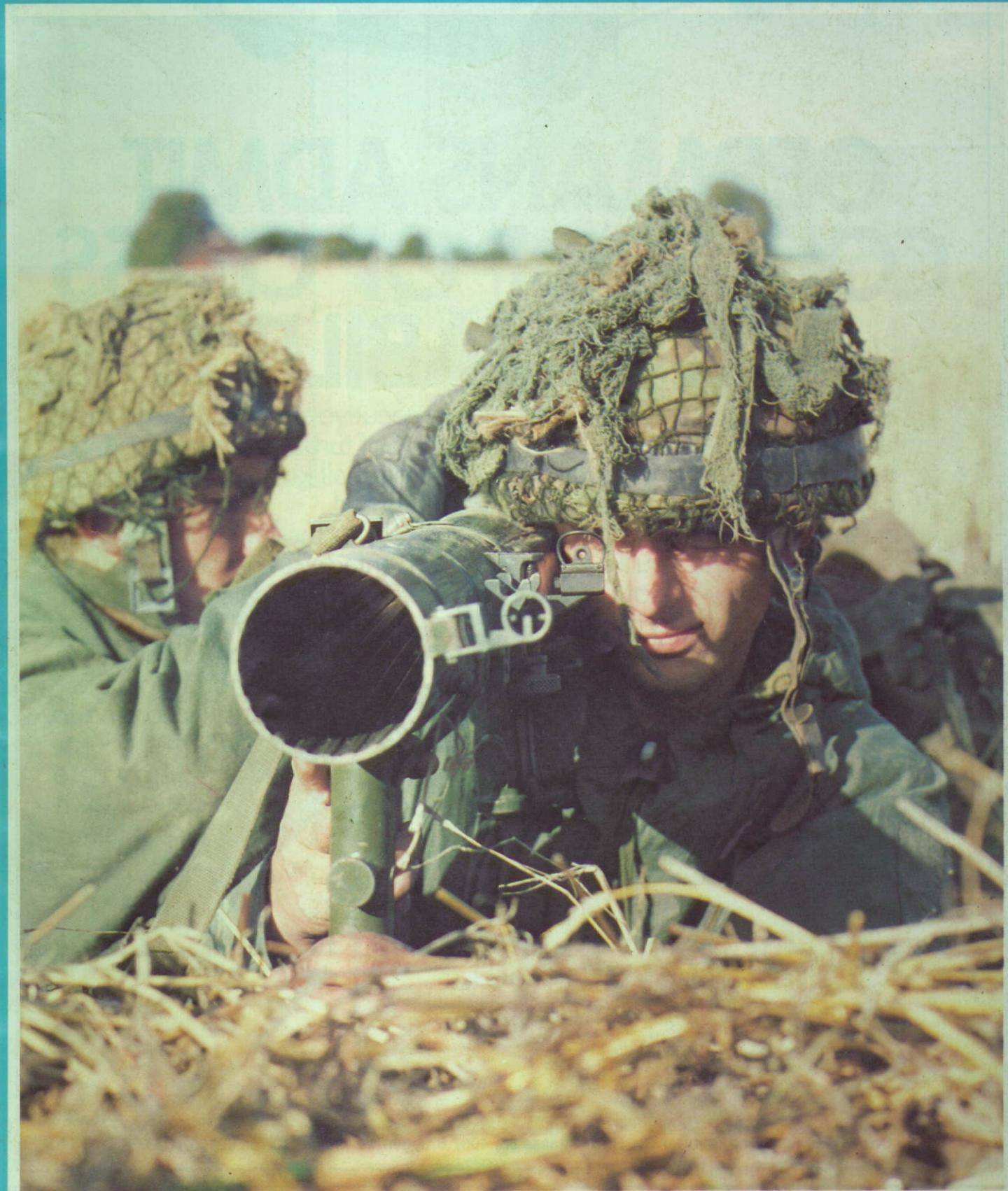
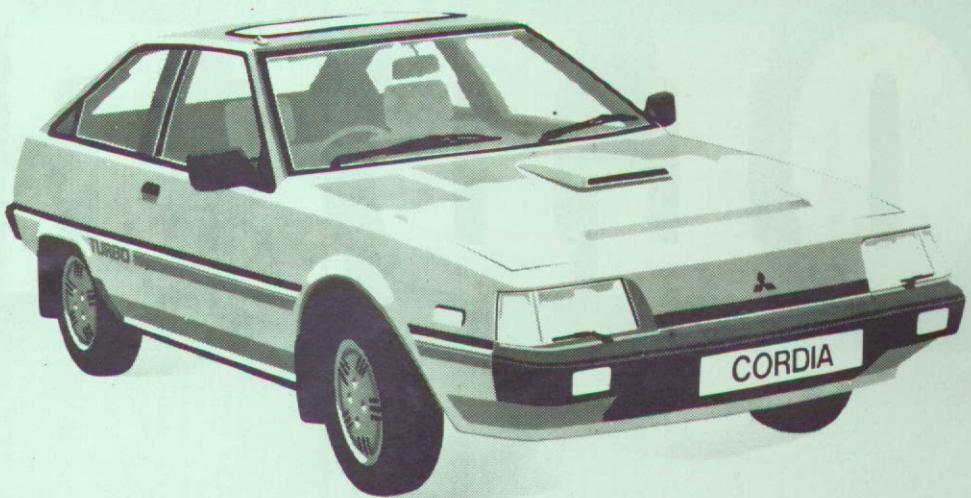


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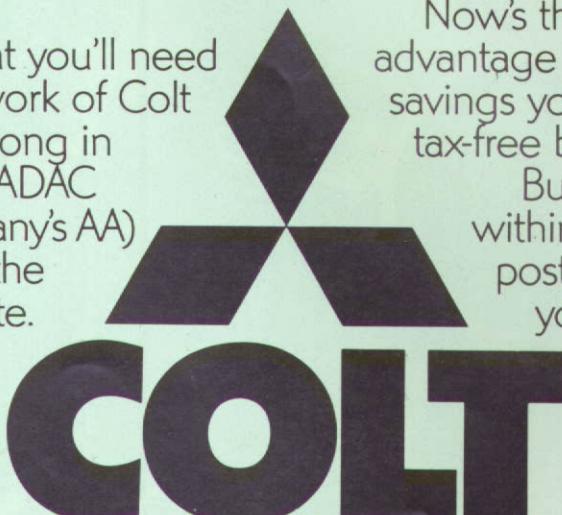
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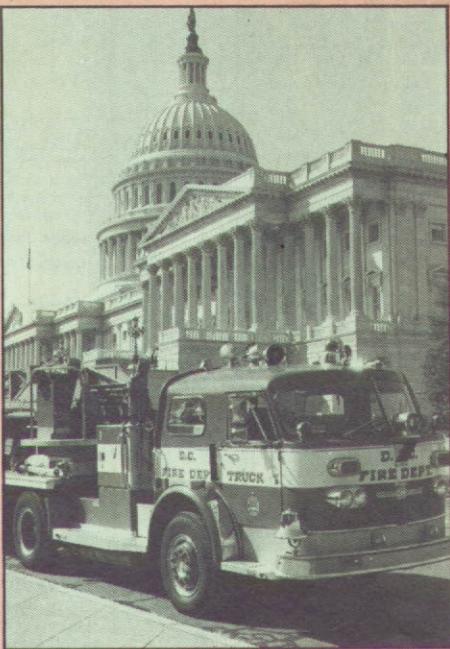


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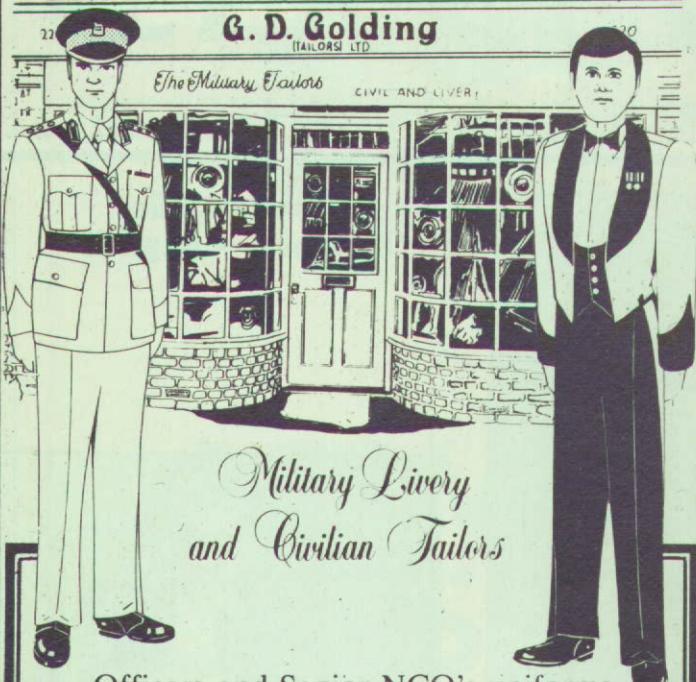
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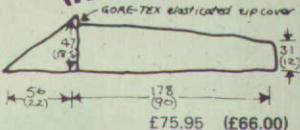
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PRIVATE DISASTER MAKES PUBLIC PLAY



TWO ALDERSHOT-based personnel with the HQ Catering Group, Captain Clarissa Woodcock and Sgt Tony Brown have become playwrights in their own right; providing a 35-minute scripted scenario for a sketch called 'The Adventures of Captain D. A. Ring'. The play is on tour until the end of December with its six-strong cast drawn from the West End Theatre in the garrison town and 16 bookings have been made.

Of one character, a bumbling Private called Disaster, Sgt Brown said: "Every battalion has one. Someone who is no use to the unit as a soldier but good in something else, in this case football."

ABF IN RECORD PAYOUT

Income for the Army Benevolent Fund has hit an all-time high. But so have the pay-outs.

In the ABF annual report — the 39th — chairman, General Sir Robert Ford, says the Fund's appeal income for 1982-83 was more than £200,000 up on the previous year.

Together with income from legacies and investments, income for the year was in excess of £2.7 million.

But while the incoming cash flow was up, grants by the Fund totalled more than £2.6 million which, with additional payments and interest-free loans on compassionate grounds, sent the cash outflow soaring to more than £3.4 million.

Sir Robert said he was "delighted that in monetary terms the Fund has provided in grants the largest amount of aid for the relief of distress, in the name of all corps and regiments, that has ever been achieved before in a single year."

He added that in "today's difficult social and economic climate, the Fund's Resettlement Loan Scheme has increased in popularity with approximately double the number of soldiers seeking, and receiving loans to assist them in meeting expenses incurred in the purchase of furnishings for homes newly acquired on returning to civilian life."

STILL NO NEWS OF HIGHLANDERS' STOLEN SILVER

IF the thieves who recently stole the silver from the officers' mess of the 1st Battalion the Queen's Own Highlanders melt it down, it will be worth only a fraction of its real value it was revealed this week.

Detective Chief Inspector Roger Clarke of Salisbury CID, said the silver statuettes and ash trays, stolen last month, were valued at £113,000, but if the thieves melted them down they would fetch only £5000.

Insurers are offering £11,000 reward, but Chief Inspector Clarke, described the response to their plea for information as "disappointing".

In their hunt for the thieves the police fingerprinted the whole of the battalion. "It was a process of elimination", said Captain Peter Grimes, the adjutant.

"A good deal of the stolen silver dates from the last century — much of it more than 150 years old. Fortunately they didn't clear us out and we have

some left, but a good deal of the stolen stuff is irreplaceable from a historical and regimental point of view."

Based at Moulton Barracks, Tidworth, the battalion is soon to move to Northern Ireland for a two-year tour.

SAPPERS SAVE IT

Cost-conscious Gibraltar Barracks, Hawley, the home of 1 and 3 Training Regiments, Royal Engineers, has so impressed the Southern Gas Board with its economies, that it has been highly commended in the Southern Gas Energy Management Award Scheme.

This is the first military establishment in the country to have entered and achieved recognition in the award scheme run by all ten gas regions. The new barracks have only recently been completed and with the help of fuel conservancy experts, various devices have been fitted to the heating system resulting in a 13 per cent annual saving — or £24,000 off the heating bill.

Mr Bill Reeves-Jones of the South East District Fuel Efficiency Committee told Soldier "If we can instil an awareness into everyone in MoD that all fossil fuels, including water, cost money, then we can probably persuade them of the importance of making savings. And it is not just the money. Gas reserves are expected to last only until the middle of the next century and if we want our children and our children's children to have gas, then we need to conserve now."

"It's up to this committee to think of ways of keeping people's interest in fuel efficiency and not let them get bored with it. That's not an easy job but schemes like this one provide some encouragement and we might consider running one of our own for South East District. We're first off with brilliant ideas and are very proud of that."

Now there's a challenge to all units for 1984!"

NAAFI HOLIDAY OFFER

HOW ABOUT Cyprus and a holiday on Aphrodite's isle for two weeks in the period from 1st November to 31st March for as little as £379 for one person to £279 each for a party of three people?

That is now on offer from NAAFI. The prices include return flight, luxury self-catering apartment plus a car. Location for the get-away-from-it-all chance is Limassol.

Families get an added benefit as children between the ages of two and 12 get a reduction of £65 while, for an extra £12, a car will pick you up at the airport and whisk you away to your apartment.

All of the apartment blocks, including one with a swimming pool, are close to the azure Mediterranean, offering studios and one- and two-bedroom flats.

The terms have been agreed by NAAFI's Cyprus office and the local firms — Azores Hirings, Phivos Motors and Patsalides Travel.

Would-be sun soakers — two people can go for £299 each, three people £289 each — should get further details and relevant booking forms by writing to Commander Supervisor, (CS/A) HQ NAAFI, RAF Akrotiri, BFPO 57.

Army bows out of Ordnance Survey

THE END of an era has just been marked in Southampton; the end of 192 years of direct military involvement in Britain's official survey and map publishing organisation. A Beating Retreat ceremony was played by the band of the Corps of Royal Engineers at Ordnance Survey HQ in Romsey Road.

From 1791 until 1945 military staff were involved in the management, surveying and all other

map production activities. At the end of the war, numbers were greatly reduced and limited to officers in management and development posts.

Ordnance Survey is an independent Government department and the Secretary of State for the Environment is responsible to the Government for it. The march past and salute was taken by Mr. Walter Smith, Director General (Ordnance Survey).

SOLDIER DIES IN BLAST

AN IRA bomb emplaced in a cemetery wall killed Pte Alan Stock, (22) of 2nd Battalion, The Queen's Regiment, in Londonderry, and another soldier was injured but "not serious" during

a mobile patrol in two Land-Rovers in Londonderry. It is understood Pte Stock was killed instantaneously. He is the fourth Regular Army soldier to die in Northern Ireland this year.

POMPEY PLANS D-DAY MUSEUM

by Graham Smith

PORPSMOUTH CITY Council has officially launched its ambitious scheme to start a D-Day Museum close to Southsea Castle (see **SOLDIER** September 19) which had been in continuous occupation by the Army since it was built by Henry VIII.

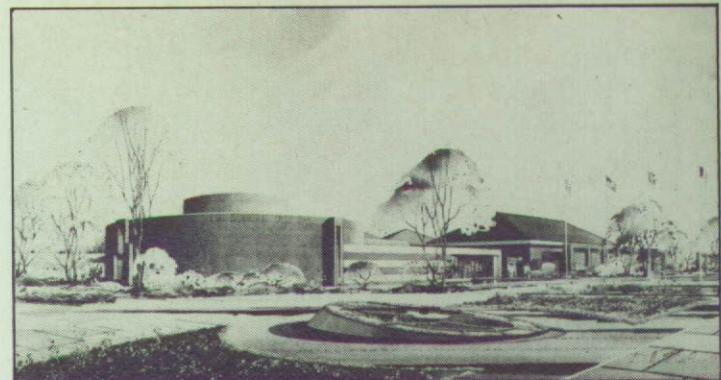
The Museum will contain a "vivid re-creation" of the D-Day landings and house the magnificent Overlord Embroidery which was commissioned in 1968 by Lord Dulverston as a tribute and permanent memorial to the efforts made by the Allies to liberate Europe during the Second World War.

Announcing the project in London at the Imperial War Museum, the leader of the Portsmouth City Council, Councillor Ian Gibson, said: "Portsmouth was the centre of the D-Day activities in 1944. General Eisenhower's HQ for Operation Overlord was at Southwick House on the outskirts of the city where the D-Day Operation Map can still be seen. In 1984 the city intends to be the centre of activity again to mark the 40th anniversary. We do not in any sense mean to glorify war, but it is the wish of the City Council, supported I

believe by the vast majority of the people of Portsmouth, that we should commemorate this major event in our history which called for outstanding acts of bravery, total devotion to duty and exceptional powers of organisation.

"By making an occasion of this anniversary, we are providing what may be a last opportunity for many of the men and women who took part in this great invasion to reunite and enjoy the special events which the city of Portsmouth is planning."

He added: "It's going to be a



An artist's impression of the projected museum.

race against time to have the building constructed and fitted out before the anniversary date but the city is used to a good challenge and during the course of history has shown itself more than capable — one has only to look back to last year and the urgent preparations for the Falklands Task Force."

The new building is sited alongside the approach road up to the castle from the Southsea shopping centre. During the war the view from the castle showed the expanses of Spithead where hundreds of ships and smaller craft lay at anchor or ferried supplies and equipment to and fro. The entire fleet was covered by a balloon barrage to protect it from air attack.

The Embroidery took 20

members of the Royal School of Needlework five years to complete the 34 panels, each eight feet by three feet.

As Mr Tony Howarth, Portsmouth City's Museum Officer said at the London launching: "Like the Bayeux Tapestry it has become a national treasure. Like the Tapestry, too, it commemorates a great invasion fleet crossing the Channel to defeat our enemy and right a wrong. In the same way it tells part of the story of the Western European nations under armed conflict creating the Europe we know today.

"It is fitting too that on either side of the Channel there is now a textile record each commemorating events which took place on the other side. Each is profoundly cherished."

Falklands bound — Jan and Xmas trees!

LIEUTENANT JAN HARPER, a sapper Troop Commander on a two-year posting at Waterbeach is off this month to the barren wastes of the Falklands and a spell of camp building with a "great bunch of lads" — her 30 men of 1 Troop, 53 Field Squadron, part of 39 Engineer Regiment.

Jan — she came top of a class training young officers in battlefield skills as the Royal School of Military Engineering Chatterton has just taken part in a six-troop, four-day competition in which 1 Troop took second place.

Under the eyes of the media, a camouflaged-up Jan later said: "Although we won't be performing tasks such as this out there it is a great chance for the men to get used to working as a team. They're a great bunch of lads. I'm sure we will do very well."

The Waterbeach competition involved medium girder bridge building, wiring up a bridge for demolition by dummy charges and night patrolling.

Jan is the second woman to take command of a sapper field squadron though she will be the first to head the 8000 miles down to the Falklands. She was the only woman among 21 men on her seven-month-long course at Chatterton's RSME — and that was after just nine weeks basic training with the



Lieutenant Harper — Picture Cambridge Evening News.

WRAC at Camberley, and a short detachment to BAOR.

A graduate civil engineer in her own right, Jan was no stranger to the world of khaki having been a member of the Officer Training Corps at Leeds University and a one-time member of the TA.

She said: "I had wanted to join the Army and the sappers in 1979 when I graduated but at that stage the Royal Engineers were not taking women. I worked as a construction engineer at Birmingham Airport until I heard that they were."

Jan, who is 25, is expected to complete a four-month stint in the Falklands.

A NEWPORT, Gwent firm which has a £1 million order for Christmas trees on its books and another inquiry from Saudi Arabia has just sent four decorated artificial Christmas trees 8000 miles to the Falklands and the men of 22 Air Defence Regiment, RA.

But the handover of the trees was made by the firm Trees Unlimited to the Regiment's TA sister unit, 104 Air Defence Regiment, both of whom recruit from South Wales.

The four trees — one for each Mess — were handed over by Mr Geoff Bowden, chairman and managing director of the firm which will send out 100,000 trees nationwide this year, each tree expected to have a "life" of about five years.

It is estimated that at least two million homes have at least one Xmas tree and they are not all green, either. Pink is becoming a popular colour, according to one report monitoring the trend.

The quartet of trees were literally shipped to the Falklands from the RCT military port of Marchwood near Southampton.

TA LORRY DEATHS — VERDICT

VERDICTS of misadventure were returned at the Devizes inquest on two London TA soldiers found dead in the cab of their four-tonne lorry parked near some generators during a weekend exercise in May on Salisbury Plain.

They were Cpl William Kerr, 30 and L/Cpl Richard Desmond, 26, who were on the night exercise with 71 Signal Regiment. Both men had been taken to the nearby RAF Wroughton hospital but all attempts at resuscitation failed.

RE DIVERS TO LEAVE MARCHWOOD

THE ROYAL Engineers Diving Establishment based at Marchwood near Southampton is to move in 1985 — to HMS Vernon in Portsmouth where their co-located training will take place with the Royal Navy. The port of Marchwood stays unaffected.

The Vernon site was picked from a number of options because it offers the most economic, convenient and effective way of accommodating both the Navy's and the Army's diving training needs, already having most of the necessary facilities.



NEWS VIEW

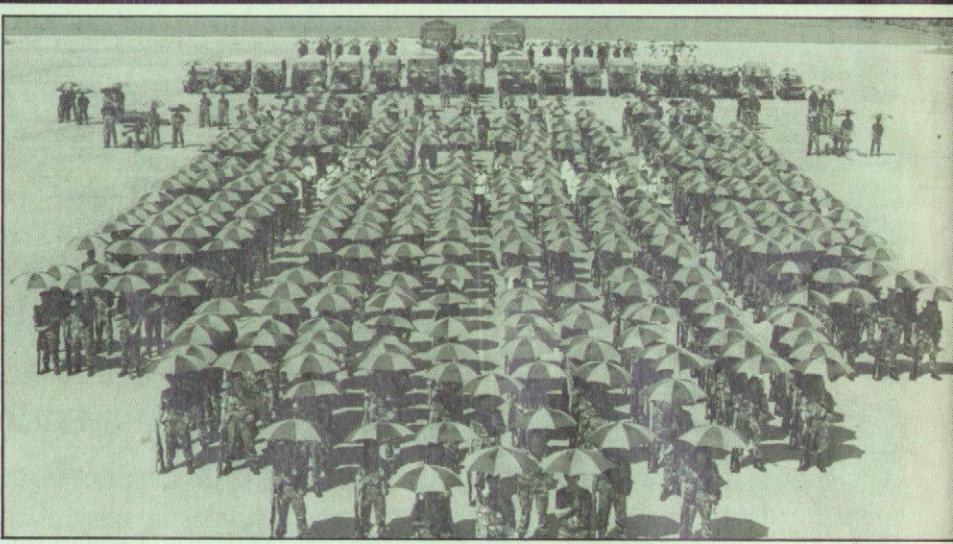
LONG SWIM

A TITLE-THIRSTY swimming team from 7th Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, based at Osnabrück have just completed a mammoth non-stop charity swim — 282 miles in well under four days — to raise 1,000 D-Marks which will be split between BLESMA and the German Disabled Childrens' Fund. Three years ago, the regiment — involving six of this year's competitors — achieved a world record for a two-way, non-stop Channel relay.

BROLLY PARADE

THEY COULD almost be singing... in the sun! The occasion was a battalion picture being taken of the 1st Battalion, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles, during the heat of the day at their base at Fanling in Hong Kong's New Territories.

The photographer was alleged to be slow in setting up so out came the umbrellas in their regimental colours of black and red, to protect the tough Johnny Gurkhas from the merciless sun.



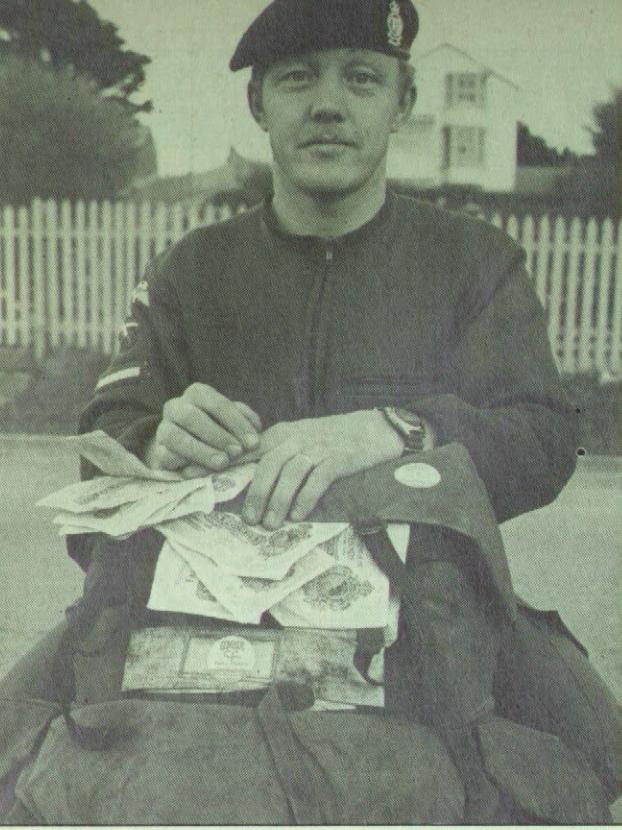
ALL THE WINNERS

The gal is Miss Melanie Gough, Miss Camberley. As for the guys, they are the individual winners, (overall and veterans), runners up and team winners 57 Training Squadron, Royal Engineers. All had been taking part in the annual regimental cross-country event at Blackwater, near Camberley. Melanie was on hand to present the prizes.



MANI — LOWDOWN

THE MAGIC of Barry Manilow being imparted to the receptive ears of Bandsman John Ellis who plays the oboe with the 2 Royal Irish Band based in Berlin. The singing superstar — on the right — was on a visit to the city as part of his year-long world concert tour. Bandsman John, a keen pianist, is reported as saying he was able to give Barry some useful tips.



COLOUR PRESENTATION

CHEERIO, chaps! Rather like a chancellor, Brigadier David Russell, Commander Rhine Area holds a large box of oil paints aloft packed with artist's materials. It was a farewell gift to the former Commander — he is a keen amateur portrait painter — which will doubtless be put to good use in the Sussex village, to which he retires.

His departure was marked by sitting in a brown leather armchair set in an open Land Rover, towed by 18 burly sergeant-majors out of Caernarvon Barracks, Düsseldorf.



NAVY LINK

THE ARMY in the shape of 30 Air Defence Battery (Roger's Company) RA has formed yet another strong link with the Royal Navy — HMS Penelope. It happened during the Battery's recent Falkland Islands stint at the end of which four soldiers returned with the ship via the Caribbean while three of the crew members joined the Battery for a month in BOAR.

The picture shows Bdr McPhie, AB Armstrong, PO Robson, AB Warren, Cpl Ward, L/Bdr Thorne and L/Bdr Simpson.

HAPPY WANDERER

FOR TWO months Corporal Gordon McLuskie has had a very heavy burden to bear; a burden he took on as a labour of love. It was to carry a 58-lb rucksack around with him — everywhere — and all to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust.

Gordon, a member of the Falklands Islands Logistics Battalion, who works with the Joint Services Physical Training Staff, has finished with his weighty problem now and the fund is more than £800 better off for his efforts.



NEW GYM

BRIGADIER D M Naylor, Commander Hohne Garrison, starts the first game of basketball between 1 RHA and 45 Fd Regt, RA, at the opening of the new physical and recreational training centre at Hohne.

Until now Hohne has had only one small gymnasium shared between five major units. The new gym which will cater for all indoor sports including tennis will incorporate three squash courts and extensive changing rooms.

Brigadier Naylor marked the occasion by unveiling a plaque.





6 RRF FIRST IN FIELD WITH SAWES

The 6th (Volunteer) Bn, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers has become the first TA infantry unit to train with a brand new piece of equipment known as SAWES or the Small Arms Weapons Effect Simulator. Fusilier Dunbar from Berwick upon Tweed is pictured here with the system fitted to his SLR and wearing the body and head harness.

SAWES consists basically of a projector which can be fitted to either an SLR or GPMG. When the weapon fires a blank a coded laser pulse is transmitted and projected along the weapon line of sight producing a brief audible signal to signify firing.

The enemy soldier wears a body harness which is designed to be worn over normal fighting order and carries eight detectors. A smaller harness carrying four detectors fits around the head or

helmet. The detectors will respond to accurate fire representing a "hit" on the upper torso or head and initiate a continuous warbling signal which can only be silenced by the wearer lying on his back.

A 'near miss' starts a one-second duration signal to warn the wearer that he is under fire. The Fusiliers, part of 15 Infantry Brigade, used SAWES on their annual camp during training.

PRINCESS LOOKS IN

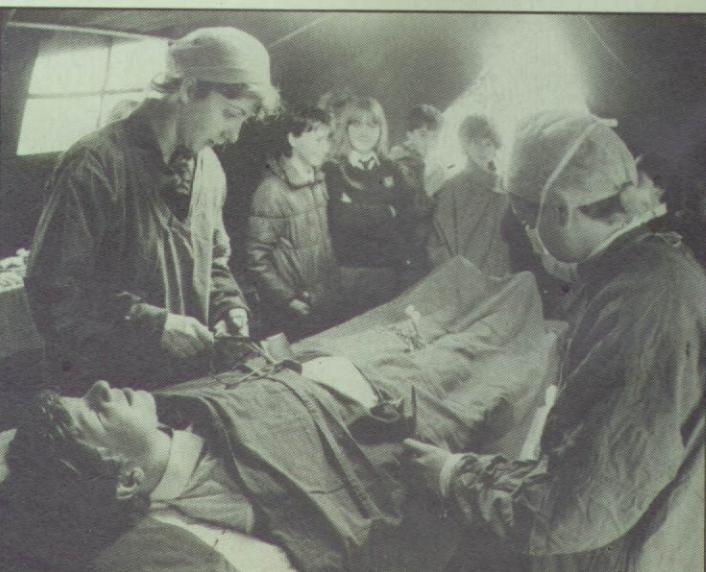
PRINCESS ANNE has visited the 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment at their annual fortnight's camp at Sennybridge. During her visit the Princess saw the varied training being carried out by the five companies including NBC defence, a live section attack, shooting and the assault course.

TOPICS



EMERGENCY WARD TENT

Privates Anna Ford from Shaw, Rochdale, on the left, and Marie McNulty from Blakeley, Manchester, both from 207 General Hospital were big crowd pullers at the Birch Hill Hospital Carnival Day, Rochdale. Their 'patient' Mark Whitley said: "I never felt a thing!"



MANCUNIANS BRIDGE GAP

MORE THAN 600 TA soldiers from the Manchester area — from 75 Engineer Regiment RE (V) — have just held a fortnight's annual camp in BAOR near the Dutch border. They were taking part in Exercise Schwarzer Anker (Black Anchor) where the Mancunian sappers practised combat engineering, bridge building, mine laying, the setting up of water and refuelling points and, for the first time, railway demolition and repair.

The picture shows the Birkenhead Troop of 107 Field Squadron, who take time off to say "käse" on a successfully-crossed water obstacle using the Medium Girder Bridge. Co-operation with German Army sappers was close including use of their equipment.

IRISH MAKE IT FOUR IN A ROW

IT'S THAT veritable luck of the Irish! For the fourth consecutive year they have won the NATO Reserve Forces Officers Shooting Competition held, this year, on the Dreghorn Ranges, Edinburgh. They were competing for a new cup having won the previous James Miller Cup outright in the previous three years.

Team members were Major Brian Darrah of the 40th (Ulster) Signal Regiment; Major Martin Farnan of Queen's University OTC and 5 R Irish; Captain Bill Potter of 5 R Irish; and Captain Heinz Tittmar, of Queen's University OTC.

The team in addition to winning the James Miller Cup (Mark Two) also took first place in all but one of the team matches and in all but one of the individual matches.



IN HIS first TA visits within Liverpool, the Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt Rev David Sheppard paid a visit to three TA centres — this one, home of 235 Squadron, RCT (V), part of 156 Transport Regiment, RCT (V). Former England cricketer Sheppard is seen here giving — and taking — some sporting advice from the badminton players among the squadron.

VENGEFUL MERLIN

THE TA's North-West region was well represented during Exercise Vengeful Merlin in BAOR. They were all part of 42 Infantry Brigade and were drawn from 103 Air Defence Regiment — the Lancashire Artillery Volunteers — with RHQ, HQ and 208 AD Battery, 213 AD Battery in Widnes/St Helens and 209 AD Battery from Bolton/Manchester. Also on the exercise were men from the 4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Queen's Own Lancashire Regiment.

Picture shows an 'O' Group for G Troop of 213 Bty. Left to right: Troop Sgt Major Ray Stones, Staff Sgt John Toothill, Captain Jim Houldsworth, CPO Lt Paul Johnson and OPO Lt Dave Bulmer.



London Irish are shadowed on Rock



The serious business of house clearing becomes less serious when you are hotly pursued by the BBC's Scene Around Six camera team who visited D (London Irish Rifles) Company of 4 (V) Royal Irish based in Chelsea but in Gibraltar for Exercise Marble Tor-6.

The film team produced three five-minute films ranging from the feeding of the apes to an action-packed feature with FIBUA training and water sports not forgetting a community project arising from the settlement of Gibraltarian refugees in N Ireland during the last war.

TRAINING FOR JUMP

A party of 15 volunteers were lined up to jump at Netheravon earlier this month to raise funds for the Rochdale Hospice. A second chance came later at Cark in Cumbria. The jumpers came from Manchester's 207 General Hospital with detachments at Lancaster and Blackburn. Chief instructor was Staff Sgt Paul Cussell, PSI who is pictured here on the right with Pte Tony Johnson, from Rochdale, a photographer who said he would jump with his Pentax — just for the record.



Then last minute checks before the off . . .

MAKING last-minute checks before taking the plunge — to help build the Rochdale hospice — TA medical assistants Privates Carolyn Allister, 19 and Jane Unwin, 22.

Carolyn trains at 207 General Hospital's Stretford, Manchester HQ and Jane attends the Macclesfield detachment.

Carolyn, in the TA since February, said: "I suppose you could call me 'Army barmy'. You just can't keep me away from the unit and the big chance to do a parachute jump like this was too irresistible for words although the first few seconds, waiting for the main chute to open, was a terrifying experience."

Jane, meanwhile, said: "I

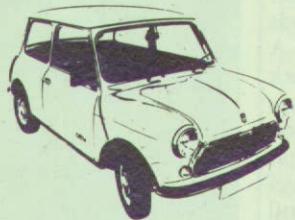


wanted adventure when I joined the Territorials seven months ago, and this is one of the most exciting things I have done with them to date."

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SOLDIER to Soldier

AT a recent Dinner and Dance held at 10 Corps Transport Regiment RCT, Bielefeld, the British Army Barbadians who enlisted in early 1962 met before most of them return to civilian life in mid 1984.

In early 1962 when the West Indian Federation was in the process of breaking up, the British government recruited soldiers from member states. Some 600 young West Indians joined up, among them were some 300 Barbadians who enlisted into various regiments and corps.

Over the years many have left, but quite a number have kept in contact.

By mid 1984 those who have served the full 22 years will be leaving the Army on pension, some will remain in Europe with their families, others have been making plans to enlist into the Barbados Defence Force.

The departure of these fine

men who have contributed so very much to army life both professionally and on the sports field will be a sad loss.

The Barbadians were pleased to have as their guests, Brigadier D B H Colley CBE, Commander Transport 1st British Corps and Mrs Colley, Colonel Rudyard Lewis, Chief of Staff of the Barbados Defence Force who made the journey from Barbados, and Lieutenant Colonel R J Felton RCT, Commanding Officer, 10 Corps Transport Regiment RCT and Mrs Felton.

The celebrations started with a 50-over cricket match between current army and BAOR Barbadian players, and past representative Barbadian players. Some 500 runs were scored with the serving Barbadians emerging as winners. The response to the event was so good that the possibility of making the reunion an Annual event is being investigated. In a few years there may

be a reunion in Barbados.

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FROM Berlin comes news of a new cocktail which owes its inspiration to the dark green sash on the mess dress of the Women's Royal Army Corps. Named 'Lioness' the new cocktail was created by Horst, the cocktail specialist at the Services' Edinburgh House Hotel and for those who want to try it out we offer the recipe.

Ingredients: 1 measure (4cl) Bacardi, $\frac{1}{2}$ measure (2cl) Cointreau, 1 measure (4cl) Blue Curacao, 1 measure (4cl) Lemon Juice, 1 small bottle Orange Juice.

Method: With plenty of ice cubes (definitely not crushed ice as this dilutes the final drink), put all ingredients in a shaker and shake well. If no shaker available it can be stirred. Adjust depth of colour if required by adding more Blue Curacao. Strain and serve in a Paris goblet, with a straw and decorate with spiked orange, lemon slices and a cherry.

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EARL Mountbatten of Burma, the war hero killed by Irish terrorists, is to be commemorated by a statue to be unveiled by the Queen on Foreign Office Green,

adjacent to Horse Guards Parade, London, this week.

An official commemorative cover, designed by Franta Belsky, the sculptor of the statue and approved by the Ministry of Defence, is being produced. Each cover will feature the head of the statue and will bear a 15½p stamp cancelled by a special handstamp on the unveiling ceremony day.

Interestingly enough the 15½p stamp is not being used because someone forgot that first-class mail is now 16p but for aesthetic reasons. Its mauve colour blends in better with the blue envelope than the 16p (which is in brown).

SOLDIER readers who would like one of the covers should send £1.80 (UK and BFPO) or £2 (overseas) to J & M Arlington Ltd., 45 Lakenheath, London N14 9L.

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STILL on the subject of stamps the Trustees of the John Gilpin Trust have donated prizes for the National Army Museum's 'Design an Army Stamp' competition which runs until 15 January.

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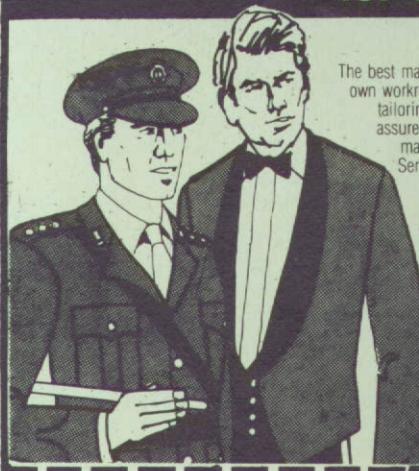
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**Journalist and TA officer,
Captain Willie Morrison reports
on a mass air and land exercise
in Scotland in atrocious weather.**

"Fair is foul, and foul is fair;
Hover through the fog and filthy air."

— Macbeth

VICTORY OVER THE ELEMENTS

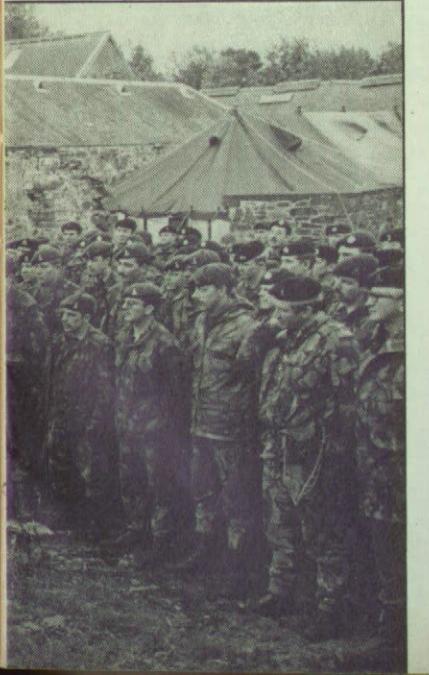
Blues and Royals officer confers with 1 Para prior to bridge assault.



Brigadier Jeapes (left) discusses operations with Brigade Air Staff Officer.



Major-General Howlett addresses staff after the exercise is over.



MACBETH'S Witches would have been in their element on Cairnscarro moor, South West Scotland, not long after the Para pathfinder force dropped in during the night. Thunder, lightning and lashing rain stalked the remote Galloway peninsula as the 39-strong pathfinder team dug in with the aim of securing dropping zones for their colleagues of 3 Para and 1 Para in the opening stages of Exercise Winged Victory.

"Conditions were difficult," remarked DZ safety officer Major Richard Beattie after a successful but somewhat hair-raising drop.

Major Beattie, TA company commander with 10 Para added: "Fortunately the wind dropped to 10 knots just before the time of the drop — just within the safety limits. The aircraft came on time and flew over the marks accurately, but the wind caught the parachutists and they landed well downwind of the planned dropping zone.

They did the best in the circumstances prevailing and nobody was hurt. As it was, 20

minutes later conditions got worse, away beyond safe dropping limits."

The pathfinders had to lie in hiding for three nights before the wild Scottish weather abated sufficiently for 3 Para to drop beside the Royal Aircraft Establishment's airfield at West Freugh at first light followed early the same afternoon by 1 Para who dropped on nearby Cairnscarro.

A further 45 sorties by RAF Hercules transports airlifted men of 1st Battalion, The Royal Hampshire Regiment, together with artillery, engineers and

'O Group' for paras at the sharp end.

various logistic units, into RAE West Freugh to support the parachute assault.

As the name implies, the exercise which involved about 5000 service personnel, was to a great extent air mounted.

Its main aim was to practise Aldershot based 5 Infantry Brigade and 38 Group RAF in a joint out of area operation supporting British interests in 'Upland Island', a friendly third world state suffering from political unrest.

An important feature of the exercise was the establishment at Castle Kennedy, a former airfield of a Joint Forces Headquarters, following consolidation of the airhead and surrounding area. The HQ is intended to take command and control an overseas operation at a point where the Brigade Commander needs to be relieved of the larger aspects of joint service co-ordination, logistic problems and the politico/military decisions to get on with the land campaign.

The exercise included the physical evacuation by air of refugee 'British Nationals' from

'Glentrool Province', where most of the action took place over Forestry Commission and private land. According to the exercise narrative the evacuees were employees and families of a British-owned oil exploration and uranium mining company called MOGUL. Among those who took part enthusiastically in this role were over 20 members of the WRAC.

RAF Waddington, transferred for exercise purposes to 'Upland's' confederate state of 'Walencia', acted as a forward mounting base, from which 13 Hercules flew night and day during the early stages to support the task force.

In addition to parachute drops and airlanding sorties, together with heliborne assaults within 'Glentrool' by Chinook and Puma helicopters, air support for 5 Brigade and its allies included air strikes by RAF Jaguar jet fighters. Also in support were Scout and Gazelle helicopters of the Army Air Corps.

Tidworth-based 1 Infantry Brigade, the United Kingdom Mobile Force (Land), provided exercise control, the umpire organisation and the enemy, whose attempts at subversion were aided by A-10 attack aircraft of the USAF, operating from RAF Leuchars in Fife.

The enemy, who wore cap comforters as their distinguishing feature, included men from 1 Glosters, 3 Light Infantry, 4 Royal Tank Regiment, 16/5 Lancers and a TA platoon from 2 Wessex Volunteers.

The LSL Sir Lancelot landed tracked reconnaissance vehicles of the Blues and Royals, together with assorted engineering equipment by Mexeflote at Finnart Bay, in Loch Ryan.

Men of a local TA unit, A Squadron, The Queen's Own Yeomanry, also joined in enthusiastically.

Driver and crew of one of the Scorpions.

siastically for four days, acting as 'Uplandian' troops supporting the British expedition.

Weather conditions throughout the exercise remained mainly hostile to both sides. As Sunderland-born Cpl Sam Fox (26), a Light Infantry section commander acting as a terrorist put it: "It's been bloody wet. We did a full night patrol early in the exercise and it poured all the time. We were like drowned rats."

The Army took every precaution possible to avoid causing damage to the environment and its ecology in what is recognised as an area of outstanding beauty and scientific interest.

"It's a learning game for everybody," said Squadron Leader Mike Hulyer, Brigade Air Staff Officer. "There are a lot of valuable lessons to be learned, not only from the exercise itself but from the post-exercise discussions. It demands close understanding and co-operation from all involved to achieve success."

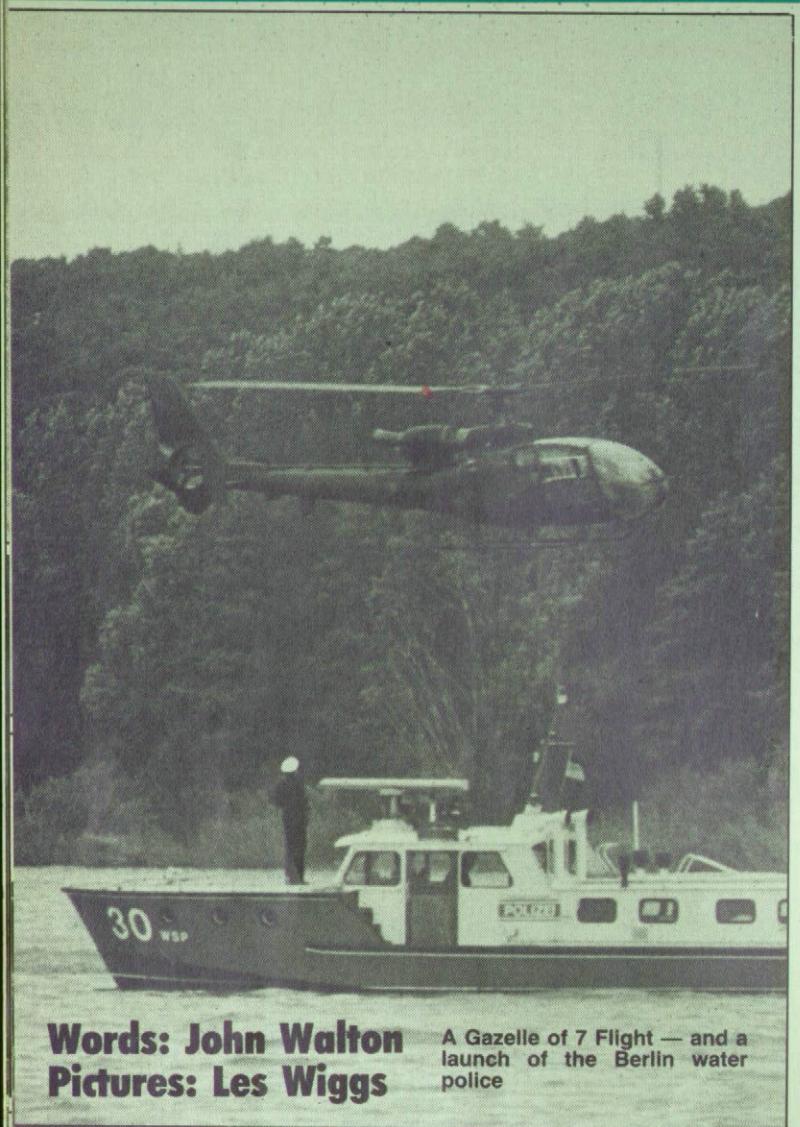
Brigadier Tony Jeapes, commanding 5 Brigade, who par-

achuted with Brigade HQ into West Freugh alongside 3 Para, praised the RAF involvement in the exercise.

"Their weather-forecasting especially was a masterpiece. We had to delay the drops for 36 hours and they got the 'weather-window' absolutely right."



ARMY AIR CORPS FAR AND WIDE



Words: John Walton
Pictures: Les Wiggs

A Gazelle of 7 Flight — and a launch of the Berlin water police

WOODLAND and waterways comprise a large section of West Berlin and the local water police who patrol river, lake and canal get regular help from Gazelle helicopters of 7 Flight Army Air Corps.

Every fortnight one of the AAC aircraft makes a special flight through the city's waterways watching out for pollution, abandoned boats and speeders in motor boats.

The helicopter is linked to the police radio control and police

HELP FOR BERLIN'S WATER POLICEMEN



Major Simon Gordon-Duff, Officer Commanding 7 Flight Army Air Corps, briefing Berlin water police before a patrol

CELEBRATIONS IN THE FALKLANDS

CURRENTLY the resident Army Air Corps Squadron in the Falklands, 651 recently celebrated the Corps' 26th Anniversary with a fly-past over Port Stanley. Shortly afterwards the unit vacated the familiar surroundings of its base at the Beaver hangar, at the Moody Brook end of Stanley, to take up residence at a new purpose-built facility closer to the new Lookout Camp.

The oldest Army Air Corps squadron 651 is equipped with the latest TOW missile-armed Westland Lynx helicopters as well as a small number of Gazelle general purpose helicopters.

Tasks in the Falklands include communications flying, replenishment of remote radar and missile sites, casualty evacuation, forward air control and armed reconnaissance.

Photo by Sgt Bob Foussert



launches are speedily sent to the scene of any incident. "We can cover the whole of the Berlin waterways in one hour — something which would take the police a much greater effort on waterways" says the Officer Commanding, Major Simon Gordon-Duff.

There are 100 kilometres of shipping lane in West Berlin and in addition to the barges there are 28,000 motor boats in the city. As one German policeman wryly observed: "You can almost step from one ship to another across the Havel at weekends."



A Scimitar of the Lilywhites lands on the shores of Denmark. Men from 1 PARA in action during a section attack. ▼

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EARLY 2000 men from the UK's commitment to the Allied Command Europe Mobile Force (AMF) were flown in more than 300 sorties to Europe's oldest kingdom, from whence Vikings once invaded our shores by long-boat, for four weeks of intensive manoeuvres during Exercise Ample Express in Denmark.

In all, 11,500 troops from seven countries — the UK, West Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and

the USA — were involved in the widespread exercise with the Danish Army, Air Force and Zealand Home Guard.

The British contribution to the land reputed to be the makers of 'probably the world's best lager' consisted of an infantry battalion group, a logistic support battalion and other combat and support troops totalling some 1800 men, most of the combat element being trained and kitted out for Arctic warfare.

Object of Ample Express was to practise the Force in its quick

reaction role. It was formed in 1960 with the purpose of making it quite clear to any actual or potential aggressor that an attack against one nation would constitute an attack against all Alliance members.

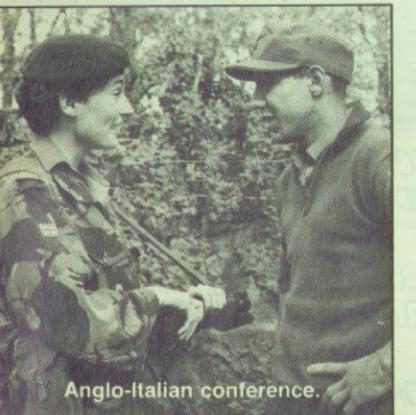
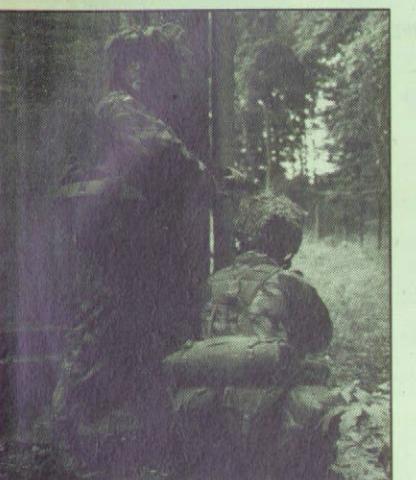
Of the 300 or so flights across the North Sea, 230 of them were made to the main reception field of Vaerloese, north-west of the country's capital Copenhagen.

In contrast to other flanks within NATO — the mountains of Norway and Turkey, for instance — the mainly flat countryside punctuated with low hills, streams and forests presented few obstacles to the combat-ready Force as it moved south to take up its defensive positions.

One of the player units, The Royal Hussars were quite convinced that anything was better than a life on the ocean wave when they were in action during Ample Express. They had made landfall after 60 hours aboard fairly small landing craft of the flat-bottom variety while tossed about in a Force Eight gale somewhere in the Baltic Approaches.

The Scimitars of 'C' Squadron, of 13th/18th Royal Hussars — 'The Lilywhites' — normally based at Herford in BAOR — acted as part of the enemy forces

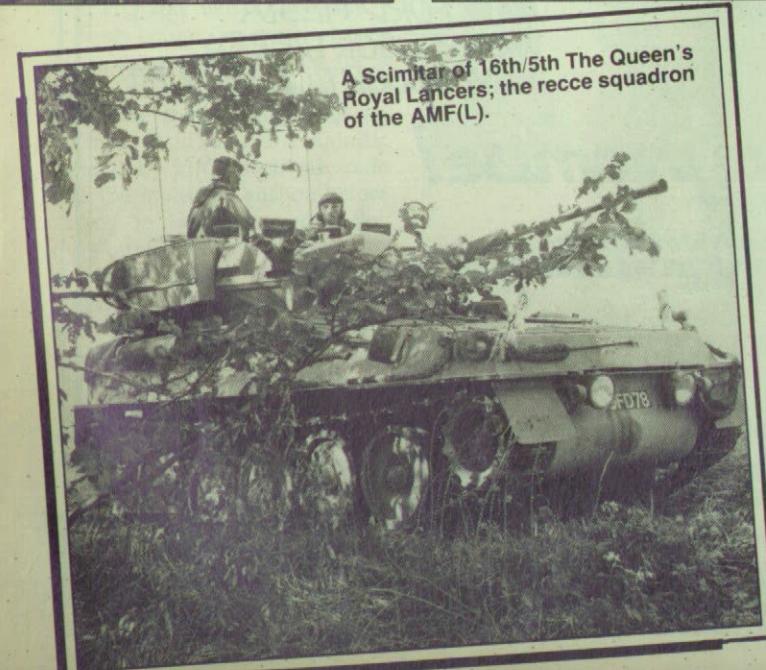
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Anglo-Italian conference.



Royal Signallers try to keep their feet dry during the landings.



A Scimitar of 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers; the recce squadron of the AMF(L).



Hay there! US Sergeant Clyde Wilson on perimeter defence.

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The Royal Marines of 45 Commando advance through the town.

shadowed by East Germans. However, the landing — a protracted affair — was achieved using Mexeflotes to ferry the vehicles from the landing craft against a persistently strong current. But, once ashore, the 'war' livened up. They were attacked during refuelling and had to make a quick move to survival.

As one of the Hussars confided later: "We did a couple of things we would not normally have done, like moving 25 kilometres in three hours on a five-kilometre front at night, though I suppose this was done for exercise purposes to speed things up."

One of them, Corporal Dave Griffiths was said to have come across a headquarters and then



Danish TOW detachment defends a vital Zealand cross-roads.

which involved them in an amphibious landing south of Copenhagen with the help of 45 Commando and the indigenous 2nd Zealand Life Regiment augmented by men from the Royal Signals from 4th Armoured Division HQ and Signal Regiment.

Even before the exercise main play, the Force had tried for a "dry" run on the north of Zealand but the weather took an unkind hand and the flotilla, headed by HMS Fearless, rode out the storm at anchor before sailing to Germany and a few days on dry land.

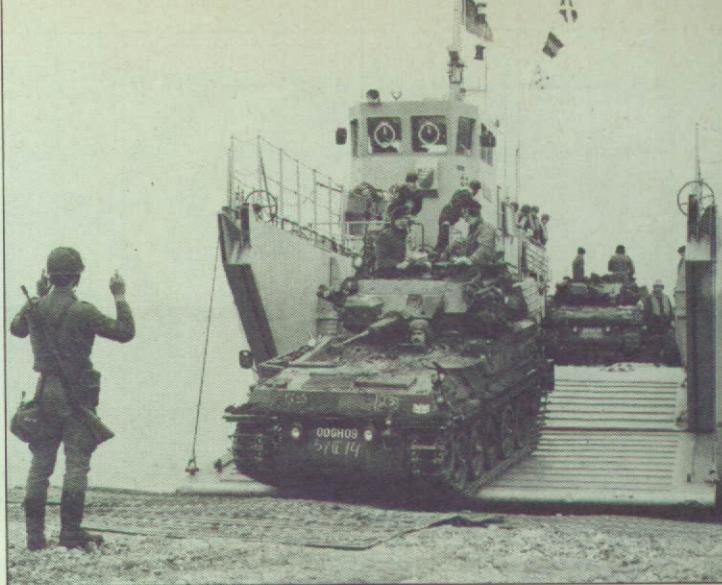
Staff Sergeant John Moore, from Bradford, commander of five Scimitars said: "It could have been tricky. The lead vehicle was swamped and had about a foot of water in it. It would have done no good at all if water had reached the top of the batteries."

A funny thing happened to the Lilywhites on their way to the invasion of Denmark. They were

Two more signallers, Sgt Tony Taylor (left) and Sgt Mike Davis get down to action.

spent "three hours taking out about 50 vehicles." Then a company of mechanised vehicles was "picked off" one by one as they tried to attack the signallers. Liaison with the signallers was close.

As for the signallers they never



thought they would be actually happy to be the infantry, according to one observer on Ample Express.

During that lengthy, choppy sail round the Danish coast aboard landing craft leading up to the "invasion", the signallers were quite proud that only two of their number had suffered from mal de mer.

Major Derek Howshall, OC of 2 Squadron, said: "We were here on a unit exchange last year but that was pretty low-key compared to what we have been doing this year. We had already established very good contact with the 2nd Tank Squadron of the Danish Life Regiment here, acting as the enemy during an escape-and-evasion exercise. We have now been capitalising on this and it was particularly useful during the run-up to the main exercise.

"We have been working on infantry-tank co-operation and the Danes laid on a particularly good exercise with their Centurion tanks and armoured personnel carriers with our boys acting

NATO togetherness; A British Scimitar with Danish liaison officer backs onto a German landing craft.

as infantry. Of course, this isn't something we would normally do and we have spent some time turning technicians, operators and linemen into an infantry company."

He added: "They have all done their basic training but infantry work is something you can forget if you are not doing it constantly so we have been revis-



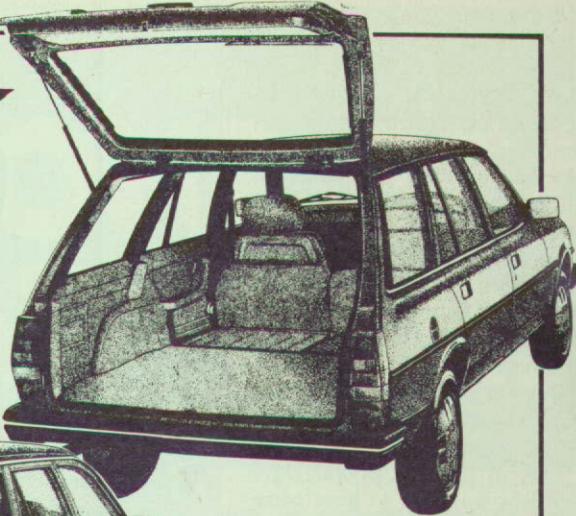
Sgt Mick Barron, Royal Signals, takes to the role of infantryman.

ing and getting back to basics at section and platoon level."

And the basics worked out quite well for them. Even the Yorkshire-recruited Hussars were very complimentary about how they acquitted themselves in their changed role. The signallers successfully established a bridgehead and attacked some 20 miles inland . . . managing to capture two APCs!

Co-operation was in good shape with the locals, too. Major Howshall recalled: "Things had gone very quiet and they had

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Dig this! Spadework being done by a 1 PARA member.

cooked stew for the lads. Of course, just as they were bringing out the coffee things suddenly started happening and we had to move off."

Although they had several successes on the local front, like frustrating the attempts of three heliborne assaults, the cards were slowly being stacked against them.



A Danish M.113 APC with false gun barrel plays an enemy tank.

By the third night reinforcements were arriving for Denmark with input from the seven nations.

One player said: "As the armoured attacks built up it seemed a good time to lose interest and make a series of quick moves out under fire. The signallers were a bit frustrated at not having to fight an infantry battle but at least after landing with their feet dry, the exercise ended before they were flung back into the sea they had so thankfully forsaken a few days previously."

SOLDIER writer GRAHAM SMITH and photographer PAUL HALEY visited the annual assembly of US-based British Army Exchange and Liaison Officers during their three-day Washington D.C. convention to find out a little more about . . .

THE 'LIMEY' CONNECTION

THE BRITISH Army has two exchange officers serving on an American Army base in Texas which has only 8000 fewer personnel within its 340 square-mile confines than the total of British soldiers stationed in BAOR.

Earlier this month, the two of them — Major Richard Hoare of The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars and Captain Peter Bolton of the Army Air Corps — flew from Fort Hood and its 47,000-strong military population to attend a three-day British Army Staff convention held at the British Embassy in Washington D.C.

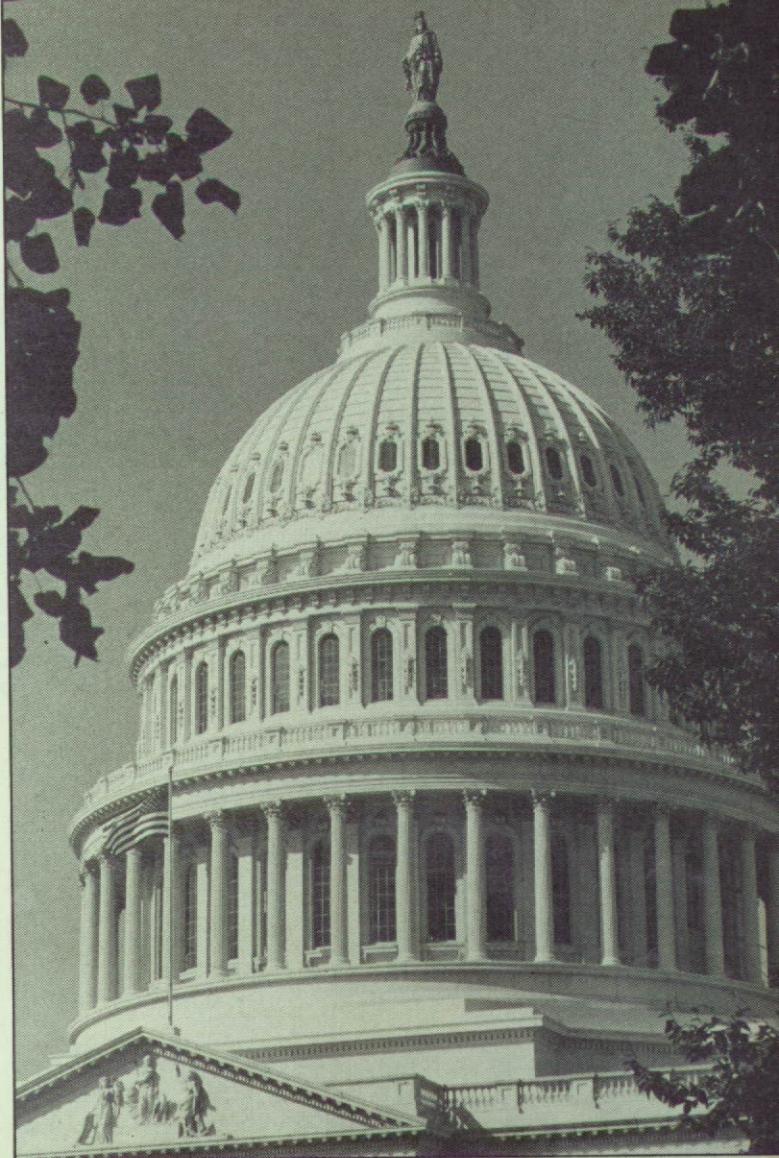
Converging with them on the nation's capital were 36 others like them — all exchange officers — and seven exchange senior NCOs for the annual pilgrimage considered by the Embassy's British Defence Staff headed by Major-General Tony Boam as their only way to keep abreast of Britain's latest trends in military equipment and thinking.

For, as Major Mike Smart, Scots Guards, a staff officer at the six-storey building opened by the Queen in 1957, allegorised: "The world stops five miles outside of Fort Hood, Texas, and

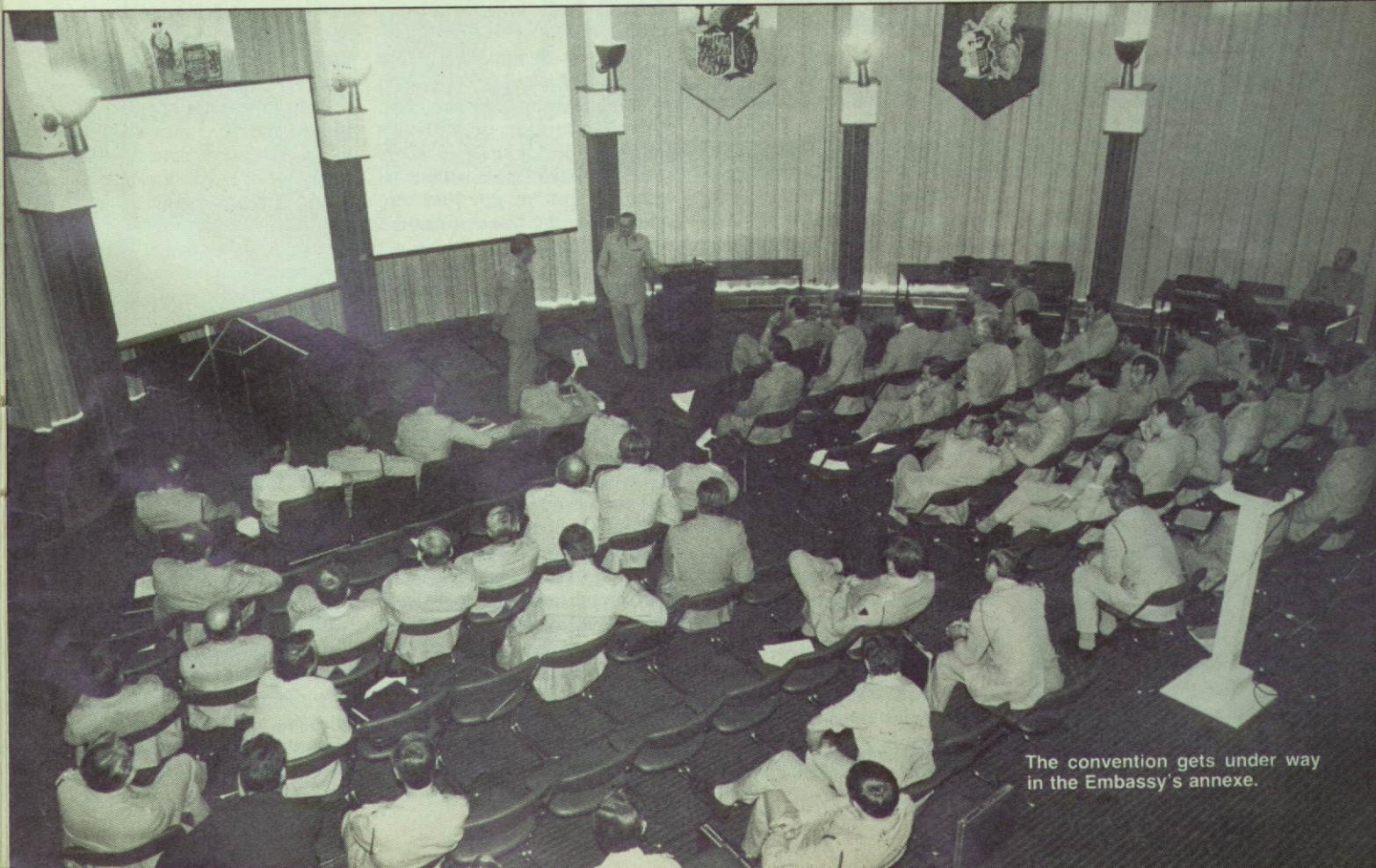
other American bases like it. We do keep our chaps in touch, though, in a deal we have concluded with one British national paper which they receive throughout the year — the Daily Telegraph."

Currently, in the United States the British Army has 39 Exchange officers and eight exchange senior NCOs dotted around 26 locations in the eastern and south-eastern part of the country. Added to this are 14 Liaison Officers (LOs), three of

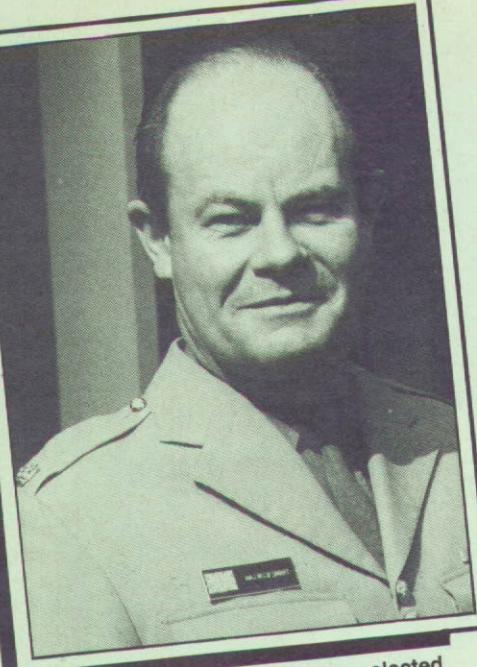
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The Capitol, Washington D.C. with its 96-foot diameter rotunda.



The convention gets under way in the Embassy's annex.



Maj Mike Smart, SG: "EOs are selected because they have the experience the Americans need."

them at the Embassy and two at the 92-acre Pentagon. In all, there are 469 UK-based staff working in 36 States including Alaska and Hawaii; the largest contingent being in Virginia.

While the LOs do three-year tours, the EOIs have two-year engagements. All have their wives and children with them.

In each case the EOIs are hand-picked for their posts for their expertise, having crossed the Atlantic because the American Army has a particular need for their specialised knowledge to set up specific projects. They can expect to stay from 18 months to two years.

A handful of Royal Engineer sappers, for instance, have been involved in widely scattered schemes such as work on an MX test facility; a massive dam; waterworks for the Mississippi; and even a spaghetti junction.

Until recently there were two project officers on the MLRS (Multi-Launch Rocket System), comprising an exchange officer from the REME and another

from the RA. The vehicle development segment completed, the REME adviser has returned to Britain while the gunner has stayed on.

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S. Sgt Pete Bromley, RCT: "It's a useful background for a Brit. dealing with the AMF back home."

absolutely no regrets about serving over here. The exchange scheme for senior NCOs is something to encourage."

Winner of several catering competitions as an exchange NCO at the Quartermaster School at Fort Lee in Virginia, Warrant Officer 2 Graham Smith said: "I think the EO scheme is an invaluable experience and gives you confidence in yourself. It's an opportunity that is unique. I was selected from a nine-candidate selection board for my job as a culinary instructor running two-week basic courses to culinary workshops and displays. My wife, Heather, had to sit another board with me before final acceptance."

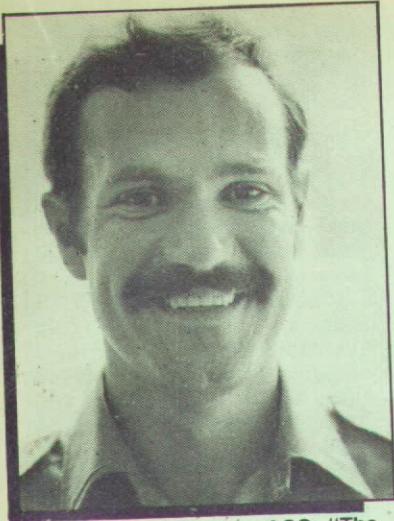
"My experience over here has helped me to understand and appreciate the British Army more and it's been a challenge I would not have missed."

While in the States, WO2 Smith has developed a liking for marathons, having run in three including one for the Embassy staff and the other in Honolulu, Hawaii. His next posting, however, is to BAOR and the 17th/21st Lancers in Münster.

Another exchange senior NCO is Warrant Officer 2 Mike Gossage, of The Queen's Own Hussars, a tank gunnery instructor at Fort Knox some 500 miles from Washington D.C. for the past 18 months. He was formerly an instructor at the Royal Armoured Corps Centre at Lulworth.

WO 2 Gossage is currently instructing on the latest of American tanks with six blocks of lessons each lasting up to eleven hours and involving some 80 students at a time, many from the Arab States and Third World countries.





WO2 Graham Smith, ACC: "The EO scheme is a unique experience for NCOs."

He said: "It really has been a fantastic job and I do a lot of things out here that, in the British Army, a commissioned officer would do. But I feel our instruction methods are miles ahead of theirs having been a tank instructor for 14 years and involved with the Improved Fire Control System (IFCS) development for our tanks.

"There are a number of lessons I shall be taking back like range determination which we don't do and AFV recognition — I'm taking back 400 slides on that. They are more conscious of what Ivan is going to do and that instils their will to learn.

"I've been made an honorary member of the NCO Association of America and they recently paid for a trip for my wife, Doreen, and my three teenage

children to go to Las Vegas to attend a convention there. The military are very community-orientated out here and they do more for it than we do. I really enjoy it and I'm doing a lot of work for handicapped children. It's a side of my life I didn't know existed."

Lieutenant-Colonel Graham Monk, RA, who has been an LO based in Washington D.C. for the past four years and is married to an American, said of the exchange and liaison officer scheme: "It's a two-way flow and it must be a two-way flow. There is a tremendous enthusiasm and dynamic energy among the Americans and this is very evident in the Services and, particularly, their Army."

But he did suggest certain areas of "mediocre man management" resulting in the lack of middle strata officers such as captains and majors. "They seem to be concerned with their careers and the necessity to get paper qualifications rather than learning the art of soldiering."

Colonel Monk who leaves the Army next month to take up an appointment as a senior consultant to an American firm dealing with military studies and the Department of Defence, added: "I think the EO and LO schemes are absolutely essential and our officers are held in very high esteem by the American Army especially since the Falklands."

Wives on the town . . . on the interior steps of the capital's Library of Congress.



Major Iain Whittington, RE: "Our activities are purely social in nature."

TIS an exclusive in-scene military coterie called WAIJO. It meets monthly near Washington D.C. at a place called Fort Myer in Virginia and boasts about 150 members from 22 countries.

WAIJO is the acronym of the Washington Association of International Junior Officers — those in the rank of major and below — and its social secretary or activi-

ties officer until this month was a Royal Engineer, Major Iain Whittington.

The members pay twenty dollars a year to enjoy a variety of social events in a non-political setting. For in addition to the inevitable Embassy parties there have been soccer matches pitting NATO members against "The Rest of the World", shooting competitions using West German weapons, bus excursions to the US Military Academy at West Point, visits to the US Naval Academy for football fixtures and formal military dances.

British block membership, it is understood, numbers eight; four Army and four Royal Navy and the five-man committee is headed by an Australian, with an American vice-president, Canadian secretary, West German treasurer and, until now, Major

Whittington as Activities Officer. His place in that role is taken on by a female USAF captain.

Other member nations are Bulgaria, Chile, Czechoslovakia, France, Denmark, Hungary, Korea, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Poland, Spain, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and the Soviet Union.

Major Whittington said: "Our Association's purpose is to give junior military officers and their families a greater opportunity to meet, know and enjoy the company of officers of similar rank and interests from the many countries represented in the Washington D.C. international community and to encourage them to take full advantage of the social and cultural opportunities attendant to a posting in the United States national capital area.

"Our activities are purely social in nature. The club is not officially sponsored by any nation although through the good offices of the various members of our organisation we are occasionally permitted the use of facilities at embassies in support of our social functions.

"The business of the Association is conducted at a monthly 'happy hour' and we normally enjoy at least one additional social activity, frequently including our wives and families. Membership in the profession of arms is our common bond. Camaraderie and good fellowship are the essences of our Association."

"For me — I'm posted shortly back to London and the Ministry of Defence in my world of mapping survey — it's been good fun and a good way to meet contemporaries from other nations."

WASHINGTON'S WAIJO — a club for all seasons



ANNE ARMSTRONG

NOBODY WANTS to give the Inland Revenue more than they are entitled to. However human your taxman may seem these days, he is still taking a cut from your hard-earned wages and that's often hard to accept.

As in so many other areas, the problems seem to be worse if you are a Service dependant overseas and have been lucky enough to find yourself a job as a locally employed civilian or teacher. So it pays to know exactly where you stand.

EXAMPLE ONE:

PRIVATE (Cl 1, Band 2, Scale B) with wife employed as a
DEPENDANT GRADE C3. (20 yrs and over — on engagement)

Private's annual salary	£5785
Wife's annual salary	£3249
Total (World) Income	£9034
a. Husband's UK tax liability	£1002
Tax liability if total income was taxed at UK rates with full allowances	£1507

Applying formula A = £5785
B = £9034
C = £1507

b.
$$\frac{A}{B} \times C = \frac{£5785}{£9034} \times 1507$$

£965

Since a. is higher than b. the husband's tax liability remains at £1002 and he pays no more tax as a result of his wife working.

EXAMPLE THREE:

ARMY CORPORAL (Cl 1, Band 2, Scale B) with wife employed as an LET (locally employed teacher) on Incremental Point 13

Corporal's annual salary	£7344
Wife's annual salary	£5543
Total (World) Income	£12,887
a. Husband's UK tax liability	£1470
Tax liability if total income was taxed at UK rates with full allowances	£2663

Apply formula A = £7344
B = £12,887
C = £2663

£1518

b.
$$\frac{A}{B} \times C = \frac{£7344}{£12,887} \times £2663$$

Since b. is higher than a. the husband's tax liability would be increased by £48 per annum as a result of his wife working.

The most common complaint is that the dependant's (usually the wife's) earnings are in fact being taxed through the husband's tax bill since ALL her earnings must be declared on her husband's tax return. This is not so however, even though their joint income is declared.

The problem is that Forces personnel or UK-based civilians who are serving abroad for a period that includes a complete income tax year are regarded as being non-resident in UK even though their pay is still liable to UK tax.

As non-residents, employees are not entitled to any personal tax relief and any UK liable income is chargeable in full at the basic or higher rate of tax — unless he/she claims under Section 27 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970.

Section 27 is not a tax charging section but is a section that can give an eligible non-UK resident part of the personal allowances to which a UK resi-

dent is entitled, against the part of his income chargeable to UK tax. It allows the non-resident to claim tax allowances as long as these allowances do not reduce the tax payable to less than that which would be due on the proportion of total world income which the UK income bears to the total.

Obviously then, the world income (the total income of husband and wife) is vital to the calculation of tax under Section 27 and the important thing to remember is that you will not necessarily end up paying extra tax by declaring your wife's earnings — apart from the fact that such a declaration is part of the conditions of service for locally employed teachers.

Nothing convinces as clearly as figures though and the following simplified formula shows how the calculation of tax under Section 27 is actually made:

If we take
A as Income liable to UK tax
B as World Income and

C as Tax that would be payable if the World Income was taxed at UK rates with the full UK allowances.

The formula used is $\frac{A}{B} \times C$

If you then insert your own income figures into the formula, you can prove to yourself your wife's earnings will add more to your tax bill.

I have been sent a set of examples that I'm sure will help you work out your individual situations and have included these for you to cut out and keep for future reference. I hope they will go some way to reducing the confusion about dependant's tax situation which, judging from your letters, has been causing a great deal of worry and puzzlement.

The examples assume an exchange rate of Dm 4.20 to the £ and are based on a married man's personal allowance of £2445, a wife's earned income allowance of £1565, with basic rate tax of 30 per cent on the first £12,800 of taxable income.

EXAMPLE TWO:

ARMY CORPORAL (Cl 1, Band 2, Scale B) with wife employed as an LET (locally employed teacher) on Incremental Point 4

Corporal's annual salary	£7344
Wife's annual salary	£4463
Total (World) Income	£11,807
a. Husband's UK tax liability	£1470

Tax liability if total income was taxed at UK rates with full allowances

Applying formula A = £7344
B = £11,807
C = £2339

b.
$$\frac{A}{B} \times C = \frac{£7344}{£11,807} \times £2339$$

£1455

Since a. is higher than b. the husband's tax liability remains at £1470 and he pays no more tax as a result of his wife working.

EXAMPLE FOUR:

MAJOR (on appointment) with wife employed as an LET on Incremental Point 15

Major's annual salary	£12,103
Wife's annual salary	£5,814
Total (World) Income	£17,917
a. Husband's UK tax liability	£2897

Tax liability if total income was taxed at UK rates with full allowance

Applying formula A = £12,103
B = £17,917
C = £4283

b.
$$\frac{A}{B} \times C = \frac{£12,103}{£17,917} \times £4283$$

£2893

Since a. is higher than b. the husband's tax liability remains at £2897 and he pays no more tax as a result of his wife working.

YOUR BODY AND YOU

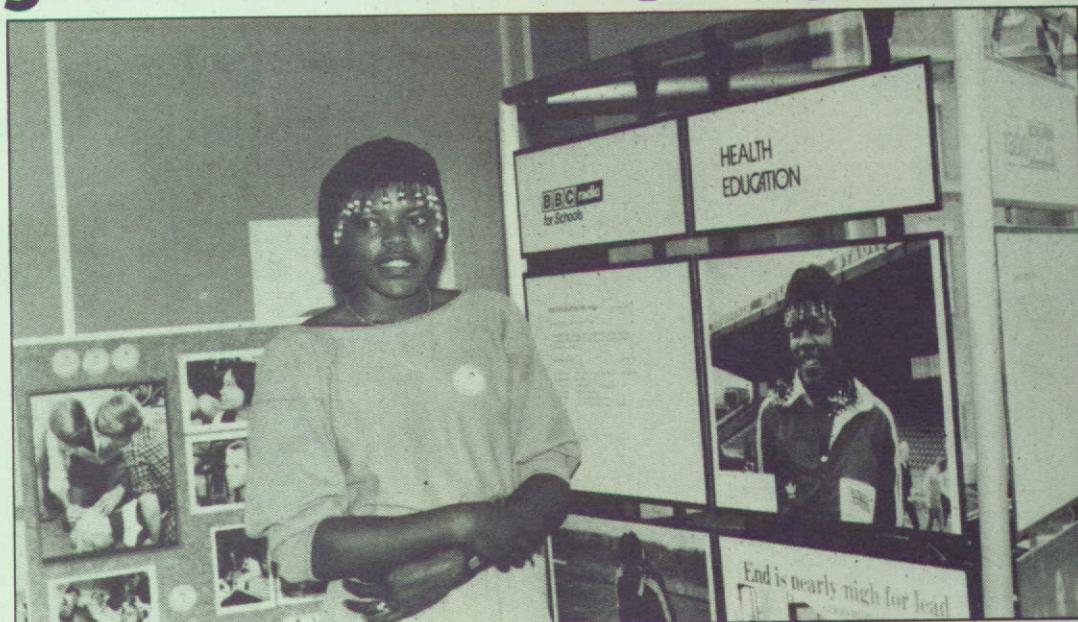
— a fun guide to fitness for youngsters

JUDY LIVERMORE, a silver medallist in the 1982 Commonwealth Games is trying to show children that there is more to life if you are fit and healthy.

Judy has teamed up with BBC Schools Radio to make a new series called *My Body* which is linked to the Health Education Council's *My Body* project and which will be broadcast this Autumn. As she launched the project, Judy said that she hoped her involvement would help prevent children from smoking by showing them that there is more to life than cigarettes.

A recently published report revealed that a staggering £60,000,000 went up in smoke last year, spent on cigarettes by children under 16 in UK. Some of the youngsters who are represented by the statistics in the report have effectively signed their own death warrants and will suffer early deaths as a result of starting to smoke so early. For those who start smoking before they are 15 years old the risk of an early death is two to three times higher even than those who start later.

This sixty million pound habit on which so many of our youngsters are hooked has been the subject of a Health Education Council extensive research project. The work has taken three



Silver medallist, Judy Livermore, adds her support to the Health Education Council's *My Body* project.
(Pic courtesy of HEC)

years and has culminated in the launch of the *My Body* project, directed at what appears to be the most vulnerable age group, the 10-12s.

My Body concentrates on explaining to these children how their bodies work and how such things as smoking and increasing pollution can harm them. The children are introduced to a good deal of basic science, often by practical activities, through the project and it is also designed to include other areas of general curriculum such as drama, en-

vironmental studies and creative writing.

It was originally introduced to England in 1975, based on work carried out in California, but has since been adapted to meet the needs of our children in UK. Sheffield Local Education Authority undertook the necessary research and evaluation of the project and it has been trialed extensively in 12 Local Education Authorities, comprising 200 schools with a total of around 10,000 children aged 9-12 years. It has proved popular with pupils and parents as well as the teachers and has now been launched nationwide.

It was encouraging that, during the research for the project, the children involved proved to have a keen interest and concern for their health and the state of their bodies. One part of the research in which 270 children were divided into two groups, one group doing the project and the other not, showed that two years later only 35 of the children who had participated in the project took their first puff during that time compared with 57 in the other group.

The children, it appeared, were not just concerned with their own bodies. A separate study of the parents revealed that in 139 out of 176 homes where one or both parents smoked, the children asked their parents to stop.

A further survey of 1500 parents showed that their children's influence is, along with advertisements, cost, doctors' advice and minor illness, an im-

portant factor in the decision to give up smoking.

The project aims to educate the young about the dangers of smoking and to stop them starting to smoke in the first place. A report published by the Journal of General Medical Practitioners showed that only three shops out of the 40 visited by researchers displayed the signs sent out in 1981 by the Tobacco Advisory Council warning of the dangers of smoking. Many of those who were selling cigarettes to the under-16s were not aware of the rules and tended to believe that it was the child, not them, who was contravening the law.

So education is a must if we are to stop our children smoking. *My Body* material includes a classroom pack, workcards, information cards and the smoking fact file which are all designed to make the project exciting and fun as well as informative. There is also a games pack which is designed to reinforce what they have learnt in earlier sessions.

The Omnibus Pack, which contains samples of all the material available at a reduced price, is being sent to all overseas commands for Service children and the Health Education Council is giving £3000 to help train and run courses for those interested in teaching the project in a Local Education Authority area.

Full details of the project, cost of the packs and the *My Body* publicity leaflet are available from the Health Education Council, 78 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1AH.

DID YOU KNOW?

THERE ARE ALMOST 6000 assisted places at certain independent schools in England and Wales.

The scheme is designed to benefit academically able children whose parents cannot afford the full tuition fees. Assistance with day tuition fees is available on a sliding scale linked to family income and some families may also be eligible for help with other expenses such as school meals, travel to and from school and uniform costs. Boarding fees are not included in the scheme but some schools may be prepared to offer you help with boarding fees themselves.

Assisted places are open to both boys and girls — normally of 11 or 13 years of age — whatever type of school they have attended previously, although schools are required to offer a majority of assisted places to pupils from maintained schools. Some assisted places are also available for pupils going straight into the sixth form.

As a guide, parents with a relevant income of less than £5616 for the 1982-83 tax year will not have to pay anything for the school year 1983-84. Relevant income is normally calculated on the total income (before tax) from all sources of both parents and any unearned income from their dependent children less an allowance for each dependent child or relative.

But should you be considering an assisted place for your child, full details are available on request from the Department of Education and Science, Room 3/65, Elizabeth House, York Road, London SE1 7PH. The DES will be able to supply a list of schools offering assisted places and the application procedures for taking advantage of the scheme.

THIS TIME the accent and audience attention was firmly riveted on leggy, blonde vocalists and equally delectable dance groups when the Combined Services Entertainment organisation held one of its periodic auditions in a tiny stage on the second floor of a civil service building in London.

Up front, in the wooden chaired front row were nine bemused Chelsea Pensioners — one with ten 'gongs' — the oldest 84. The liveliest was Greville Fry, a 72-year-old former corporal in the Rifle Brigade in the Thirties and now a keen amateur vulcanologist (he studies volcanoes) or he's off to the Canary

STAFF writer GRAHAM SMITH and photographer PAUL HALEY sat in on a London audition session for young entertainers — many of them female vocalists and dance groups — who were performing for a chance to entertain the Forces with CSE and a greater career of...

Going for a song

Two of the girls from the Lovers group.



please which had the venerable gents in red coats tapping their feet, seven out of the nine veterans visually aided by spectacles.

Behind them, overcoats or macs on their laps, a clutch of sombre-suited, impassive showbiz agents sizing up the potential of those performing before them to the accompaniment of pianist and musical director, Don Hunt, backed up by a guitarist and drummer.

The long-limbed girls, alluring in their various outfits, were singing or dancing their hearts out in ten-minute efforts to

Campbell and Reid, two aspiring singer/guitarists: booked.

well in the Falklands, Belize or Northern Ireland where the lads may be posted unaccompanied," said Gordon.

"Graduates" from the CSE circuit have included names like Jim Davidson — "keen to get back to the Falklands again" — Stefanie Lawrence, Paul Daniels and currently, singer Iris Williams.

CSE sponsors 54 shows a year and handles some 500 artistes. Messrs Agutter and Clarke also scour summer season and club acts the length and breadth of the country but "only a small percentage" make it, they say.

Among the talent under test on stage were five girls like Kit Rolfe, 25, from Bradford and Johannah née Heaney, a 22-year-old spare parts car driver from West Bromwich. All were vying for the chance to entertain the Forces with CSE — it was formed from ENSA in 1946 — in venues as far afield as the Falklands, Belize, Norway, BAOR, and Cyprus.

As Gordon Clarke pointed out: "They have to have youth. A good voice. A good figure and, most essential, the ability to socialise in the various clubs and messes after the shows."

Romance has beckoned for two of the girls, he said. They were now married to RAF Harrier and Puma pilots.

"Some acts we audition would not be suitable for family shows. Swinging breasts and high-kicking girls may not go down well in Cyprus, Decimomannu in Sardinia or BAOR but would go down



Vulcanologist Chelsea Pensioner Fry and pals give approval.



Barely concealed Secret Combination — a speciality act.



Terry Green, comic and impressionist.



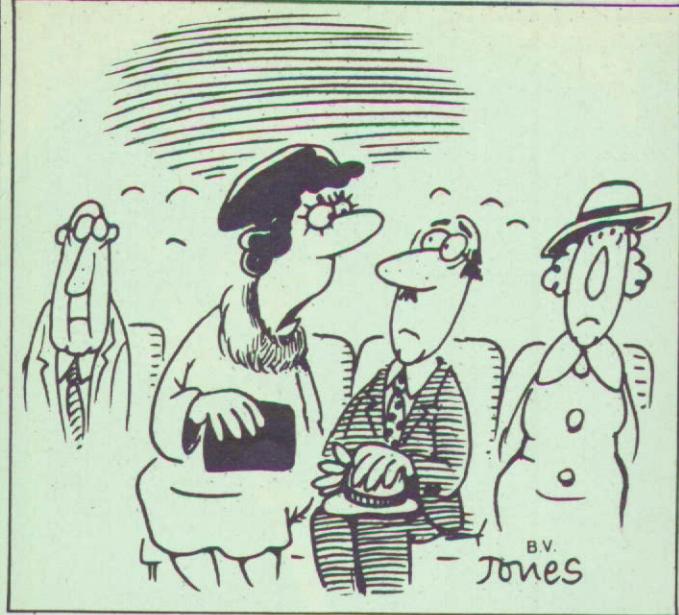
Campbell and Reid, two aspiring singer/guitarists: booked.



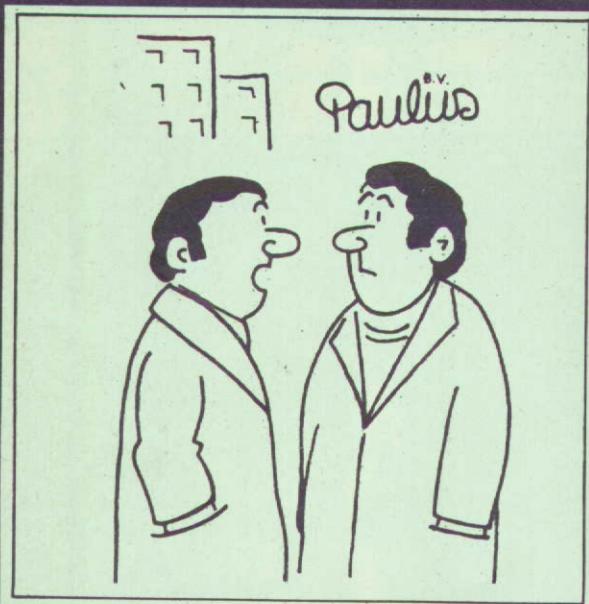
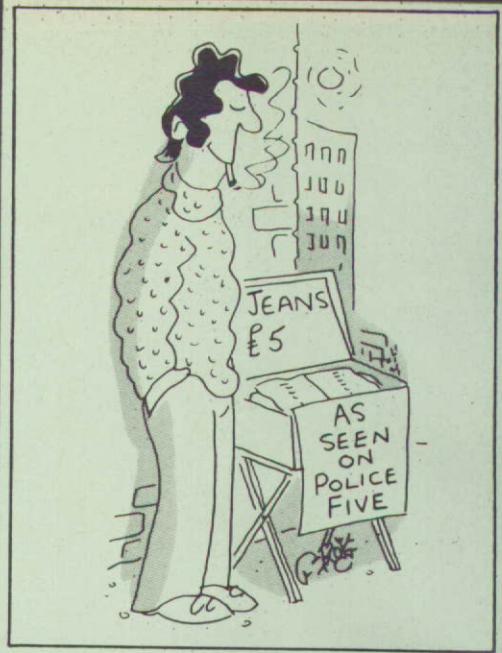
Suspender-and-stockinged group Lovers do their dance routine.



Singer Vicky Watson gives her all in full voice.

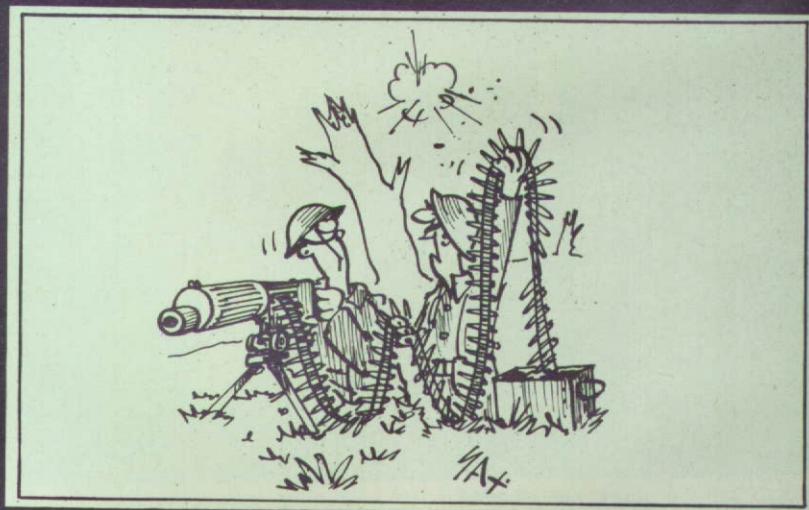


"... and remember, keep quiet for the National Anthem.
With a voice like yours, it's treason."



"I used to design mazes,
but it wasn't leading me anywhere."

Humour



"Say 'when' . . ."



"Quite frankly Ug, I don't care if we do
become extinct — turn over and go to sleep".



"The stew's a bit watery today . . ."

ST. GEORGE SCORES AGAIN!

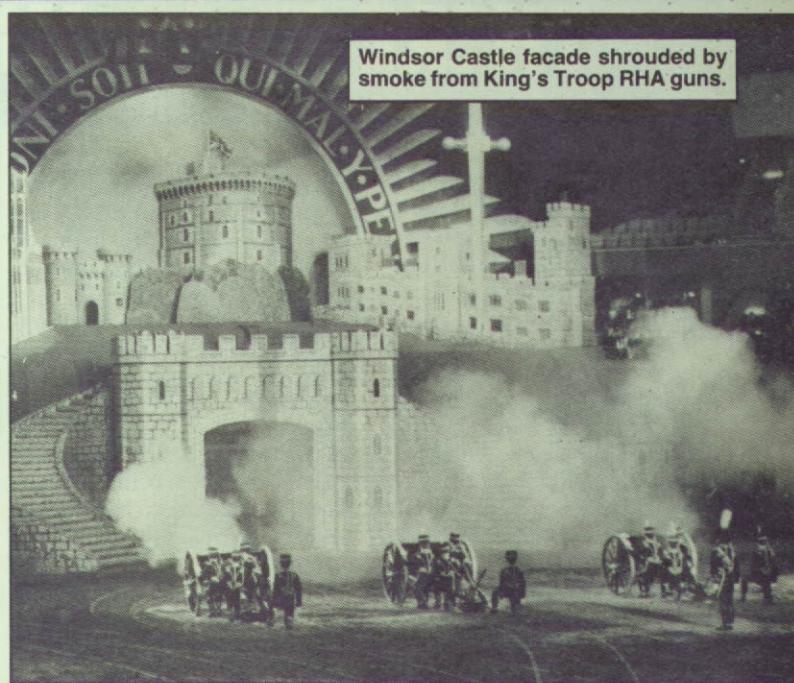


AS the bands marched out playing Berliner Luft for the twelfth time, five thousand pairs of hands gave them a resounding send off and the British salute to Berlin was over for another year.

For six days the Deutschlandhalle in Berlin had reverberated to the sounds of twenty-one bands, eight guns and the galloping hooves of seventy horses, while five hundred soldiers of the British Berlin Garrison left their usual duties to put on greasepaint and costume and go into show business.

Nothing was more fascinating than the duel between St George (alias Lieutenant Colonel Alec Jackson, Riding Master for the Household Cavalry) and the dragon — the true star of the show . . . even though he lost this 'action replay' (left).

Words: Pam Huggett
Pictures: Klaus Marche



Writer JOHN MARGETTS and photographer Doug Pratt were fascinated by a visit to the National Army Museum, which is not after your money, but would welcome YOUR support, and . . .



THERE IS SO MUCH TO SEE!

THE London-based National Army Museum, which tells the story of the Army over the past 400 years, is not getting the support it deserves — especially from the Army.

It's not your money they are after — although that always comes in handy according to Director Mr Bill Reid — but your attendance now and again.

Some 70,000 people a year walk the galleries in the nearly new £1.8 million building, but few of them are serving soldiers.

Mostly it is school children on educational tours and the "old and bold" on memory lane treks.

"We are very disappointed in the attendance figures and the lack of interest shown in us by the Army," said Mr Reid.

"Our best days are Saturdays
A recruiting office — World War
One period.

and Sundays and during the summer when we estimate that about a third of our visitors are from overseas, a third from out of London and a third from in and around the capital.

"We feel that few of these visitors are serving soldiers and, since this place tells the story of the soldier, his life and times since 1485 — when Henry VII formed the Yeoman of the Guard — to last year's war in the Falklands, it would be no bad thing if soldiers took more interest."

What can you see at the museum? "Not a lot of 'hardware,'" said Dr Alan Guy, a young scientist who does the research for the museum.

"But we do have one of the largest collections of military uniforms in the world. In the uniform gallery alone we have more than 20,000 items on show.

"Our weapons gallery is the

The Museum art gallery. ▲ Badges and medals. ▶

first systematic attempt by any museum to trace the development of the hand-held weapons used by the British soldier from mediaeval times to the present day.

"Our art gallery houses a wonderful collection of 17th, 18th and 19th-century paintings and portraits by Reynolds, Romney, Beechey, Raeburn and Lawrence, but the main section of the museum displays the story of the Army.

"It's a two-part show from Yeoman of the Guard times up to 1914 with many eye-catching and colourful exhibits.

"From there the visitor progresses to the museum's new extension — opened last June — which displays in graphic detail the story of the soldier since those days."

In support of the hundreds of uniforms, weapons, medals and regalia are some very fine models backed by factual and informative audio-visual aids with commentary by Robert Hardy, well-known actor and broadcaster.

All-in-all it's well worth a visit next time you are in London and what is more it costs nothing to get in. It's free!

How to get there: the museum is in Royal Hospital Road, SW3 — next to the Royal Hospital, where the Chelsea Pensioners live — and can be approached by tube to Sloane Square and a ten-minute walk, or by bus Nos 11, 19 or 22 to Smith Street with a



short walk. The number 39 and 137 buses also pass close by. There is a car park alongside the museum and a coach lay-by in front and opening times are: Monday-Saturday 10am-5.30pm; Sunday 2pm-5.30pm.



British Officer on the North-West Frontier.



A scene from the trenches.

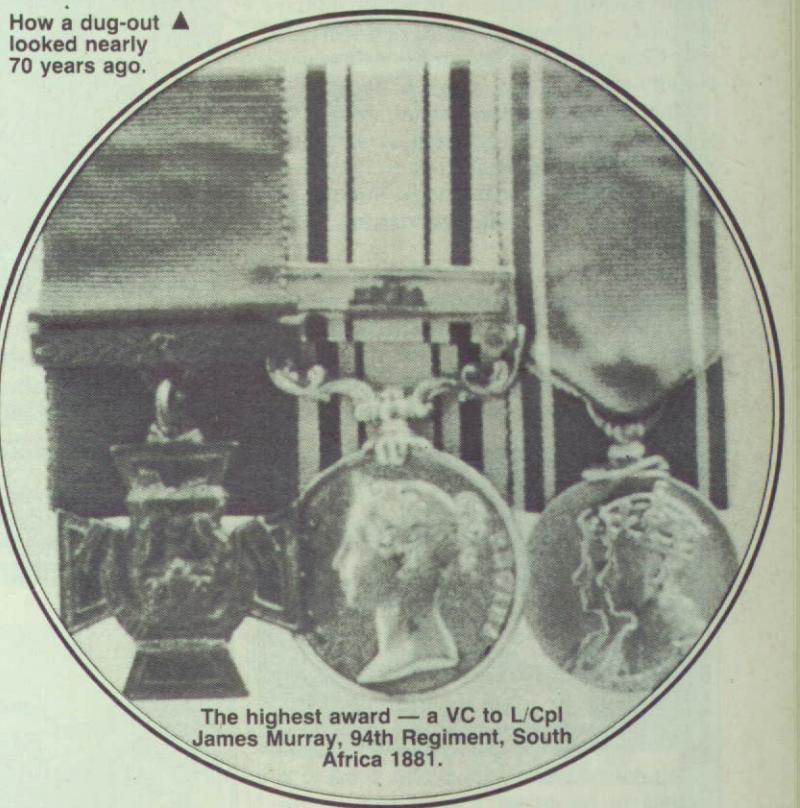


How a dug-out
looked nearly
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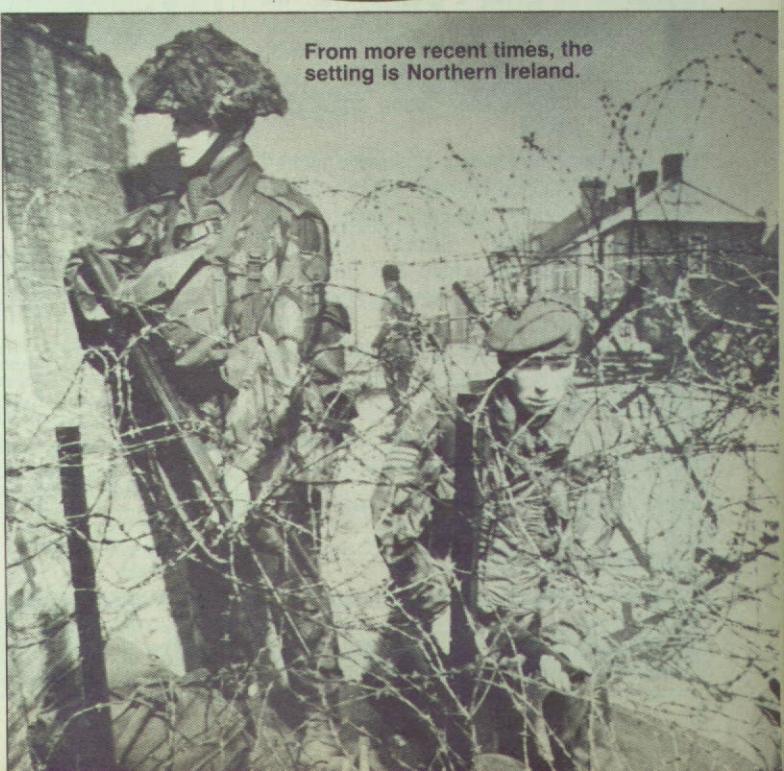


Guardroom scene. ▲

Silver centrepiece presented to Buller after the Zulu War. ▼



The highest award — a VC to L/Cpl James Murray, 94th Regiment, South Africa 1881.



From more recent times, the
setting is Northern Ireland.

MEDICS GO FOR REALISM

SIMULATED REALISM was the name of the game as 139 medics — 15 of them Falklands veterans from the permanent cadre of 2 Field Hospital, RAMC — drawn from 30 military hospitals nationwide — got to grips with Exercise Champion Hurdle during a fortnight's activity at Westdown Camp in Wiltshire.

There was simulated blood, burns and gaping wounds everywhere as casualties played by men loaned from A Company, 1 Glosters at Tidworth, passed through the various stages of treatment starting in the reception area.

Moans . . . groans . . . dazed expressions . . . and pained reactions were just some of the roles taken on enthusiastically by the men of the Glosters who played them to the hilt, lying or being toted about on canvas stretchers courtesy of bearers supplied by



One of the 50 casualties arriving for treatment.

Good 'ere, innit? The Glosters line abreast to get their examinations.

men from The Royal Pioneer Corps. Preliminary examinations of a genteel nature and further treatment were dealt with by the medical personnel including 45 members of

the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps.

Heading the exercise protagonists of succour in the battlefield were the 38-soldier-three-officer permanent cadre of 2 Field Hospital, RAMC, the only regular field hospital in the Regular Army. They are based at Aldershot and Exercise Champion Hurdle was their second and major outing this year as the medical support element for the 4000-strong Logistic Support Group.

One of the casualties, his brow realistically and brutally furrowed by a stray, transitory bullet was 27-year-old Lance Corporal Leslie Gill, second-in-command of a section with 1 Glosters.

"We've been going through the casualty simulation make-up system six at a time," he said, "and it makes quite a different day out from my usual duties. We all volunteer."

In another section, his patient colleagues in both senses of the word lay quietly on table-borne stretchers, awaiting further operations, some with drip-feed bottles near at hand.

One of the two QA umpires, Lt-Col Margaret Smith, Assistant Director Army Nursing Services UKLF, said: "We look at the nursing element from the point of view of ward organisation and management and the nursing treatment given to patients. The nursing care has been of the usual high standards one expects from exercises like this."

RSM Peter Ferrari — he is a Seychellois — of 2 Field Hospital, said: "The exercise practises our reinforcement role within the Logistic Support Group and is going extremely well."

"It is amazing how you can get people in from 30 different units and weld them into a cohesive unit in such a short time during an exercise."

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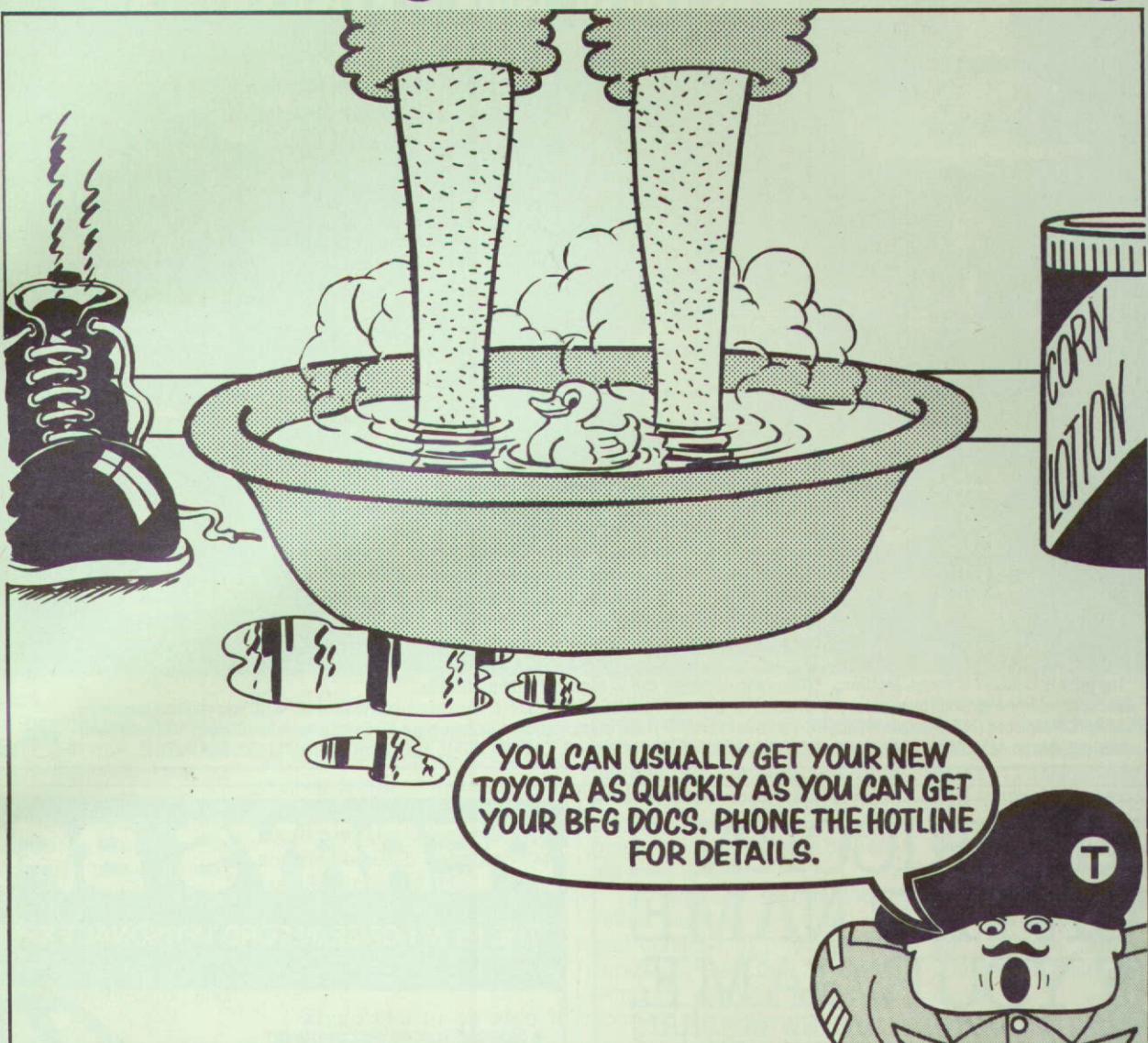
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At first designated the 11th Special Air Service Battalion they were re-designated the 1st Parachute Battalion on 21 November 1940 as part of the Army Air Corps wearing the head-dress and badge of that formation.

On 1 August 1942 the Infantry of the Line welcomed its youngest member when The Parachute Regiment came into being.



The now well-known badge depicted here and worn on the maroon beret is described as "Upon a spread of wings an open parachute. Above is the Royal Crest".

Originally manufactured in white metal the current issue is in silver anodised material. First Sealed on 25 March 1943, a plastic version was produced and Sealed on 5 February 1944 but like most of the "ersatz" productions it was anything but popular among the troops, nowadays they are much sought after by collectors.

I would like to be able to

record the designer's name but it seems to have been lost in the fog of war. Understandably, for this was a period when units were concerned with more pressing matters, the new badge did not reach all members of the regiment for several months and it is a fact that the 2nd Independent Parachute Brigade fighting in Italy in 1944 made their own badges by casting from moulds.

The regiment quickly established itself as an "elite" unit and continue to preserve that reputation, as the 28 Battle Honours, won in a remarkably short time, testify.

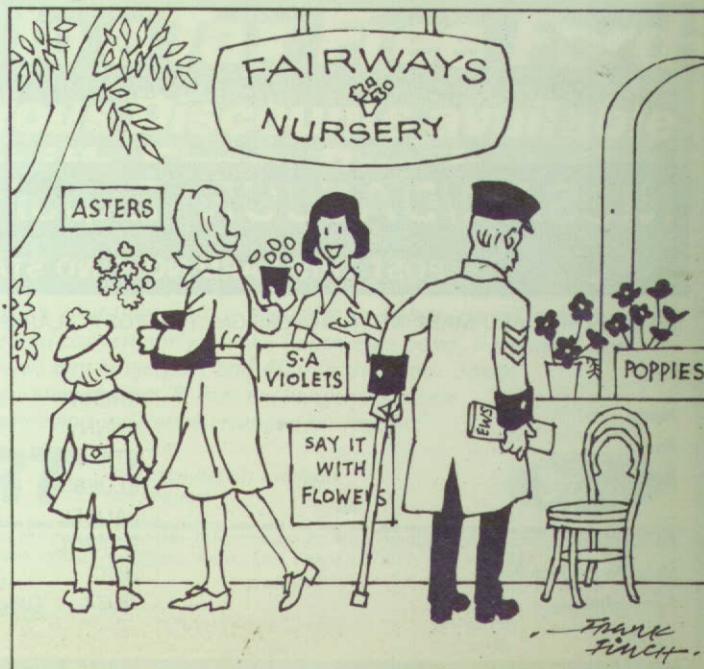
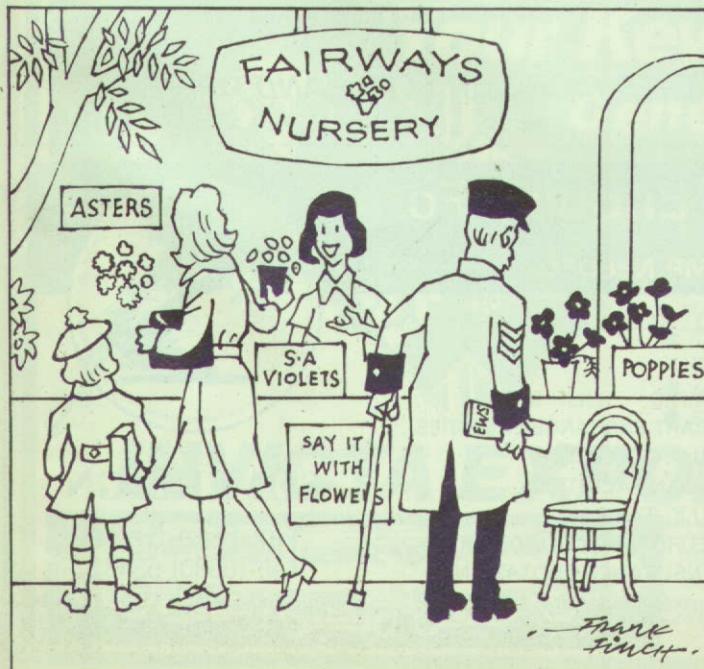
The first Honour "Bruneval" and the last awarded "Rhine" both appear among the ten carried on the Queen's Colour.

The sobriquet "Red Devils" was grudgingly bestowed upon the 1st Parachute Brigade by their German parachutist opponents in Tunisia when they were part of the First Army. This was brought to their notice by General Alexander in a telegram to Commander 1st Parachute Brigade.

It now refers to the regiment as a whole and has been adopted as their unofficial nickname.

HUGH L KING

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COMPETITION 329

In loose language the capital
of Queensland is Brisbane - it
can also be the letter Q

Here is a statement. All we have done is suggest by clues what the actual words may be. For example, if the clue happened to be FIRST LADY GOING RIGHT, then we would take EVE as the first lady and R for RIGHT — giving the word EVER. What could be easier? Send in your reading of the very simple message. The possible marks are 42 (one per clue): the stops are free.

To make things very easy we have numbered the clues.

(1) most of them; (2) in Sussex; (3) a bit of toffee; (4) stationery — with very (nearly) missing; (5) nearly a stinger; (6) battled; (7) part of London; (8) nearly not now; (9) before golf's thirst-quenching 19th; (10) soft interior; (11) sixth of twelve; (12) briefly — a quarter after six of the afternoon: stop (13) take reversed first class from a giant; (14) starting German water; (15) add that is and mix; (16) less than inter by an ancient city; (17) some of these; (18) softly to Muscovites: stop (19) almost there; (20) a thousand less than the cat's resting place;

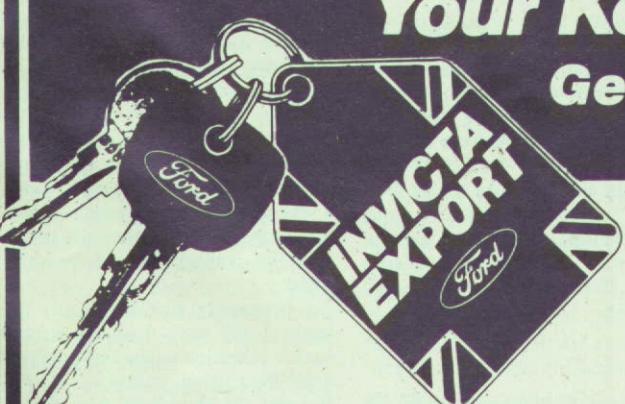
(21) has "ville" in Hampshire; (22) a card game that is usually abbreviated; (23) backward cutter; (24) at the end; (25) dead feet for a change; (26) take a fish from landing; (27) a piece of French cheese; (28) leading to a Scottish emblem; (29) non-fictional; (30) sits without a ship; (31) began to be; (32) type of land; (33) leaping amphibian without advertisement; (34) Royal Engineers advancing and retiring to a noisy centre; (35) quality of sound without direction; (36) found in May; (37) ultimate; (38) what the other side suffered (we won); (39) almost a tree; (40) lovers' journey's end; (41) partly honest; (42) and here the line ends . . . it has to — with stop.

The competition is open to all readers at home and overseas and the closing date is Friday 18 November. The answers and the winners' names will appear in our issue of 12 December 1983 and no correspondence can be entered into. More than one entry can be submitted but each must be accompanied by a 'Competition' label. In the case of ties,

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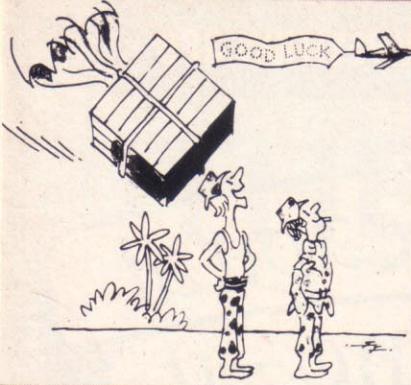
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Secondly the Army of today has changed. At that time it was composed of dedicated professionals in a career, and National Servicemen determined to make the best of their enforced service. Today it is largely composed of men who have been indoctrinated by Trade Union ideals, who don't wish to work longer than they have to, and who treat the Army merely as a job and not a career, or as a training ground towards their chosen civilian trade. — WO2 J H Wood, 165 Provost Coy RMP, Parsons Bks, Donnington, Telford, Salop, TF2 8LS.

— We have received a number of letters on the subject of WO2 J H Wood's letter published on these pages in SOLDIER 19 September — part of which is shown above. We have chosen to publish the following three which illustrate the depth of feeling Mr Wood's letter aroused in SOLDIER readers. We make no apology for publishing the original letter since we hold that Mail Drop is a medium through which all readers are encouraged to express their opinions — and also because we thought it might lead to this lively correspondence!

I read this letter with an intense personal annoyance.

My letter is not directed towards his comparative observations relating to publicity and financial compensation awarded these days, against those of 30 years ago (time does change, thankfully) but to the emotive manner in which he describes today's so-called Army of 'indoctrinated Trade Unionists'. The descriptive adjective 'professional' aptly describes today's technically orientated serviceman and woman literally more so than our predecessors of old.

The increasing development, speed and introduction of new equipments, the ever changing concept of tactical engagement and defence, and the emphasis on individual rather than collective responsibility and training, has without doubt produced a highly motivated, educationally qualified, fit individual. Arguably the finest 'professional' the British Army has produced.

To say that today's soldier is indoctrinated by Trade Union ideals is

surely a narrow-minded insight into the modern serviceman. The foundation of our regimental and corps manpower is firmly based on the boy entrant system. It has and always will produce the infantryman, company, squadron or troop sergeant major to even today's field officer. All are free from any left wing Trotskyist or work-to-rule ideals; they are simply military career men.

No, Mr Wood I'm afraid you are completely out of step in your 30-year observations of the Army. One must ask on what grounds were they based — let us hope not your parent corp. — Lt M McHale RAMC, Royal Army Medical College, Millbank, London SW1P 4RJ.

I was amazed to read this letter concerning the moral ideals and dedication of today's British Army.

First, he says that in 1950 war was still fresh in the public's mind and a soldier was expected to fight. Surely this is the case in 1983? A soldier's first duty is, and always will be, to fight.

Secondly, he is under the impression that the Army of today is full of 'Arthur Scargills' indoctrinated with Trade Union ideals. The average entrant is 16½, ie junior soldiers so where have these youngsters been indoctrinated with such ideals? Do schoolchildren have day trips to the NAM?

As for soldiers using the Army as a training ground, I would suggest that this may be so in the corps, but what training does an infantry regiment of the line give for Civvy Street?

Lastly, concerning the dedication of today's troops, would Mr Wood say that the Task Force sent to the Falklands was not dedicated? Tell that one to the Argentinians! — L/Cpl D Wilmin, 1 Bn The Queen's Lancashire Regt, Alexandra Bks, Dhekelia, BFPO 58.

What a pity that SOLDIER found it necessary to publish this letter. Mr Wood's final paragraph appears to indicate that he is a very bitter man.

Having joined at the end of National Service myself, I am afraid that WO2 Wood's memory may have gone. Generalisations are always dangerous but the Army of dedicated professionals and determined National Servicemen that he alludes to gives a less than complete picture. It took a good ten years after National Service to build our modern 'professional' Regular Army — an Army which most serving Regular soldiers are very proud of. I cannot speak for those units in which WO2 Wood has served but the traits that he suggests dominate the modern Army are not characteristic of the soldiers I have been privileged to serve with in the last 22 years. — Lt Col D P Thomson MC, CO, 1 Bn The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, Salamanca Bks, BFPO 53.

REAL WORK

In the Pam Huggett 'Profile' (19 September) she is quoted as saying "... I didn't want to do charity work, I wanted to do something for real".

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Whatever Pam's definition of 'real' may be, there's nothing un-real about SSAFA! — Mike Nicholas, Director Public Relations, SSAFA, 27 Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, London SW1H 9BZ.

Major Huggett meant no disrespect — just that she preferred yet another career in her very busy life with the aid of the TA. — Ed.

KEEN APPLICANT

To an obviously keen applicant like Mr Brian Wilkie the four to six months it normally takes between applying to join the Army and entering training will naturally seem a long time (19 September).

The Army recruiting and selection staffs operating the new computer assisted selection procedures are in the business of assessing and comparing, nationwide, the abilities and interests of over 40,000 applicants each year. We aim to offer jobs in every one of the nearly 200 entry employments to applicants who are best qualified to fill them and who have to be matched to the next intake in training depots for their chosen employment.

Even before his letter was printed Mr Wilkie had been called forward to attend the Army Personnel Selection Centre at Sutton Coldfield and I hope, he will by now have been successful in being accepted for training in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

It is only fair to point out that Mr Wilkie may well have had to wait much longer under the old selection procedures.

Joining the Army today is, rightly, a highly competitive business. The successful applicant is embarking on a new career, not just filling a job vacancy, while the Army has to determine whether he really is the best man for the job. — Lt Col D W L Robinson RA, Deputy Chief Personnel Selection Officer (Army), Army Personnel Selection Group, Ministry of Defence, Lansdowne House, Berkeley Square, London W1X 6AA.

BAOR TA UNITS

There are many thousands of British civilians in BAOR and it occurs to me to ask whether anyone has ever considered setting up TA units there to tap the large number of teenage children of service families as well as the Civil Servants, many of whom were in the TA in this country.

It should not be too difficult to organise. Training Centres could be set up within existing military facil-

ties and weekends could be spent on the many training areas. Such units would be able to train in BAOR all the time and would be readily available for exercises etc. — T A Tyler, 15 Arundel Street, Maidstone, Kent ME14 2RS.

Reply from the Director Territorial Army and Cadets: 'The raising of TA units in BAOR is one of a number of enhancements to the TA currently being studied by the Ministry of Defence but there are legal, diplomatic and financial problems to overcome before any plans can be made. A feasibility study was carried out in 1982 and proposals are still under consideration'.

MOVING

As a regular reader of SOLDIER I find that most items, if not all, make very interesting reading, and may I add that the article I found most moving was the one about the members of 'F' (Sphinx) Battery, 7 RHA, on their run from Lands End to John O'Groats and return, to raise funds for a very worthy cause.

I would like to say 'well done lads'. I am an ex-gunner myself and used to do cross country and track running for my old regiment, the 5th Regt RHA in which I served from 1946-1950.

I was in 'G' Battery, Mercers Troop and would like to hear from any of the lads who served in the regiment at that time.

I would also like to know when 'G' Battery's reunion is held as I would like to go if possible. — K W Bawcott, 39 Mainster Road, Abbeywood, London, SE2 9PJ.

MAGNIFICENT

In the Army Recruiting Office in Wrexham there is on display a magnificent collection of current Army cap badges. As an ex-service man (1945 vintage) although ex-RN, I collect bits and pieces of militaria, in my own case campaign medals, and I found this display most attractive.

If one looks in the daily papers, there can be found many offers for sale such as pewter aircraft or locomotives, sets or coins of even ceramic thimbles, these are offered on easily made monthly payments and delivered every month to subscribers.

I know various schemes are worthily undertaken for Army and Regimental funds, and I am certain that if a way could be found to assist collectors or even interest potential collectors the response would be enormous.

I personally would give my eye teeth (I still have them) to possess such a collection as the one in Wrexham Recruiting Office. — L J S Roberts, 71 Heol Bathafarn, Coedpoeth, Wrexham, Clwyd LL11 31W.

Perhaps you missed SOLDIER (25 July) carrying an advertisement for Ammo Militaria and an article (22 August) on ex-soldier Tony Hammond who is selling collections of badges of units involved in the Falklands campaign. This seems to follow your thoughts, in part. — Ed.

SEPOY SHOOTING

I suspect that the Indian battalion to which Mr Harris refers (Can You Help, 19 September) was the 4th Bn 2nd Punjab Regiment.

This battalion, the old 74th Punjabis, moved to Nowshera in November 1937 under Lt Col Gray after a year spent in Landi Kotal on the Afghan frontier. It consisted of Punjabi Mussulmans, Sikhs, Dogra Jats and Dogra Rajputs, the usual mix for that regiment.

On 13 November 1938, the battalion was at Walai, near Nowshera, in training. In accordance with normal frontier practice, every man was responsible at night for his own rifle and ammunition. Early on 24 November, a Punjabi Mussulman sepoy shot and killed Colonel Gray and then fired at every British and Punjabi Mussulman officer that he encountered. In all he killed four British and three PM officers and wounded two of the three remaining British officers in the battalion. The sepoy was shot dead when he made to escape from the camp.

At the Court of Enquiry, it was noted that he had chosen only officers as his victims and, of these, only British or Punjabi Mussulmans. No reason was proffered for the man's actions. Army HQ decided that they could not retain the services of the Punjabi Mussulmans after such an event and they were discharged in January 1939, thus cutting the battalion's strength by half.

At this time a plan was afoot to reduce the Indian Army by fourteen battalions to fund mechanisation of the remaining units and 4/2 Punjab became one of the fourteen, the residual Sikhs and Dogras being either discharged or transferred to other battalions. Despite the huge expansion of the Indian Army in 1939-45 the 4th Bn was not re-raised.

Nowshera is now the location of the Pakistan Armoured Corps Regimental Centre. — John Gaynor, Military Historical Society, 30 Edgeborough Way, Bromley, Kent BR1 2UA.

STRAIGHT DRUMS

Can somebody please tell me why the drummers in pipe bands, alone, carry their drums hanging straight in front, instead of at an angle with the right arms straight, as used to be laid down in the Army Drum Tutor?

This manner of carrying the drum frequently seems to result in a row of drummers having their drums in a variety of positions giving what is, to me, an unpleasing appearance, particularly when the drummers in consequence have both elbows sticking out. I am aware that civilian bands follow this practice but why must the Army copy them?

I also endorse what your Canadian correspondent said about the wearing of Highland headdress (19 September). His remarks apply equally well to the Feather Bonnet which, as may be seen from any pre-1914 photograph, was always worn cocked over the right ear. The custom today seems to be to wear the bonnet dead straight. — Lt Col O E B MacLeod (Retd), Gorse Hill, Jamestown, Strathpeffer, Ross-shire IV14 9ER.

Can You Help?

Does anyone have a silver or brass bugle I could purchase cheaply as I rely only on my sickness (invalidity) money? I used to play the bugle and as I am unable to work now, this would help combat the boredom. — Paul Harris, 24 St Andrew's Court, St Andrew's Road, Walthamstow E17.

I would very much like to contact anyone who was friends with my brother Jeremy, who was killed three years ago. He was in 'B' Company, Benghazi Platoon, RAOC Apprentice College, at Dettingen Barracks, Deepcut, Surrey. The only name I know is Steve Murray (Sam) but I do not have his address. Any answers would be truly appreciated. — Miss Alison Timms, 25 Eastwell Barn Mews, Tenterden, Kent.

I am a Belgian Army NCO searching for information and photographs concerning the Army career of my grandfather. His name was Edwin Arnold le Page and he enlisted on 5 March 1923 in the Ox & Bucks Light Infantry in Germany; went to France with the BEF in October 1939 until May 1940 after being wounded in the leg. After being commissioned he was sent to the Middle East, Egypt, Benghazi, until December 1947, in charge of a German PoW camp and was released from the Army in 1947 with the rank of major. Any costs will gladly be paid for. — 1st Sgt Maj E Janssen, Zelkstraat 18, B 3460 Halen, Belgium.

In my civilian role as a teacher of economics and history, I have been encouraged by my colleagues to research the history of the PALS Battalions and the University and Public School Brigade, both of which were raised as part of Kitchener's armies in 1914.

I would be grateful if anyone, who may have access to histories, diaries, photographs, or could in any way assist in this research, could please contact me.

If my book proves successful, I would be donating all proceeds to the Army Benevolent Fund and the Star and Garter Home. — L/Cpl J Black, RAPC (V), 22 Bayswater Avenue, Westbury Park, Bristol BS6 7NT.

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My name is Allison and I am 31 years old. I am 5ft 2in tall with fair hair and green eyes. I am a nursing sister and my hobbies are sport, dancing, reading and outdoor life, and I am a captain in the TA. — Allison Lucas, 60 Champion Road, Kingswood, Bristol.

My name is Julie and I am 20 years old. I have dark hair and green eyes and I am a nurse. My interests are cooking, reading and badminton. — Julie Allison, 23 Southey Hill, Southey Green, Sheffield, S5 8BB.

My name is Jane and I am 29 years old. I am 5ft 5ins tall with blonde hair and blue eyes. I work for an airline in Brussels and my interests are horse-riding, travelling, swimming and dancing. I would like to write to servicemen or officers aged 27+. — Jane Marks, Avenue le Marinel 7, 1040 Brussels, Belgium.

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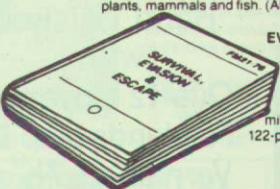


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ANGLING

In teeth of gale . . . RHINE ARMY NET TROPHIES

Rhine Army anglers took every one of the 11 trophies in this year's Army Individual Angling Championships held in stormy conditions at the National Water Sports Centre, Holme Pierrepont near Nottingham. The Germany based fishermen took the first two spots in every section of the course and seven out of the eight highest weights.

Individual winner was Corporal Mike Stafford from 41 Ordnance Company, Detmold with 15 lbs 5 ozs. This was regarded as a big catch in the prevailing conditions along the man made waterway. Fierce westerly winds created waves more like those expected at the seaside rather than the East Midlands.

Said the new champion: "Angling conditions were really bad — nearly gale force winds. I caught a total of 17 fish including a 2 lbs 5 ozs tench."

His nearest rival was Sergeant Steve Davidson (4 Regt AAC Detmold) with 9 lbs 3½ ozs while third man Cpl Paul Bottomly was back at just five-and-a-quarter lbs.

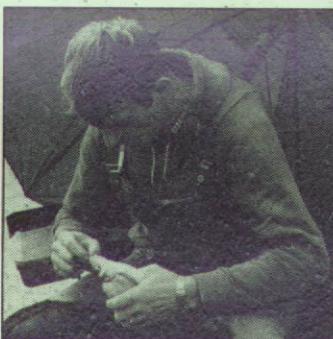
The weather for the event dominated throughout the day — one angler, Corporal Paul Stark from 2 Amphibious Engineer Regiment, managed to finish sixth out of the 60 competitors despite seeing his £25 fishing umbrella uprooted by the wind into the middle of the 100 yard wide waterway.

Holme Pierrepont was chosen by the RAF to defend their Inter-

Services title as well. Most of the Army anglers admitted to being more at home with river fishing.

Sergeant Colin Langdon of 94 Locating Regiment RA, Celle, told SOLDIER: "It's a completely different kettle of fish (sic). The fish have a lot of time to look at your bait and decide whether to take it whereas on the river they see it and take it or not as the case may be. You have to be much more delicate."

The fish too are more experienced for at weekends Holme Pierrepont is chock-a-block with anglers. But RAF officials had been optimistic about potential

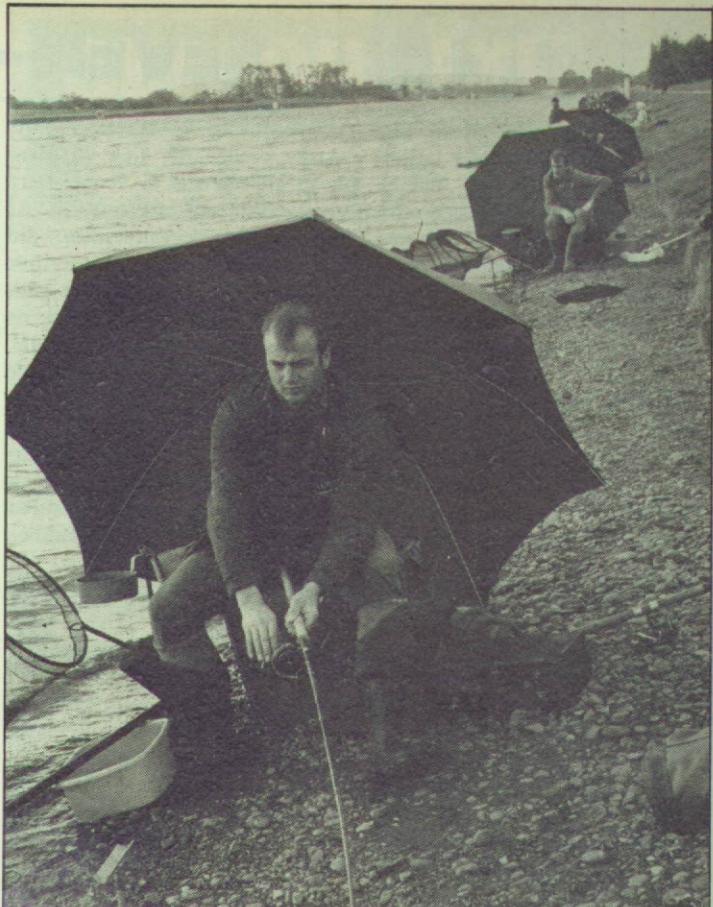


Davidson — Army runner-up.

catches until the weather turned.

Since the Inter-Services event was launched in 1974 the airmen, who compete in Division I of the National League, had trounced the other two Services on every occasion. This year was to be no exception although the Army anglers put up a strong performance.

Stafford was again lucky with his draw — being in an area where bream were known to be



New Army champion Corporal Stafford on his way to title.

Story: John Walton
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Paul Haley

in profusion. Like the other 20 Army anglers his job was merely to beat his neighbours from the other two services — with conditions no better than two days earlier there were unlikely to be big catches.

This year Rhine Army had beaten the RAF for the first time in eight years but at Holme Pierrepont the RAF teamwork saw them home with 46 points to the Army's 36. The Navy, despite taking the top two individual places, scored only 32.

"The result would have been closer but one of our men scored nil because his fish had escaped from a hole in his keep net", said a rueful acting Army secretary, Captain Alex Jagger.

Top weight of the day was

A gaggle of geese gave some anglers problems.

under ten lbs and Stafford, who came third, managed 8 lbs 12 ozs. Other Army anglers came fourth and fifth — Staff Sergeant D Burrows (32 Armoured Engineer Regiment) and Sergeant P Brooks (19 Field Regiment RA) respectively.

"If it had been on overall weight we would have won," said Captain Jagger. "But we can't grumble as we spent years fighting for a points system. The conditions for that water were terrible — before we started the RAF thought a winning weight would be about 60 lbs."



Stafford all set to beat the RAF's top men.

WHEN Windsor and Eton drew their FA Cup tie, which left them faced with a replay, Maidenhead United kindly offered to make the trip to Aldershot. How fortunate were those who attended the game. It was a riot of goals, thrills and confusion.

Leading by five goals to two after 50 minutes, the Army looked to have finally wrested the game away from a determined Maidenhead side when panic and confusion spread throughout

their defence. So at sea was the Army rearguard, that Maidenhead threatened to score every time they surged forward. As things turned out, they did breach the Army defence five times in the last half hour and, but for a last minute goal by Corporal Rudi Fleming, REME, would have won a remarkable game.

The Army scored in the 13th minute through Cpl Kevin Parkins, RCT. They conceded goals in the 20th and 30th minutes before Sgt Mark Bowen, RAPC,

hit a fine goal. Pte Darren Scott, RRF, headed the home side into the lead just before the interval.

Two goals in five minutes after the restart, Bowen and Fleming the scorers, should have put the issue beyond doubt, but Parkins conceded a penalty kick from which the visitors reduced the arrears. Bowen, completing a fine personal hat-trick, restored the Army's three goal lead almost immediately but then the Army defence was caught out and Maidenhead made it 6-4.

A three goal spell, for the visi-

tors, late in the game, left the Army defence in tatters but, just when it seemed that the game was lost, Fleming scored, probably the best goal of the game, to give the Army an equal share of the spoils.

The Combined Services will play a Southampton FC XI at the Military Stadium, Aldershot on Wednesday 9 November. Kick-off is at 7.30pm.

There will be a small charge for admission by programme (30p) and profits will go to Service charities.

Eagle Lands Two



CYCLING HOME SECOND

Army cyclists put up a good fight against the RAF in this year's Inter-Services Hill Climb held at Norwood Hill, Harrogate but, as is so often the case, the RAF proved too strong and took the first three places.

The Army took the next three places with Corporal John Forbes of 40 Support Group, RE coming in fourth 34 seconds behind the winner. Both 40 Support Group and 38 Engineer Regiment were well represented in the Army side increasing their reputations as cycling regiments. We look forward with interest to their performance at the forthcoming Army Roller Championships on 19-20 November; will they give any other units a chance, we wonder?

The Navy obviously knew they didn't stand a chance in the Hill Climb against the Army and the RAF — they did not even bother to take part!

Lance Corporal Simon Wagstaff of 25 Engineer Regiment, based at Osnabrück went to Cyprus for a spot of the high life with the exhilarating difference and came back with two trophies. He was a member of the 'Eagles' parachute team representing the Royal Engineers and after taking part in the Cyprus Combined Service Parachute Championships came away with first prize in the novice accuracy event and top prize for the best Round Canopy of the contest.

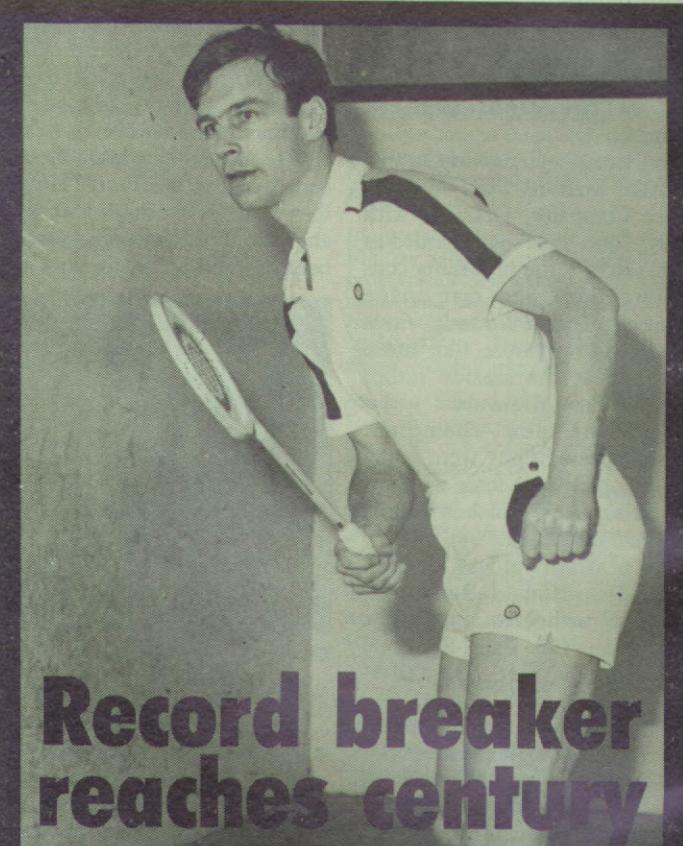
HOCKEY TRIAL UNSTICKS ARMY

Army women failed in their attempt to beat the other two Services in the first ever Women's Inter-Services Indoor Hockey Championships held at HMS Collingwood.

Their first game was close, the scores level at full time but the WRAF pulled ahead by two goals during extra time to win 8-6.

Holding the WRNS off proved rather harder with their opponents racing ahead in the second half with five goals to beat the Army 10-5.

This was a trial event, but it is hoped it will become a regular fixture in the Inter-Services calendar. If so, the Army women have some work to do if they want to improve their position next year and we wish them luck.



Record breaker reaches century

Army squash player, Captain Chris Wilson, RA (pictured above) is currently leading the Scottish National side in the World Team Championships in Auckland, New Zealand. On his return he will have played over 100 matches for his native Scotland and is entered in the Guinness Book of Records as the player who has represented his country the most times at squash.

EDUCATORS GIVE MORE LESSONS

Can anybody shift the Royal Army Educational Corps from their position as tennis supremos?

Their challengers in the 1983 Tennis Cup organised by the Army Lawn Tennis Association, were HQ BAOR, but the best team the Germany pools could produce were no match for the RAEC who won by five rubbers (7-2).

The UK Final played on the covered courts at the Officers' Club, Aldershot was a much closer contest with the team from MOD taking the RAEC to four rubbers all before the match turned in the RAEC's favour in the very last rubber.

ON a bleak and windswept former airfield, reputed to be the highest point in Essex, four soldiers have just started their autumn campaign for success in even more rarified conditions. The quartet, from the Queen's Dragoon Guards at Saffron Walden hope to be members of the British bobsleigh team for the Winter Olympics at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia in January.

Corporal Howard Smith is already certain of an Olympic place riding behind Britain's current top driver, Malcolm Lloyd, a sergeant-major with the QDG



Smith and Mold get in some pushing practice for fast starts.

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SAPPER SIX STORM BACK

Training Regiments Royal Engineers regained the Army Six-a-Side football title they last held two years ago when they beat 10th Battalion Ulster Defence Regiment, last year's beaten finalists, in the final tie. They had a 100 per cent record on the day and also took the Thorpe Trophy which is awarded to the team which scores the highest number of goals in the group matches.

Both sides were cautious in the opening minutes of the final tie. The sappers opened the scoring but 10 UDR fought back to equalise. Then the sappers went ahead again only to be pegged back to 2-2. In the second half, however, the TRRE did achieve a two goal cushion and although the Irishmen scored just before the end this was enough to see them through 4-3. They thus regained a title which they have held on three previous occasions.



Sgt Dave Steadman receives the trophy from representative of sponsors, Pace Petroleum.

QDG QUARTET'S OLYMPICS BID

until earlier this year. But for the other three, Corporal Jeff Schuneman, Lance-Corporal Martin Mold and Trooper Ian Allcroft, all will depend on their performances in the British championships in Germany next month.

The regiment has a fine record in bobbing — having been represented at every World and Olympic championships since 1970. Other Servicemen are also in line for Olympic selection although today the competition from civilian athletes is intense. British bobbing has already been through one transformation in the last 20 years — from domination by rich amateurs or 'Hooray Henrys' as they are described by today's bobbers to domination by the Services. But now the number of Service competitors in our national team is down — because of the top level athletes switching over to the sport.

Says Corporal Schuneman: "The ideal bobsleighter would be able to run 100 metres in 10.5 seconds and also lift weights to minor international competition standard."

The decathlete requires similar skills and the inter-change is a two way process. Another leading Army bobber, Lance-Cor-

poral Mark Tout (2 RTR) came third in the Inter-Services decathlon last summer in only his first year of competition.

Light training in the summer has now given way to a serious build up for the Army championships in Germany next week. Each morning the quartet go out on a four mile jog with exercises around the old airstrip. Then it is into the gym for stretch exercises, two hours of weight training, some basketball and finally pushing practice.

For this they use a bob chassis on wheels — not as helpful as the artificial start track at Thorpe Park, Surrey but available every day without travelling. Howard Smith, one of those who provides the strength for the initial push off stresses that although important the start is not what wins competitions. "The actual winning is done by the driver" he maintains.

Corporal Smith first took up bobsleighing in 1979 and has been a member of the British team since 1980. For him, his three regimental colleagues and other Servicemen bidding to become part of the British team, Sarajevo has reached an importance not unlike 1914 — when it started the First World War!



Players Needed

The hunt is on for top-flight TA footballers to play in representative matches in the Spring. Next match is against the Army at Aldershot on 6 November with a 2pm kick off and this is part of the TA's 75th Anniversary celebrations.

In the Spring the TA will play

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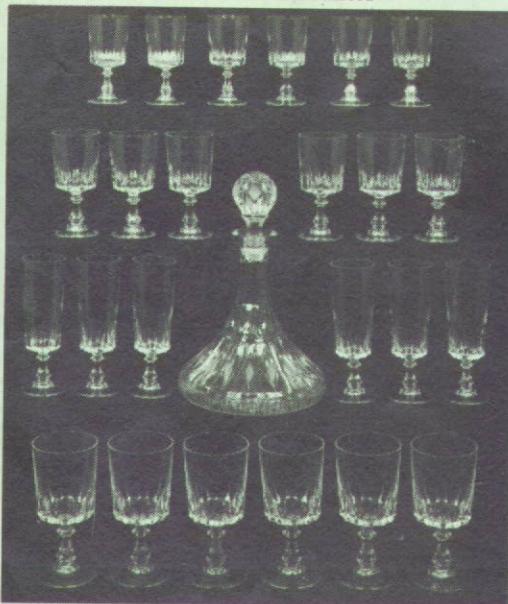


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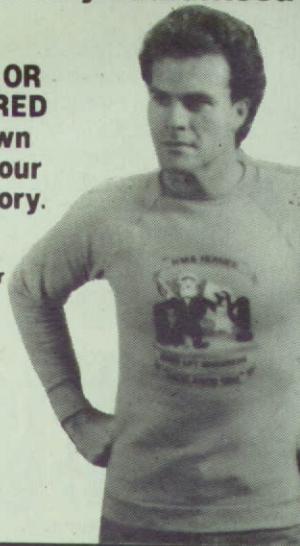
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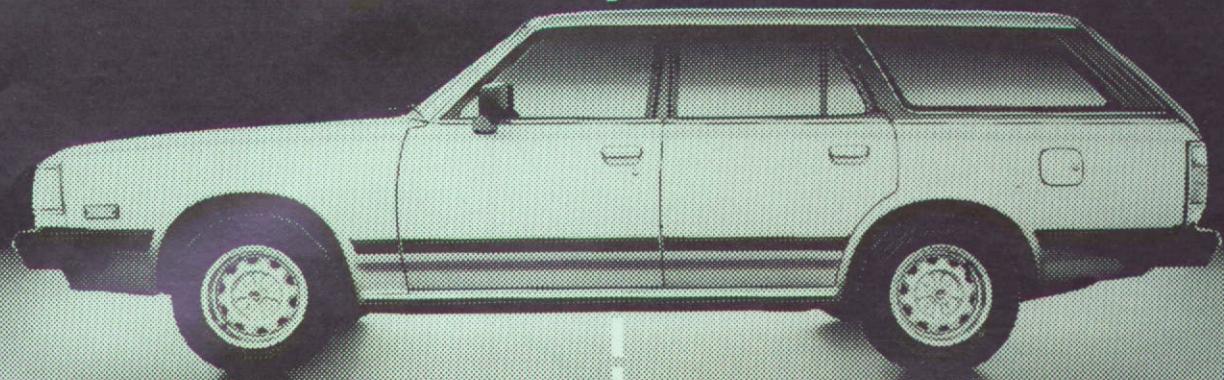
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