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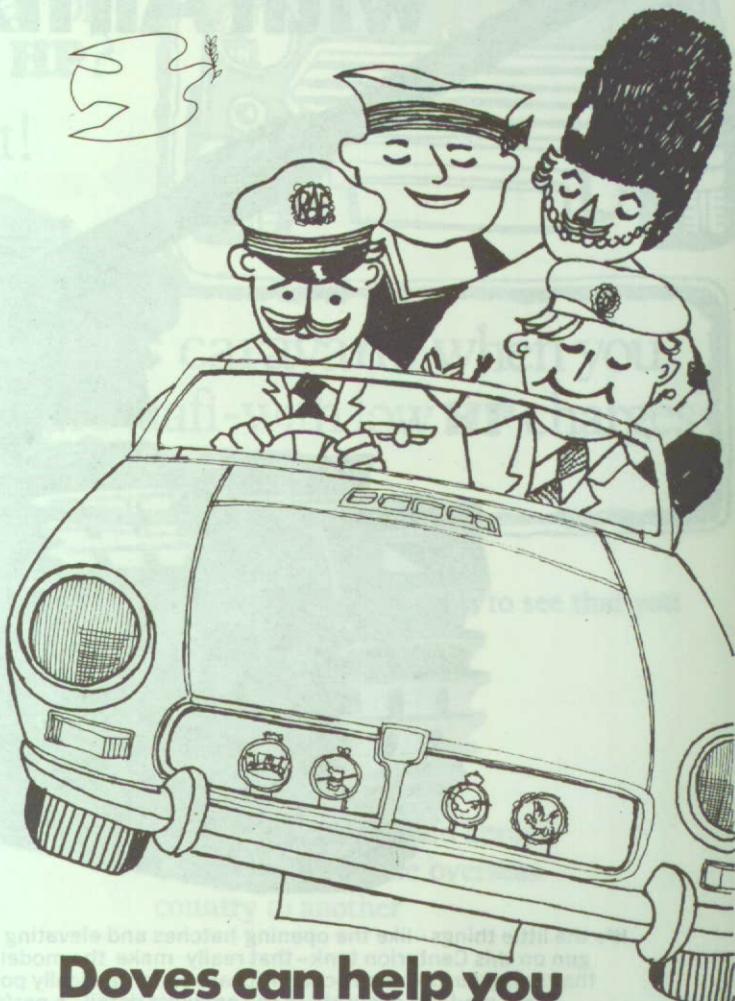


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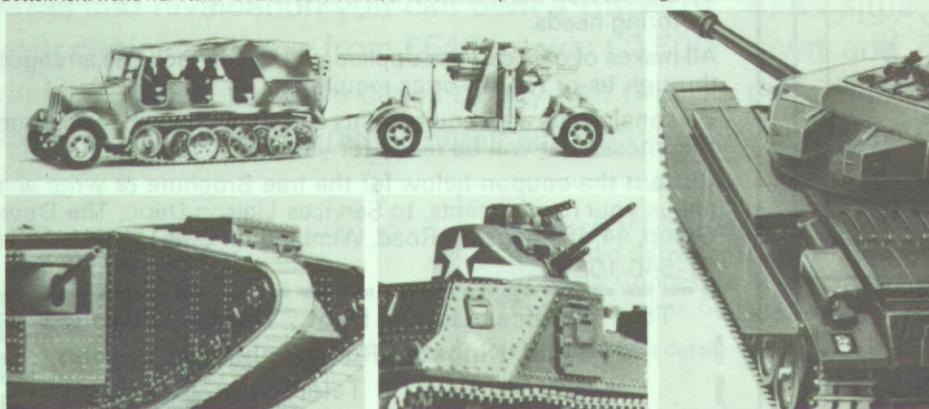
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# See-the-Army DIARY

In this regular feature **SOLDIER** keeps you up-to-date on tattoos, open days, exhibitions, at homes, Army displays and similar occasions on which the public is welcome to see the Army's men and equipment.

Amendments and additions to previous lists are indicated in bold type.

## OCTOBER 1970

- 23 Alamein reunion, Royal Festival Hall, London.
- 28 Red Cross centenary celebrations, London (band, state trumpeters).

## NOVEMBER 1970

- 4 Communication 70 exhibition, Alexandra Palace, London (4-7 November).
- 7 British Legion Festival of Remembrance, Royal Albert Hall, London.
- 8 Remembrance parades, London, Bristol, Chester, Cardiff, Manchester.
- 8 Royal Artillery ceremony of remembrance, Hyde Park, London.
- 14 Lord Mayor's Show, London (7 bands).

## MAY 1971

- 19 Army recruiting display, Shrewsbury (19-20 May).

## JUNE 1971

- 5 Trooping the Colour second rehearsal, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 5 Army recruiting display, Nuneaton (5-6 June).
- 7 Scottish Division massed pipes, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 9 Royal Tournament, Earls Court, London (9-26 June).
- 10 Aldershot Army display (10-11 June).
- 11 Army recruiting display, Leigh, Lancashire (11-12 June).
- 12 Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.

## JULY 1971

Opening of National Army Museum

- 14 Army recruiting display, Birmingham.
- 15 Army recruiting display, Liverpool (15-17 July).
- 21 Army recruiting display, Stoke-on-Trent.
- 22 Army recruiting display, Manchester (22-24 July).
- 30 Cardiff tattoo (30 July-7 August).

## AUGUST 1971

- 10 Edinburgh tattoo (20 August-11 September).

## SEPTEMBER 1971

- 2 Army recruiting display, Blackburn (2-4 September).
- 11 York tattoo: 1900th anniversary of York (11-18 September).
- 24 Berlin tattoo (24-25 September).
- 24 Military band festival, Berne (24-26 September).

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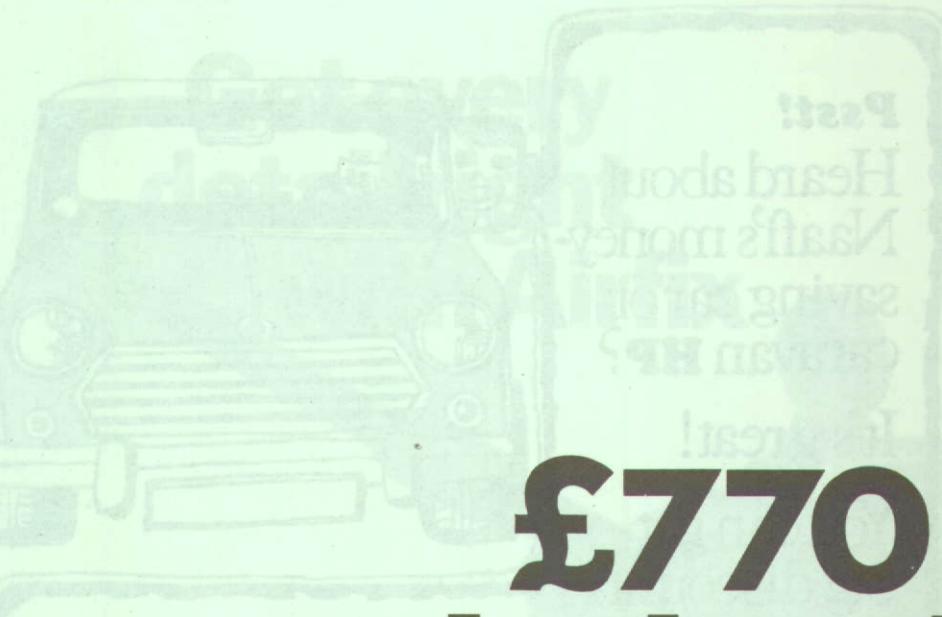
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## British Army headdress

### Albert pattern shako

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Its body was made of black beaver for officers and of black felt for the rank and file. It measured 6½ inches in height, the top being covered in black lacquered leather measuring 6½ inches across. There were two peaks, a large one in the front and a small sloping one at the rear. The bottom edge of the shako was bound with a thin strip of leather with a false buckle at the back.



The officer's chin chain was of brass embossed interlocking rings which tapered in towards the chin, the chain being attached to the shako by large brass rosettes or, in the case of officers, gilt rosettes. The shako for rank and file had a leather chin strap. The officer's shako plate was in the design of an eight-pointed star surmounted by a crown and ornamented with devices of regimental pattern. In some cases battle honours were borne on the rays of the star.

The shako plate for rank and file, which was die stamped, was of a circular design surmounted by a crown with the edge of the circle raised and ornamented with oak and laurel leaves and bound with ribbon at the four quarters. In the centre on a horizontally lined background was the regimental number. A worsted pompon was worn above the helmet plate emitting from a brass ornamented holder.

The Centre Company wore a white-over-red pompon, the Grenadier Company an all-white pompon and the Light Company an all-green pompon. In fusilier regiments the star plate was replaced by a large grenade; the 5th Fusiliers had the added distinction of a red-over-white pompon.

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### The Waterloo shako 1811

(subject of last month's article)



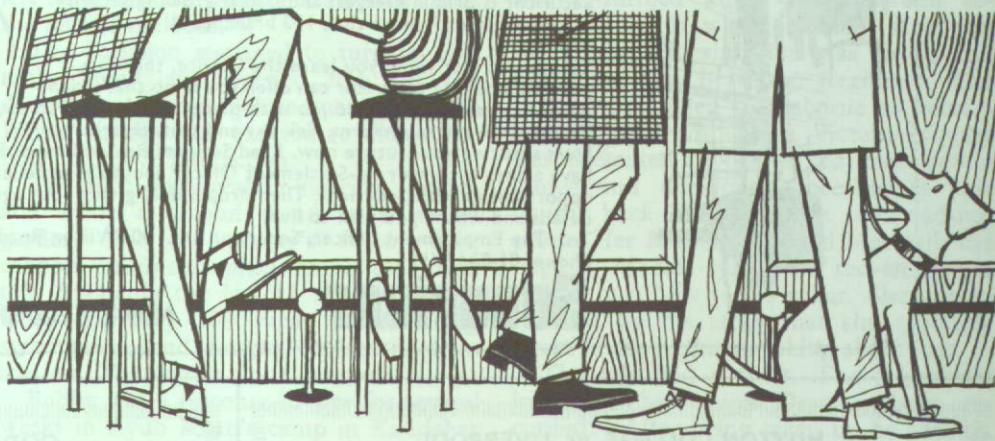
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# JOBFINDER

Under this heading every month **SOLDIER** features jobs available to officers, men and women of the three Services who are about to complete their service engagement.

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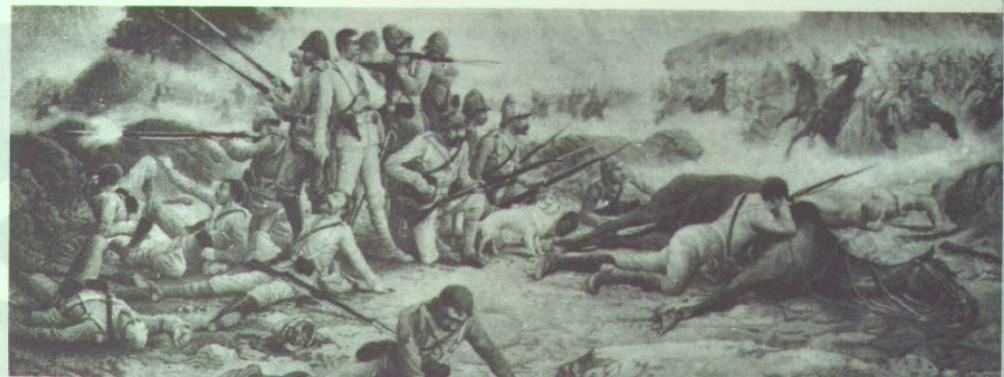
## BERKSHIRE BARKER

**H**E was just an ordinary shaggy white-haired terrier with the plain name of "Bobby." But he "fought" at the last stand of the 66th Foot at the Battle of Maiwand growling and barking at the enemy, was wounded, taken prisoner, repatriated, and finally personally presented with the Afghan Medal by Queen Victoria.

Bobby had been adopted originally as a pet by a sergeant of the 66th. His regiment was part of a punitive expedition sent from India to Afghanistan, following the brutal murder of the entire British Mission in Kabul.

Mile after mile they marched, over tracks strewn with sharp stones, their little mascot padding along beside. It was July 1880 and the fierce summer sun scorched their khaki topees.

Clouds of dust on the horizon heralded the approach of the fanatical hordes of Ayub Khan, hell-bent on freeing the holy city of Kandahar from the hated foreigner. The odds were ten to one and the British brigade hastily formed line of battle in an exposed position on the open plain. The first wave of whooping warriors and horsemen was repulsed by withering fire from the 66th's Martini-Henrys. But the second wave smashed the Indian infantry on the



left flank and the whole mass crashed into the rear of the 66th.

The battalion managed to turn its rear ranks about and opened fire but the demoralised sepoys took to their heels. The Indian cavalry was ordered to attack but failed to move into action.

The 66th withdrew in rallying squares and made a second stand in a walled garden. But the enemy's smooth-bore cannon, *jezails* and *tulwar* knives took their toll. Suddenly the last 11 made a break. They got only 300 yards before being surrounded, and fought back-to-back to the last. The terrier alone survived.

Bobby was a prisoner-of-war for several weeks in Ayub Khan's camp in Kandahar but was repatriated when the city was retaken by Lord Roberts. He embarked for England with the remnants of his regiment, which had been with the guns and baggage train and thus escaped the massacre at Maiwand.

After a heroic homecoming, the regiment

was re-formed under the Cardwell re-organisation. It was not meant as a pun but the new designation was to be 2nd Battalion, The Berkshire Regiment. The battalion marched to Osborne to receive its Colours from Queen Victoria. Bobby was presented to her, a red coat with a crown and chevrons concealing a scar on his back like the mark of a red-hot poker. Her Majesty invested him with the Afghan Medal, tying the red-and-green ribbon in a bow to his collar. She was so touched by his story that she regularly wrote to the regiment asking about him.

The tale had a twist. The regimental journal, *The China Dragon*, later recorded: "After being taken up by royalty, Bobby became ludicrously superior and exclusive, refusing to mix with the common, untravelled dogs of the town, until one fell autumn morning, while out route-marching with the regiment in Gosport, he was run over and killed by a runaway cab."



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Four other infantry battalions faced the same alternatives and of these 4th Battalion, The Queen's Regiment, and 4th Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, are both to remain in the Army List at company strength.

The future of 3rd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, was still under discussion at the time of writing but it was probable that reduction to company strength would be accepted.

No decision had been made on 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards, which was also to have disbanded, nor by The Royal Scots Greys and the 3rd Carabiniers which were due to amalgamate.



Borrowing a slogan, this month's window to watch is that of the Army Careers Information Office opposite Charing Cross station in the Strand.

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And here is another important date for your diary—Saturday 3 July 1971. It is the Battle of the Bands (Military Musical Pageant) at Wembley Stadium, the event which had to be postponed from June 1970 because of re-turfing the Wembley pitch.

As in the 1969 performance there will be about 1000 military musicians and a tremendous finale.



A sword carried by a Royal Scots Greys captain at the Battle of Waterloo will be offered at a charity auction sale on 4 November at Dowells, George Street, Edinburgh. Other items of military regalia include six Lochaber axes, claymores, dirks, Nazi and Fascist daggers, Japanese Samurai swords, feather bonnet, bearskin and yeomanry helmet plus a collection of medals, among them a Distinguished Conduct Medal won at the Charge of the Light Brigade.

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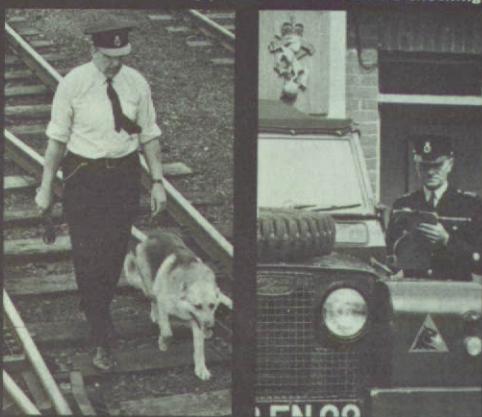
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Story by George Hogan

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A SOLDIER editorial pointed out that it was still an essential part of strategy "to get there fustest with the mostest" and advocated a "worldwide system of aerial trooping operated by private companies or the Services."

A great change has taken place since then. There are no troopships today. Instead a large fleet of Royal Air Force Air Support Command VC 10s, Belfasts, Britannias, Comets, Hercules, Argosies

and other aircraft is fully employed moving servicemen, their families, arms, vehicles, stores and equipment to all parts of the world. Units move much faster and also more frequently today—often at extremely short notice.

Last year Air Support Command car-

ried more than 438,000 passengers and 45,322 tons of cargo. Its aircraft flew 56,261,120 miles and at Northolt alone—the command's international airport for visiting dignitaries—8500 aircraft were handled. This is only one of more than a dozen Air Support Command airfields in the United Kingdom.

The command is a combat force with the tasks of deploying units and formations of Army Strategic Command for operational and exercise purposes, reinforcing air transport forces overseas, providing strategic air logistic support, trooping

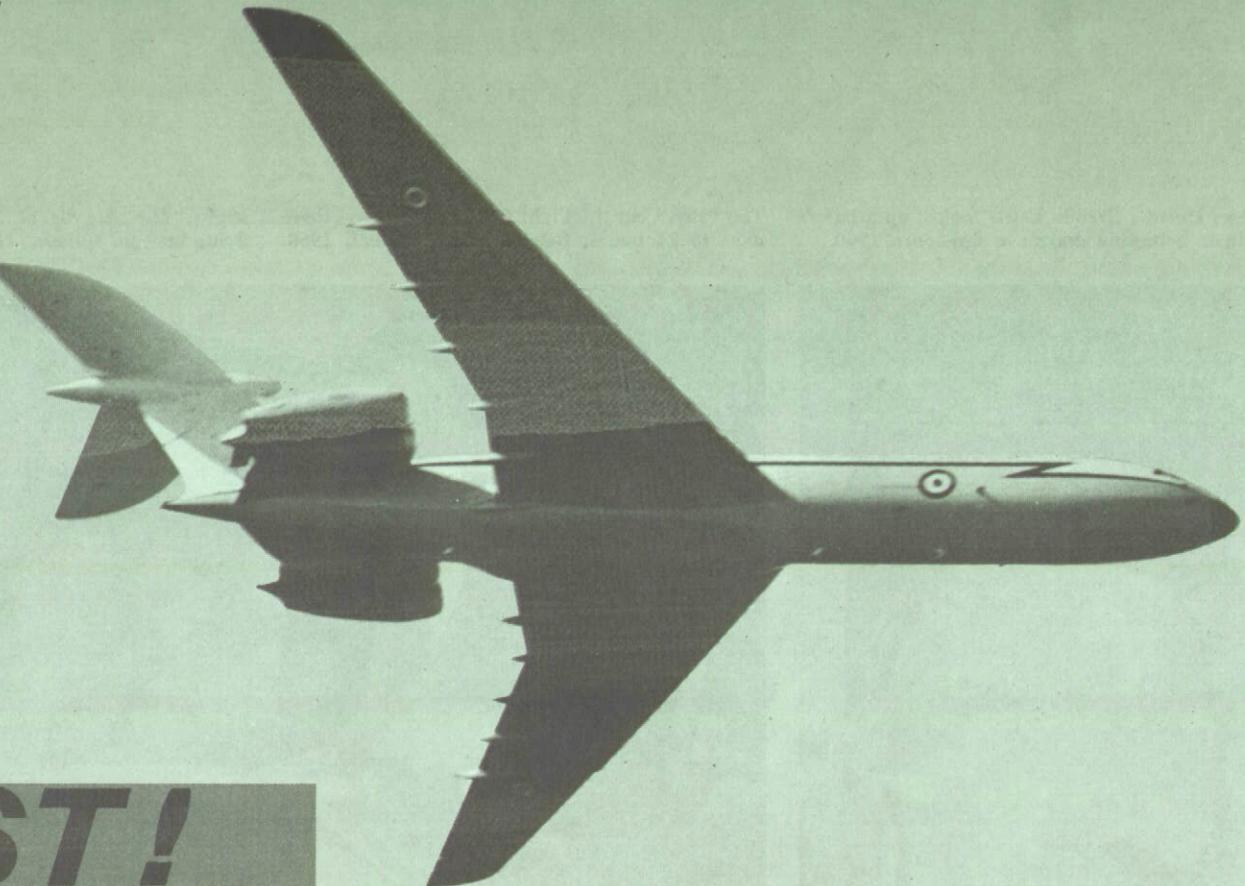
units and individuals on posting and providing scheduled services. These include air ambulances for wounded and sick personnel and families overseas plus the provision of "airliner" facilities for families and personnel on posting and leave.

Air Support Command is also responsible for the initial training of about 2000 parachutists a year for the three services.

To perform these varied and important tasks the command is organised as two interdependent forces—strategic and tactical. The long-range strategic transport force with VC 10s, Belfasts, Britannias and Comets, with some use of Hercules, can fly troops and freight long distances in quick time.

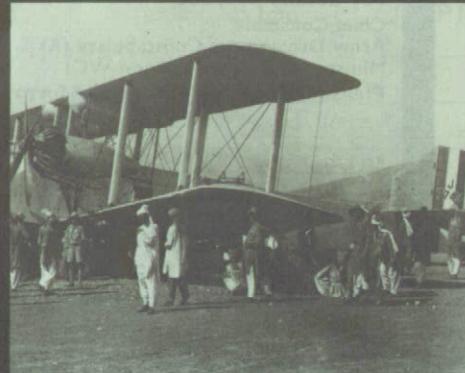
The tactical force carries troops to the battle area, supporting them there with Hercules and Argosies. To provide

## PART ONE



### THREE EARLIER TRANSPORT PLANES OF THE 1920s

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- 2 Vickers Vernon ambulance in Iraq.
- 3 Vickers Victoria, probably India.



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mobility around the battlefield, Andover aircraft and Wessex and Whirlwind helicopters play their part, with the Puma helicopter coming into service shortly. Phantoms and jump-jet Harriers give strike support with the Jaguar soon to take its place within the force concentrated under 38 Group, Air Support Command.

The VC 10, which carries troops, families and freight, is the largest and most powerful aircraft in the Royal Air Force and one of the fastest and most powerful multi-purpose military transports in the world. It is bigger than the V-bombers and, with a maximum take-off weight of 144 tons, heavier by 41 tons than the Belfast freighter. It is also 14 feet longer than the United States' new C5 Galaxy, the world's biggest plane.

In its operational role the VC 10 carries 150 men and eight aircraft can lift 4000 men

to the Far East in a week. On scheduled "airliner" services it is equipped to carry 125 passengers in comfort with hot meals in flight, will fly the 2000 miles from Brize Norton to Cyprus in four-and-a-half hours and can reach Singapore in 18 hours. This is a tremendous improvement on the eight hours to Malta (1265 miles) which was the charter trooping flight time in a Viking in 1952. The VC 10 is the same size as its civilian version but with extra fuel capacity and uprated Conway jet engines can

attain a top speed of 600 miles per hour. With seats removed it can be used as a freighter.

The VC 10s, Belfasts and Britannias are based at Brize Norton, Oxfordshire, which has recently become the main strategic air transport base. A £5,600,000 development programme has produced a fine passenger terminal and a transit centre of

top-class hotel standard, while the huge hangar, the largest of its kind in western Europe, can house six VC 10s or Belfasts for servicing.

This 1045-foot long hangar has 50-foot high doors which operate electrically and run the length of the building under one long beam. This huge "open box" arrangement which gives unobstructed access for nearly £20,000,000-worth of giant planes necessitated that the hangar be built to a unique cantilever design. Because of the problem of suction that could be caused by high winds blowing into such a large open building the 3100 tons of steelwork rest on a foundation designed to anchor it down rather than to support the load. The hangar

Above: The grace of VC 10-ness that wafts troops and families to Singapore in 18 hours.

Below: Hostess Brenda Lewis makes up a baby's bottle on Britannia charter to Singapore, 1960...

The "Brit" cut the flight from the Hermes' three days to 24 hours. Below: In-flight meal, 1960.

Right: The Argylls at Trinidad in 1954 after flying in from Guiana. They went home by sea.



is heated by underfloor hot water pipes and overhead radiant heaters.

The air terminal, like a mini London airport, can accommodate two full plane-loads of passengers comfortably and is served by a Royal Air Force staff which deals courteously and sympathetically with even the most worried mother or fractious child. The air terminal is kept well heated to add to the comfort of passengers from distant hot climates. Its huge windows are tinted against the sun's glare and the sound of engines on the tarmac less than 50 yards away can scarcely be heard. Here are comfortable couches, refreshments, telephones, car hire facilities, even cot perambulators for young babies.

A transit centre for passengers staying

overnight is half-a-mile away and run on hotel lines. It is named Gateway House, a doubly happy choice as the Oxfordshire countryside hereabouts is known as the gateway to the Cotswolds while, for service travellers, Brize Norton is the gateway to the world. For many young wives and servicemen it is also their introduction to flying.

Passengers due to fly out on early planes are encouraged to arrive at Brize Norton the previous afternoon, make use of the facilities at Gateway House and get a good night's sleep. There are 266 beds, again sufficient for two plane loads. The bedrooms are in sections with singles and doubles alternating so that families of any size can be accommodated in adjoining

rooms with communicating doors. Each room is in direct touch with reception through a talk-back system and no harassed mother need panic in emergency. Personal buzzers sound for those requiring early calls—guests must get out of bed to switch them off.

There are special day rooms for nursing mothers, rooms for ironing, the preparation of babies' bottles and first aid. Young children can be left to play in pens and to sleep in cots. Three lounges cater for all ranks and there are a Naafi kiosk and separate television rooms for the three main channels.

Servicemen and families due to catch early planes take breakfast in the spacious attractive dining rooms but the main meals

are similar to those supplied in flight—deep frozen until required, when they are heated in hot air ovens and served to each 100 passengers within 15 minutes. There is also a cold self-service buffet.

Gateway House is staffed by RAF and WRAF personnel augmented by civilians, many of whom are RAF wives. There are 2000 families on the station, about three times the size of nearby Carterton village which is unable to fill the large number of posts available. An understanding controller arranges the roster so that wives can still look after their homes and their husbands and even serve on night shifts.

From the Gateway House staff there was special praise for the troops who pass through. A lady supervisor said: "They are

well disciplined. When a sergeant-major says 'Come on lads' they are up and away. Every one of them makes his bed in the morning and leaves everything folded—which is quite unnecessary as the beds have to be stripped and the sheets changed."

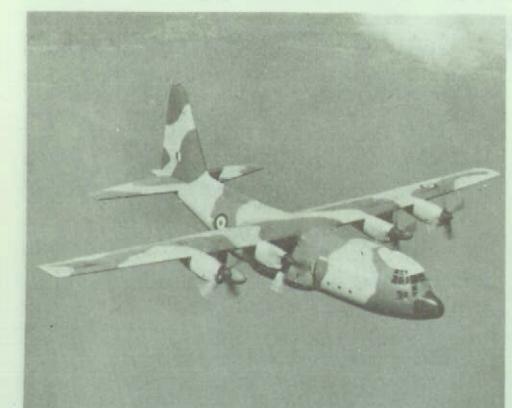
Buses take the passengers from the transit centre to the air terminal, where the baggage has already been loaded, and it is but a few steps to the VC 10s whose powerful engines can be heard as soon as the terminal doors are opened. From here the scheduled flights across the world begin.

Safety, speed, comfort are bywords of Air Support Command. All depend on careful organisation and perfect co-ordination. All modern landing aids are used;

Brize Norton's runway is nearly two miles long and can take anything that flies.

The safety record of Air Support Command has always been excellent—following the tradition of 24-year-old Transport Command which it succeeded in 1967—and is maintained through first-class training, the highest standards of maintenance and by operating strictly to tested rules. Backward-facing seats are standard. All systems are meticulously checked before take-off and most are duplicated. Crews are limited strictly to defined working hours and "slip" crews take over at certain touch-down points on long flights.

Escape chutes, life jackets, dinghies, even floating cots are carried and there is an



Hercules—versatile transport of today.

Argosy—workhorse of Transport Command.

Andover—supports the troops in the field.

Comet 4—Transport Command and still in use.

Belfast—today's freighter, carries 40 tons.

Britannia—carries troops and also families.

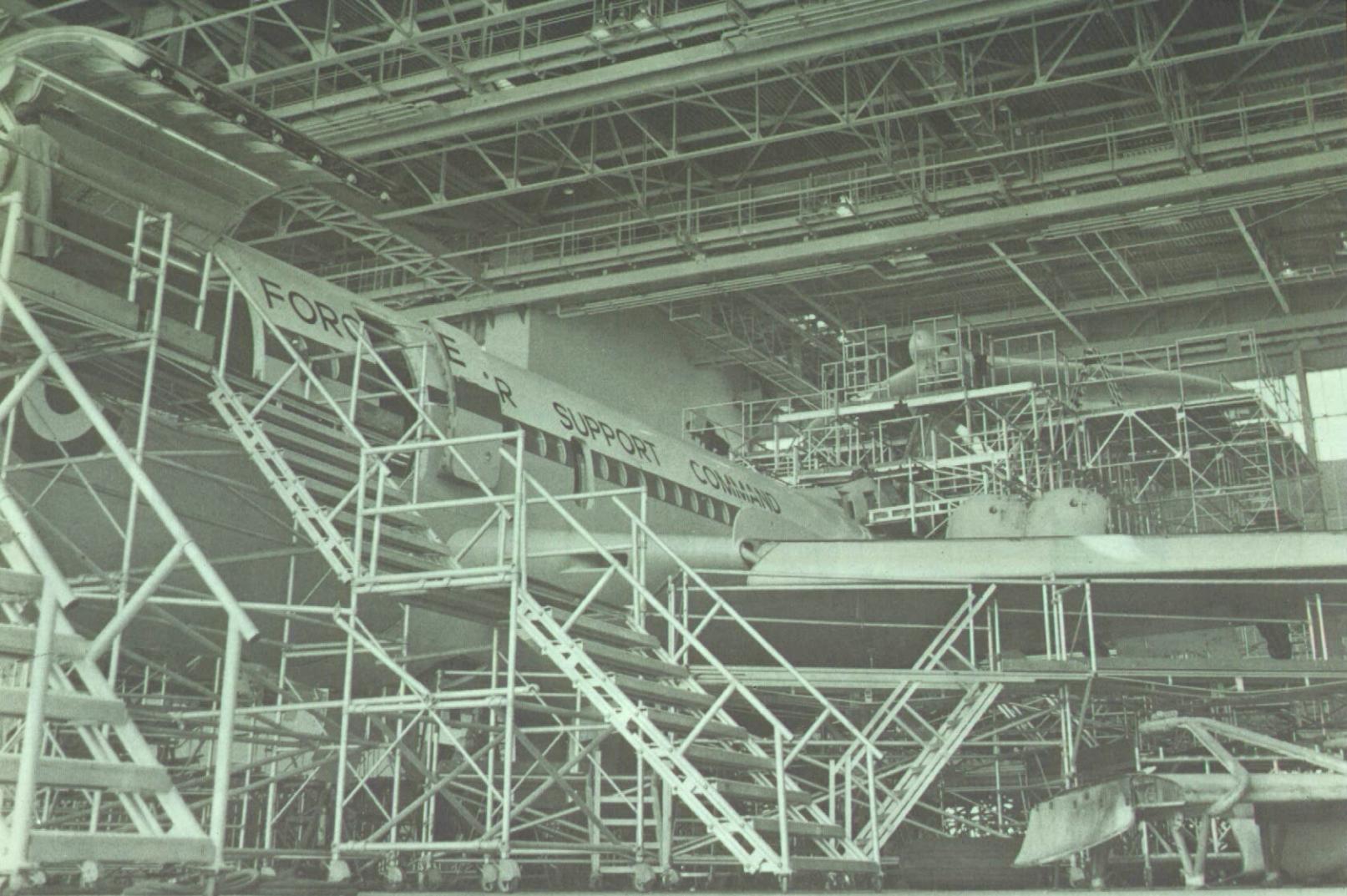
Right: Servicing a VC 10 in the vast hangar at Brize Norton. The tailplane is as large as a Hunter fighter. All maintenance is thorough.

Below: Checking in at the air terminal building, Brize Norton. Service is swift, the atmosphere relaxed and documentation is soon completed.



Five weeks old and the youngest passenger yet to pass through Gateway House, Brize Norton. Flying in a VC 10 to Changi airfield, Singapore.

Right: These passengers preferred a cold lunch including the turkey. Others had hot meals at Gateway House, the Brize Norton transit centre.



emergency landing procedure that has all the merits of service discipline. If through some unusual circumstance there is a sudden lowering of cabin air pressure in a high flying VC 10 or Comet 4, oxygen masks drop out automatically to fall in front of the face for immediate use.

Alcohol may not be consumed on Air Support Command aircraft because procedures in peace must be as for war. Also, keeping bonded stocks around the world would be difficult and it is not all that far to the next stop anyway. Pressurised containers, such as aerosols, may not be carried

because of the danger of bursting in rarified air. Lighters with neat petrol (no cotton-wool) are banned because of the danger of fire and explosion from fumes. Batteries must be removed from radios and instruments because of possible interference with communications while non-safety matches and some foreign (not so safe) safety matches are banned. Yes, safety standards are strict—and the safety record is high.

Comfort is enhanced on scheduled flights by fitting only 125 seats in the VC 10s instead of the 150 that could be mounted for operations. Electric razors are

available on VC 10s and Britannias and there are magazines and newspapers. In spite of time changes regular routine is maintained for meals—"tummy calls" relative to the starting airfield, not local time, take precedence.

Complete pre-frozen meals are carried, heated en route and augmented with fresh bread and butter, fruits and salads. Cups and saucers have replaced disposables. Roast breast of chicken, bacon roll, grilled rump and sirloin steak, button mushrooms, baton carrots are just a few items from the menu. The servicemen's airline has a civil



The VC 10 loads its 125 passengers before setting off for the east. This one was destined for Changi.



Plenty of room for two full plane loads in Brize Norton air terminal. Telephones, refreshments and a self-drive car service, too.

look backed by Royal Air Force organisation and world-wide experience.

Custodian of passenger comfort and safety is the man or woman air quartermaster. The rank, equivalent to Army company quartermaster-sergeant, carried great responsibility and is the only aircrew post open to members of the Women's Royal Air Force except that of air stewardess which gives flying opportunity to junior ranks.

The quartermaster's duties begin hours before take-off with the loading of freight, passenger baggage and up to 840 flight meals. It is his or her task to supervise the

positioning of cargo to ensure an even trim and proper lashing. Air Support Command aircraft may carry mixed loads of service and authorised civilian passengers, stores and vehicles.

In flight the quartermaster, assisted by stewards, is responsible for the safety of the passengers as well as their comfort and is trained in the use of escape chutes and the launching of liferafts. The pretty face behind the offer of barley sugar at the beginning of a flight masks a keen, efficient mind and a disciplined personality that inspires calm and confidence in an emergency touch-down and could well

save the 125 passengers with the unflurried and authoritative command: "Brace! brace!"

Brize Norton has taken over from Lyneham as the scheduled services terminal in Britain and about 20,000 passengers pass through each month. Lyneham, known to thousands of soldiers and their families as the Gateway to the World, is now the heavy tactical support base for the Army—the springboard for Strategic Command.

Air Support Command's tactical role in relation to the Army on exercises and in operations will be the subject of a further feature in next month's *SOLDIER*.

Trooping to and from Germany is normally by charter flight for servicemen and families on posting and leave. Units may be moved by Air Support Command aircraft or by charter. Airportable freight is usually lifted by Air Support Command.



Passengers boarding a Hermes aircraft at Manston, Kent, on 3 October 1960 for the first regular air trooping flight to Dusseldorf.



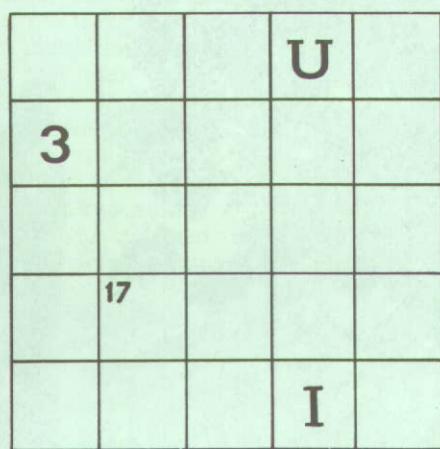
Honeymooners Lance-Bombardier Tony Martin and his wife arrive at Gatwick in 1965 to receive VIP treatment as the 1,000,000th and 1,000,001st passengers by air trooping between Britain and Germany. The plane here is a BAC One-Eleven.

# On the square

When serving overseas Captain Brown liked to compile puzzles. He sent to a friend in England the square and list reproduced here and added that the letter clues would each produce a number enabling the letter to be located in its appropriate square.

He assumed it would be obvious to his friend that most of the number clues would produce letters. "Further," wrote Captain Brown, "everything in the square follows a logical sequence—and I hope to see you soon."

With the aid of the list can you say:



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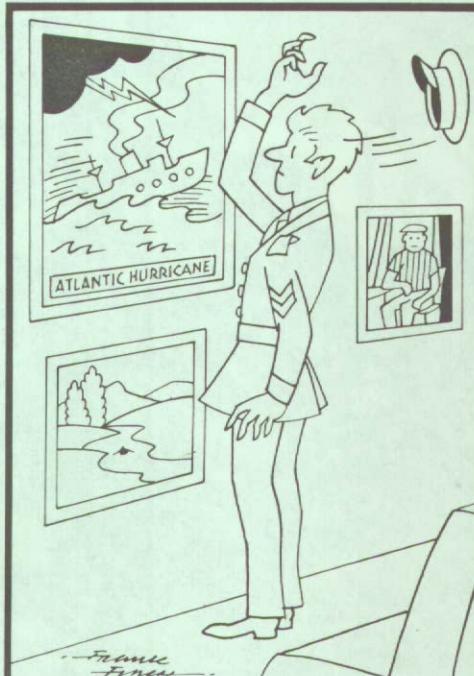
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## Clues

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E Doctor's orders	1	O Four squared
E		O Unlucky for some 13
I Make one dozen	L	O Impossible cribbage score
I and a half	R	O C minus one 13
10 Half U/S		R Four times the value of 21 82
L L plus a baker's dozen	M	2 ... for leather Hell
18 Dash dot dot	500	T Three squared plus four squared 25
M Twice the square root of four	8	21 Half the value of M
N Equals seven	L	

## HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

These two pictures look alike but they differ in ten details. Look at them carefully. If you cannot spot the differences see page 39.



**R**OMAN legions passed this way during their conquest of Gaul. And, in the reverse direction, the Crusaders on their way to the Holy Land. There were the Knights Templar, the Knights of St John of Jerusalem, the invading Saracens.

Through all the centuries the peasants of the Massif Central in the south of France eked a meagre living on the arid limestone plateau and resisted, to the World War Two days of the Maquis, every warring invader.

In the south of the Massif Central lie the Causses de Larzac. Since the 1700s this limestone tableland, cut by deep gorges, has been a French Army training area, and since the 1960s a training ground too for British infantry and armour from Rhine Army, now deprived of the tank grounds of Libya and left only with the too familiar Sennelager and Hohne ranges.

This year three battle groups from Rhine Army each spent three weeks at Larzac Camp. Last of these groups was 2nd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, supported by two squadrons of The Blues and Royals and, for its counter-insurgency training, provided with a "real" enemy in the Volunteers of 21st Special Air Service Regiment (Artists Rifles) on their annual "camp."

It was a useful mutual arrangement. The Green Jackets were taking the opportunity to brush up their counter-insurgency drills and indeed introduce these arts to recently joined soldiers; the SAS practised their own skills while harassed by a very live and active "enemy."

The SAS were given a lift out to France in Germany-based Hercules aircraft of the United States Air Force flying training-missions. Some 120 men were to have parachuted at night into the Larzac training area but strong winds cancelled the drop and instead they were landed at a French Air Force base near Marseilles and taken on an uncomfortable seven-hour lorry ride across the plain and up on the plateau to their original dropping zones.

From there on the SAS squadrons, broken down into small patrols, were on their own in strange terrain and with six days' rations plus a later re-supply.

Patrol tasks were to practise their communications, observe movement on roads, ambush enemy vehicle convoys and foot patrols, contact friendly agents and move over rough and varied country both by day and night.

It was a deliberately tough eight-day continuous exercise which tested the SAS men, who had come straight from their civilian jobs, to the limits of physical fitness and endurance and mental alertness.

Their route from the dropping zone start points to the final regimental "battle" took them across 20 miles of country ranging from bare rocky plateaux, offering little cover, down into deep, forested gorges, across rivers and climbing 1500 feet back on to ridges or plateaux.

For the first couple of days the mistral kept temperatures down to around 55 degrees Fahrenheit but when the wind stopped the thermometer shot up into the nineties. The SAS found they were carrying too much unnecessary weight in their bergen rucksacks and in the peculiarly dry atmosphere were quickly threatened by dehydration and heat exhaustion.

The exercise confined the SAS to a fairly narrow area, to some obvious ambush

positions and generally forced them into a situation where they were not always able to avoid clashes with patrolling Green Jackets. The infantrymen, as an SAS Volunteer respectfully admitted, were "fighting fit and they moved fast."

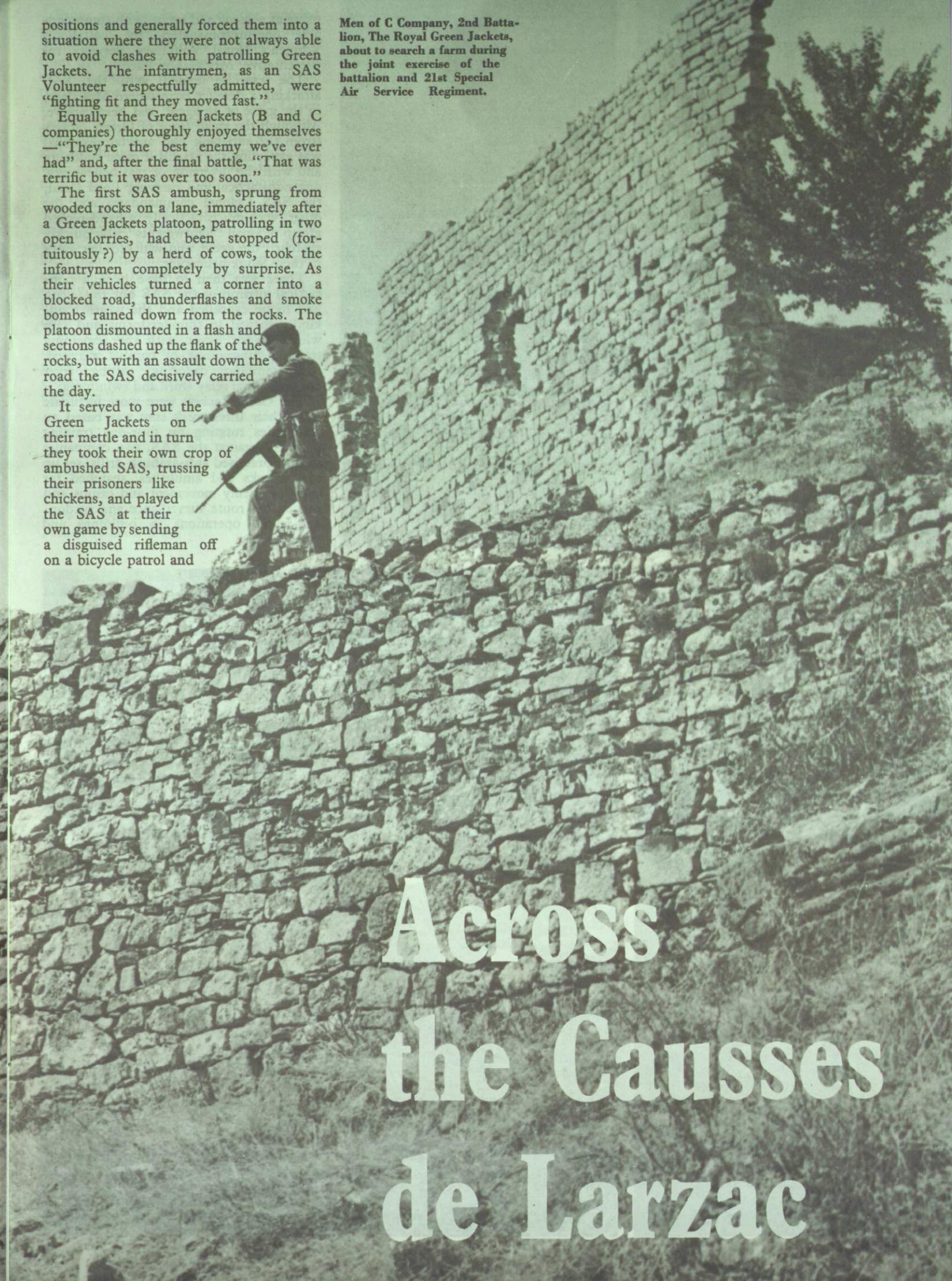
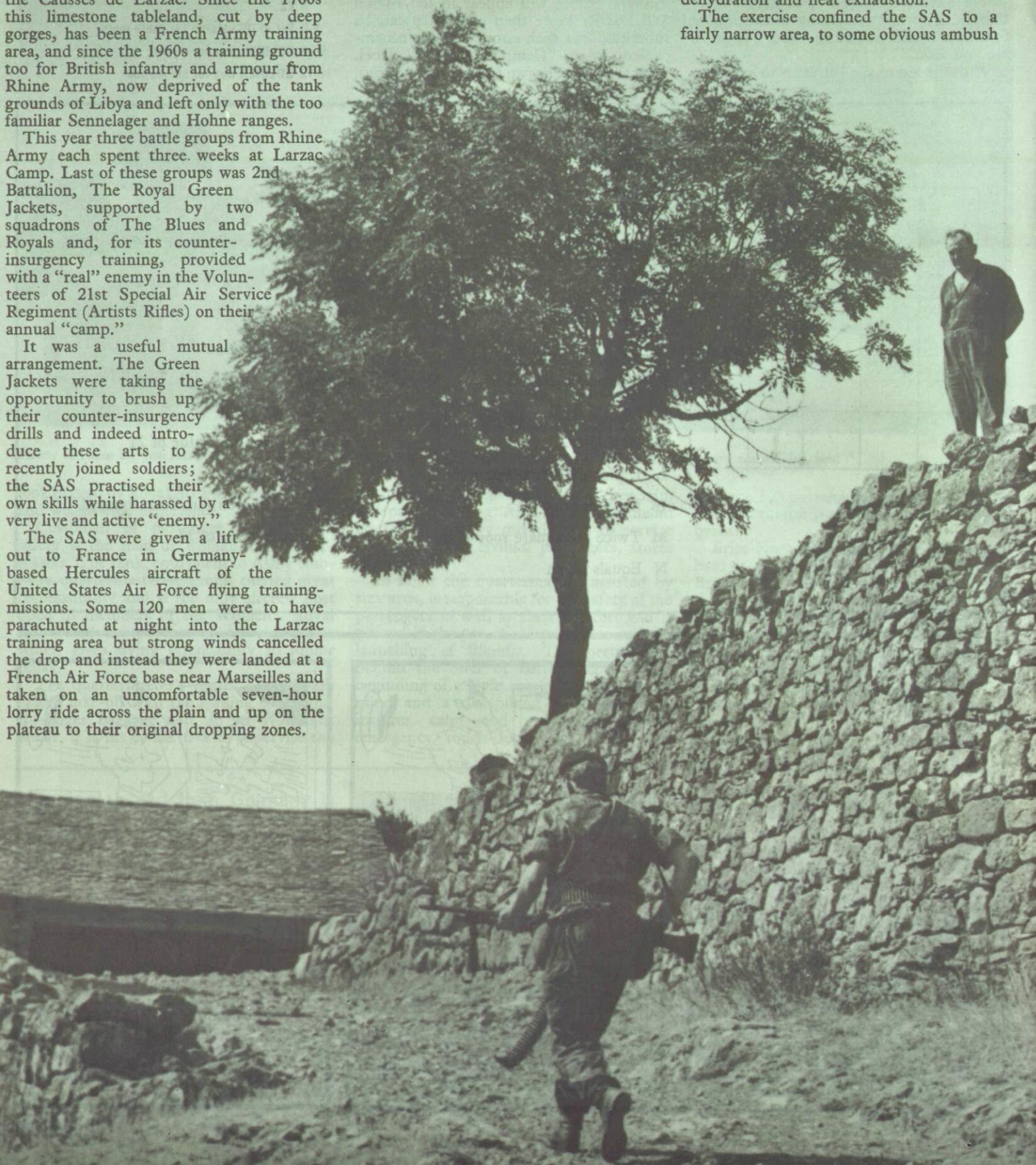
Equally the Green Jackets (B and C companies) thoroughly enjoyed themselves — "They're the best enemy we've ever had" and, after the final battle, "That was terrific but it was over too soon."

The first SAS ambush, sprung from wooded rocks on a lane, immediately after a Green Jackets platoon, patrolling in two open lorries, had been stopped (fortunately?) by a herd of cows, took the infantrymen completely by surprise. As their vehicles turned a corner into a blocked road, thunderbolts and smoke bombs rained down from the rocks. The platoon dismounted in a flash and sections dashed up the flank of the rocks, but with an assault down the road the SAS decisively carried the day.

It served to put the Green Jackets on their mettle and in turn they took their own crop of ambushed SAS, trussing their prisoners like chickens, and played the SAS at their own game by sending a disguised rifleman off on a bicycle patrol and

**Men of C Company, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, about to search a farm during the joint exercise of the battalion and 21st Special Air Service Regiment.**

# Across the Causses de Larzac

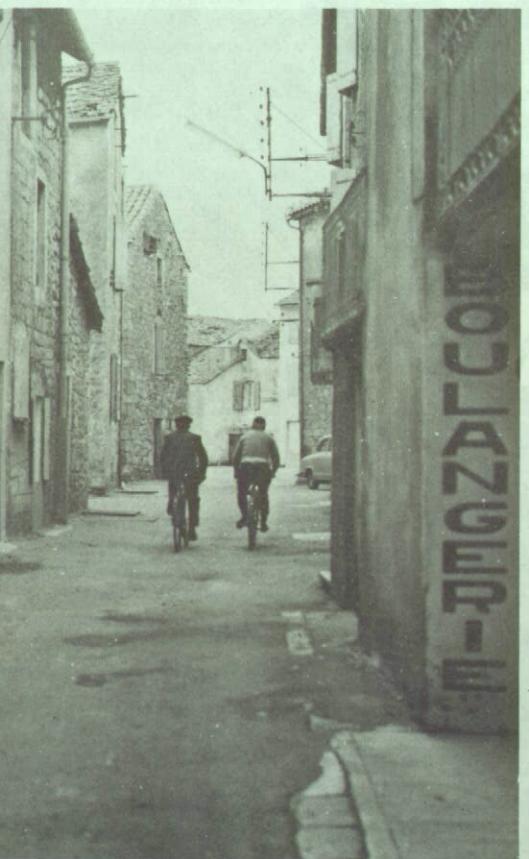




Above: Royal Green Jacket, with general-purpose machine-gun, watches a track. This undulating area, heavily wooded on the slopes, is in sharp contrast to gorges and bare plateau.

Right: An exercise is an exercise . . . Eating and waiting, Green Jacket with piratical head band.

Below: Unnoticed by Green Jackets and civilians, two SAS base personnel, acting as agents, cycle through La Cavalerie, a Knights Templar village.



using as a decoy and agent, with commendable one-upmanship, the battalion's Women's Royal Voluntary Services representative, Mrs Gabby Page.

The exercise ended with the SAS attacking a derelict farm where Mrs Page, in the guise of an agent, was held captive. Although the small force of Green Jackets (from the anti-tank and mortar platoons) was expecting the assault it came suddenly and with the diversion of two helicopters, one non-tactical and carrying Lord Head, the SAS Colonel commandant, and the other, very much tactically, a hand-picked group of small "lightweights" who quickly snatched the agent and whisked her away in their Sioux helicopter.

There was then to have been a non-tactical airdrop of the SAS but this again had to be cancelled and the weather unkindly turned to thunderstorms and rain which played havoc with the remaining training programme of combat survival, rock climbing, canoeing, rafting, river crossing, rope relay work and swimming.

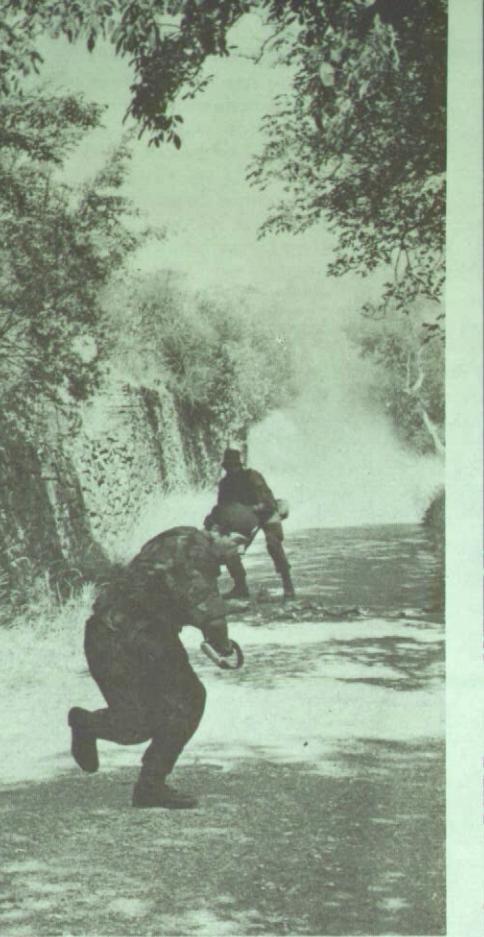
The Green Jackets were more fortunate since their three-week stay was based on companies rotating on four-day training periods. Against the SAS, two companies in turn practised anti-ambush drills, set up road blocks and ambushes, searched for signs of enemy movement and camps and carried out route surveillance and cordon-and-search operations in buildings and villages.

From a camp in one of the wooded gorges the companies practised rock-climbing, floating kit in the river and learned from SAS instructors some of the arts of survival. Beyond the opposite side of the training area, at a camp set up at the Lac de Parelop, a tourist resort, the Green Jackets had a recreational spell of volleyball, makeshift cricket, canoeing, sailing and swimming in the lake. Other activities were recce platoon training with the Blues and Royals and armoured personnel carrier training.

A requirement of the Larzac training is that a regiment should take its band. The Green Jackets band had more than a dozen local commitments which included parades and concerts in towns and villages, particularly during festivals, the band giving its services in return for a free lunch or dinner.

For the SAS it was annual camp with a difference—the challenge of a new training ground. And, for the Green Jackets battle group, it was "a breath of fresh air after Germany."

Story by Peter N Wood  
Pictures by Leslie Wiggs



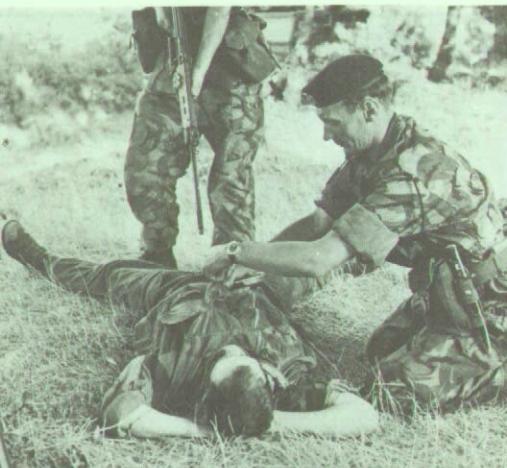
Above, right: All action. SAS ambush of Green Jacket patrol. Green Jacket foreground and SAS behind. Above, far right: Another ambush with two SAS standing guard on captive Green Jacket.

Right: B Company, Green Jackets, bring in for questioning a civilian cyclist. Is he Italian? No, he's "Darky," SAS; and round goes the wire.

Below: Mrs Gabby Page, WRVS, not only created a precedent by accompanying the Green Jackets to Larzac, but was very much involved in the battalion exercise with 21 SAS, acting as decoy and agent. She joined the Women's Royal Voluntary Service after her husband, an RAF officer, was killed when his aircraft crashed in the North Sea, and had been with the Green Jackets for six months before their visit to the Larzac training area where she ran a WRVS room in the camp.



Below: End of eight-day exercise as SAS attack small Green Jacket force to rescue an "agent."



Above: Not an agent this time—SAS soldier in uniform searched by a sergeant of B Company.



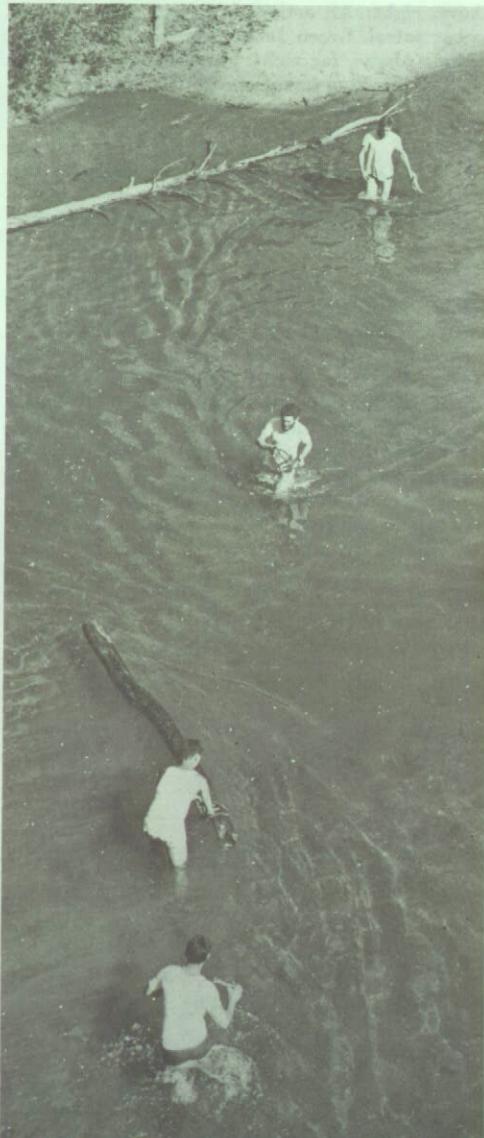


Above: Typical terrain, looking towards the medieval town of Nant. Warily climbing is an SAS patrol which missed the final engagement.

Left: Familiar exercise figure—Maj Rory Walker, 21 SAS's Regular second-in-command and training major, here with his beloved bagpipes in bergen.

Below: Recce platoon of 2nd Royal Green Jackets crossing the limestone plateau near base camp.

Right: The Blues and Royals in a two-team log race at the arduous training camp north of Nant.



## Battlements to battle tanks

The Larzac training area, some 25 by 20 miles and centred on Camp Larzac, caters for armoured, gunnery and infantry field training with only the two major restrictions of avoiding agricultural plots in the area, and a height limit, because of air lanes, on artillery shoots.

Camp Larzac was largely rebuilt in the 1930s, is being further improved and is likely to be used by the French Army more than it has been in recent years. The Dutch Army and German Bundeswehr have each made one training visit to Larzac but it has been used annually for some years by British battle groups from Germany.

This year there were three groups, each taking a five-day road convoy of its own vehicles, the main parties travelling by train from Rhine Army to the tourist centre of Millau, 12 miles from Larzac Camp.

The first group was preceded by the Administrative Base Unit which supported the battle groups and provided all liaison with the French civil and military authorities. This unit—ABU—was made up of 135-140 personnel from the battle groups' division. Each of the three divisions in Rhine Army takes it in turn to use Larzac and provides its own ABU.

The Administrative Base Unit stockpiled

Chieftain tanks, armoured personnel carriers and Ferret scout cars taken by train to Millau.

A fluent French speaker, Lieutenant-Colonel Tony Fitzherbert, Royal Engineers, whose wife is Belgian, commanded ABU. The French Army provided an English-speaking liaison officer, gendarme and escorts for road convoys and an engineering expert. Two Belgian Army interpreters helped with the Green Jackets' hand engagements.

Included in ABU were an ordnance field park, workshop section, signal troop, postal detachment, medical and hygiene personnel, military police detachment and a supply organisation providing petrol, oil and rations for the battle groups and for ABU itself.

Spares were brought in from a base in Rhine Army by ten-ton lorry "milk runs" on a supply line five days' driving and nearly 1000 miles long. ABU was also responsible for paying the French, on a daily per capita basis of half a franc for accommodation and water, for settling barrack damages and for agreeing training damage claims.

Camp Larzac lies under a mile, beyond the inevitable straggle of bars and *estaminets*, from the walled medieval village of La Cavalerie, once on the Roman road from Millau to Montpellier. The Roman road has given way to Route Nationale 9 but La Cavalerie, so named because it was a horse staging post, is still a stopping place for tourists.

Most just stop to eat but the interested visit the old walls and towers built by the Knights Templar and, too, the nearby medieval villages

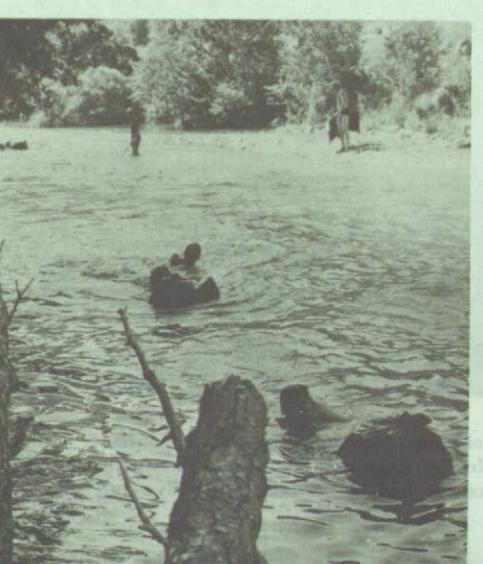
of Sainte Eulalie and La Couvroletade. In pre-Christian days the Romans failed to conquer the hill people of the Causses de Larzac and later withdrew to the valleys, including Millau where they set up a pottery. In the eighth century AD the Saracens invaded and three centuries later the Knights Templar took over, providing protection along the route of the Crusaders who embarked from the now inland port of Aigues Mortes, west of Marseilles.

Disbanded because greed overtook their loftier principles, the Knights Templar gave way to the Knights of St John of Jerusalem. Down the centuries the local people in the plateau villages still eked a bare living from the inhospitable soil but the population declined, dropping in La Cavalerie from 3600 in 1850 to 900 in 1920, at which figure it has stayed constant. In the area around La Cavalerie the population dropped after 1900 when the present agreement was reached whereby small plots of land within the training area were made over to farmers. This agreement is now being reconsidered in the light of modern training demands for larger unrestricted areas.

During World War Two, when in Vichy France, the Larzac area was a centre of Maquis activity. The Germans took over the camp and interned local French there—the watchtowers still stand as a reminder—and in the nearby village of Le Pezade is a memorial to 40 Maquis killed in a German ambush. In the post-war years Algerian prisoners were also held at Larzac Camp.



Above: C Company volleyball at a lakeside camp. Note Scout. Sioux and Scouts of 661 and 662 Army aviation squadrons supported all the training.



Below, left: Practising river crossing with kit wrapped in ponchos. Below, right: No machinery in the field—it's back to the old "spud-bashing."



## Front cover



This month's front cover, by Picture Editor Leslie Wiggs, catches the colour and excitement of the brilliant finale to a "Musical Extravaganza" staged by 3 Training Regiment, Royal Engineers, at Hawley Lake, near Farnborough, Hampshire. From seats on the "mainland" the audience heard a varied programme of light music played by 75 musicians of the massed bands of the Royal Engineers under their directors of music, Captain P W Parkes and Captain R A Ridings.

The musicians, on a raft floating stage moored off an island, were perfectly mirrored in the still waters of the lake. The finale re-enacted a proud episode in sapper history, the storming of Delhi's Kashmir Gate during the Indian Mutiny. Before the British troops attacked, the sappers crept up to the gate and blew open its doors. Their officers, Lieutenant Home and Lieutenant Solkeld, were awarded the Victoria Cross.

Performances of the 1970 musical extravaganza were given for personnel (including civilian staffs) of 1 and 3 Training Regiments, invited guests, the Royal Engineers Association and the public. This year's event was on a much more ambitious scale than its predecessors which have annually alternated with 3 Training Regiment's "At Home."

# INTO ACTION -WITH LANCET AND SLING

Story by Hugh Howton  
Pictures by Leslie Wiggs

**I**N mud and mist they worked, drab khaki battledress and tents replacing pristine white aprons and whitewashed wards with the odour of antiseptic.

Such was the setting for Exercise Swingfog—the largest-ever Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve medical exercise—on the perennially rainy Salisbury Plain.

Most of the reservist officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps and Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps are doctors and nurses in civilian life. Captain Ruth Cadwallader of the QAs, for example, thought the work little different from her normal job as a night casualty sister in a Birkenhead hospital—"Casualties come through reception, they are documented, we assess where they are to go, their blood is grouped and cross-matched and they may be given an intravenous infusion for resuscitation. The principle is the same—the maintenance of life."

While the soldier casualties have gunshot wounds, she normally deals with those injured in serious traffic accidents. "And

we would not be as scruffy as this," she said, pointing to her muddy shoes.

The initial problem was to set up the field hospitals and dressing stations. A five section marquee, 60 feet long, was necessary to accommodate just 25 beds. One complex alone consisted of six of these five sectional marquees with inter-connecting passages.

Even slim QAs lent a hand to pull on guy ropes and hammer in tent pegs. "It had a stimulating effect on the chaps," remarked an officer.

By a new system of equipment packaging, the units were able to set up shop and receive and treat casualties by day three. Explained a Regular officer taking part:

"Under the old system all the stores would

have been dumped in one big pile. The

boxes would then have to be opened and

equipment distributed to the various

departments. This time the stores for each

department, such as dental, x-ray or op-

erating theatre, were crated and marked

separately."

By the time they were fully operational, they were able to process and evacuate 250 casualties during one day by ambulance, helicopter and Hercules aircraft through the "chain" of regimental aid post, field ambulance section, main dressing station, field hospital and general hospital. It was done by just 441 TAVR medical personnel.

Major participating units were 308 General Hospital from London, 304 Field Hospital from Glasgow and 307 Field Ambulance of Liverpool and Manchester. The recruited strength of TAVR medical

units is currently about 75 per cent of establishment.

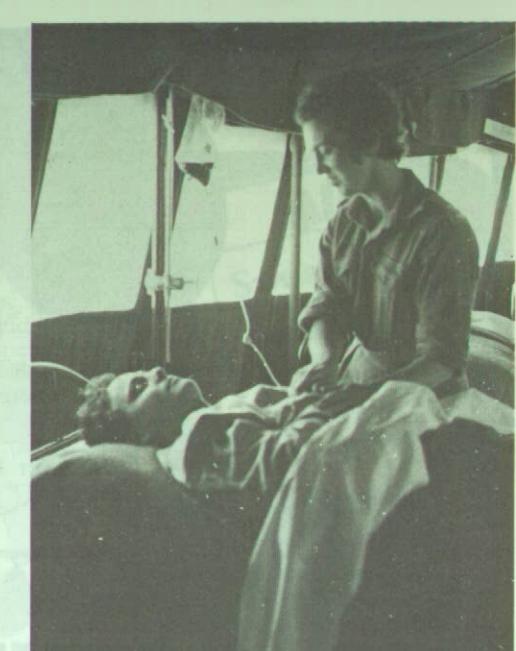
Officer posts of doctors and nurses are adequately filled but there is a lack of medically trained personnel in the ranks where only 16 per cent are employed on similar tasks in civilian life.

The greatest need is for male nurses, currently at only 12 per cent of establishment. The trouble is that many civilian male nurses are married with families and are not so free to join the TAVR as female nurses who are mostly single. Not only that, it takes about six years for men like bus drivers or railway porters who apply for the job to be trained up to "B I" trade standard.

Even then this is only equivalent to the third year of a five-year state registered nurse's course in theoretical knowledge, and much less in terms of practical experience.

Even under exercise conditions it is difficult to simulate the strains and tension of wounded and dying men in a field hospital. There was not so much as a broken finger among all the hundreds of "casualties" provided by The Royal Highland Fusiliers, The Royal Hussars and 3rd Divisional Headquarters and Signal Regiment.

They had to make do with plasticine, greasepaint and bandages soaked in red dye. "Even if there had been any real casualties," pointed out a Regular RAMC officer "it would be unfair to put them through the 'chain' when there are excellent civilian hospitals available. But you do not have this choice in wartime."

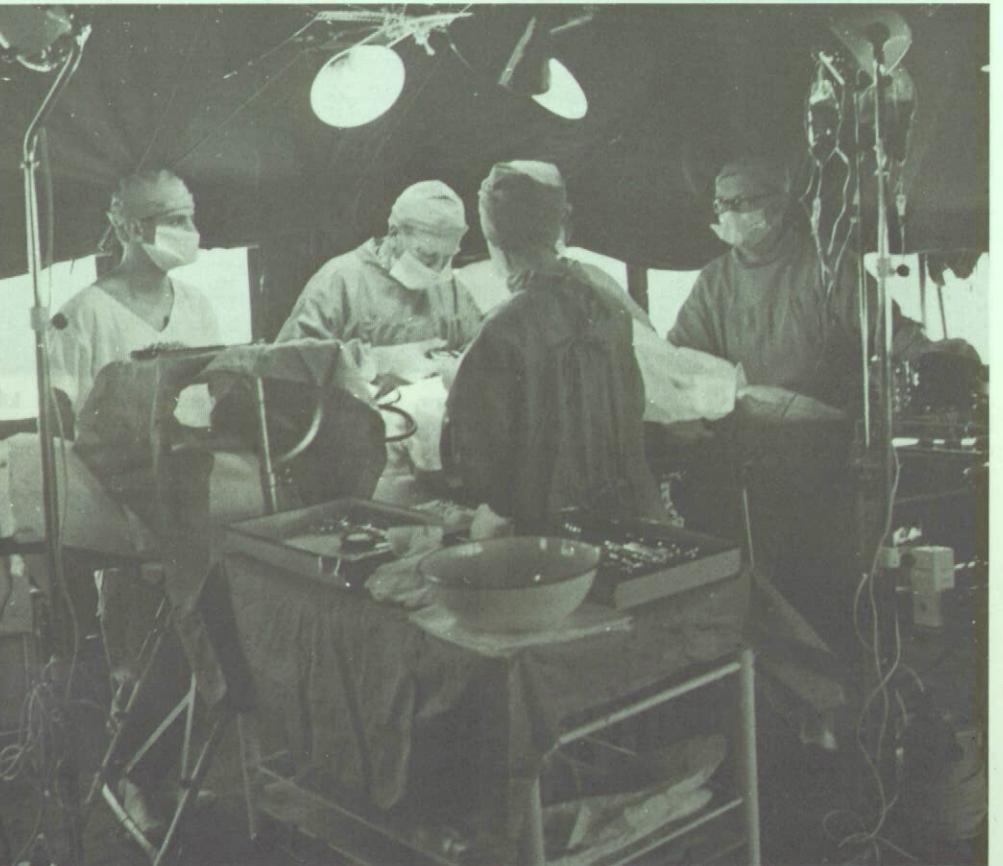


Drab khaki is a change from pristine white uniforms, but the nurses are just as efficient. In fact most are nurses and sisters in civilian life.

Left: Silhouetted against the sky, stretcher-bearers quickly carry a "serious casualty" into a Royal Air Force Hercules. It is usually more than 100 miles from field to general hospital.



Gently does it! A stretcher case is lifted into an ambulance en route to a main dressing station about five miles away. First he would have been treated by his battalion medical assistant or orderly. They render quick first aid, such as applying tourniquets or splinting broken limbs.



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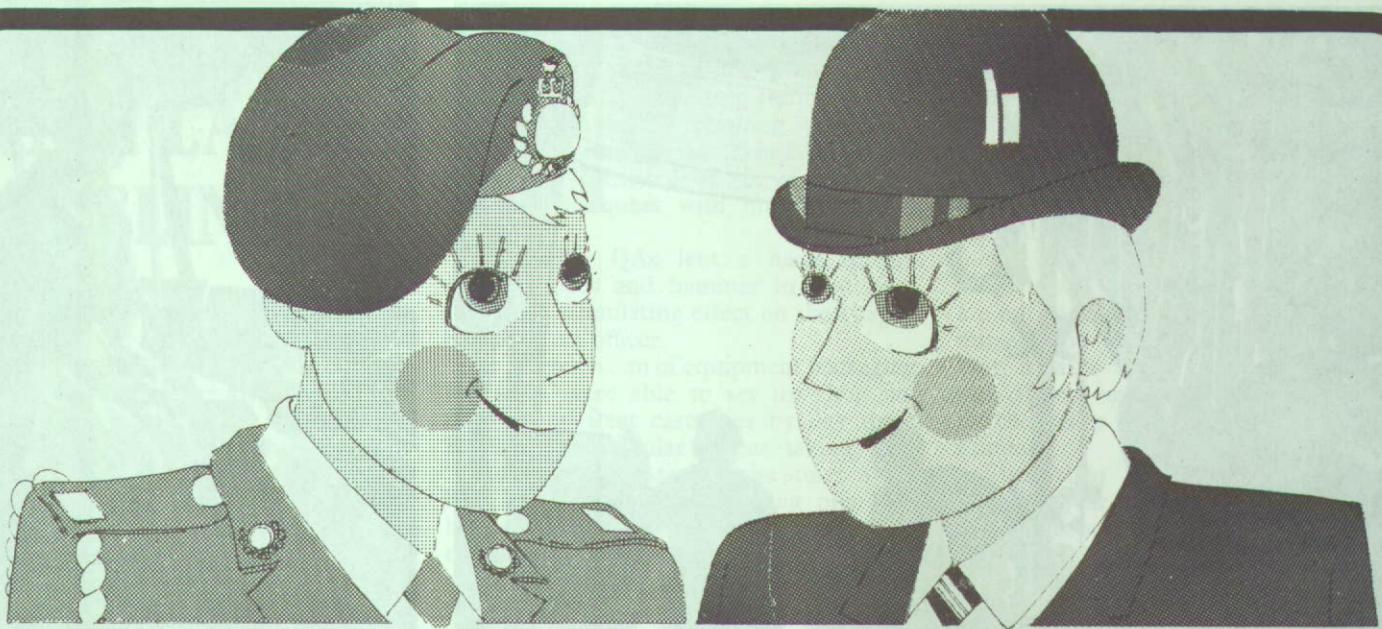
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## Trickey!

The application form to join the Royal Armoured Corps was duly filled in by one **L Trickey** and posted from Bishops Hull, Taunton. But the Army did not let the applicant sign on. For her name was **Louise** and she was only ten. However they did let her spend a day at the Royal Armoured Corps Centre, Bovington—as a VIP guest. Escorted by **Corporal Carol Jones** of the Women's Royal Army Corps, Louise inspected a Chieftain tank (left), had lunch with the WRAC and visited the RAC Museum. Her comment afterwards: "That was smashing. I wish I could stay."



## Double splice

The grooms are both serving with 1st Battalion, Irish Guards, and the brides are twin sisters from County Clare. So it was fitting that they should have a double wedding. Pictured (left) on the steps of the Guards Chapel, London, are (left to right) **Lance-Corporal Albert Cash** and **Teresa (née McDonnell)** and **Guardsman Joseph Graham** and **Breda**. The grooms are Protestants from Belfast and their brides are Roman Catholics from the Irish Republic. A Catholic padre conducted the service. The twins, who have been working as nurses in England, met their prospective husbands at a dance in Slough.



## Military minstrels

Millions of Germans have been taking their Sunday breakfast of *Kaffee* and *Brötchen* to the accompaniment of British Army folk singers. The duettists (left) are **Mrs Allison Collins**, whose husband is a Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers vehicle mechanic, and **Warrant Officer II Arthur Mills**, a REME armourer. The pair, both members of Celle Folk Club, were guests on Radio Bremen's "Hafekonzert," a popular show which has been running for 20 years. The folk club was formed as a result of the last Christmas concert run by 1st Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets. It comprises amateur entertainers mainly from The Royal Green Jackets and 94 Locating Regiment, Royal Artillery. Other club members recently performed in a week-long festival in the floodlit ruins of Kolding castle in Denmark. And they have been promised a spot on German television.



## Polar para

Eighteen months in the frozen Antarctic may seem a chilling prospect. But **Signalman Richard "Rick" Lee** (left) was a willing volunteer. He saw a radio communications job with the British Antarctic Survey Team advertised in a mountaineering journal, applied for it and was accepted. During his term with the expedition he will be seconded from the Army. Although he will be able to indulge in his favourite sport of skiing, Signalman Lee will have to work 14-hour days and help in running the isolated polar base. But he is used to the spartan life. He has taken part in three outward bound courses in North Wales and Norway, done parachute training and recently returned from an adventure training expedition to the Danube.



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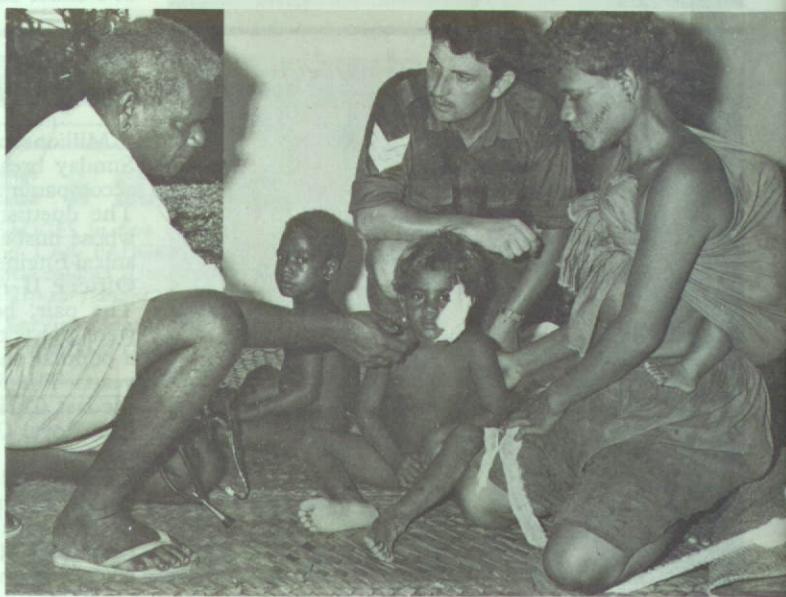
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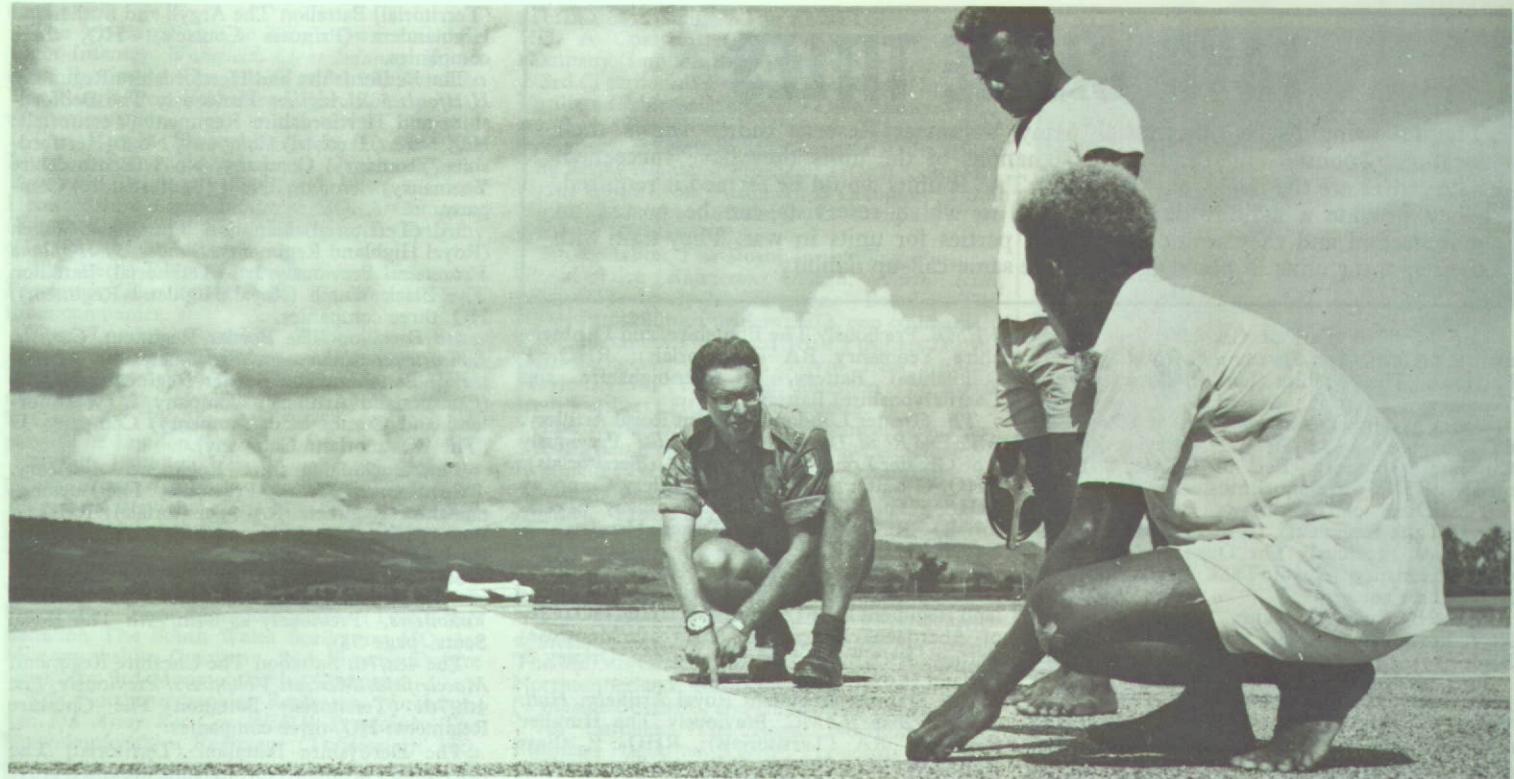
## SOLOMON'S SAPPERS



Above: RAMC Sergeant Derek Lang gains the confidence of shy islanders through child patients. He also fights malaria and seeks elephantiasis bugs.



Left: Warrant Officer I Kinchenton with a tame parrot on a tiny trading vessel sailing to Malaita island to survey jungle and swamp for a new road.



After two years Sapper WO II Roger Burton with a team of islanders has turned wartime Henderson airstrip into a first-class modern airfield.

**A** SPECIALIST team of 12 Royal Engineers under Major Mike Hunter has brought the promise of a new and better life to Melanesians in the scattered British Solomon islands protectorate in the South Pacific.

The team is constructing new airstrips and clearing and re-building old American and Japanese wartime airfields. When they completed the first at Ndende, one of the Santa Cruz group of islands, the first light aircraft to touch down brought a party of government officials from Honiara, the protectorate's administrative capital on the island of Guadalcanal. Now trade and medical supplies will be speeded, there will be a swifter postal service and the islanders themselves take their first tentative steps into the 20th century.

The Solomon islands were the scene of some of the most bitter fighting in World War Two when the fabric of the protectorate's life was in most instances utterly destroyed. Postwar recovery has been slow and it is only in recent years that

the hard work of the administration has begun to bear fruit. The British Army's part in the development of the area is small but vital.

Communications between the scattered islands has always been one of the main drawbacks to development. The protectorate covers 11,300 square miles with ten main islands stretching 500 miles eastward from New Guinea to Fiji.

The 3000-foot strip at Santa Cruz will link the east with the central government on Guadalcanal while a new strip just started on Taro island in Choiseul Bay at the other end of the protectorate will bring the islets of the extreme north-west within a few hours' flying time of Guadalcanal as against several days by boat.

The last part of the sappers' task is the clearing and reconstruction of the Japanese wartime strip in the Shortland islands. This was built by prisoners-of-war and the runway, now covered with tangled creeper, is still littered with aircraft, trucks and equipment, and surrounded by crumbling gun-pits and bunkers.

The specialist team of Royal Engineers will complete its task in mid-1971. By then three groups of sappers, each spending a nine-month unaccompanied tour in the islands, will have played their part in the development task. As well as planning and supervising the construction work they will have trained dozens of islanders in the use of equipment and instructed public works department mechanics and fitters in more skilled engineering techniques.

Longer-term projects, such as the resurfacing of Henderson international airfield on Guadalcanal undertaken by Warrant Officer II Roger Burton, Royal Engineers clerk of works, over two and a half years, and the task of Warrant Officer I Charles McKernan, Royal Army Ordnance Corps ammunition technician, to clear the tons of rotting explosives from a huge American wartime dump, have been important contributions to the Army's effort in the development of one of the last and most remote of Britain's colonies.

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The Ayrshire (Earl of Carrick's Own) Yeomanry. Located: Ayr. Sponsor unit: 154 Regt RCT. Previously The Ayrshire (Earl of Carrick's Own) Yeomanry (T): RHQ, two sqdns.

The Cheshire Yeomanry (Earl of Chester's). Gilwern, Chester. 33 Sig Regt. Previously The Cheshire Yeomanry (Earl of Chester's Territorials): RHQ, three squadrons.

The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry (Royal Tank Regiment). Clifton, Manchester. 75 Engr Regt. Previously The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry (Royal Tank Regiment) (T): RHQ, three squadrons.

The Highland Yeomanry. Cupar. 153 Regt RCT. Previously The Fife and Forfar Yeomanry/Scottish Horse (T): RHQ, two squadrons.

Inns of Court and City Yeomanry. Lincoln's Inn, London. 71 Sig Regt. Previously The London Yeomanry and Territorials: HQ, A Company (Inns of Court and City Yeomanry), B Company (The London Engineers), C Company (The London Scottish).

The Leicestershire and Derbyshire (Prince Albert's Own) Yeomanry. Leicester. 222 Fd Amb RAMC. Previously The Leicestershire and Derbyshire (Prince Albert's Own) Yeomanry (T): RHQ, four squadrons.

The North Irish Horse. Belfast. Royal Yeomanry Regt. Previously North Irish Horse (T): RHQ, two squadrons.

The Northumberland Hussars. Newcastle. 101 Med Regt. Previously The Northumberland Hussars (T): RHQ, three squadrons.

The Queen's Own Lowland Yeomanry. Edinburgh. 154 Regt RCT. Previously The Queen's Own Lowland Yeomanry (T): RHQ, two squadrons.

The Queen's Own Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry. Stratford-on-Avon. 37 Sig Regt. Previously The Queen's Own Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry (T): RHQ, A (Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers) Squadron, two other squadrons.

The Queen's Own Yorkshire Yeomanry. York. 250 Fd Amb RAMC. Previously The Queen's Own Yorkshire Yeomanry (T): RHQ, three squadrons.

The Royal Gloucestershire Hussars. Cheltenham. 37 Sig Regt. Previously The Royal Gloucestershire Hussars (T): RHQ, A (Gloucestershire Volunteer Artillery) Squadron, B (Royal Gloucestershire Hussars) Squadron, C (5 Glosters) Squadron.

The Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry (Prince of Wales's Own). Swindon. Royal Yeomanry Regt. Previously The Royal Wiltshire Territorials: HQ, A Company (The Wiltshire Regiment), B Company (Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry).

The Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry. Nottingham. Royal Yeomanry Regt. Previously The Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry (T): RHQ, two squadrons.

The Shropshire Yeomanry. Shrewsbury. 35 Sig Regt. Previously The Shropshire Yeomanry (T): RHQ, A (Shropshire RHA) Squadron, two other squadrons.

The Staffordshire Yeomanry (Queen's Own Royal Regiment). Stafford. HQ 30 Engr Bde. Previously The Staffordshire Yeomanry (Queen's Own Royal Regiment) (T): RHQ, B (887 Locating Battery) Squadron, two other squadrons.

The County of Durham Regiment Royal Artillery. Sunderland. 72 Engr Regt. Previously The County of Durham Regiment RA (Territorials): RHQ, P 1st Durham Battery, Q (5 Durham Light Infantry) Battery, R (7 Durham Light Infantry) Battery.

The Essex Yeomanry (RHA) Royal Artillery. Chelmsford. 71 Sig Regt. Previously The Essex Yeomanry (RHA) RA (Territorials): RHQ, P Battery (Essex Yeomanry), Q Battery (Essex Yeomanry), R Battery (Essex Yeomanry).

The Flintshire and Denbighshire Yeomanry Royal Artillery. Prestatyn. 119 Indep Lt Rec Pl.

(Territorial) Battalion The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's): HQ, three companies.

The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. Hertford. 5 R Anglian. Previously The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (Territorial): HQ, No 1 (Hertford) Company, No 2 (Hertfordshire Yeomanry) Company, No 3 (Bedfordshire Yeomanry) Company, No 4 (Bedfordshire) Company.

3rd (Territorial) Battalion The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment). Dundee. 51 Highland Volunteers. Previously 3rd (Territorial) Battalion The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment): HQ, three companies.

4th Battalion The Border Regiment. Carlisle. Lancastrian Volunteers. Previously 4th (Territorial) Battalion The Border Regiment: HQ, A (Cumberland Artillery) Company, B (Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry) Company, D (The Westmorland Company).

The Buckinghamshire Regiment. Aylesbury. 4 Royal Green Jackets. Previously The Buckinghamshire Regiment RA (Territorials): RHQ, P Battery (Royal Bucks Yeomanry), Q Battery (The Buckinghamshire Rifles).

6th/7th (Territorial) Battalion The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). Hamilton. 52 Lowland Volunteers. Previously as 84th/94th The Royal Scots (page 33).

The 4th/7th Battalion The Cheshire Regiment. Macclesfield. Mercian Volunteers. Previously The 4th/7th (Territorial) Battalion The Cheshire Regiment: HQ, three companies.

The Derbyshire Battalion (Territorial) The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment). Chesterfield. 73 Engr Regt. Previously The Derbyshire (Territorial) Battalion The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment): HQ, three companies.

The Dorset Territorials. Dorchester. Wessex Volunteers. Previously The Dorset Territorials: HQ, A Company (Queen's Own Dorset Yeomanry), B Company (The Dorset Regiment).

The Lowland Regiment Royal Artillery. Glasgow. 102 Lt AD Regt. Previously The Lowland Regiment RA (Territorials): RHQ, HQ (City of Glasgow) Battery, P (Clyde and Renfrewshire, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Battery, Q (City of Edinburgh) Battery, R (Paisley, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Battery, S (Ayrshire) Battery, T (Glasgow) Battery.

The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. Bodmin. Light Infantry Volunteers. Previously The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (Territorial): HQ, A Company (Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry), B Company (Cornwall Fortress Engineers).

The 6th/8th Battalion The Durham Light Infantry. Bishop Auckland. Light Infantry Volunteers.

Previously The 6th/8th (Territorial) Battalion The Durham Light Infantry: HQ, four companies.

4th Battalion The East Lancashire Regiment. Blackburn. 38 Sig Regt. Previously 4th (Territorial) Battalion The East Lancashire Regiment: HQ, A Company (4th East Lancashire Regiment), B Company (The Lancashire Fusiliers), C Company (4th East Lancashire Regiment), D Company (The Bolton Artillery).

The Essex Regiment. Chelmsford. 5 R Anglian. Previously The Essex Regiment (Territorial): HQ, two companies.

3rd (Territorial) Battalion The Gordon Highlanders. Aberdeen. 51 Highland Volunteers. Previously 3rd (Territorial) Battalion The Gordon Highlanders: HQ, A (Royal Engineer) Company, two other companies.

The Green Howards Territorials. Scarborough. Yorkshire Volunteers. Previously The Green Howards Territorials: HQ, A (Cleveland) Company, B (Teesside) Company, C (Scarborough) Company.

The Hallamshire Battalion, The York and Lancaster Regiment. Sheffield. Yorkshire Volunteers. Previously The Hallamshire (Territorial) Battalion: HQ, three companies.

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Territorials. Winchester. Wessex Volunteers. Previously The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Territorials: HQ, A Company (4/5 Royal Hampshire), B Company (Duke of Connaught's 6th Royal Hampshire Royal Artillery), C Company (Wessex Royal Artillery Princess Beatrice's), D Company (Hampshire Fortress Royal Engineers), E Company (7th Royal Hampshire).

The West Lancashire Regiment Royal Artillery. Liverpool. 103 Lt AD Regt. Previously The West Lancashire Regiment RA (Territorials): RHQ, P Battery (1st West Lancashire), Q Battery (4th West Lancashire), R Battery (The Kings).

The West Riding Regiment Royal Artillery. Bradford. 272 Fd Sp Sqn. Previously The West Riding Regiment RA (Territorials): RHQ, P Battery (The West Riding Artillery), Q Battery (The West Riding Artillery), R Battery (The West Riding Artillery).

The Worcestershire Regiment Royal Artillery. Worcester. Mercian Volunteers. Previously The Worcestershire Territorial Regiment RA: RHQ, P (Worcester) Battery, Q (Malvern) Battery.

3rd (Territorial) Battalion The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's). Stirling. 51 Highland Volunteers. Previously 4th/5th (Territorial) Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers: HQ, two

companies.

The 4th Battalion The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Wakefield. Light Infantry Volunteers. Previously The 4th (Territorial) Battalion The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry: HQ, three companies.

The King's Shropshire and Herefordshire Light Infantry. Shrewsbury. Light Infantry Volunteers. Previously The King's Shropshire and Herefordshire Light Infantry: HQ, A Company (King's Shropshire Light Infantry), B Company (Hereford Light Infantry).

The Leeds Rifles. Leeds. Yorkshire Volunteers. Previously The Leeds Rifles Territorials: HQ, three companies.

The London Scottish. Buckingham Gate, London. 51 Highland Volunteers. Previously The London Yeomanry and Territorials: HQ, A Company (Inns of Court and City Yeomanry), B Company (The London Engineers), C Company (The London Scottish).

7th Battalion The Royal Irish Fusiliers (Royal Irish Rangers). Armagh. North Irish Militia. Previously 5th (Territorial) Battalion The Royal Irish Fusiliers: HQ, two companies.

The Royal Leicestershire Regiment. Leicester. 5 R Anglian. Previously The Royal Leicestershire Regiment (Territorial): HQ, three companies.

The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment. Lincoln. 5 R Anglian. Previously The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (Territorial): HQ, three companies.

The Royal Norfolk Regiment. Norwich. 257 Gen Hosp RAMC. Previously The Royal Norfolk Regiment (Territorial): HQ, two companies.

The 4th/5th Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers. Newcastle. 5 RRF. Previously The 4th/5th/6th (Territorial) Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers: HQ, D Company (Tyneside Scottish), and three other companies.

The Northamptonshire Regiment. Northampton. 118 Army Rec Coy REME. Previously The Northamptonshire Regiment (Territorial): HQ, A Company (Northamptonshire Yeomanry), B Company (5th Northamptonshire), C Company (4th Northamptonshire).

The Nottinghamshire Battalion (Territorial) The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment). Nottingham. Mercian Volunteers. Previously The Nottinghamshire (Territorial) Battalion The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment): HQ, three companies.

The Oxfordshire Territorials. Oxford. 4 Royal Green Jackets. Previously The Oxfordshire Territorials: HQ, A (Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars) Company, B (Oxfordshire Rifles Company).

3rd Battalion The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire. Hull. Yorkshire Volunteers.

Previously The Prince of Wales's Own Yorkshire Territorials: HQ, three companies.

3rd (Territorial) Battalion Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons). Inverness. 51 Highland Volunteers. Previously 3rd (Territorial) Battalion Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons): HQ, A (Lovat Scouts) Company, three other companies.

6th Battalion The Queen's Regiment (Queen's Squires). Kingston. 5 Queens. Previously 6th (Territorial) Battalion The Queen's Regiment (Queen's Squires): HQ, four companies.

7th Battalion The Queen's Regiment (East Kent). Folkestone. 5 Queens. Previously 7th (Territorial) Battalion The Queen's Regiment (East Kent): HQ, A Company (Queen's Own Buffs), B Company (Queen's Own Buffs), C Company (Queen's Own Buffs).

8th Battalion The Queen's Regiment (West Kent). Tonbridge. 5 Queens. Previously 8th (Territorial) Battalion The Queen's Regiment (West Kent): HQ, A Kent and County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters), B The Queen's Own Buffs Company, C The Medway Towns Company, two other companies.

9th Battalion The Queen's Regiment (Royal Sussex). Eastbourne. 5 Queens. Previously 9th (Territorial) Battalion The Queen's Regiment (Royal Sussex): HQ, B Company (Royal Engineers), one other company.

10th Battalion The Queen's Regiment (Middlesex). Edgware, London. 5 Queens. Previously 10th (Territorial) Battalion The Queen's Regiment (Middlesex): HQ, C Company (101st London Engineers), two other companies.

The 5th/6th Battalion The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's). Walsall. Mercian Volunteers. Previously The 5th/6th (Territorial) Battalion The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's): HQ, A (South Stafford) Company, B (South Stafford) Company, C (North Stafford) Company.

The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment. Ipswich. 5 R Anglian. Previously The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (Territorial): HQ, A (Suffolk and Norfolk Yeomanry) Company, D (Suffolk and Norfolk Yeomanry) Company, two other companies.

The 4th Battalion The Welch Regiment. Llanelli. 157 Regt RCT. Previously The 4th (Territorial) Battalion The Welch Regiment: HQ, A Company (Pembroke Yeomanry), three other companies.

The 5th/6th Battalion The Welch Regiment. Pontypridd. Welsh Volunteers. Previously The 5th/6th (Territorial) Battalion The Welch Regiment: HQ, two companies.

The West Riding Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Huddersfield. Yorkshire Volunteers. Previously The West Riding Territorials: HQ, three companies.

The Wiltshire Regiment. Trowbridge. Wessex Volunteers. Previously The Royal Wiltshire Territorials: HQ, A Company (The Wiltshire Regiment), B Company (Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry).

The Royal Berkshires. Reading. 71 Sig Regt. Previously The Royal Berkshires Territorials: HQ, A Company (Berkshire Yeomanry), B Company (Berkshire Artillery), C Company (Royal Berkshires).

The Royal Green Jackets London. Sun Street, London. 4 Royal Green Jackets. Previously 5th

(Territorial) Battalion The Royal Green Jackets: HQ, A Company (Queen's Royal Rifles), B Company (London Rifle Brigade Rangers).

3rd (Territorial) Battalion The Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment). Glasgow. 52 Lowland Volunteers. Previously 3rd (Territorial) Battalion The Royal Highland Fusiliers: HQ, A Company (4/5th Royal Scots Fusiliers), B Company (5/6th Highland Light Infantry), C Company (1st Glasgow Highlanders).

The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (Royal Irish Rangers). Omagh. North Irish Militia. Previously 5th (Territorial) Battalion The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers: HQ, two companies.

The Royal Leicestershire Regiment. Leicester. 5 R Anglian. Previously The Royal Leicestershire Regiment (Territorial): HQ, two companies.

The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment. Lincoln. 5 R Anglian. Previously The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (Territorial): HQ, three companies.

The Royal Norfolk Regiment. Norwich. 257 Gen Hosp RAMC. Previously The Royal Norfolk Regiment (Territorial): HQ, two companies.

The 4th/5th Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers. Newcastle. 5 RRF. Previously The 4th/5th/6th (Territorial) Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers: HQ, D Company (Tyneside Scottish), and three other companies.

The 7th Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers. Ashington. 5 RRF. Previously The 7th (Territorial) Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers: HQ, B (Ashington) Company, C (Alnwick) Company, D (Berwick) Company.

8th/9th (Territorial) Battalion The Manchester Regiment (Ardwick and Ashton). Manchester. Lancastrian Volunteers. Previously The Manchester Regiment (Ardwick and Ashton) Territorials: HQ, three companies.

The Royal Leicestershire Regiment. Leicester. 5 R Anglian. Previously The Royal Leicestershire Regiment (Territorial): HQ, three companies.

The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment. Lincoln. 5 R Anglian. Previously The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (Territorial): HQ, three companies.

The Royal Norfolk Regiment. Norwich. 257 Gen Hosp RAMC. Previously The Royal Norfolk Regiment (Territorial): HQ, two companies.

The 4th Battalion The Royal Irish Fusiliers (Royal Irish Rangers). Armagh. North Irish Militia. Previously 5th (Territorial) Battalion The Royal Irish Fusiliers: HQ, two companies.

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The Royal Leicestershire Regiment. Leicester. 5 R Anglian. Previously The

# Left, Right & Centre



Eleven-year-old Gillian Parsons, preparing (above) for a day's sailing on the Dummersee, a large inland lake near Hanover, was one of 30 children from 11 to 16 who attended a five-day helmsman's course at the Dummersee Yacht Club. Their parents, all club members, come from 2nd Division area. The children slept on camp beds in the newly-built clubhouse and attended lectures, filmshows and a barbecue as well as sailing. "I think the boys have the edge on the girls," said course organiser Brigadier "Jock" Moore just before the final regatta. Which just goes to show how wrong a mere man can be. For three of the four prize-winning helmsmen were girls. And one of them was Gillian Parsons, about the youngest and smallest on the course.



His greatcoat splashed with mud (left), Napoleon (Rod Steiger) makes his historic march to Grenoble after escaping from Elba. This is a scene from the Dino de Laurentiis-Mosfilm co-production of "Waterloo." The première is to be held at the Odeon Theatre, Leicester Square, London, on 26 October, in aid of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association. The part of the 92nd (Gordon Highlanders) before and during the battle is taken by their present-day successors, 45 men of 1st Battalion, The Gordon Highlanders (SOLDIER Magazine, June 1969).



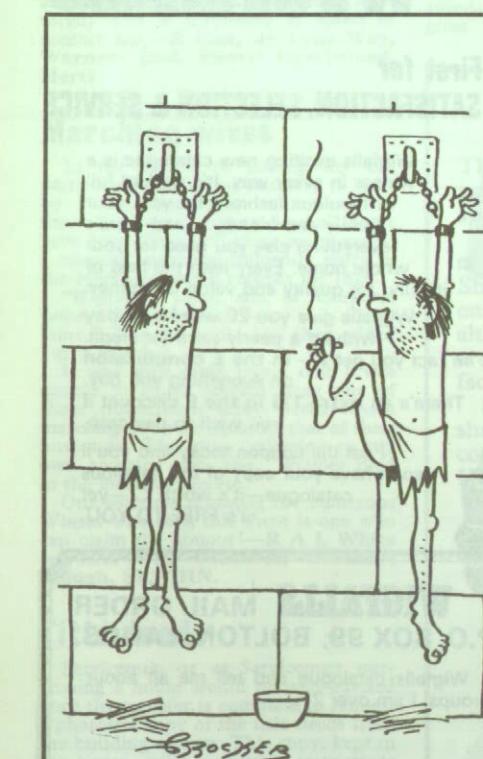
Two famous Canadian regiments—The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada and the Canadian Guards—have ceased to exist as separate entities, following a decision by the Minister of National Defence to reduce the number of regular and militia units in the Canadian armed forces. The 1st and 2nd battalions of The Black Watch, both Regular units, were re-badged into The Royal Canadian Regiment in July; the 3rd Battalion continues as a militia unit based in Montreal. All three battalions marched through Montreal to the Church of St Andrew and St Paul to lay up their Colours (above). The 1st Battalion, Canadian Guards, has been reduced to "nil strength" and the 2nd Battalion has become 3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment. From birth in 1862 The Royal Light Infantry of Montreal was affiliated to The Black Watch in Scotland and wore the Black Watch tartan but was not retitled The Black Watch of Canada until April 1920. It was the only Canadian regiment to have three battalions in action in World War One. All three fought at Vimy Ridge on the same day in 1917; by the end of the war the regiment had earned 23 battle honours. In 1942 C Company and the mortar platoon of 1st Battalion took part in the Dieppe raid, suffering heavy casualties, and after the Allied landings in Normandy the regiment fought in 30 battles in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. After the war The Black Watch reverted to a reserve regiment. The Canadian Guards were formed in 1953 and adopted all the traditions and customs of the British Brigade of Guards. Their cap badge was symbolic of Canada having ten major points on the star, representing the provinces, and 90 smaller points signifying the 90 largest cities in the Dominion. The Canadian Guards trooped the colour for the last time on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, in June, then marched to Rideau Hall, the vice-regal residence, to lay up their Colours in a picturesque ceremony.



A copy of an establishment scroll of 1815 and a painting of a Waterloo wagon train have been given to the mayors of Hanover and Liebenau by 1st Divisional Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport to commemorate a 155-year-old link. It was in 1815 that the Royal Wagon Train—a direct predecessor of the regiment—recruited 528 officers and men and obtained 720 horses from the local towns. The presentations were made by the commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Dick Rivers, after a dinner in the regiment's officers' mess in Liebenau. Herr Tischmann, Bürgermeister of Liebenau (above), holds aloft the painting after receiving it from Lieut-Col Rivers.



It was really very lucky for Mr Hitler that he never crossed the Channel. For he would have had to contend with stout British lads like these—the Home Guard detachment of Walmer-on-Sea. They may have been armed only with antiquated firearms, pokers, pitchforks and brooms, but they made up for it with true grit and stiff-upper-lipness. The would-be heroes of "Dad's Army"—the popular television series—are now making a film at Shepperton Studios. They tangle with the Royal Marines, a fiery general on a horse, a tough regimental sergeant-major, sundry army vehicles and a steam-roller in what promises to be a hilarious comedy. If their families asked them



"Mind you, it took me ten years before I could roll 'em properly!"



It was something like a cross between a grand prix and an egg-and-spoon race. And the first-ever lift truck obstacle competition, between units of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, proved to be a highlight of the 1970 Nottingham Festival. Each of the three teams, from the central ordnance depots at Bicester, Chilwell and Donnington, was equipped with diesel-powered Hyster Challenger 50 lift trucks. Individual drivers had to pick up a pallet load, negotiate obstacles over a 75-yard course within a time limit, place the load on a trailer, return to the start and hand over a baton to the next driver. Penalties were imposed for knocking over obstacles, incorrect loading and losing loads. Mr J Darch, Hyster's military sales representative, handed over (above) the Challenger Trophy and tankards to Brigadier D H Davis, Commandant of Central Ordnance Depot Chilwell. The trophy and tankards were later presented to the winning team, from COD Bicester, by Lieutenant-General Sir Cecil Blacker.



## Back cover

SOLDIER's back cover is of the Canadian Guards in their daily ceremony—a tourist attraction in the summer—on Parliament Hill, Ottawa. This picture was taken by Leslie Wiggs in 1965.

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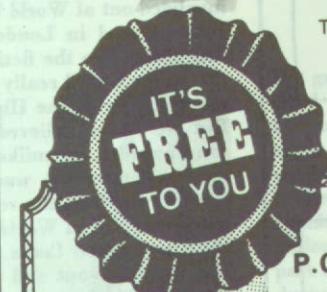
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# Letters

## The Montgomery Legend

I have just received my SOLDIER, a treat I look forward to each month, and would like to comment on the book review, "The Montgomery Legend."

Why is it that such people as R W Thompson can "knock" Monty? After all these years it still goes on; Thompson is the latest in a long line.

During the 1944-45 European campaign I was just an ambulance driver with a field ambulance unit but I must put on record that Monty was a good general in several ways.

1 From the point of view of the young ordinary soldier we were made to feel part of the great enterprise by Monty. In other words we were inspired.

2 Monty planned the battles and the strategy but let his generals, such as Horrocks and Dempsey, get on with the job of putting these plans into effect. The art of delegation.

3 Having inspired during training all the forces taking part in this great effort, he then supported this by personal visits to the fighting areas; one felt that one was not alone.

Those who took part in this campaign were all inspired by a great leader. If a general cannot be a great leader, a super salesman of his determination to win, plus a good tactician, then he is not fit to be a general. If there were some Montys in industry today things would tick a lot better. Instead we get remote chairmen of firms who never see or know who works for them.

I am still, after 25 years, inspired by Monty. Call it what you like but the loyalty to my old general is still there and I would go out for him again.—H F Wardale, Whitefields Cottage, Studley Park, Ripon, Yorks.

## Airborne engineers club

It is intended to form an airborne engineers club and any serving or ex-airborne engineer (Regular or Territorial) who is interested is asked to contact me.—R Cox, 41 Lyne Way, Warners End, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

## Marching wives

In the course of tracing my not particularly illustrious ancestry (a hobby I can thoroughly recommend to those like myself whose football boots have been "laid up" these many years) I chanced upon the following entry in the Horsham parish records for 1820.

"Baptised, John, son of Corporal James White—48th Foot and Catherine." The old padre had then added "on a march!"

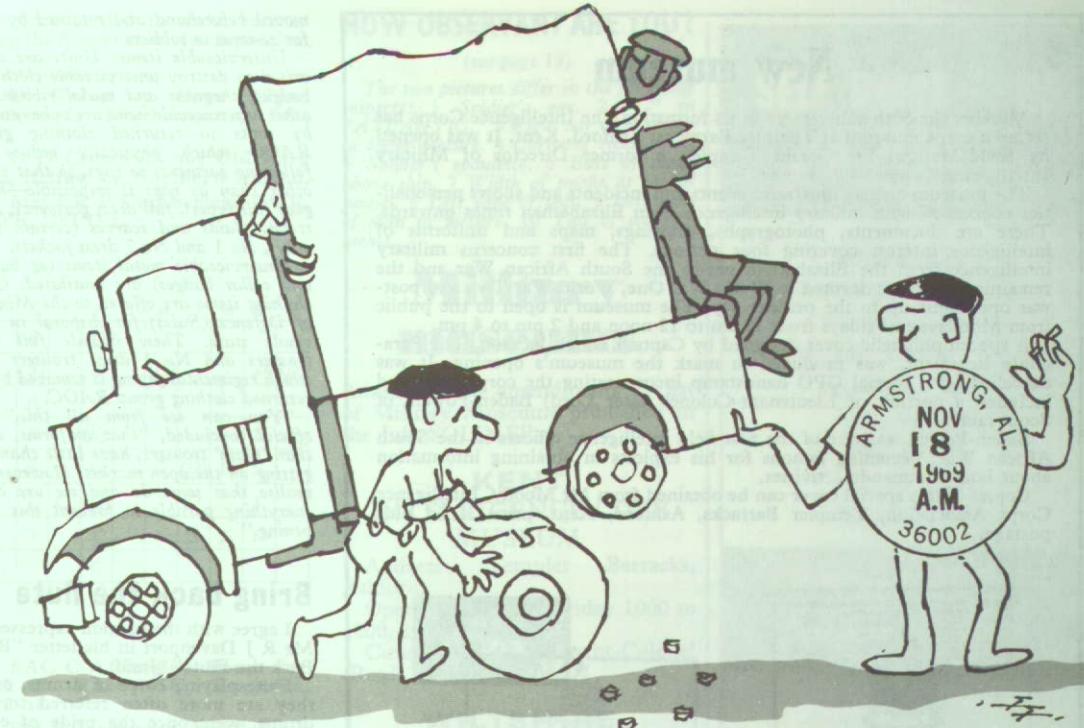
It was with some regret that I was unable to claim descent from one of those magnificent army wives whose marching prowess equalled that of their husbands. The entry referring to my own ancestor was, alas, "Pauper died in the local workhouse."

One wonders if among the numerous Whites who read this there is one who can claim the honour!—R A L White (ex-RAF), 32 Glenavon Gardens, Slough, SL3 7HN.

## Title deeds

Servicemen or ex-Servicemen purchasing a house would be well advised once the transfer is complete to request a photostat copy of the title deeds from the building society. This copy, kept in the house, will show what restrictions exist, what land and fences are owned and the area of land owned.

The ex-Serviceman usually makes a good neighbour and a good citizen but he has been out of touch with civilian life to an extent. I write from experience. If I had not obtained a copy of my title deeds when I purchased my house I



could have lost a piece of my land area had I allowed the legal period to elapse. I did not believe claim jumpers existed in our society until I had to prove that I in fact owned my own land.

If this letter helps some Servicemen and ex-Servicemen and saves them expense, it will have served a good purpose.—S J Warrilow, 10 Jolyffe Park Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire.

## Bandsman and private

I have recently been awarded the TAVR Efficiency Medal and I would like to know why, although I am a bandsman, the medal has to be marked private. I know my rank is private and bandsman is only an appointment but does the same rule apply to riflemen, fusiliers, craftsmen and musicians in the guards bands? To most of us there is a great difference between being a

bandsman and being a private.—T A Woodcock, 1 Manor Cottages, Clyst St Mary, Exeter EX5 1BN.

★ The ruling on this point is quite clear—the recipient's substantive rank and not the appointment is inscribed on the medal.

## The other channel

We at the National Army Museum sincerely hope that David Downe has not caused undue alarm among our friends down in Lambeth Road SE1 by suggesting that we display post-1914 exhibits here (July SOLDIER, page 17). This museum, bubbling as it is with youthful enthusiasm and a magpie-like acquisitiveness, welcomes advice almost as much as it does gifts and bequests but our period closes with the outbreak of World War One. Even such emotive displays as David Downe's cannot coax us beyond our charter.

May I suggest that he readdresses his suggestions to the Imperial War Museum, where they properly belong, and that he prepares another series for our consideration. He will find a vast fund of material within our period, which stretches from 1573, when the first militia were raised, until 1914.—W Reid, Director, National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, London SW3.

★ *Touche!* We'll put it down to artist's licence and take another (and chronologically correct) look at the National Army Museum when it opens in London.

## Tank destroyers

I am writing a history of the United States Tank Destroyer Corps and would like to contact anyone who remembers US TD units attached to or in support of British or Commonwealth units. I would especially like to contact members of 27th Guards Brigade who served at Anzio beach-head and saw the TDs in action.—J J Gately, 1737 Browning Road, Pennsauken, NJ 08110 USA.

## Forbidden gear

Several times in the past few years I have been astounded at the various types of ex-Service uniforms, badges of rank, medals etc worn by hippies, skinheads, rockers, greasers and the like. Surely all Servicemen are instructed not to dispose of old uniforms unless badges of rank, buttons etc are removed?

I am 70 and an old gunner and I get very bitter and downcast when I see such carryings-on—especially if my old cap badge and buttons are used.—Maj W G Humphreys (Retd), 6 The Close, Melksham, Wilts.

★ The Uniform Act of 1894 lays down that it is not lawful for any person not serving in the military forces to wear military uniform without the Sovereign's permission except in a stage play, music hall, circus or any bona fide military representation.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman says the Act might afford some solace to Major Humphreys "even though it is being flaunted by many of the younger generation, the majority of whom, no doubt, will not be aware of its existence."

The Ministry department concerned with uniforms points out that the rules relating to the disposal of surplus and unserviceable Army clothing are clearly defined in Clothing Regulations, Pamphlet No 1, and can be summarised as follows:

Surplus serviceable items (including uniforms): These are returned by units to ordnance. Regimental buttons are re-

## The young view

The following poem by my 11-year-old daughter seems to paint the facts of war clearly and to bring them very close. It apparently refers to World War One.

Naturally she does not know much about war or its realities, nor has she seen films depicting scenes like those she describes. She may have seen one or two modern war films and war scenes on the news. She has never seen a dead person but I have, although not on a battlefield, and I know how true her comments are. Strangely enough death does wipe life's tensions from the face, but how could my child know this?

She paints that terrible thing called war in reality as though she has personally experienced it and I am astounded that it comes from one so innocent.—Mrs Stella M Walker, 15 Harleston Close, Longhill Estate, Hull, E Yorks.

★ SOLDIER rarely prints verse but this is an exception.

### War at its Worst

by

Rachel Louise Walker (aged 11)

Mud trenches we travel by  
We push our way through mud  
Ignoring cries for help  
We must survive to fight  
And help our country win to victory.

Men with used up pride wearily trudge on  
Through the noise of battle men are dying  
Falling on all sides, stumbling in blood.

Young men, old men, men that are still boys.  
We must go on, ignore the dying and the dead.  
Forget how their agonised faces relaxed in the path of death  
But remember they are happy freed from battle in their death  
So we must carry on their task, and end the war for peace.

## New museum

Marking the 30th anniversary of its formation, the Intelligence Corps has set up a corps museum at Templer Barracks, Ashford, Kent. It was opened by Field-Marshal Sir Gerald Templer, a former Director of Military Intelligence.

The museum display illustrates events and incidents and shows personalities concerned with military intelligence from Elizabethan times onwards. There are documents, photographs, drawings, maps and uniforms of intelligence interest covering four periods. The first concerns military intelligence from the Elizabethan era to the South African War and the remaining three are devoted to World War One, World War Two and post-war operations up to the present day. The museum is open to the public from Mondays to Fridays from 10 am to 12 noon and 2 pm to 4 pm.

A special philatelic cover designed by Captain Derek Jackson, The Parachute Regiment, was produced to mark the museum's opening. It was cancelled by a special GPO handstamp incorporating the corps crest and included a portrait of Lieutenant-Colonel (later Lord) Baden-Powell, of Scout fame.

Baden-Powell was one of the first field intelligence officers in the South African War, becoming famous for his exploits in obtaining information about Boer commando activities.

Copies of this special cover can be obtained from Mr Moody, Intelligence Corps Association, Templer Barracks, Ashford, Kent, price 3s 6d plus postage.



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of this is due to officers of Scottish regiments who deserve full credit for the manner in which they support their pipes and drums in contrast with most of the officers of regiments who have the right to a corps of drums. There are, of course, exceptions such as the Guards and a few other groups.

The time is long overdue for the formation of a corps of drums school which would restore the high level of flute playing.—R S Cox, 162 Parkview Street, Winnipeg 12, Manitoba, Canada.

## Under the bridge

Major Lilley commented in Letters (July) about an Ark having to be unloaded from its transporter in order to pass under a low bridge outside Bournemouth. This is in fact standard practice when the Ark is operationally rigged (ie travelling with ramps on).

To allay Major Lilley's fears, should the tank not be roadworthy the transporter is capable of winching it under the bridge and on to itself again.—Maj B M Iles RE, OC 31 Armoured Engineer Squadron, BFPO 30.

## Bring back the flute

I agree with the opinion expressed by Mr R J Davenport in his letter "Bring Back the Flute" (June).

Flute-playing corps of drums, or, as they are more often referred to, the drums, were once the pride of every regiment, excepting Scottish, rifle and light infantry. But since the end of World War Two most of the fine corps of drums with their B sharp flutes played in 1st, 2nd and 3rd parts with F sharp flutes and a E sharp piccolo, side and tenor drums, bass drum and cymbals have deteriorated into a few ranks of flautists all playing melody.

The modern army has undergone many regimental changes but I feel the corps of drums should be saved. Looking at photographs of pre-1939 corps of drums and comparing them with 1970 corps of drums we find a much smaller body of men today, yet in our Scottish regiments the pipes and drums are numerically stronger. Much

## COLLECTORS' CORNER

H Finlay, 30 Stanley Little Road, Salisbury, Wilts.—Collects World War Two plastic cap badges and old comrades association lapel badges. All letters answered.

T F Barrett, 3 Edrick Walk, Edgware, Middlesex.—Requires one pair officer's brown laced leggings size 14½ in fairly good condition.

Fernando Mendoza, 342 Alex Hamilton Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78228, USA.—Wishes correspond with members of Royal Scots Greys interested in militaria.

J Sallie, 5311 Walkley Avenue, Apt 106, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.—Wishes purchase Feb 1964 SOLDIER and any pre-1955 issues.

Cpl J Robb, Gordon Highlanders (ACF), c/o 17 Hillhead Road, Craighall, Ellon, Aberdeenshire.—Will purchase Gordon's regimental stable belt and No 2 (SD) tunic, cut-away, as used by today's

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G Sharpe, 69 Medway Street, Leicester, LE2 1BR.—Requires American World War Two type combat belt and water bottle with holder; map overlay (talc) RAC size; and cap badges Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry and Special Air Service.

R B Davies, 34 Charlton Road, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.—Starting collection regimental cap and collar badges and specially interested in Royal Armoured Corps; but any badges welcome. Willing purchase; state price. All letters answered.

## REUNION

Boys Battery Royal Artillery Numbers commencing 1151 and 1157. Third annual reunion dinner Saturday 31 October, HQ WOs and Sergeants Mess, Royal Artillery, Woolwich, 1930 hours. Details from Capt J R Guy RA, HQ Training Brigade RA, Government House, New Road, Woolwich, London SE18.

## THREE ROUNDS RAPID

Competition 144 (May) was not quite so simple as it appeared to be. Many readers assumed that only 14 further shots were required to sink the fleet—this because the ships totalled 20 squares of which six were given.

In fact there were 11 possible layouts with two positions for the battleship, four for a cruiser, three for a destroyer and nine for the four submarines. Given data pinpointed two of the three destroyers at A4/B4 and B9/B10 and a cruiser at A6/B6/C6. The battleship could lie from A2 to D2 or B2 to E2 and the other cruiser at D4/E4/F4, E4/F4/G4, F4/G4/H4 or F2/F3/F4. The third destroyer could be located at E6/E7, E7/E8 or E7/F7.

As the overall layout here shows, 25

shots were needed to make sure of sinking the fleet whatever its disposition.

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## HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

(see page 19)

The two pictures differ in the following respects: 1 Soldier's ear. 2 "C" in "ATLANTIC." 3 Right oar of boatman in lower picture. 4 Curve of river bank. 5 Soldier's epaulette. 6 Base of cloud above ship. 7 Width of smoke at top of funnel. 8 Left edge of seat. 9 Left knee of man in picture. 10 Tail of soldier's jacket.

## Military museums

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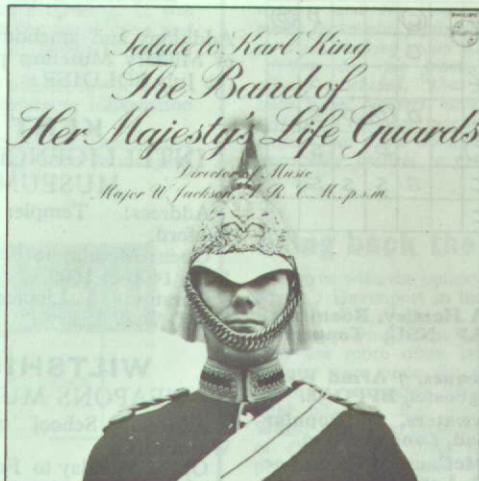
# DISBANDING BAND

**"Salute to Karl King"** (Band of Her Majesty's Life Guards) (Director of Music: Major W Jackson) (Philips SBL 7925).

I suppose Americans would love to be able to call Karl King the March King but Sousa beat him to it, not by a short head but by a whole racecourse. Karl King is not much less than worshipped in the United States as the only begetter of the genuine circus march—the brash, noisy, roll-up-and-see-the-bearded-lady type of music. And for me that's all these marches are fit for—not a single tune of his is known by the ordinary march-lover here and, having perseveringly listened to this LP right through, I can say not a single tune stayed with me.

When he does get a glimmer of an idea he fails to develop it in any remotely original way. Of course he was a great man in his field, devoting his life to the band world, particularly to improving circus bands (and we all know what they can sound like), and his long association with Barnum and Bailey is commemorated in his best-known march. King obviously improved the standard of circus music by his prolific output but with 166 marches to his credit I would have thought at least a few would be known to one who has been playing marches for 43 years.

The Life Guards band tries valiantly



to enter into the spirit of the thing but even they, who know a thing or two about animals and music, can do little with such stuff. The titles are as follows (and it matters not if you play side two thinking it is side one): "Barnum and Bailey's Favourite," "The Melody Shop," "Sons of Veterans," "The Three Musketeers," "The Trombone King," "The Goldman Band," "Emblem of Freedom," "The Big Cage," "Tiger Triumph," "The Purple Pageant," "The New Corn Palace," "Sells-Floto Triumphal."

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**"The Cammell Laird Band"** (Conducted by James Scott) (Fontana STL 5531).

A very interesting and varied selection of music to suit all tastes, even mine. The band is superb throughout and several sections are displayed in solo items. The only bones I have to pick are with the conductor, in some of his tempi, and to ask what "March Slav" means and what language is it in?

Trevor Sharpe's popular "Fanfare and Soliloquy" is spoiled for me by the fanfare section being played as an ordinary march with little sense of occasion that the word implies. Two modern numbers—"Copa Cobana" and Osterling's breezy "Thundercrest"—receive very effective treatment and "76 Trombones" is a really fine piece of stereo recording. The band's euphonium player, Harry Mather, shows incredible virtuosity in the old lollipop "Lucy Long" and the basses are given the runaround in "Tyrolean Tubas." Here the *länder* tempo was not caught. The "Chit-Chat Polka," although skilfully played, was rather ponderous.

To complete the LP there are two great concert marches and a scherzo by the contemporary Dutch composer, Theo Boekel. The "French Military March" of Saint-Saëns could have been a little livelier without taxing the band's technique and the pianissimo in the long and exciting development section was not maintained. A brass band playing a real pianissimo in fast music is a thrill one rarely hears and here was the best-known opportunity going begging.

Tchaikovsky's "Marche Slave" or "Slavonic March" could on the other hand have been a little slower so that the excitement of the finale is magnified.

The highlight of the record is undoubtedly the Boekel "Scherzo," a fiendishly difficult work played with apparent ease by this fine band.

RB

with drum flourishes, snatches of national anthems and snippets of such tunes as "St Louis Blues," "Aida," "Semper Fidelis" and "The Saints." All very acceptable.

The combined Life Guards and Blues bands give a spirited rendering of "Trombones to the Fore" followed by "Sussex by the Sea" from the Grenadiers. The Para boys then play the "RAF March Past" (I don't know why) and their own march past, "Ride of the Valkyries" by that most distinguished composer of regimental quick marches, R Wagner Esq.

Side one ends with the Grenadiers in "The Longest Day," a version of the film's theme tune.

Side two has four more Grenadier items, "76 Trombones," a medley of North of England songs, a fine arrangement by Eric Rogers of the US Marine Corps hymn and the much-recorded "King Cotton." The Scots Guards feature their cornet section in "Trumpets Wild," a clever pastiche on Schumann's piano piece "The Wild Horsemen."

All this martial pomp and circumstance is brought to a close by The Life Guards and Blues in Elgar's No 1 hit. The lot for 19s 11d.



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**"The World of Military Bands Volume 2"** (Decca SPA 66).

A more varied and attractive selection than Volume 1 (reviewed SOLDIER February). The band and drums of 1st and 2nd battalions, The Parachute Regiment, open the proceedings with a highlight from their recent North American tour, "Flourish for Trumpets and Drums," in which tribute is paid to the guest and host nations by way of fanfares interspersed

**"Marching with the Tanks"** (Alamein Staff Band of the Royal Tank Regiment, conducted by Lieutenant P W Parkes) (Hollick and Taylor HT/LP 1162).

This re-issued ten-inch LP is conducted by Lieutenant Peter Parkes who has been director of music, Royal Engineers (Chatham) band, since 1964. Though therefore at least six years old it may have been overlooked by many readers who would like to buy it (at 20s, post free, UK, from the Royal Tank Regiment Association, HQ RAC Centre, Bovington Camp, Dorset BH20 6JA).

I had no idea there was so much music associated with such a comparatively new

regiment. I learn from the sleeve note that 2nd RTR is the only regiment (ie battalion) without its own march. A fine show of independence and reluctance to join the rat-race this, for there are far too many marches associated with some regiments in the Army—even company marches are becoming fashionable again.

"My Boy Willie," the fine march of the whole regiment, opens side one and is followed by the march of 1st RTR, "Lippe Detmold" (which is of course that town's own tune); Denis Plater's "Fear Naught" is an obvious choice in lieu of the missing 2nd; "On the Quarter Deck" for the 3rd, "Blue Flash" for the 4th,

and the now defunct 5th's march is an arrangement of "Ilkla Moor." All the marches are preceded by each regiment's bugle call.

On side two we have marches associated in one way or another with the RTR—"Berliner Luft," "Golden Spurs," "Westminster Dragoons," "Ecossaise," "Voice of the Guns" and finally the regimental slow march written by another old director of music of the regiment, Major Bill Lemon.

All the music is played with verve and style but I seem to recall the tank boys "ambling past" at about 112 paces to the minute, not 136.

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**"The Sounds and Songs of Britain"**  
(Narrators: Bernard Horsfall and Nicholas Pennell) (Columbia SAX 9002).

Around Britain in 54 minutes 48 seconds! Or so was the aim of the producer. Anyway I gave up after 20 minutes. The likely buyers of this record will be American armchair tourists. They won't even need to cross the Atlantic—for half a dozen dollars they can whistle-stop from Dover, via Canterbury, Widdecombe, Padstow, Bath and all points west to the Isle of Man, Edinburgh Tattoo and the Isle of Skye, then sweep down to the east via Scarborough Fair, Blenheim, Eton and "Land of Hope and Glory." In their local lodges they will be able to offer expert opinions on such esoteric subjects as Cornish folk lore, the Welsh language and Wookey Hole caves.

I find this an exasperating disc. It takes just 165 seconds to deal with "There'll Always be an England," the Wembley roar, "A Life on the Ocean Wave," Bach's "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor" and "The White Cliffs of Dover." Thereafter, and at the same speed, you are taken to various olde places where local yokels demonstrate their dialects and crafts. I could take the tiny doses of English customs and folk songs but when it came to His Lordship of Bath banging on about his lions and Russ Conway banging the ivories in the corny "Cornish Rhapsody" I declined to venture further to hear a water-driven trip-hammer and linen handloom, a Newmarket horse auction and the Tal-Y-Llyn Railway. Not even the Silverstone motor races, Monkseaton Morrismen and an English country village (how do you record an English country village?) could tempt me further.

### **"The Band of 32 Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport"** (conducted by Sergeant M T L Collins) (32).

Some records reviewed here are recommended to you for their intrinsic quality both musically and technically and others for their rarity value to collectors. This LP is in the latter class but in a way can be included with the former for here we have a band of Malaysians who are not professional musicians but ordinary soldiers, mostly drivers, who volunteer to play in the band as a hobby.

Knowing this, the standard of performance can be said to be very creditable although the western idiom rather escapes these lads so that one item sounds much like another. The band's origins go back to the Singapore Guard Regiment but in 1965 it was taken over by 32 Regiment.

The marches are "Colonel Bogey," "Our Director," "Chan Mali Chan" (a Malay folk song) and of course "Wait for the Wagon." Other old favourites are "Valse Blanche," "Ciao Ciao Bambina," "Sorrento," "Spanish Eyes" (Bert Kaempfert) and Marquina's "Spanish Gypsy Dance." Unfortunately the conductor was unwise enough to include Aubrey Winter's "The Golden Valse," an endless pot-pourri of famous waltzes which requires contrasting treatment of each tune to avoid tedium.

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The regiment and band are to disband in late 1971 and all profits from this record will be donated to the locally enlisted soldiers welfare fund. These men comprise the majority of the regiment; many who will become redundant have served in RASC and RCT since 1946. The record, £1 including postage worldwide, is obtainable from the President, LESW Fund, 32 Regiment RCT, c/o GPO Singapore.

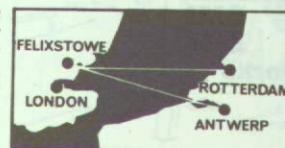
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The bishops and knights—also contemporary characters—are all in different poses and the pawns are English longbowmen and French men-at-arms in action. One interesting point is that the English are white and the French black!

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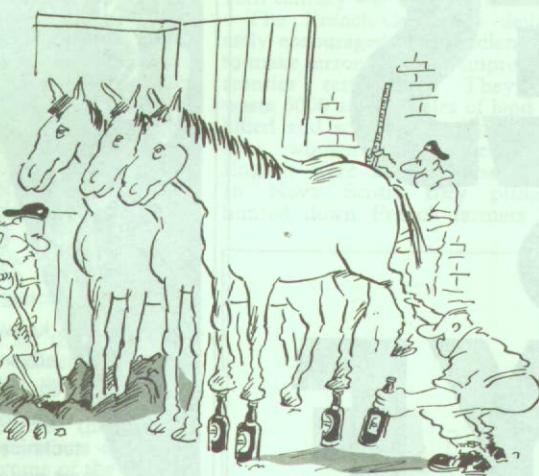
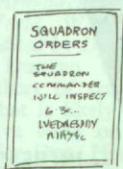
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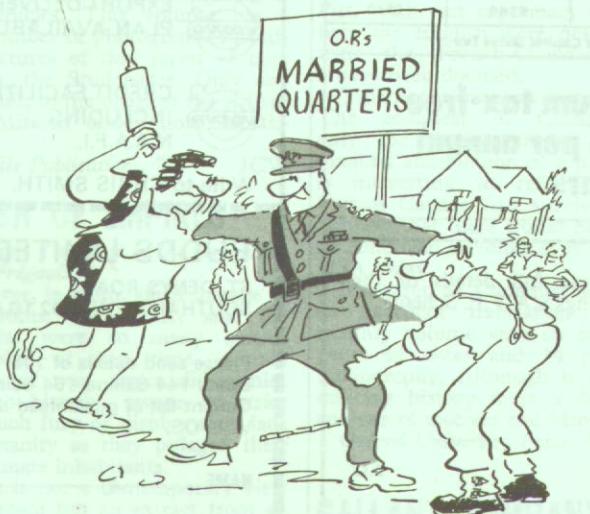
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*"Armoured Fighting Vehicles of World War One, Volume One"*  
(edited by Duncan Crow)

Duncan Crow has gathered a galaxy of tank experts to produce what is likely to become the definitive work on the tanks of World War One. His contributors include Chris Ellis, Peter Chamberlain, Major-General N W Duncan, Pierre Touzin and Christian Gurtner and, of course, himself. Coloured illustrations are by Tom Brittain, Gordon Davies, Terence Hadler, James Leech, David Pether and Michael Roffe.

Together they set the beginnings of the tank saga against the general background of the war, describing the development of tanks from experimental tractors, their use—or misuse—in operations and their effect on the outcome of the war.

Considering the supremacy of the Panzer divisions in the early part of World War Two, it is staggering to learn that German tank production in World War One was limited to 20 A7Vs. At its largest the German tank arm amounted to no more than eight companies, each with five tanks.

In the British Army 2850 tanks in 13 different marks and variants were operational. The Tank Corps strength soared to 25 battalions, 18 of them in France and each equipped with as many tanks as in the entire German tank arm.

The French too had been developing the tank independently. Their medium-heavy Schneiders and St Chamonds were not terribly successful but the Renault FT17 light tank, of which more than 3000 were built, justified the beliefs expressed by France's principal tank advocate, Colonel J E Estienne.

The Americans, ever eager to follow up good ideas, began building two-man Ford tanks and Mk VIIIs, the Anglo-American tank, but few of those produced in the United States were ready by the time the war ended. In operations the Americans were mounted in Renault FT17s or British Mk Vs and Mk V\*.

Mr Crow and his team have produced a superb addition to the growing library on armoured fighting vehicles. This volume has a vast number of photographs including pictures of that rarest of tank rarities, the Studebaker. Only one was built, to the order of the British War Mission under Lord Northcliffe.

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## CLASH OF EMPIRES

*"Canada: The War of the Conquest"*  
(Guy Frégault)

"Never, in truth, since the age of the Goths, the Huns, and the Vandals, were so many armies assembled at one time in one theatre of war, never did armies fight so bitterly, ravage countries with such fury or display such lack of humanity as they pillaged their unfortunate inhabitants."

This is not a contemporary view of Vietnam but an extract from an article written in 1760 describing the war for the conquest of Canada. It will come as a shock to most British readers, brought up on tales of Wolfe and Montcalm dying with

dignity on the Heights of Abraham, to realise how bloody and cruel this 18th century war really was.

The French-Canadians deliberately encouraged their Indian allies to make terror raids on unprotected frontier settlements. They laid waste 6000 square miles of land and killed and scalped more than 4000 men, women and children. The English were not guiltless either. In Nova Scotia they pitilessly hunted down French farmers and

of valour by units rather than individuals, ranging from The Black Watch at Ticonderoga, The South Wales Borderers at Chillianwalla, the Lancashire and Anzac landings at Gallipoli and gallant little Glow-worm ramming the Hipper, to the Dam Busters.

Sixteen of the actions described are from the two world wars but all exemplify fights against enormous odds some of which ended in defeat. The author's contention is

has sub-titled it "A History of the War Music of the British Army 1642-1902." These dates were chosen because they cover the era when the Army, generally speaking, wore scarlet and because there were few reliable records of war music before the Civil War—the years after 1902 are well documented.

Mr Winstock defines war music as the songs and music which were an integral part of military events and which were sung and played on the march, in camp and in battle, by drums and fifes and bands. This book is emphatically not a history of regimental marches, except in so far as a few of these have direct associations with war, and is not concerned with the form or development of military bands or of songs about wars.

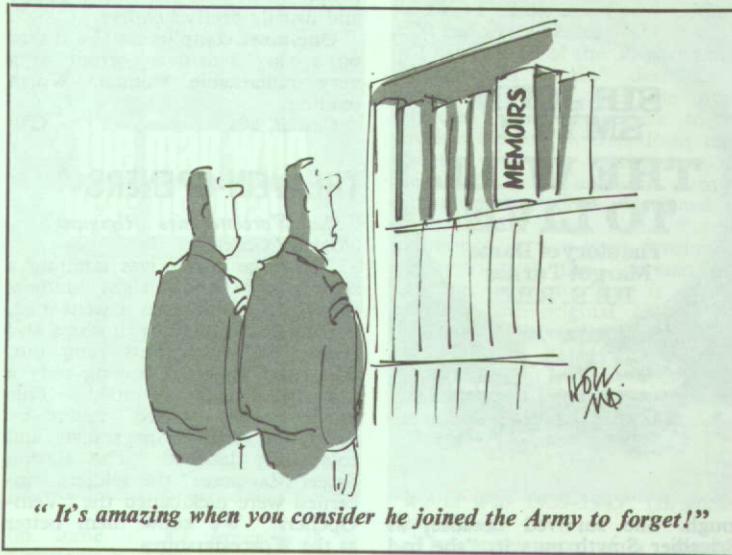
The author is interested in the songs sung by the soldiers themselves, the instrumental music actually played in battle, the role of music in war and how it was influenced by allies and enemies and, finally, the attitude of great commanders to war music. He covers the main wars and includes a superb collection of soldiers' songs—ribald, rousing, satirical and sentimental—more than 50 of which are arranged for the piano. Among these are such old favourites as "Lillibulero," "Over the Hills and Far Away," "The Girl I Left Behind Me," "The Noble Twenty-Fourth" and "The Roast Beef of Old England," and rather stronger meat like "The Rogues March."

The narrative abounds in amusing and fascinating sidelights on history and individuals. One concerns an old Scotswoman who was hauled before the elders of her kirk on a charge of rowdyism. She laid the blame on General Monk's Roundhead soldiers billeted on her. They had neither raped, robbed nor rioted on her premises, she conceded, "but they bought over a piper with them and did dance."

This delightful book has a splendid bibliography and index and should appeal to historian, musician and layman.

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deplored them *en masse*, often in chains.

Although most historians date the war from 3 July 1754, when Coulon de Villiers defeated George Washington at Fort Necessity, the author argues that its inevitability was determined long before. Neither England nor France could stand idly by and see their rival dominate the rich fur lands of the Canadian wilderness. The result was a clash of two great empires.

At first everything went wrong for the English—Braddock's army was nearly wiped out and Forts Oswego and William Henry were lost. But the tide slowly turned—Louisburg, Ticonderoga, Quebec and Montreal were all captured, not because of Wolfe at all, but thanks to English wealth, naval power and Pitt. With vast supremacy of numbers the English were destined to win; the French-Canadians had always been doomed.

This is the author's bitter thesis. The conquest of Canada was only the closing chapter in the planned annihilation of a people. It is interesting to reflect that if French Canada had survived it is unlikely that there would have been an American Revolution or indeed a USA today.

Margaret M Cameron has given an excellent translation of this weighty volume with its maps, 54 pages of notes and 14 pages of bibliography. Although it is not a military history it is a first-class analysis of motives and ideologies.

Oxford University Press, 75s

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*"The Valiant"* (Sir John Smyth VC)

No one is better qualified than Jackie Smyth to write about heroic deeds. Here he describes 20 deeds

that men have to be just as valiant in accepting defeat as achieving victory. All three Services and all the then Commonwealth countries are represented.

Brigadier Smyth acknowledges that for reasons of space he has had to omit actions of as great or greater valour than those he has selected. One hopes he will give us another volume which might include such great actions as the Guards at Hougoumont, the incredible infantry at the Alma, the Heavy Brigade at Balaclava, The South Wales Borderers (24th Foot) at Rorke's Drift and the Rifles at Calais. There is a rich mine of British and Commonwealth valour still untapped.

Of the current offering none is more moving than the great effort of the merchantman *ss Ohio*, an American tanker loaned to the Ministry of War Transport. With a specially selected British crew, reinforced by 24 special gunners and heavily escorted by naval units, she ran the gauntlet of the Axis forces in the Mediterranean into Malta, then on the verge of surrender. Having been torpedoed, hit by innumerable bombs, set on fire, her back broken, twice abandoned and twice re-boarded, she was literally carried into Valetta Harbour lashed between two destroyers. Surely one of the greatest epics of the sea.

Written in the author's usual clear and entertaining style and well produced with excellent illustrations, this book should appeal to all who are proud of our country and Commonwealth.

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## DISTANT DRUMS

*"Songs and Music of the Redcoats"*  
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The author of this pioneer work

## WHO WAS WERTHER?

*"Scorched Earth"* (Paul Carell)

Who was the super-spy who, under the name of Goethe's tragic figure Werther, sent to Moscow direct from the High Command of the Wehrmacht and from Hitler's headquarters a stream of top secrets known only to "the initiated" of the group closest to the Fuehrer?

This is one of the few questions about the war on the eastern front which Herr Carell is unable to answer in this second volume of his huge trilogy which began with "Hitler's War on Russia" (reviewed *SOLDIER* May 1965).

The first volume took the story as far as the first dramatic Soviet victory at Stalingrad. "Scorched Earth" carries on through the mighty cauldron of Kursk to the collapse of the German front in the summer of 1944. It is a truly tremendous story which even after 27 years is not yet fully appreciated in the West.

The battle of Kursk, on which "Scorched Earth" centres, was the anvil on which the German panzers

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were hammered to a defeat so appalling that the Germans were never again able to take the offensive. Inevitably their front collapsed and they were forced into a retreat which was not to end until the Red Army's guns pounded the already shattered city of Berlin.

Herr Carell captures all the drama and suffering of the war on the eastern front—front-line soldiers of both sides fighting and dying on the endless, blizzard-swept steppe, Wehrmacht generals driven to despair by the maniac orders issued by Hitler, the ruthless Zhukov bullying and hounding subordinates, ordering the impossible—and getting it.

On 1 July 1943 Hitler called his generals to his East Prussian headquarters to give the orders for Operation Citadel, the attack on the Kursk salient. Within 24 hours, long before the front-line German corps and divisional commanders knew, their opposite numbers in the Red Army were being briefed on the German plans by Nikita Kruschev, lieutenant-general and member of the Soviet Union's military council. His information was hot from Werther.

Either someone at Hitler's headquarters was feeding Werther information or that someone was Werther himself. Was it General Erich Fellgiebel, chief of Hitler's signals? Herr Carell seems to put the finger on him, describing how he prevented Hitler from seeing the report on the discovery of another spy ring. We will never know the answer for Fellgiebel was a key figure in the 20 July bomb plot and was subsequently hanged by the Gestapo.

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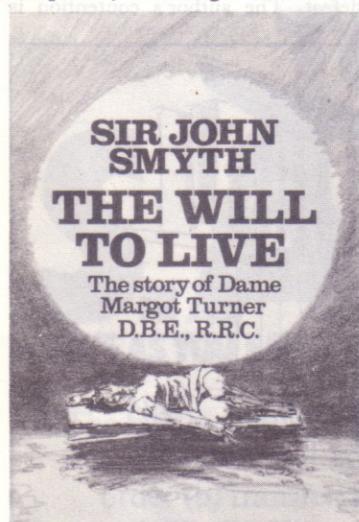
## CAUGHT AT SINGAPORE

"The Will to Live" (Sir John Smyth VC)

This story of an exceedingly brave woman, written by an exceedingly brave man, tells how Miss Margot Turner, of the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service, found herself in Singapore

at the time of its surrender to the Japanese in 1942. Taking flight with thousands of other women and children, she survived the sinking of her ship, four days on a raft in the Java Sea with her comrades dying one after another until finally, completely alone, she was "rescued" by a Japanese warship.

There followed three-and-a-half long, terribly hard years as a Japanese prisoner-of-war. One after another the other women in the camp died, but Margot Turner was



tough. She survived because, as Brigadier Smyth puts it, "she had the will to live." While others had money or jewels to buy odds and ends of food from the flourishing black market, the young English nurse had nothing. Undismayed, she volunteered to clean the overflowing latrines to earn money to buy food.

In reality we learn very little directly about Margot Turner though this is no fault of the author. She gives the impression of being an exceedingly capable, businesslike, completely "unflappable" person who regarded the terrible conditions and people of the prison camp as one more example of the way that

individuals tend generally to mess up the clean clinical orderly life that a nursing sister sets for herself at the outset of her career.

Her tenacity and bravery had their rewards. After the war she steadily progressed until in 1964 she became Brigadier Dame Margot Turner, Matron-in-Chief and Director Army Nursing Service. Now she has retired.

She went through four years of hell and looks as if she emerged from it unscathed save that it confirmed her long-held belief that people in general are rather sloppily and usually pretty helpless.

One must compliment the author on a very sensitive portrait of a very remarkable woman. Worth reading.

Cassell, 50s

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## THE VEIN-OPENERS

"The Worcestershire Regiment" (Richard Gale)

The huge crowd was taunting a sentry and when eight soldiers arrived to protect him it went mad, beating the soldiers with clubs and sticks. Suddenly shots rang out. The mob scattered leaving only a few dead and wounded. This incident was seized upon by American rebel propagandists and colourfully labelled "The Boston Street Massacre;" the soldiers concerned were nicknamed the "Vein-Openers." We know them better as the Worcestershires.

Worcestershire men have enlisted in the militia or trained bands for centuries but the regiment was born in 1694 when war with France was imminent. Disbanded and revived at every crisis it won its first battle honour at Ramillies. During the 18th century the Worcesters made raids into Spain, garrisoned the West Indies and Newfoundland, fought the notorious Tippoo in India and served as marines.

The Peninsular War provided them with very heavy fighting at Rolica, Talavera and especially Albuhera where most of the regi-

ment was lost. In India again they fought the Sikhs after marching 170 miles in nine days and carried their Colours into battle at Chillianwallah. In World War One they raised 22 battalions and military historians still talk of their plugging the line at Gheluvelt and thus saving the BEF. There were the struggle against the Bavarians on Point 85 in Flanders, the wire-cutting patrols at Gallipoli, the fight against the Turks at Falahiya in Mesopotamia and the bayonet charge against the Bulgars at Jumeaux Ravine. Stirring memories which won a war and nine Victoria Crosses at a cost of 9463 dead.

World War Two saw Worcestershire Territorial battalions at Dunkirk while the 1st fought at Keren in Eritrea and later in Abyssinia. After very hard fighting at Gazala against Rommel they were overwhelmed at Tobruk. Reformed in 1943 they served with the 43rd Division at Caen, Tripsrath and Goch, ending the war at Lüneburg. The 2nd and 7th meanwhile were busy crossing the Chindwin and Irrawaddy and clearing Japanese bunkers with flamethrowers. After service in Trieste, Germany, Malaya and Cyprus the Worcestershires, after 276 years of separate existence, were amalgamated with The Sherwood Foresters.

Like all "Famous Regiments" books this one is well written and interesting but would have been much improved by a few maps. The chapter on traditions and customs is particularly good.

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feathers." This bitter comment in 1881 by an old soldier of the 32nd Foot was directed against the War Office's plan of amalgamating them with the 46th or South Devon Regiment.

The 32nd, later known as The Cornwall Light Infantry, had a long and distinguished history which began in 1702. Specially raised as marines for Mediterranean service they had stormed Gibraltar and later held it against the French and Spanish. Their Colours had seen

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the Corunna retreat, the storming of the ridge of Salamanca, the crossing of the Pyrenees, the loss of half their men at Quatre Bras and Waterloo. Their march to Ferozepore was a legend and their defence of the residency at Lucknow had earned them four Victoria Crosses and Queen Victoria's award of "Light Infantry."

The 46th, on the other hand, were almost colourless. Raised in 1741 to fight the Jacobites, they were soundly defeated at Prestonpans and later in Canada at Ticonderoga. Although they won their red feathers at Brandywine Creek by defeating the Americans, their story is a long tale of monotonous postings to Ireland, India and Australia.

Strangely, the marriage of these two different regiments was a success. The 32nd became 1st Battalion of the DCLI and the 46th the 2nd Battalion. Here Fate seemed to take a hand. While the 32nd kicked their heels in India and Ceylon the 46th were at Tel-el-Kebir struggling up the Nile to rescue Gordon or going in with the bayonet at Paardeburg.

By 1914 the old rivalries were long forgotten; it was a united regiment of 15 battalions that faced the new foe. Right from the start the DCLI made their mark with their deadly marksmanship at Le Cateau. In World War Two there were only seven battalions but the fighting was fierce enough—for the 1st in the Tobruk cauldron, for the 2nd at Incontro Monastery and the River Ronco, for the 5th at Cheux, Point 112, Bois de Vernon and Hoven. After service in Germany and the Caribbean the DCLI amalgamated in 1959 with The Somerset Light Infantry to form the SCLI which later gave way to The Light Infantry.

This is yet another grand addition to the "Famous Regiments" series.

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### "The Man Who Was Bormann" (Derek Boyd)

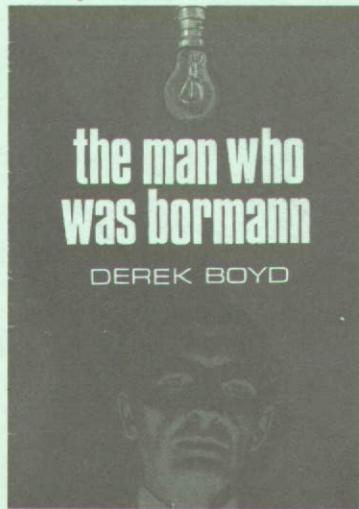
Martin Bormann's disappearance in the Berlin holocaust in 1945 has provided the world with one of its most intriguing mysteries. The author, a retired Regular officer who served in the Royal Engineers, has packed into a swift-moving novel spies and counter-spies, a Soviet defector, Army Intelligence, missing treasure and a bit of romance for good measure. Lieutenant-Colonel Boyd bases his novel

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on some of his experiences in Germany in 1945 when he was a staff officer in HQ 21 Army Group and later commanded a field squadron and held other staff posts.

Not surprisingly he gets the Army atmosphere right but a little more imagination with the Russian names might have been worthwhile. Did he have to choose those of the chief Soviet prosecutor at Nuremberg (Rudenko) and of one of Stalin's ministers (Mikoyan)? And surely there must somewhere be a beautiful Russian woman spy NOT called Natasha?

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### "Incident on Hill 192" (Daniel Long)

Four American soldiers under the command of a 20-year-old, five-times-decorated sergeant are briefed for a reconnaissance patrol. After leaving camp they abduct, repeatedly rape and finally murder a South Vietnamese girl.

Only one of the five men objected, Private Sven Eriksson, and in this slim volume an American journalist tells his story. It is a sobering, shattering example of the corruption that war brings to the moral standards of basically decent men. Even more thought-provoking than the account of rape and murder is the apparent reluctance of the authorities to press the matter once Eriksson had reported it.

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Of special value to British readers are his accounts of the invasion of Russia and the German defeat there, and of the United States naval war in the Pacific, two areas which, even today, are not as widely known as they should be.

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