a police escort back to base.

"The object of the exercise was to raise money, and that's what we've done," Sgt Maj Mansfield said. "It would have been nice to have completed it, but in the future we will know how to organise these events and liaise with the authorities."

The windsurfers were sponsored by British Army units deployed in Bosnia and in the United Kingdom.



Gen Sir Brian Kenny, Colonel of the QRH, inspects the old guard for the last time before the formation of the new Hussar regiment

## Setting the standards

BRITISH Standards Institute accreditations have been awarded to the Army School of Catering at Aldershot and 36 District Workshop REME at Colchester.

The BS5750 certificates were presented to Brig Rodney Giles, Director Catering (Army), by Maj Gen David Burden, DGRLC, and to Maj Eric Tomlinson, OC 36 Dist Wksp, by Maj Gen Mike Heath, DGES.

# HUSSARS COMBINE

AFTER weeks of rain, blue skies and brilliant sunshine welcomed 300 Hussars on parade at Wessex Barracks, Fallingbostal, for the formal amalgamation of The Queen's Own Hussars and The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars.

They have become The

Queen's Royal Hussars (The Queen's Own and Royal Irish).

The formation ceremony centred around the dedication of the two Guidons, starting with the march-on of the Guidon parties and their escorts, accompanied by the newly amalgamated regimental band and both regiments' drum horses, Winston and Peninsula.

The "old" guards were inspected by their respective Colonels, Gen Sir Brian Kenny and Brig James Rucker, before leaving the square for the march past by the new regiment.

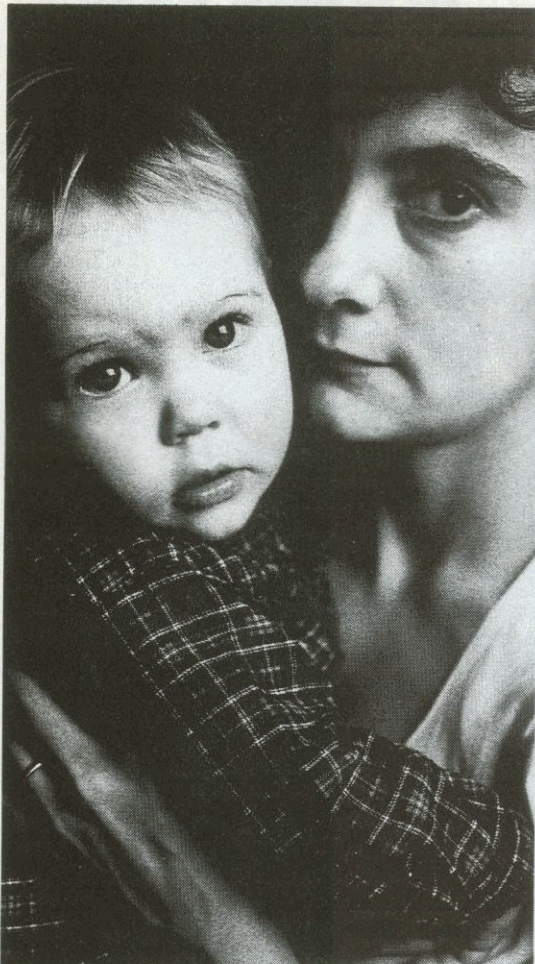
Maj Gen Richard Barron, Colonel of the new regiment, read a message from the Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief:

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Members of the 94 Sp Sqn RLC windsurfing team who had an unexpected run-in with the Croatian authorities. From left to right are SSgt Mark New, Cpl Peter Wilkinson, windsurfer Sgt Maj David Mansfield, windsurfer LCpl David Snowden, Cpl Robert Berry and Sgt Mark Woolf





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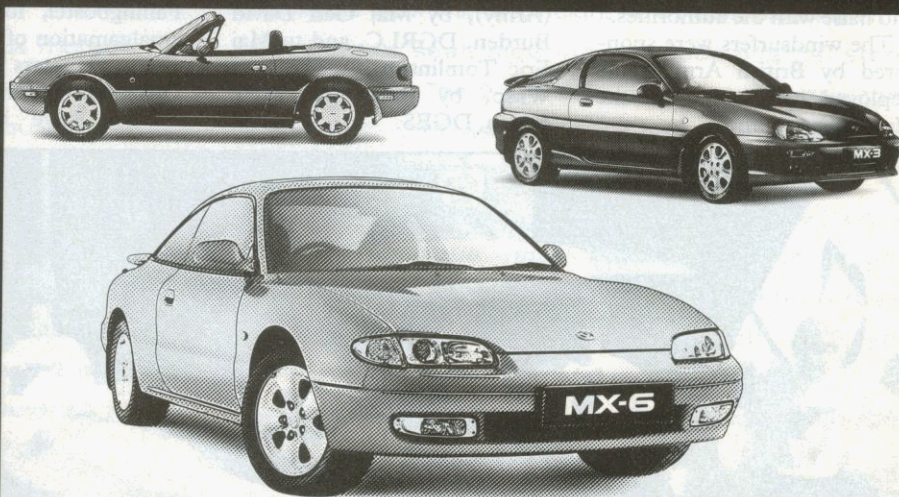
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## Belize Garrison to quit, but jungle role goes on

ABOUT 100 permanent military staff will remain in Belize after the withdrawal of the 1,600-strong garrison.

They will provide jungle warfare training for British troops in the country and a

company of about 120 soldiers will normally be deployed there for training.

Responsibility for the defence of Belize is due to pass from Britain to the government of Belize on January 1. The bulk

of the British Army and Royal Air Force garrison will be withdrawn by October next year.

British troops have maintained a garrison in Belize since its independence in 1981 when neighbouring Guatemala re-

vived claims to its territories. Guatemala finally recognised Belize as a sovereign state in 1991 and earlier this year the two countries announced they would refrain from the threat of force against each other.

## Abingdon loggies bound for Bosnia

THE MAIN Supply Route (MSR) from Tomislavgrad to Gornji Vakuf in Bosnia has not been open as long as the Ridgeway in southern England, but the 5,000-year-old track was an ideal location to test 4 General Support Regiment RLC, before it left for the Balkans early in October.

While sad to be away from their families over Christmas, the three squadrons, based at Dalton Barracks in former RAF Abingdon, are excited at becoming the British Logistics Battalion in Bosnia, where their main task will be moving supplies from Split to the British infantry battalion group at Gornji Vakuf, Vitez and Tuzla.

Lt Col John Wallace will have his regimental headquarters at Divulje Barracks,

Split; 33 Supply Squadron will be based at Split port and on board RFA *Sir Percivale*; 60 Artillery Support Squadron, which will become the British Transport Squadron in theatre, hopes the tented camp at Omis will be hardened before winter; and 75 HQ Squadron will be based at Tomislavgrad, headquarters of the National Support Element.



Lt Col John Wallace



Maj David Martin and the British Transport Squadron will test a new system to keep track of stores

The task of monitoring progress of stores along the MSR will be greatly helped by Logtrak, which will be evaluated by 60 Sqn.

A unique radio frequency tag on each flat-rack can be read and transmitted from the cab every 20 minutes via satellite to a desk top computer linked to a CD Rom 1-in-50,000 map, allowing HQ staff to follow the progress of convoys.

The facility is particularly useful for keeping tabs on high value assets, said the OC, Maj David Martin.

## St Tonis Freedom farewell

LED BY its 14th and last commanding officer, Lt Col Richard Hoole, the only British Army unit under permanent operational command of Nato – 28 (British) Signal Regiment – has exercised its Freedom of St Tonis for the last time.

The regiment, which provided communications for the Headquarters Northern Army Group, has been based at St Tonis since 1957 and received its Freedom from the town in 1976. At the final Freedom march, which was attended by the Master of Signals, Maj Gen Archie Birtwistle and the Signal Officer-in-Chief, Maj Gen Tony Boyle, 28 (BR) Signal Regiment was presented with a friendship pennant, on behalf of the Bundeswehr, by Brig Gen Ullrich.

It will hand over its role to a new unit, 280 (UK) Signal Squadron, formed from the regiment, and then disbanded in December. The new squadron will remain at St Tonis and become part of a Nato signal group, operating in support of Headquarters LANDCENT in Heidelberg.



With swords drawn and bayonets fixed, 28 (British) Signal Regiment parade their Colours through St Tonis on the occasion of the final freedom march before disbanding



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## Brigade out in strength on Plain

INTENSIVE training carried out by the 1st Battalion, The Green Howards for possible service in Bosnia provided excellent preparation for the battalion's part in 19 Mechanised Brigade's field training exercise last month.

During Exercise Panther's Prowl, the brigade rehearsed for an interventionist role as well as conventional war, with nearly 5,000 troops involved, including Headquarters 3 (UK) Division and the 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment as opposing force.

Both battalions are among units Army-wide who could be called upon to augment British forces in Bosnia in the event of any significant development in theatre.

For the 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment, it was a poignant exercise – its last before amalgamating with The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment.

Thirteen members of a 16-man patrol from 1 Green Howards were injured, one seriously, when a driver ran into the patrol while it was moving along a road north of Tidworth at night. The patrol was showing two red warning lights. The driver was breathalysed and is due to appear in court.

First medics on the scene were Cpls Bruce McAskil and Steve Winstanley who did excellent work providing expert medical care for the worst injured. Both soldiers are from 24 Armoured Field Ambulance, which is affiliated to the Catterick-based brigade.

A full exercise report and pictures of Exercise Panther's Prowl will appear in the next issue, as will a report on the Green Howards at Wainwright, Canada.

● Cpl Neil Hughes of the 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment was shot and killed on Salisbury Plain while acting as a safety NCO during the live field firing phase of the exercise.

## Lowlanders take high route on Barry Buddon



Ayr-based B Company 1/52 Lowland Volunteers disembark from a Chinook during the annual Exercise Cockfeather which attracted more than 200 Scottish volunteers, including the newly formed Scottish Transport Regiment, to Barry Buddon training area



On top of North America is Maj Chris Short, 1 WFR, with Maj Pat Parsons RM. Maj Short, from the British Alpine Centre in Sonthofen, Bavaria, was the only Army member of a Royal Marines-led expedition of six to conquer Mount McKinley. The climbers endured temperatures of minus 50 degrees. The peak, just south of the Arctic Circle, towers above the Alaska Range at 20,320ft

## Devil of an ascent

FIRST adventurous training exercise to be planned by the recently renamed Warminster Training Centre was a successful climb of the formidable Devil's Slide on Lundy Island, 11 miles off

the North Devon coast. Expedition leader Maj Mark Laycock, Green Howards, led a party which included officers and other ranks from seven different regiments and corps.

## Gurkhas exercise in Brunei

SAPPERS from 67 Gurkha Field Squadron QGE were put through the mill when they went to Brunei for Exercise Jungle Trooper, which provided both jungle warfare and special-to-arm training.

Fresh from service with the Royal Marines, OC Maj Mark Stevenson put two troops through a rigorous infantry-based exercise followed by practical work repairing ranges, camp roads and more than 30 bridges, including the replacement of a 50m suspension bridge destroyed by floods.

## Wyoming attachment

SGT ALEX Weir of 204 (Tyneside Scottish) Battery (Volunteers) and WO2 Billy Perkins were attached to A Battery 3/49th Field Artillery in Wyoming, USA, for a fortnight to take part in an operational readiness exercise.

Surviving dust, heat, snakes, scorpions – and the MRE rations – they found the National Guardsmen set very high standards both tactically and technically.



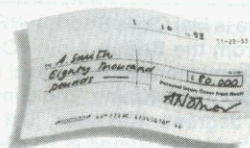
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## Reserves miss out in USA

BRITISH Army teams returned from the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIOR) military pentathlon in Washington without an award for the first time in many years.

The 25 British Reserve officers, led by Lt Col Steven Quant, Wessex, fielded seven teams of three men and women against 55 from 12 other Nato nations at the Quantico US Marine Corps Combat Development Command in 90 per cent humidity and temperatures in the mid 90s.

Fastest UK time over the 500m obstacle course was achieved by 2nd Lt Jim Beeston PWRR, Senior Under Officer Bob Juxton and OCdt Stuart Pringle from Southampton University. Lt Beeston did particularly well as his arm had been injured and in a sling for four days before the competition. Both he and SUO Juxton are to enter RMA Sandhurst to seek Regular commissions.

A water obstacle course, marksmanship on the M16 Armalite and 9mm Beretta, military skills and a particularly rugged orienteering course taxed the reservists in what Lt Col Quant described as the "most physically and mentally demanding tasks any reserve officer is likely to undertake."

### Glosters on Mont Blanc



Continuing the mountaineering tradition of the Catterick-based 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment, 16 soldiers attempted to climb Mont Blanc, the highest mountain in Europe. The team of 16, led by Capt Ian Anderson, succeeded in getting eight climbers to the summit. Last year the battalion sent an expedition to climb Mount McKinley in Alaska

## REME sets out on tree-mendous project



Picture: Mike Perring

Off to plant a few trees – 50,000 of them – in the Himalayas are these soldiers from REME units in Germany. They will join up with a party of Indian Army EME counterparts to plant the first of 50,000 saplings in the Gangotri valley, then clear rubbish accumulated at base camps in the valley before climbing Kedarnath (6,940m). The expedition was organised to celebrate the 50th anniversaries of the corps and their strong links with one another

### IN BRIEF

## Terrorists foiled

QUICK action by security forces led to the recovery of a heavy machine-gun, two General Purpose machine-

guns and an AK assault rifle after terrorists fired at an RAF Puma leaving Crossmaglen.

Fire was returned, with Lynx helicopters joining in a co-ordinated response including ground troops and the RUC. The terrorists escaped.

After six hours in a minibus from Hameln to Flensburg, a yacht crew from 35 Engineer Regiment were ready for seven days' sailing in the Baltic. They called at a number of Danish locations, enjoying sunshine, scenery and fair winds, before mooring the Rustler 36 at Kiel.

Lt Col Mike Bowles, CO of 17 Port and Maritime Regiment RLC, received a framed print from Councillor J Vernon-Jackson, Chairman of New Forest District Council, to mark the formal affiliation between council and regiment.

## Exploring the Arctic



WO2 Graham Greenway (pictured above) of REME Wing RA Range Hebrides on Benbecula joined the British Schools Exploring Society when he was selected as deputy expedition leader, chief mountain leader and logistics officer for a three-and-a-half-month expedition with 27 children to Spitzbergen.

A former Operation Raleigh leader and Joint Services Antarctica Expedition logistics officer, he had to order everything from maps to polar bear protection equipment

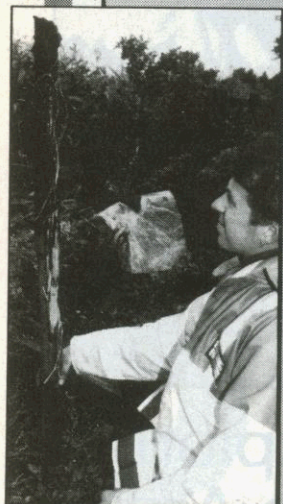


# Paul pulled stake from his own chest



A young soldier who was impaled on a 6ft wooden stake which he pulled out of himself after a car crash is recovering in hospital. Gnr Paul Johnson, of 14 Field Regiment RA based at Larkhill, fell asleep at the wheel on the M5 and woke up to find 30in of fence post sticking out of his chest. It kept catching on the undergrowth as he struggled up the 30ft embankment back to the road, so he pulled it out.

Nineteen-year-old Paul, who now has metal pegs in his chest and still needs skin grafts, said his Army first aid training helped! The fencing post (inset left) is held by a member of the emergency services.



## Saudi award



Colchester-based TA officer Capt Anthony Fairbanks Weston (right) receives the Saudi Arabian Liberation of Kuwait medal from Maj Gen Patrick Cordingley who commanded 7th Armoured Brigade in the Gulf and is now GOC Eastern District. During Op Grapple Capt Fairbanks Weston was a TAPIO — a member of the specialist TA pool of public information officers.



## Active ACIO

Chucked in at the deep end is Brig Christopher Elliott, the new Director of Army Recruiting, pictured in the middle of a crowd of youngsters at Calshot Activity Centre in the New Forest. Brig Elliott, seeing at first hand what ACIO Southampton is doing for positive recruiting, joined 20 schoolchildren sponsored by the ACIO and accompanied by recruiter WO2 Bill McOwan (he's the one with the moustache).

## AAC SPONSORS CRICKET MATCH

Col Tony McMahon, Regimental Colonel of the Army Air Corps, presents the AAC Trophy to young cricketer Giles Peddy, captain of the Oxfordshire Under 15 team, after his side had beaten Hampshire Under 15s in a two-day game played on the Greenjackets ground at Winchester. The AAC Trophy match between the two counties is to become an annual fixture, giving the youngsters a welcome change from their normal diet of limited overs cricket.



# PEOPLE



Newly-qualified PTI Pte Jackie Hughes shows colleagues from 3 Cheshire's Stockport-based A Company the trophy she received after winning the British women's flyweight kick boxing title in Wolverhampton last month. Jackie (27), joined the TA two years ago. Her next goal is to win the British Thai boxing championships at bantamweight.

## This lady's lethal!



No love was lost in the stadium when the Army took on the Royal Navy last March, but outside in the Twickenham car parks all was sweetness and light. Particularly in the hospitality tent organised jointly by the officers' mess of Thorney Island-based 47 Regiment RA and the HMS Dolphin wardroom from Gosport. Their combined catering efforts won them the AFFAS salver awarded annually by Armed Forces Financial Advisory Services to the most enterprising hospitality marquee at Twickenham.

Pictured celebrating the award with HMS Dolphin personnel is Sgt Isaac Newton (right) of 47 Regt. Also involved from the regiment were Maj Chris Hallam, 31 (HQ) Bty commander, and Bdr Robert Jones.

## In tent cordiale



## Return to Sicily

The glider flash proudly worn by the 1st Battalion, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment, returned to Sicily when four soldiers took time off from duty in Londonderry to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Allied invasion.

Pictured with their Italian sapper hosts are (from left) WO2 Mark Graham, Cpl Conrad Craven and 2nd Lt Gary Candlish in the hills where their predecessors took a prominent part in the first lift of Allied troops into battle by gliders, so earning the flash. The picture was taken by Maj Charles Gray.

The party attended several Royal British Legion services at which Cpl Craven, in his scarlets, sounded the Last Post.

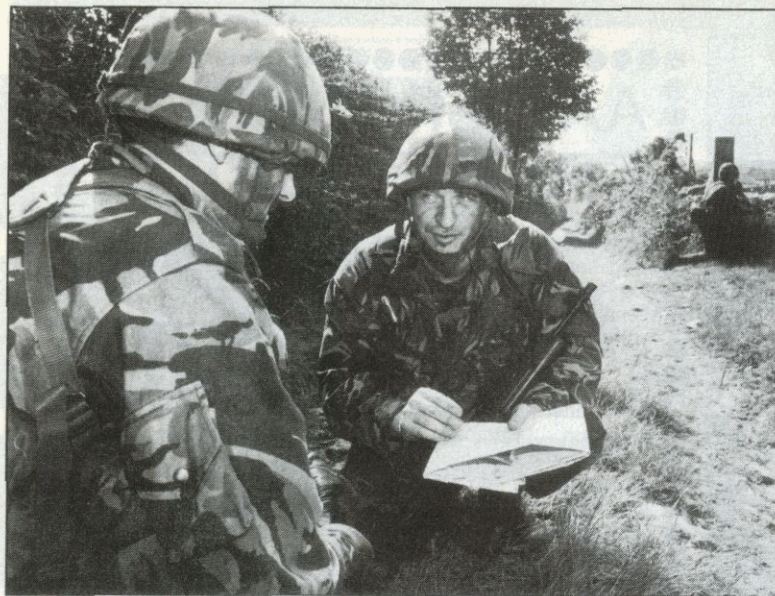
## Falling in love!

Among skydivers competing at this year's Army parachuting championships at Netheravon were husband and wife team Capt Dave Tyler, of 11 EOD Regt RLC's Liverpool Troop, and Capt Heidi Chittenden, MO of 1 KOSB at Wheeton near Preston, which was competing for the first time. Capt Tyler was a member of the Silver Stars A team. The KOSB team was drawn from only six parachuting members of the battalion.



Picture: Mike Perring





The sergeant (left) who discovered the terrorist bomb in south Armagh recounts his suspicions to B Company commander, Maj Tim O'Hare



Members of the quick-reaction force walk back from the heli-pad after another mission



Above - What a haul! More than 700lb of explosive was packed into these two containers

Below - An Army Air Corps air gunner keeps watch during a helicopter flight over south Armagh



# DERR in Saxon role after Armagh tour

A SINGLE shaft of sunlight wrecked the aspirations of an IRA terrorist hoping to inflict massive casualties on the Security Forces in Northern Ireland when its reflection on part of a bomb caught the eye of a soldier of the 1st Battalion, The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment on patrol in south Armagh.

The sergeant reported his suspicions, and an operation was mounted to get an Army bomb disposal team and police agencies to the scene.

Company Sgt Maj Brian Stanley set up an incident control point to restrict access to the area while ammunition technical officers searched the area.

They discovered a device, intended to be detonated by command wire and a second, much larger bomb primed to explode up to 48 hours later in the hope of killing soldiers engaged in a follow-up operation. More than 700lb of explosives were recovered.

A few weeks earlier, during

an operation which required a number of soldiers to remain dug in overnight alongside a road, the IRA sent a remotely-controlled tractor and trailer packed with more than 1,000lb of explosive towards the troops.

In an attempt to lull the soldiers into a false sense of security, a dummy was placed in the cab. Fortunately, the tractor, controlled by a command wire, overturned before it reached its target.

During the battalion's six-month tour as Armagh roulement battalion, two of its soldiers were murdered by the IRA.

In separate incidents, LCpl Kevin Pullin was killed by a sniper at Crossmaglen, while Pte John Randall died at Newtonhamilton. Another soldier had a lucky escape, suffering only minor injuries when a bullet passed between his back and his rucksack.

According to the battalion's commanding officer, Lt Col Hugh Purcell: "The deaths of the two men made us reflective, but the battalion remained absolutely resolute in its single-minded determination to suppress terrorism in south Armagh. If anything, we owed

it to them to make damn sure we had an extremely successful tour."

It certainly was. His soldiers intercepted two massive IRA car bombs, each carrying more than 1,000lb of explosive, as they left the battalion's tactical area of responsibility (TAOR) for targets elsewhere in the Province.

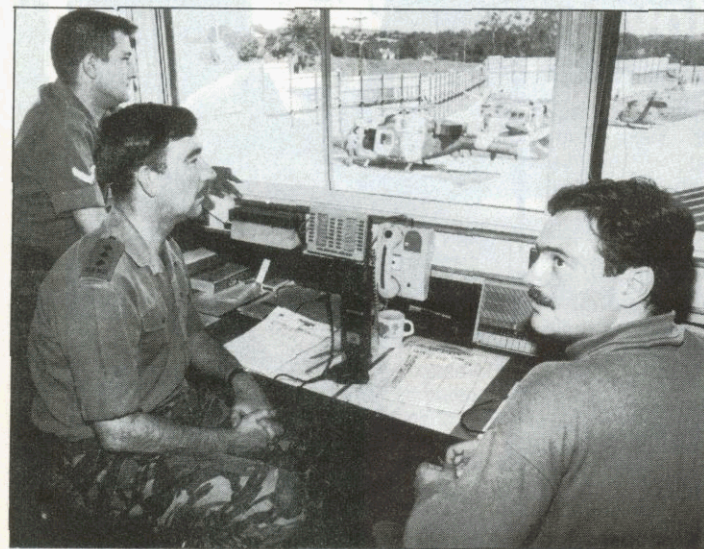
Much of 1 DERR's successful suppression of south Armagh's terrorist gangs can be put down to techniques learned while the battalion was serving with 24 Airmobile Brigade.

According to operations officer Capt Graham Brown, any hint of predictability in routines and action increases the chances of Security Forces being attacked by terrorists.

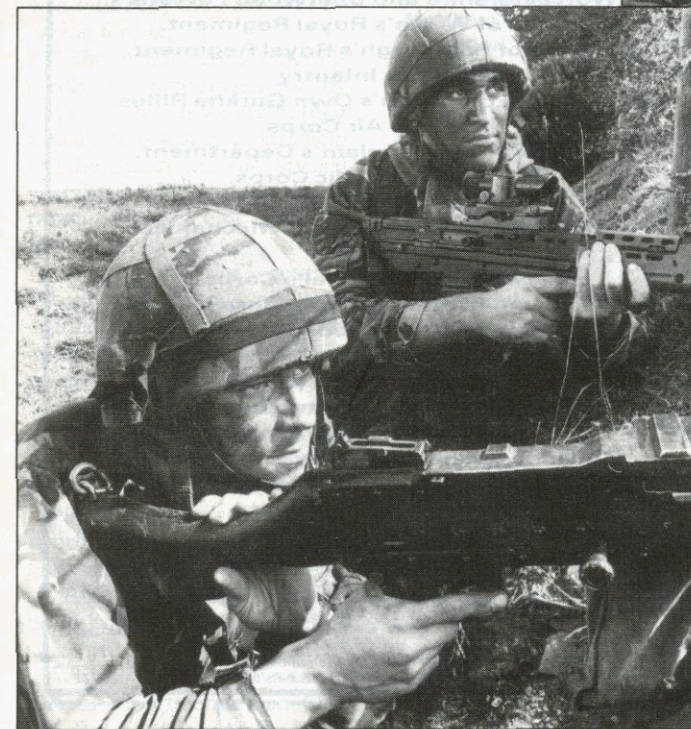
"We will consider any method that anyone might suggest in order to make ourselves unpredictable," he said. This included the deployment of "Eagle" VCPs, where helicopter soldiers are set down at the roadside, any time of day or night, to establish snap vehicle checkpoints.

The Army supports the Royal Ulster Constabulary in carrying out its work to restore normality to the area.

Words:  
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Terry Champion



Flanked by LCpl Paul Lavender and Cpl Andy Carr, Capt Mike Godwin co-ordinates helicopter movement at Bessbrook. The heli-base is Europe's busiest



Ptes Seth Charlesworth and Andy Kelly helped secure a defensive perimeter around the bomb while EOD operators defused it

At one time simple tasks such as issuing summonses involved the police and their soldier escorts spending hours tabbing from house to house. Now, a helicopter lifts the troops and an RUC constable to each location. In little more than an hour, up to ten RUC tasks may be completed, a great saving in man-hours.

"It has been a pleasure to

work with the RUC in south Armagh and Down. They really are first-class," said Capt Brown.

From its headquarters at Bessbrook, the Armagh roulement battalion maintains three Security Force bases at Newtonhamilton, Crossmaglen and Forkhill.

The latter is manned by the attached Gallipoli Company of

the 2nd Battalion, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, responsible for a 110 sq km TAOR and three observation towers.

Company commander Maj Clive Newell said the base was only 800 metres from the border. "The terrain ranges from high ground to flat fields and is a real mixture of mountain and bogs. Fortunately the latter dry out during the summer months.

As SOLDIER arrived, Sgt Paul Dormer was flying out to a nearby village with 3 Platoon to escort an RUC constable clamping down on after-hours drinking at public houses in the area.

C (Support) Company at Crossmaglen endured two mortar attacks during the tour, and B Company at Newtonhamilton were reinforced by A Company, The King's Own Scottish Borderers while the

Security Force base was rebuilt.

The area north of Bessbrook was patrolled by 35 Battery of 22 Air Defence Regiment, Royal Artillery. Bessbrook Mill is also home to D (Operations) Company, 1 DERR who were on standby to go anywhere in the TAOR.

Newry company in the Armagh battalion's enlarged TAOR was provided by 2 RRF, while 22 AD Regt's 53 Battery provided soldiers for bases at Rathfriland and Warrenpoint.

The battalion has now rejoined 19 Mechanised Brigade at Catterick where, mounted in Saxon, they will take up a new mechanised infantry role.

In April next year, the regiment is to amalgamate with The Gloucestershire Regiment to form The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment.





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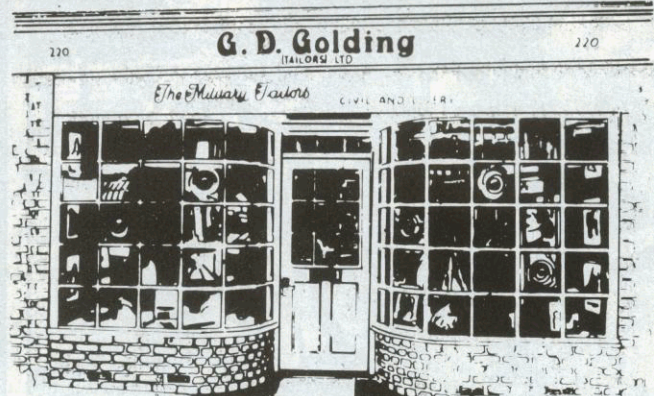
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# Army charity to mark 50th year with national appeal

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

NOT LONG ago, a one pound coin wrapped in a piece of tissue paper popped out of an envelope in the Army Benevolent Fund's post, writes **Phil Wilcox**.

It was a donation from a grateful elderly lady, and was all she could spare, the accompanying letter said.

A touching example of the esteem in which the Army's central charity is held, and, as the fund's eastern region's organiser, Col Tim Illingworth put it: "It doesn't matter if it is £1 or one thousand, every contribution counts."

This maxim will certainly be particularly appropriate over the next few months, since 1994 marks the 50th anniversary of this youngest of the single Service charities.

A special appeal year for the fund starts on April 1 and, for only the second time since it was founded, the ABF will be asking for help.

"The Army reacts magnificently to encouragement by senior staff, and we are hoping that all units will give extra help to the fund in this special year," said ABF national enterprises secretary Col Malcolm Havergal.

The "special year", centred around celebrations of other events such as D-Day, VE Day and VJ Day, will include a unique gathering in London of representatives of all Army regiments, with a stand for 2,000 people in the grounds of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

"There couldn't be a more appropriate venue," Col Havergal added.

"After all, it has been the home of Army benevolence since the reign of Charles II."

Writing in the ABF's latest annual report, chairman Gen Sir Roland Guy says: "The fund was actually founded on August 15, 1944, when victory in the Second World War was at last in sight and it was clear that the regimental benevolent funds would not be able to cope with the problems which arose when the Army, then 4½ million strong, was reduced to peacetime strength."

Plans are already in hand, he continues, to raise the profile of the fund "and to enhance our income during



Picture: Mike Perring

**Members of the Army Benevolent Fund's Kensington team: (left to right) Lt Col Simon Brewis (grants secretary); Col John Dilliway (finance secretary); fund controller Maj Gen Mike Swindells; national enterprises secretary Col Malcolm Havergal; Brig Jim Alexander (appeal secretary)**

1994/5 and beyond." In the meantime, the ABF has once again set targets of giving for 1993/4 "for the need is there and we cannot let down those who look to us for help".

Serving soldiers and ex-soldiers and their families benefited to the tune of just under £5m last year in the form of individual grants, thanks to the combined benevolence of the fund and the corps and regimental associations with which it works closely.

Grants by the ABF to national charities providing for the special needs of the soldier and his family amounted to more than £2.2m.

Donations from the civilian population, industry and commerce come from a wide variety of activities up and down the country organised by the fund's 11 regions - everything from flag days and tattoos to fashion shows.

The ABF itself is run by a team of retired senior Army officers, working in cramped

offices in the Kensington premises of The Royal Entomological Society of London.

A very small percentage of income, therefore, goes on overhead expenses.

Grants are dealt with by recently-appointed secretary, Lt Col Simon Brewis - the first member of The Parachute Regiment to hold the post - and assistant grants secretary Tony Reynolds.

"Apart from individual grants, we give money to 70 or 80 central charities throughout the year," Col Brewis said.

"We also make loans of up to £2,500 to serving personnel who, for example, are looking ahead to 'civvy street' and need a down payment for a house. We have always helped soldiers in that respect, even before Options."

Small supplementary allowances are also granted to more than 1,000 individuals.

Finance secretary Col John Dilliway is constantly amazed at the amount of money that is stashed away in small amounts

in various charity funds.

"Sometimes there is only, say, £600 invested, and it brings us in £20 a year, but we deal with it, large or tiny."

He and his small team are proud of the fact that, in the Top 400 list of fund-raising charities, the ABF is about 100th, only just below, for example, the YMCA.

For the stalwarts at the fund - the need for which, ironically, was not originally envisaged to last for more than about two years - next year promises to be crucial.

And, if Col Havergal, for one, has his way, television, radio and the national press should prepare themselves for an onslaught in the best Army tradition.

With so many other worthy charitable causes competing for the British public's generosity, it will not be easy.

But for the Army Benevolent Fund, which over the years has made its own more than generous contribution to the society we live in, a few more of those contributions, wrapped in tissue paper or otherwise, will be welcome.

In the meantime, are there any ingenious, unexplored fund-raising ideas out there?

‘... the need is there and we cannot let down those who look to us for help’





Fun in the forest – but with a serious purpose. Sgt Gloria Castle from Cuilliwack, British Columbia, leads her team of fellow-cadets in a blindfold stretcher-carrying test

# Class of '93 faces Frimley challenge

FUN, friendship, adventure, teamwork and a real challenge...

All of these elements, extolled in the Army Cadet Force's publicity brochure, were very much in evidence when the Cadet Training Centre (CTC) at Frimley Park in Surrey opened its stately doors – and the local training area – to invited visitors recently.

There, a clutch of colonels, plus the odd lieutenant general, major general and brigadier, a naval commander, group captain and wing commander, witnessed at first hand the activities of a group of tri-Service cadets as they entered the third day of a week-long leadership course.

Every summer, the centre holds three of these courses back-to-back, with an average of 120 of the best male

and female cadets from all over the country taking part in each.

This particular group had been joined by 12 Canadian cadets – an annual tradition.

Facing that day's candidates as they took part in Exercise Superstars was a series of challenges designed to bring out the initiative and qualities of self-reliance in anyone.

The 134 candidates – moving in 12 sections in six legs over five miles – were expected to navigate by, variously, map and compass, map alone, compass alone or a mere sketch map.

On top of that, having completed a leg, a task awaited them each time as they were tested in their section,

against the clock – for example on crossing a minefield, complete with casualty, by bosun's chair.

Other tasks involved administering first aid to the victims of a car crash; retrieving and decoding a message surrounded by mines; witnessing and reporting a terrorist incident;

and stalking a border crossing point manned by the enemy.

In the final test of the day they were tasked to search for clues around a crashed aircraft. Observers from the appropriate Service looked on and, after the event, debriefed the keen 15½- to 18-year-old participants on what they had done right or wrong.

Earlier in the week, the cadets, after an initial spot of

revision of skills, had learned ambush drills and the art of building a basic raft – both invaluable for later events on the course – and participated in an orienteering exercise, as well as, among other activities, some keenly-contested inter-section sports.

Challenges still in store for them included preparation of a hide position, a march and shoot competition and a lengthy escape and evasion exercise, where all the skills acquired earlier in the week were due to be put to practical use.

Col Richard Brook, CTC Commandant, said: "Our primary aim is to promote and improve good citizenship, particularly in these days of inner city problems such as drugs and car-stealing.

"Secondly, we want to



Above – Col Richard Brook, Commandant Frimley Park Cadet Training Centre, chats to Canadian sergeant Jaymie Raymond (Calgary Highlanders) during a break in mid-exercise

Right – Got it! SSgt Kevin White (ACF Loughborough) grabs a coded message hidden in a tree, having first negotiated a tortuous route through a "minefield" with the help of fellow team members



Follow the leader. Ldg Cdt Ben Knight briefs his team on how to tackle the next problem

introduce people to the Services."

The numbers attending the summer courses were well over target this year, he pointed out.

The demand had been so tremendous that some had had to be turned down.

Tents in the grounds were filled to capacity and it had been necessary to boost the

centre's usual training staff of five Regular soldiers, three retired officers and 25 civilians by the introduction of additional trainers from all three Services, Regular and cadet.

"It is always encouraging to see the teamwork develop among young people who have never met each other before," said Col Brook.

"And, as a result of the various command tasks, where a boy or girl may be put in charge, and we take a critical look to see how they cope with stress, they not only learn how to deal with people, but learn a little bit about themselves as well."

It goes without saying that many of Frimley's "graduates" will opt to use some of

the knowledge, skills and confidence acquired there to advantage in the world of commerce in the future.

But Col Brook is quietly satisfied that the regimental home of the Army side of the cadet movement – if word-of-mouth this summer is anything to go by – should produce a healthy crop of enlistments.



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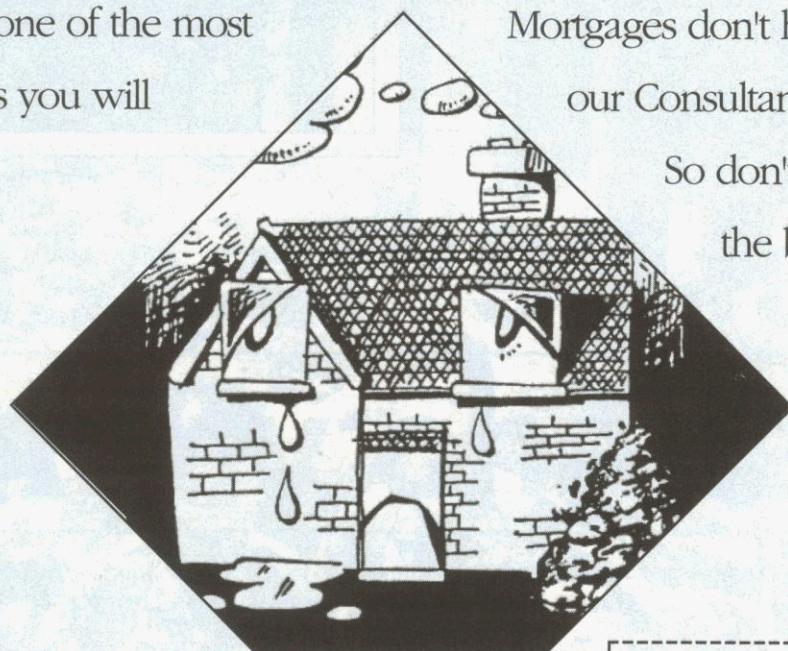
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Loggies hit the beach at the start of 124 Petroleum Squadron's march and shoot competition during Exercise Marble Tor

ROMFORD's 124 Petroleum Squadron RLC(V) spent their annual camp in Gibraltar on Exercise Marble Tor, a special package organised by Joint Forces HQ on the Rock for six company-sized groups from the Territorial Army a year.

Next year this is to be increased to nine.

Soon after their arrival by Hercules at RAF Gibraltar, the 85-strong squadron was pitched into a busy training programme.

Maj Tim France, 124's Regular OC, concentrated on individual and section level military skills for the two weeks on the Rock, as bringing the giant 136,000 litre fabric tanks that are the squadron's main equipment was impractical.

"The only place they would fit is on the airport runway," he pointed out.

Accommodation, stores, offices and vehicles are permanently set aside for Marble Tor units at Lathbury Barracks, once home of British Army resident battalions and now used by The Gibraltar Regiment.



Cpl Tony Wild of The Gibraltar Regiment (formerly of 3 RGJ) instructs Pte Lorna Wheeler, a city bank clerk, in tunnel warfare

# Rock fuels Romford unit's enthusiasm

Most days began with PT before dawn to beat the summer heat. The ARRC-rolled squadron takes fitness very seriously despite its "rear echelon" role, as demonstrated by their bronze award in the 1992 Cambrian Patrol competition.

Training included shooting on the 125m range and FIBUA in Buffadero Village, a complex of 20 buildings and numerous derelict gun emplacements and bunkers. The Gibraltar Regiment also provided assault boat familiarisation. Pounding through the Mediterranean surf was voted "the best thing of the whole camp" by Pte

Jackie O'Neill, a nursery officer in civilian life.

A tunnel warfare package was run by instructors from the Gibraltar Regiment led by Cpl Tony Wild, a former Green Jacket. IWS nightsights suddenly became very

popular as running soldiers collided with the walls and each other.

On their day off most of the squadron made the two hour trip up the coast to Torremolinos, while Lts Dave Sainsbury and Mike Tickner took a ferry to Morocco.

Adventurous training was also very well catered for, with canoeing, dinghy sailing, windsurfing and waterskiing available at the shorebase, HMS Rooke.

The fortnight was rounded off with a day-long military skills competition, starting with a speed march up and down the Rock, and then the full range of first aid, AFV, map reading, signals and weapon tests, command tasks and a stretcher race. A section-level march and shoot, starting with an assault boat landing at the foot of the Rock, provided the finale to a testing and exciting camp.

Maj France was impressed with his Territorial soldiers. "What they lack in experience, they make up for in enthusi-



Pte Kieron Pike takes on the signals stand in 124 Sq RLC's military skills competition

asm," he said. "I was pleasantly surprised at the standard of fitness and the speed march up the Rock was much faster than the Regular staff expected."

"Everybody gains out of Marble Tor," said Maj Kevin Duhig, the Ops/Training Staff Officer at Joint Forces HQ. "The TA are great ambassadors, well behaved and liked by the Gibraltarians."

With 124 Squadron's disciplinary problems limited to one lost identity card - later found - it is not surprising to find that the Gibraltarians are keen to see more Territorials next year.

**Words and pictures:**  
**Charles Macdowell**





In temperatures touching the high nineties, 22 Field Hospital medics storm off the landing craft and on to the beach at Melanda under a volley of sniper fire. Within five minutes the beach was taken



Left - Cpl Colin Hanson spots a guerrilla hiding in the scrub on the notional island of Melanda

Right - Pte Emma John emerges from wiping out the enemy in Paramali village, as Pte Shelley Little provides covering fire

Below - LCpl Sharon Gregory watches the rear as 22 Field Hospital flush the enemy out of the scrub on the mainland of Melanda



Lt Col Ray Turford discusses with Maj Chris Baines the skill with which the medics had managed to take Paramali village from the guerrillas

# Aldershot medics go in fighting

CYPRUS in August is like a magnet to the tourist - guaranteed sunshine, sapphire skies, endless beaches, brandy soups and stuffed vine leaves. But you might well think twice about dashing for that 'plane when you're told to forget the inflatable alligator dinghy and the pile of paperback novels you had been saving and prepare for a serious four-week military exercise.

As anyone who has been to Cyprus on Exercise Lion Sun will know, having to endure four mile runs, beach landings and hostile attacks in scorching temperatures and high humidity is no holiday. Not that anyone from 22 Field Hospital RAMC, based in Aldershot, complained when they found out they were due to deploy.

It is not often a medical unit gets the opportunity to travel overseas on exercise, especially if it involves them in infantry tactics. Priority is always given to "teeth" units, so the medics knew this trip was special and

were determined to get the most out of their month away.

Eighty-two men and women from the unit flew to Cyprus, supported by 30 personnel from other units, including the Officer Training Corps. They spent the first three weeks consolidating their basic infantry skills: navigation, weapon training, field craft, shooting and camouflage techniques. Confidence and leadership was tested during abseiling and mountain climbing in the Troodos Mountains.

The medics took the Mediterranean climate very seriously. Training took place only in the morning, which meant very early starts. No one was allowed to take part unless they were certified fit and there were copious supplies of drinking water on hand.

"Dehydration is a real threat in this climate," said Maj Chris Baines, the unit's 2iC, "and

when you're carrying a few pounds of kit, your rifle, ammunition and supplies, and told to get from A to B in this heat in a limited time, you've got to be in peak condition.

"A number of us were in the Gulf during Desert Storm, so we've got some experience of

working in extreme temperatures, but there are others here for whom this is their first trip overseas, so we can't afford to take risks."

Training completed, the medics faced their biggest challenge - a gruelling 48 hour "storm and attack" exercise which had been carefully designed to stretch all their newly-honed skills to the limit. Their remit was simple: to secure the notional island of Melanda, search out the enemy, close in, and kill.

Three troops set out from Bloodhound Camp for Tunnel Beach just after sunrise and

boarded a Royal Logistic Corps vessel for the passage to the heavily mined and guerrilla-infested territory along the coast. There was no shortage of adrenalin, and a few nervous faces as the craft neared the shore, but they need not have worried.

"The beach landing at Melanda could not have gone better," said Maj Baines. "It was a vulnerable time for them as they ran off the vessel and into the sights of snipers hidden along the cliff tops. But they were quick to find cover, and made excellent progress off the beach and deep inland.

"I was very pleased with how it panned out - there are some real stars who aren't afraid to think on their feet and take decisions. For example, communications broke down for the first few minutes, which meant the soldiers became a bit too spread out for my liking as they reached the ridge - but their plan contained an element of flexibility and they

were able to improvise by using a runner, so it wasn't too long before the group was back on track again."

The 12 guerrillas were played by the unit's instructors from the previous weeks, and they were determined to put up a fierce resistance. WO2 Paul Coleman, who had tested the medics' weapons skills on the ranges at Dhekelia, reckoned he had been "mortally wounded" on at least five occasions since donning the white hat of the enemy.

Later in the day, as the troops continued to clear the "island", they came across an elderly shepherd who passed on intelligence they needed to find the remote hill-top village of Paramali. There the guerrillas had set up their HQ, and were holding the President's daughter hostage.

As night fell, they set up observation posts around the village, and worked out the best route in across a treacherous gorge. Meanwhile, the

"enemy" was busy laying mines and setting up mortars. Trackers from the Cyprus Dog Unit scoured the hillsides for dug-in troops and did their best to keep them awake and disrupt their positions.

At 0520, the first rays of a white-hot sun glanced over the mountains. Time for the attack. The sound of simulated mortar explosions echoed off the limestone cliffs, and the air was filled with smoke. Sniper fire appeared to come from all directions.

There was a fierce struggle but as the sun rose, and the smoke cleared it became obvious that the village had fallen to 22 Fd Hosp. The President's daughter escaped unhurt. There were no prisoners.

"The recce patrol did very well in the night and got in close without being seen," said Maj Baines. "They discovered where the main force was and were able to brief their commander who finalised the plan. It was inspired - they pushed

through the village from the west, and took everyone by surprise."

Pte Emma John, a Combat Medical Technician with 22 Fd Hosp, described the assault: "Up ahead they had night sights and could see what was going on in the village. We suddenly came up out of the valley and caught them standing around chatting. They had totally misread our intentions."

The medics spent their last few days on adventurous training in the Troodos Mountains or on Tunnel Beach.

"Water sports may look like good fun, but they are taken as seriously as the rest of our training. People need to be given individual challenges in order to develop their personal potential, and this often works best in the informal atmosphere on the beach," said Lt Neil Pickering, the assistant adjutant.

Looking back on the experience, the commanding officer, Lt Col Ray Turford, was

delighted with his medics' achievements: "August is not a month I would have deliberately selected for this kind of training, and the main exercise took place on some of the hottest days. But it went very well, and I feel that if we can work in this kind of environment we can work in any."

Maj Baines was similarly enthusiastic: "In a war situation, the first contact we would have with what's going on in the front line is when the infantry soldiers are brought in to the hospital with injuries. Now the whole unit can fully understand what those patients will have had to go through: the hardships and the personal challenges they've endured. It can only benefit the way we treat those patients in the future."

The medics of 22 Field Hospital returned to Aldershot on August 24. They are on seven-day standby to set up and run a 200-bed hospital anywhere in the world.

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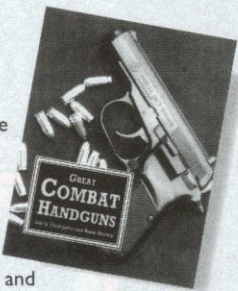
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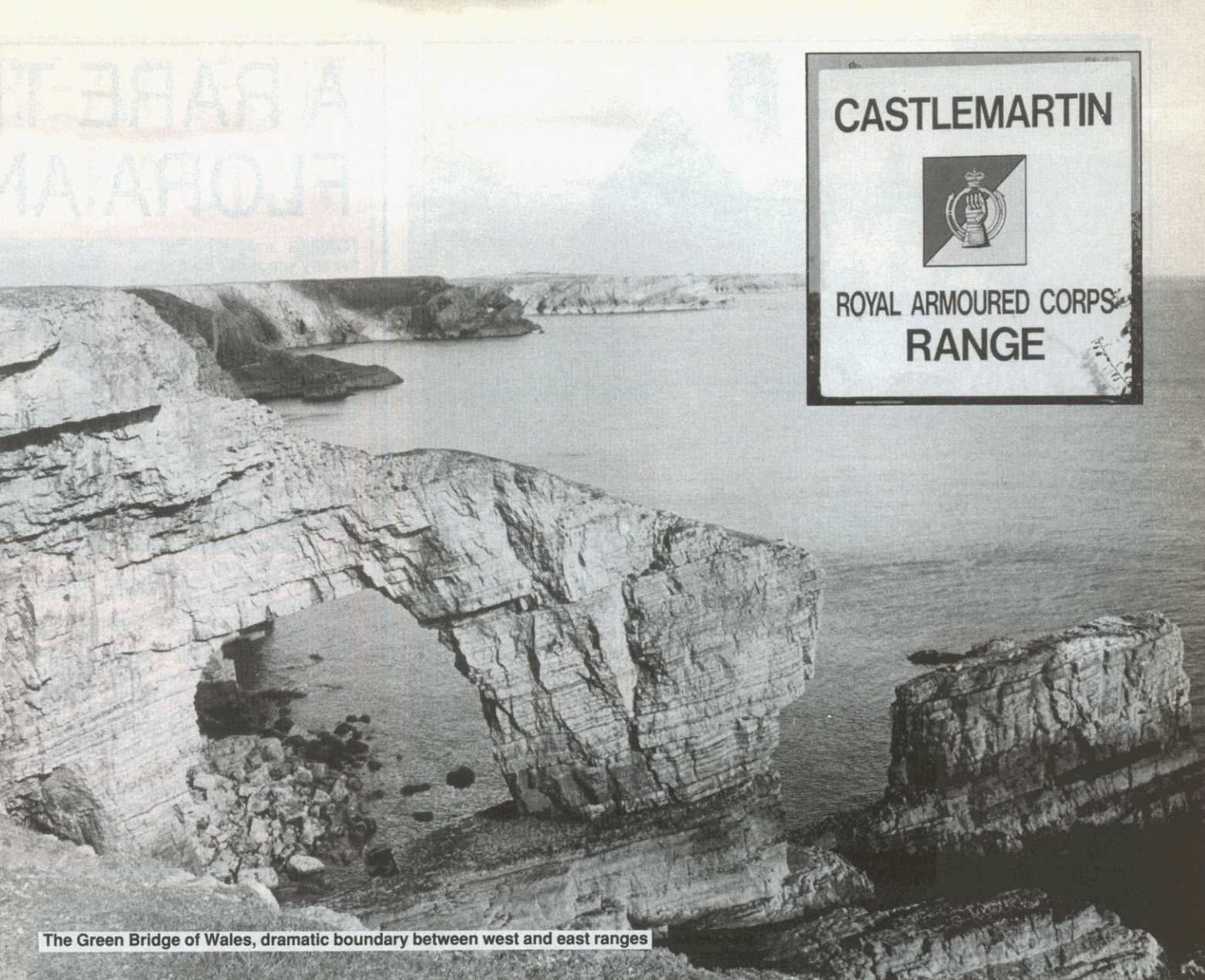
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The Green Bridge of Wales, dramatic boundary between west and east ranges

CASTLEMARTIN



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IT ISN'T everywhere one finds a Churchill tank standing sentinel over the tennis courts.

Or, indeed, where the grandsons of the men its barrel once aimed at in earnest now practise firing its modern Teutonic counterpart for use against an unknown enemy.

But both can be sighted at the Royal Armoured Corps range at Castlemartin, west Wales, which since 1961 has been a little corner of Germany.

In September of that year, following the signing of a contract by the appropriate defence ministers, the 396 men of 84 Panzer Battalion became the first Federal German Army (FGA) troops to trundle their M48 tanks onto the range – for three weeks' firing.

Initial reactions were, perhaps understandably, hostile from some quarters, but the people of Pembroke took the new arrivals to their hearts.

Language barriers were soon overcome and, in 1963, the first of more than 100 subsequent Welsh-German mar-

# At home on the Range

riages was celebrated locally.

At that time, eight battalions on average, using M47s, M48s and Leopard 1 tanks, trained at Castlemartin each year for two-and-a-half to three weeks each.

Since 1986, the year the Leopard 2 tank was introduced, the number of training battalions has increased to an average of 15, staying for ten days during the six-month firing season.

That same year, a ten-year contract for German Army use of the range's facilities was

signed – a significant step forward from the previous short one to two year contracts.

The signing paved the way for substantial German investments at Castlemartin, many of them in building projects.

It also led to the adoption of the present system, where tanks and equipment are "over-wintered" at the range instead of travelling back to Germany, with considerable financial savings.

Another knock-on effect was the posting of FGA liaison staff

to Castlemartin at the end of the 1990 firing season.

Col Helmut Gollwitzer, commanding officer of the German Army liaison staff at the range since April 1991, told SOLDIER: "There are 16 battalions from tank and recce regiments coming through this year, including one from the former East Germany, although their hardware still includes some Leopard 1 versions."

Although Castlemartin was a "very small" training area, he said, it had highly-sophisticated facilities for firing training.

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Part of Castlemartin's invaluable sheep population makes its way towards the ancient Ffilmston Chapel, originally restored in 1901 by Lt Col Francis Lambton and his wife in memory of their sons – two of whom died in the Boer War. It was restored again in the 1960s



Above – Col Helmut Gollwitzer, CO of German Army liaison staff at Castlemartin

Below – “Drive slowly” in whichever language. A little bit of Germany in Wales

## At home

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The configuration of the ranges was very similar to those in middle Europe – not only flat, but with targets hidden behind bushes.

Another positive advantage was the sheer distance of the ranges.

“We can fire at some targets at more than 3km: I don’t know any range in Germany which can offer that.”

The only disadvantage at present was the absence of thermal target systems, which the 20 Leopards based at Castlemartin need, he added. They are due to be introduced in November.

Inter-operability with the range workers and British staff was excellent, said the colonel. They had a similar way of



thinking, and their philosophy on firing was the same.

The main difference was in the constitution of the platoons: three tanks in each, as opposed to four in the British system.

Col Gollwitzer said he was pleased with the way the soldiers under his command, all – with one or two exceptions

– Regulars, had settled down in Wales.

“We have a good reputation in the local community,” he said, “not only because our men spend a lot of money, but also because they have made many friends.”

“There is a long row of soldiers who want to come here again and again.”



Castlemartin Commandant Lt Col Michael Portman shows a detail from a watercolour of Pembroke Castle which he presented to Hans-Jurgen Mitschke, commanding officer of Panzer Battalion 33, to mark the end of the battalion’s stay. “At Castlemartin we have one of the best armoured fighting vehicle ranges in Europe,” the commandant said. “The Germans have better facilities here in terms of battle runs, and the sea range area enables them to use all types of weapons.”

The Germans occupy the ranges between July and December. Range Officer Jack Ferguson, a former 9th/12th Lancers captain, explained what went on for the rest of the year.

“At present, we don’t ever fire in March or the first two weeks of April,” he said, “because, under a long-standing arrangement, we have

# A RARE TREAT FOR FLORA AND FAUNA

FORMER antagonists are not the only species which now co-exist peacefully alongside man and machine on this beautiful, unspoilt stretch of the Pembrokeshire coast.

Castlemartin’s 6,000 acres play host to an entire range (in both senses) of flourishing wildlife and plantlife, encouraged by the absence for many years of both sustained human activity and – bar the minimal use of weedkiller around the targets – chemical sprays.

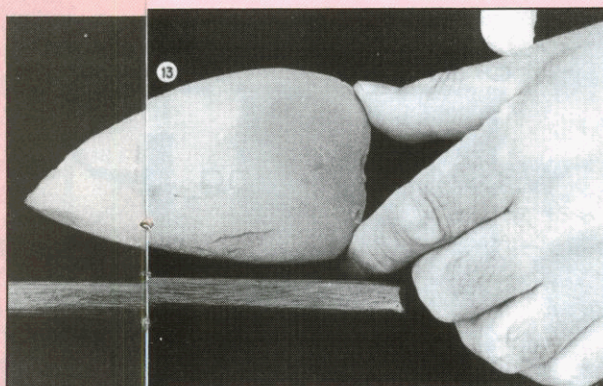
Seals bask peacefully in the bays, largely undisturbed by the reverberations from the metal beasts which echo round the cliffs above on several days of the week.

Foxes, badgers and rabbits go about their daily routine undisturbed.

Huge colonies of birds – kittiwakes, razor-bills and peregrines among them – populate the likes of the Elegug (Norse for guillemot) Stacks and the cliffs, arches, scrub and grassland which form part of the various ranges.

And orchids, asters and rare butterflies are a common sight.

Castlemartin’s Commandant, Lt Col Michael Portman, Light Dragoons, enthused: “Most training areas and ranges have wildlife, but here, for example, we have choughs – which



Ancient axhead, one of many “finds” on the ranges

have died out in other parts of the country – breeding in enormous numbers.

“And, of course, with our grazing sheep, which are here for several months from November onwards, the whole of the range is fertilised naturally.

“Not only that, but the very tightly cut grass – partly achieved by the sheep, partly by the winds – produces wonderful displays of wildlife.”

Rare fossils and human remains, a brace of promontory forts, a 19th Century model farm (evidence of Castlemartin’s role in the agricultural revolution) and other archaeological rarities all add to the fascination of this unique MoD establishment.



Above – Scenic tranquillity, cheek by jowl with armoured reconnaissance training: Mill Cottage at Frainslake

Left – St Mary’s Church, Warren, restored in 1988 with funds provided by the Federal German Army. British and German troops attending Castlemartin now worship at this inter-denominational centre, which boasts an organ, built in 1842, once owned by Mendelssohn

sations – the infantry for one – looking for alternative training areas, the day is not far off when Castlemartin will officially become an all-arms range.

Whatever changes are in store – and the renewal of the German contract with its invaluable source of revenue has still to be determined – the triangular road sign in a local lane is not likely to be altered for some time yet.

Under a huge exclamation mark it warns the unwary: “Sudden Gun-fire”.

included the Royal Tank Regiment, the Household Cavalry and The Royal Green Jackets.

Royal Navy and Royal Air Force teams also use other parts of the wide open spaces at Castlemartin, part of which has been designated as an air-to-ground firing range for helicopters.

With more and more organi-

approximately 12,000 sheep and cattle grazing on the ranges.”

They prove invaluable in cutting the grass down to the base and uncovering the odd stray objects which have to be disposed of.

“In 1995 the system will definitely change,” said Jack Ferguson. “Firing will commence from March, the idea being

that people will be able to come more or less in brigade fashion, for initial training prior to going to BATUS in Canada, for example.

The range’s “customers” this year – the first part of which was taken up with cable-laying to provide the supply for motors and winches for an electronic target system – have



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Army aviators ancient and modern at Middle Wallop and (below) Gen Sir John Hackett and Maj Gen Simon Lytle with the Glider Pilot Regiment replica flag



## Glider pilots' flag flies at AAC Challenge

A REPLICA flag of the Glider Pilot Regiment linked Army flying old and new during the Wallop Challenge hosted by the Army Air Corps at Middle Wallop in Hampshire.

In front of an audience of veterans and pilots from all three Services, Gen Sir John Hackett presented the replica to the Colonel Commandant AAC, Gen Sir John Learmont, accompanied by the Director AAC, Maj Gen Simon Lytle.

Gen Hackett commanded the 4th Parachute Brigade at Arnhem.

The first Wallop Challenge, organised to raise money for Service charities, matched the AAC against the Royal Air Force, Fleet Air Arm and the Air Squadron in

a thorough test of team skills in the air. The RAF won the trophy, with the hosts second.

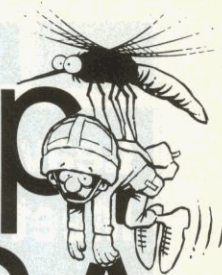
Events included a helicopter flying skills competition, precision aerobatics in a Chipmunk aircraft, parachuting, gliding and hot air ballooning.

Prince Michael of Kent watched the competition and was shown around the Museum of Flying by its chairman of trustees, Maj Gen David Goodman. Prince Michael is the museum's patron.

● AAC freefall parachutist Sgt Andy Rae AAC will remember the day; he completed his 1,000th jump and was drenched on his return to the ground by the hoses of the Defence Fire Service based at Middle Wallop.



# Greenjackets up to scratch in USA



**EXERCISE** Glow-worm/Rattlesnake certainly lived up to its name for the 106 men and women of the 5th (V) Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets on exercise with the 2nd Battalion, 110th Infantry, 28th Infantry Division of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

Training in the 46,000 acres of woodland and scrub around Fort Pickett, Virginia, the composite company under Maj Marius Coulon and Capt Andrew Pegg encountered a wide range of animal and insect life including spiders, ticks, flies, mosquitoes, chiggers (a flea-like creature which can cause a very unpleasant disorder called Lyme's disease), as well as several types of snakes, including the venomous Copperhead.

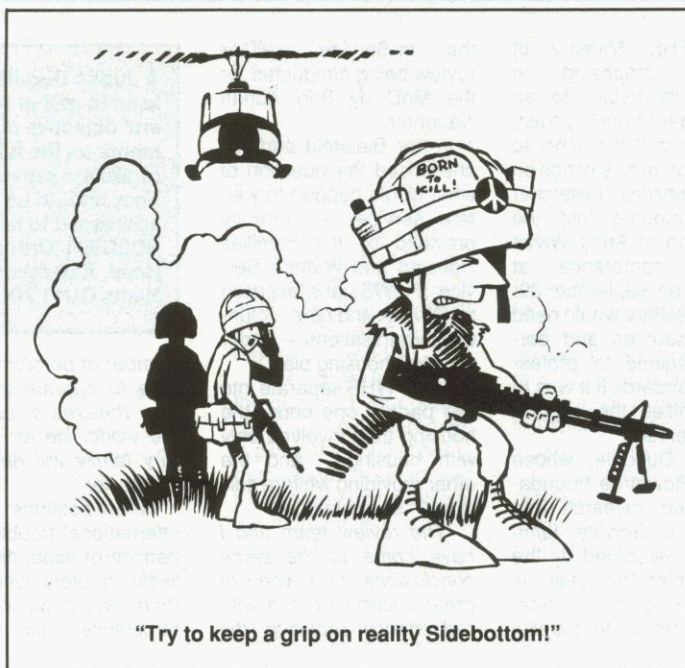
Riflemen used liquid and cream insect repellents and some even took garlic tablets as a deterrent.

A Company, as it was designated for the exercise, was composed of personnel from A Coy (High Wycombe), D Coy (Aylesbury), E Coy (Milton Keynes) and HQ Coy (Oxford) and included five women working as signallers, medical staff and in the HQ.

The company was split, with 2 Platoon, commanded by Lt Carl Rokas, detached to a National Guard company and 1 and 3 Platoons reinforced by a National Guard platoon and placed under the command of Maj Coulon.

US soldiers in the "British" company followed British SOPs and orders procedures while the detached platoon adapted to US Army methods. For the American part-timers there was the additional challenge that their performance was being scrutinised by assessors from the Regular US Army.

Cook Sgt Dave Roper and Cpl Richard Young were detached to the battalion echelon where two hot meals were prepared daily for the men in



the field. They adapted quickly, but there was some confusion when Sgt Roper was asked to bring over a "Mermite".

"I found myself thinking of a jar of Marmite," he commented, "but it turned out to be an insulated food container."

There was more amused confusion when he asked where the water bowser was; to the National Guardsmen the bowser was a buffalo – a "water buffalo".

Meanwhile, in the United Kingdom, a company of National Guardsmen joined 5 RGJ on the ranges at Catterick and in adventurous training in the Yorkshire dales.

In Virginia, the Green Jackets familiarised themselves with the M16A1 rifle, M60 machine gun and the M203 grenade launcher, as well as the MILES laser training system. Riflemen who had fired the

SLR were able to adapt to the iron sights of the M16, but those who were exclusively trained on SA 80 missed the clear picture of the optic sights.

After weapons training and equipment familiarisation A Company moved into the field. This was done with considerable style aboard UH1H – Huey helicopters of the 28th Aviation Brigade. In a scene reminiscent of the Vietnam War, five Hueys settled on a scrub-covered landing zone and riflemen dashed from the cover of a treeline. The Hueys lifted off and, flying line ahead, filled the air with the unmistakable rhythmic thump of their rotor blades.

As with so many apparently effortless operations, the lift required careful planning and clear implementation.

"I feel like a traffic cop," said Maj Gerard Weiss, Executive Officer of 2-110, as he stood by his distinctive Humvee high mobility vehicle, co-ordinating the movement of soldiers, equipment and helicopters.

Subsequently the programme took the company through a cycle of training and practice, followed by an introduction to the MILES system and culminating in a live-fire exercise on the extensive ranges at Fort Pickett.

If the helicopter training had evoked memories of Indo China, the weather at the beginning of camp sustained them. According to Specialist Todd Hinkle, a medic from 2-110 attached to 1 Pln, A Coy, 5 RGJ, temperatures were in the high 90s. Thunderstorms brought a brief drop in temperatures at the price of an increase in humidity.

The requirement to wear sleeves rolled down in the woods meant that men and women needed regular water replenishment to combat dehydration. In these conditions some riflemen developed a taste for iced tea, which National Guard cooks delivered packed in insulated food containers.

With only a short break in camp for a shower, personal administration or a friendly softball match between riflemen and guardsmen, the bulk of the time was spent in the field. The men trained and patrolled from their company hide locations.

Remarking that a shell scrape can almost become "home", one rifleman added: "By the time this camp is over we will be on first-name terms with the ants."

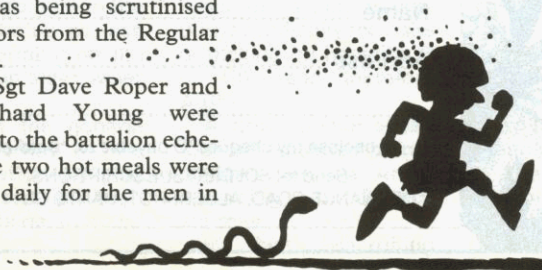
Named after Confederate general George Edward Pickett, who led the charge on Cemetery Ridge at the battle of Gettysburg, Fort Pickett began life as Camp Pickett in 1941.

It was formally opened on July 3, 1942 and at its peak the following year was home to nearly 85,000 men. The original wooden barrack blocks are now clad in aluminium.

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**"That insect repellent no good then?"**





## Leaving? Meet the experts

# Researcher argues for housing-welfare link

IF YOU live in the south and are about to leave the Army, here's an important date for your diary. The Aldershot Area Action and Support Team has organised an information and briefing seminar at Browning Barracks, Aldershot on October 22.

Arranged in conjunction with Blackwater Valley Chamber of Commerce, the seminar aims to introduce Service leavers to the business community in the Aldershot area, and to provide advice about local employment, self-employment, job placement schemes and investment.

Husbands and wives are welcome, and should contact their unit resettlement officer or telephone the Aldershot Action and Support Team on Aldershot Mil 2874 (or 0252 347874) by October 18.

WITH THE Ministry of Defence proposing to transfer its estate to an independent housing trust, this was not the time to make short term savings on welfare services, researcher Judith Dugdale told the Federation of Army Wives (BAOR) conference at Bielefeld on September 29.

Army welfare would need more resources and personnel trained to professional standards if it was to give families the support they deserved.

Judith Dugdale, whose Joseph Rowntree Foundation-funded research into housing ex-Service families was welcomed by the MoD earlier this year, is now working on an independent report to parallel

the tri-Service welfare review being conducted for the MoD by Brig Adrian Naughten.

In her Bielefeld address she posed the question of what would happen to welfare services – currently provided by the Families Housing and Welfare Service (FHWS) and assisted by SSAFA and other voluntary organisations – under the MoD housing plan.

"Will FWHS separate into two parts – one under the housing trust involved only with housing – and the other providing welfare services?" she asked.

"The review team and I have come to the same conclusions. In a world of great uncertainty and with redundancy reducing the

**● Judith Dugdale is keen to gather readers' objective comments on the future of welfare provision. They should be addressed to her c/o SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU.**

number of personnel available to operate in all the new theatres of conflict in the world, life for the military family will get harder not easier."

When postings involved international trouble spots, periods of separation were likely to grow longer and there would be increased turbulence and greater

stress for families – all contributing to more problems in marriages.

Judith told delegates her conclusions called for:

- The professionalisation of the welfare services;
- Improved training for social work assistants and Army welfare assistants, including a career structure;

● More training for those who work voluntarily, with perhaps an NVQ qualification at the end so they could take their skills into the civilian world;

● The title Unit Families Officer to be replaced by Welfare Officer to make advice more accessible to single soldiers. The post to be given more recognition by making it single-hatted

rather than having other duties attached.

Judith said she believed it was very important to keep the link between housing and welfare – a split would be contrary to the Government's own rethink on local authority services.

"As the MoD is planning to restructure its housing services this is not the time to be looking to make short term savings on the welfare services until the new housing trust is established and the arrangements for links can be examined in the light of what the housing trust is providing.

"The welfare and housing services require some improvements, and one way to do this is by detailed consumer research. The MoD is moving in the right direction, but it will require more resources for personnel who should be trained to professional standards.

"The Army family deserves this," she concluded.

BFBS broadcaster Cari Roberts is joining the SOLDIER team as a regular contributor to our families pages. Cari's voice is already familiar to the worldwide Services audience which tunes in to her weekly *Counterpoint* programme.

Cari Roberts

## → COUNTERPOINT ←

SERVICEMEN and women marry partners from all over the world and I've got a very helpful fact-sheet which goes through all the rules.

The rules are apparently the same for men marrying women of foreign birth as they are for women taking foreign-born husbands so, if it applies to you and you'd like the information, drop me a line.

On a completely different subject, I've been sent some very good leaflets from the Office of Fair Trading about dealing with all the different forms of credit in use in the UK at the moment. They may well be available from your usual centres of information but do get in touch if you need one.

Resettlement is an ever-present issue. Options for Change made it

headline news and it's an easy subject for journalists to take up when they need a Forces angle. It is an important issue, though, and it is one that every serving person should take seriously.

Whether you stay in the Forces a few years or are lucky enough to have a long career you should always be thinking ahead to what you want to do in the civilian world.

One consideration is the quality of your qualifications. The Government is giving the NVQ scheme tremendous support and it has a very high profile at the moment. But is it just a cosmetic exercise?

Rupert Nichol is an Assessor Trainer for NVQs. He's had a Service background and currently works in management training.

In a recent interview for *Counterpoint* he expressed his support for the scheme. The National Council for Vocational

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Training was set up in the early Eighties in response to calls for Britain to be brought in line with training opportunities already in use in the USA and other countries.

NVQs are granted at various levels and they're supposed to have "parity of esteem" with formal qualifications such as GCSEs and A levels. It's a nice turn of phrase, but those with formal qualifications are often rather condescending about vocational qualifications, no matter how vigorously they are promoted.

Rupert seemed very optimistic about the way in which NVQs will be accepted in the future. The key to the success of NVQs – and a vital point for Service people – is APL (Accreditation of Prior Learning) which means recognising skills already possessed by the person applying for NVQ and awarding the appropriate level after observation of the applicant at work.

Rupert said that the scheme was "not a political football" and remarked on the apparent cross-party support for an increase in training for the workforce. It gives people a chance to get a qualification for something they can already do, and that has been welcomed by all sides.

He was also optimistic about the impact on employers and the general popularity of the scheme, but I have to say that I've heard from other sources that word has yet to reach some levels of management about the advantages of encouraging employees to go for NVQs.

If you'd like any of the factsheets I've mentioned drop me a line at BFBS; BFPO 786 or c/o SOLDIER.

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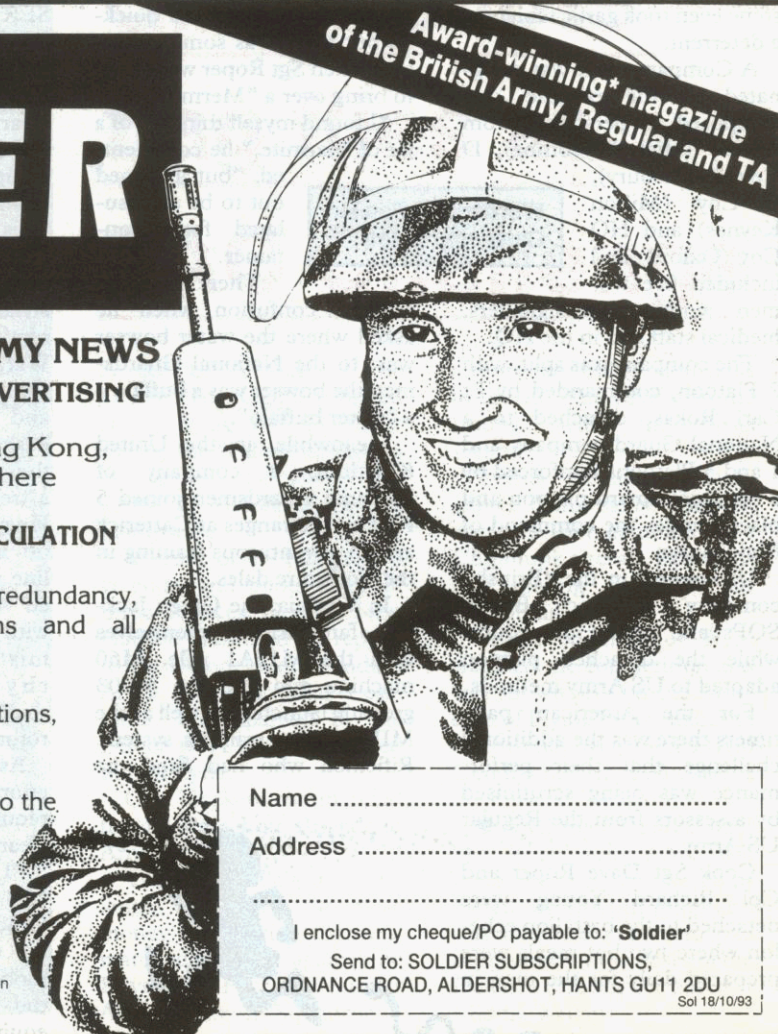
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# No need to be a marked man for life

THERE was a time when a tattoo was for life. It lived with the wearer into old age, a permanent reminder of youthful whim.

"Forever yours" could become a downright embarrassment a year later – especially when it was indelibly carved over a name no longer the object of the wearer's passion.

It was certainly not unknown for the hastily applied evidence of a new conquest to be out of date before the ink dried.

And promotion and maturity can mean that the wife's name or the regimental colours in the form of a tattoo sit less than comfortably on the forearm of an older, wiser soldier.

Although the general priority afforded by the Army to tattoo removal applications is low, each case is considered on its merits.

There are occasions, for example, when it is desirable in the interests of the soldier's promotion prospects, security or health. Removal for cosmetic reasons alone is given a low priority.

Active discouragement of tattoos occurs at several levels in the Army. It starts at Army Careers and Information Offices and in subsequent training. This discouragement is incorporated in lectures on health education, specifically the risks of picking up hepatitis B or HIV (and therefore AIDS).

A large number of tattoos are acquired before soldiers join the Army, according to Service sources.

In fact, Recruiting



Instructions Regular Army 1983 state that tattoos may be a bar to enlistment for both males and females, especially if they are unsightly when wearing uniform.

They may also be a reason for discharge under Queen's Regulations 9.414 if they contra-

vene, by their unsightliness, the public and Army expectation of a soldier's professional appearance.

Some Service hospitals pursue a policy of condemnation of the sale of commercial literature advertising tattoo procedures.

Although the priority for tattoo removal is low, it is worth noting that a sympathetic response to

applications is more likely to be found in Service hospitals than in the NHS.

Tattoo removal is also available in the private sector, as the advertisement for Frenchay Hospital's Laser Centre (see Page 44) indicates. Its Department of Plastic

and Reconstructive Surgery employs safe and effective laser technology which has proven extremely effective with a low risk of scarring.

The centre at Bristol carries out both NHS and private work. Treatment costs £80 a session, and several sessions are usually necessary.

And a Glasgow-based company claims to have pioneered the world's most advanced method of removing tattoos and skin marks.

Derma-Lase Ltd has developed a painless, scar-free treatment using a ruby laser. The technique is the result of a ten-year collaboration with the West of Scotland Plastic Surgery Unit, Canniesburn Hospital, Glasgow, and Strathclyde University.

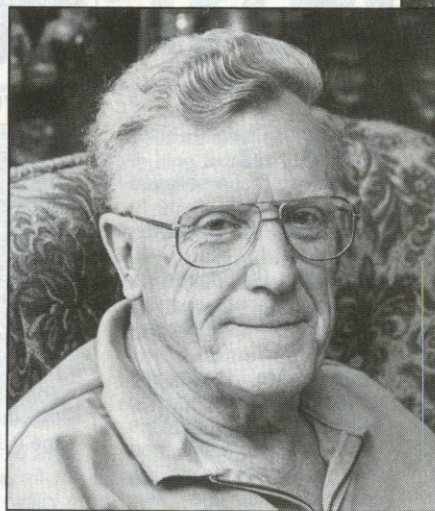
It has private clinics in Glasgow, London and Bradford.





Fd Marshal Lord Montgomery, then Enham vice-president, examines plans for the village's extension during a visit in 1948. "I have seen a fine set of soldiers today, doing a fine job of work. No one seems to have a job that he is not medically fit to do, and I must say they all look happy and content," he said

Right – Octogenarian Dorothy Mesney outside the house in Enham she has lived in for more than 60 years. A widow, she was married to a private who came to the centre in 1924 – a gas victim – to learn a trade. She can vividly recall the wooden hut where the basket-weaving shop, an early forerunner of Enham Industries, was located



Left – Bill Aves, who saw service with the Glosters in India before contracting tuberculosis. He came to Enham in 1951 and was trained as an upholsterer and, later, as a furniture assembler. A reluctant "settler" at first, since he and his wife were "townies", he now enthuses about the way in which Enham provided him with both job and house over the years



Happy chappy: Kevin Rigg, of Enham Industries' electronics division, works on APC spotlamps

# Enham-Alamein's military link lingers on

IN OCTOBER 1918, John Hodge, a man with a mission, visited Enham, a picturesque village just north of Andover in Hampshire.

As a representative of the Village Centres Council (VCC), his task was to find a site for the first of a number of rural locations to be spread over the British Isles for the care and training of those disabled in the war.

In the event, the council's vision did not materialise, but

as a result of his viewing of Enham Place – a

private estate which, together with houses, cottages, buildings and so on, covered some 1,027 acres – the first and only centre set up by the VCC was established.

Thus the initial Village Centre "for the medical treatment and training of ex-Servicemen suffering from the effects of amputations, neurasthenia, shell shock or fever"

Words: Phil Wilcox  
Pictures: Mike Weston

came into being. By the end of the following year, 150 men were in residence and the Enham Village Centre had been officially opened.

Two years – and 510 admissions – later, 366 men had been discharged, of whom 80 per cent were fit enough to take up employment or industrial training.

It was round about this time that the first "settlers" planted

their roots in Enham.

They were men who, having completed their training, opted to stay in the village and go into spare-time business on their own account.

In 1926, the population of the village was 450, with 75 families now settled in cottages.

Skimming over the village's interim history, enter the grateful Egyptian nation who, anxious to show their gratitude to Britain for their freedom fol-

lowing the battle of El Alamein, made a large donation to be used for the benefit of the country's disabled ex-Servicemen.

On October 23, 1945 – the third anniversary of the battle, and 27 years almost to the day after John Hodge's far-reaching visit – a toast was made in Enham to the building of an expanded village, using Egyptian Government funds to provide housing for additional war disabled and their families.

Since then, the village has been proudly known as Enham-Alamein.

These days, Second World War settlers can be counted virtually on the fingers of one hand, and the Services element among those employed and living in Enham-Alamein has all but disappeared.

But not the link with things military.

Take Enham Industries, which started life almost 75 years ago in old stables, training residents in crafts such as poultry-rearing, basket-making and carpentry.

Gradually, Army huts were acquired, forming the nucleus of a group of workshops which would eventually become the present multi-disciplined group of businesses operating from an extensive parkland site.

Each business situated at



Inspection time for Alamein veterans from all over the world who attend the annual Alamein Sunday service at St George's, the village's simple but splendid Alamein church, which contains a memorial chapel dedicated to the men and women who took part in the decisive battle in the Western Desert

Enham-Alamein competes in its respective market on a normal commercial basis.

Some two thirds of the 300-strong workforce of Enham Industries are disabled people, with work opportunities ranging from occupational level through sheltered work to open employment.

And among customers for the end-products of Enham Industries' output can be counted the Ministry of Defence and the Army.

The electronics division, a "highly capable sub-contracting operation, especially in harness work, cable terminations, electro-mechanical and print-

ed circuit boards" is a good example. Much of their work is in evidence on the average tank or armoured personnel carrier.

And that melamine-faced wood furniture seen in barracks from Bulford to the Falklands?

That, too, is generally an Enham Industries product – from its furniture division.

Alongside these divisions are thriving businesses such as the Enham Garden Centre, with its large shop, 1,000 sq metres of glasshouses and outdoor retail area, the special products division where wax products and ruled ledgers are made and

special packaging carried out, and the engineering division, whose range includes precision monitoring equipment for research laboratories.

"Gradually and perhaps inevitably, Enham has moved away from its original concept, to take on more and more civilians," explained the centre's Alan Jenkins, a Gurkha for 35 years.

"It has just happened that way – but we are still very much open to physically disabled ex-Servicemen personnel from 18 to their mid-50s, if they are interested."

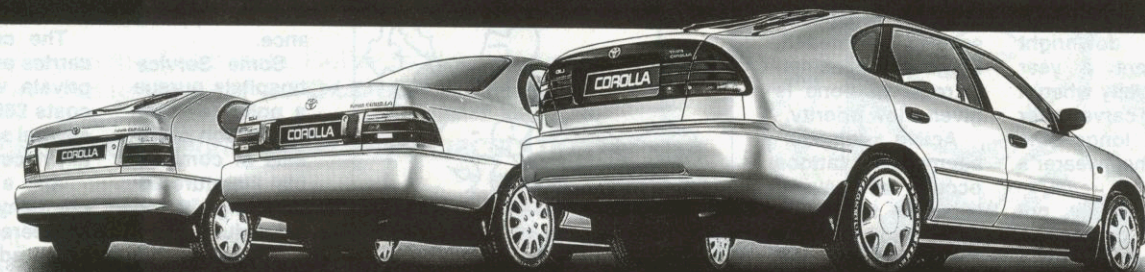
About eight years ago, he explained, Enham saw an opportunity to extend its horizons to take in both the assessment and training of people with a physical handicap.

Now, at its new Resource Centre, the aim is to help disabled people to secure long-term employment when they return to their own communities, or arrange sheltered placements for them in various industrial firms in the surrounding area.

Back to Alan Jenkins: "We look at their abilities as well as their disabilities."

The last of Enham's original residents from the First World War died recently.

He would surely approve of the direction in which his beloved village is heading.



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## SOLDIER to Soldier

### D-Day gunners remembered

A MEMORIAL to the Royal Artillery regiments which took part in the D-Day assault on Gold Beach has been unveiled by gunner veterans of the 50th Northumbrian Division at Ver-sur-Mer.

The ceremony was conducted by the Ven Peter Mallett, chaplain to the RA Association, and attended by the Master Gunner St James's Park, Gen Sir Martin Farndale, and Maj Gen Tony Richardson, who masterminded the project.

Gen Richardson landed with the Essex Yeomanry on D-Day.

Detachments from 74th, 76th, 201st (V) and 205th (V) Batteries, all descendants of the regiments which landed, were on parade.

The memorial, paid for almost entirely by old comrades, lists the 74th (Northumbrian), 86th (Herts Yeomanry), 90th (City of London), 124th (Northumbrian) and 147th (Essex Yeomanry) Field Regiments RA; 7th Medium Regiment RA; 102nd (Northumberland Hussars) Anti-Tank Regiment RA; and 25th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment RA.

The memorial is similar to the one erected by the gunners of the 3rd Division in 1989 on Sword Beach. Both were designed by sculptor Richard Grasby.

### Hot seat in new gallery

A PAIR of breeches with a bullet hole in the seat and a concertina played by a surgeon-general during the Indian Mutiny are

among the more unusual exhibits included in a new permanent gallery opening at the National Army Museum, Chelsea, on November 26.

Many items never exhibited before will go on display in the *Victorian Soldier* gallery which follows the *Road to Waterloo* gallery and takes the story of the British soldier on to the outbreak of the First World War.

Audio-visual displays explore the lives of three Victorians; one wounded in the Charge of the Light Brigade, one killed at Isandhlwana and one the winner of a Victoria Cross in the Boer War.

### Early work for Santa

CHRISTMAS arrived before the end of the summer holidays when chefs of 8 Artillery Support Regiment RLC in Münster brought their traditional Scorpion Restaurant festivities forward. Half the catering department will be on duty in Northern Ireland on December 25 so WO2 Roy Garland ordered Santa early. Cpl and Mrs Bill Sheekey ran the festivities and PMC Cpl Greg Ward provided the Christmas fare. The regiment is to return to Catterick next year.

### Charity seeks old medals

ALL SORTS of odd items can be turned to advantage by charities these days.

An organisation called Gifts for Cancer Research, for example, can make good use of unwanted HM Forces items including medals and badges and even pre-1950 photographs.

They should be sent, second-class, to the organisation at 60 Lumley Crescent, Skegness PE25 2TL.

Another deserving charity, East Park Home for infirm children in Glasgow, is raising money to buy a replacement estate car to trans-



Col John Woodward (right), who has taken over the reins as director of the famous Tank Museum at Bovington, Dorset, has a hard act to follow. His predecessor for the past 12 years, Lt Col George Forty (left), transformed a "rather quiet, old-fashioned museum" into the top West Country tourist attraction it is today.

While George will return to being a military author, his successor says he will be consolidating the museum's progress into the next century.

Driving the new director's vehicle – a wartime vintage universal carrier – is Col John Gillman, Light Dragoons.

port its young residents and their wheelchairs.

Administrator Mrs May Henderson has made a special plea to SOLDIER readers to send their surplus BP Options, Esso Tiger and Texaco Star fuel tokens to help raise cash at fund-raising events.

They should be addressed to Mrs Henderson at East Park Home, 1092 Maryhill Road, Glasgow G20 9TD.

### Loggies on battlefields

NINE serving and retired TA officers spent 15 days in September touring battlefields of the Peninsular War (1808-1814).

Led by Lt Col Michael Hyde, the party covered 900 miles through Portugal and Spain in a 1943 Humber staff car and a Bedford MWD truck of similar vintage.

Their aim was to study the Iron Duke's tactics, the movement and supply of an army in the field, and to mark the formation earlier this year of the Royal Logistic Corps.

There was also a fourth aim – to raise money for the Army Benevolent Fund.

### Battle of Barnsley II

REVENGE was sweet, if somewhat delayed, for Silkstone Golf Club when it avenged the battle of Barnsley. When the club formed in 1893 it invited officers of the Carabiniers and Royal Scots stationed in Barnsley to a challenge which the soldiers won by 27 strokes.

The gauntlet was thrown down again to mark the club's centenary year, and was picked up by Lt Col Les Waumsley at York, who called up 20 members of the North East District Army Golf Association from eight different corps and regiments.

Trailing 5-4, they just failed to square the match at the 18th in the final game.

Main course at a centenary dinner that night was the famous Barnsley chop.

### Any old stamps?

IF SOLDIERS in the Aldershot area think those exotic stamps collected on foreign service may be worth a few bob, here's a chance to find out for certain.

Stanley Gibbons, the world famous stamp dealers, will be at Hammicks Bookshop, 11 Lion and Lamb Yard, Farnham on October 14 (11am to 6pm). Each valuation will cost £1, with the money going to the Cancer Relief McMillan Fund.

### Malta scouts' medal struck

THE SCOUT Association of Malta has struck a commemorative medal to mark the 50th anniversary of the award to the island's scouts of the Bronze Cross, the movement's highest honour for bravery.

All scouts, including leaders, in Malta from September 1939 to December 1943 are eligible. Details are available from Ronald Walford, 15 Westerham Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 2PX.

## DIARY

**UNTIL October 15:** Forces Sweethearts exhibition, Imperial War Museum.

**UNTIL November 23:** "Battledress Broadcasters" exhibition, National Army Museum.

### OCTOBER

**16:** Friends of the Gordon Highlanders parade, rally and fun day, Aberdeen.

**24:** Band of the Irish Guards in concert in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund, Southport Theatre, 7.30pm. Tickets £5.

**30-31:** Birmingham International Tattoo, National Indoor Arena, including infantry competition, RAVC dog display, massed chorus and bands of RM, Red Army, US Army and Royal Swedish Navy, and parade of standards (box office tel: 021-200 2222).

### NOVEMBER

**4-6:** BAOR Arts and Crafts Society exhibition, Ripon Hall, Bielefeld.

**13-14:** Salisbury Military Society annual exhibition, Red Lion Hotel, Milford Street, Salisbury.

**14:** Remembrance Day service and parade at the Cenotaph.

### DECEMBER

**8:** First SSAFA Central London Christmas carol concert at Royal Military Chapel (The Guards' Chapel), Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London, 7.30pm. Tickets: 081-673 7280, 081-539 4114 or 071-735 1597.

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

## REUNIONS

● **3 Bn Coldstream Guards No 4 Company (1950-55):** Second annual reunion dinner in Birmingham, October 23. Details from Harry Westgarth, 49 Rokeby Park, Hull HU4 7QE (tel: 0482 503649).

● **7th Battalion, The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment (TA):** Annual reunion at The Armoury, Stockport on October 30. Past and present members of 3rd, 4th and 7th Battalions and A Coy, The Mercian Volunteers, welcome. Tickets (£4) from the Secretary, 95 Hazelwood Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 4NB.

● **Rough Riders, City of London Yeomanry:** Annual memorial service, October 31, 11am, at St Bartholomew The Great, West Smithfield, London EC1, followed by reception at Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn. Details from Tom Taylor, Pine View, Haslemere Road, Witley, Surrey GU8 5QA (tel: 0428 683757).

● **Royal Pioneer Corps Association:** Officers' dinner, Bicester, November 8; Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey, 1100 hours November 11; Cenotaph parade and service, Whitehall, 1000 November 14. Details from RPC Association secretary, 51 St George's Drive, London SW1V 4DE (tel: 071-834 0415).

● **Inns of Court and City Yeomanry Association:** Annual reunion and dinner (preceded by AGM) will be held at 6.30pm on November 13 at 10 Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, London EC1. Association will parade for

Remembrance Service in Lincoln's Inn at 10.45am on November 14. Details from Tom Taylor, Pine View, Haslemere Road, Witley, Surrey GU8 5QA (tel: 0428 683757).

● **Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, West of Scotland Assoc:** Balaklava dinner-dance at Normandy Hotel, Renfrew, November 19. Tickets and details from George Gaughan on 041-889 9102 or Lt Col (Retd) J M Lauder on 041-224 5900.

● **RA Association Exeter Branch:** Annual dinner dance and reunion takes place on November 20 at the Countess Wear Lodge Hotel, Exeter. Details from Don Goodheart, 20a Burnthouse Lane, Exeter EX2 6BH (tel: 0392 73862).

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● **54 Engr Spt and Amb Sqn RCT:** A reunion in the Aldershot area is planned next year for

## APPOINTMENTS

**Brigadier** – J H Thoys – To be DA/MA Rome, Sept 23.

**Colonels** – N J Holland – To be Comd HQ SDIST, Sept 20; T R Bradwell – To BLO Post USA, Sept 24; R G Greenham – To LOMOD FRG, Sept 20; K A Price – To RSA Larkhill, Sept 20.

**Lt Cols** – D G Bailey RACHD – To ATR Pirbright, Sept 20; R M Brunt, R Anglian – To be CO 1 R Anglian, Sept 25; D R Burns RE – To be CO 36 Engr Regt, Sept 20; D P C Cairns RLC – To HQ BAOR,

## SEARCHLINE

● **West Cappel, May 29, 1940:** Members of No 2 Coy, 1 WG who took part in this action are asked to contact R E Lewis, Gen Sec, Welsh Guards Association, Maindy Barracks, Whitchurch Road, Cardiff CF4 3YE. Also ex-WG not already members.

● **Boorseem aan de Maas 1944-45:** Mr Armand Ramaekers, of Sneppenlaan 22, 3630 Maasmechelen, Belgium, wishes to contact Wally (surname not known), an MP in a tank division who stayed with others at Boorem aan de Maas at this time before leaving for Arnhem in March 1945.

● **Eddy Docker:** Address of Eddy Docker, last known to be living in Nuneaton area and selling central heating, sought by Jim Chambers, 20 Rickleton VC, Washington, Tyne and Wear NE38 9ET.

● **Korean War veterans:** Researcher wishes to contact veter-

ans who were transported between Pusan in Korea and Kure in Japan on the Hong Kong registered MV *Poyang* in 1951. Contact Jim Jacobs, 15 Angus Close, Fareham, Hants PO10 6BA.

● **1 QDG Regt Assoc (NW and N Wales branch):** Ex-members of The Queen's Bays, 1st The King's Dragoon Guards and 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards interested in forming a North West and North Wales branch of the regimental association are asked to contact John "Scouse" Johnson, Hapsberg, Hawarden Way, Mancot, Deeside, Clwyd CH5 2EL (tel: 0244 536570 (home); 0244 317919 ext 2181 (office)).

● **Spook E Darin:** Whereabouts of ex-sapper Spook Darin, last known at RAF El Adem and Cyprus 1968-69, sought. He was an announcer on the El Adem Radio Service (TEARS) in his spare time. Contact John Moir (tel: 0705 595489, evenings).

● **Ismailia, Egypt, Jan 1952:** Any member of 3 Para, Lancashire Fusiliers or Lincolnshire Regiment who remembers the Battle of the Clerical, the death of Sister Anthony (Convent of St Vincent de Paul), or the terrorist attack on Saturday afternoon at the YMCA bridge, please contact Sara Stanton, PO Box 694, Burtonsville, Maryland 20866, USA (tel/fax: 301-890 7213). She also wishes to contact anyone who served in Fayid in the winter of 1950-51.

● **Air Formation Signals:** Past members of 2, 4, 15, 18 and 19 Air Formation Signal Regiments now meet in reunion. If you served with Air Formation Signals (or Indian AFS) and would like further details, contact Lt Col P F Soward, Royal School of Signals, Blandford Camp, Dorset DT11 8RH.

● **REME Association Caravan and Camping Club** offers a warm welcome to past and present members, and past and present civilian employees of the corps. Details from Doug Bell, 108 Villa Road, Stanway, Colchester, Essex CO2 5RN (tel: 0206 540930).

### 26 ENGR REGT MESS PROPERTY

Due to the disbandment of 26 Engineer Regiment, members of the Officers', WOs' and Sgts' and Cpls' Messes are trying to trace people or families who presented items of property. They are asked to contact Cpl Monaghan or WO1 (RSM) Gordon at 26 Engineer Regiment, BFPO 24 (tel: 02371 693457 or Iserlohn Corunna Mil 457) by December 15.

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## Pipes and drums to remain

PLEASE reassure your readers that the report in your October 4 issue to the effect that the Pipe Bands of the Scottish Division are to be emasculated into two bands, Highland and Lowland, is without foundation.

Each 1st Battalion will retain its Pipes and Drums, which will continue as before to be a platoon within the unit's establishment.

It is the poor old military bands which have been savaged, not the Pipes and Drums! - **Maj (Retd) T B Cannan, RS, Army HQ Scotland, Edinburgh.**

## Well done Leconfield

MY HUSBAND left the Army as a lance corporal in June after 23 years' exemplary service and I would like to thank everyone at Leconfield for their support and kindness in helping us at a difficult time to come to terms with civilian life.

In particular I would like to say thank you to Maj John Bowers of the Families Housing and Welfare Service (FHWS) and estate warden Nobby Clarkson for all their help and for not putting any pressure on my family to vacate the married quarter that we still live in.

Although the rent has increased since my husband

left the Army, we find it very reasonable and affordable.

I'm already in work and my husband has recently found employment here, so we intend to remain in the area. My daughter is enrolled at a local college.

My husband's employment is not what he wanted, but it's a job and a very good start to us after 23 years of being a soldier.

So well done to Leconfield for caring and supporting not only your serving soldiers and redunees, but also your 22-year men. - **Mrs A Clarke, Leconfield, North Humberside.**

## Pack mule company captured at Dunkirk

FURTHER to Denis C Bate-man's reference to the pack mule companies involved in the evacuation from France ("Horse trading", Letters, August 9), may I set the record straight.

No 22 Animal Transport Coy was the only company to be taken by the enemy. Its 308 officers and men were captured at Mirecourt, 90 miles south of Nancy, and the surrender was carried out with a ceremonial parade.

I was a driver with HQ Force K6, as the Indian contingent was called, and I suspect the animals of 22 Company were the only ones the Germans got their hands on.

As for the other companies, 32 and 35 got out at Dunkirk, with 29, Remount, HQ and IGH (Hospital) embarking at St Nazaire, on June 16 and 18.

We all reassembled in England. Force K6 stayed in the UK until 1944 before going home to India. - **G C Riley, Southport.**

## Hospital team in Fojnica

COMPOSITION of the BRITMEDBATT team sent to Fojnica to run a hospital abandoned by medical staff (SOLDIER, September 6) was:

Nine RAMC combat medical technicians (CMT); one RAMC environmental health technician (EHT); two RLC signallers; one RLC chef; one Royal Signals interpreter; one QARANC nursing officer (RMN).

It was definitely not composed of 11 QARANC. Can't let them get all the glory! - **WO1 (RSM) J J O'Leary RAMC, BRITMEDBATT, UNPROFOR, BFPO 545.**

## TRIBUTE TO ITALY VETS

MR SCUDDER's letter (September 20) would be endorsed without reservation by all Normandy veterans, well aware that, but for the efforts of their colleagues in Italy, the Normandy campaign could have been disastrously different. - **F McLellan, Warrington.**

## Long server (77) died in harness

FOLLOWING recent letters about National Servicemen still in uniform, may I bring to the attention of your readers a further long-service SNCO.

This was my great-grandfather, Saddler Sgt Maj Edmund Trump, who served continuously in Queen Victoria's cavalry for 49 years from 1849 until he died in uniform aged 77, still serving the 18th Hussars in charge of the saddlery workshops in India.

He had never fired a shot in anger and had only one Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to show for his time. His riding master when he enlisted in the 15th Hussars was a cer-

tain Capt Nolan, of Balaclava fame.

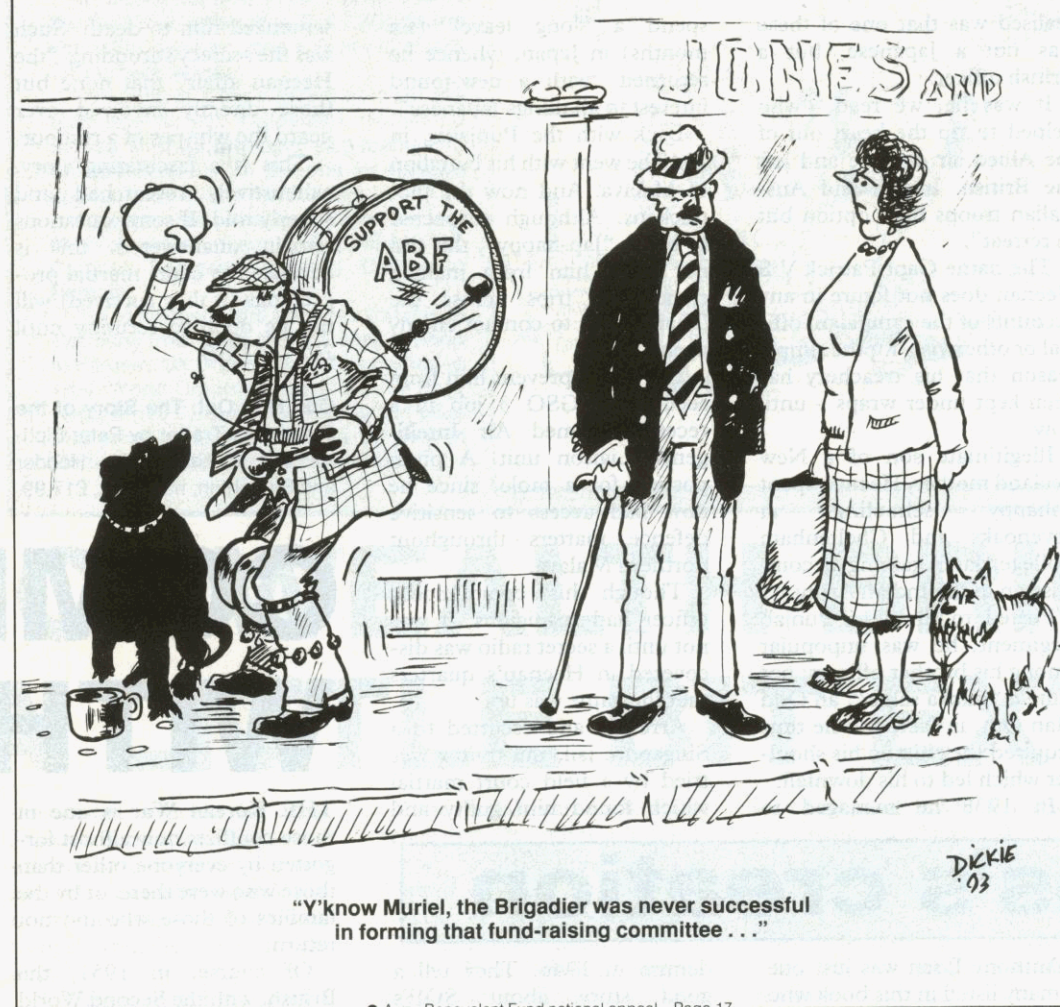
Both his sons joined the regiment as saddlers and the combined service for father and sons was 83 years. The Trumps were saddlers for the Army from 1849 until 1945 (26 years' civilian time at Tidworth Camp).

Is this a record - 96 years for a father and sons?

According to the 18th Hussars regimental history, SSM Trump was Queen Victoria's oldest serving soldier in 1898.

I look forward to hearing about other long-serving SNCOs of the British Army. - **Gerry Ford, Fleet, Hants.**

## BIRD'S EYE-VIEW



"Y'know Muriel, the Brigadier was never successful in forming that fund-raising committee..."

● Army Benevolent Fund national appeal - Page 17

## Pseudo medal rejected

REGARDING the suggested commemorative medal for the Suez Emergency 1950-53 as a compromise.

Some while back I toyed with this idea and sounded off a few colleagues. Having fought a good fight for years and got nowhere, I thought they would be happy to settle for something.

How wrong I was! All, without exception, responded with a clear "thumbs down". It was generally felt that a pseudo-medal would let the MoD off the hook.

Sorry, Mr Barry - it is all or nothing for us. - **C L Golder, Bolton.**

## Commercial guidelines

THE advertisement for the Foreign Service Commemorative being offered by a firm in Australia (SOLDIER, Sept 20) has reminded me to ask which regulation insists that a civilian should not wear this or any similar commemorative medal alongside official awards rather than below as is being suggested - **Maj (Retd) G M I Stroud, Banbury.**

● Commercially produced medals are unofficial awards not approved by the Sovereign and should not be worn alongside official medals. However, the Ministry of Defence has no objection to the production of such medals as long as their true status is made known to those who chose to purchase them. - **Editor**

## Sex and sphinxes

IN HIS letter (September 6) A C Sprason, custodian of the Lancashire Fusiliers Regimental Museum, asked why the female rather than male sphinx had been adopted for the Colours or badges of British regiments.

However, the sphinx of the old Lincolnshire and Royal Lincolnshire, and on into the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Anglian, is male, as was the collar badge of the South Wales Borderers, at least for a time, I believe.

While these sphinxes' tails did not lie on their backs they were at least discreetly tucked in at the side!

I have an idea that one other regiment wore a male sphinx at some time, but cannot discover which.

What about the Australian sphinx? I fear I know nothing

of their badges but I have seen an illustration of an unofficial badge of the 4th Field Ambulance, Australian Army Medical Corps from the First World War, which shows just a full-frontal head-and-shoulders sphinx.

Solves the problem of what the rest was like! - **Kenneth W S Goodson, Lincoln.**

## ROSETTE ETIQUETTE

I RECENTLY saw a photograph in SOLDIER of a colour sergeant who was awarded a bar to his LSGC Medal.

Did I also see that he was wearing a rosette on the medal ribbon?

If so, he is incorrect. The rosette is worn on the ribbon of the uniform to indicate the wearer has a Bar to the medal. I

raise this point so he will not be embarrassed should he have to attend a parade.

Photographs can be deceptive, but the Bar should be worn half way up the ribbon, not at the medal end as in normal bars. I too am a holder of a Bar to the LSGC Medal. - **Maj R A James, 1 Regt, Army Air Corps, BFPO 47.**

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# Not quite pukka officer turned Singapore traitor

THE SURRENDER of Singapore on February 15, 1942 was the worst disaster in British military history, and a devastating blow to the war effort, and to the empire itself.

Churchill was incredulous that a force of some 87,000 British, Indian and colonial troops had been trounced by less than half that number of Japanese invaders in just 70 days.

And if they had thought about it, the British tax-payers might well have asked why £63 million had been spent to render Singapore "the impregnable fortress".

In their first couple of chapters the authors of *Odd Man Out* give an admirable summary of the Malayan campaign and the now familiar factors that led to ultimate humiliation.

It was known that the Japanese had an efficient network of their own spies in the peninsula, but what was not at first

realised was that one of these was not a Japanese, but a British officer.

It was he, we read, "who helped to rip the heart out of the Allied air defence and left the British, Indian and Australian troops little option but to retreat".

The name Capt Patrick V S Heenan does not figure in any accounts of the campaign, official or otherwise, for the simple reason that his treachery has been kept under wraps – until now.

Illegitimate son of a New Zealand mother, Heenan spent unhappy schooling at Sevenoaks and Cheltenham College, later gaining a commission in the Indian Army.

Posted to the 1/16 Punjab Regiment, he was unpopular among his brother officers: not quite a "pukka sahib", an Odd Man Out, in fact, and he thus acquired the chip on his shoulder which led to his downfall.

In 1938 he managed to

spend a "long leave" (six months) in Japan, whence he returned "with a new-found interest in all things Japanese".

Back with the Punjabis, in 1940 he went with his battalion to Malaya. And now the plot thickens. Although suspected of being "Jap-happy", this did not deter him from making clandestine trips across the Thai border to contact enemy agents.

Nor did it prevent him from securing a GSO 3 job in a recently formed Air Intelligence Liaison unit. A plum posting for a mole, since he now had access to sensitive defence matters throughout northern Malaya.

Though his commanding officer had suspicions, it was not until a secret radio was discovered in Heenan's quarters that the game was up.

Arrested and escorted to a Singapore jail, the traitor was tried by a field court martial which found him guilty and

sentenced him to death. Such was the secrecy shrouding "the Heenan affair" that none but those directly involved ever heard the whisper of a rumour.

This is a fascinating story, exhaustively researched and soberly told. If some questions remain unanswered, this is because the court martial proceedings (if they survived) will not be open to scrutiny until 2017. – JMB

**Odd Man Out. The Story of the Singapore Traitor** by Peter Elphick and Michael Smith. Hodder and Stoughton, hardback, £17.99.

# COMMONWEALTH BRIGADE WITH A LITTLE BIT EXTRA

THE Korean War is one of those conflicts now almost forgotten by everyone other than those who were there, or by the families of those who did not return.

Of course, in 1951, the British, with the Second World War fresh in the memory, were sick and tired of war and the Press realised this.

In contrast with today's treatment of every scene of conflict as a newsworthy film set, very few reporters were dispatched by their editors to cover the Korean War.

Arthur Helliwell, "a British journalist who wrote rather

sensational articles for *The People*, a Sunday newspaper... was one of the very few journalists who actually visited the front line and shared the troops' trenches for a few days."

So writes H B Eaton, who served in Korea with The King's Shropshire Light Infantry, in *Something Extra: 28 Commonwealth Brigade 1951-1974*, covering its inception to its disbandment at Singapore, drawing on official sources and records as well as personal contributions from former members of the brigade.

The brigade came into existence in the front line as a combined contribution to the United Nations by the land forces of five independent Commonwealth nations – Australia, Great Britain, Canada, the Republic of India, and New Zealand.

"... the nationally diverse nature of the brigade, with two Australian and two British battalions, an Indian Field Ambulance and a New Zealand artillery regiment... gave them something extra."

Hence the title of the book which describes the brigade's activities, not only in Korea but

in subsequent lower key displacements in Malaya, Borneo and Singapore. It also reflects the effects of the South East Asia Treaty Organisation (SEATO) and the Vietnam War on Commonwealth forces.

There are fascinating anecdotes of the brigade's Korean service, including the persistent, but unsubstantiated, legend circulated among the men of The King's Shropshire Light Infantry that the first wave of attackers on Hill 227 was led by a "woman in black".

The author comments that she may have been one of the "political personnel" or perhaps a medical orderly, but "may have been merely a young man with long hair".

After its disbandment in Korea in 1954, it was decided to re-form the brigade in Malaya and a skeleton of the Brigade Headquarters was established on September 16, 1955 at RAF Butterworth in the Province of Wellesley.

The last parade of what was by then the 28 ANZUK Brigade took place on Kangow Airfield, Singapore, on October 8, 1973. But this was not the end of the formation's story for on January 31, 1974 it was briefly revived as the 28th Infantry Brigade under British

national command. The demise eventually came in November, 1975 when the reformed brigade became a victim of British defence cuts.

"... There is no doubt that the ANZUK Force, although never involved in operations during the short period of its life, continued to demonstrate the commitment of the Commonwealth nations to the stability and defence of South East Asia."

"The *esprit de corps* of the brigade had far more edge than comparative national formations – or even British brigades composed of English, Scots and Irish units."

"Evidence of the pride and enthusiasm engendered by the brigade was demonstrated by the many officers and soldiers who returned voluntarily for a second and even third tour of duty."

The book is well illustrated with photographs from many sources, including some examples from the archives of *SOLDIER*, and to complete the work there is an appendix listing all the units that served with the brigade. – BJ

**Something Extra: 28 Commonwealth Brigade 1951-1974** by H B Eaton. The Pentland Press, hardback, £15.50.

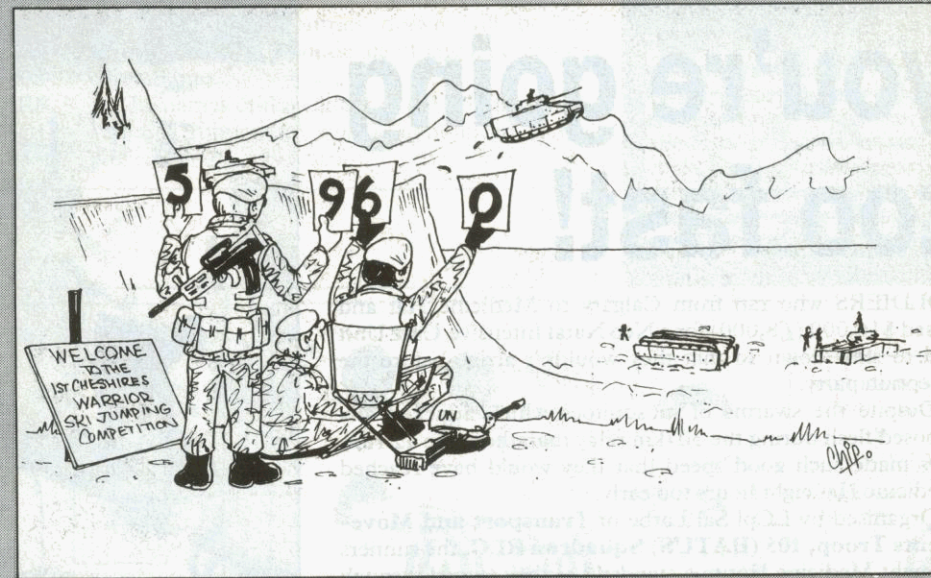
## Chip draws on the funny side of soldiering

Readers of this magazine will need no introduction to the work of cartoonist Chip Wood. His view of the soldier's lot in the Gulf War, featured in *SOLDIER* during Operation Granby, won a national award for humour in print.

The best of Chip's cartoons from the Gulf and former Yugoslavia (where he served with 35 Engineer Regiment) and his observations on Options for Change appear in *Cartoons for Soldiers*.

A sapper man and boy, Chip has just been promoted major and appointed OC Combat Engineer Training Centre at Hameln.

Out in softback, the book is available in Germany from Naafi and the Sapper Shop in Hameln. UK orders should be posted to Trish Wood Graphics, c/o CETC, 35 Engr Regt, BFPO 31, price £3.50 plus 50p p&p. The price for those ordering by post in Germany is DM9 (includes postage).



## Gubbins's creation

AT FIRST glance I misread the title of *Gubbins and SOE* as Gubbins and SON.

That the Special Operations Executive was Colin Gubbins's baby there is no doubt, but it failed, quite significantly, to win many friends in high places and drum up the affection normally attracted by infant wartime organisations.

In fact, some of the top people of those dark days positively hated it.

Anthony Eden was just one of many listed in this book who had no time for a clandestine set-up specialising in sabotage and subversion, whose declared aim was to "set Europe ablaze" by parachuting secret agents into occupied territory to organise resistance groups.

Authors Sir Peter Wilkinson and Joan Bright Astley worked with Gubbins from the start of SOE in 1939 through to its

demise in 1946. They tell a good story about SOE's supporters and of those who tried stabbing it in the back at every opportunity.

They have relied mainly on their own and others' recollections, since they did not have access to secret SOE documents.

This covert outfit enjoyed a mix of success and failure, the latter being quickly pounced on by those who were anxious to see it wound up.

But SOE hung on until 1946 when Gubbins, searching for a role for himself and his group in post-war Europe – he was convinced it had much to offer in the build-up of war-torn countries – was given a knighthood and with it the Big E. At that time he was one of many major generals.

This is not a history of the SOE, say the publishers, but the story of Colin Gubbins, his part in its creation and command. – JM

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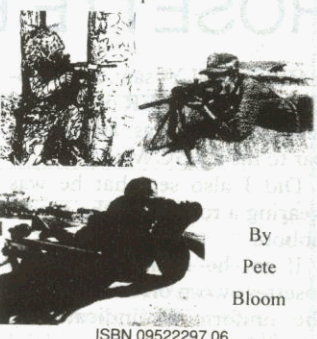
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# Slow down - you're going too fast!

SOLDIERS who ran from Calgary to Medicine Hat and raised \$16,000 (£8,000) for a Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit had to slow down so that they wouldn't arrive before the reception party.

Despite the swarms of mosquitoes which attacked any exposed flesh during the 307km relay marathon, the 12 runners made such good speed that they would have reached Medicine Hat eight hours too early.

Organised by LCpl Sal Larbe of **Transport and Movements Troop, 105 (BATUS) Squadron RLC**, the runners brought Medicine Hat to a standstill as they jogged through the town collecting money from motorists.

★ ★ ★

Jonathan Kay made friends with Anneka Rice when he handed over 20,000 used 'phone cards collected by pupils from Dhekelia Primary School for Tommy's Appeal, a charity aiming to raise £5m for a national research centre into miscarriage, stillbirth and prematurity. Jonathan's father, Sgt John Kay RMP, serving in **Dhekelia Garrison** got the cards back to the UK.

★ ★ ★

**Colchester Garrison's** Country Day in June raised more than £2,700 for local charities. Garrison and 54 (East Anglian) Brigade Commander Brig Tony Calder presented £1,000 to the St Helena Hospice.

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Annual camp in Cornwall turned into boot camp for Capt Sharon Bell and Jean Charlton



Card trick: Jonathan Kay with Anneka Rice

of 201 (Northern) General Hospital RAMC based at Fenham Barracks, Newcastle, when they charged 50p a time to bull boots for charity. With the help of a parachute jump by the Matron, Lt Col Ann Clouston, they hope to send

Picture: P. Info London District



On their way to Medicine Hat and £8,000 are LCpl Ian Smith on foot and LCpl John Robinson on wheels, both serving at BATUS

£200 to Care for the Terminally Ill.

Other medics from the same unit made a pre-dawn start to a 27-mile trek across the North Yorkshire moors so they could be back in time for a unit barbecue and disco evening. They hope to raise more than £1,000 for the Teeside hospice.

★ ★ ★

During a visit to Edinburgh's Royal Hospital for Sick Children members of Paderborn's **Anglo-German Club** promised to give the proceeds (about £8,000) from their annual British and German military bands charity concert in September to the hospital.

Herr Franz-Josef Meyer, club chairman met Lt Col Mike Staunton, Commander Medical in Scotland and a former club chairman, and Mr Arthur Airdrie, hospital administrator, and handed over hand-made wooden toys for the children.

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SSAFA benefited by £300 following an off-road event at Garelochhead in which a strong Army contingent took part. Spirit of the Event Award went to 230 Sqn RLC from Edinburgh.

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Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Anglian

**Regiment** laid obstacles for 30 teams competing in a charity cross-country race in Colchester to help raise money for Imperial Cancer Research.

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Berlin's 229 **Signal Squadron** took over from the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment when handicapped people from the Across Trust arrived for a holiday. More than £1,000 (DM 2,785) raised by 1 QLR and a full programme was taken on by the signallers when the battalion had to deploy to BATUS, Canada, on exercise and so could not host the visit.

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Pony-tailed MoD engineer Mr Sean Cottle offered to do something for charity during the Sergeant's Mess post-Exercise Sightglass 93 dinner at 7 Battalion REME (formerly 71 AC Wksp REME) at Detmold. Members obliged by cutting off the pony tail and trimming his locks, so raising £578 for the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults.

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The **Army Benevolent Fund** has presented the Countess of Brecknock Hospice, Andover, with £8,000, its second donation since the hospice opened in 1990. Attending the ceremony were three ex-soldiers being treated there.

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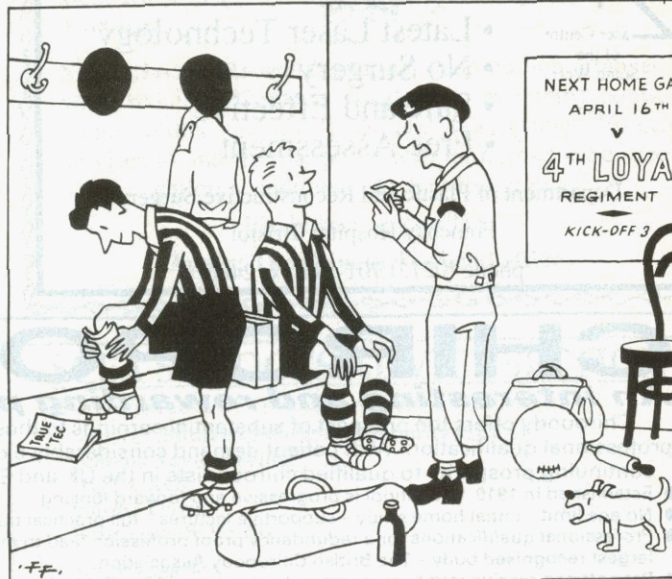
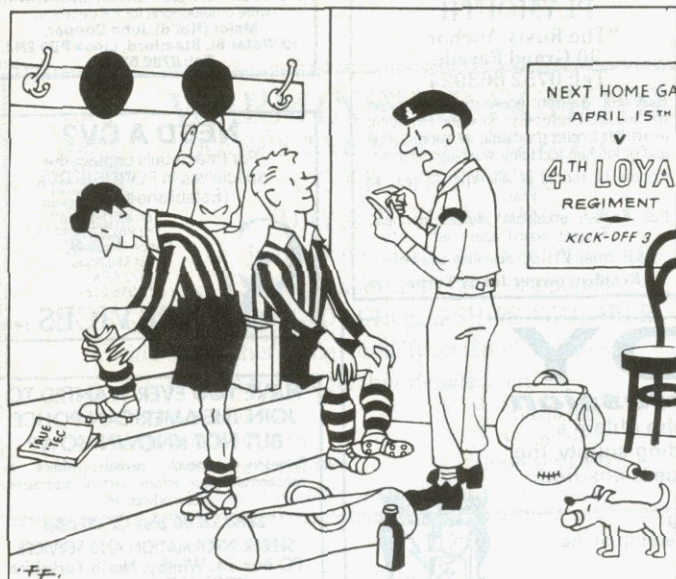
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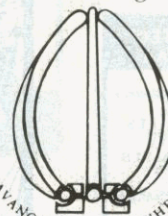
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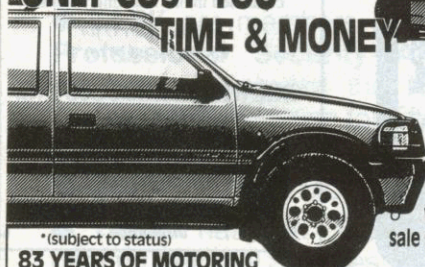
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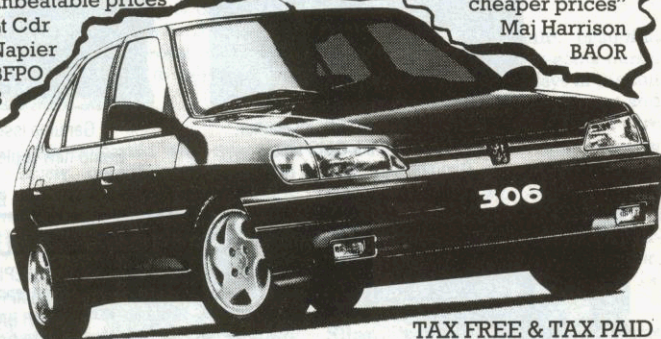
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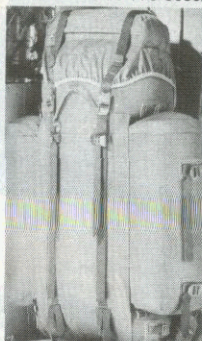


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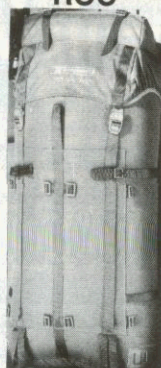
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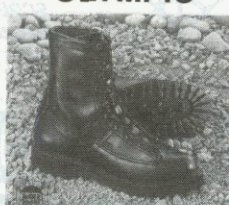
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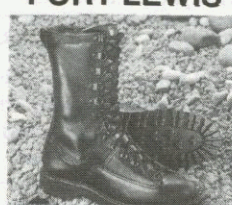
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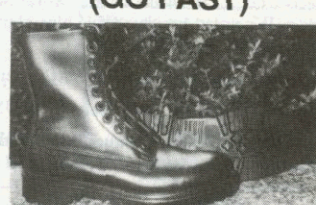
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# Novices in form at nationals

THE ARMY canoe racing team capped an outstanding season with excellent results in Inter-Services, national and international competitions.

In the national marathon racing championships at Nottingham, the Army were defending the title they won last year. There were impressive results across all ability groups, with particular success in the novices classes.

LCpl Andy Dunne (Guards Adv Trg Wg (GATW)) and Spr Ian Grewcock (RSME Regt) finished second and third respectively in the Div 6/7 singles, and Dunne proved his potential by going on to win the doubles events in the same class paired with Cpl Rich Painting (Central Engr Park (CEP)).

Cfn Beth Rees (9 Fd Wksp) and Pte Lisa Munslow (HQ Bulford Area) put in an excellent performance to finish second in the women's Div 8/9 doubles.

The Army finished runners-up in the team competition to underline their strength at national level.

The team were in action the following weekend at the Inter-Services sprint and marathon championships. A hard three-days' racing began with the marathon event held over a testing 12-mile course at Newark.

In the single's class a powerful display of team paddling saw LCpl Vinny Gallagher (42 Sig Regt RE) and Sgt Jim Ross (RSME Regt) take first and second places respectively. The doubles was a close tactical competition with Capt Duncan Capps (4 GS Regt RLC) and Sgt Alan Heath (CEP) winning the sprint for the line. Army women were again well placed in the doubles event, with Ptes Tina Simpson (QEMH) and Munslow second and Lt Martine Miranda De Carvalho (RLC) third.

The sprint events took place at the National Watersports

Centre in Nottingham, where Gallagher demonstrated why he is verging on GB selection by winning the singles events at 1km and 500m. In the doubles, Gallagher paddled with Heath, taking first at 1km and second over 500m. Heath also raced well individually, finishing second over 1km and third over 500m.

Capps and Ross teamed up to finish third in the 500m doubles.

Excellent individual performances and strength in depth ensured the Army comfortably won both sprint and marathon team events to continue the dominance of Army canoe racing.

There was to be no rest however for Capps and Heath who had been selected to race for Great Britain at the prestigious Tour De Gudena marathon in Denmark last month.

The event is one of the biggest in the world and attracts more than 1,000 entries. The race is paddled in stages over two days and follows the enormous lakes and fast-flowing rivers of Eastern Denmark between Skanderborg and Randers.

Day one consisted of a 32-mile course in two stages. After a fast start the Army pair moved into the chasing group and finished in fifth place that day.

The second day's course was 44 miles in three stages and was paddled at a furious pace.

Capps and Heath maintained their position to finish a highly credible fifth in a class international field.

●THE Army and ULKF wild water canoe championships are to be staged at Barnard Castle, County Durham, from November 27-28. Details can be obtained from WO1 Ian Hugill at 8 Signal Regiment, Catterick (tel: Catterick 2603) or Capt Neal Martin, 4 Cadet Training Team, Hounslow (London District 5654 or 5657).

## Services to face Blacks

COMBINED Services face a massive challenge at the Devonport Services' Rectory Ground in Plymouth on November 30 when they take on the mighty All Blacks.

The fixture is a distinct feather in the cap of Service rugby, because the All Blacks are on a short 13-match tour.

On the English leg, apart from Combined Services the New Zealanders - currently acknowledged as rugby's "world champions" - will meet only the four Divisional sides, England A, England Emerging Players and England themselves.

The Plymouth game is sandwiched between the Twickenham international on November 27 and the final match of the tour at Cardiff against the Barbarians on December 4.

With warm-up games in November against the pride of the West Country - Bristol (3rd), Bath (9th) and Gloucester (24th) - the Services selectors will have plenty of opportunity for checking current form.

Tickets for the All Blacks match are reported to be selling rapidly. They can be obtained (£10 seated, £5 standing, cheques payable to Combined Services RFC) from the Base Supply Officer, HMS Defiance, HM Naval Base, Devonport, Plymouth PL2 2BG (tel: 0752 555856/555566).

# Races graded for running awards

FIRST scoring event towards the 1993-94 Army cross country runner of the year awards will be the Army relays at Rushmoor Arena on November 13.

The eight nominated events have been graded and the Rushmoor relays will earn 15 points for the winner to five for the tenth finisher. Other Grade 2 races are the Army

(Longmoor, February 2) and Inter-Corps championships (Blackdown, March 9).

Grade 1 races - the Inter-Services at Tweseldown on February 18 and the men's (South Shields, March 12) and women's (Blackburn, March 13) national championships - attract 20 points for the winners down to ten for tenth place.

Two Grade three races - Army v Wales at Chepstow on January 22 and Army v TA at Longmoor on March 26 - are worth ten points to the winners down to one for tenth place.

Winners of last winter's inaugural awards - Dvr Gary Wadsworth and Cpl Kelly Holmes - went from strength to strength during the summer track season.

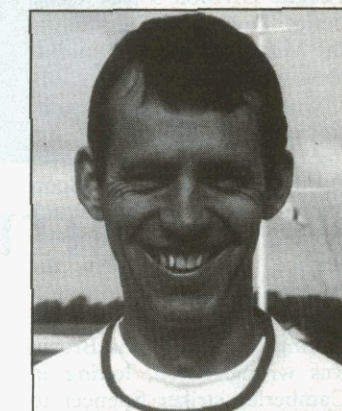
Holmes gained international honours at 800m and equalled the British record of 1min 58.65sec in the semi-finals of the World Championships at Stuttgart. Wadsworth retained the Inter-Services 5,000m championship in a thrilling race at Portsmouth, the first Army athlete to achieve this double since Army AA records began in 1965.

## Army pack in to win Gosport Ten

CONDITIONS for road running were almost ideal when an Army team met the Royal Navy's best over ten miles at Gosport.

The race, which was open to civilians and had attracted more than 400 starters, was won by GB international Tom Buckner of Havant AC in a time of 50min 53sec, with Lt Steve Gough of the Navy the first Services runner home in fifth place.

Army runners SSgt Ray Keeney, Cpl Colin Palmer and Sgt Bill Bailey took the next three places to give the Army a firm footing, and Bailey, who celebrated his 40th birthday in June and is still recovering from a year-long bout of glan-



Sgt Bill Bailey, first veteran

dular fever, took the first veterans' prize in the outstanding time of 52mins 31sec.

Pte Alan Shepherd and Maj Rob Herring took 13th and 16th places and although Capt Pete Marsh in 24th was two places behind the Navy's last scorer, victory went to the Army by 74 points to 80.

Sgt Melanie Bradley in 58th place overall was second in the women's event and set a personal best for ten miles of 61min 25sec. Bradley, a dental hygienist from ATR Pirbright, is gaining in strength and confidence and looks certain to improve her marathon time when she competes over the classic 26 miles and 385 yards distance in Cleveland later this month.

At the Inter-Services athletics championships in July, Bradley won both the 1,500m and the 3,000m, the latter in a new Army and Services record time.



Sgt Melanie Bradley, second in the Gosport Ten

## SPLASH DOWN!

SERVICE skydivers based in Northern Ireland require special skills. With a high water table added to the fact that Ballykelly airfield is sited on reclaimed land, parachutists are likely to get wet unless they pick out a dry area on their final approach - and are competent enough to land on it.

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The Northern Ireland Services Freefall Club suffers from the rain for which the emerald isle is famous, but last year members made 1,651 descents, of which 520 were first-timers.

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Sgt John Boardman coaches Rfn Matt Bunce (RGJ) in emergency drills in the NI Services Freefall Club instruction room



Cpl Amanda Davies, master diver

## Masters in the medals

CPL Amanda Davies (14 Fd Regt RA) returned from the European diving championships at Sindelfingen, Germany with two gold medals won in the Under-30 age group competition.

After finishing third off the 1m springboard, Davies performed well from the 5m platform but could not match the experience of two Lithuanians who chose the 10m platform from which to execute their dives. Jolanta Railiene and Aida Keturakiene took the gold and silver.

Cold wind and rain affected competitors at the outdoor venue in the 3m springboard event and Davies finished a slightly disappointing fifth.

The men's 30-39 age group competition attracted 19 divers, including four former Olympic finalists. WO2 (QMSI) Mike Kempson (APTC att 5 TA Trg Regt RLC) finished a creditable fifth in the highboard, sixth in the 3m springboard, and a disappointing 11th in the 1m springboard after dropping his back dive.

The British team of 14 returned home with nine medals, and both Davies and Kempson will be hoping to make it to next year's world masters diving championships in Montreal, Canada.



# RLC wins Famous Grouse trophy on merit

THE Royal Logistic Corps finished top of the 1993 Famous Grouse Inter-Corps cricket merit table by a comfortable margin, winning six of their games and drawing two.

AGC and REME each won two games to finish as merit

table joint runners up, although the former's match against the RAC was lost completely and another was abandoned.

Weather played a critical part in the final tables, with Royal Signals in eighth place being forced to abandon three

of their eight games. They drew the rest and were one of the few corps not to lose to the loggies.

Infantry finished fourth overall with two wins, three defeats, two draws and one match abandoned.

RA were fifth in the table,

AMS sixth, RAC seventh and the Royal Engineers ninth.

● Winners of the Minor Units championships were 9 Field Workshop, not ASMT as stated in the September 20 issue. The scorecards printed were correct and the winning margin was seven wickets.

## Trials hit by weather

Army XI 0,  
Camberley Town 2

AN experimental Army side went down by 2-0 to Diadora League Division 3 side Camberley Town in driving rain at the Military Stadium in Aldershot, writes **Derrick Bly**.

Conditions made ball control extremely difficult.

Army skipper SSgt Kevin Parkins and Cpl John Scott battled hard to get their attack moving, but it was the slippery surface that cost them the opening goal.

SSgt Alan Higgins lost his footing and Cpl Chris Brown was wrong-footed, letting in Camberley striker Spencer to hit the foot of the post. The referee ruled that the ball had crossed the line in the ensuing melee.

It was Camberley's first victory over the Army in recent seasons and their manager, QMSI Paul Holden, also the Army's assistant coach, was well pleased.

Prison Services 2,  
Army 2

The Army put the Camberley Town defeat out of their minds with a hard fought draw against HM Prison Services at Newbold Revel, Rugby, writes **Alan Cooper**.

On a wind-swept afternoon it was the Army who took the game to their opponents, and they were unlucky in the opening exchanges when chances for Cpl Dave Maynard and Sig Joe Collins went begging.

But with the Army's game falling down in the final third, it was no surprise when the



Spr Ramkumar Rai gets a kick out of being in Kathmandu. He and seven other members of The Queen's Gurkha Engineers' taekwon do team spent two weeks in the city training with Nepal's national squad. The Gurkha sappers joined in Nepal's preparations for the world games and benefited from tuition by Cheol Oh, the Korean master and Seventh Dan Olympic gold medal winner

Prison Service went ahead in the 35th minute.

Sgt Dan Daley's glancing header from an excellent inswinging corner by Higgins levelled the scores, but poor finishing during the next ten minutes cost the Army the chance of going ahead.

The Prison Services again took the lead in the 80th minute before the Army, spurred on by coach QMSI Joey Roach, equalised through Bdr Eddy McIlvenna after an impressive midfield move started by skipper Parkins.

## Crusaders aim to uphold tradition

ARMY CRUSADERS FC, which dates from 1922, organises football for officers on behalf of the Army Football Association. Its aim remains to provide officers with the opportunity of competing in the best traditions of the amateur game.

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The 1st and 2nd teams enter AFA cup competitions, and the highlight of the Crusaders' season is the annual Easter tour to the Liverpool Ramblers festival.

Anyone interested in joining should contact club secretary Maj Alan Singer on Andover Military 2248 or 0264 382549.

## Infantry tap in to sink medics

Infantry 3,  
AMS 2

ARMY Medical Services opened the scoring when Cpl Kenny Pereira took advantage of a square Infantry defence.

WO2 David Matthews (LI) equalised following a goal-mouth scramble and LCpl Pete Tagg restored the AMS

lead shortly before halftime when he rose unchallenged to head home from a corner.

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