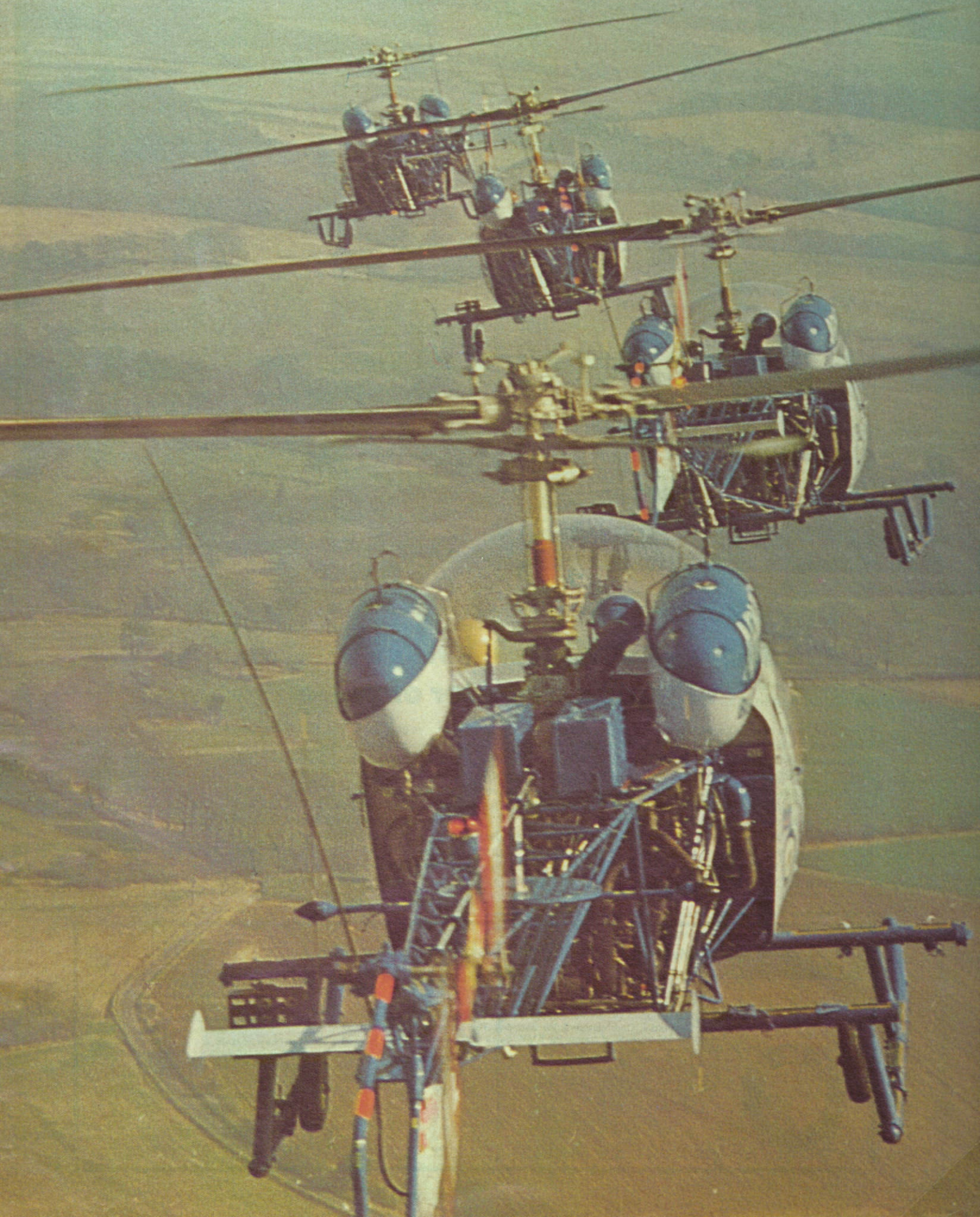


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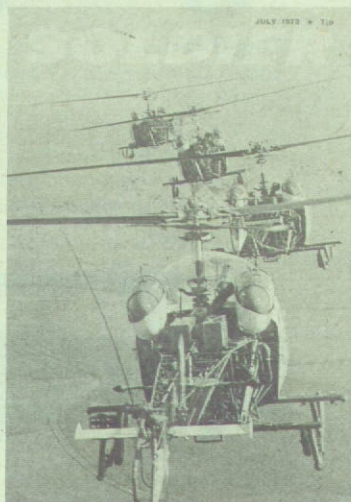
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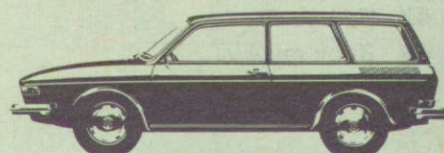
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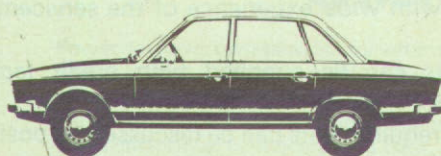
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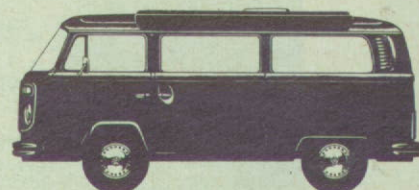
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JULY 1973

- Regiments of Lancashire military exhibition, Towneley Hall Museum, Burnley (to 30 September).
- 7 Military Musical Pageant, Wembley Stadium (in aid of Army Benevolent Fund).
- 7 Exeter Air Day (Blue Eagles).
- 9 Lambeth (London) Safety Exhibition (RA motorcyclists) (and 11 July).
- 10 Great Yorkshire Show, Harrogate (band) (10-12 July).
- 10 **Queen presents new Colours to 1st Battalion, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Edinburgh.**
- 11 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 11 Royal Tournament (11-28 July).
- 11 Massed bands display, Royal School of Artillery, Larkhill.
- 12 Folkestone Tattoo (12-14 July).
- 13 Finchley Carnival (band, corps displays) (13-14 July).
- 13 Pudsey Show, Leeds (band) (13-14 July).
- 13 Kirkby Show, Liverpool (band) (13-14 July).
- 13 Masham Traction Engine Rally (band) (13-16 July).
- 13 Nottingham Festival (band) (13-16 July).
- 13 **Newport, Mon, Carnival (White Helmets 15 July) (13-15 July).**
- 14 Hillingdon Carnival (corps displays).
- 14 Basingstoke Tattoo.
- 14 Artillery Day, Larkhill.
- 14 Plymouth Air Show (band).
- 14 **At Home, Royal Corps of Transport, Buller Barracks, Aldershot.**
- 14 **Old Colours, 1st Battalion, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, laid up, Stirling Castle.**
- 14 Weston-super-Mare Dairy Festival (bands) (14-21 July).
- 14 Open Day, 38 Engineer Regiment, Ripon.
- 14 Calne Carnival (band, arena display).
- 14 Welwyn Garden City Carnival (band).
- 17 East of England Show (bands) (17-18 July).
- 18 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 19 Liverpool Show (bands, RA motorcyclists, Household Cavalry musical ride) (19-21 July).
- 20 Teesside Show (band) (20-23 July).
- 20 Lakeland Rose Show, Holker Hall (band) (20-21 July).
- 21 Stroud Show (band).
- 21 Bristol 600 (21 July-12 August) (King's Troop RHA 6-11 August, Red Devils 21-26 July, White Helmets 6-11 August).
- 22 Corby Highland Show (band).
- 22 **Festival of military music, Plymouth (22-28 July).**
- 23 Wigan Display (bands, RA motorcyclists) (23-24 July).
- 25 Driffield Show (band).
- 26 Manchester Flower Show (band, Red Devils, RA motorcyclists) (27-28 July).
- 26 St. Helens Show (bands, Red Devils, White Helmets) (26-28 July).
- 27 Northampton Show (band) (27-28 July).
- 28 Oldham Carnival (Red Devils).
- 28 Open Day, Rifle Depot, Royal Green Jackets, Winchester.
- 28 Army Air Day, Middle Wallop.
- 29 Gloucester Carnival (band) (29 July-10 August).
- 29 Open Day, RAC Centre, Bovington.
- 29 Tyneside Summer Exhibition (bands) (30 July-5 August).
- 31 Royal Lancashire Show (band, Red Devils) (31 July-2 August).



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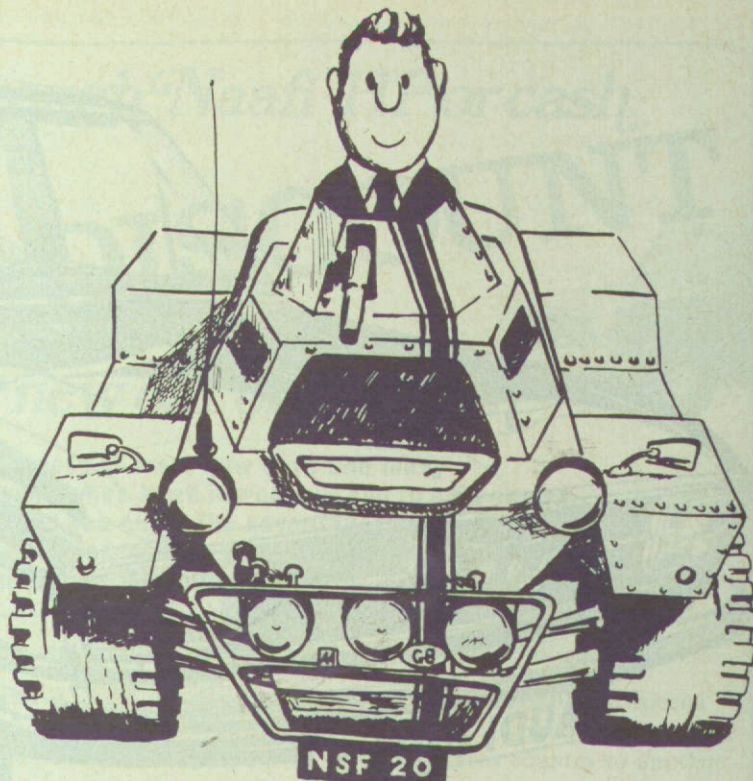
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- 1 Rutland County Show (band).
- 2 Hull Show (band) (2-4 August).
- 3 Cardiff Searchlight Tattoo (3-11 August).
- 4 Open Day, Light Infantry Depot, Shrewsbury.
- 7 Bingley Show (band) (7-8 August).
- 9 Darlington Army Week (band) (9-19 August).
- 15 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 17 Shrewsbury Musical and Floral Fête (bands).
- 17 Edinburgh Tattoo (17 August-8 September).
- 18 Crewe Carnival (band) (18-19 August).
- 18 Pontypool Carnival (Red Devils).
- 18 Friern Barnet Show (corps displays).
- 19 Hartlepool Show (band).
- 22 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 23 Southport Flower Show (band, Red Devils) (23-26 August).
- 24 Bebington Carnival, Wirral (band, Red Devils) (24-26 August).
- 24 Leeds Gala (band) (24-27 August).
- 25 Harlow Show (RA motorcyclists).
- 25 Guards Association Gala and Sports Day, Standish, Wigan (band, displays).
- 26 Aylsham Show (band).
- 27 Swansea Carnival (Red Devils).
- 27 North East Hants Agricultural Show, Alton (RA motorcyclists).
- 27 Rotary Bank Holiday Fair, Palatine Park, Worthing (band, Black Knights freefall team).
- 28 City of Leicester Show (band) (28-29 August).
- 29 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 29 Sheffield Show (band) (29 August-1 September).
- 31 Keighley Show (band) (31 August- 1 September).

SEPTEMBER 1973

- 1 Edmonton Carnival (corps displays).
- 2 Historic Military Vehicles Rally, Waltham St Lawrence, Maidenhead (RA motorcyclists).
- 2 Hinckley Steam Fair (band).
- 5 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 7 Blackburn Army Display (7-9 September).
- 9 Burma Star Association Military and Flying Display, Waterbeach Barracks, Cambridge.
- 10 DLI Festival, Co Durham (10-12 September).
- 12 Kneller Hall grand (band) final concert.
- 13 Cambrian March (13-16 September).
- 13 Kendal Gathering (band) (13-15 September).
- 15 Welwyn Garden City Water Festival (band).
- 15 Ringwood (Hampshire) Carnival (RA motorcyclists).
- 23 Paignton Army Display (RCT, RAC) (23-25 September).
- 28 City of Leicester Show (band).

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- 4 Berlin Tattoo (4-6 November).
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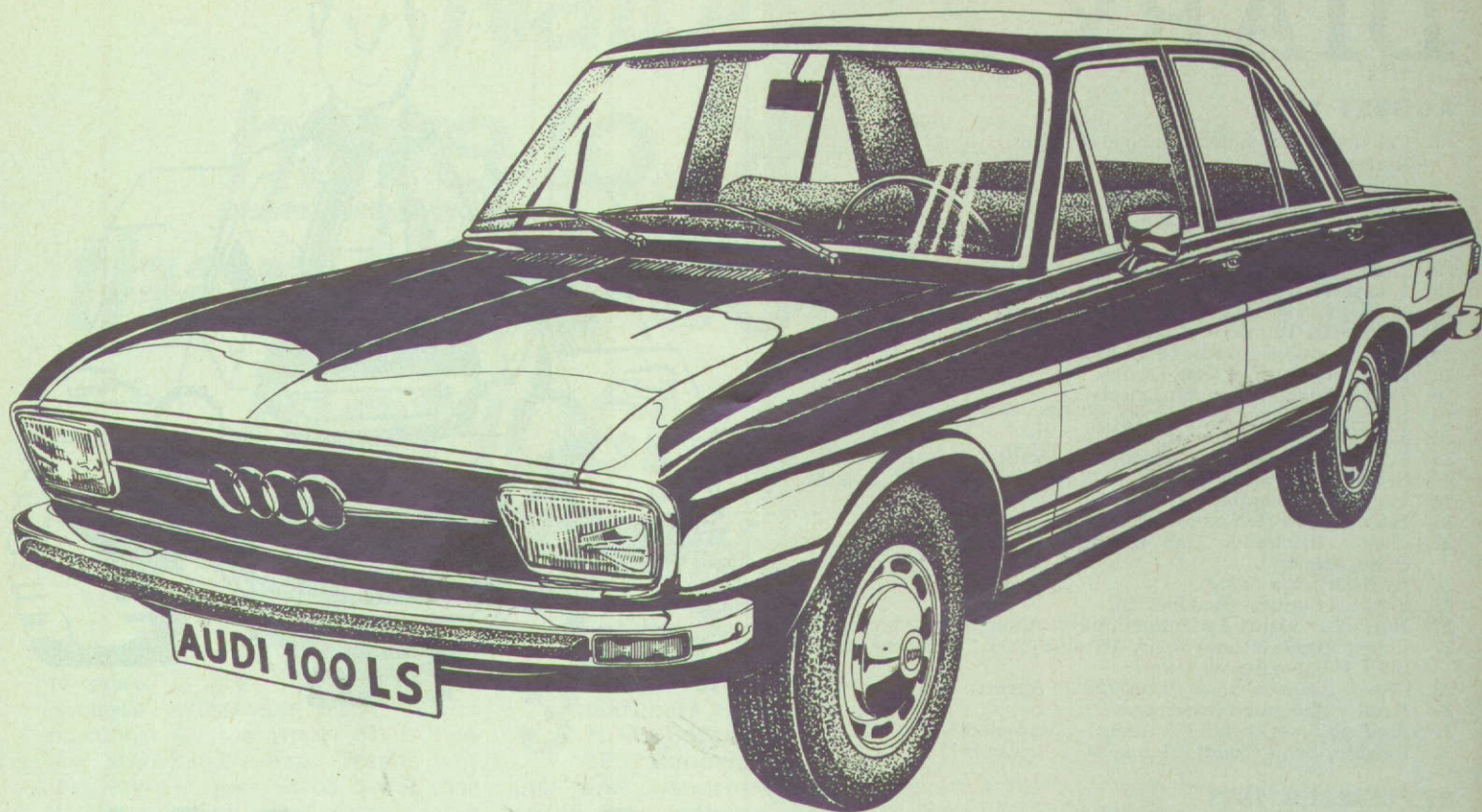
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Northern Ireland has brought conflict to the doorstep in the familiar and understandable surroundings of streets and houses and with it a daily reminder via the vast coverage by Press, radio and television. On occasion it is the antithesis of the Army's conscious effort over the years to "keep in the public eye"—it becomes an embarrassment to cope with the ubiquitous camera, the forward-thrust microphone and the hovering notebook while watching an incident and issuing orders.

From the tragedy of Northern Ireland the British soldier emerges with all the credit expected of his representation of three centuries of chivalry and bravery and of his standing as a professional, comparatively recently sought and earned. "The Professionals" sums up the soldier of the Seventies—a man more highly trained than ever before handling increasingly complicated equipment—and reflects some of the many changes that have taken place within the Army in even the last decade.

Because they have been neither dramatic nor overnight, these changes have eluded the spotlight but gradually the soldier has become more and more accepted by and integrated into the civilian community. He has earned gratitude and goodwill from the many small projects which have given practical help to organisations and communities, not least in strife-torn Northern Ireland. And despite the manpower limitations imposed by the province on an Army reduced at a time when this commitment was not foreseen, the soldier is increasingly seen and in demand at tattoos, displays, open days, carnivals and fêtes. This month, for instance, there is hardly a day when the Army is not on show—on a Saturday in at least 20 different places—and at all these events public interest continues to grow. Individually the British soldier is on terms with his civilian counterpart. His pay is related to civilian jobs, he can enjoy a high standard of living and his qualifications, increasingly being recognised by outside bodies, are standing him in better stead on return to civilian life.

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Two sets of drums in the museum of The Suffolk Regiment are typical of this *esprit de corps*. Rather than let them fall into enemy hands a tenor and a side drum belonging to the 1st Battalion were hidden during the 1940 withdrawal from Dunkirk in a factory at Roubaix. Later they were moved to safer hiding places across the border in Belgium where they remained four years until the liberation—one concealed in a hay loft, the other in a lady's hat box.

The second set of three side and two tenors belonging to The Cambridgeshire Regiment, which was a Territorial affiliate of the Suffolks, was used in the fighting at Singapore. When the city fell to the Japanese in February 1942 the drums were buried by men of the regiment. Three years later they were found in a copse by a Miss Taylor, of Dullingham, near Newmarket, who arranged for them to be shipped to England and returned to the Cambridgeshires, who lost 760 men killed or wounded at Singapore. Today those drums are never played. They remain a silent memorial to all those British soldiers who fought and died for their country in the Far East.

The ground floor of the museum and a long, well-lit upper gallery house many exhibits connected with the history of regular battalions of The Suffolk Regiment, as well as Militia, Volunteer, Territorial and war-time battalions. The museum also has a number of exhibits relating to The Cambridgeshire Regiment.

Weapons on display range from a wheel-lock musket of 1680 vinatge to the Bren and Sten automatic guns of World War Two. Among the swords are some pre-1880 examples of those worn by bandmen and drummers and there is a splendid drum-

major's belt bearing the rare E VIII R cypher in silver.

The various types of dress to be seen include an officer's mess jacket of 1830 and a perfectly preserved greatcoat of about the same period. A replica of the uniform worn by a private in the Grenadier company of the regiment at the battle of Minden on 1 August 1759 is interesting in that the mitre cap has the regimental number XII at the back and the white horse of Hanover in front.

With a few exceptions the medals in the museum's collection, which includes one struck to commemorate the battle of the Boyne in 1690, have been awarded to members of the regiment, and every campaign in which the Suffolks have fought since the battle of Seringapatam is represented.

The rich display of regimental silver includes a Queen Anne cruet set which once belonged to Colonel Scipio Durore, who was perhaps the regiment's most renowned commander, and two quaint silver biscuit tins fashioned from Colour casing tops. It was under Scipio Durore's motto of "Stabilis" ("Steady") that the 12th of Foot fought at Dettingen and at Fontenoy, where Durore was mortally wounded.

Souvenirs of World Wars One and Two, an old Army bicycle belonging to the 1st/6th Cyclist Battalion, still with its original divisional markings on the rear mudguard, a collection of skill-at-arms badges, a helio signalling lamp and hundreds of nostalgic photographs in albums are among the museum's many other attractions.

Of interest to military historians and researchers are the archives and a useful library. These are not on public display but are available for reference. The archives contain documents connected with the regiment dating back to 1687—two years after it was raised as part of the army formed by James II to meet the Monmouth rebellion.

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Left: The white horse of Hanover is a prominent feature of the grenadier's mitre cap.

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Twenty years ago this month the **Korean War** ended. In a bitter three years, the ideological clash of East and West swung from north to south of a divided nation, from south to north, to south again, ending in territorial stalemate . . .

... back at the 38th Parallel



FOR five years the forces of the Western world and the Communist bloc had eyed each other warily and engaged in a series of moves and counter-moves in Greece, Berlin, Malaya and elsewhere. But on 25 June 1950, in a little-known former Japanese colony, the Cold War suddenly became white-hot . . . the Korean War had begun.

On that day the news crackled over millions of radio sets in Britain . . . North Korean forces had advanced over the 38th Parallel into South Korea. That there should be two Koreas at all was a historical chance. When Japan surrendered in World War Two, the North came under Soviet dominance and the South under the Western powers . . . with customary arbitrary finesse the 38th Parallel was fixed as the dividing line.

During the next few days Korea, a country seldom in the headlines hitherto, dominated the newspapers as the relentless Communist advance continued against outnumbered and ill-equipped South Korean forces. Each day the maps showed the portion of Korea still in Southern hands as a little smaller. On 28 June the capital city of Seoul fell and the Reds began the drive to the southern port of Pusan.

Meanwhile the United Nations Security Council met and in the absence of the Soviet Union voted to assist the South Koreans. American troops were ordered to the theatre on 30 June and the 24th

Infantry Division was the first in. But for the first few weeks of July its record was a dismal one as the battle-hardened North Koreans endeavoured to push the Americans off the peninsula.

Soon the defenders were penned into a small perimeter around Pusan while other United Nations countries prepared to join the beleaguered Americans and South Koreans. From Hong Kong, 1st Battalion, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders,

The United Nations countries who had troops in action during the Korean War were South Korea, United States, United Kingdom, Turkey, Canada, Australia, France, Thailand, Greece, Holland, Colombia, Ethiopia, Belgium, Luxembourg, The Philippines, and New Zealand. South Africa provided air units which fought alongside the air forces of other nations. Medical units were provided by Norway, Sweden, India and Denmark. A hospital came from Italy, even though Italy was not a member of the United Nations.

and 1st Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment, were the first British arrivals.

Former SOLDIER feature writer Richard Elley, who was on the quayside at Kowloon when the battalions sailed, described it as an old-fashioned departure the like of which had not been seen since the Boer War. The Argylls had their own pipe band to play them on board, the 1st Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, provided another pipe band and the band

of 1st Battalion, The Royal Leicestershire Regiment, also joined the send-off.

On 1 September the North Koreans launched an all-out offensive to sweep the allies into the sea before any more reinforcements arrived. Seven days later the first British soldier was killed in action.

Only a week later the whole course of the war changed when American Marines headed a seaborne invasion of Inchon, only a few miles from Seoul. Soon the capital had been recaptured and the Pusan defenders were breaking out of the perimeter within which they had been trapped. A link-up followed and the North Koreans were on the run.

SOLDIER recorded, optimistically as it turned out, that British reinforcements were on their way to Korea by sea in a mood of anti-climax. They included 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment; 1st Battalion, The Royal Ulster Rifles; 55 Independent Squadron, Royal Engineers, and 444 Forward Delivery Squadron, Royal Armoured Corps.

In early October, with the remnants of the invading North Koreans streaming back towards the 38th Parallel, a new voice was heard—that of the infant Communist China, who declared that she would intervene if United Nations troops crossed the Parallel in force.

Notwithstanding this, UN troops crossed the border on 9 October. The men of 27th Commonwealth Brigade (Argylls,



Above left: A cold comfort for the United Nations troops is offered by a welcome to a city of ruins. Note knocked out UN tank.

Above: Royal Australian Regiment soldiers dug in amid snow and slush as they provide covering fire for their comrades close by.

Below: Wounded and weak through starvation, an American soldier is helped by an Aussie after his release from captivity.



Middlesex and Royal Australian regiments) were attached to the American First Cavalry Division in the breakneck thrust to the north. The British drive to the north-west continued on foot when the mines began to thicken and the Commonwealth Brigade seized the town of Sariwon, advancing 50 miles in 24 hours and taking the enemy by surprise in the streets and houses.

The North Korean capital of Pyongyang fell to the First American Division and a Korean division on 19 October. About this time the Argylls had an odd experience, when, using captured vehicles, they ran into some North Koreans and were mistaken for liberating Russians!

But as the border with Manchuria neared, the war went into another of its massive about-turns. The Red Chinese poured over the border and, as the American and South Koreans retreated, men of the 27th Commonwealth Brigade and the newly arrived 29th British Infantry Brigade took on the proud role of rearguard. For the 29th it was a move north as the rest of the traffic headed south to regroup.

Said a SOLDIER report: "In the knife-like winds the Argylls, the Middlesex and the Australians dug in on the snowy ridges and with mortars and machine-guns sought to frustrate the enemy's ambushing of the long southbound columns . . . It was a new kind of warfare with which the allies were faced; the

swarming by night of thousands upon thousands of the enemy, silently and on foot, over the hills and down the defiles . . . And infiltration was not the only threat; there was frontal assault in suicide waves when the enemy tacticians so decided and many American units paid a heavy toll."

With the Chinese advance had come the terrible cold of the Korean winter, the first of three winters in which the allies would be battling. But notwithstanding the fact that shaving brushes usually froze in their hands, the Commonwealth soldiers always shaved and always looked like soldiers.

Pyeongyang fell to the Communists in early December and the United Nations forces regrouped near the 38th Parallel. But an all-out offensive by the Chinese on New Year's Day was successful and on 4 January Seoul was retaken by the Reds. It was the middle of January before this offensive was halted.

Soon the tide turned yet again and, in the middle of March, Seoul changed hands for the fourth time and the UN forces headed for the 38th Parallel. Spring had arrived and the bitter cold had been replaced by stifling heat (there are few in-betweens in Korea.)

It was a long hard slog back to the Parallel. Sometimes a hill, like the Gloucesters' Hill 327, fell after a sharp struggle and at other times the attackers had a walk-over. The campaign was being fought with the



oldest and the newest weapons. Probably the oldest was the bayonet while among the newest was the Centurion tank.

On 23 April the Chinese launched another offensive. The Battle of the Imjin River, the most famous of the whole war, was on. The 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment, was dug in on hill positions overlooking the river. On its left were South Korean troops; on the right The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers; behind them a Belgian battalion and The Royal Ulster Rifles.

A Gloucesters patrol sent down to the river ferry found the far bank alive with Chinese. The enemy began to wade the river and was engaged with mortars and artillery fire until the Imjin ran red—but still they came on.

The next morning it was clear that the Gloucesters were in trouble. The enemy had infiltrated around them so the three leading companies fell back to form a "box" on the hills covering brigade headquarters—itsself being mortared and raked by machine-gun fire.

The Chinese continued their assaults despite the heroic defence and support from fighter bombers. One by one the companies were over-run and the survivors

Left: Centurion tanks of the 8th Hussars in the streets of Seoul pulling back in retreat to a position south of Korea's Han River.

Below: British Commandos plant demolition charges on a North Korean railway track. This disrupted important enemy supplies.



were pulled back into an ever-tighter box. The battle continued for three days in fought as riflemen.

The piles of Chinese dead grew higher but the Gloucesters' toll was also heavy and eventually Lieutenant-Colonel J P Carne ordered his officers to form the men into individual combat teams and try to regain brigade lines. He himself stayed behind with 200 wounded men and was taken prisoner-of-war.

Even then the Gloucesters' agony was not over. They had to run a gauntlet of Chinese and of the main party of 90 escapers only 40 got through, of whom only 16 were unwounded.

Some days later the survivors held a service in honour of the dead and this was soon followed by another ceremony in which General James Van Fleet, commanding the United States Eighth Army in Korea, presented America's highest military honour—the Presidential Unit Citation—to the Gloucesters and to C Troop of 170 Independent Mortar Battery, Royal Artillery. In the citation the hill's defenders were described as "those indomitable, resolute, tenacious, soldiers who fought back with unsurpassed fortitude and courage . . . without a thought of defeat or surrender . . . their heroic stand provided the critically needed time to regroup."

At the same time as the Gloucesters' stand, the 3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment and 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Light Infantry, from Canada, were engaged in the Battle of Kapyong. Their



American infantrymen in front-line action as they fire a recoilless rifle at heavy enemy troop concentrations during the war.

Four VCs

The proud name of the "Glorious Glosters" is often the first to spring to mind when talk turns to the Korean War so it is no surprise that one of the four Victoria Crosses awarded during the campaign went to **Lieutenant-Colonel J P Carne**, commanding 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment.

Throughout the battle of Imjin River, the colonel moved among his battalion, contemptuous of withering and accurate fire and inspiring confidence and a will to resist among his men. In the words of his citation he showed "powers of leadership which can seldom have been surpassed in the history of our Army."

Lieutenant Philip Curtis, a platoon commander in 1st Battalion, The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, was posthumously awarded the VC for his "magnificent conduct throughout this bitter battle" on 22 and 23 April, 1951. Lieutenant Curtis led his tiny force across open ground where withering machine-gun fire soon claimed three dead and four wounded. Then he himself was hit twice. He refused medical attention and staggered on to within a few yards of the enemy machine-gun post in a lone charge. The grenade he hurled silenced the gun, but not before it had poured its last burst into his dying body.

Major Kenny Muir, second-in-com-

mand of 1st Battalion, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, was also awarded the VC after his death in action in September 1950. The battalion had wrested Hill 282 from North Korean troops and was holding on when American aircraft mistakenly rained machine-gun fire and napalm bombs on the hill. Major Muir and some 30 others escaped but hurled themselves back after the air strike. Only 14 men were on their feet when the position was retaken and when Major Muir's Sten gun ammunition was spent, he seized a two-inch mortar and fired it at close range. Two machine-gun bursts hit him but even as he was being carried down the hill he continued to shout encouragement to his men. His last words were: "The gooks will never drive the Argylls off this hill."

As Guy Fawkes Day, 1951, dawned, Chinese attackers suffered the fatal effects of a "firework" display by the runner of B Company, 1st Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, in defence of Hill 355.

Private William Speakman, The Black Watch, six feet six inches tall and weighing fifteen and a half stones, was a man slow to anger. The relentless pounding of Chinese artillery finally ground down his patience and on his own initiative he gathered up a dozen hand grenades and charged into the fray alone. Others joined him as he returned for more ammunition. He led some 15 charges in all and was awarded the VC.

success and the subsequent blunting of the Red offensive led to another Presidential Citation.

Soon after this, military history was made by the formation of 1st Commonwealth Division, United Nations Forces. It included 28th and 29th British Brigades, 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade; 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment; 16 Field Regiment, Royal New Zealand Artillery; and 60 Indian Field Ambulance.

Things were quieter as the first anniversary of the war passed. By July the United Nations held a firm line near to the 38th Parallel and on 10 July truce talks began—talks which were to drag on for more than two years. First agreement, after three months, was to regard the current battle line as the demarcation line—thus introducing a virtual stalemate.

Although the battle-line had changed little in the weeks before the snow returned, British units of the Commonwealth Division took part in some heavy fighting. The King's Own Scottish Borderers were attacked by thousands of Chinese and on their flanks the Australians and The King's Shropshire Light Infantry also came under sharp attack which they were able to hold. Men of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment, making their Korean battle debut, counter-attacked in an attempt to force the Chinese from their newly won positions. They reached some of their objectives but, heavily outnumbered, eventually had to fall back. However, the 28th Brigade line was stabilised.



Above: United States Marines give a bumpy ride to prisoners during a "mopping up" operation by patrols around Kimpo airfield. Left: British troops try to rest in wintry conditions. Many of them were doing their National Service during the Korean conflict.



A few days later the Communists attacked again and once more the Borderers, the Leicesters and the Shropshires engaged in fierce action. The enemy was repulsed.

The war was now at a lull. British troops huddled in their foxholes in their new winter kit which, it was reported, was well up to promised standards, and for the next 18 months the Korean war gradually faded from the world's Press headlines. Occasional actions and flare-ups appeared, were noted and disappeared. It was stalemate with a vengeance. Meanwhile the peace talks dragged on.

Given a breathing space, the United Nations soldiers proceeded to make themselves more comfortable. In a typical battalion "village" occupied by The Royal Norfolk Regiment, SOLDIER found underground messes, shower baths, electric light, a radio system and a telephone exchange connecting with any unit in the 1st Commonwealth Division.

What action there was consisted of a series of battles for various hills. One of the most famous that autumn was for "The Hook," a strategically important ridge about 30 miles north of Seoul. Taking over from the American Marines, who had repelled one assault on it, were The Black Watch. Two days after taking over, the Jocks, while still digging in, were faced with a surprise attack. For several nights the Chinese probed the position and then came their big assault.

It began with intense artillery preparation during which the Chinese came on through their own barrage. There was nothing The Black Watch could do except keep their heads down and when the



A British Churchill tank moving through the gates of the walled city of Suwon during an advance northwards by United Nations troops.

barrage stopped the position was already overrun by Chinese.

Hand-to-hand fighting followed, using bayonets and grenades; one Jock, out of ammunition, picked up a spade and killed two Chinese with it. The assault was borne principally by one company which then adopted a Chinese trick of retiring into tunnels it had built into the hillside and bringing down artillery fire on to its own positions.

Eventually the Chinese attack was broken with The Black Watch in triumphant possession. It was estimated that 14,000 shells and mortar bombs had fallen into the Hook in one night.

Peace seemed no nearer and yet, in April 1953, came an event which should have been seen as a forerunner of a settlement. In an exchange of sick and wounded prisoners around 15,500 Communists were traded for fewer than 700 United Nations men. The same month found The Black Watch back on the Hook, defending it in the third major battle for the hill. Once again the Chinese failed. Next tenants of the notorious Hook were men of 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and they too were hammered mercilessly but held out, despite 126 men killed and wounded.

Then, on 27 July 1953, an armistice was finally signed. SOLDIER said that the list of dead, wounded and missing during the three years represented "a memorable tale of bravery and tragedy."

For the next 20 years (and who knows how many more?) the forces of East and West were to face each other across the border between the two Koreas. But the stage for the next confrontation between two opposing political systems would be elsewhere—in Korea the status quo had been restored.

Below: Men of the United States First Marine Division dash for cover during a Communist attack. Troops of 16 nations fought with UN.



The headquarters and major units which served with the British Commonwealth land forces in Korea from 1950 to 1953 were:

Headquarters: 27th and 28th Commonwealth infantry brigades, 29th British Infantry Brigade, 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade, 1st Commonwealth Division.

Armour: 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars; C Squadron, 7th Royal Tank Regiment; 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards; B and C squadrons, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Canadian Army).

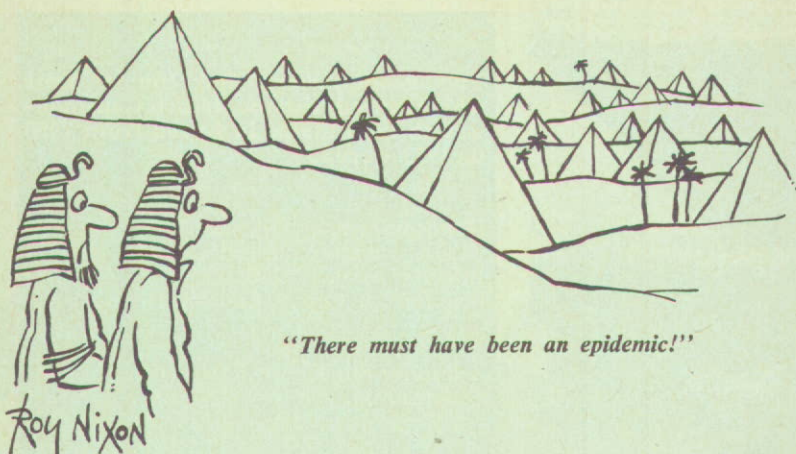
Artillery: 14, 20, 42 and 45 field regiments; 11 (Independent), 42 and 120 light anti-aircraft batteries, 170 Independent Mortar Battery, Royal Artillery; 16 Field Regiment, Royal New Zealand Artillery; 1st and 2nd regiments, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery; 81 Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery.

Infantry (in order of arrival): 1st Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment; 1st Battalion, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment; 1st Battalion, The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers; 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment; 1st Battalion, The Royal Ulster Rifles; 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry; 1st Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers; 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment; 2nd Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment; 1st Battalion, The King's Shropshire Light Infantry; 1st Battalion, The Royal Norfolk Regiment; 1st Battalion, The Royal Leicestershire Regiment; 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry; 1st Battalion, The Welch Regiment; 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment; 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment; 1st Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment; 1st Battalion, The Black Watch; 1st Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers; 1st Battalion, The Durham Light Infantry; 1st Battalion, The King's Regiment; 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry; 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment; 3rd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment; 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment; 3rd Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment; 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots; 1st Battalion, The Essex Regiment; 1st Battalion, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment; 1st Battalion, The King's Own Royal Regiment; 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch of Canada; 1st Battalion, The North Staffordshire Regiment.

Engineers (in order of arrival): 55 Field Squadron; 57 Canadian Independent Field Squadron; 28 Field Engineer Regiment; 64 Field Park Squadron.

Signals: 1st Commonwealth Division Signals Regiment.

Medical (in order of arrival): 60 (Para) Indian Field Ambulance, 26 Field Ambulance, 25 Field Ambulance, 25 Canadian Field Dressing Station, 37 Field Ambulance, 38 Field Ambulance.



Roy Nixon

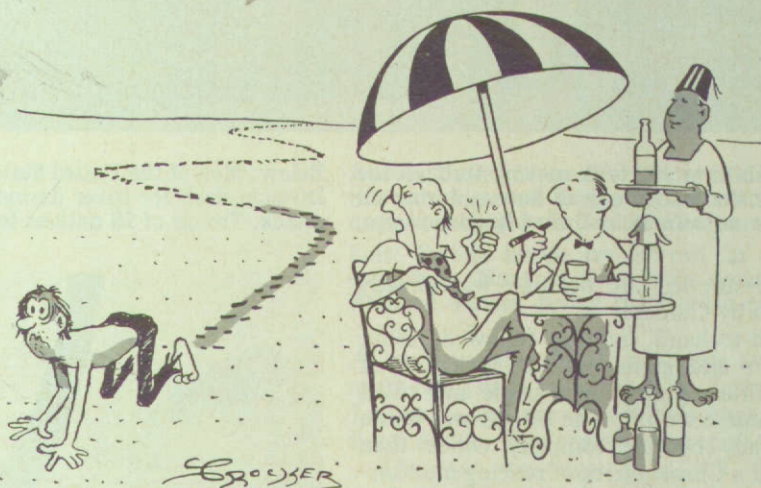
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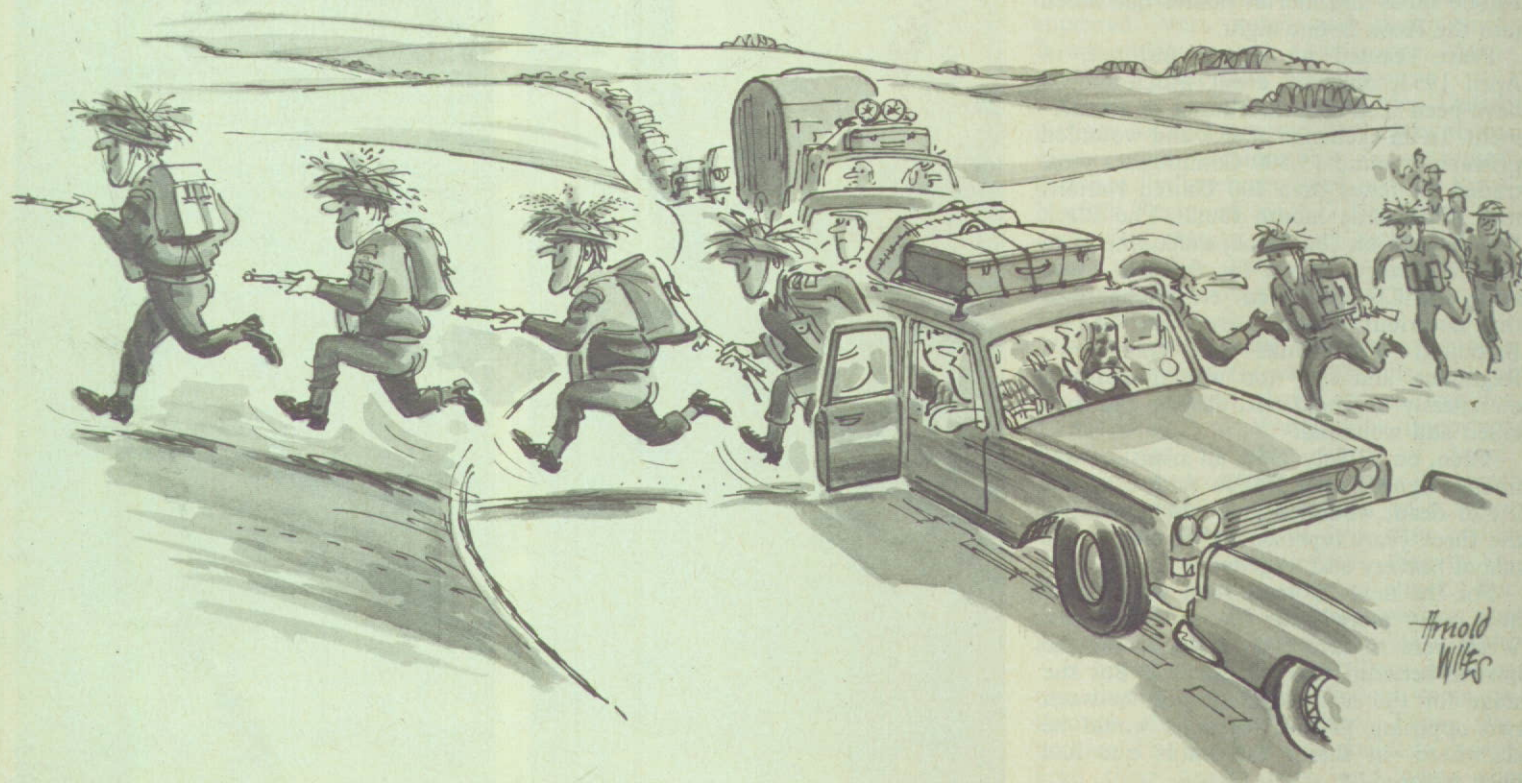
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"We're too close to the front for my comfort..."



"That's the third that's passed this week—I suppose they take us for a mirage!"



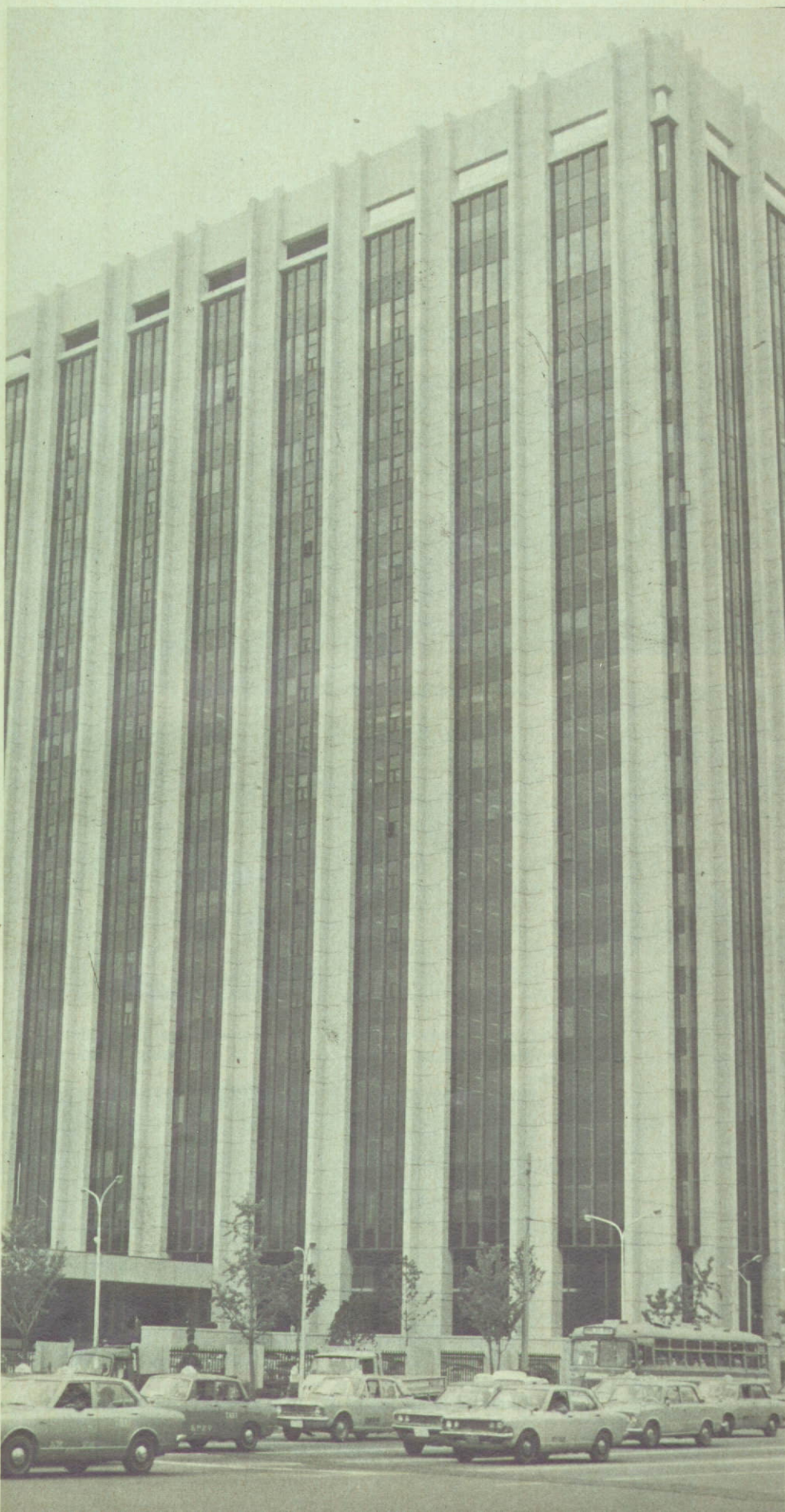
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REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Story by John Walton

Pictures by Martin Adam

The changing face of Seoul. Right: One of the pavilions in the Secret Garden, a fairy tale park in the city centre and (below) a new office block.



THE JAPAN OF THE 1980's?

THE British Korean War veteran stood outside his Seoul hotel, took a deep breath and pulled a wry face. "That's it—the smell of Korea," he declared, still wrinkling his nose.

Truth to tell, those somewhat insanitary farmyard-style smells which evidently characterised Korea in the fifties have long gone. Today the city of Seoul is a brash modern metropolis with new buildings and roads rising almost daily and Korean dress and customs rapidly vanishing into a concrete environment of the seventies. But old memories die hard.

When Korea was divided at the end of World War Two, following Japanese relinquishment of a country it had treated as a colony and attempted to "Japanise," the bulk of the country's industry was in the Soviet-dominated northern half. The economy of South Korea was agricultural, based mainly on rice.

Today, new industry has mushroomed and a network of good roads exists including an excellent 270-mile motorway linking Seoul with the port of Pusan (now spelt Busan) at the southern tip of the peninsula.

Life for the average Korean city dweller is becoming more westernised by the day. The dwindling band of old men with long wispy beards and conical hats is witnessing a transformation which has caused some informed observers to predict that South Korea will be the Japan of the 1980s.

Yet for the Korean many of the elementary freedoms which the West takes for granted are still not possible. The divided country lives in a state of perpetual alert, with two armed camps facing each other and the prospect of a second Korean War never far from the horizon. Recently there



Above: Aggressive pose from ROK troops during infantry drill.



Like marines everywhere the Koreans are tremendously fit. Weight lifting is a popular way of increasing muscle power.



Above: Korean family life in a remote rural village. Left: Tae Kwon Do, the Korean defensive exercise, is used throughout the Korean army. Here a soldier takes a flying kick to head height.

have been signs of an easing of tension but vigilance has not been relaxed.

In Seoul the midnight curfew is in force. At five minutes to 12 the Western visitor is astonished to see hundreds of Koreans literally running to reach their homes before the witching hour. The period before midnight is a mad cacophony of sound as taxis roar to deliver their fares and reach shelter in time. Talk about Cinderella!

There is no doubt that the Republic of Korea is determined that never again will, what it refers to as "the Pyongyang régime," be able to launch a sneak attack. More than 600,000 South Koreans are permanently under arms, three-quarters of them ground troops, while a reserve of two million part-time soldiers is always at the ready.

Two years ago American troops were pulled back from the frontier apart from a small forward element in the Panmunjom area. Their places were taken by Republic of Korea soldiers and today the responsibility for guarding the 150-mile frontier rests with the Koreans themselves although 40,000 Americans are still in the country.

The South Korean soldier of 1973 is vastly different from the ill-prepared and ill-equipped troops who were routed by the Communists in 1950. Contrary to most Western expectations he is tall—often well over six feet. He uses American equipment and wears American-style uniform but when it comes to drill the Korean soldier adds his own touch of the East, employing raised fists, slogan-chanting and top-notch precision.

These soldiers are handy men to have around. Their skill in unarmed combat stems from a knowledge of a traditional Korean defence art—Tae Kwon Do—which the Koreans modestly describe as "like karate but much, much better." Tae Kwon Do, the more advanced exponents of which can easily break bricks with their hands, is an art which is rapidly spreading. Every Korean conscript is trained to carry out at least the basic defensive motions.

In Vietnam the Koreans earned a harsh reputation. Their answer to critics is that the area which their crack troops administered was completely free of Viet Cong. The Korean soldier often smiles—but behind the smile is a determination and sense of purpose which bodes ill for any would-be aggressor.

Down in the south, near the perimeter where United Nations forces finally ground the Red advance to a halt, is a hill. Known in British military history as Middlesex Hill, it was one of the first pieces of ground to fall to The Middlesex Regiment when the United Nations forces burst out of the perimeter.

Nestling in the shadow of Middlesex Hill is Han Gae, a village where the traditional Korean rural life lives on, where Seoul is only a name and the visit of a SOLDIER team is a major event.

A middle-aged villager was eager to talk about the war. Through an interpreter he recalled: "The North Koreans came to this village and they made us carry food and supplies. Anyone who refused was immediately shot. On a hill not far from here many soldiers were killed. After the North Koreans left we went to the hill and found many bodies of troops with long boots (UN). Some of our neighbouring villages were burned out. . . ."

Behind the thatched wattle huts so reminiscent of Africa stood a series of more imposing buildings with traditional pagoda-style roofs. The village policeman explained that the complex was called "The House of Twelve Gates."

During the Yi Dynasty, which ended with the Japanese conquest and subsequent annexation in 1910, the head of the family was a cabinet minister. Today his descendants of all ages still live in a tranquil timeless way in their beautiful homes with secluded gardens and rare ornamental trees on every side.

The warmth of the greeting which these Korean people gave to perhaps their first English visitors for 20 years was one which will leave a lasting impression. In a matter of minutes the ladies had prepared a feast of traditional Korean food including the famous kimchi, a peppery fermented pickle. Rice wine was produced and poured from a china teapot, including a highly charged wine specially reserved for very important visitors.

Later there was a conducted tour of the buildings. One house, with only an inside gate, originally housed the young ladies who, in a form of purdah, were allowed out only with their faces covered.

In another house an old man sat, his face weathered by time, but with an indescribable aura of wisdom surrounding him. At his side was a pile of ancient Korean books; his grandson said that many years ago the old scholar had taught Korean history to the villagers.

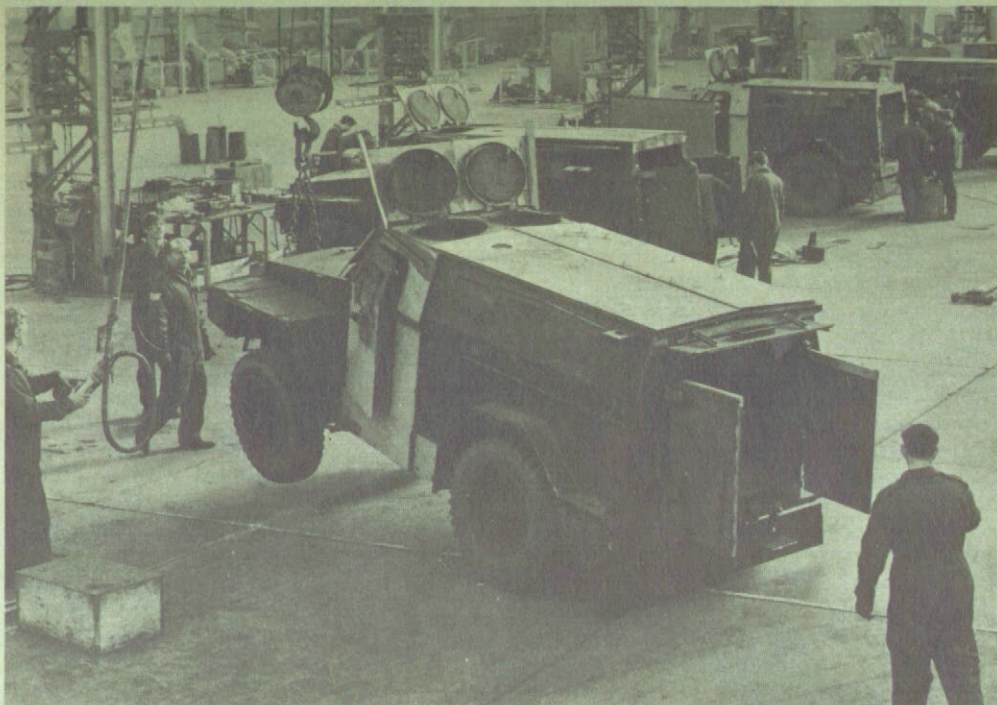
All too soon it was back to the more mundane delights of American Army Camp Carroll and modern, neon-lit Seoul. But for a moment the burgeoning economy of 1973 Korea had been eclipsed by a glimpse of how the country got its original name—"the land of the morning calm."

Next month SOLDIER concludes its appraisal of modern Korea with a visit to the demilitarized zone, a look at the Commonwealth Liaison Mission and the story of the USA Camp Carroll Army Depot near Taegu.

When Lieutenant Paul Filler headed the British contingent to the United Nations Honour Guard for the first time it was a poignant occasion for him. For on the same day 20 years earlier his father, Major Roland Filler, was a company commander with The King's Regiment (Liverpool) fighting in the last battle of the Hook. "It seems odd that I should be in the same country at exactly the same time of year 20 years later," said Lieutenant Filler, who led a platoon from 1st Battalion, The King's Regiment, taking over honour guard duties from The Black Watch.

An 89-year-old scholar sits serenely in his house surrounded by ancient Korean books. His memories go back to before the Japanese came.

“... If we can save one bloke's life it is worth while”



A "pig" with a ring through its nose is towed into place for work to be done on its hide.

Story by John Walton
Pictures by Arthur Blundell

“PIGS” WITH THICKER HIDES

AFTER months of hush-hush strengthening work in Army workshops throughout the United Kingdom the "pigs" of Northern Ireland now have thicker hides. As a result of this operation, soldiers patrolling Ulster streets in "pigs" (one-ton armoured personnel carriers) now have improved protection against IRA weapons.

The 500 "pigs" on duty in the province were brought back to England in batches and dispersed to several Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers workshops where the conversion was mainly carried out by skilled civilians.

One group of soldiers was involved in the operation throughout—men of 8 Field Workshop (Airportable) based at a disused central vehicle workshop at Marchington in Staffordshire. With only hastily resurrected facilities, these soldiers, few of whom had ever held a welding gun before, worked long hard hours during which they up-armoured 150 of the 500 "pigs" to be treated.

Work began as soon as the "pigs" rumbled through the doors. They were inspected for damage and repairs carried out if necessary. Then all interior seats and lights were removed and items to be

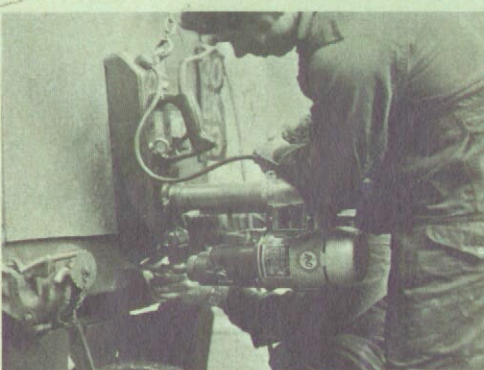


The vehicles' interiors were stripped out to take the new protective armour plating.

Left: A newly-fitted rear door gets rough edges ground off its armour at Marchington.

Right: Volunteer assistant Private Stephen Green, a medical orderly, has learned welding.

Below: A high-powered drill cuts through a panel of armour to take a bumper fitting.



replaced were thrown away. Each "pig" was then given a hardness test on existing armour with 33 different readings being taken.

The new kits of armour, which arrived from 34 Central Workshop at Donnington, Shropshire, in a completely raw state, were fitted and painted. Old-style "pigs" had two separate rear doors which had to be opened for soldiers in the rear to see out.

Now a flap opens at the top of the rear door enabling a soldier to fire from a built-in rifle rest and also protecting him from overhead sniping. The armoured side plates have access hatches so that soldiers inside can get at the side flaps. There is

greater protection to all parts of the vehicle and the new flaps use vision blocks with laminated glass.

An odd assortment of people took part in the operation at Marchington. In addition to the REME craftsmen the unit borrowed tradesmen from the Gazelle Helicopter Initial Trials Unit and the aircraft workshops, Middle Wallop, as well as a couple of REME shipwrights.

Medical orderly Private Stephen Green, trained in industrial nursing and with no welding experience at all, soon became infected by the enthusiasm and found himself with a welding gun. "I got fed up

standing around in the medical centre all day and now I give a hand whenever I can," he said. "This job provides something different every day."

This was the first time for many years that a REME field workshop had ever been asked to carry out a major manufacturing task. Most of the men involved were vehicle mechanics or radio technicians but Major Arfor Jones, in charge of the Marchington operation, felt the results were at least as good as would have been obtained by gathering together trained welders from various sources.

"You would then have had the problem

of setting up a command organisation; here we have men who are used to working together," he said. "Many of these vehicles are old favourites as we did a tour in Northern Ireland last year and worked on them in Belfast."

"These men have worked from eight in the morning until nine at night with two breaks for meals and have never complained. At times, to get particular vehicles out on schedule, teams have worked right through the night without being asked. Sometimes we have had vehicles arrive in bunches and the paint shop has worked through the night. These chaps know how

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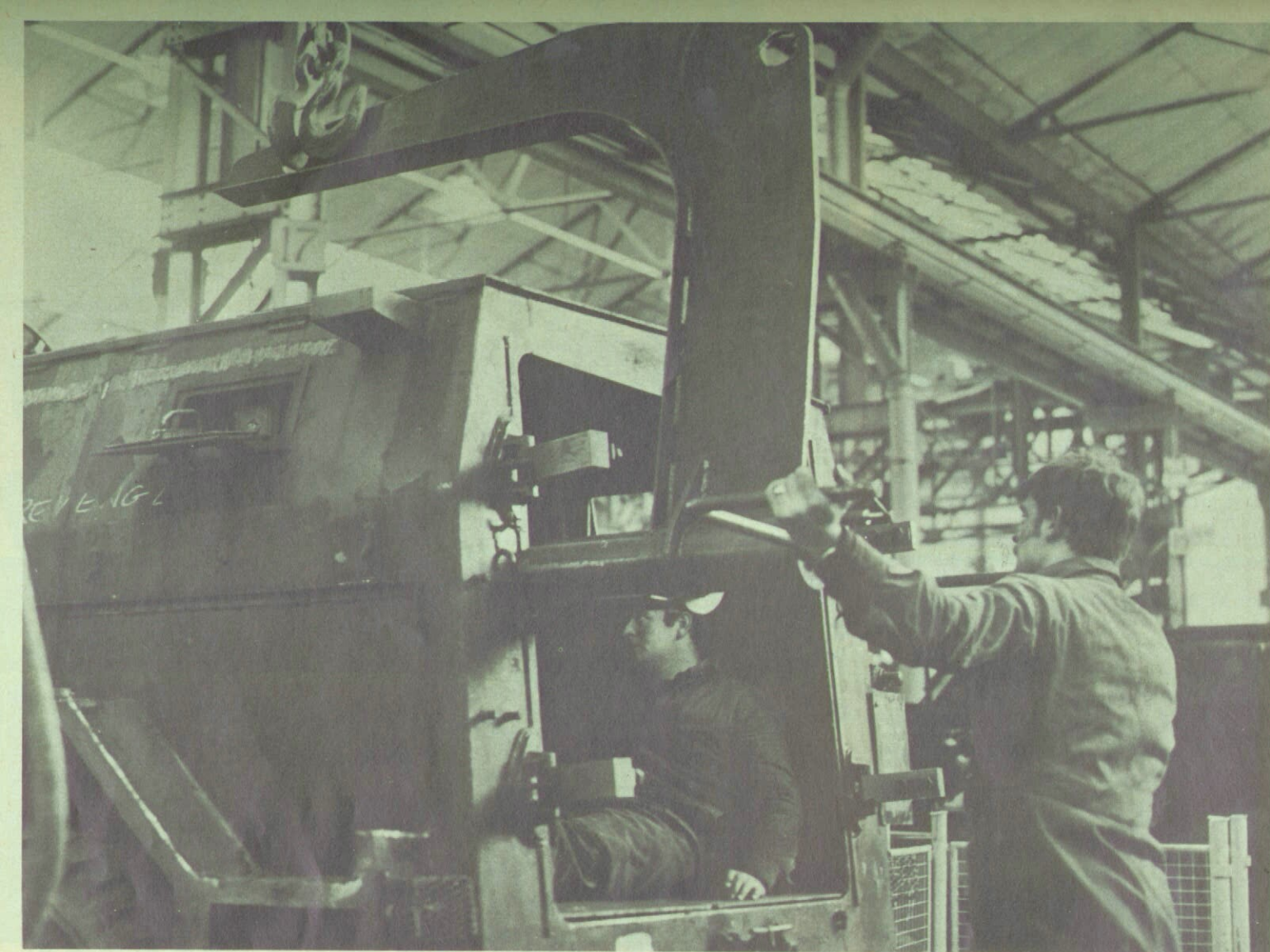
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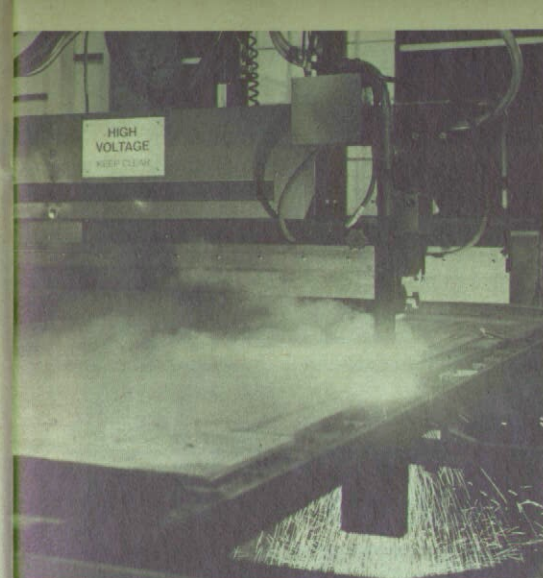


The Falcon Plasma arc-cutter at work on the armour plate. The equipment costs £20,000.

Left: Special equipment was used to hoist into position the armour for the interiors.

Top right: The men behind it all. The group who did the "pig" up-armouring taking a bow.

Right: Back on duty, one of the up-armoured "pigs" in use in the border town of Strabane.



the infantry depend on these vehicles in Ireland and there is a spirit here that I have seldom seen before."

Praise indeed. What of the men themselves? Just two men suffice to tell the story recounted by dozens.

Corporal Alan Porter, vehicle mechanic: "Most of us were in Ireland together and this helps as we think that if we can save one bloke's life it is worthwhile. One of us works on the outside and the others on the inside but we don't bother about that too much. If some welding needs doing whichever of us is free grabs a welding gun and gets on with it."

Sergeant Eric Hill, telecommunications technician working in the paint shop: "We are getting better at this painting all the time. I reckon I must be one of the highest paid unskilled labourers in the British Army but the boys realise we are doing an important job and that is why there is such a good spirit here."

Some of the "pigs" were also processed at Donnington but the most important work there was the production of the armour kits. This involved the use of a Falcon plasma arc-cutting machine to slice the steel plate. This machine cost £20,000 but Colonel Reg Tibble, chief

production engineer of the REME Technical Group at Woolwich, who directed the "pigs" operation, says it will have further uses in the development of aluminium armour.

A grand total of 818 components was needed for each kit of armour, of which 420 had to be made by Army workshops. Colonel Kenneth Riley, commanding officer at Donnington, said it had been enlightening to see how all the workshops could be linked together into a large-scale manufacturing enterprise.

When the massive steel plates arrived at Donnington they were marked out with

templates before being mounted on the Falcon. The profile cutter is an impressive sight (its flash is such that you can watch it only through protected glass). Using a magic-eye template, the cutting head moves along at a rate which can vary from five to 170 inches a minute. Civilian operators such as Mr Fred Meredith and Mr Bill Halford have to be extremely vigilant for there is considerable danger from flash, noise and metallic vapour.

About 80 people were employed at Donnington on Operation Bracelet (otherwise neatly known as "Think Pig"), many of them skilled welders signed on from the

local employment exchange. Many of the techniques used in making the multitude of new parts were highly advanced and involved using special drills because of the hardness of the metal. These included smaller plasma arc-cutters and drills without cutting edges which merely soften the metal with heat and then wipe out what is not required.

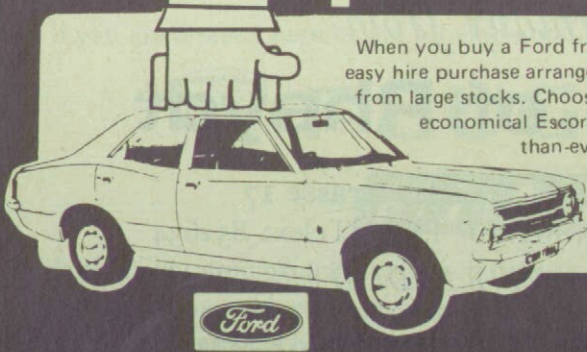
From its original role years ago as a one-ton vehicle the "pig" has certainly put on weight. The latest strengthening added about one-and-three quarter tons to bring its total weight to more than six tons. This additional weight did not require more

engine power but threw an extra load on to the back axle and suspension. The final alterations to strengthen this were made at Fazackerly near Liverpool before the "pigs" went back to Northern Ireland.

As the returned "pigs" became a familiar sight on the streets of Belfast and Londonderry, Colonel Tibble went to Northern Ireland to test the reaction from troops on the ground. He reports: "The soldiers were very happy with them and some of the drivers thought they handled better on roads since they had been up-armoured. I think it is a worthwhile job well done."

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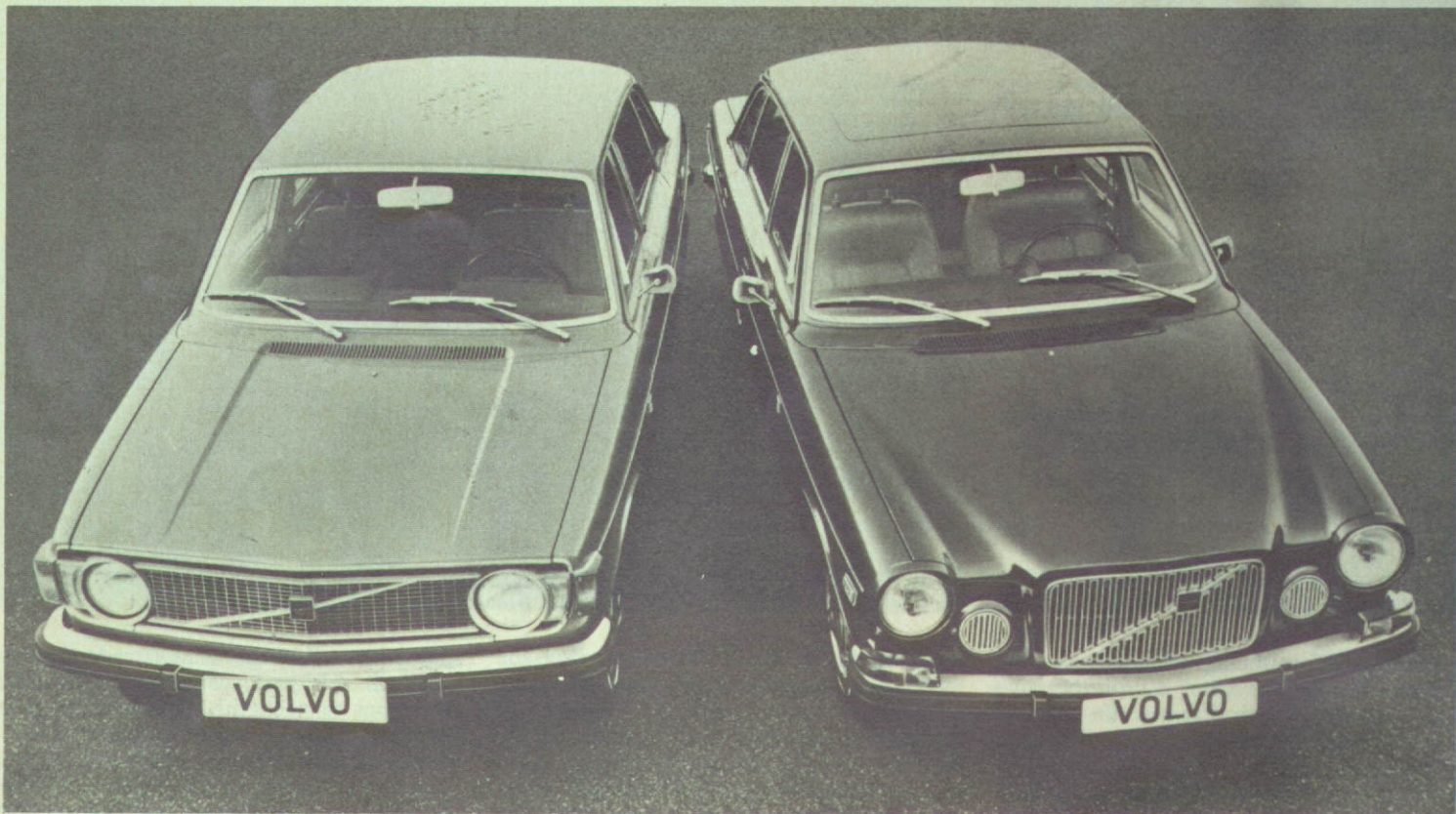


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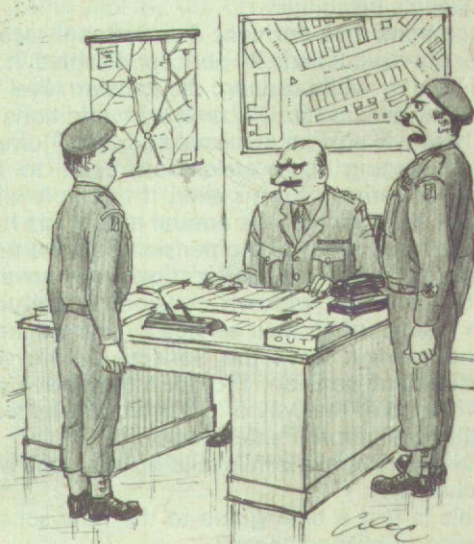
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PENSIONS IMPROVEMENTS GUIDE

Recently announced improvements in Forces' pensions mean better invaliding benefits, widows' benefits and benefits for invaliding or death attributable to service. The object has been to reduce the period of service necessary to qualify for invaliding and widows' pensions and to increase the pensions paid. The changes apply to those serving on or after 31 March 1973.

Generally, the new arrangements mean that invaliding and widows' benefits will be calculated as a proportion of the "full career" pension, that is the retirement pension awarded after 34 years' service for officers from the age of 21 or 37 years' service for servicemen from the age of 18.

Anyone invalided out of the Army after serving five years from the age of 18 or over qualifies for a pension. The pension will be related to the length of service. Invaliding pensions will always be higher than the normal retirement pension for the same length of service except at the full career point. If invalided, a serviceman will also receive a terminal grant of three times the annual rate of the invaliding pension. A widow will qualify for a pension if her husband dies in service after serving five years from the age of 18 or over, or after he has retired on pension.

If a man dies while serving, his widow will continue to receive his pay for three months and will then get a pension calculated in the following way as a proportion of the pension he would have received had he been invalided on the day of his death. Firstly, in respect of that proportion of service completed on 31 March 1973, one third of the invaliding pension. Secondly, in respect of that proportion of service after 31 March 1973, a half of the invaliding pension.

The widow will also get a death gratuity of three times the annual invaliding pension her husband would have received or, if it is more favourable, twice the full career pension for his rank at the time. This is likely to be more favourable for most of those with less than 20 years' service.

If a soldier dies after retiring on pension, his widow will continue to receive his pension for three months. She will then get a pension of between one third and a half of the retirement pension, calculated in the same way in relation to service before or after 31 March 1973, as for those who die while serving.

Additions to widows' pensions for dependent children will also be improved. A widow will get a quarter of her husband's pension for each child up to a maximum of two. If no widow is left but there are dependent children, each child up to a maximum of three will receive one third of the pension.

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A man invalided out after more than two years but less than five after the age of 18 or over will be paid a gratuity ranging according to the length of service from about a quarter to three-quarters of the annual rate of the full career pension for his rank.

In the event of a man dying with less than five years' service, his widow will continue to receive his pay for three months and will get a death gratuity of twice the full career pension for his rank. A single man who dies in service will have paid into his estate a lump sum equal to twice the annual rate of his full career pension for his rank.

For attributable invaliding or death, a man or his widow will receive the benefits already described plus a disability or war widow's pension from the Department of Health and Social Security. These too are to be improved.

There will be a new feature designed mainly to benefit those who do not qualify for widows' and invaliding pensions because they have not completed five years' service, or those who do qualify but only for fairly small awards because of a relatively short period of service. The normal awards will be supplemented if necessary so as to provide a man or his widow with a minimum level of income. This will apply regardless of the length of service and will vary according to the assessed extent of an invalid's disability.

Someone 100 per cent disabled will receive 133 per cent of his full career pension for his rank. If he is 20 per cent disabled, it will be 40 per cent of his full career pension. If he dies while serving, the pension level for his widow will be 90 per cent of the full career pension for his rank with additions for dependent children.

There will also be a special additional lump sum depending on the degree of disability and ranging up to an amount equal to 100 per cent of the annual rate of the full career pension for his rank. If a man is killed, his widow will get an additional lump sum equal to half the annual rate of his full career pension for his rank.

Two other areas of the pension field are under review for improvement. Arrangements are being worked out for those who have service before 31 March 1973 to have the chance to get widows' pensions at half the invaliding or the retirement pension rate in respect of all their service by some scheme of "buying in." Quite a number of men and women leave the Services before serving long enough to earn an immediate retirement pension. Provided they have served a minimum period, benefits will be provided in the way of deferred pensions in line with proposals in the Social Security Bill now before Parliament.

The improvements in invaliding pensions will not be carried over to existing redundancy schemes.

This is just a brief guide to the new schemes; full details are in the full regulations being published shortly.

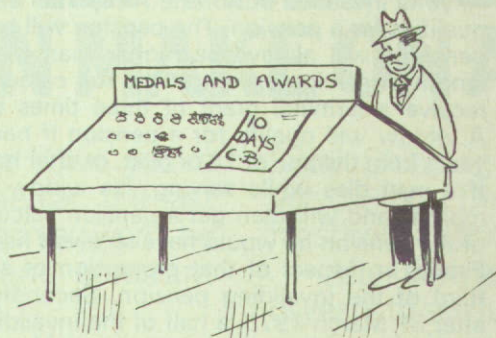
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NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM

Well worth a visit in London is the National Army Museum in Royal Hospital Road, next door to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

The main displays show the history of the British Army up to World War One. They describe the Army's defeats and victories and illustrate its professional and social activities.

Visitors are welcome any day between 1000 and 1730 and on Sunday when the museum is open from 1400 to 1730. Admission is free. It is a short walk from Sloane Square Underground station and the 39 bus stops right outside the door.



RHINE ARMY ACCOMMODATION PLANS

Since the end of World War Two, single soldiers in Germany have been living in barrack accommodation built at various times between 20 and 100 years ago. In fact one barracks was built in 1790. Other accommodation was constructed in the 1930s to meet the expansion of the Wehrmacht; some single-storied hutted blocks called Op Humane were built in the 1950s and early 1960s. Altogether there are some 100 barracks currently occupied.

A year or two ago a plan was made to modernise a large number of these barracks and to replace the very bad ones with new "builds." Obviously the cost will be high but despite this it has been possible to make a start on this modernisation scheme which will continue through the 1970s and 1980s and possibly beyond then.

In the main the modernisation envisages the internal re-structuring of barracks to provide flatlets for ten to 18 men. Each flatlet will have as many single rooms as possible but generally rooms for four men will be provided. Each room will have built-in furniture and wash basins should be provided in each single bedroom. Within the flatlet will be a common ablution area, sitting room and utility room including facilities for washing and drying clothes and preparing snacks. Additional shower and locker facilities are a further feature and all floor coverings will be of a more modern standard. Outside the living area will be a changing room where soldiers, including those living out, can change from dirty clothes and combat kit and secure these in drying lockers. The effect of this scheme will not be felt overnight. In fact it will be many years before the majority of servicemen in Rhine Army experience the higher standards. However, work has begun at Elizabeth Barracks, Minden, and other barracks will follow. While work is in progress some inconvenience will be caused but this is unavoidable and necessary if work is to go ahead as quickly as possible. (Similar modernisation schemes are also in hand in other overseas stations).

On the married quarters front the shortage of permanent quarters in Rhine Army is being met by the provision of flats known as "multiple hirings." They are designed as far as possible to British standards but built by German developers for leasing to the British Forces with the expectation that when no longer required by the Forces they will revert to the owners.

This project, named "Open Market," will provide an additional 8560 married quarters. So far 2000 have been built and taken over and another 1500 are under construction and due for completion by the end of 1973. The rate of progress to meet the balance depends on finding developers who are prepared to build the numbers needed at sites within reasonable distance of barracks which they will serve. The developers have their own problems in finding sites so it is difficult to say when the total requirement will be met. But it is hoped that the greatest part will be met in the next three years. (DQ(A))

SSAFA SOCIAL WORKERS

Four social workers are to be employed by the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association at Aldershot, Catterick, Colchester and Tidworth/Bulford. They will be recruited by SSAFA on behalf of the Army Department and paid from public funds. They are not likely to be in location for a few months. (DPS)

DON'T LOSE YOUR VOTE

More than three-quarters of the members of the Services who are otherwise eligible to vote at parliamentary or local government elections are unable to do so at present because they failed to complete a registration form for the 1973 register of electors. It is not generally realised that a fresh registration form must be completed each year by members of the Services if they wish to exercise their right to vote.

To get on the 1974 register of electors, which comes into force on 16 February 1974, a registration form must be completed by not later than 10 October 1973 (15 September 1973 for constituencies in Northern Ireland) and sent off to reach the electoral registration officer by 16 December 1973.

Registration forms (F/Vote/33), with explanatory leaflets and envelopes, are now available in units. DCI (Army) T37 of 1973 describes the arrangements for the registration of Army personnel and the notice board information sheet, which should now be on unit notice boards, gives further guidance.

If you are serving overseas and your wife is with you she may also be registered as a Service voter by completing a registration form (F/Vote/34) which is available in all overseas units.

A general election is due before June 1975. Don't lose your vote by failing to register! (DM(A))

A CHEAP STAY IN LONDON

Stuck for somewhere to stay in London? Here are some suggestions for places where servicemen are always welcome.

The Chevrons Club, 3-5 Dorset Square, London NW1, is a residential and social club for warrant officers and non-commissioned officers and their wives. Subscription for serving members is 50p a year or 12½p a month when in transit. Bed and breakfast comes at £1.60 a night for a single room and £3.40 for a double room in the families' wing. Lunches and suppers are 50p and the club is fully licensed. Baker Street is the nearest Underground station and the telephone number is 01-723 8213.

The Union Jack Club, Exton Street, Waterloo, London SE1, is handy for the mainline station at Waterloo and is a residential and social club for all men of the Regular Forces below commissioned rank. There is no membership fee and charges are £1.50 a night for a single room and as little as 60p for dormitory accommodation. Amenities include dining room, lounge, reading and writing room and colour television, launderette with ironing facilities and a spacious cellar bar. The telephone number is 01-928 7103. If these two clubs are full up, it is worth trying The Victory Services Club, 63-79 Seymour Street, London W2. This is primarily an ex-servicemen's club but serving

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members are welcome. Subscription is £1.50 a year and a single room costs between 60p and £1.50 a night. Sharing in New Wing is £1 to £1.50 and sharing in the Old Clubhouse is only 40p to 50p. Set breakfasts are 25p and 37p, lunches 60p and dinners 65p. There is an à la carte menu as well.

BELGIANS GET SWINGFIRE

The Belgian Army is to get the Swingfire anti-tank missile now in service with British troops. A contract for the supply of the British Aircraft Corporation system was recently signed by BAC's Guided Weapons Division and the Belgian Government. The contract is for equipping Belgian Striker tracked combat reconnaissance vehicles with the missile launching systems and supplying the missiles themselves plus maintenance, spares and training equipment.



JOBS FOR THE BOYS

Two brigadiers, 12 colonels, 46 lieutenant-colonels and 945 majors, captains or lieutenants have risen through the ranks from being apprentice tradesmen or regimental boys joining the Army between 15½ and 17½ years of age. Ministry of Defence figures add that more than 2000 boy entrants have become warrant officers. The raising of the school leaving age means that apprentices and boys can now join the Army at 16.

NEW FORCE FOR NATO

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation has formed its second permanent international naval force—the Standing Naval Force Channel. At first it will consist of three mine counter-measures vessels to form a nucleus of a force which could in emergencies be rapidly expanded to safeguard the shipping lanes in the area of responsibility of Allied Command Channel.

This does not mean an increase in the strength of NATO's maritime force. It merely means that what has up to now been a purely national activity has now been put on an international footing.

NATO's other international naval force is Standing Naval Force Atlantic.

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA HEADS FUND

Princess Alexandra is the new president of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, one of the oldest Service charities. It exists for the benefit of widows, children and other dependants of servicemen. More than £40,000 is distributed annually from the fund which was created in 1854. Princess Alexandra is the ninth president and succeeds the Duke of Gloucester who held the appointment for 26 years.

PURELY PERSONAL

Queen's Piper

Pipe-Major David Caird, of 1st Battalion, The Royal Highland Fusiliers, has been appointed the Queen's Piper. He will succeed **Pipe-Major Andrew Pitkeathly**, of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, in November. Pipe-Major Caird joined The Highland Light Infantry as a boy piper at the age of 15. He served with its pipe band until the regiment amalgamated with The Royal Scots Fusiliers in 1959 to become The Royal Highland Fusiliers. He continued to play with the new regiment's band. His first appointment as pipe-major was to the Army Apprentices College, Chepstow. He has served in Germany, the Middle East, Singapore and Malaysia and has been on band tours in Canada, the United States, South America and Indonesia.



Unlucky for some

Historic picture of all 13 regimental warrant officers of 1st Battalion, Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons), taken in Germany where the battalion is currently stationed.

They have between them 213 years' service in 25 different countries. Front to rear, meet **Regimental Sergeant-Major Charles Millar** (21 years' service), **Bandmaster Peter Mallas** (12), **Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant Peter Darling** (21), **Band Sergeant-Major Kenny MacSween** (14), **Company Sergeant-Major George Black** (20), **Company**

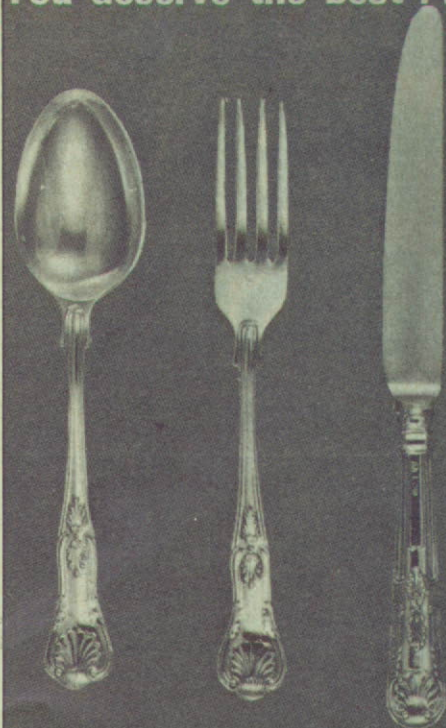
'ello! 'ello!

Fair arms of the law. These two young ladies are **Sergeant Susan Reis** (left) and **Corporal Rhonda Shazell**, both Women's Royal Army Corps policewomen based at 1 (Br) Corps Headquarters at Bielefeld, Germany. Sergeant Reis, whose main job is crime clerk, also works on serious crimes with the Special Investigation Branch if a woman or a child is involved. Corporal Shazell spends most of her time in a dark room developing prints of speeding vehicles. Both enjoy the job and, says Sergeant Reis, "It gets even more interesting when the men go away on exercises and we take over their duties."

Sergeant-Major Rab Smith (16), **Company Sergeant-Major Joe Mahady** (17), **Company Sergeant-Major Willy Hynd** (16), **Company Sergeant-Major Murdo MacDonald** (11), **Company Sergeant-Major Douglas Shepherd** (15), **Company Sergeant-Major Brian Perry** (19), **Company Sergeant-Major Peter White** (15) and **Company Sergeant-Major Willie Pender** (16).

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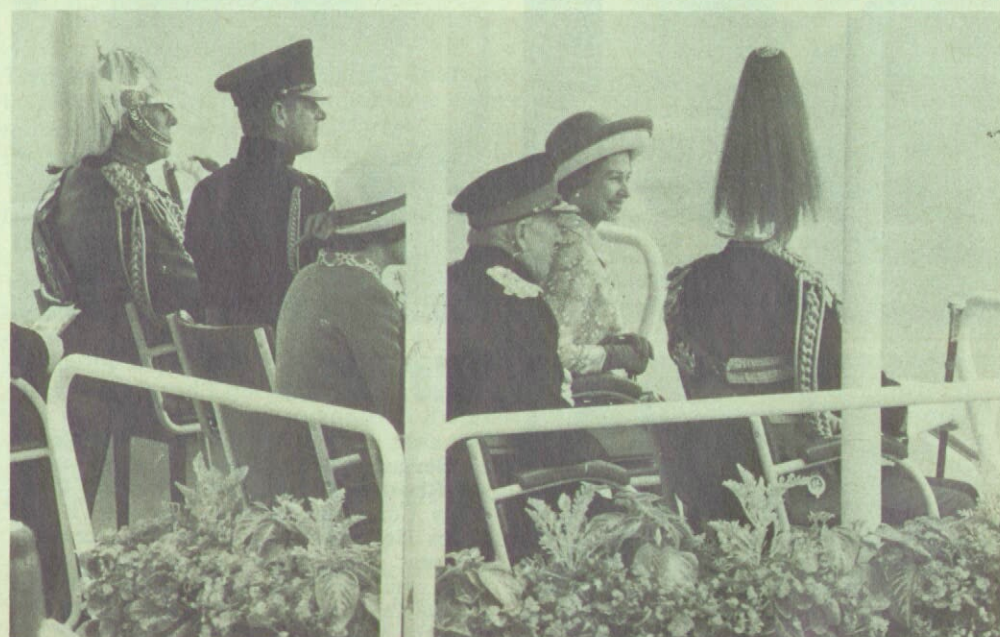
ALL THE QUEEN'S HORSES

Story by John Jesse

Right: The parade is silent and still at the moment of consecration just before the Colonel-in-Chief presents the new Standards.

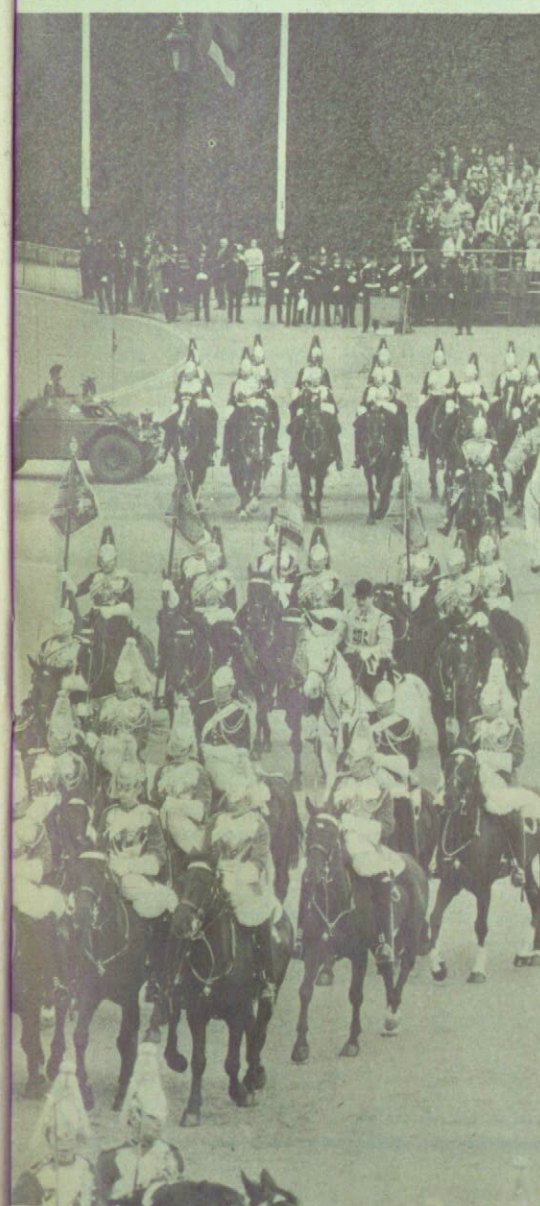


One of the eight Standards is handed over. The Queen, between Standard bearer and Gold Stick, is almost completely hidden from view.



The Queen has a smile for Field-Marshal Sir Gerald Templer. On her left, the Duke of Edinburgh and Earl Mountbatten of Burma.

Right: Four of the old Standards are escorted on to the parade ground. Far right: Ferrets moving towards the saluting base.



Majesty was received by the two regimental colonels, who traditionally hold the appointment of Gold Stick—Earl Mountbatten of Burma, Colonel of The Life Guards, and Field-Marshal Sir Gerald Templer, Colonel of The Blues and Royals.

After the Queen had inspected her Household Cavalry the eight old Standards, which she had presented in June 1963, were trooped to "Milanollo," quick march of The Life Guards, and "Aida," quick march of the Blues and Royals, before disappearing to "Auld Lang Syne."

Each regiment has one Sovereign's and three squadron, or union, Standards. They are the personal Standards of the Sovereign and are normally replaced every ten years. The Blues and Royals also have a regimental guidon presented by the Queen last year and on this occasion carried by the Queen's Life Guard, that elite body which has been mounted at Horse Guards since the 17th century and is always on call to the Sovereign.

The new Standards were now brought up and placed on the silver kettle drums of the 2nd Life Guards, also the gift of William IV, and on those of the Royal Horse Guards (The Blues), presented by George III in 1805, in readiness for the service of consecration conducted by the Chaplain-General to the Forces, the Venerable Archdeacon J R Youens. Once consecrated and "set apart," the Standards were formally handed over by the Queen. The eight Standards, each carried by a mounted warrant officer, then joined their regiments to the accolade of a royal salute and the playing of the national anthem.

The scene was now set for the final review. First the mounted squadrons walked past in stately tread to such rousing music as "Men of Harlech" and "The Preobrajensky March." Then, as the bands broke into "D'Ye Ken John Peel" the pace quickened to a jingling trot with the squadrons wheeling and turning in perfect formation. Following in their wake the rumble and clatter of the armoured squadrons as they rolled past.

The parade drew to a close; the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh drove back to Buckingham Palace escorted by The Queen's Life Guard; the new Standards were borne off by their regiments.

The Life Guards are currently an armoured regiment in Germany equipped with Chieftain tanks, having spent four months in Belfast last year as infantry. The Blues and Royals are at Windsor. A Squadron is the present Allied Command Europe Mobile Force reconnaissance unit and carried out Arctic training earlier this year. Later it will take part in other NATO exercises elsewhere in Europe with its Scorpions and Ferrets. B and C squadrons have just completed tours in Cyprus, the former having been part of the United Nations force.

The mounted squadrons of The Life Guards and The Blues and Royals together form the Household Cavalry Regiment, stationed at the new Hyde Park Barracks, Knightsbridge. The regiment performs the Household Cavalry's ceremonial roles, and officers and soldiers are posted between the mounted squadrons and their respective armoured regiments to ensure a balanced career.

THE presentation by the Queen of new Standards to the Household Cavalry was an unforgettable spectacle of military splendour such as is seldom seen even in a country which excels in the art of staging grand ceremonial. Horse Guards Parade, in the very heart of London, was for once filled with horses. About 180 of them—a rare sight these days—groomed to an immaculate gloss, were drawn up in double ranks on two sides, their riders resplendent in the full-dress uniforms of The Life Guards and The Blues and Royals (Royal Horse Guards and 1st Dragoons) with burnished cuirasses and plumed helmets glinting.

In the centre the massed mounted and dismounted bands of the Household Cavalry in their state uniform—royal-cyphered frock coats, stiff with gold lace, and wearing their characteristic dark-blue velvet "jockey" caps—played popular airs. Out in front, calm, steady and apparently completely unaffected by the pageantry unfolding around them, stood the two drum horses, Cicero and Hercules, the former carrying the kettle drums of the old 1st Life Guards, presented by William IV in 1831.

First on parade was the dismounted band marching in ponderous step at the head of the armoured squadrons of Ferrets

and Scorpions—the only concession to modernity—which formed into line against the green background of the trees and lawns of St. James's Park. This was the first time that Scorpion, the Army's new tracked combat reconnaissance vehicle, had taken part in a ceremonial parade. Next came the mounted band of The Life Guards leading the mounted squadrons to the march "Coburg."

Now the two bands joined forces and all was ready for the arrival of the Colonel-in-Chief, the Queen. As the clock over Horse Guards arch struck three the royal landau with scarlet-coated outriders drew up in front of the royal dais where Her

"...ALL THAT IS BEST IN THE ARMY..."

CRITICS of Tidworth tattoo had complained there were not enough bands and that the performers were not in their old-time uniforms. "What these critics will have to say about this year's show we cannot say for it includes all that is best in the Army."

Thus wrote The Andover Advertiser on 10 August 1923, after the Army had pulled out all the stops to produce the first major tattoo in the grounds of Tidworth Officers Club.

It is from this spectacular effort that the Tidworth tattoo, which this year celebrated half a century of military pageantry, traces its history. From 1923 until the outbreak of World War Two, the tattoo was a regular feature of life in Tidworth and attracted many thousands of spectators from home and abroad. The Andover reporter in 1923 estimated attendance at 18,000 to 20,000 and added: "Long before 8 o'clock there was a very long queue four abreast at the main gate. . ."

After the war there was a period when no tattoo was held but in 1965 a small military display was held at the end of the Tidworth Horse Trials. The display proved so popular that it grew in size year by year until the event had to be separated from the trials to become a show in its own right again, held annually on the Spring Bank Holiday.

With the tattoo restored to the importance it held in its pre-war heyday, the 50th anniversary performance set out to recapture bygone pomp and pageantry, despite the fact that the Army is very much smaller now than it was in 1923.

Said the tattoo chairman, Brigadier E G B Davies-Scourfield, Commander Salisbury Plain Area: "Producing a tattoo of the size of Tidworth's is not an easy matter in these modern times; with a small Regular Army so heavily committed, it is difficult for units to find the time and the men to take part in a tattoo. However, we believe that a tattoo is an ideal way of showing off the Army to the people of this country at close quarters."

But manpower shortages did not prevent some 500 musicians parading for the show. Their appearance echoed the scene in 1923 as described then in The Andover Advertiser: "A hasty glance at the programme was sufficient to assure all music lovers that they were in for a rare treat, for it was next the turn of the massed bands to give an example of their ability, and if the crowd had realised that Bandmaster T W Stoford had between 400 and 500 musicians ready to respond to the jerks of his baton they would not have envied him his task."

To complete the similarity with the musical part of the tattoo 50 years ago, the 1973 bandsmen played martial music of 1923 including "The Old Grey Mare" and "The Thin Red Line" followed by a selection of "pops" of the time such as "Tea For Two," "Yes, We Have No Bananas" and "California, Here I Come."

Most of the regiments which took part in the 1923 tattoo have disappeared either by disbandment or amalgamation. But they were represented at the 50th anniversary by their present-day successors

and 22 men and woman, dressed in "their old-time uniform" as those critics of half a century ago would have liked, took part in the arena display.

The 11 pairs recalled the serried ranks of the 1923 tattoo drawn from the 12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's); 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own); 17th/21st Lancers; 111



Battery, The Royal Field Artillery; E Troop, Cavalry Signals; 2nd Battalion, The King's Shropshire Light Infantry; 2nd Battalion, The Loyal Regiment; 1st Battalion, The Lancashire Fusiliers; 1st Battalion, The Wiltshire Regiment; 20 Company, Royal Army Medical Corps; and Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

In answer to the irresistible call of the martial music and the ringing orders to the contingents from these units in 1923, it was recorded: "Officers who after dining at the house which is nowadays their club or at their regimental messes came along wearing the picturesque white-fronted mess dresses of the various regiments, buttoned their greatcoats closely around

them as they took their seats on the stands, and many of the ladies in the enclosure wore furs. Those less fortunate who were without tickets had to find the best places they could along the side of the arena, but it was a jolly crowd."

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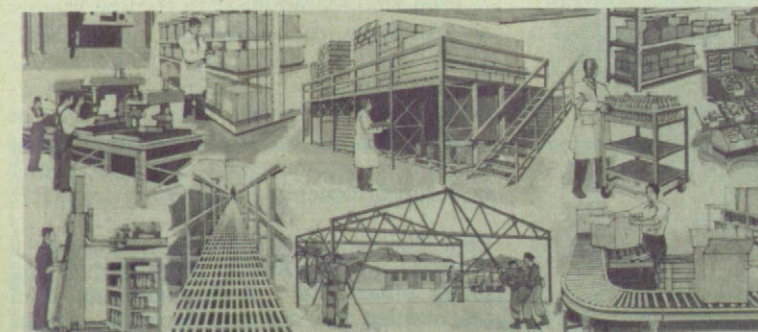
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LIKE its armoured namesake of the Roman legions, the Centurion tank has achieved a prestigious position in military history. In Korea it outmatched Communist T34/85s and SUs, during the Kashmir crisis Indian Centurions continually conquered Pakistani M47s and M48s, and in the Six-Day War the Israelis destroyed T54s and other Russian tanks at remarkably long range.

Now, as the Centurion phases out of the British Army, particular praise for British tank technology comes from a Japanese model firm.

In the instruction pamphlet for its new 1:25th scale kit of the Centurion, the Tamiya Plastic Model Company of Shizuoka City says: "Until the Chieftain was introduced, the Centurion was reputed to be the best medium tank in the world The replacement of the Centurion by Chieftain in the British Army does not mean that the Centurion is not still a very formidable fighting weapon. It is simply because in the Chieftain Britain has produced an even better design, resulting in a vehicle which is unsurpassed by any other nation."

The kit too does justice to the Centurion. The instruction leaflet with authentic action photographs, wealth of transfer decals, exquisiteness of moulding, travers-

ing turret, elevating gun barrel, battery operated motor and tracks with individual links are standard features of kits from this firm. What is new is a track tensioning device and a remarkably realistic working suspension which gives the impression of unending miles of rugged battleground just over a few feet of front room carpet.

Military modellers are already marking this "Cent" 100 per cent. Even at £8.99—the most expensive tank kit yet from Tamiya—it is a sterling investment. Models can be finished in British Army versions (above, Mk III) serving in the United Kingdom, Berlin and Libyan Desert, as well as those of the United Nations in Korea and Israelis in Sinai.

At present the Japanese are making a "killing" in the field of plastic model tanks. Tamiya are keeping up the pressure with an impressive Jagdpanther "Rommel" in 1:25th scale at £6.99 and a Russian KV-1 Type C (left) in 1:35th scale at £2.50.

The United Kingdom distributors, Richard Kohnstam Ltd of 13 High Street, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, HP1 3AD, have also recently released a series of armoured cars and half-tracks in 1:40th scale by Midori and revived an old range of Japanese "snap-together" tank kits in 1:76th scale under their own brand name of Riko.

The Midori models—which all have clockwork motors—comprise the British Hornet and Saladin, German Sd Kfz 222 and French EBR 75A at 65 pence, and German Sd Kfz 250/3, Sd Kfz 250/10, Sd Kfz 250/9 and Sd Kfz 232 at 89 pence.

Riko kits—complete with friction motors at 25 pence each—include a Stug III, JS-3, Panther, Sherman, T 54, M48A2 Patton, Flakpanzer IV, King Tiger, Jagdpanther and AMX-30. These kits are not so detailed or accurate as Tamiya's but are easy to assemble and make fascinating desk top ornaments. **HH**



Top: The Centurion has been superseded by Chieftain in the British Army but it still serves others. Left: A Russian tank from the popular and accurate Japanese models.



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FORCES SORCERERS

Story by Mike Starke
Pictures by Martin Adam



RAF Sergeant Ted Lumby is assisted by his wife, Shirley, during his magic displays. Wives become wizardry widows to enthusiasts!

FRIDAY the 13th is a day endowed with mystical properties by the superstitious. So what better occasion for a meeting of magicians? There was something else special about the group of wizards who gathered at RAF Digby on the 13th. Instead of the pointed hats and shimmering cloaks usually associated with their craft, these magicians arrived wearing the more down-to-earth dress of the Armed Forces. For they are all members of the Inter-Services Magical Society.

The meeting at Digby was the society's first major-get-together since it was formed in 1969 and members staged an evening of magic before an audience of 150 people to raise money for the RAF Benevolent Fund. As the programme for the night explained: "The whole concept of the club is to bind serving magicians together under one umbrella, to be independent of civilian societies and to help charitable organisations whenever and wherever possible."

But these military magicians are not just fund-raisers. The mysteries of their talents—closely guarded secrets kept from all but the initiated—form part of an art that is more than just a hobby and more even than the ability to stand on a stage and entertain an audience.

Some two dozen members from an Army cook to a naval officer and an RAF navigator are to be found in this all-ranks organisation under the banner of "Semper paratus" (Ever-ready).

Its president, Flight-Lieutenant Peter Osborne—known as the Wizard Oz to his colleagues at RAF Odiham where he serves as a Puma helicopter navigator with 33 Squadron—explained: "I've been doing magic since I was a schoolboy. I joined the RAF in 1941 and I've done shows off and on throughout my service career—sometimes more off than on. But wherever you are, you must be prepared to do something—Semper paratus."

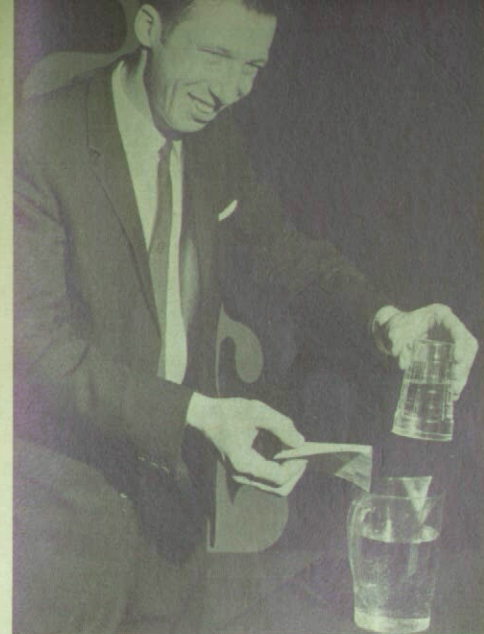
Ever-ready is a difficult motto to live up to when membership is of people who are not on a nine-to-five routine and who get posted all over the world. Members have to rely on self-help and in cash terms this can be expensive. Tricks can cost anything from 75p for a pack of "magic" cards to £400 for a complicated illusion equipment.

Just one of the problems can be moving sometimes bulky magic equipment around between postings. "I had a head-chopper," recalled Flight-Lieutenant Osborne, "a guillotine trick sent out to me in Singapore once. It arrived at the docks and the customs man asked me what it was and I told him it was for cutting off heads and offered to set it up and demonstrate—it would only have taken an hour or so. But he declined. It took me two whole days to get it out of 'hock'."

Flight-Lieutenant Osborne and Army Catering Corps Corporal Bill Frame were among the first to decide it was time to call together Service magicians into one society. Since its formation the Inter-Services Magical Society has slowly gathered strength. In the early days a monthly news letter kept members informed and this has now developed into a magazine which is the envy of many larger and longer-established magical societies. To a widely spread membership such a publication is an invaluable exchange and mart for ideas.

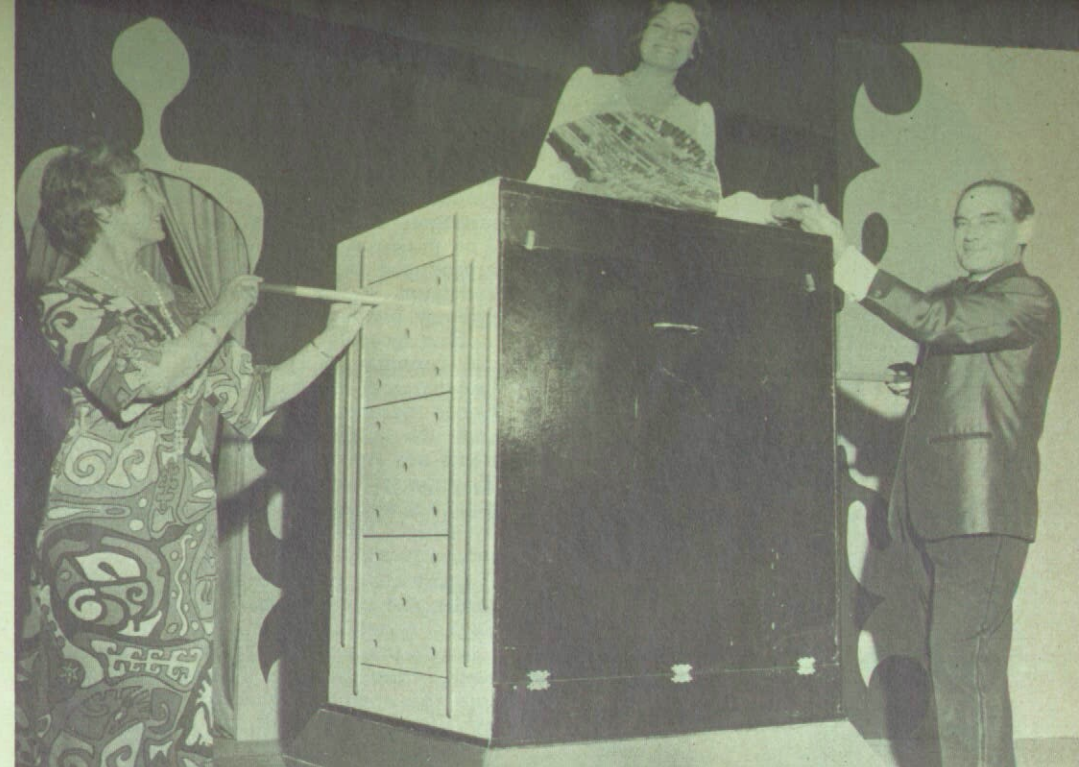
As members are scattered all over the world much of the ISMS business is conducted by letter and tape recorded messages. Only occasionally do members manage to meet and this brings the inevitable bonanza of "Have you seen this one. . ." Many of those taking part in the Digby show met for the first time that night.

The annual meeting held for the first time this year will be rotated between the three Services. Next year it is planned to take place with the Navy in Portsmouth and the year after it is hoped the Army will act as hosts.



Above: In uniform, Corporal Sammy Sams is a "Redcap." Here he defies the law of gravity!

Left: Navy recruiting officer Lieutenant D McCullough saying it with flowers at Digby.



"I think people will come forward more now we have got established," said Flight-Lieutenant Osborne, "The ISMS can encourage people to have a go at magic. In an organisation like this we live and learn. Even old hands can learn from people just beginning."

Gazing into its crystal ball the society looks for three wishes for the future. Firstly to be officially recognised as a Services organisation by the Ministry of Defence, secondly to recruit new members and thirdly to set up a permanent headquarters to help administration.

At the moment, the society finds it easier to pull rabbits out of hats than to realise all its wishes at the drop of one. In the meantime, its members continue to entertain and astound audiences wherever there is room to wave a wand.



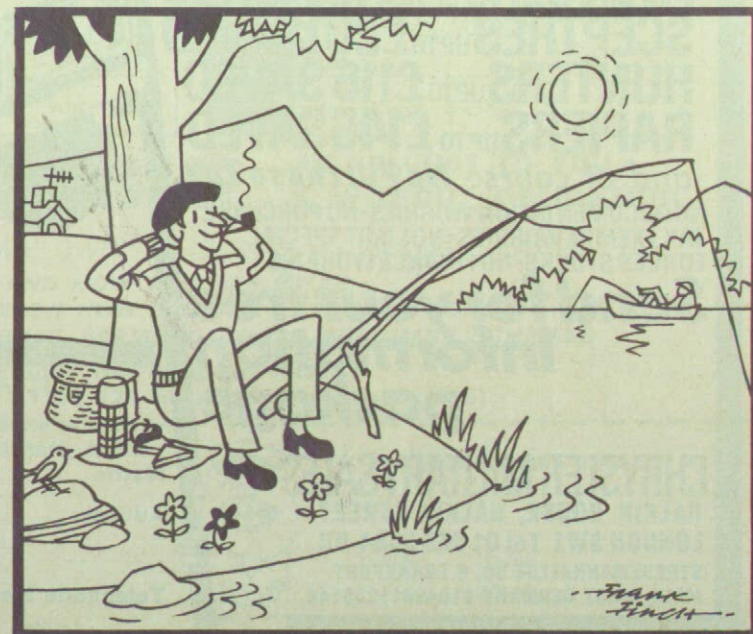
Magic is a family affair for the "Wizard Oz" joined here by his wife and daughter on stage.

Left: Major Clive Taylor is retired from the Army but still works for the Defence Ministry.

Membership of the Inter-Services Magical Society is open to all personnel in the Armed Forces interested in magic; the annual subscription is £1.00. Details from the News Letter Editor, Corporal John Oakley, 11 Signal Regiment, Catterick Garrison, Yorkshire, DL9 4HH, or from Flight-Lieutenant Peter Osborne, RAF Odiham, Odiham, Hampshire.

How observant are you?

These two pictures look alike but they differ in ten details. Look at them carefully. If you cannot spot the differences see page 47.





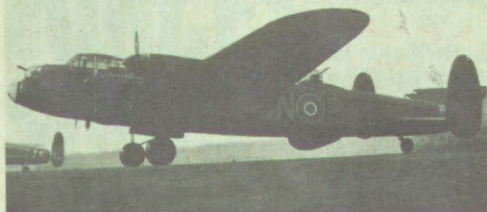
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"The Pathfinders" (Central Band of the Royal Air Force) (Conductor: Wing-Commander R E C Davies) (Columbia Studio 2 Stereo TWO 387).

This is an outstanding LP by anyone's standards and compares very favourably with the best that the three great American Forces bands can put out. Neither conductor, arrangers nor players put a foot wrong. The music is of fine quality and brilliantly reproduced so don't miss it if you want your collection to be representative of British military bands at their best.

The record's title has little to do with the contents except for the first item, a fine march of that name by Malcolm Lockyer. Other marches are from the film "Patton" and the thrilling "Thunderbirds." Solo items are Agostini's great trio "The Three Trumpeters" and Leroy Anderson's "Trumpeter's Lullaby," the latter dreamily played by Chief Technician Neville Griffiths on muted trumpet.

Incidental music from TV or films includes the main theme from "The Forsyte Saga," a not-too-good arrangement of Eric Coates's fine original, "Echoes of Britannia's Rule," from the series "The British Empire" (not the opening signature theme which is by Elgar), and some of the music from "Clochemerle." Most of the latter is played ff; I'm sure it should have been pp.

"Pentagon" is an attractive piece in very tricky rhythm for all concerned; "Serenata" is another of Leroy Anderson's masterpieces of light music. "Jockey on the Carousel" is a rollicking 6/8 tune by Canadian Robert Farnon.

All these items are of short duration but the disc is completed with two more substantial excerpts from the theatre world in a selection from Lionel Bart's "Oliver" and two dances from the ballet "Pineapple Poll."

By the end of the record I was, like Oliver himself, asking for more of this very tasty dish. **RB**

"The Staff Band of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps" (Conductor: Captain D R Beat) (Sydney Thompson Records DIX 51) The corps has very little music to call its own so this LP is mostly of standard marches on side one with film and Latin-American music on the reverse. And a very good opportunity it is for all old and serving members to get to know their band as it now is. For many years the corps had only an unofficial band. It was first given a director of music in 1939 soon after which its famous wartime dance band—The Blue Rockets—became a household name.

The well-played selection of marches from Europe comprises "Pentland Hills" (Howe), "Lorraine" (Ganne), "Soldiers' Chorus" (Gounod), "Copenhagen" (Fredericksen), "Sol a Sevilla" (Jordan), "Through Night to Light" (Laukien), "By the Left" (Bashford) and the corps marches "Sua Tela Tonanti" and "The Village Blacksmith."

The theme music from "The Big Country" is once again in my opinion taken too fast for best effect, sounding more like Monaco during rush-hour. Captain Beat's own "Cha Cha for Children" is a catchy piece based on several nursery tunes. The reconstituted Blue Rockets band (now a small pop-style group) plays "A Banda" and "For Carlos" in attractive style and the military band completes the record with the theme from "Love Story," Glen Osser's "Beguine Again" (a follow-up to his successful "Beguine for Band"), a piece called "Bossa Nova Holiday" and the theme from "Exodus."

Old-time dance maestro Sydney Thompson breaks into military band recording in fine style and, of course, with elegant technique. **RB**

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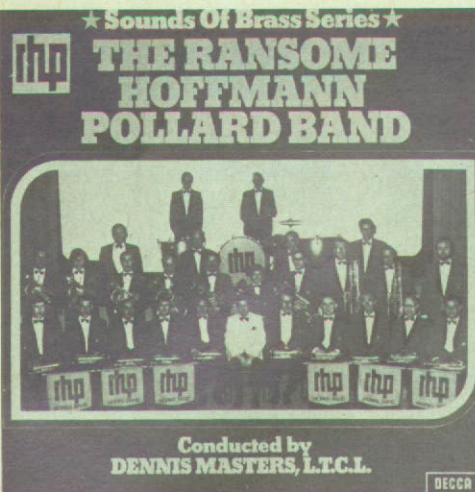
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"Sounds of Brass Series Vol 3" (The Ransome Hoffman Pollard Band, conducted by Dennis Masters) (Decca SB 303). Another famous brass band wastes its talents on some poor arrangements and the conductor must take some of the blame for his programme and certain failings in what the Americans call his "rendition."

The "Heroic March" from Percy Fletcher's early Epic Symphony makes an impressive beginning but I listened with horror to an emasculated version of Waldteufel's valse militaire "The Grenadiers." Shorn of its bugle calls and all its repeats it was about as military as those dancing girls known as the Grenadiers, and much less attractive. Like the other waltz on this disc, "Casino Tanze" by lively old Gung'l, it was too slow and lifeless. The "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah" was so lethargically played I expected it to come to a grinding halt long before the welcome end.

The real gem is a selection (believe it or not) from Tchaikovsky's "Capriccio Italien." Brass bands really should stop perpetrating this sort of thing—it only confirms some people's image of brass bands as belonging to the dark ages of the 19th century.

The remainder of this LP, you will be pleased to hear, is quite acceptable and of course beautifully played. A cornet solo by Brian Mather, "The Caledonian," is good legitimate fun and, apart from some faulty rhythm, so is an arrangement of Wagner's "Nibelungen March." The Berlioz overture "Les Francs Juges" is a famous test piece and receives a contest performance of great verve and skill. Whether Berlioz would approve, any more than would Tchaikovsky, is a different matter. **RB**

"Amazing Grace" (Pipes, Drums and Military Band of the Regimental Brigade of Scotland) (RCA Camden CAS 2579).

No, don't be put off by the title. Even if you've heard enough of "Amazing Grace" to last you a lifetime I think you need this LP of a fine mixture of pipes and band music.

Captain Brian Keeling, who with my reviewer-colleague JM is responsible for the training of all junior pipers and musicians of The Scottish Division, has put together a very attractive list of tunes, arranged by himself for the most part, for pipes and military band. These youngsters acquit themselves very well and the whole LP achieves an atmosphere that makes not only good listening but would serve admirably as background music when seeing off a bottle of the hard stuff.

Two of the medleys are for pipes and drums alone—"Cock o' the North" and "A Hundred Pipers." The remainder are for pipes and band and include "Rule Britannia," "Amazing Grace," "Skye Boat Song,"

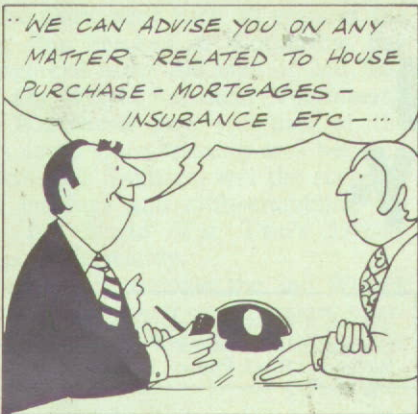
"Scotland the Brave," "Bluebells of Scotland," "Kumbaya" and even the American "Yankee Doodle."

Yet another setting of Last Post, this time to none other than "Auld Lang Syne," should be in every party-giver's record rack. Short of playing the National Anthem I can't think of a better hint the host could give that the party's over than a fortissimo performance of side two of this LP. **RB**



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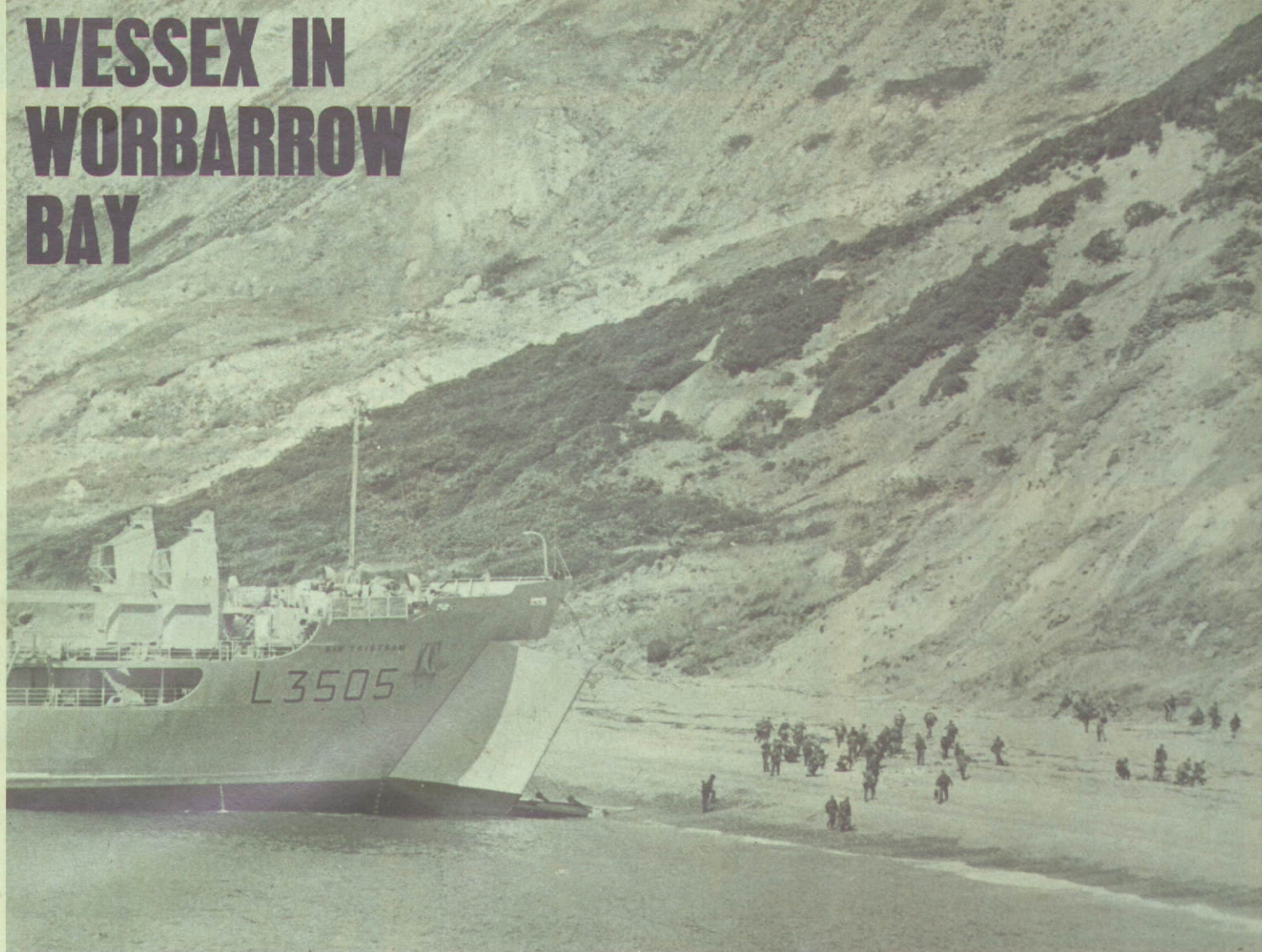
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WESSEX IN WORBARROW BAY



Above: the gaping jaws of Sir Tristram open to disgorge dwarfed assault troops on shore.

FOR the old Sweats still serving in the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve the clock went back 30 years as the landing ship beached in Worbarrow Bay and disgorged some 200 men of 2nd Battalion, The Wessex Regiment (Volunteers).

For Worbarrow Bay, still part of the Army's south coast training area between Lulworth and Swanage, was the scene of assault landings and cliff-scrambling rehearsal for World War Two's D-Day landings in Normandy.

On a weekend exercise the 2nd Wessex was practising counter-revolutionary operations, patrolling and night navigation,

helicopter drills, road movement and short sea embarkation drills. The Volunteers were taken out to sea from Portland in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Sir Tristram, one of the logistic landing ships, and made an unopposed landing in the bay.

Acting as "enemy" during the weekend were some 40 men of B and D squadrons of 21st Special Air Service Regiment (Artists Rifles).

The 2nd Wessex was formed only two years ago on an expansion of the TAVR from cadres which remained when a year earlier the Reserve Forces were cut down. At the same time the original battalion, The

Wessex Volunteers, was retitled 1st Battalion The Wessex Regiment (Rifle Volunteers). The 2nd Battalion's headquarters is at Reading with A Company at Bletchley, B (which is up to strength) at Portsmouth, C at Maidenhead and D at Poole with platoons in Bournemouth and Weymouth. The cadres from which the battalion was formed were The Buckinghamshire Regiment, The Royal Berkshire Territorials, The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Territorials and The Dorset Territorials.

REGIMENTAL PLATE

A commemorative plate in Spode fine bone China is to be produced for The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in a limited edition of 500. It is the third in a series covering unamalgamated infantry regiments. The first two were produced for The Green Howards and The Cheshire Regiment. The fourth and subsequent plates will be announced at yearly intervals.

The Duke of Wellington's plate is in modelled 24-carat gold and rich enamels on Spode fine bone china. In the centre, surrounded by a union wreath and crown, is the regimental badge of the 33rd of Foot and to its right, that of the 76th. The border of the plate features 33 of the regiment's 117

battle honours displayed on three panels linked by motifs of the Yorkshire rose on a red-and-gold design of rose leaves. The plate measures 10½ in in diameter and is supplied in a presentation box accompanied by a certificate signed by the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Robert N H C Bray.

One of the first to see the design of the plate was the present Duke of Wellington. It was launched on June 18—Waterloo Day—one of the regiment's most famous victories.

The plates will be distributed by Mulberry Hall, of Stonegate, York, YO1 2AW, price £28.75 each, inclusive of postage and packing within the United Kingdom.



Mrs Odette Hallowes GC, who as Odette Sansom was awarded the George Cross after being captured by the Germans while acting as an agent in enemy-occupied France during World War Two, looks at an exhibit in the Imperial War Museum exhibition of Victoria Crosses and George Crosses. Many items of interest connected with the two awards, formerly displayed at St Georges' House, will now form part of a permanent exhibition at the museum



The Paul family have made something of a family affair out of 44 Para Ordnance Field Park, Royal Army Ordnance Corps (Volunteers). David and John Paul plus their brother-in-law, Richard Ruby, are all serving members of the unit. Mrs Joan Paul, her husband, and daughter Mrs Shirley Ruby, run the unit canteen.



Resplendent in his new "uniform," Dewi II takes on his job as mascot of 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales. Dewi II was selected from the royal herd of Cashmere goats and presented to the battalion on behalf of the Queen. He succeeds Dewi I who died suddenly in April. Pictured with Dewi II are Goat-Major Lance-Corporal Peter Browning and the battalion's commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Pim.



Princess Margaret inspected a guard of honour provided by 3 Company of 5th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, when she opened the new Essex Regiment museum at Chelmsford.



A 200-year link with the Navy was continued when the Queen's Colour and Regimental Colour of The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire) were brought home by the Navy from Germany. The two county regiments used to serve as marines in bygone days. While 1st Battalion, The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment, was being flown back from Berlin after a two-year tour there, the Colours were shipped back from Cuxhaven to Portsmouth by the minesweeper HMS Lewiston.



Gunner Peter Clough, serving as an Abbots driver with 1st Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, in Germany, is promoted to general. . . every time he gets down to his hobby of wargaming in the cellars of his barracks where a special room has been laid out for this ever-growing pastime. Gunner Clough's on- and off-duty interest in soldiering was learned while he was a boy. His father was a staff-sergeant in the Royal Artillery.

Bandsmen from 2nd Battalion, The Light Infantry, and buglers from 3rd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, stepped out at 140 paces a minute around the BBC's Pebble Mill broadcasting centre in Birmingham for the benefit of the lunchtime magazine programme "Pebble Mill at One."

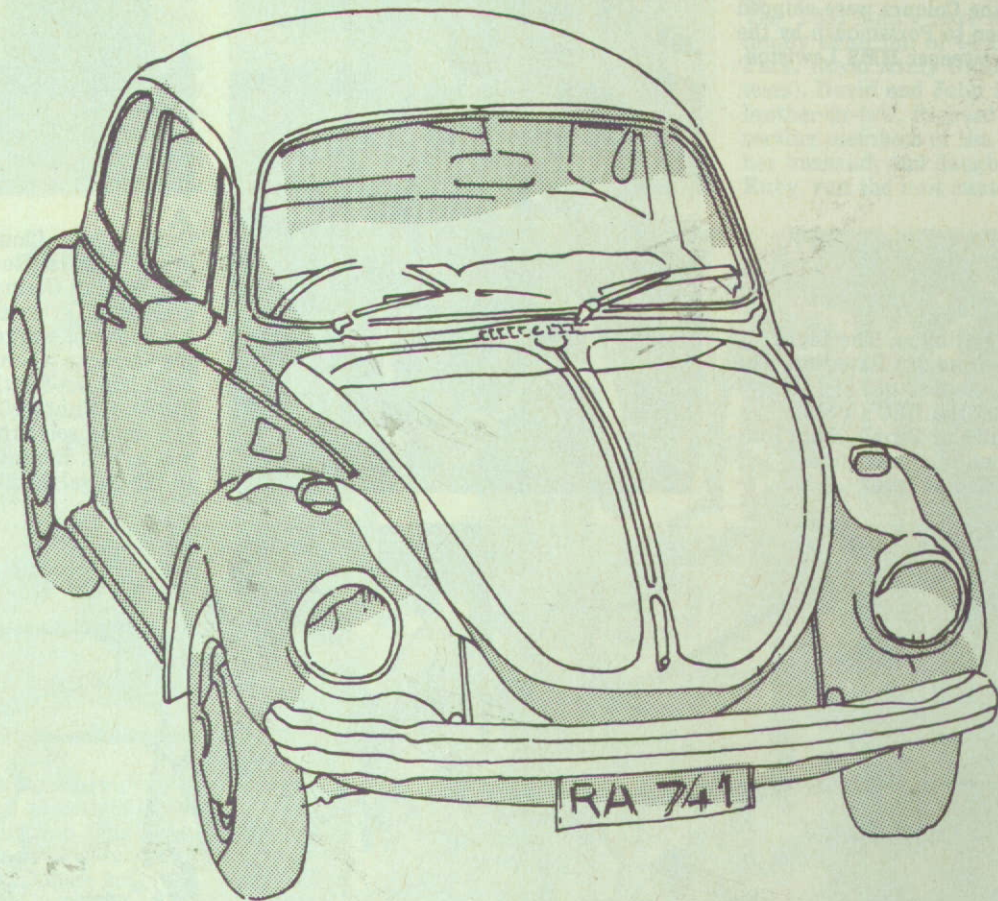


When 1st Battalion, The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment, said goodbye to their friends in Berlin at the end of a posting there, they did it in the grand manner by hiring one of the biggest halls in the city and staging a pageant which told the history of the regiment. The show traced the progress of the four regiments of foot which eventually amalgamated into The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment. They were the 49th, 66th, 62nd and 99th of foot. These paired off to become The Berkshire Regiment and The Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment) in 1881. The final amalgamation came in 1959.

The Mayor of Colchester, Councillor Arthur Parsonson, who is an ex-Essex Yeomanryman, took a keen interest in a Scout helicopter of 665 Aviation Squadron during a visit to Colchester garrison. Here the squadron's officer commanding, Major Ronald Matthews, explains the controls.



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letters—on a postcard or by letter, with the "Competition 182" label from this page and your name and address, to:

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This competition is open to all readers at home and overseas and closing date is Monday 8 October. The answers and winners' names will appear in the December SOLDIER. More than one entry can be submitted but each must be accompanied by a "Competition 182" label. Winners will be drawn by lots from correct entries.

Line One

Line Two

Line Three

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
P	R	I	V	A	T	E
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			?			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
?						

Clues for Line Two

- 1 If V is after I write it in Box 8 unless I is the first letter in this sentence, in which case write that in Box 13.
- 2 Provided T is in Box 6 write A in Box 12 but only if R is in Box 2.
- 3 Write P in Box 10 if five is greater than three.
- 4 If SOLDIER is published monthly write C in Box 11.
- 5 Provided you have written V in Box 8 write L in Box 14, otherwise write A in Box 12 unless that box is already filled, in which case transfer the content of Box 11 to Box 8.
- 6 If the letters in Box 5 and Box 12 match, write the same letter in Box 9; if not, write A in Box 9.

7 If any box, from Box 1 to Box 10, contains the letter L, insert L in Box 14; if not, insert N instead.

Clues for Line Three

Lines One, Two and Three read vertically provide groups of three letters. The answers to the following provide the letters of five or these seven groups:

- (a) Plural of is.
- (b) —s and needles.
- (c) Animal doctor.
- (d) River island.
- (e) Man's name.

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Letters

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Has the Army ever considered the apparent advantages of having professional mess staff instead of the present ad hoc set-up?

At the moment there must be hundreds of soldiers collecting pay as riflemen, gunners, tank drivers, signallers or whatever when in fact they are busy polishing the mess silver or serving at table. This is not to say that many do not find this type of work to be their true niche, but how much better if the Army recognised it as a proper trade, as does the Royal Air Force.

The Army Catering Corps is the natural corps to take on this extra trade. With its present professionalism in the cooking and presentation of food it seems natural that it should also embrace the whole spectrum of mess management. Under one cap badge the mess could be run as efficiently as any civil hotel with members of the staff working their way through a proper trade structure. Trade qualifications could include recognised civilian certificates in hotel management, thus enabling the staff to continue "in the trade" in civil life.

Regiments would not have to find mess staff from "front line" soldiers. The Army could hope to retain the services of many trained soldiers who might otherwise feel themselves failures and depart to similar jobs, with qualifications, in civvy street. The taxpayer would pay for riflemen who actually fire rifles, signallers who signal, gunners who fire missiles—and waiters who serve those who also serve.

I think it's such a good idea it has not a chance in hell of being considered. Tradition will out.—Sgt W J R Bigg RMP, HQ 4 Div, BFPO 15.

★ On the contrary, sergeant. Something is being done. A spokesman for the Army Catering Corps informs us that the Director ACC has recently written a paper for the Quartermaster-General on this very subject and a committee will very soon be considering its feasibility and implications.

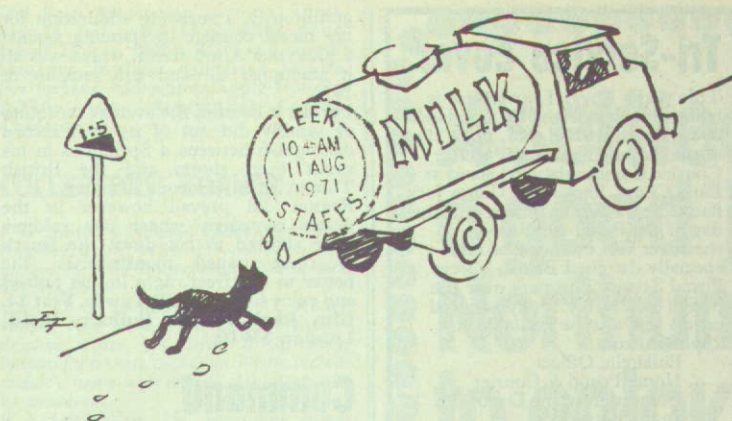
The spokesman pointed out, however, that at this early stage it does not necessarily mean that the Army Catering Corps would be the responsible corps.

Crimean medals

Some while ago you were good enough to publish a letter of mine and I am now asking once more for your help. For many years I have been interested in the 11th Hussars and the 17th Lancers and the part they played in the Charge of the Light Brigade. I am making a page-per-man service record of all who served in these regiments and were awarded a clasp or clasps for the Crimean campaign. At the moment I am working on the 17th Lancers and I hope this should be complete, or as far as anything of this nature can be considered complete, towards the end of the year.

Recently there have been several instances of medals coming on to the market which have been falsified in some way. I have no wish to know who actually owns any of these medals but in an attempt to compile some sort of record I would ask readers who know of any genuine, or thought to be genuine, medals to let me have details of naming, type, clasp etc. Apart from actual owners, I am thinking here in particular of medals that have appeared in auction catalogues over the years.

In return, a copy of any information that I may have will be gladly forwarded to all who have doubts about their medals or prospective purchases.—E J Boys, 17 Chesham Court, Trinity Road, London SW18.



Parker the macaw

I was most interested in the back cover of the April SOLDIER showing Parker, the macaw mascot of British Forces, British Honduras.

While serving with the Coldstream Guards I had the good fortune to be sent on a six-month tour of that beautiful country and on one of our excursions my platoon commander, Lieutenant Charles Crawley, acquired a macaw, identical to the one illustrated, somewhere inland of Punta Gorda. The beautiful bird was billeted with us at Punta Gorda police station and travelled back to Airport Camp with us. When we left British Honduras the bird was, I believe, left in the care of the sergeants mess. This was some time in 1964 or 1965. I would be most interested to know if Parker is the same bird and how it was he came by the name.

We also had several grey parrots, two of which were billeted in my room under the loving care of Guardsmen Dawson, Chidlow, Hopkinson and myself. They woke us every morning punctually at reveille with raucous cries of "Good morning, feet on the deck" etc and consumed huge quantities of peanuts and red-and-green peppers as well as sunflower seeds.

Any information on any of these birds would be greatly appreciated. Thanks and congratulations on an excellent publication.—Paul Grant, 45 Jellalabad MSQ, Tidworth, Hants.

★ SOLDIER writer Mike Starke, who was in British Honduras when Parker was photographed, thinks it almost certain that Parker is the macaw that reader Grant's platoon commander "recruited" near Punta Gorda.

Says Starke: As we were told, Parker was rescued suffering from gunshot wounds in the wing some seven or eight years ago during a tour by a Guards battalion in British Honduras. Since then, successive garrison sergeant-majors have looked after Parker who is now very much part of the garrison.

Although he bears no signs of injury, Parker has never been able to fly properly since "joining up" but nevertheless spends every day high in a tree near the garrison sergeant-major's home—a climb he makes with the help of his

powerful beak and claws. In late afternoon he is called down to a smaller tree to feed and roost, and it was from this smaller tree that Parker began an adventure not so long ago which caused concern throughout Airport Camp. The up-draught of air created by a helicopter taking off gave him the urge to fly and he disappeared into the Caribbean blue. The whole garrison was put on unofficial alert; Parker, so the story goes, turned up on the fence of the commander's quarters. Apart from this brief lapse, Parker remains a credit to his brightly coloured "uniform."

Why he was called Parker remains a mystery. The grey parrots were not much in evidence but there were a couple of perky little green parakeets. One brazen hussy, who attached herself to the officers mess, reminded all and sundry of her name at crack of dawn each day with a piercing shriek of "Juaneetaeta!"



Force 131

Does any reader remember a small but efficient band of men known originally as Force 131?

Drawn from the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force—and later two United States construction battalions under Commanders Currier and Hoehnen—we sailed from the United Kingdom in September 1943 in convoy to Angra do Herisimo, Teceira, Azores. Our task was to build an airstrip from which to fly sorties against enemy submarines which were sinking

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allied ships in the Atlantic. It was duly constructed at Lagens some seven miles from the port of Angra and proved highly successful.

Sir Winston Churchill thought it important enough to mention in his "Second World War," Volume Three, pages 123/5 and 388/9, and Volume Four, pages 108, 705, 716 and 886. Brigadier Peter Young summed up the success of the project in his "World War 1939-45," page 308.

The Royal Navy operated ASDIC and a ferry service between Fayal (the cable and WT station) and Angra. The RAF sank U-boats and carried home our mail and pineapples. The Americans forced up local prices, helped us with their PX and gave excellent support with transport and aircraft—all lease-lend.

Since leaving the Army I have seen only two members of Force 131—Air Vice-Marshal Sir Geoffrey Bromet, who was the senior British officer, and Lieutenant "Dickie" Brett, RASC. I would be more than pleased to hear from anyone who served with Force 131 or any former "Chave d'Or" habitué!—Capt A Brookes (Retd), RASC, 1 Hampton Road, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 0DF.

Bombay bloomers

Mr Rimmer's letter (May) regarding overseas Army kit is the most apposite on the subject I have seen. For long it has always been an enigma to me why, of the three services, the Army alone had to be issued with and expected to wear such ugly, badly tailored shorts.

During my own service days I discovered to my chagrin that sailors in the Royal Navy and "erks" in the Royal Air Force had no stipulated ruling as to the length of khaki drill. In the RAF one noticed that extreme brevity in cut was in fact taken for granted. Even the Royal Marines ashore in such places as the Middle East, Sicily and Italy were allowed to trim their shorts to mid-thigh.

I had many friends in both the Royal Navy and the RAF and always when we were together in canteen or café I asked why they had this privilege. Their answers, conclusive by optical evidence, were always the same. "We



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The second world helicopter championships take place at the Army Air Corps Centre, Middle Wallop, Hampshire, during the week beginning 23 July 1973, ending with Army Air Day on 28 July.

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The Army could certainly have taken a wonderful example from the Commonwealth troops whose overseas kit was unique in fit, smartness and natural freedom. For myself I soon acquired the proper type, to wit South African shorts immaculately cut, and my luck held the more as a very understanding CO of my regiment decreed that out of all our mob I should be granted his permission to keep on wearing them. Naturally, ashore I had to run the gauntlet and wrath of regimental and military police but a chit of paper enabled me to appear the smartest, I expect, soldier in the British Army in places like Algiers, Durban, Cape Town, Brindisi, New York and Halifax, Nova Scotia.

In effect, although I earned many satirical comments from my fellow soldiers in barracks, on the square and throughout the campaigns in the Middle East I also earned, perhaps

gratuitously, a sneaking admiration for my moral courage in standing against a ludicrous Army fetish, which was all it amounted to—and still remains in 1973.

For, let it be said, the average mosquito or sandfly did not of its own accord distinguish between a Springbok in his smart brief shorts and the British Tommy in his hideous bloomers.

Reason did prevail however in the desert campaign where our soldiers were allowed to cut down the length of these issued monstrosities, the better to feel freer, fight in, get tanned and enjoy living.—Bill Tawse, Flat 14, Elm Park House, Fulham Road, London SW10.

Command performance

I have for some time been researching the artistic career of the Italian tenor Beniamino Gigli and am trying to obtain information of his performances at the San Carlo Opera House, Naples, from June 1944 until 1947. The administration of the San Carlo is unable to help me as during that period the opera house was under the control of the Allied Military Government—CMF 56th Area, which was commanded by a Brigadier B U S Cripps MC, The Welch Regiment. I would be most grateful for any information on this matter.—Mark Ricaldone, 14A Palmerston Crescent, Palmers Green, London, N13 4UA.

Jagdpanzer

Some of my German colleagues enjoy reading your excellent magazine as much as I do—and would be much too polite to criticise one or two inaccuracies in your article about Sennelager (April). However, for the record (and future reference) a Jagdpanzer (tank hunter) is not a tank itself but an armoured

self-propelled anti tank gun (Kanone) or missile launcher (Rakete). Your picture (page 25) showed the Jagdpanzer (Rakete) armed with the French SS11 anti-tank missile—as used by our own "helicopter strikers".—Lieut-Col R M Everard RTR, British Liaison Officer, German Armour School, Munsterlager, BFPO 37.

★ Oops!

Square-eyed

Competition 177 (February) hoist your puzzle compiler with his own petard. To save readers the chore of writing out a long list of names he asked only for the total number and the number of aircraft names. There was a clear all-correct winner and a close runner-up who listed all the names but put one in the wrong section. Other competitors near the mark have been invited to take part in an eliminator for the remaining ten prizes.

There were 52 names in the square including those (in bold print) of 15 aircraft.

Horizontally, from top to bottom: Priest, (left to right), Mobat (right to left); Sherman (L-R), Antar (R-L); Wombat (L-R); Sultan (L-R); Malakara (R-L); Auster (R-L); Matilda (L-R); Comet (L-R, also a tank); Puma (R-L); Gatling (L-R); Scimitar (L-R), Dakota (R-L); Argosy (L-R), Conqueror (R-L); Maxim (R-L); Blowpipe (L-R), Beaver (R-L); Jeep (R-L); Striker (L-R), Rapier (R-L); Ferret (L-R), Fox (R-L); Deacon (L-R), Saladin (R-L); Hercules (R-L).

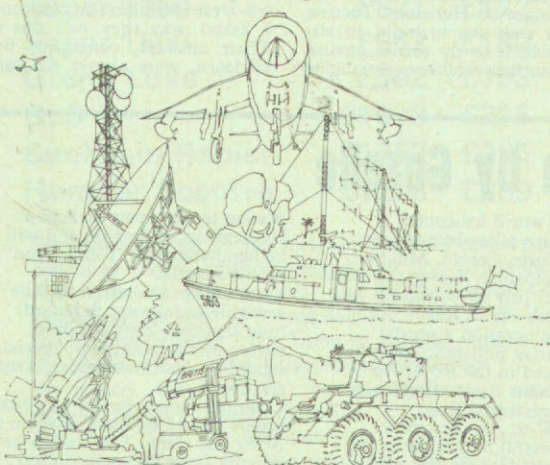
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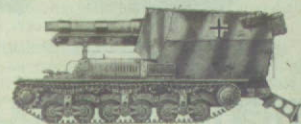
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The Army's part in this included getting supplies to airfields where they were despatched by special Royal Army Service Corps units to be received in Berlin by similar units. Other soldiers maintained and improved airfields and, though the author does not mention them, soldiers of the Glider Pilot Regiment took turns in flying Royal Air Force Transports.

The story of the physical blockade, exciting though it is, forms only about one-fifth of Mr Morris's book. He is more concerned with putting the incident into its political setting and perspective from 1945 to 1972, presenting it as a focal point in the relations between the Western Allies and the Soviet Union. He links it with events as far apart as the Korean War and the Cuban missile crisis.

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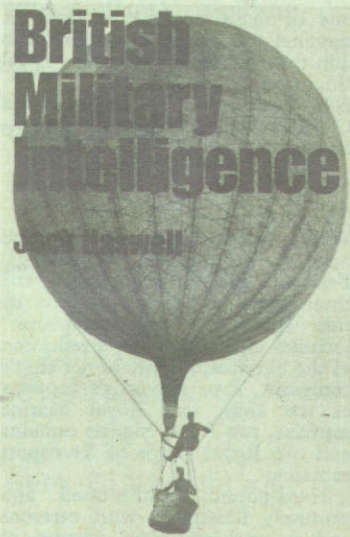
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To avoid this kind of thing the author proposes two kinds of officer—the specialist who accepts time promotion and a limited promotion ceiling and the flier who works in broader fields of intelligence and also takes appointments outside the corps. From the second kind of



officer would come the men to fill senior intelligence appointments. Not until these jobs are reserved for professional intelligence officers, says the author, can Service intelligence lose its aura of amateurism.

Major Haswell's reflections on the growing pains of a young corps form only a small part of his book. The bulk of it is a very readable account of the amateurs who in the past served the Army so well and of the professional soldier who shaped their work.

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Cavalry spirit

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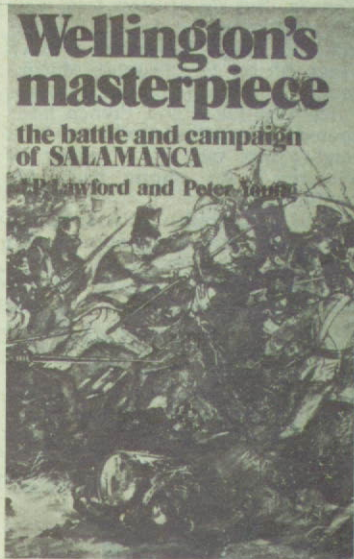
Few writers have ever considered Salamanca a great battle; it was not

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Wellington's push to the north east through central Spain depended on the capture of two formidable fortresses, Ciudad Rodrigo and Badajoz. Each was heavily fortified and defended by good quality French troops. It was only after fantastic bravery and heavy losses that both were taken by the bayonet.

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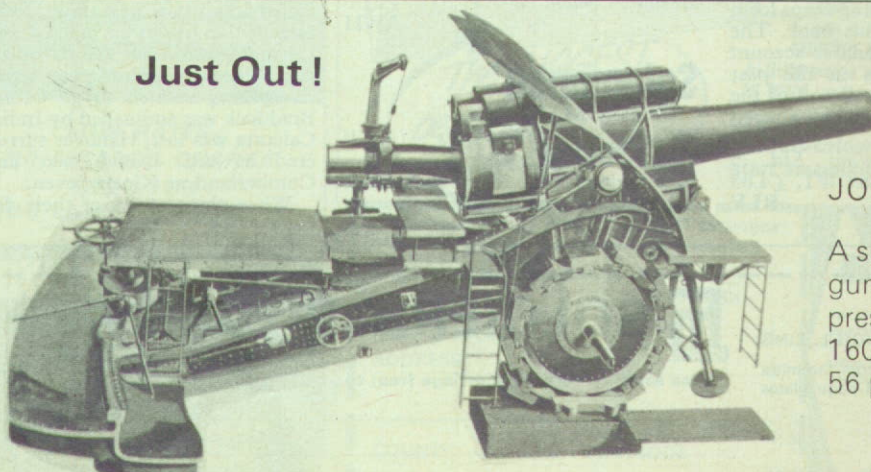
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