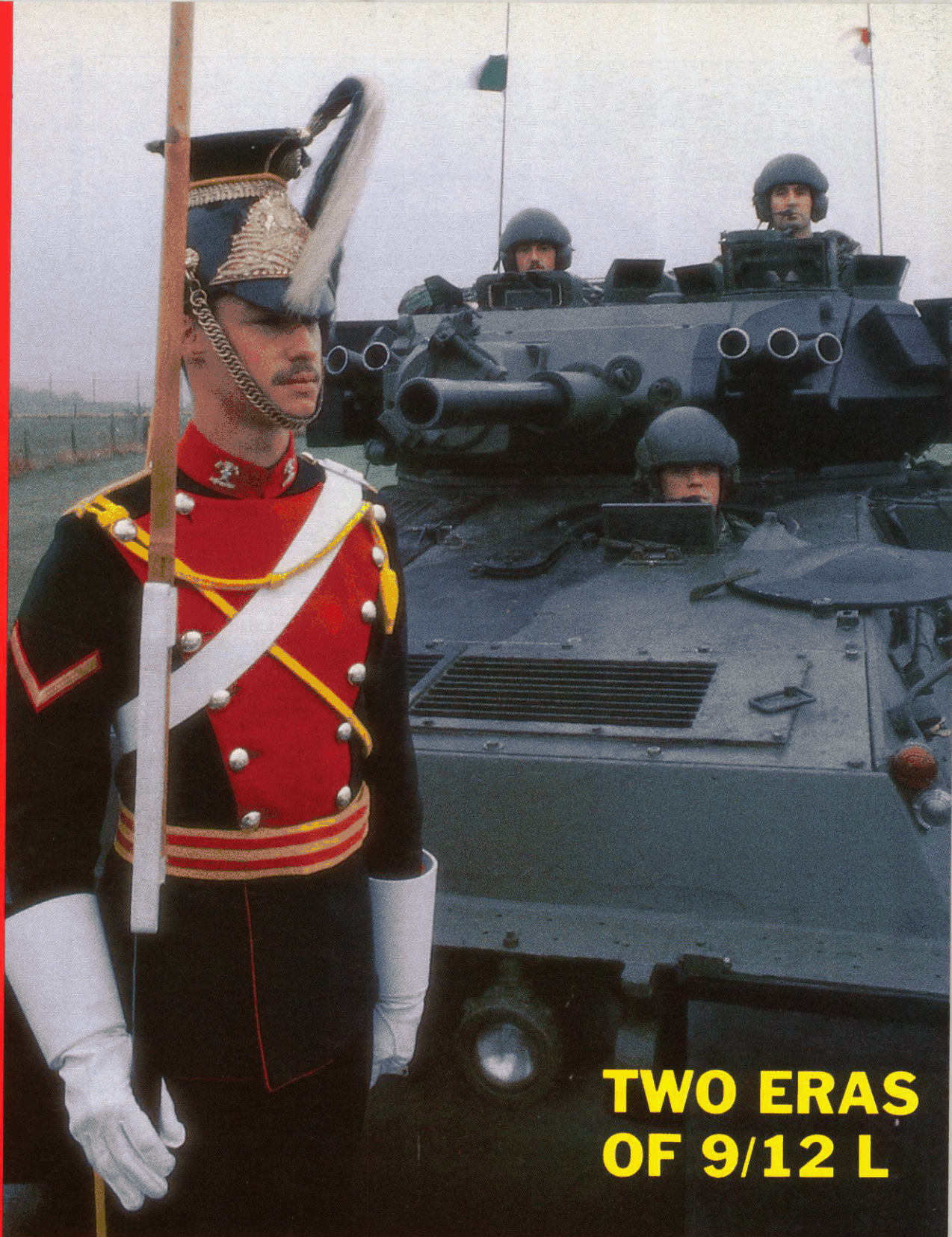


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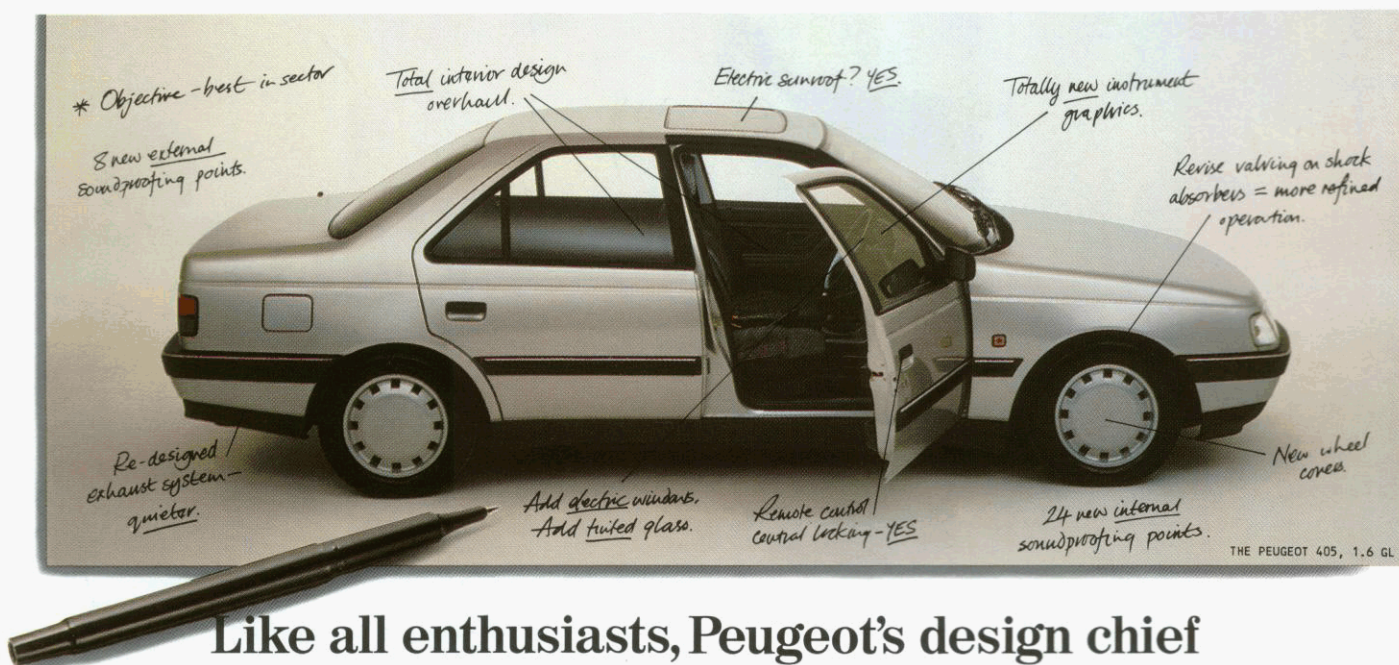


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**FRONT COVER – Main picture: Old and new are sharply contrasted in this study of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), a regiment steeped in history and tradition. Ceremonial Lance Marker, LCpl Leigh Feltham (left) is pictured with the crew of a Scorpion light armoured vehicle used by today's Lancers, currently tasked as a reconnaissance regiment – the forward eyes and ears of a commander. 9/12 L feature, Pages 16-19. Lower picture: Caps are raised as the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, gives three cheers for the Queen, who reviewed the 105th Sovereign's Parade and presented new Colours. The occasion coincided with the Academy's 250th anniversary. See also back page.**

Pictures: Mike Perring



Col Peter Grant Peterkin (front, left) and his UNIKOM team

Picture: WO2 Arthur Thomson RAOC

# Safe haven

From Laurie Manton in Diyarbakir, Turkey

OPERATION Haven beckoned for the Royal Marines of 45 Commando who joined SOLDIER on board a Royal Air Force VC10 at Leuchars in Scotland. We were bound for Turkey.

The Marines were to become involved in the international humanitarian mission to save Kurds who have chosen the freezing mountains of northern Iraq rather than face slaughter at the hands of Saddam Hussein's Republican Guard.

The five-hour flight ended at Diyarbakir. The Turkish airbase is one of sharp contrasts. A fleet of Second World War vintage Dakotas jostle with modern jet fighters for a position on the pan.

Alongside the main runway lies a shimmering grass strip. On it stand long lines of helicopters tasked to carry men and supplies on Op Haven.

A Royal Navy doctor offered the Marines timely advice about health and current living conditions.

"The local wild life is

lethal," he warned. "Centipedes are this big . . ." he indicated, holding out his hands. Malarial mosquitoes hummed malevolently by.

The men were issued ammunition before being lifted away to forward positions by sand-painted Chinooks fresh from service in the Gulf.

Men of 3 Commando Brigade provided the main British ground contingent, but there is a strong British Army presence. The brigade has several Army elements – 59 (Independent) Commando Squadron, Royal Engineers, the mainly RAOC-cap badged Commando Logistic Regiment, and 3 Brigade Air Squadron employing REME technicians.

The gunners are coming, in the shape of 29 Commando Regiment, RA. Members of 29 Transport and Movement Regiment, RCT are responsible for filling seats and moving stores around the region. Many of the movers will be familiar to those who served in the Gulf war.

● Turn to Page 5

## Officers observe for UN

THE British Army has a new presence in Kuwait – as observers for the United Nations on the Iraq-Kuwait border.

The contingent of 20 officers forms part of a force of 300 men in the demilitarized zone, and is led by Col Peter Grant Peterkin, who commanded the Queen's Own Highlanders at Fort George, and whose father and grandfather commanded Cameron battalions during the world wars.

The United Nations Iraq Kuwait Observer Mission (UNIKOM) comprises majors and captains from The Blues and Royals, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, 9th/12th Royal Lancers, 3 and 4 Royal Tank Regiments, Royal Engineers, Royal Signals, Scots, Irish and Welsh Guards, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, The Green Howards, The Royal Irish Rangers, the Royal Corps of Transport, the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, 16 Air Defence Regiment RA and 42 Survey Group RE.

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## Scotty shapes up for service

A YOUNG man whose leg was amputated below the knee as a child has successfully completed his basic Army training and is now undergoing trade training at Aldershot.

The amazing determination of Pte Jeffrey Scott in conquering his disability and convincing the Army that he is a good investment has finally paid off and he has now joined the RAMC after completing his basic recruit training at Keogh Barracks.

Jeffrey's left leg was shorter than his right and it was amputated when he was ten. An artificial leg was fitted.

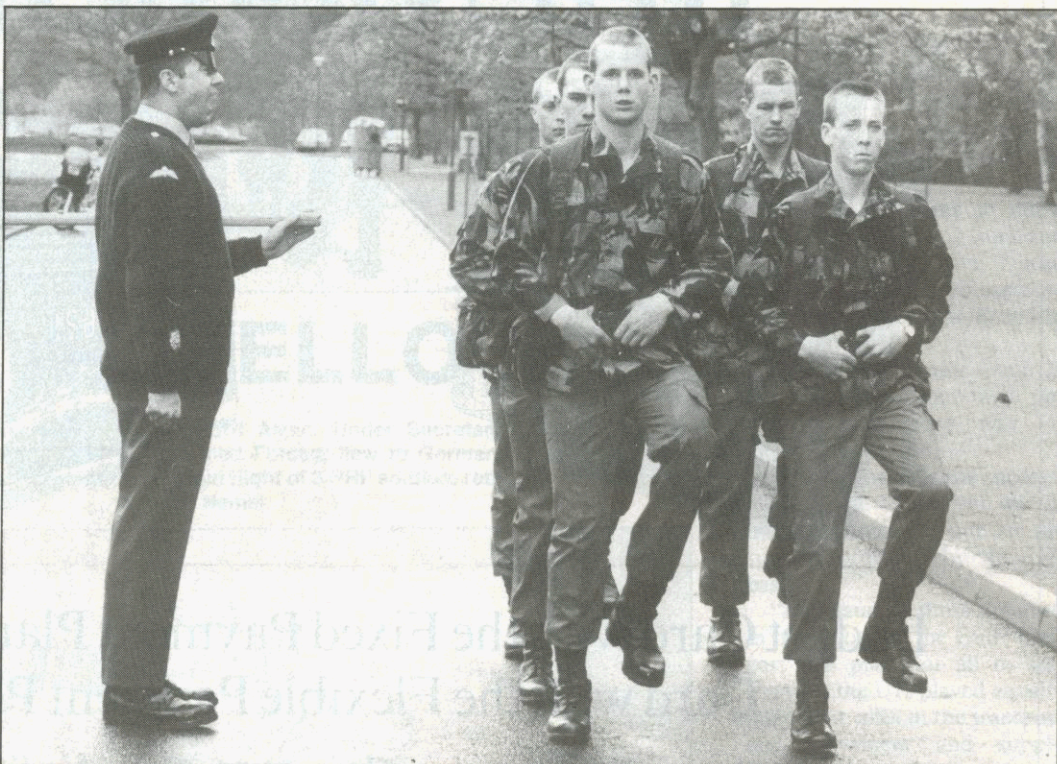
No concession was made for him and he had to complete the standard fitness tests.

Jeffrey failed his combat fitness test at the first go because his artificial leg was too heavy, but obtained an American-designed leg which was lighter and despite breaking it before the re-test, managed to get another, and pass.

While it is not unknown for soldiers to continue serving without a limb, it is unusual for a one-legged man to be accepted into service.

## Worthy name

THE building housing the Royal Army Pay Corps Computer Centre at Worthy Down, Winchester, has been renamed the Adjutant General Information Centre (AGIC) in recognition of its role in providing information services to the Army. The formal naming ceremony was performed by the AG, Gen Sir David Ramsbotham.



WO2 (CSM) Dave Hulme puts Pte Scott (front left) and course colleagues through their paces

## New CDS moves in

FIELD Marshal Sir Richard Vincent became Chief of the Defence Staff on April 2 in succession to Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir David Craig.

Fd Marshal Vincent, the former Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, also joins the Defence Council. He began his career as a National Serviceman in the Royal Artillery in 1950.

Gen Sir Peter Inge will assume the appointment of Chief of the General Staff in early February 1992 in succession to Gen Sir John Chapple.

Gen Inge has been Commander-in-Chief British Army of the Rhine and Northern Army Group since 1989. He is Colonel of his Regiment, the Green Howards, and Colonel Commandant of the RMP and APTC.

## Safe haven

### • From Page 3

Once again the Royal Corps of Signals is providing communications support to a major troop deployment.

Men of the Blandford-based 30 Signal Regiment have set up a number of VSC 501 Satcom detachments under the command of Maj Mark Perry.

The United Kingdom contingent carrying out Operation Haven is commanded by Maj Gen Robin Ross RM, Commander British Forces Operation Haven, who has his HQ at Incirlik in Turkey. This is also the HQ of the US Combined Task Force.

The task is to provide a safe environment within camps they are building in the Zakhhu area and further east. Relief operations include helping displaced people to make their way to the camps.

The Army has 700 soldiers

within the Commando brigade, but an additional 500 have been sent to provide facilities as diverse as laundry and bath units along with communications detachments with satellites and specialist equipment to operate in the technically difficult conditions on the Turkey-Iraq border. Units involved include RE, R Signals, REME, RAOC, RAMC and RCT personnel.

At the same time some 68 soldiers are detached to the RAF, including members of South Cerney's 47 Air Despatch Squadron RCT, and continue their work in Operation Provide Comfort, dropping supplies to groups of otherwise inaccessible Kurds in the mountains.

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## C-in-C applauds Granby effort

IN A special order to United Kingdom Land Forces, Gen Sir John Waters, C-in-C UKLF, has paid tribute to all ranks for their efforts during Operation Granby.

"I want all ranks to know how much their hard work and professionalism have been appreciated by commanders here at home, in BAOR and in the Gulf.

"There was hardly a unit in the Command that was not involved in some way or another," he says.

Gen Waters says the successful outcome of the war was in no small measure due to the support provided by the UK base.

"I applaud all those involved in operations in the Gulf; their part was plain for all to see. Many in the UK played equally important roles in the transport and movement and supply fields, as well as in the maintenance and preparation of vehicles and equipment, during the mounting and subsequent phases of the operation.

"I also pay tribute to those who contributed to the medical and casualty reporting plans; mercifully their roles were never fully tested."

Gen Waters ends his signal with a message of gratitude to families for their support of his troops in the face of much separation under the pressure of work.

## 4 Bde says thank you

The generosity and kindness shown by 4th Armoured Brigade's German neighbours in Munster while the Brigade was in the Gulf brought enormous benefit to the garrison, ranging from private invitations to shopping trips by Bundeswehr helicopters.

In appreciation, Brig Christopher Hammerbeck presented Jerboa Desert Rat trophies to the city's civil, police and military representatives.



There was a champagne welcome for men of the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers when they flew in to Düsseldorf, Germany. They were the last major teeth arm to return from the Gulf. The commanding officer of 3 RRF, Lt Col Andrew Larpent (second from left), celebrates with members of his regiment and two officers from the battalion's German sister unit, 202 Panzergrenadier Battalion.

## HELLO . . .

Lord Arran, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, flew to Germany to meet the last main flight of 3 RRF soldiers returning to their base at Hemer.

## . . . AND GOODBYE

PRINCE Khalid ibn Sultan, head of the Saudi Arabian Army, joined Air Vice Marshal Ian Macfadyen, British Forces Commander Middle East, to bid farewell to the last of the fighting units to leave the Gulf.

The Prince paid tribute to the bravery of the British troops.

"The world is a safer place for their sacrifice and for the courage of the British Government which so strongly supported the liberation of Kuwait," he said.

"I salute each of you and specially your superb commander Gen Sir Peter de la Billiere. There is no higher glory than to return freedom to people from whom it has been stolen."

The Prince inspected troops from D Sqn 14th/20th King's Hussars and 2 Field Regiment RA, who were among the 340 to depart from Hanover.



British troops wave goodbye as they depart from Saudi Arabia

## DERR fires .50 Browning in anger

A SOLDIER of the 1st Battalion, The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment is believed to be the first man in the Province to use the .50 Browning in anger since the weapons were deployed to give added protection to Security

Forces in Northern Ireland.

Cpl "Boris" Alden opened up in immediate reply when machine gun bursts from across the border hit Gortmullan (Co Fermanagh) permanent vehicle check point.

Other troops joined in with

two GPMGs, LSWs and SA 80s and the terrorists ceased fire and hastily withdrew. The attack took place in the early evening.

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# Bridge 'deal' saves Yeoman bounty

MINOR details such as having no 9mm ammunition and suddenly losing their range training area might have been expected to present a problem for a Territorial armoured car squadron trying to ensure its troopers are up to scratch for their bounty.

But the Kent and Sharpshooters Yeomanry Squadron at Croydon had a haggle with a landowner and the price for using the land for training was to build a bridge. Not a very big bridge at 30ft, but certainly good enough to bear ten tons over a small stream.

The main qualification which the squadron leader, Maj Tim Lawson Cruttenden - a solicitor - had for carrying this out was being the son of a wartime sapper and chartered civil engineer, so he pitched in to give on-site advice.

As well as being an Australian Army Reserve officer, his 2 iC, Capt Craig Brown, is also a chartered architect, so that took care of the detailed plans.

NBC, first aid and AFV recognition tests had to be taken, along with the statutory battle fitness test, so each troop had only one hour in which to contribute to preparing the site, cutting and trimming timber and actually building the bridge.

However, all found time to watch the OC test the construction.

## We're back

The Light Infantry are back in Dewsbury again, 23 years after The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry left the Drill Hall. C Coy of The 8th Yorkshire Battalion are having to share with the Royal Engineers but the platoon detachment under Lt Nick Armitage and Sgt Maj Wilfy Marshall has taken root. Recruiting is going exceptionally well despite not having daubed recruiting slogans on the roof to catch the eye of motorists on the main road. Making the battalion's mark again is Pte Ian Potter.



Picture: Terry Champion

### Right on the mark

The right of the line has to be right on the ball, and this is being checked by GOC London District, Maj Gen Simon Cooper, as he makes his annual inspection of The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery in Regent's Park. The Troop takes precedence when on parade with its guns, which provide royal salutes and funeral gun carriages as well as ceremonial panache.

# BISLEY PUT ON HOLD FOR YEAR

FOR ONLY the second time in its 98-year history, the Regular Army 1991 Skill-at-Arms Meeting (RASAM) and its Territorial equivalent held at Bisley have been cancelled.

Both competitions have been put off for 12 months for manning and financial reasons in the light of operational deployments such as the Gulf war.

The National Rifle Association Service Weapon Meeting has also been cancelled, but the

Army Target Rifle Championship will still take place at Bisley in early July.

Keen to bring on its young marksmen, the Army is going ahead with the Junior Soldiers Skill-at-Arms Meeting, sponsored by the Army Rifle Association, which will be fired at Pirbright from July 15-18.

The JSSAM matches are all based on the conditions normally fired by adults at Bisley. These have been reviewed to keep them in line

with modern marksmanship training for all Arms and Services.

Last Army absence from Bisley was in 1921 when the Service was unable to provide the necessary personnel for range duties due to its commitments both at home and overseas. On that occasion, the Admiralty stepped in and provided 500 stoker ratings to act as markers and register keepers.

Despite this 12-month postponement, life is not all doom and gloom on the Army shooting front. The Assistant Secretary of the Army Rifle Association, Maj Fred Parker, told SOLDIER: "We are already looking forward to next year's Skill-at-Arms meetings and the 1993 Army Rifle Association centenary meeting when, in addition to the normal participation of Commonwealth teams, it is intended to extend an invitation to teams from the United States and Soviet Armies."



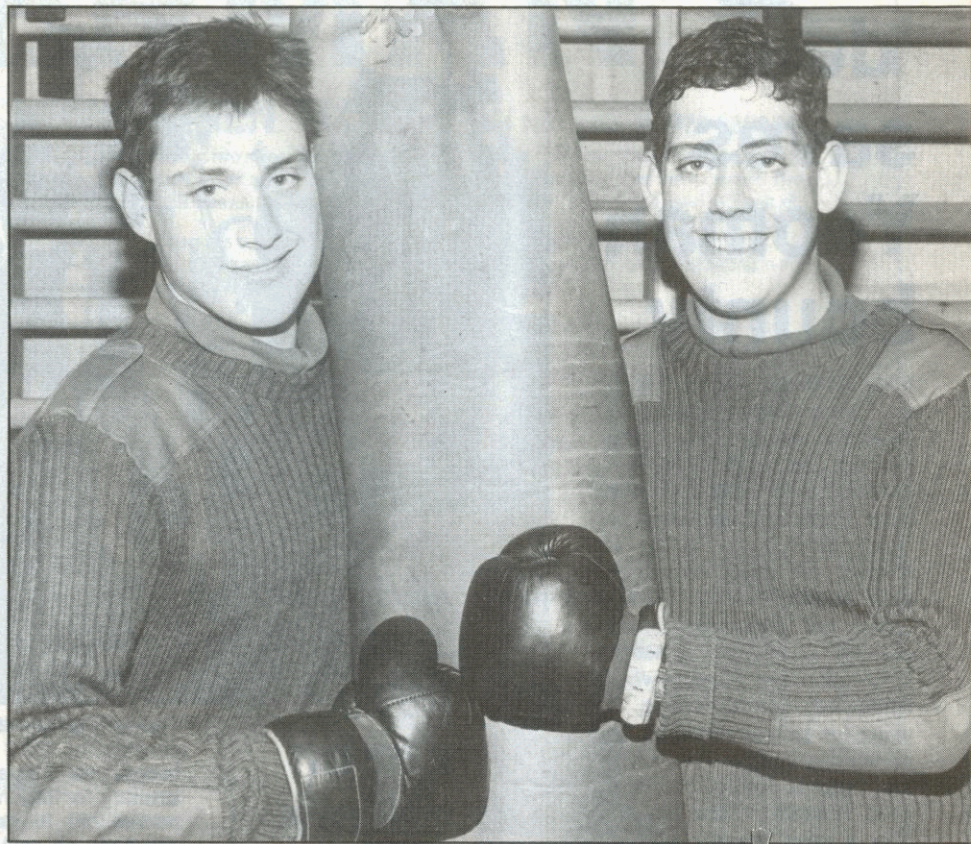


# He ain't heavy . . . he's my brother

Brotherly love had to be suspended when Tprs **Colin** (left) and **John Whitehead** of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers boxed against each other in a heavyweight exhibition bout in front of the regiment's old comrades at Carver Barracks, Essex. Widest smile came from John, who won on a unanimous points decision.

Their father, ex-RSM Colin Whitehead, presented the prizes.

● A feature on the regiment starts on Page 16.



## We meet again, Sir

LCpl **Jim Barker** from the Bugle Platoon of the 7th (Durham) Battalion, The Light Infantry meets Gen Sir **Charles Guthrie** during the Corps Commander's visit to 15 Infantry Brigade at Topcliffe. It was the second occasion that Jim had met the general, the first being when he was a bugler in 3 LI and Gen Guthrie was GOC NE District.



Sig **Andrew Brown**

## His big break

Signalman **Andrew Brown** has cracked it. He's fulfilled his burning ambition to join the White Helmets – even though he broke his ankle in the process during his two-week trial with the famous Royal Signals motor cycle display team. But with the plaster off his foot he will receive the coveted White Helmet and go on to thrill spectators all over the country. Then he can get on with passing his civilian motor cycle test!



## Good example

Leading from the front are Maj Gen **Christopher Wallace** and Col **John Smales** as HQ 3 Armoured Division's staff cross country run gets under way at Korbecke, Germany. All military staff were "invited" to the 4½-mile run, with WRAC tackling a slightly shorter route, and all 60 starters finished the course.

## Colerne lads get it right on the night

The skill of the junior leaders from Colerne knew no bounds when they took part in the ITV programme *You Bet*.

But they didn't know if they were bound to win the bet when 50 lads from the Junior Leaders' Regiment RAOC RCT attempted to somersault in to a 6ft 4in by 4ft table, then stayed on – all within three minutes.

They managed it, so helping the programme raise a record amount for charity.

Some members of the audience thought they couldn't do it in time, nor was Sgt **Charlie**

**Strachan**, APTC quite sure. In the four weeks they spent practising they hadn't managed to crack it within three minutes.

It came all right on the night, however, and to the delight of the lads and a national television audience – they were perfect.



# PEOPLE



A vote-catching smile on the face of Maj **Andrew Robathan**, 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards, who was Chief of Staff, PoW Guard Force during the Gulf war. A volunteer reservist, he is Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Blaby in South Leicestershire. The seat is currently held by former Chancellor of the Exchequer **Nigel Lawson**.

## Bos is best

Best of a big bunch is Sgt **Nick Bos** of the West Ham-based 4th Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets. He has won the Burberry Trophy, one of the TA's most prestigious awards. When he's not working at the Bank of England he is busy training other volunteers to use Milan or win shooting competitions.



## No, it's not a thaw point

With the annual winter thaw almost complete it was time for some hardy souls at 28 Amphibious Engineer Regiment to take to the waters in the 7km Weser swim at Hameln. Designer wet suits were complemented by flippers the size of diving boards and while the serious swimmers disappeared in the distance everybody else enjoyed the social event.



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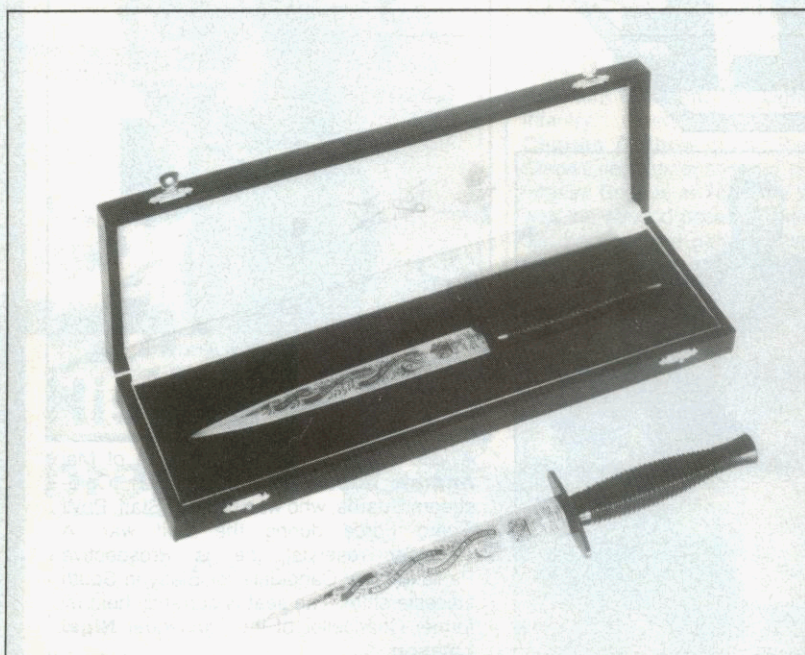
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Capt Mandy Tindall with Jess's litter of seven puppies

# SOLDIER to Soldier

## Jess's mob falls in

After six months in Ulster the 1st Battalion, The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment flew home stronger than it set out. Thereby hangs the tail of Jess, a bedraggled mongrel found by CSgt Smudge Smith's team on a border patrol.

For operational reasons they couldn't look after her so she was taken in by CSM Kevin Batty of HQ Company and given the affection she clearly craved, especially when he realised she was expecting.

Jess might have given birth the day the Colonel in Chief visited but she respectfully waited until Prince Philip had gone. That night CSM Batty heard whimpering and found two

pups under his desk and a third under his bunk.

He made up a bed in front of the stove, called the MO, Capt Carl Littlewood, RAMC, "just in case" and the Paymaster, Capt Mandy Tindall, RAPC, to add a woman's touch.

Seven pups were delivered and later some were found homes locally. But when the battalion flew home RSM Toby North was the owner of Duke, Cpl Ray Coats had Mutley and LCpl "Pike" Calcutt, Gismo.

Jess is now the much-loved Batty family pet.

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## We're so compelling

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## Kiwi back in Bulford

A Saxon warrior has become a Kiwi without having to emigrate.

New Zealanders stationed at Bulford during the First World War often enjoyed the hospitality of the nearby Saxon



CSM Kevin Batty and the proud mother

Warrior pub and in honour of the camp's historic link with them it has been renamed the Kiwi after being refurbished by Whitbreads.

Garrison commander Brig Hugh Pye and New Zealand Defence Adviser Commodore John Leonard ceremonially wet their whistles to strengthen a historic link which would be difficult to break even if anybody wanted to.

Instead of a white horse, the New Zealanders carved an acre and a half of kiwi into the chalk of Beacon Hill during their tenure. It was refurbished and restored in 1980 by 249 Signal Squadron who keep a watching brief on it and are due to carry out further work on it this



The new pub sign over the former Saxon Warrior at Bulford

month. There are 90 New Zealanders buried at Tidworth.

## Bovington day out

Six family tickets to a summer Gulf War exhibition being staged at the RAC Tank Museum, Bovington, are the prizes to be won in a simple competition in the next four issues of SOLDIER.

Readers can enter by answering four questions about tanks, one each in the issues of May 27, June 10, June 24 and July 8.

Six families will have the chance of a great day out on Sunday July 28.

## Propa-gander?

Seeing the age-old device of dropping propaganda leaflets used to great effect against the Iraqis in the Gulf War prompted one reader to send SOLDIER an example from a previous conflict.

Mr Roy Ridgers, of Rainham, Kent, was 17 when, hunting for ducks' eggs at Lagness near Chichester, West Sussex, he found a German leaflet in September, 1942.

The four-page handbill used 29 photographs and heavy sarcasm to deride the British-Canadian raid on Dieppe.

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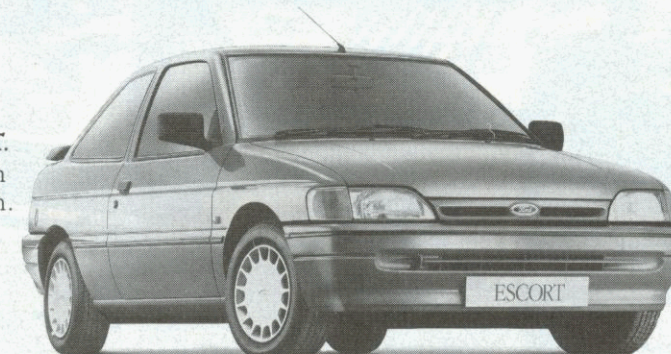
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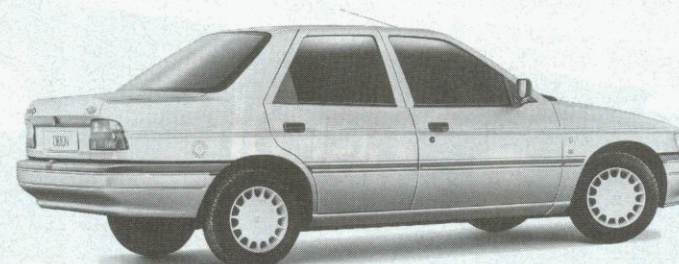
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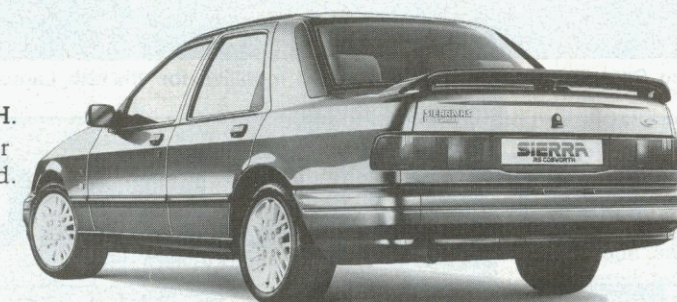
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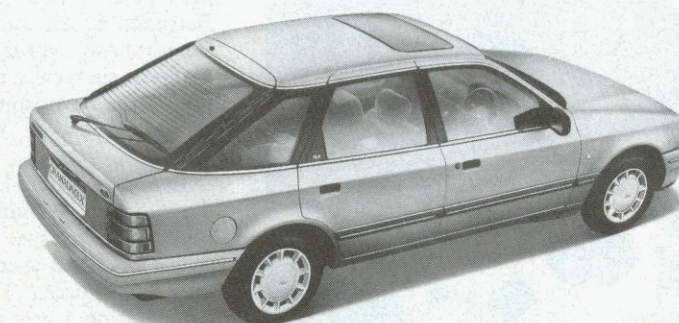
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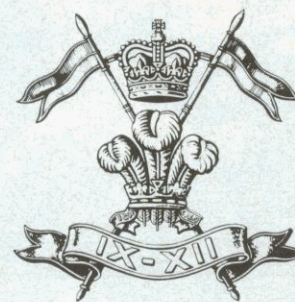
Scimitar (front) and Scorpion provide the punch, and mobility, for 9th/12th Lancers



Words: Laurie Manton  
Pictures: Mike Perring

Gulf support role for 9/12 L

# Back to base for the Lancers



IN COMMON with many British Army units, the 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's) provided manpower support to 1st (British) Armoured Division during Operation Granby.

One hundred Lancers joined the Armoured Delivery Regiments carrying out vital modifications to armoured fighting vehicles used by front line troops, while another 24 formed a complete support

troop for 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers.

Now, having dusted the sand from their kit, the men have rejoined their regiment which is stationed at a former Royal Air Force station in Essex from where the USAAF 4th Fighter Group flew Mustang and Thunderbolt aircraft into combat against the Luftwaffe and achieved more kills than any other unit of the United States Army Air Force. It destroyed a

total of 1,016 enemy aircraft.

Today, Carver Barracks on the site of RAF Debden reverberates to the sound of different engines as the Lancers put their light armoured vehicles through their paces on the disused runway and dispersal area.

Equipped with Scorpion and Scimitar CVR(T)s – combat vehicle reconnaissance (tracked) – the regiment would, in time of conflict, be deployed to BAOR where its operational reconce role would be to provide the eyes and ears for the Commander 3rd Armoured Division.

Equipped with more than 100 tracked combat vehicles, the regiment has four sabre (fighting) squadrons and a headquarters squadron. Sabre squadrons are armed with a 76mm gun, while Scimitars are fitted with the 30mm Rarden cannon. Both are light and very fast, being powered by a 4.2 litre Jaguar engine. The vehicles proved their worth during the Falklands campaign and are set to remain in service until the turn of the century.

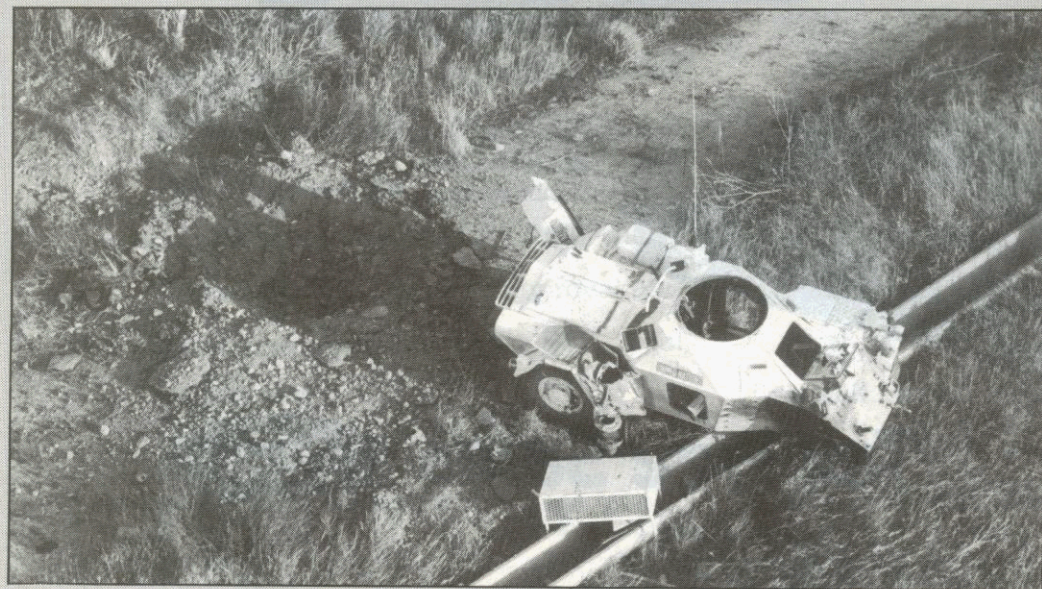
Each squadron has its own tactical headquarters which uses Sultan command vehicles, and a Samaritan ambulance to evacuate casualties from the battlefield.

There is also a Support Troop whose personnel act in an infantry role and are equipped with Spartan and a wide range of small arms, explosives and mines.

B Squadron has Striker equipped with an anti-tank guided weapons system. The computer-controlled weapons are accurate up to 4,000 metres and can destroy all known

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## A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE



The shattered United Nations Ferret scout car beside the mine crater

DURING the time 9/12th L has been based at Carver Barracks, it has supplied two squadrons to Cyprus on United Nations emergency tours. Last year C Squadron and a reinforced troop served in Belize.

Lt Nick Milne-Home and Tpr Sean Motum had a miraculous escape while on patrol in Cyprus as members of the UN Force. They were travelling on a new track close to the Green Line in their white-painted Ferret scout car when the vehicle ran over an old anti-tank mine with devastating effect.

Lt Milne-Home remembers nothing of the incident. He and the turret were blown out of the Ferret and landed 20ft away.

Tpr Motum recalls it all – the flash, the explosion and the smoke. He reached round for what was left of the driving compartment to check on his vehicle commander, only to find him missing.

Tpr Motum extricated himself from the wreckage and found the officer staggering to his feet.

The force of the explosion was such that the crew of the vehicle in front thought it was they who had struck the mine.

Miraculously, both men escaped with minor cuts and bruises.

The driver was especially fortunate because the mine exploded under the front right wheel and blew away his foot pedals.



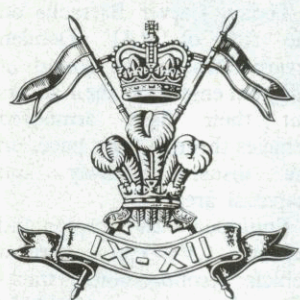
Lt Nick Milne-Home (top) and Tpr Sean Motum who escaped death or serious injury when an old mine exploded under their Ferret





## This is how you do it!

Left: Sgt Roger Bailey demonstrates the use of a residual vapour detector to an attentive audience of Lancers. The regiment, in common with many in the United Kingdom, carried out intensive NBC training to prepare it for deployment to the Gulf before the war began. More than 100 men from 9/12th L did serve with 1st (British) Armoured Division



## LANCERS

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"enemy" armour.

Small is beautiful according to the Lancers, with each squadron broken down into a number of troops. The troop is the basic and most vital element in the regiment, each being commanded by an officer and consisting of sergeant and ten men.

This small group becomes the focal point of each man's working life. Although the emphasis is on teamwork, each man is expected to work as an individual and is carefully trained and tested before becoming a member of the team.

Commanding officer Lt Col Hugh Dickens told SOLDIER: "The Army is now at a stage which is not only interesting but potentially very challenging."

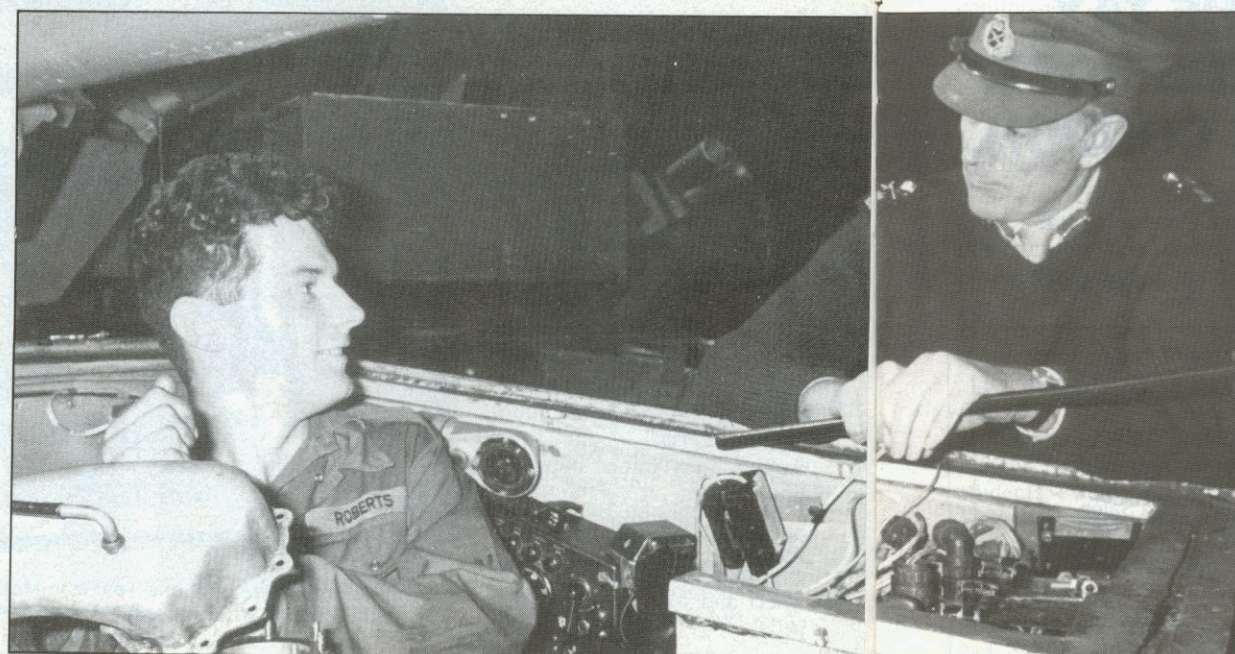
"When I joined the Army some 21 years ago, life was fairly predictable. Today, uncertainties in the world concentrate our minds, so we take much pride in being operationally ready for any eventuality, and remain poised for any order or operational commitment we may have in the future."



Above: Time for a spot of maintenance. Tprs Paul Flowers and Billy Barker change steering pads on a Scimitar vehicle of C Squadron in a workshop at Carver Barracks

## Men at work

Right: GOC Eastern District, Maj Gen Andy Evans looks in on Tpr Malcolm Roberts during a visit to Carver Barracks. Tpr Roberts is refitting a carburettor to a Scorpion



Above: The backbone of the regiment. These five have 125 years of service to the Crown between them. From left to right are Capts John Sewell and Glynn Bellamy, Maj Mick Underhill and Capts Stu Kirkbride and Joe Hardy. The Saladin behind them is painted in desert colours and is one of two forming part of a regimental war memorial. The Saladins count as part of the regiment's fighting strength under the new disarmament treaty

# THE DOG WITH TWO MEDALS

ONE OF the more curious items in the 9/12th Lancers' mess is a painting of Susan Meggs, a dog which served with the 12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's) during the Boer War. Susan Meggs, who accompanied her master, Capt W M Burrell, throughout the campaign, is depicted wearing the Queen's and King's South African medals.

Both the 9th Queen's Royal Lancers and the 12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's) were raised in July 1715 at the time of the Stuart Revolt. The regiments were not numbered then, but were known by the names of their Colonels. The 9th were raised by Maj Gen Owen Wynne, the 12th by Brig Pheas Bowles.

The Lancers spent much of the 18th century in Ireland although in 1793 the 12th landed in Italy to fight Napoleon.

Pope Pius VI was so impressed with their conduct

that he received several officers at the Vatican and presented them with medals and regimental hymns. Those hymns are still played by the band every Tuesday and Thursday at 1100 hours.

Peninsula was the first battle honour won by both regiments, and the 12th also received Salamanca and Waterloo.

They were first equipped with the lance in 1816 and the 9th, having spent many years in India, were nicknamed The Delhi Spearmen.

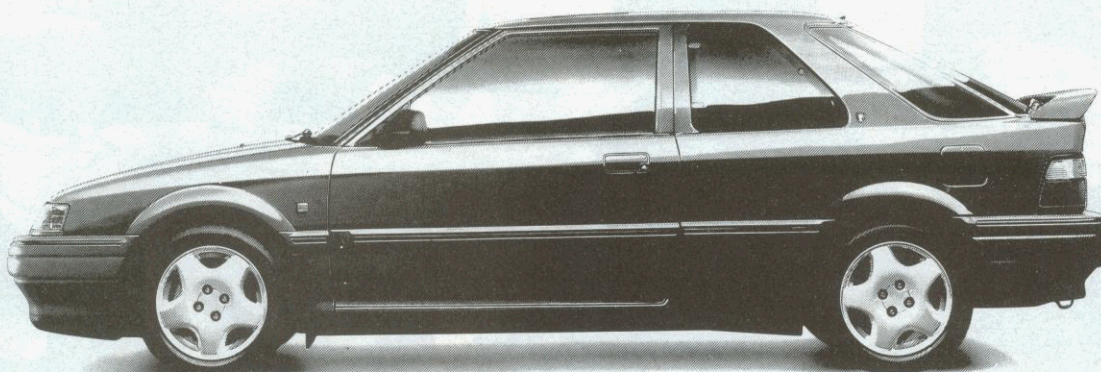
Towards the end of the century, both regiments served in Afghanistan and South Africa and were awarded several battle honours. They served on the Western Front throughout the First World War and every year the 9th/12th Lancers celebrate Mons/Moy Day to commemorate the last occasions on which they charged with the lance. The regiments were amalgamated at Tidworth in 1960.



Susan Meggs, with medals



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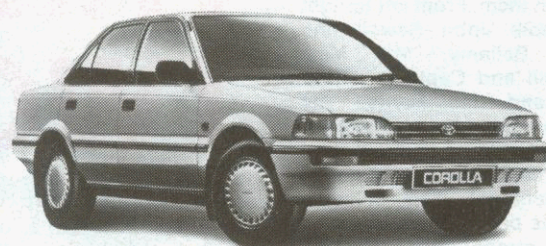


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# They're on the Fast Track

EARLY success for a scheme which condenses into just one month the training of potential officers before they begin the Territorial Army Commissioning Course at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst is strengthening hopes that it will become a permanent feature of the military calendar.

Exercise Fast Track, which takes place three times a year at Depot Royal Corps of Transport TA, Grantham, has been given five years to prove itself.

It is designed to attract young people in industry, school leavers and students who can find time for a concentrated course, rather than the unit-based or direct entry Akehurst System over four phases, which it augments.

With Fast Track, officer cadets have just a two-week break before going to RMAS for a further fortnight. It gives them a chance of gaining a commission within eight-and-a-half months of passing their district assessment board.

On the Akehurst System it can take 14½ months from the initial inquiry to passing out of Sandhurst.

In Fast Track's first year - 1989 - 90 per cent of the 157 officer cadets were subsequently commissioned. Two failed and the remainder were invited to return once they had become more mature and skilled.

Its second year has just finished with outstanding achievement. RMAS canes of honour for the best all-round students were awarded to Lindsay Ebbage, 4th Battalion, Yorkshire Volunteers (South Yorkshire), John Tower, 101 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (V), and Nicholas Roberts, 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The

Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/21st Foot).

Three runners-up included Andrew Fountain, 4 Para (V) and Charles Rhodes, The Queen's Own Yeomanry. All are Fast Track graduates.

The annual success rate has continued to rise, reaching a record 97.2 per cent in 1990.

The high pass rate is attributed to several factors:

- The course is residential with little time for distraction;
- It is a fine-tuned course modelled on RMAS's requirements;
- Training is by high-calibre Regular Field Army instructors;
- Its Regular platoon commanders are modelled on RMAS hierarchy;
- With just two weeks between Fast Track and RMAS, learning fade is minimised;
- The wastage rate is minimal.

Fast track was the idea of Col Michael Browne, late WFR, who saw it as complementary to the Akehurst System.

Its main aim is to help the TA meet its increased need for



Lindsay Ebbage and team on the trot in a log race simulating the assembly of a field gun. She graduated from Fast Track and went on to win a cane of honour at Sandhurst

high grade young officers. This stems from an expansion in strength from 72,000 to 86,000 of all ranks by 1990, including 8,500 TA officers.

Lt Col David Travers RGJ,

Fast Track's CO, has been involved since a UK Feasibility Study in 1987 and is delighted with its continuing success.

He said: "We believe our tailored course, continuity of highly qualified Regular instructors, and the short time between the courses giving students a better chance of remembering their lessons, guarantees a first round hit at commissioning. It is essential we maintain this high standard."

He said their first problem had been obtaining the right quality officers and senior non-commissioned officers from an already overstretched Field Army.

"Units, who also have other



Lt Col David Travers, Fast Track's commanding officer

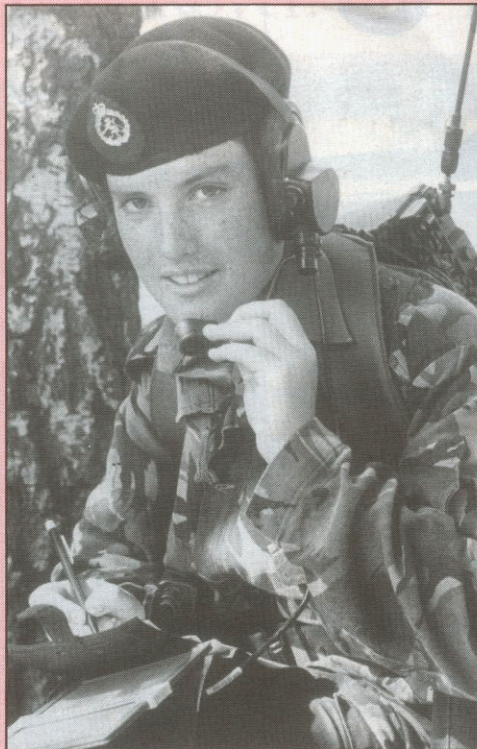
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# ON COURSE TO BECOME OFFICERS IN THE TA



Nicholas Roberts sets his sights on a TA commission. He went on to win a cane of honour at Sandhurst



Eloise Enraght-Mooney tunes in to check a grid reference during an exercise on her Fast Track course



Former Life Guard trooper Andrew Wodehouse-Mallory returns to soldiering after a five year break

## FAST TRACK

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commitments, have all been extremely helpful," he emphasised.

"Fast Track was deliberately designed to be high on excellence of training, but low on resources against a continually decreasing background of man training days and resources.

"Happily, we are achieving that. A recent review showed that for 1989 the extra cost per head – the bulk having been absorbed by the Field Army – was just £382 per head, which is believed by all to be the most cost-effective.

"Fast Track is seen as a very useful and quicker way of commissioning officers, especially for the newly-formed TA units which might need more officers more quickly than the more established units which are in more of a seller's market and can take a longer time choosing."

He believes that Fast Track will continue with the same numbers as long as commanding officers of TA units had confidence in what they are doing and were prepared to recommend it to potential



James Aitchson is training for the ministry in Scotland. He passed out at Sandhurst as an officer

officers. With this in mind they were encouraged to visit courses and mix with cadets and instructors.

Col Travers added: "Because the failure rate is minimal, Fast Track is regarded as a great success and must be seen as a club in the bag of officer training."

A SOLDIER team visited Fast Track on its final course last year and followed the

fortunes of six of the 51 cadets.

Andrew Wodehouse-Mallory, 26, a former trooper with the Life Guards, who gained his wings in 1985 with 5 Airborne Brigade, admitted he had always missed the Army and did not find Fast Track easy because a lot of procedures, tactical manoeuvres and weaponry had changed in the ten years since he had done infantry work.

"But I am impressed and everyone is enjoying it," he said. He now serves with the Royal Ordnance Corps Headquarters TA and wishes he had studied harder at school so that he could have joined the Regular Army as an officer.

He left five years ago and became a partner in a Hong Kong firm which staged charity balls, and a director of a London wine bar. He is organising a six-week expedition for underprivileged children to cross an uncharted part of the Sahara desert in a prototype of a new Army vehicle.

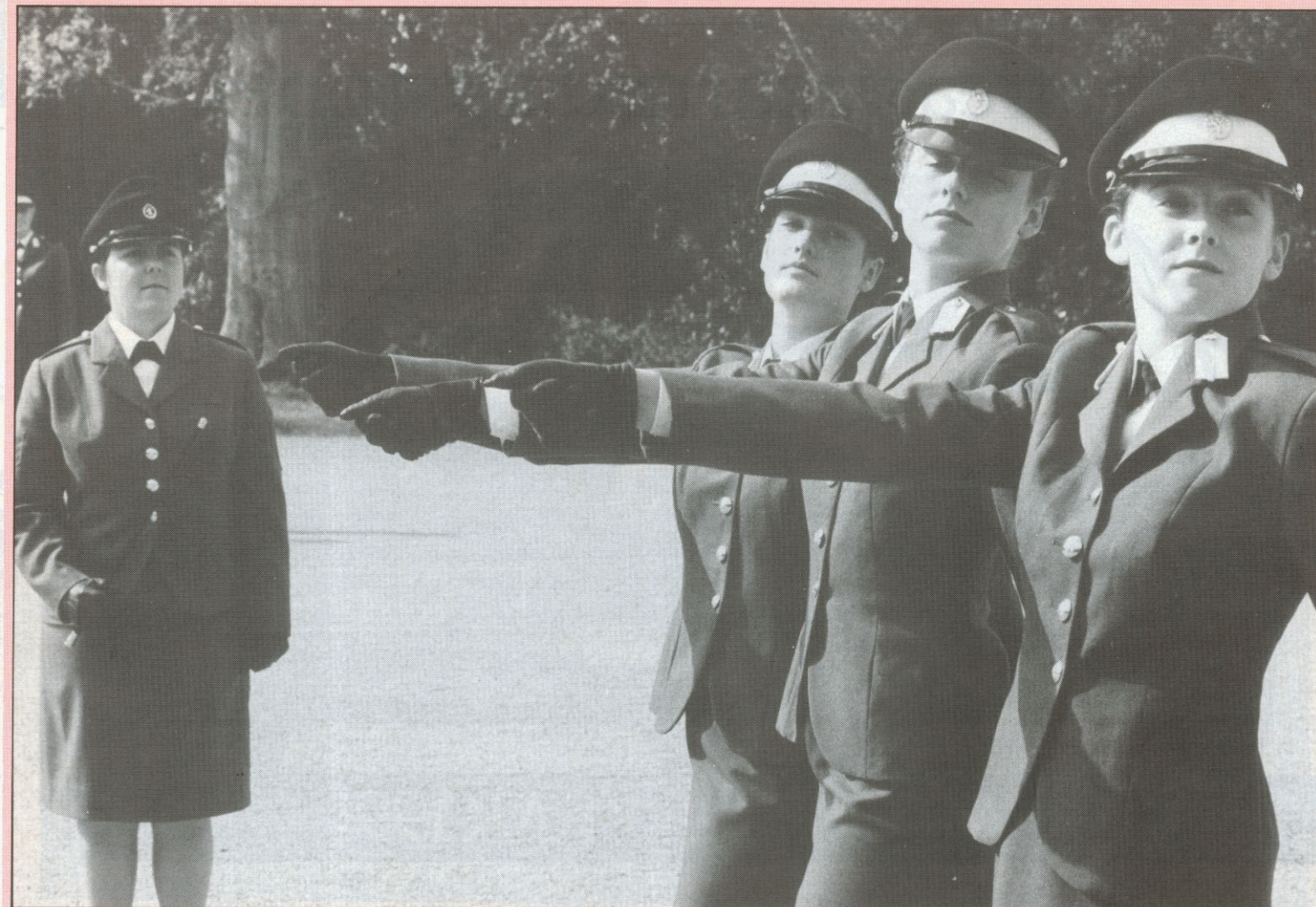
James Aitchson, 32, is a candidate for the Church of Scotland ministry. When he is ordained he will join the Army as a chaplain. He is married with three children and found being a mature student quite hard financially.

"But my wife is very supportive," he said.

He went on: "I have always been interested in ministering to the Army and I thought this would be a good way to learn about the military way of life. I am finding Fast Track hard going, but I am keeping up."

Nicholas Roberts, 21, who has been in the TA for two years, joined Reading University Officer Training Corps (UOTC) with friends. He has been on an expedition to Nepal.

He said: "Fast Track is very intensive and hard work. They



SSgt Karen Topley puts (from left) Eloise Enraght-Mooney, Lindsay Ebbage and Samatha Dyer through their drill at RMA Sandhurst



Samantha Dyer issues orders during an exercise on the intensive Fast Track course

really push you and it sharpens you up for Sandhurst. I did consider the Regular Army but with the offer of a job in banking I decided to go for a TA commission and perhaps get the best of both worlds."

Eloise Enraght-Mooney, 20, an environmental biology student, took a year off from Oxford Polytechnic to teach English in China. Her visit was cut short by the Tiananmen

Square riots and she moved to Hong Kong, where she taught English to Gurkha soldiers.

That prompted an interest in the Army and led to her joining the UOTC at Oxford.

She will consider a Regular commission when she has completed her degree.

Samantha Dyer, 19, joined The Queen's Own Mercian Yeomanry through friends at sixth form college. One of her

hobbies is racing mini cars, which she started at 14, and she now races at national level. "You get the same buzz in the TA," she enthused.

Lindsay Ebbage, 21, considered a Regular Army career but decided to postpone a decision so she could complete a business studies degree. In the meantime she gained a Duke of Edinburgh gold award and wanted a new challenge.

"The TA offered me this. I love Fast Track. The practical side is quite easy to catch on, especially if you have hands-on knowledge, but the learning side is more taxing because they expect you to absorb a great deal."

Of these six officer cadets five were subsequently commissioned at RMAS and Samantha Dyer was invited to try again when she is older.

Capt Jan Burrows, who runs the RMAS two-week TA platoon commander's course for women, said the aim was to give a mixture of administrative, physical and tactical instructions, giving a balance geared to what they might need when they returned to their units. It was very much a shortened version of the 28-week Regular course.

She added: "The calibre of student on this course is of a good standard."

Maj Robert Kendall, Officer-in-Charge of short courses and working with the TA for the first time, said he had been "staggered" by the enthusiasm of male students.

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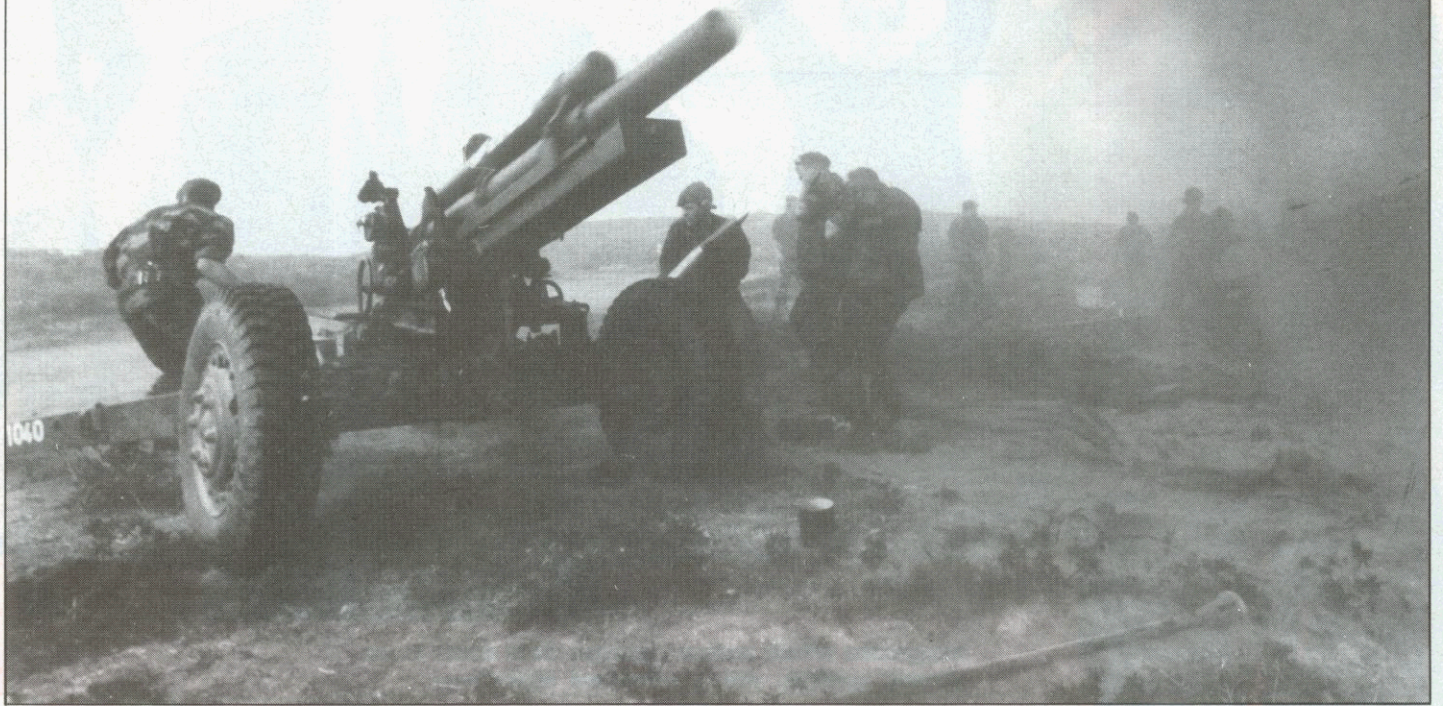
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## Army photographic competition – 1991



A photograph from the portfolio entitled "A day in the life of AMF (L)" which won SHAPE-based Sgt Peter Bristo RAOC the 1990 Army Professional Photographer of the Year title

# Make it snappy!

SOLDIER is supporting the 1991 Army photographic competition which offers super prizes totalling a record £4,000 in cash, equipment, vouchers and trophies.

Once again we are sponsoring a special category aimed at encouraging creative technique for which competitors may choose their own subject and employ a variety of display

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The winner will receive a cheque for £125 and there's £50 for the runner-up. Both award winners will also get a free one-year subscription to the magazine and a framed scroll of honour.

The competition, which culminates in a presentation ceremony and lunch at the

Imperial War Museum in November, is open to anyone interested in photography in the Regular or Territorial Army and also to MoD (A) civilian personnel and Army families.

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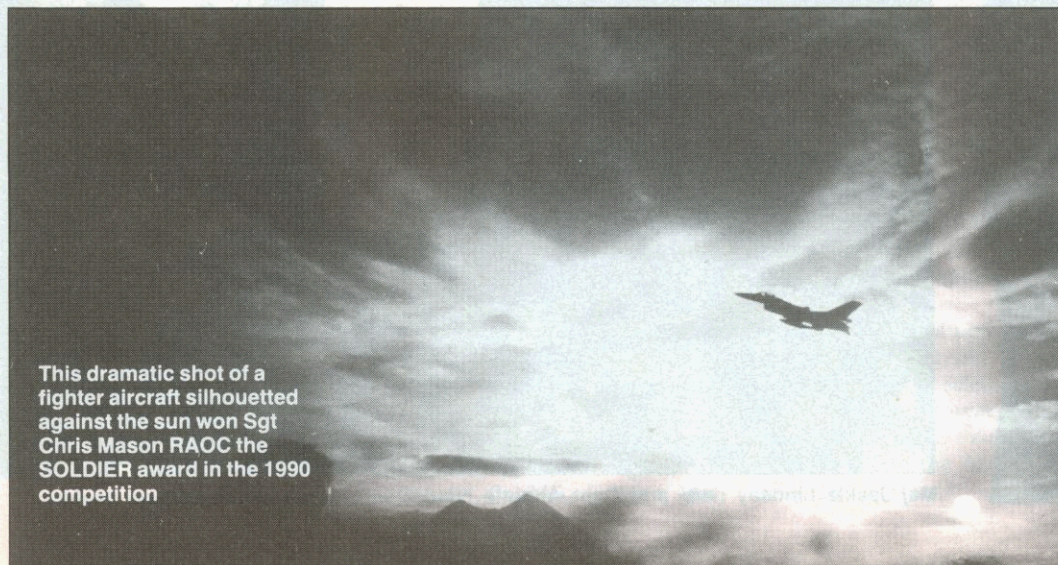
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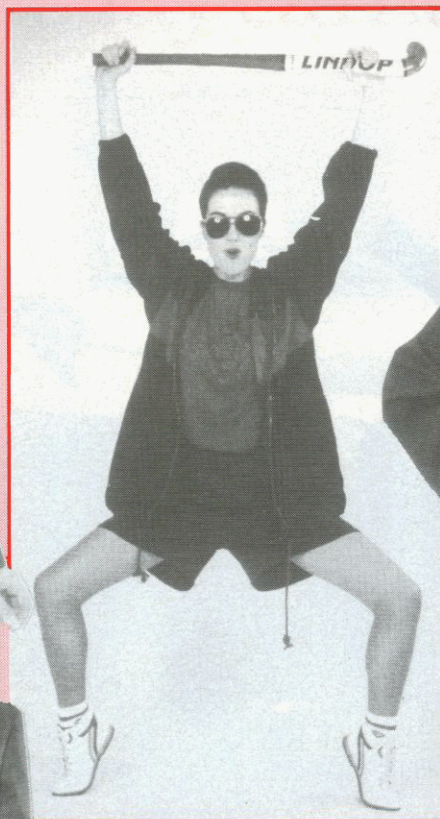
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This dramatic shot of a fighter aircraft silhouetted against the sun won Sgt Chris Mason RAOC the SOLDIER award in the 1990 competition





# IT'S THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME



Having a say in the choice of the new Women's Royal Army Corps uniform are (from the left) Maj Sarah Carey, Sgt Vanessa Bellamy, Col Mike Cooper, Capt Susie Crankee and Col Fred Beringer (Retd)

Suggested WRAC uniform designs from some of the leading colleges which submitted collections:

Above (left to right) – Lancashire Polytechnic; Games outfit from Cheltenham and Gloucester College for Higher Education; Royal College of Art; Cheltenham and Gloucester College for Higher Education

Left – Leicester Polytechnic  
Below left – Scottish College of Textiles

## RIGHT DRESS!



Maj Jackie Lindsay (left) and Capt Annette Harper with some of the college designs

THE current WRAC uniform came into service in 1963 and, though still considered smart, it does not always suit the changing role of women soldiers in today's Army, writes **Jennifer Griffiths**.

One of the biggest needs for some time has been for a skirt that does not need hitching up when getting into or alighting from a Land Rover.

Leading colleges which offer degree courses in fashion were invited to submit designs after discussions with Maj Jackie Lindsay, from the Directorate of Clothing and Textile Staff, Andover, and six produced collections.

Then the Army initiated its own extensive consultation, with dress committees of regiments and corps which employ women having their say. Votes were collated for the Army Dress Committee.

When SOLDIER visited Andover, members of the Corps of Royal Engineers were carefully considering designs.

The party included Regimental Secretary, Lt Col (Retd) Fred Beringer, the Regimental Colonel, Col Mike Cooper, Maj

Sarah Carey, Capt Susie Crankee, Sgt Vanessa Bellamy and LCpl Kimberley Preston-Davies.

Maj Carey said she was looking for a uniform that would stand up to the test of time and be easy to care for.

"It also needs to be smart and adaptable so that each Arm can have some individuality."

Capt Clarke admitted she was not too keen on the Women's Royal Army Corps mess dress design.

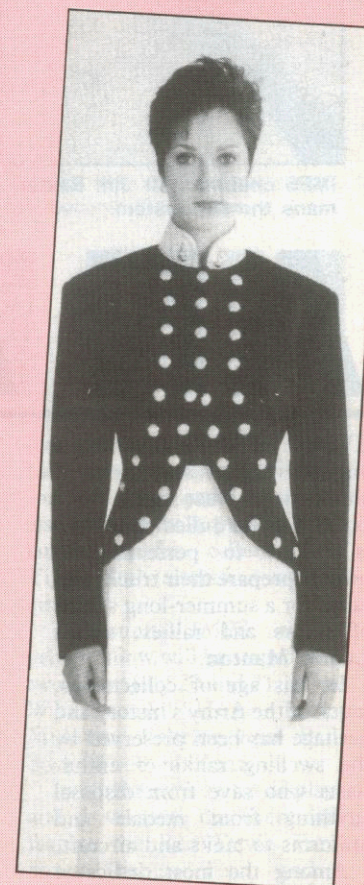
"You are the odd one out in a crowd. I would like to see a white blouse, a dark skirt, and a jacket on similar lines to those worn by the men," she explained.

Col Cooper said he had been impressed by the range. "It is quite important that we do not have outrageous designs."

LCpl Preston-Davies particularly liked a double-breasted jacket.

"I would like a new uniform with a bit more style," she said.

The final selection of uniforms as put forward by the regimental dress committees will go before the Army Dress Committee soon.



Stylish offering from Manchester Polytechnic



Below: A US Marine Corps jeep owned by Mr Dave Wood (right)

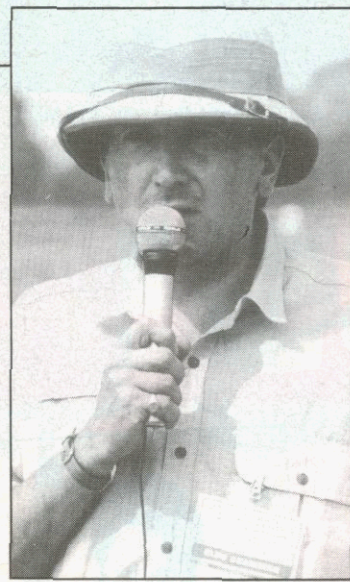
# Vehicle collectors prepare for their summer campaign



An original Sherman tank. Not the sort of vehicle you can drive to the shops in



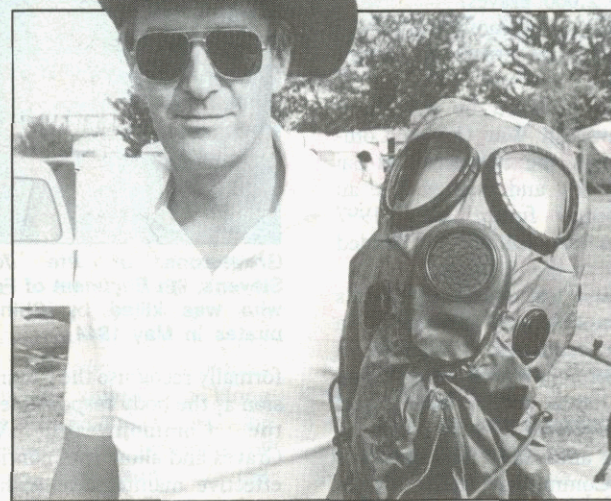
Mr Alan Tizzard astride a 1944 model BSA M20 500cc motor cycle used by despatch riders during the Second World War



IMPS chairman Mr Jim Baxter mans the PA system



Car crushing demonstrations prove popular with the crowds. Here a M5A1 Stuart light tank makes short work of one very second-hand vehicle



Dozens of stalls selling all types of militaria are set up at the rally. On sale here – an American gas mask

# AN ARMY STIRS FOR ACTION

EVERY SPRING an army of vintage vehicles stirs from its slumbers. Dust-sheets are pulled off and dulled paintwork is bulled to perfection as owners prepare their trucks and tanks for a summer-long season of shows and rallies, writes Laurie Manton.

In this age of collectables, much of the Army's history and heritage has been preserved by the swelling ranks of enthusiasts who save from disposal anything from medals and uniforms to tanks and aircraft.

Among the most dedicated militaria buffs are those of the various vehicle preservation

organisations. Between them they have amassed a formidable collection of ex-military vehicles.

One of the most popular shows is the Invicta Military Vehicle Preservation Society's rally which takes place each summer in the grounds of the Whitbread Hop Farm Museum in Kent.

IMPS is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year. The society's first meeting at Maidstone in 1981, chaired by the late Maj Dickie Dover, attracted more than 60 people. Today, there are more than 400 members from the United

Kingdom, France, Belgium, Holland and Norway. Each receives a monthly newsletter and a quarterly magazine.

A register of vehicles owned by members indicates the total almost matches the number of enthusiasts, but ownership of a vehicle is not a prerequisite of membership of IMPS. Some have several, others just a folding bicycle. Many have none – just a keen interest in the collection and preservation of military trucks and tanks.

"We try to involve the whole family, so the society offers family membership to encourage wives and children to join

in," said IMPS chairman Jim Baxter.

"Although a number of our members have seen some form of military or wartime service, most are like myself – ordinary civilians interested in military vehicles. Their occupations range from doctor to policeman and estate agent to used car salesman.

"It is difficult to say why people collect them. I started with a jeep and have owned one for almost 20 years. Most people tend to start with a jeep because it is small and can be put in the garage. You can use it to go shopping . . .

"When it comes to owning a tank, things do tend to become slightly more traumatic," he said.

Many enthusiasts travel long distances to attend the rally. Mr Melvin Woodage, projects coordinator of the Colchester Military Museum, joins friends from Chelmsford and Harwich to drive a convoy to the rally.

A museum without a home, its members give static displays at shows and rallies all over the south of England.

"We get to meet a lot of people. The children enjoy seeing the guns and equipment, while older people tend to come

and chat for hours," said Mr Woodage.

He took an interest in military vehicles four years ago when son Paul bought an old Army truck.

Now they spend their time travelling to militaria fairs and car boot sales looking for old military equipment.

"Ex-Army vehicles are found quite often in scrap-yards. Some were originally bought by builders, but today's pick-up trucks carry much the same load and are cheaper to run.

"My son's truck dates from 1944 and he is lucky to get much more than ten miles to

the gallon," he said.

Ex-sapper Dave Wood was receiving many envious glances as he drove by in an original United States Marine Corps Willys jeep. He thinks it must have been cocooned away somewhere for it to be in such pristine condition.

"I've got this bee in my bonnet about resurrecting the past. First of all I started with a jeep. I've always had one.

"It broke my heart in the Canal Zone when we were issued with Land Rovers. They took all our jeeps off us and burnt them."

Like Topsy, his collection

just grew and grew. Mr Wood has no problem finding somewhere to park them. He also owns what is probably the largest private collection of Tiger Moth aircraft – and an airfield.

The annual IMPS military vehicle show will be staged over two days, July 20 and 21, at the Whitbread Hop Farm Museum, Beltring near Paddock Wood in Kent.

In addition to static displays and drive-pasts the event will feature the Red Devils Parachute Display Team and a demonstration of car crushing by tanks.





THIS Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone marks the grave of former Assistant Attorney-General in Hong Kong, John Alexander Fraser, who had won an MC and Bar in the First World War.

Interned in the Civil Internment Camp in Stanley, he organised escape plans and a clandestine wireless service for fellow prisoners.

Eventually arrested, he was tortured by the Japanese to make him disclose the names of those who were working with him.

His fortitude was such that it was even commented upon by the prison guards. He steadfastly refused to utter a word and, unable to break his spirit, the Japanese executed him.

His posthumous award of the George Cross was gazetted in 1946.

His unit was listed as the British Army Aid Group. This, explained the Commission, was a military establishment, a wartime creation which came into being early in 1942 to encourage and facilitate escapes, to assist escapers and to get information and

## Former soldier they couldn't break

medical supplies into the camps.

Attached to the establishment were many civilian employees operating over an extensive area of enemy-held territory.

The Group gradually developed into an organisation for the collection of intelligence of military value and later into an escape and evasion organisation for the American Air Force.

Many of its members were arrested and executed by the Japanese, a fate shared by the 39 BAAG casualties buried in Stanley Military Cemetery.

# Talks on to safeguard Hong Kong's war graves

SADDEST reminders of the dreadful suffering and privations endured by soldiers and civilians at the hands of the Japanese Army following the occupation of Hong Kong in 1941 are two imposing war cemeteries that contain more than 2,000 graves.

Five posthumous winners of the George Cross are buried there.

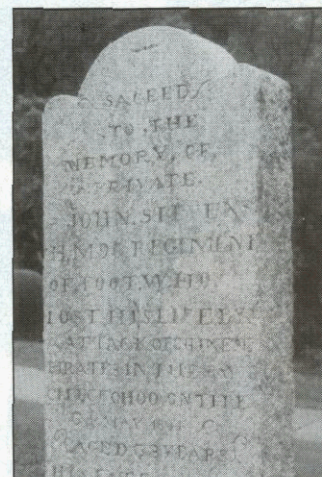
Administered by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the cemeteries at Sai Wan Bay and Stanley face an uncertain future after 1997 when the Colony is handed back to the Chinese.

Land for the Commission's cemeteries and memorials in most countries is granted in perpetuity, but in Hong Kong the sites are Crown Land appropriated exclusively in the name and under the control of the Commission under a deed executed by the Governor of Hong Kong which will become invalid in 1997.

The Commission told SOLDIER that it intended to look after the two war cemeteries in Hong Kong and the war graves in the civil cemeteries around the Colony after 1997, just as it does war graves in any other foreign country.

"We have asked for the subject to be put on the agenda for discussion by the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group, with a view to concluding a formal War Graves Agreement between the Commission's member governments and the future government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region," said Commission information officer Bernard McGee.

"Such an agreement would guarantee the security of tenure of war cemeteries, graves and memorials and protect them from disturbance. It would also



Gravestone of Pte John Stevens, 9th Regiment of Foot, who was killed by Chinese pirates in May 1844

formally recognise the Commission as the body responsible for the Commonwealth War Graves and allow it to continue effective maintenance with its own staff."

A large Gurkha cemetery containing the graves of soldiers and their dependants is located at the rear of Cassino Lines, currently the home of 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles.

A spokesman for the Brigade of Gurkhas said the fate of the cemetery after 1997 was uncertain.

"It will remain in situ, but administration of its maintenance has yet to be discussed," he said.

Whatever happens to the Gurkha cemetery, it will not come under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, which has already made it clear that there are "no plans to increase the Commission's commitment in the area by taking over the upkeep of any non-world war military graves as an agency service for the British government."



Stanley Military Cemetery... immaculately kept in a haven of tranquillity

## But Gurkha cemetery faces an uncertain future

SAI WAN Bay War Cemetery is the larger of Hong Kong's two war cemeteries and contains the graves of more than 1,500 who lost their lives during the fighting in Hong Kong in December 1941, or subsequently as prisoners of war in the hands of the Japanese.

Curiously, it also contains the graves of a member of the Burmese Army and an officer of the Philippine Guerrilla Army.

Those who died as POWs in

Formosa were exhumed in 1946 and reburied here.

At the cemetery entrance stands a memorial to those who have no known grave. One panel bears the names of 144 who, in accordance with the rites of their religion, were cremated, and additional panels commemorate 72 unmaintainable First and Second World War Commonwealth war bu-

rials in China. Much smaller is the Stanley Military Cemetery which lies beyond the small fishing village from which it takes its name in the south of the island.

Steeped in history, it was originally a Victorian military cemetery in which were buried members of the Hong Kong Garrison and their families, including two men of the 9th

Regiment of Foot killed by Chinese pirates in 1844.

During the occupation Stanley jail and village were used as prisoners-of-war and civilian internment camps, and the cemetery, which had not been used for more than 70 years, was re-opened for the burial of those executed by the Japanese, or who died in captivity.

After the war it was extended for the remains of men buried in civilian cemeteries or in isolated graves in the surrounding countryside.

Although Stanley is maintained as a military cemetery, the older part includes graves of civilian internees who perished in Japanese hands.

A number of graves in the older part are marked by the original headstones erected by the POWs who collected the granite from the 100-year-old fortifications and carved the inscriptions themselves.

Most poignant of these, in view of the many executions carried out by the Japanese, is one small granite post marked simply: "Skull of unknown - December 41."



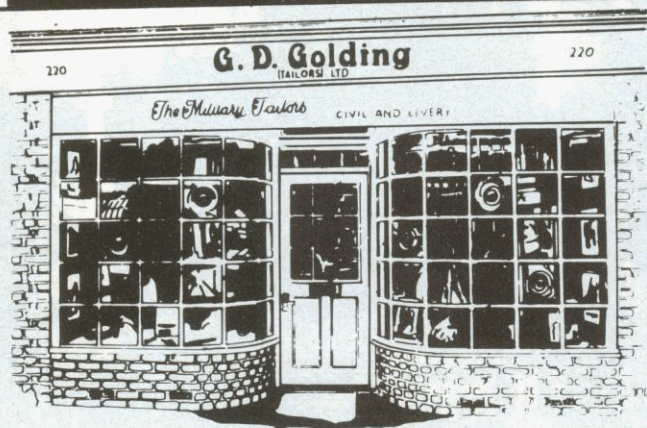
Part of the Gurkha cemetery in the New Territories of Hong Kong

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# Pig in a poke raised £400

Not everybody's idea of fun is pulling a pig about by the snout. But it took the fancy of the men of 13 Squadron RCT who spent Comic Relief Day dragging a Humber 1 tonner round half a mile of Moscow Camp in Belfast.

On roulement from 8 Regt RCT in Munster, their pig was painted a garish pink with a huge red nose.

There were some red

faces as the ten-man teams took the strain, particularly among the old and bold of the WO's and Sergeants' Mess, who collected the booby prize with a time of just under ten minutes. The Corporals' Mess (pictured left) came out winners in 5min 41sec. As a result of the escapade a local school for the handicapped received £400.

## All in a Good Cause



Paddling their own raft... men of 1 Kings Own Border on Ullswater

# A racing certainty

WHEN 300 soldiers of the 1st Battalion, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment deployed to Cumbria for Exercise Iron Lion they got more exercise than they bargained for.

Main aim of Iron Lion was to raise money for a haematology autoanalyser for the Cumberland Infirmary in Carlisle.

Fell and mountain bike racing were augmented by a gruelling raft race on Ullswater in which the paddlers had to build their own craft out of oil drums, logs and rope before they could complete (with a bit of luck) a mile-long course.

Strong winds took their toll of paddlers and canoeists, while the mountain bikers had to contend with snow blizzards on top of Kirkstone Pass.

The pentathlon was so successful that CO Lt Col Tim Jarvis-Bicknell subsequently presented a cheque for £2,052 to the hospital.



# That's quick

The Easter bonnet for these three ladies serving with the RAOC Depot at Deepcut was the one on front of their Rover car which set a new world record for driving through all 12 EEC countries in less than four days.

Capt Debbie Davies (right), Lt Lyanne Maclean and Lt Andrea Wade set out on Easter Monday and managed it in 94 hours 33 minutes – about 3½ hours faster than a male team achieved in November.

As well as hoping to appear in the next *Guinness Book of Records*, they expect to raise more than £10,000 for Soldier in Need and the Army Benevolent Fund.



# Looking at (Army) life



GETTING down to business? Or coming up for air? Cpl Pete Speck (left) of The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment gives a pointer to a youngster emerging from a manhole cover while taking part in a Look at Life course run by the Prince of Wales's Division at the School of Infantry, Warminster.

About 50 school leavers at a time experience a four-day programme which gives them an insight into what the Army does and what it is like to be a soldier.

They do range work, are briefed on regimental history, travel in APCs and spend a morning at the FIBUA village on Salisbury Plain. Judging by the expressions on the faces of a group accompanied by LCpl Rob Grisby, REME, attached 1 R Irish, (beret above) reactions vary.

Look at Life programmes go on throughout the year and are run by the Army Youth Teams of all the regiments who come under the Prince of Wales's Division.

Many of the school leavers who take part in Look at Life courses have expressed an interest in an Army career.

## Back to the future. The Mazda MX-5.

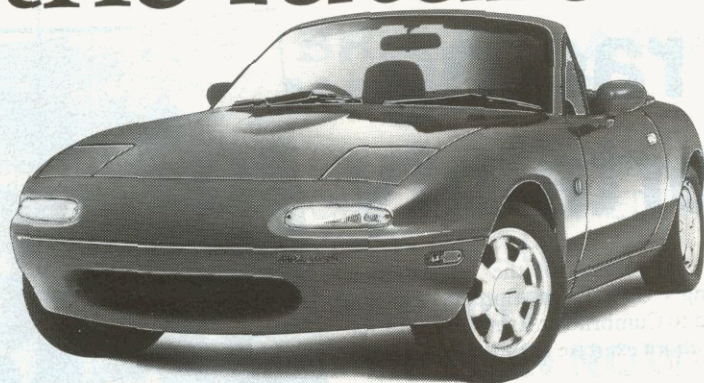
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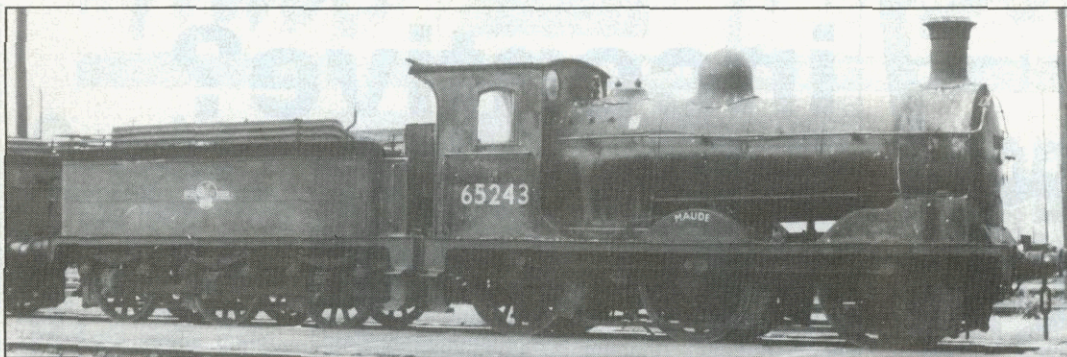
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## Plumer train tribute

FURTHER to that so-called forgotten soldier, Gen Plumer, the North British Railway Company gave him a living memorial in the form of a steam engine, latterly BR Class J36 0-6-0 No 65233.

A batch of these steam locomotives served in France during the First World War and were aptly named Byng, French, Somme, Mons, Plumer, Gough, Maude, Joffre, Allenby and Haig.

One of these, Maude, is preserved at the Scottish Railway Preservation Depot, Bo'ness, West Lothian, where it is having a new boiler fitted at a cost of £4,000. — **Charles Meacher (ex-sapper), Glenrothes, Fife.**

# SUEZ MEDAL

## Kuwaiti thanks

WE would be most grateful if you could convey our heartfelt thanks to all those families who are either bereaved or have serving members who have suffered injury.

Our organisation has pledged to commemorate all the brave troops with a memorial plaque in one of our hospitals in Kuwait.

We are also twinning our school, the Khalifa School in Kuwait, which pioneers day-care for handicapped children, with a similar institution in Northamptonshire, which will honour the effort of all Allied Forces.

We honour all the tremendous courage shown by all personnel and pledge that their great effort will never be forgotten. — **The Kuwaiti and British Women's Support for Allied Troops, PO Box 4QZ, London W1A 4QZ.**

## 16/5 L first

YOUR story describing the start of the land offensive ("Awesome", March 18) failed to mention the 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers.

As the reconnaissance regiment, the 16/5 L, with one squadron of the 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, led the entire 1st (British) Armoured Division.

It was the first British regiment into Iraq and the first into Kuwait. — **G C Bennett, Warminster.**

## 'Papers reveal no record of reviews since 1954'

NOW that the Gulf War is over the Adjutant General's staff may have time to look again at the matter of a medal for the Suez Canal Emergency in 1951-52.

Meanwhile, I write to report the result of the meeting which the former Adjutant General, Gen Sir Robert Pascoe, so kindly arranged for me.

I was shown various papers but I had to report to the Adjutant General that nothing I saw or heard convinced me that there are "no grounds for re-opening this matter", especially since there is no record of the Army Council having discussed the matter nor of having "reviewed the matter a number of times since 1954", as so many ministers and officials have stated.

Though no evidence can be found of the Foreign Office having restrained the War Office on political grounds, there is verbal evidence from the late Lt Gen Sir George Erskine that this was the case.

I believe it was the duty of the War Office to raise the matter again when the political constraints were removed on the withdrawal of forces from the Canal Zone under the Heads of Agreement signed by the Secretary of State in July 1954.

The matter was obviously overlooked in 1955 and then overtaken by the Suez affair in 1956.

I asked the former Adjutant General, as a result of the discussion with his staff, whether the Army Board could now formally review the matter in view of the large number of former soldiers, including Lords Bramall and Robertson, as well as many MPs, including Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, who all believe sincerely that an injustice has been done which should be rectified.

I hope they will feel able to do so, especially for the relatives of the 54 Servicemen who were killed. — **Col P S Newton, Winchester.**

## Well played, bandsmen!

AS you know only too well, many of our splendid bandsmen served in the desert during the Gulf war. During that time the *British Bandsman* magazine printed small articles and photographs of some musicians who had previously played in brass bands throughout Britain.

I feel this helped to keep morale up. I would like to

thank the bandsmen for their splendid efforts.

I served as an Army bandsman in The King's Own Scottish Borderers some years ago.

I would also like to congratulate your magazine on your wonderful coverage and articles during those worrying months. — **L Maher, Wellingborough, Northants.**

## Reunions

● **Indian Military Collectors Society**, formed in 1983, brings together those interested in the military history of the Indian sub-continent and encourages research and exchange of information. Four journals are published a year. Details from The Publicity Officer, IMCS, 37 Wolsey Close, Southall, Middlesex UB2 4NQ.

● **BMATT Zimbabwe MTT: Reunion class of Aug 89 – March 91.** Contact John Finch (tel: 0883 345321 ext 2324, or 0932 566311 evenings).

● **Beachley Old Boys 1942 intake**, mustered in 1945, invited to celebrate 50th anniversary at the BOBA annual reunion in June 1992. Details from John Broad (42 AC), Branjoba, Chapel Lane, Buckover, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos GL12 8QL (tel: 0454 415143).

## Searchline

● **RASC Horse Transport Section 1949:** Information sought on Sgt F Grant, who in September 1949 travelled from Gineifa, Great Bitter Lakes, to Moascar near Ismailia and back, a round trip of 80 miles, with a coach and four in hand with ten passengers up and two postillions. Please contact Una Hanson at SOLDIER Magazine (ext. 2352).



# Check this out if you want help with rent



APRIL brought changes in Department of Social Security benefits and the establishment of a Benefits Agency and advice shops.

A computerised system now enables those issued with a new plastic National Insurance card to have instant individual advice and help. But will all these new and helpful initiatives leave Service dependants galloping to catch up?

I do advise Service personnel, especially dependants overseas, to check their entitlement to housing benefit – the Services run their own scheme on similar lines to the UK civilian scheme.

However, Service personnel leafing through the latest DSS leaflet (RR1), "Housing Benefit: Help With Your Rent", may not be aware that they must apply through their pay offices, or, for example, that junior soldiers who are paying Grade 1 rents may be entitled to financial help. There is also advice on

family credits. Guidance on dependants' National Insurance is available in a DSS leaflet of February 1991, "National Insurance for Employees 1991/92" (NP28).

It is worth a check if you are overseas and paying British National Insurance contributions, Class 1, 2, 3 or 4.

Because of constant moves it is very important that you check your National Insurance contribution record – one missed contribution could mean a loss of benefit.

The leaflet gives a wealth of other detailed advice and how to reclaim. I repeat, April was an important milestone, with so many DSS changes. If anyone comes across anomalies or is unable to claim, I would like to hear.

The leaflets are available from DSS offices, Post Offices, BFPOs and HIVEs. Again, if you have a problem getting one, write to me.

# Where's the incentive?

WELCOME changes, including pay rises for the Services and new rules introduced by the Department of Social Security to help the "customer", have just been introduced.

But change is not necessarily always for the better – and in the case of Options for Change, many Service personnel and their families are wondering just how they will be affected when more information emerges.

How, for example, will the proposed reduction of 55,000 Service personnel be achieved? And will the grass be any greener on the other side?

The reduction in the defence industry could mean that Service personnel and civilians will be competing for jobs, especially in Service-populated areas. Civilians have a head start both for houses and jobs. They know their areas and often have a roof over their head already.

Servicemen who left during the past two years have felt a cold draught on the home and job fronts and in many cases were ill-prepared for the transition to civilian life.

One former sergeant, living in local authority accommodation with a wife and four children, said: "It never dawned on me that my business would fail, that I would still be in this sub-standard accommoda-

tion and have mounting debts, so I applied to rejoin the regiment and next week I'll be back.

"I have no option, but for how long – one year or five? I may be one of the 'options for change' – this cloud does hang over us.

"I and many of my contemporaries did not realise that the transition to

Young recently announced a further £600,000 aid to local authorities in London and the South-East.

One result is that more money has been made available for the Cash Incentive Scheme – which offers local authority tenants sums of money (say, £10,000) to move into the private sector.

No such scheme is available to Service families who are also in tied property. For them, such help could mean avoiding eviction, bed and breakfast accommodation, halfway houses and so on.

At the same time money has been allotted to a housing association to enable it to buy MoD surplus properties and land in Dover and Plymouth, with no guarantee that the MoD will be able to nominate families for those homes.

I have asked why the Cash Incentive Scheme cannot be made available at least to those in married quarters nearing the end of service or, failing that, to irregular occupants.

Meanwhile, for those due out this year it's not too late to start preparing for civilian life.

Why not write to your local authority and ask for a cash incentive grant? It would save the local authority money in the long run. Have a go – and let me know the outcome.

## IN MY VIEW

civilian life requires civilian qualifications, a roof over your head and planning, as well as a variety of job options.

"Civilian life is not based on the Services' way of life. So I will go back as a corporal and now start planning for the time when I leave."

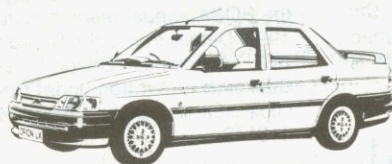
Just a few doors away was a depressed ex-sergeant recently made redundant, who said: "I have been here two years and I have no offer yet of a move. It's dreadful – no job yet, either."

Servicemen and their families do not ask for preferential treatment – just equality.

Among Government initiatives to help the plight of homeless families, Housing Minister Sir George

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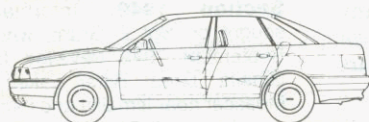
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Mrs X and her child lived in married quarters in the UK, fulfilling the ruling that she and her child were ordinarily resident and present.

However, in this case the adjudicating officer dismissed her claim on the grounds that neither she nor her partner must be engaged in remunerative work outside the UK.

Because her husband was on a six-month unaccompanied tour it was deemed that his earnings were derived from work outside UK (see FCI Family Credit leaflet).

At her appeal Mrs X was represented by Maj David Howell, from the Army Legal Services, and me. She won her case, but this does not set a precedent. In her case, it could be proved for example that her husband was in the UK just before the claim was made.

Maj Howell explained: "The Family Credit (General) Regulations stipulate the circumstances in which a person is treated as being or as not being in Great Britain.

"Regulation 3(1)(c) should be widely interpreted to include Servicemen who are temporarily posted from UK to Belize, the Falklands, and so on.

"Clarification is required on what is remunerative work and Servicemen should be made a special case, as their remunerative work is surely classed as being in the UK when they are on temporary duty abroad. This ruling in no way affects the payment of family credit overseas."

If an ex-gratia payment can be paid to families whose husbands were in the Gulf then surely we have a start point.



**Maj John Kenwright, who commands the Accommodation Services Unit in Northern Ireland, is hoping his negotiations with the Ministry of Defence will give Army wives in the province a greater say in the choice of carpeting available for married quarters. He is also asking if it could be bought locally.**

At present the range is decided by the Joint Services Furnishing Committee in consultation with some wives. "It is my experience that carpeting has always been contentious. I feel that the situation would be helped if wives could have a little more direct input," he said.

## Carpet capers

### Bloodline

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### TAILPIECE

I SEE the word "slip", in relation to women's undergarments, has still not been accepted into the Ministry of Defence vocabulary. The mandarins are still hanging on to the petticoat...

Details of grant increases to the women's Services include a new initial payment of £6.36 with a similar annual maintenance grant, for tights, with a sum of £23.02 in each case for "petticoats".

## Long-distance pupils to get more protection

MEASURES to minimise the risk of physical or sexual abuse of pupils in independent schools are being introduced by Schools Minister Michael Fallon.

From October new statutory welfare duties will be brought into effect and HM inspectors will check that those are being carried out. Proprietors will, for example, be reminded of their legal duty to report any incidents leading to teachers leaving schools.

One important new provision which will particularly help parents overseas who are unable to visit a school regularly is that inspectors will now insist on checking the background of staff, a significant failure in the past. Information on this will be made available to all parents, guardians or agencies who place pupils at the schools.

Parents who have to make long-distance decisions or who have no experience of Boarding Education should check that the school is on the admissible list held by all unit pay officers and SCEA

education centres.

Pupils with a problem they feel they cannot share with staff or other adults will be able to use a Boarding School Helpline (0800 01390), free in the UK, until the end of July.

Schools with no governing bodies will still present a problem in that parents have no alternative but to go to the sole proprietors.

## CLEAR CHOICE

SOLDIERS from corporal to brigadier use the Clearing House Service of the Independent Schools Information Service (ISIS).

Although less personal than some systems, it is geared to reassuring parents unsure of just how to draw up a short list of schools from which to make a choice, and at £15 it is a popular service.

ISIS chooses six suitable schools and sends them details of the child. They are then asked to contact the parents. A fail-safe mechanism ensures that replacement schools are found if the original choices cannot offer a place.

A particularly useful service for overseas parents comes into operation in July, August and September when the Clearing House is adapted to provide a choice of last minute vacancies.

## On the rise

FEWER Service pupils are attending independent schools compared with last year, though the number of new entrants has risen.

Last year there were 16,078 pupils as against 15,500 this year, while in 1990 there were 3,105 new entrants, compared with 2,749 this year.

## Child benefit up

SERVICE families are advised to check that, with effect from April 8, they have been credited with the new child benefit of £8.25 for the first or eldest eligible child.

In October the benefit will be increased by a

further £1 and the benefit for all other children will rise to £7.50 each.

Attendance allowances will be £41.65, or £27.80 at the lower rate.

Mobility allowance goes up to £29.10 a week and there are also changes to the Mobility Charity, which has been granted an extra £1 million to pay for expensive car modifications.

Other changes: statutory maternity pay is up to £44.50, and maternity allowance to £40.60. One-parent family premium remains at £5.60.

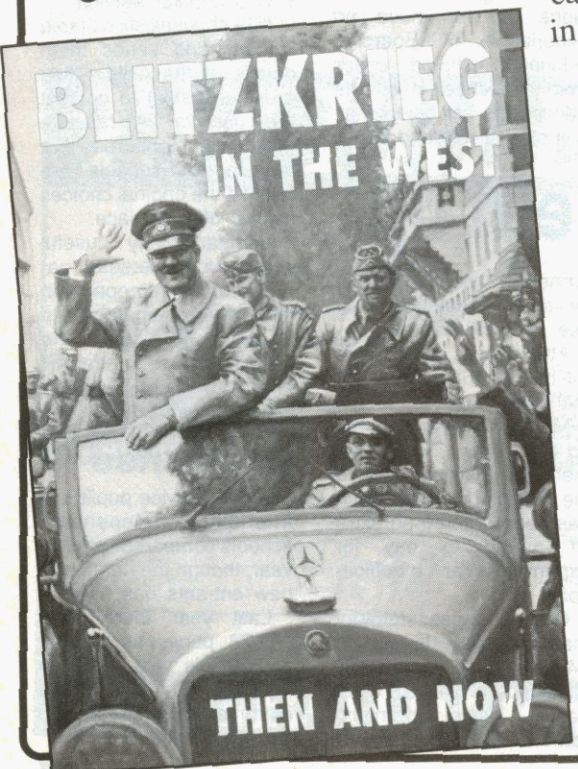




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## Informal history of 10th Gurkhas

ONE of the problems with regimental histories is that, while they are meticulously researched, comprehensively factual and carefully edited, the end product is more often worthy rather than stimulating and appeals almost exclusively either to members of the regiment or to serious students of military history and affairs.

The *10th Gurkha Rifles: One Hundred Years* succeeds in rare fashion by not attempting to be comprehensively factual but instead to be a lively scrapbook of regimental history, aimed at the Gurkha soldier rather than military researchers.

The book was the brainchild of Col Mark Cook, who says that his intention was to mark the 100th year since the 10th Madras Native Infantry converted to a Gurkha regiment in 1890, by producing something that every soldier could afford to buy and would be keen to take home to his family in Nepal.

It had, therefore, to be mainly a picture book and one both affordable and durable. He and a team of officers and soldiers spent months going back through the large collection of photograph albums and scrapbooks that 10 GR has kept over the years, making a selection of pictures, cuttings, documents and artifacts that represent both the history of the regiment and its character.

Certainly, the book includes those group pictures of serious recruits or smiling officers that no military organisation can avoid, but in this case each represents significant moments or periods in the regiment's history – an investiture in Kuala Lumpur in 1950, the 1st Battalion's successful football team in 1914, the Bisley team in 1974 – or the nature of the men who made the regiment what it was in, say, Malaya in 1946 or in Borneo in the '60s.

However, most of the pictures are informal and reflect every aspect of regimen-



Lt Col Roger Hurles, RAOC, Maj Gen David Thorne and Maj Peter Courtney-Green, RAOC examine captured Argentine ammunition after the Falklands war in 1982. That campaign is covered in detail from the RAOC's perspective in the definitive *A History of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps 1945-1982* by Maj Gen Len Phelps.

His text details the Corps at work from the end of the Second World War to the Falklands conflict – a period embracing the Cold War,

National Service, Suez, Korea and Borneo – and the continuing gallantry of RAOC personnel engaged in bomb disposal work in Northern Ireland.

Three years of research went into the 594-page volume, the fifth in the continuing history of the Corps. Published by the Trustees of the RAOC, the book is available from the RAOC Secretariat, Blackdown Barracks, Deepcut, Camberley, Surrey GU16 6RW, price £14.

tal life, from parachuting to midwifery, battle to basketball, visiting Dukes to Dasher.

There are newspaper cuttings about the capture of bandits in Malaya, about guard mounting at Buckingham Palace, about the Japanese surrender at Sittang Bend and about service in Cyprus.

There is a modest reproduction of Terence Cuneo's painting recording the extraordinary gallantry of Rambahadur Limbu VC during the Borneo "confrontation" in 1965 and a poignant sepia photograph of a young officer's wedding at Maymyo in 1911, with charming ladies under wide Edwardian hats and officers carrying dress topees.

The pages of captioned pictures are interspersed with text summarising the main periods of history and describing some of the fierce battles in which 10th Gurkhas have fought.

High standards of design, artwork and printing lift the book from scrapbook to coffee-table quality and it is a pleasure to the eye.

The Hong Kong printers have made an excellent job of reproducing both amateur and professional photographs.

The quality also lifted the intended price but at £19.50 it is still affordable to the Gurkha soldier and a bargain by contemporary standards.

The book is easy to pick up

and hard to put down and the message it delivers with ease, humour and clarity is that for 100 years, 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles has been a proud regiment, a professional regiment and a happy regiment. – ARW

**10th Gurkha Rifles: One Hundred Years** edited by David Harding. Published by the regimental Trust, 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles. Price £19.50 from PRI, 10 GR, BFPO 1.

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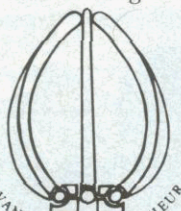
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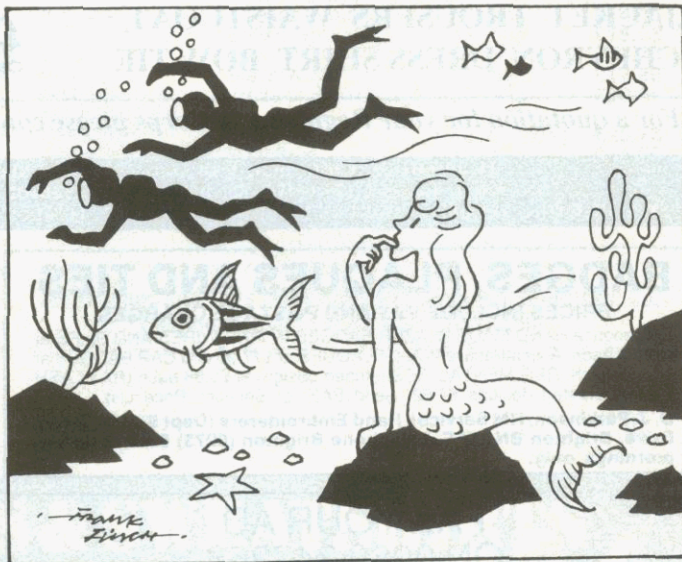
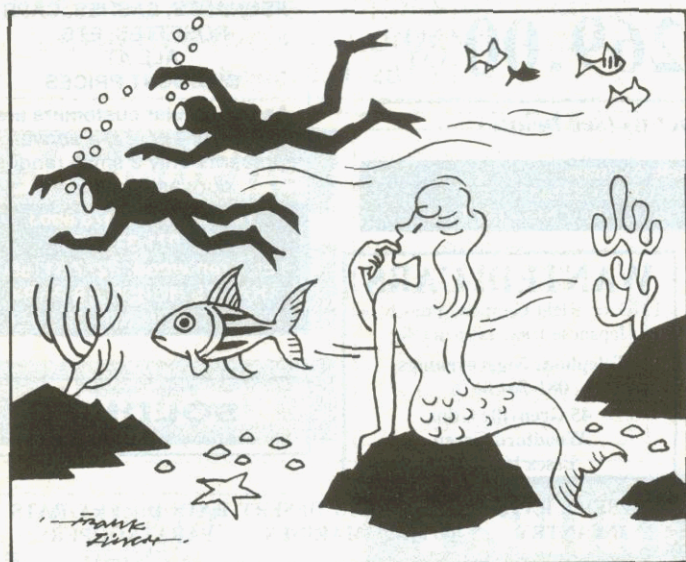
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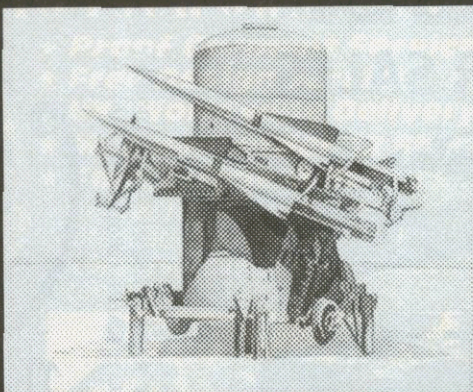
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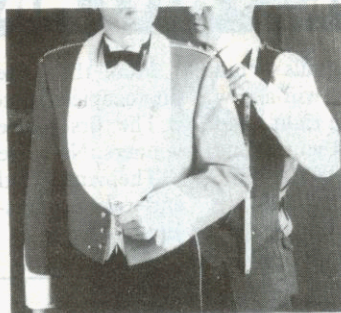


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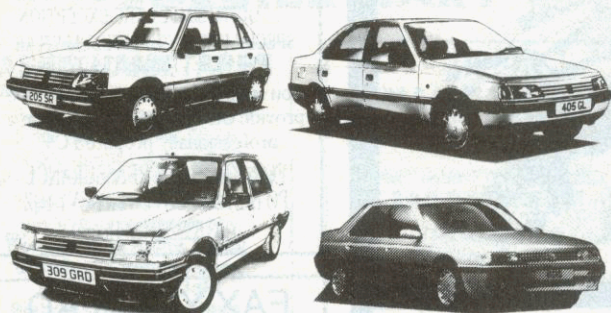
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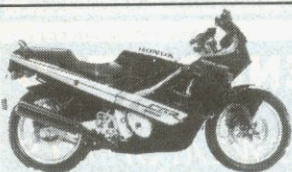
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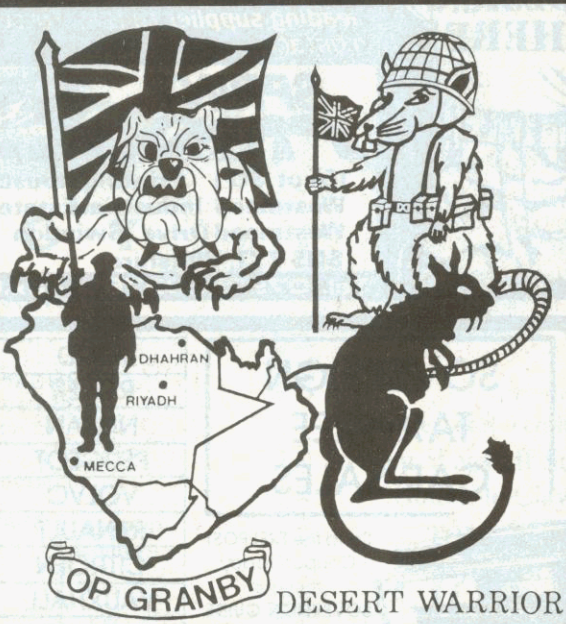
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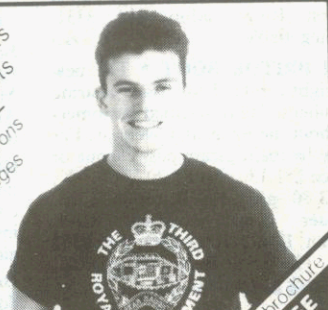


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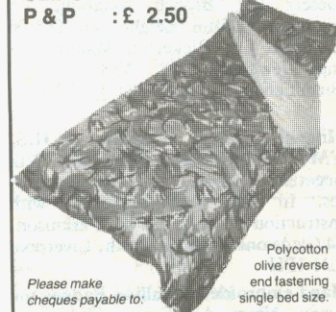
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# Six-goal Jennings homes in

IT TOOK something special to bend the mighty Iron Division from Korbecke in the UK/BAOR Army Cup hockey final at Aldershot, but 17 Training Regiment and Depot RA from Woolwich had the instrument to hand to establish themselves as overall Army champions by six goals to nil.

That instrument was international short corner specialist SSgt Ian Jennings of the APTC, who had already been in an Army Cup-final side with 2 Para.

He scored all six goals despite a spirited performance by the 3 Armd Div HQ and Signal Regiment goalkeeper, Sgt John Mill.

Jennings, though, had a frustrating first half, missing

● **Infantry hockey cup final report in next issue**

eight short corner opportunities on the trot. A scrappy half ended with no score.

In fact, by the final whistle, 17 Tg Regt had been awarded 20 short corners and converted none of them.

Indeed, if 3 Armd Div HQ and Signal Regt had not given away so many penalties the score might have stayed at 0-0, though the gunners would probably have won the laurels after extra time.

Jennings was strongly supported by his skipper, veteran WO2 Mick Kidney, who ran his heart out in his first Army Cup final.

Two minutes into the second half Kidney worked the opening for Jennings to score on the rebound after his first shot had been blocked.

Four goals were scored from penalty flicks, all converted by Jennings. The 3 Div goalkeeper, John Mill, played very well and frustrated the gunners time

and time again.

But Jennings, capped for England both indoors and out, peppered the goal with shots – scoring again when he clinically buried a left wing cross in the back of the net.

The gunners duly delighted the busloads of supporters they brought along to watch them winning the Army Cup for the first time.



SSgt Ian Jennings, surrounded by 3 Armd Div HQ and Signal Regt players, bursts into their circle

## Boxing future in good hands

PTE Darren Dugan of 1 R Hamps, the Army's highly promising young bantam-weight, reached the final of the National Association of Boys' Clubs boxing championships when he received a walkover at the semi-finals staged at the Army Boxing Centre, Aldershot on April 20.

The NABC finals are due to take place at the Grosvenor House, London on May 13.

Pte Loz Roach (1 LI) lost a unanimous points decision to West Ham light welterweight S

Roberts in the semi-finals.

There was more evidence of the depth of talent in the Service at the Army novices' individual championships at Aldershot.

Maj Denis Sears, secretary of the Army Boxing Association, described it as the best standard of novice boxing he had seen for many years.

"I was very impressed with the turnout and fitness of the strong contingents from the Queens, the Kings and the Parachute Regiment," he said.



Fus Lyndon Williams catches up with 7 Para RHA's LBdr John Denwood while (right) the RWF front row of Cpl Chris Cambell, Sgt Mal Owen and Sgt Charlie Fenton focus their muscular attention



Hockey umpire Col George Gadd in action during the Army Cup final in Aldershot. Col Gadd has just retired as chairman of the Army Hockey Umpires Association after ten years as its chairman. He is to remain an active umpire.

Army boxing owed a debt of gratitude to the commanding officers and coaches who had made such a standard possible.

Four youngsters who particularly caught the eye were Cpl Wood from Training Battalion and Depot RAOC, and LCpl Buckley, LCpl Ollerhead and Kgn Wright from 1 Kings.

Results were:

**Flyweight** – LCpl Mee (1 LI), walkover; **bantam** – Dvr Duncan (Depot and Tg Regt RCT), walkover; **feather** – Spr Larkin



## Out-gunned

THE Army rugby Challenge Cup for the Major Units is now back in safe keeping in Lille Barracks, Aldershot, and deservedly so, writes John Quin.

A very large partisan crowd, divided neatly down the middle by the royal box, roared on their combatants to the end, but at the close the street-wise gentlemen of 7 Para RHA were worthy winners in probably one of their best Army finals.

The Welshmen of 1 RWF from Berlin came full of hope and with justifiable anticipation of lifting the trophy for the first time, but did not play to their

strengths often enough.

Well supported from their own cap badge and by others from the land of the leek, Cpl Chris Campbell's boys will have gained greatly from this experience.

They need to sort out their game plan better when confronting experienced sides like 7 RHA in a major final.

The Airborne Gunners did their usual job of soaking up the opposition's pressure until they gradually began to play the game the way they wanted to play. The Royal Welch fell into the trap, as many have before them, of allowing WO2 Martyn Lewis's boys to take control.

With an all-Army front row, not the prettiest sight in the world, an experienced pair of locks and a grafting back row, the gunners tamed their opposite eight. Having Army and Combined Services man Sgt Stevie Commander at full back gave the UK champions extra dimensions.

For the first time ever in Army rugby, Schweppes (GB) the generous sponsors of Army Cup rugby, nominated a Man of the Match, and while not everyone agreed with this

innovation, most concurred with the nomination of LBdr John Denwood, the gunners' Army and Combined Services scrum-half.

Finally, less than a week after the Army final, the Combined Services went to Aldershot for the annual Securicor Trophy game against the British Police and regained the trophy.

One of the features of a good game from the Combined Services point of view was the performance by Cpl George Graham, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Scottish B prop.

He scored two typically "Wee George" tries, lower to the ground than a Cruise missile but with about the same comparative effect.

The police must really be getting quite fed up with this as George scored two similar tries against the Metropolitan Police for the Army a few weeks ago!

For the final event in the Army rugby calendar for this season, 1 RRW came over from Hong Kong to defend their title in the Touche Ross Army sevens at the Military Stadium in Aldershot.



# Paul uses his head to put IG in charge

1 IG 1, 3 UDR 0

JUST as extra time was looming in the Infantry Football Challenge Cup final at an immaculate Tidworth Oval, man of the match LCpl Paul Fagin powered a header into the 3rd Battalion, Ulster Defence Regiment net to

ensure the trophy went back to Germany with the 1st Battalion, Irish Guards.

The BAOR champions, playing with a stiff breeze behind them, opened strongly, forcing several corners. But 3 UDR defended stoutly and there was no score at half time.

Defences held the upper hand in the second period, and stalemate looked to be setting in when Fagin struck, timing his run to perfection to smash a far post header past the 3 UDR goalkeeper.

Five minutes later LCpl Philip Kirk missed a golden

opportunity to equalise for the UK champions when, under no pressure, he blasted the ball over from five yards out.

Shortly before the final whistle the Irish Guards could have gone further ahead when a header flew over the bar with the goal gaping.

## Hameln sappers retain the cup

28 Amph Engr Regt RE 2, 1/3 Tg Regts RE 1

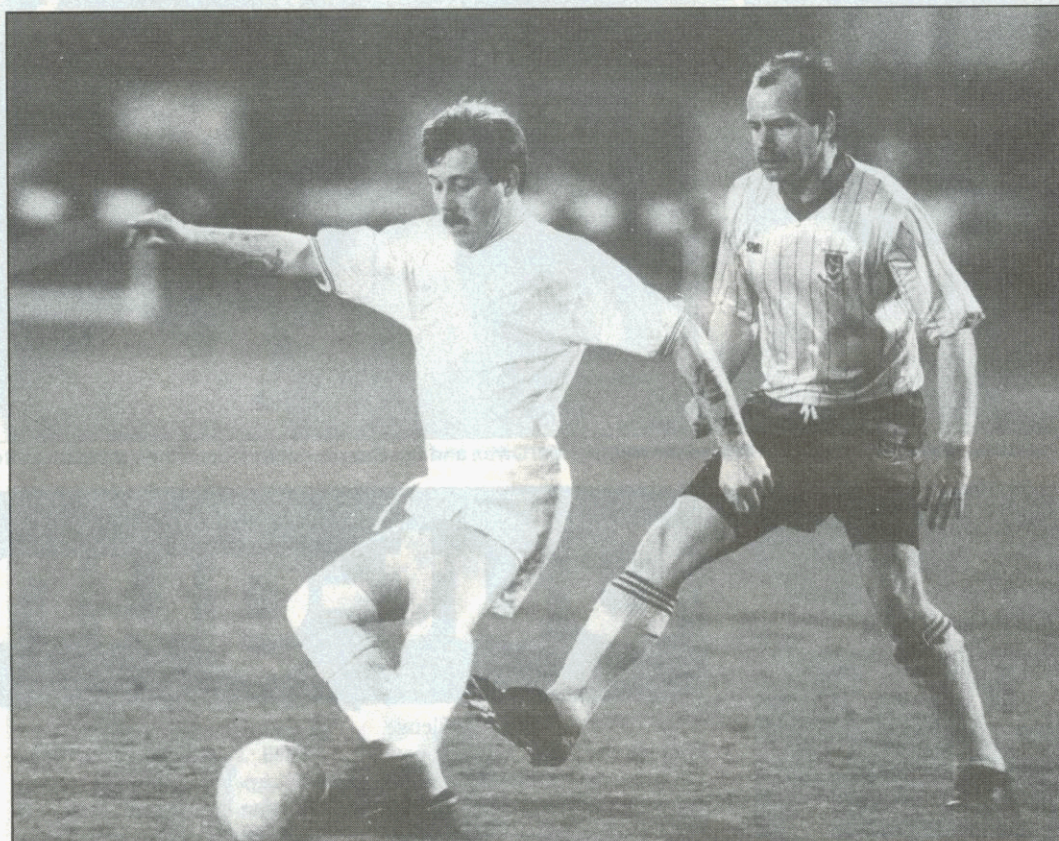
FIELDING an unchanged side against a team forced by injury to bring in three new players, 28 Amphibious Engineer Regiment RE retained the Wilson's Army Challenge Cup in a replay when they beat 1 and 3 Training Regiments RE by the odd goal in three at Aldershot FC's Recreation Ground, writes Pat Massey.

The replay was necessary after the sides had been unable to settle their differences at the first time of asking.

In a scrappy game the BAOR champions from Hameln took the lead after 29 minutes when a shot on goal was charged down and Cpl Bomber Brown fired the rebound into the top corner from 20 yards out.

Five minutes into the second half 28 Regt were awarded a penalty which Brown smashed against an upright.

His miss looked like being costly ten minutes later when 1/3's Taylor headed in after the 28 Regt 'keeper had been



Cpl Pog Lehaney of 1/3 Tg Regts RE holds off Cpl Tony Brown of 28 Amph Engr in the unresolved first Challenge Cup final at Aldershot

deceived by the bounce.

Seven minutes from time LCpl Norman Bryant had a golden opportunity to settle the game for the holders when he was sent clear by Sgt Scouse Munro but shot wide when it looked easier to score.

In the opening salvos of injury time 28 Regt won a free kick 30 yards out. Munro flighted the ball into a packed

penalty area and, although goalkeeper Pasfield appeared to have the ball covered he misjudged the flight and the ball ended up in the back of the net.

Man of the match Bomber Brown received the Bob Wilson Memorial Trophy for his performances over the two games from Chelsea manager Bobby Campbell.

## Two in Colony seven

SSGT Ian Shaw, a PTI at British Forces HQ, and 2nd Lt Gareth James, who joined the 1st Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales in Hong Kong in January, were selected for the Colony team which took part in the famous Hong Kong international rugby sevens.

But the home team failed to hold on to the plate championship which they won last year, going down 6-12 to Argentina in the semi-finals.

Shaw was appearing in his second successive Hong Kong sevens. Twenty-four nations took part in the tournament, the most prestigious of its kind in world rugby.

## Sporting riches

WO2 Mick Kidney (right), captain of hockey champions 17 Tg Regt and Depot RA (see Page 48), receives on behalf of the Army Sport Control Board a cheque for £16,000 from Leyland Daf's Mr Christopher Thorneycroft-Smith. The money will be divided among Army sports associations, with hockey receiving £3,000.



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