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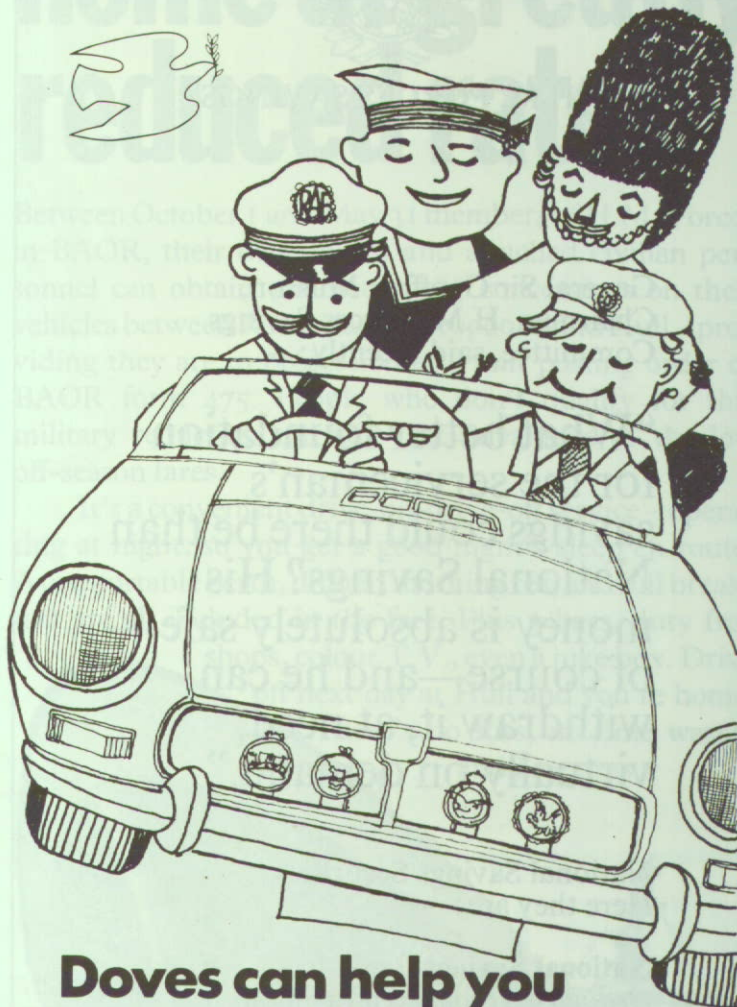


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JULY 1971

- 2 Amalgamation 3rd Carabiniers and The Royal Scots Greys, Edinburgh.
- 3 Army display, Tewkesbury festival.
- 3 Military musical pageant, Wembley Stadium (in aid of Army Benevolent Fund).
- 3 Civic weekend and carnival, Doncaster (3-4 July) (band, motorcycle team, Red Devils).
- 7 Colchester tattoo (7-10 July).
- 7 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 8 Sounding Retreat, Rifle Depot (Royal Green Jackets), Peninsula Barracks, Winchester (8-10 July).
- 9 Southampton show (band and drums) (9-10 July).
- 9 Finchley carnival (band, infantry display team) (9-10 July).
- 10 Aldershot Army display (10-11 July).
- 10 Pudsey show (band).
- 10 **Norwich Union gala day (Blue Eagles).**
- 11 **Andover carnival (Blue Eagles).**
- 14 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 15 Army recruiting display, Liverpool (15-17 July).
- 16 Army recruiting display, Birmingham (16-18 July).
- 16 Cheltenham tattoo (16-17 July).
- 17 Artillery day, Larkhill.
- 17 Weston-super-Mare dairy festival (17-24 July) (three bands).
- 17 Basingstoke tattoo.
- 18 **Nether Wallop, Hants, open day (Blue Eagles).**
- 19 **Weston dairy festival (Blue Eagles 19-22).**
- 21 Combined Services tattoo, Gosport.
- 21 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 22 Army recruiting display, Manchester (22-24 July).
- 23 Army recruiting display, Stoke-on-Trent (23-25 July).
- 24 **Royal Engineers at home, Aldershot and Cove (24-25 July).**
- 27 Dover tattoo (Dover Army week) (27-28 July).
- 29 Borough show, Northampton (29-31 July) (band).
- 30 Cardiff tattoo (30 July-7 August).
- 30 Hull show (30-31 July) (Red Devils).
- 30 Folkestone tattoo (Dover Army week) (30-31 July).
- 31 Army air day, Middle Wallop.
- 31 Open day, Royal School of Military Engineering, Brompton Barracks, Chatham, Kent.

AUGUST 1971

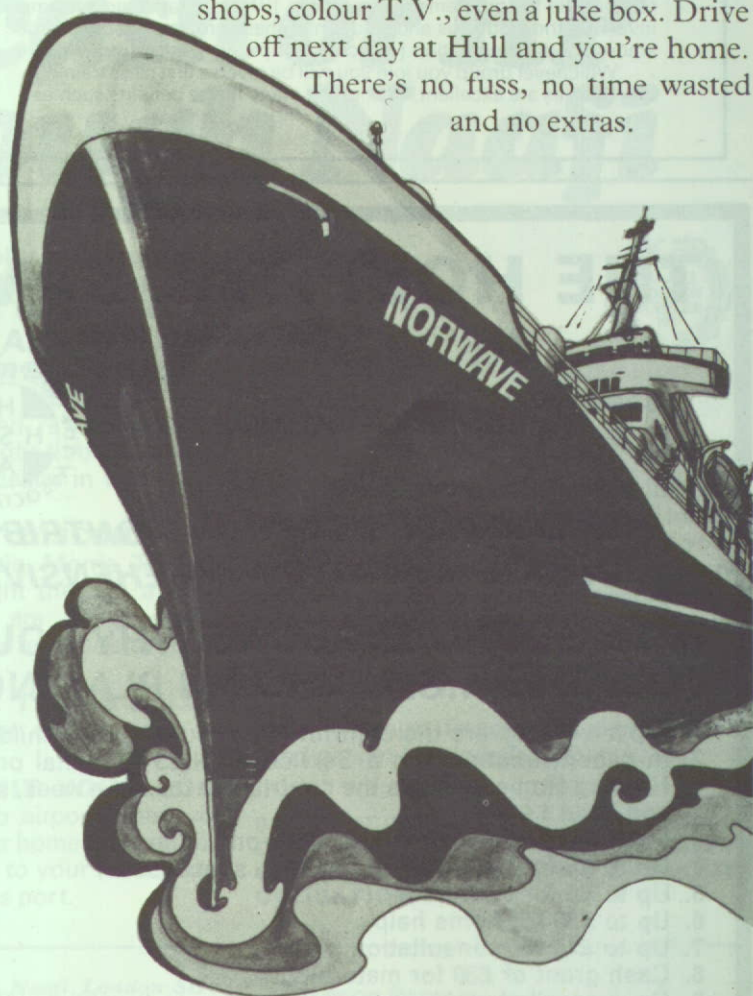
- 1 Open day, Royal Armoured Corps Centre, Bovington.
- 3 Tyneside summer exhibition, Exhibition Park, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (3-7 August) (bands, Red Devils, motorcycle team).
- 7 **Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Engineers, open day, Dover.**
- 7 **Biddenden spectacular, Kent (Blue Eagles).**
- 8 Cadet military tattoo, Huddersfield.
- 8 **Bristol air show (Blue Eagles).**
- 9 Darlington Army week (9-14 August).
- 9 Battle Royal: Household Division reviewed, Aldershot.
- 11 **Butlins, Minehead (Blue Eagles).**
- 14 Darlington show.
- 15 **Butlins, Minehead (Blue Eagles).**
- 18 Kneller Hall band concert.

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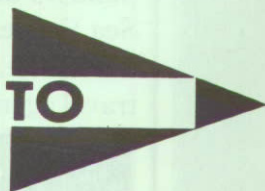
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- 18 Butlins, Clacton (Blue Eagles).
- 20 Edinburgh tattoo (20 August-11 September) (no performances Thursdays and Sundays).
- 20 Army recruiting display, Crewe (20-21 August).
- 21 Eston play week, Middlesbrough (21-30 August) (band, motor-cycle team, Red Devils).
- 25 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 27 Glasgow military display (27-29 August).
- 28 Leeds gala (28-30 August) (band, motor-cycle team or Red Devils).
- 28 Poynton agricultural show, Cheshire (Blue Eagles).
- 29 Blackbushe air show (Blue Eagles).
- 30 Crewe carnival (White Helmets, Blue Eagles).
- 30 Horsham Lions gala (Blue Eagles).
- 30 Rotarama, Palatine Park, Worthing (bands, tent-pegging, freefalling, driving competition).

SEPTEMBER 1971

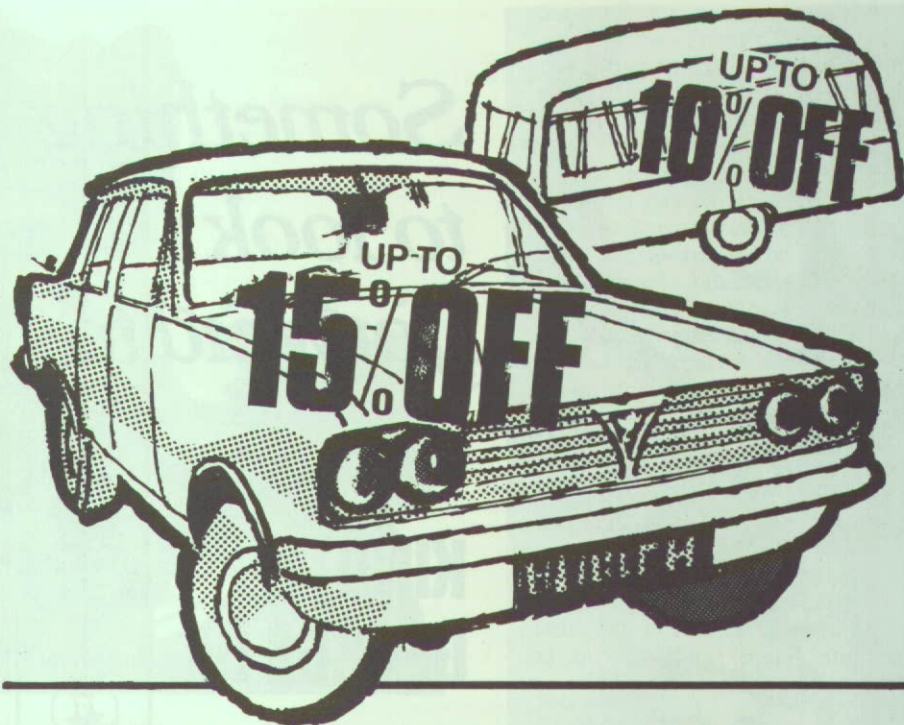
- 1 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 2 Sheffield show (2-4 September) (band).
- 3 Army recruiting display, Blackburn (3-5 September).
- 3 Wood Green show (infantry display) (3-4 September).
- 4 Keighley show (band).
- 4 Guildford town show (two bands, arena event).
- 8 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 11 Brent show, Roundwood Park (infantry display teams) (11-12 September).
- 13 York tattoo (13-18 September).
- 15 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 16 Cambrian March (mid-Wales) (16-19 September).
- 24 Berlin tattoo (24-25 September).
- 27 The Queen's Division exhibition, Army Careers Information Office, Strand, London (27 September-31 October).
- 28 Kettering show (28 September-1 October) (band).

OCTOBER 1971

- 1 British Week, San Francisco (1-9 October) (bands).

NOVEMBER 1971

- Opening of National Army Museum, London.
- 13 Lord Mayor's show, London.
- 13 British Legion festival of remembrance, Royal Albert Hall, London.



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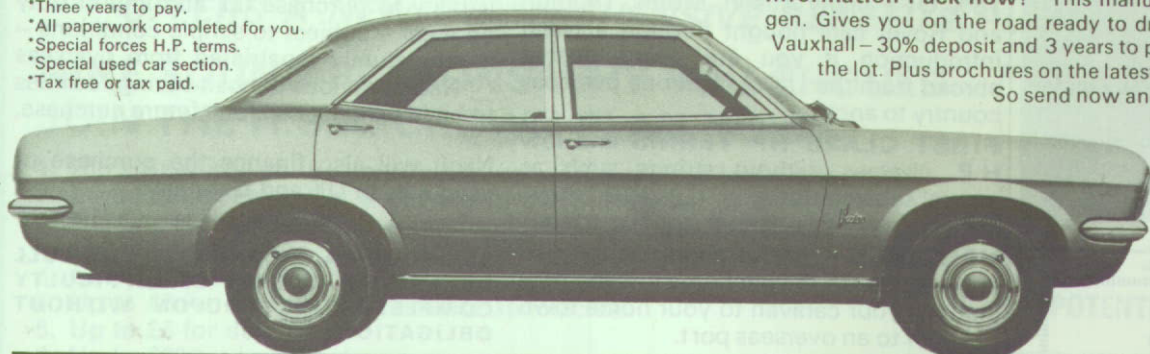
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Scoobie accompanied the platoon everywhere, riding in the front of an Humber

armoured car next to the driver, her particular friend Fusilier Flint McCulloch. It was he who specially tailored her a uniform coatee, complete with regimental badge. "I made it out of an old pair of camouflage trousers," he explained. "and when we are in a riot situation where stones are thrown I put shin guards inside."

The stripes sewn on by Fusilier McCulloch were awarded for just three weeks' distinguished conduct. For Scoobie has not only boosted morale but conducted a hearts-and-minds campaign all of her own. After each "guard" duty in the platoon's sandbagged key point at the trouble-torn Unity Flats, the local children queued up to walk her round the streets.

It was in these barbed-wire barricaded streets that she began life as an unloved, unwanted stray. A middle-aged lady, who already had dogs of her own, asked Fusilier William McCorquodale, who was on guard one night, whether the Army could find it a home. The hungry pup was fed on milk and bread and tucked up in a blanket-lined box in the soldiers' billet.

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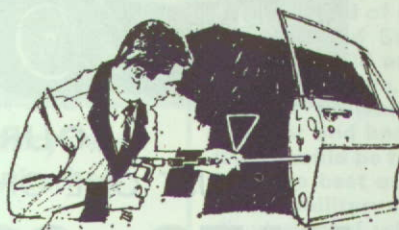
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The badges were: The Royal Scots—in silver, the star of the Order of the Thistle; in gilt metal on the star was a raised circle inscribed with the motto "Nemo me impune lacessit;" within the circle, on a green enamel background, a thistle in gilt.

The King's Own Scottish Borderers—in silver, a thistle wreath; within the wreath a circle bearing the regimental title, being pierced out "King's Own Scottish Borderers;" above the circle a scroll surmounted by the royal crest, the scroll pierced with the motto "In veritate religionis confido;" over the circle the cross of St Andrew in burnished silver; on the cross, the Castle of Edinburgh; on a wreath at the bottom of the circle a scroll bearing the motto, in relief, "Nisi Dominus frustra."

The other ranks Kilmarnock was of the same dimensions but of lesser quality.

C Wilkinson-Latham



"Remember, runner, if you look like being captured, swallow the message."

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SOLDIER to Soldier

One of the essentials of an essay—and for that matter any article or feature—is that it should have a good beginning, a good middle and a good end.

It is perhaps therefore somewhat ironic that the three essay competitions open annually to all young Army officers and others should all have had a good start, done well in their middle periods but look like coming to an untimely end unless greater enthusiasm sparks more entries.

There are prizes at stake—but perhaps the stakes are not high enough or essay-writing is simply an anachronism in modern military life and thought. It ought not to be, demanding as it does the ability to write clearly, cogently and concisely.

Certainly a Captain W J Slim and a Colonel A P Wavell thought the effort well worthwhile—both were among the winners and runners-up in 1928, 1929 and 1930, in the Bertrand Stewart Trust competition. Past winners of the Trench Gascoigne prize essay competition include Commander Stephen King-Hall, General J F C Fuller and Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Slessor, while another Army tank man, Major K J Macksey, a George Knight Clowes essay winner in 1956 and 1958, has gone on to authoritative authorship of books and pamphlets on tanks.

The Clowes prize essay competition, youngest of the three, was instituted in 1950 by William Clowes and Sons, publishers of The Army Quarterly, in memory of Colonel George Knight Clowes who became chairman of the family firm. This competition is intended "to encourage the literary activities of the younger members of military society." It is open to officers or soldiers of the Regular Army and TAVR or on the active list of any Regular or approved non-Regular Commonwealth force. The age limit is 36 and the rank is restricted to major or below. One essay subject has been offered this year with a first prize of £35 and a second of £15.

The Bertrand Stewart essay competition has been held annually, apart from World War Two years, since 1923. In his will, Captain Stewart, a well-known London solicitor and keen soldier, directed that a trust should be formed to give prize money "for the best article, paper or lecture on some military subject, the study or discussion of which will tend to increase the efficiency of the British Army as a fighting force." Again only one subject has been selected this year. The first prize is £80 and the second at least £15. This competition is open to officers, ratings, soldiers and airmen who are serving or have served in any Commonwealth force. Oldest of the three competitions is the Trench Gascoigne, held under the auspices of the Royal United Service Institution and open to its members or those eligible for membership. This year's competition closes on 15 October and there is a choice of seven subjects with up to three prizes totalling 100 guineas, the amount being decided on merit by the Institution's council which also awards a gold medal for an essay of particularly high standard.

This year both the Trench Gascoigne and Bertrand Stewart prize moneys have been increased and in future a choice of subject is to be extended to the Stewart and Clowes competitions.

FROM SCARLET TO KHAKI TO GREEN

THE ARMY IS TO HAVE A NEW RANGE OF CLOTHING IN THE MOST SWEEPING DEVELOPMENTS SINCE SCARLET TUNICS AND WHITE BREECHES GAVE WAY TO KHAKI



Warm weather dress, for Scottish regiments.

GREEN is to be the predominant colour of the well-dressed soldier of the Seventies. Green shirt, liner (a new item), poncho, working belt, gloves—even vests, shorts, pants and “long johns” are in the darkest green.

In the Far East the brilliant white of ceremonial parades is to fade into memory and be replaced by a soft stone-coloured No 6 dress graced by a new pattern white belt.

SOLDIER had an exclusive preview of the new uniforms at the Ministry of Defence, followed by a “mannequin parade” at the Stores and Clothing Research and Development Establishment, Colchester, where men of The King’s Own Royal Border Regiment took on the exacting role of “modelling.”

S & CRDE, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon Chave, has been responsible over the past few years for the design and development of the new clothing which not only reflects the progress of the times but marks one of the biggest sartorial changes in the history of the British Army.

Like the change from scarlet to khaki before World War One, from service dress to battle dress in World War Two and the introduction of combat dress about ten years ago.

Some items are coming into service now, some are still under development and the new warm weather combat dress and hat are undergoing troop trials in the Persian Gulf and Far East.

Some of the old names have disappeared, like denims, walking out and fatigue dress. There are now four main categories—parade, combat and barrack dress and protective clothing. These are sub-divided for temperate and warm weather climates. The term “tropical” is out. “Shirt sleeve order” is now formally recognised and can be worn when necessary.

The changes are:

Parade dress—Temperate—No 2 dress—Other ranks. Blue forage cap improved—lighter, more comfortable. Introduced in next 12 months, first to The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards. Polyester cotton shirt with attached collar has good wearing

qualities and replaces the cotton shirt with detached collar; to be introduced late 1972. White plastic belt replaces white buff. White plastic accoutrements being developed for Household Division.

Officer’s formal uniform—Warm weather—No 4 dress. Stone-coloured polyester worsted. Worn with Sam Browne or soft belt on formal occasions when not on parade with troops. Purchased privately now.

Parade dress—Warm weather—No 6 dress—All ranks. Stone-coloured polyester cotton. Normally worn without shirt, but shirt and tie may be worn; available early 1972. Officers wear Sam Browne and troops the white belt. This dress replaces white No 3 dress. Scottish regiments will be issued with jackets shaped in front and wear trews.

Combat dress—Temperate—All ranks. Designed on the layer system whereby additional garments increase warmth with minimum extra weight. A high boot is not yet finalised. Those shown above are types in course of development. The combat cap

will be introduced in 1972. Olive green vests, pants and long johns are now being issued. Khaki combat shirt, for wear open-necked, available late 1971—olive green late 1972. Heavy wool jersey is in service.

The new green combat liner replaces the greatcoat which will be pooled for ceremonial only. It is quilted, sleeveless, to be worn under the combat jacket when required. It can also be worn under the raincoat.

The combat jacket and trousers are coming into service now. They are hard wearing and showerproof. Olive-green gloves of hard-wearing polyester fibre are in production and replace woollen gloves. Black and rifle-green gloves will be issued to units which traditionally wear them.

A new green lightweight poncho of polyurethane-coated nylon replaces the heavy poncho and groundsheet. It is now in production, incorporates a hood and can be used as a shelter. A new parka under development will be lighter than the model now in issue.

Combat dress—Warm weather—All ranks. The new dress for the desert and jungle, including a new hat, are now on troop trials in the Persian Gulf and Far East. They will probably be in general issue in two years’ time. The boots are in the final stage of development and should “catch up” with the trials.

Left to right: Parade dress, temperate; officer’s formal uniform; parade dress, warm weather, officers; other ranks; combat dress, temperate, with liner; with jacket and gloves; with poncho and high boots; combat dress, warm weather; barrack dress, temperate; protective clothing.

Barrack dress—Temperate—Other ranks. This is a new designation which will initially include the heavy woollen jersey, combat shirt, new lightweight trousers and a working belt. The trousers, of polyester cotton are smart, well-cut and crease-resistant but will not be available until early 1972. In the interim the current pattern of green overall trousers are to be produced in the new polyester cotton material. The working belt, replacing the web belt, is made of polyethylene and presents no cleaning problems. The ’37 pattern fastener is in non-glitter alloy but regimental plates can be worn if desired. Rifle slings and bayonet frogs will be of the same material and production will start before the end of 1971. The same dress, less the jersey, will be worn in warm weather theatres.

Protective clothing—Temperate and warm weather—Other ranks. New style coveralls made of polyester cotton are shrinkproof. This is a one-piece garment of the type widely used in industry. Supplies are coming into service now.

New Clothing Directorate

A new Directorate of Clothing Procurement forms this month in the Ministry of Defence. The first Director is Brigadier A R Cornock who was Brigadier Q (Maintenance) in the Ministry. In his new post he is responsible for the supply of clothing to all three Services through the control of three existing establishments—the tri-Service Stores and Clothing Research and Development Establishment, Colchester,

the Contracts Department, Leeds, and the Quality Assurance Department, Didcot. One of Brigadier Cornock’s first tasks will be to organise the production of the new clothing shown on these pages. The creation of the new directorate follows recommendations made by Mr Derek Rayner, a director of Marks and Spencer, who was invited to examine the system of procuring clothing.

Story by George Hogan
Pictures by Arthur Blundell



Story by Hugh Howton
Pictures by Martin Adam

A flash lit the skyline and there was a dull whump. Through the neon-lit Belfast streets sped a safari Land-Rover with a winking blue light and insistent "dee-dah" siren. The "Jelly-babies" were on their way.

Warrant Officer Alex Jackson, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, a steady, unflappable Yorkshireman—"I take jobs just as they come"—was on bomb disposal duty that night. The first half of his 24-hour watch had been uneventful and he settled down comfortably for the evening in the sergeants mess, with the Miss World finals on television—and the telephone within earshot.

They were down to the last seven bathing-costumed beauties and the self-appointed mess commentator had run out of adjectives, when the phone rang. The message was that men of 3rd Battalion, The Queen's Regiment, were searching for

arms and explosives in East Belfast. With a resigned "It always happens this way," Staff Quartermaster-Sergeant Jackson climbed into the specially adapted Land-Rover. The driver, Private Ian Parkinson, made the rendezvous at Tennent Street Police Station in ten minutes, pausing only to pick up an armed escort of two Royal Highland Fusiliers at the barrack gate.

While SQMS Jackson went for his instructions, his squad waited by the mobile police canteen. Moments later he was back and Private Parkinson mildly complained, "Not even a chance to drink my tea." Soon after he was in fourth gear the radio began crackling with urgent requests for the "Jelly-babies." After the Army's considerable arms haul at a Belfast football ground a couple of days before, the terrorists seemed determined to regain face by providing a "firework" display.

Explosive ordnance disposal reserves

Right: After the explosion. "Q" Jackson inspects the damage to garage door at magistrate's home.

were alerted as they sped into a night illuminated by more than mere street lamps. They were on the spot only minutes after a blast had awakened residents of the smart suburban Donegall Park Avenue. At number 19, a detached tudor-styled house, a hole had been blown in the side wall, glass littered the driveway and an orange-painted mini was a write-off. It was the home of a Belfast magistrate who had presided that morning at a case of three men held on an explosive substance charge.

A quick assessment by SQMS Jackson was that it was caused by about ten pounds of high explosive. They began collecting samples in polythene bags for later examination by forensic experts.

Meanwhile another explosion—a meaningless, indiscriminate one—rent the midnight quiet in the deserted city centre. It blew the doorway out of a shirt factory and scattered glass down the street like

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Above: Captain Frank Steer is helped into his "armour." Note dressings on his driver's belt. Below: Examining a haul of vicious nail bombs.



confetti. A courting couple had been strolling past at the time. A passing lorry driver later described how he saw the girl lying motionless on the ground and the young man running screaming down the street with pieces of glass sticking in his back.

The squad arrived at the location, Franklin Street, at 0012 hours. SQMS Jackson quickly detailed troops to block off the street. For there, just visible among the debris, was a deceptively innocent brown paper parcel. As police and Press watched from the safety of the street corner, the lone figure worked carefully and painstakingly on the parcel and disassembled it bit by bit—detonator, safety fuse, five pounds of gelignite.

While soldiers and police laboriously searched for bomb fragments and clues amongst the debris, another call came over the radio. Out in the Ardoyne someone

had thrown a small bomb into the front garden of a house. It contained about three ounces of explosive which blew a six-inch hole in the garden path. This was small stuff, meriting only a passing paragraph in the morning's local papers. But SQMS Jackson still had to make exhaustive enquiries, questioning a housewife in her dressing gown and the daughter who had come home late with her boy friend.

In the early hours the tired team reported in to 39 Brigade operations room at Tenement Street police station. There they were able to sit awhile over cups of hot coffee and discuss the evening's events with one of the other bomb disposal operators. At 0300 they were ordered back to base on stand-by. For SQMS Jackson, however, the night was not yet over. While the others slept he made out his logs, prepared his reports and sorted his samples. It was not until 0600 that he was able to get his head down and then only

for a three-hour doze. Breakfast had to be missed because his evidence was urgently needed by the police forensic laboratories. But he did stop to ask one question: "Who did win Miss World, after all?"

The night had been eventful. But not unduly so. It was certainly not exceptional. The record for 321 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, attached to Headquarters Northern Ireland, is held by one Sergeant Robert Lockwood. In just a single night he dealt with 14 calls of which only four were false alarms.

Sergeant Lockwood, 24 and a graduate of the Army's three-year ammunition technician course, was called to his first bomb at 0500 hours on his first day of duty after arriving from England. The sergeant, former Farelf inter-Service boxing champion, frankly admits his apprehension: "I had done it all in practice, but this was my

first really live one. My stomach got tighter and tighter yet I knew I had to act calmly and take control of the situation."

Take control he did. First he cleared the area round the bus in the Belfast depot where a cleaner had found a suspicious-

looking shoe box. Wearing his flak jacket, he gingerly moved the box on to the ground and then began to neutralise it, disconnecting the battery and removing the incendiary device.

Even more memorable for Sergeant Lockwood was the discovery in a busy shop of an imitation leather case emitting a loud ticking. When he opened it he found not one but several clocks and masses of intricate wires. The problem was soon solved—by an apologetic watchmaker who returned for his forgotten sample case.

The statistics are startling. There were 427 calls in Northern Ireland in the period from 1 January to 1 April this year. In Belfast alone were 99 bombs which had to be neutralised, 88 explosions and 134 false alarms. All were dealt with by 321 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit. They are spread out at Belfast, Lurgan and Omagh and so far have been able to contain the situation.

The bombings are usually indiscriminate, often tragic. A Land-Rover of BBC engineers was blown apart—and all five killed—when they went to repair an aerial on a remote hillside; a 14-year-old boy lost a hand when a nail bomb he was preparing to throw exploded prematurely; two policemen were killed when they tried to open an abandoned car at Crossmaglen. Such booby traps make death easy but life difficult for the bomb disposal operators. Since Crossmaglen all abandoned cars are treated as potential bombs.

Despite their care and expertise, the terrorists are not always in luck. A cache of bombs, complete with instructions about storage, methods of detonation and fuse timings, was found in a mattress in a Belfast backyard—by a drunk on St Patrick's Day. Then there was the enormous 53-pound device at a factory in Cookstown—"a beautiful job done by professionals," said one Army expert—which failed to go off simply because the timer, a clock, had just stopped...

Only seven minutes saved the life of one captain. When two jobs came up at once he stayed behind just that long to brief his sergeant on the second task. If he had not, he would have been on top of the first bomb when it blew up the statue of a famous Protestant preacher in Carlisle Circus, Belfast.

Even more ironic was the story of a bomb which did not go off. It had been tripped by a petrol pump attendant at a garage on the corner of North Finaghy Road and Andersonstown Road, Belfast, one day last February. With great skill a bomb disposal officer broke into the box without setting off the main charge. However he had to wait nearly four hours to perform this operation because an IRA funeral was taking place nearby at the time.

It is not just knowledge and nerve that has so far saved the Army's bomb disposal operators in Northern Ireland from injury. Care and patience have a big part too. As Captain Frank Steer, officer commanding the Belfast detachment, says, "We take things slowly—who wants to hurry to their own funeral?"



One that did not go off. Picture taken in Franklin Street moments after the bomb was neutralised.

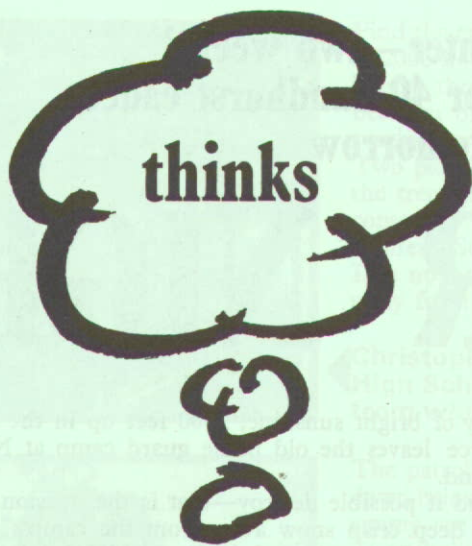
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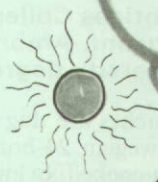
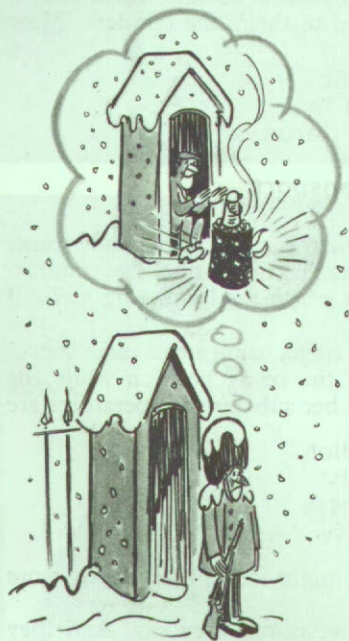
To the gallant defence of Calais in 1940 Sir Winston Churchill attributed the safe withdrawal of the British Expeditionary Force from the Dunkirk beaches. The Royal Green Jackets bore the lion's share of the Calais battle and to commemorate the action The Rifle Brigade Club and Association commissioned from Terence Cuneo the painting illustrated left in black-and-white.

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by Arnold Wiles



It was called Exercise Fair Winter—two weeks' winter warfare training in Norway for 40 Sandhurst cadets, the Army's officers of tomorrow

THE KILLER NIGHT



IN the early evening of a day of bright sunshine, 2500 feet up in the mountains of Southern Norway, Dog Force leaves the old home guard camp at Nordseter and heads into the frozen wasteland.

Locate the enemy, harry him and if possible destroy—that is the mission of this small ski patrol now gliding over the deep crisp snow away from the camp's rust-coloured wooden huts. These ski-soldiers are officer cadets of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. Their guides are second-lieutenant students of the Krigsskolen, the Royal Norwegian Military Academy.

Hard men, these Norwegians—superbly equipped both physically and materially for sub-zero mountain warfare and with a competence on skis which has roots in childhood. Men who use words with economy but whose sense of humour is a powerful ally to British soldiers struggling in a strange environment.

The cadets are tough too. See how well they hold their own on the heavy cross-country skis, burdened as they are by rifles, rucksacks and the heavy *pulks* or sledges which carry a section's essentials but which require men to be harnessed to them like reindeer. Most

◀ **Eamon Hannaway (20) from Battersea, London, did office work for three years in Whitehall and with the Greater London Council before joining the Royal Corps of Transport as a driver. He gained entry and now hopes for a commission in the Royal Corps of Transport.**



were strangers to skis a week ago. Slowly they move into the inhospitable snowscape. Night's icy grip waits in the wings. Slowly they slide through ranks of sentinel-like conifers. Progress is sporadic; halts occur before steep slopes down which the lumbering *pulks*, if unchecked, would hurtle calamitously.

At the bottom of one hill the British cadets deploy along a ridge, using small snow cepses as cover and resting their rifles on crossed ski-sticks in the ready position while the Norwegians skirmish ahead to find a camp site. Night and her sub-zero temperatures are

◀ **Richard Floyer-Acland's father is a retired brigadier. Aged 19, this cadet was educated at Marlborough College; hopes for commission in The Light Infantry (successor of father's old regiment) and university.**

getting eager now. However dangerous the enemy ahead, night is the real killer—more imminent, more certain and totally indiscriminate.

The Norwegians return. Just a few metres more, then we camp, they say. And they confirm that the killer night has a new ingredient—the human enemy is ahead.

They ski into a flat bottomed valley generously carpeted with the ubiquitous conifers and deploy by sections. First priority is shelter. Each man's tent sheet is joined to his comrade's and the whole suspended from convenient trees to form a "home" for eight. Inside insulation is provided by soft branches, each tree being robbed sparingly to avoid permanent damage.



◀ **Nigel Hope (21) attended Worcester Grammar School and before Sandhurst spent three years at Army Apprentices College, Harrogate, rising to apprentice sergeant. Ambition: Commission, Royal Signals, university degree.**

Trenches are dug to guard the section positions and minds turn to food in the shape of Norwegian 24-hour ration packs. Hungry men devour pea soup and "dead man" meat hash cooked lovingly on tiny burners tucked in little holes in the snow. Small and somewhat tasteless but highly nutritious "cakes" are washed down by instant coffee as the sun finally disappears in a spectacular blaze of reds. Now the patrol's world is a vast cold tomb.

His grandfather, a major-general, won the Victoria Cross in World War One, his father was a lieutenant-colonel, The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers. Andrew Larpent (20), educated Bradfield College, Reading, hopes for a commission in The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers and a degree.

Story: John Wright/pictures: Sgt Frank Osgood, Army Strategic Command



Find the enemy, discover his strength—that is the aim of a section which will leave camp at 2000 hours. Like a squad of ghosts in their white camouflage suits and sinister white hoods, they move stealthily across the valley and into the trees. Ski-ing in the dark, between black masses of conifers, rifles slung across the chest in readiness, the patrol reaches a clearing and removes skis, leaving them facing “home.” Two patrols are made up. One goes off to the left, creeping like forest animals through the trees towards the enemy; the other scrambles up a hillside on the right and sinks constantly up to the waist in snow as it forces a route up through the closely packed conifers. Soon “ghost suits” are wet through and bodies bathed in sweat. It is now minus five degrees Centigrade and the only sound is the sigh of trees as they sway from side to side.

▶ **Christopher Donovan (21) went to Harwich County High School and worked in a bank before Sandhurst from where he hopes to join The Parachute Regiment.**



The patrol halts. The leading cadet has heard a skier, probably a perimeter guard, way down below. Back they go, the same tortuous way, to await the others. Obvious signs of the enemy are reported by the other team—numerous trip-flare wires and booby traps; a deep ditch dug on a ski track, a wire device shaped like the letter B lying on its left-hand side—each loop to snare a ski and break a leg or perhaps trigger a mine. Back to camp. Password “Dog—Idiot” exchanged. Eight men crawl into their tent,

▶ **Twenty-two-year-old Christopher Kirkcaldy was educated at the Jamaica Academy. His father is managing director of an import-export business on Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos Islands, and he hopes for a commission in the Jamaica Defence Regiment.**

remove damp white suits and boots and struggle into sleeping bags insulated from the ground by the conifer branches and reindeer skins carried by each man atop his pack. Shortly afterwards the other two sections use the information gleaned by the first patrol to put in a lightning attack on the enemy—a surprise blow followed by a dash home. At 0430 stand-to is called and sleepy bodies tumble from a confusion of sleeping bags. Sharp Norwegian ears have detected the sound of distant skis. In their slit trenches the



▶ **Anthony Faith's father is a retired Royal Artillery lieutenant-colonel, his brother a captain in the RA. Aged 19, he went to St Edward's School. His aim? A commission in the gunners, of course!**

officer cadets scan the trees in front. It is quite light now and suddenly a line of skiers in white camouflage clothing emerges from cover. There are some 20 of them moving across Dog Force's position.

Why are they making themselves so vulnerable? Surely they have seen something? Or heard something?

“Number 1, 2 and 3 sections fire,” yells Dog Force's Norwegian commander. The morning silence erupts to the sound of gunfire. The enemy soldiers are cut down within seconds. And then get up again! For they are another batch of Sandhurst cadets.

A Norwegian officer, shamefaced, skis to Dog Force's position and admits he saw nothing, did not know they were there. His point man saw the ambush but was too late to give a warning.

Dog Force is sympathetic but firm: “We are very sorry but you are all dead.” And that is that.



▶ **Bill Gore, Wanstead High School and Welbeck College, hopes to join the Royal Engineers and read for a science degree at the Royal Military College of Science.**



THEY CONQUER TWELVE PEAKS

AN ambition to climb mountains took seven British and three Gurkha soldiers from Hong Kong by air to New Zealand where they enjoyed three weeks in the Mount Cook National Park of South Island. They had trained for a year as members of the Army Mountaineering Association but, except for the leader, Captain Austin Thorp of 67 Gurkha Field Squadron, Royal Engineers, none had experience of the Alps. After a week's instruction at the Alpine School they climbed 12 peaks including Mount Glacier Dome (8047 feet), Mount Alymer (8819 feet) and the twin summits of the Minarets (10,058 feet). The party also sampled the hot springs at Welcome Flats before returning to Hong Kong.

Above: Within reach of the twin summits of the Minarets. **Below:** Climbing out of a crevasse. Strong sun shadows the following team member.

Below: A mountain lily makes a splendid photographic subject for expedition leader Captain A Thorp, only member with alpine experience.

Below: Looking down to the Tasmar glacier with Mount Cook, 12,349 feet, rising majestically behind. Lance-Corporal Elliott, Sergeant Paige.



New TAVR units

THE Council of the TAVR aimed to enrol this year 50 per cent of the 10,500 men needed to bring the expanded Territorial Army up to strength. All the indications are that this figure will be substantially surpassed.

The 77 infantry-type units are being formed by expanding on the majority of the 90 eight-man strong cadres which remained after the disbandment of the Territorial battalions (Category III) of the TAVR.

The following list shows infantry units with locations of headquarters and companies and the cadres from which they have been formed:

2nd Battalion, Lancastrian Volunteers: HQ, Preston; A Company, Burnley (detachments at Blackburn and Haslingden); B Company, Liverpool; C Company, Ashton-under-Lyne. (Formed from following cadres: 4th Battalion, The East Lancashire Regiment; 8th/9th Battalion, The Manchester Regiment (Ardwick and Ashton). 2nd Battalion, Lancastrian Volunteers, has also under peacetime command the existing D company, located at Preston and Blackpool, of 1st Battalion, Lancashire Volunteers.

(NB The existing Lancastrian Volunteers has been retitled 1st Battalion, Lancastrian Volunteers).

6th Battalion, The Light Infantry (Volunteers): HQ, Bath; A Company, Bath (detachment at Midsomer Norton); B Company, Yeovil; C Company, Falmouth (detachment at Camborne); D Company, Penzance. (Formed from: The Somerset Yeomanry and Light Infantry; The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry).

6th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Queen's Regiment: HQ, Wandsworth; A Company, Edgware (detachment at Hounslow); B Battery, Hackney; C Battery, Camberwell; D Battery, Sutton. (Formed from: 6th Battalion, The Queen's Regiment (Queen's Surreys); 10th Battalion, The Queen's Regiment (Middlesex); The Greater London Regiment, Royal Artillery; The London and Kent Regiment, Royal Artillery; The Surrey Yeomanry (Queen Mary's Regiment), Royal Artillery).

7th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Queen's Regiment: HQ, Horsham; A Company, Farnham; B Company, Folkestone (detachment at Dover); C Company, Crawley (detachment at Horsham). (Formed from: 7th Battalion, The Queen's Regiment (East Kent); 8th Battalion, The Queen's Regiment (West Kent); 9th Battalion, The Queen's Regiment (Royal Sussex)).

6th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment: HQ, Bury St Edmunds; A Company, East Dereham (detachment at Norwich); B Company, Bedford; C Company, Braintree (detachment at Dunmow); D Company,

Cambridge (detachment at Wisbech). (Formed from: The Royal Norfolk Regiment; The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment; The Essex Regiment; The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment).

7th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment: HQ, Northampton; A Company, Scunthorpe (detachments at Gainsborough and Grimsby); B Company, Leicester (detachment at Hinckley); squadron, Melton Mowbray (detachment at Ilkeston); C Company, Northampton; D Company, Wellingborough (detachment at Corby). (Formed from: The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment; The Royal Leicestershire Regiment; The Leicestershire and Derbyshire (Prince Albert's Own) Yeomanry; The Northamptonshire Regiment).

2nd Battalion, Yorkshire Volunteers: HQ, York; A Battery, Hull; B Company, Hull; C Company, Castleford (detachment at Leeds); D Company, Scarborough (detachment at Guisborough); E Company, Wakefield (detachment at Pontefract). (Formed from: The Humber Regiment, Royal Artillery; 3rd Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire; The Leeds Rifles; 4th Battalion, The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry; The Green Howards Territorials).

3rd Battalion, Yorkshire Volunteers: HQ, Huddersfield; A Battery, Bradford; B Battery, Rotherham; C Company, Huddersfield (detachment at Keighley); D Company, Sheffield (detachment at Barnsley). (Formed from: The West Riding Regiment, Royal Artillery; The Sheffield Artillery Volunteers, Royal Artillery; The West Riding Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment; The Hallamshire Battalion, The York and Lancaster Regiment).

(NB—The existing Yorkshire Volunteers has been retitled 1st Battalion, Yorkshire Volunteers).

3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st) Foot: A Company, Abertillery (detachments at Cwmarn and Blackwood).

4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st) Foot: HQ, Llanelli; A Company, Llanelli (detachment at Ammanford); B Company, Neath (detachment at Ystradgynlais); C Company, Bridgend. (Formed from: The 4th Battalion, The Welch Regiment).

3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers: HQ, Wrexham; B Company, Colwyn Bay (detachment at Prestatyn); D Company, Caernarvon (detachments at Bangor and Aberystwyth). (Formed from: The 4th Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers; The 6th/7th Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers; The Flintshire and Denbighshire Yeomanry, Royal Artillery).

2nd Battalion, 51st Highland Volun-

teers: HQ, Elgin; HQ Company, Elgin (detachments at Keith and Buckie); E Company, Stornoway; G Company, Aberdeen. (Formed from: 3rd (Territorial) Battalion, Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons); 3rd (Territorial) Battalion, The Gordon Highlanders). 2nd Battalion, 51st Highland Volunteers, has also under peacetime command existing companies of 1st Battalion, 51st Highland Volunteers, as follows: A Company, Kirkwall and Lerwick; B Company, Wick and Thurso; C Company, Inverness, Dingwall, Fort William and Newtonmore; D Company, Aberdeen.

(NB—The existing 51st Highland Volunteers has been retitled as 1st Battalion, 51st Highland Volunteers, losing A, B, C and D companies to the 2nd Battalion and with the addition under peacetime command of two new companies: C Company, Falkirk; D Company, Dumbarton (detachments at Lochgilphead and Campbeltown)). (Formed from: 3rd (Territorial) Battalion, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's)).

2nd Battalion, 52nd Lowland Volunteers: HQ, Edinburgh; 1 Company, Penicuik (detachment at Edinburgh); 2 Company, Glasgow; 3 Company, Galashiels (detachment at Dumfries); 4 Company, Hamilton (detachment at East Kilbride). (Formed from: 8th/9th (Territorial) Battalion, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment); 3rd (Territorial) Battalion, The Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment); 4th/5th (Territorial) Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers; 6th/7th (Territorial) Battalion, The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)).

(NB—The existing 52nd Lowland Volunteers has been retitled as 1st Battalion, 52nd Lowland Volunteers).

5th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Irish Rangers (27th (Inniskilling), 83rd and 87th): HQ, Armagh; B Company, Killyleagh; C Company, Armagh (detachment at Lurgan). (Formed from: 6th Battalion, The Royal Ulster Rifles (Royal Irish Rangers); 7th Battalion, The Royal Irish Fusiliers (Royal Irish Rangers)).

To the single armoured car yeomanry regiment in the TAVR has been added:

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Details of other new units, as titles are approved, will be given in future issues.

Parachute or glider?

THE Red Devils fell from the heavens. And Major Peter Schofield, commanding The Parachute Regiment's famous freefall team, stepped forward and presented a purple orchid to Princess Grace of Monaco.

It was another of the Red Devils' spectacular demonstrations, staged this time at the request of the Young Presidents' Organisation, an under-39 group of millionaire industrial magnates.

The jump was more than mere spectacle. A freefaller with a conventional parachute could not have landed successfully. Major Schofield and Corporal Stewart Cook were using their revolutionary new "para-planes" which perform more like a glider than a parachute. "Only our para-planes could have done it," explained the major, "because the dropping zone, a path in a flower garden, was long and narrow like a runway."

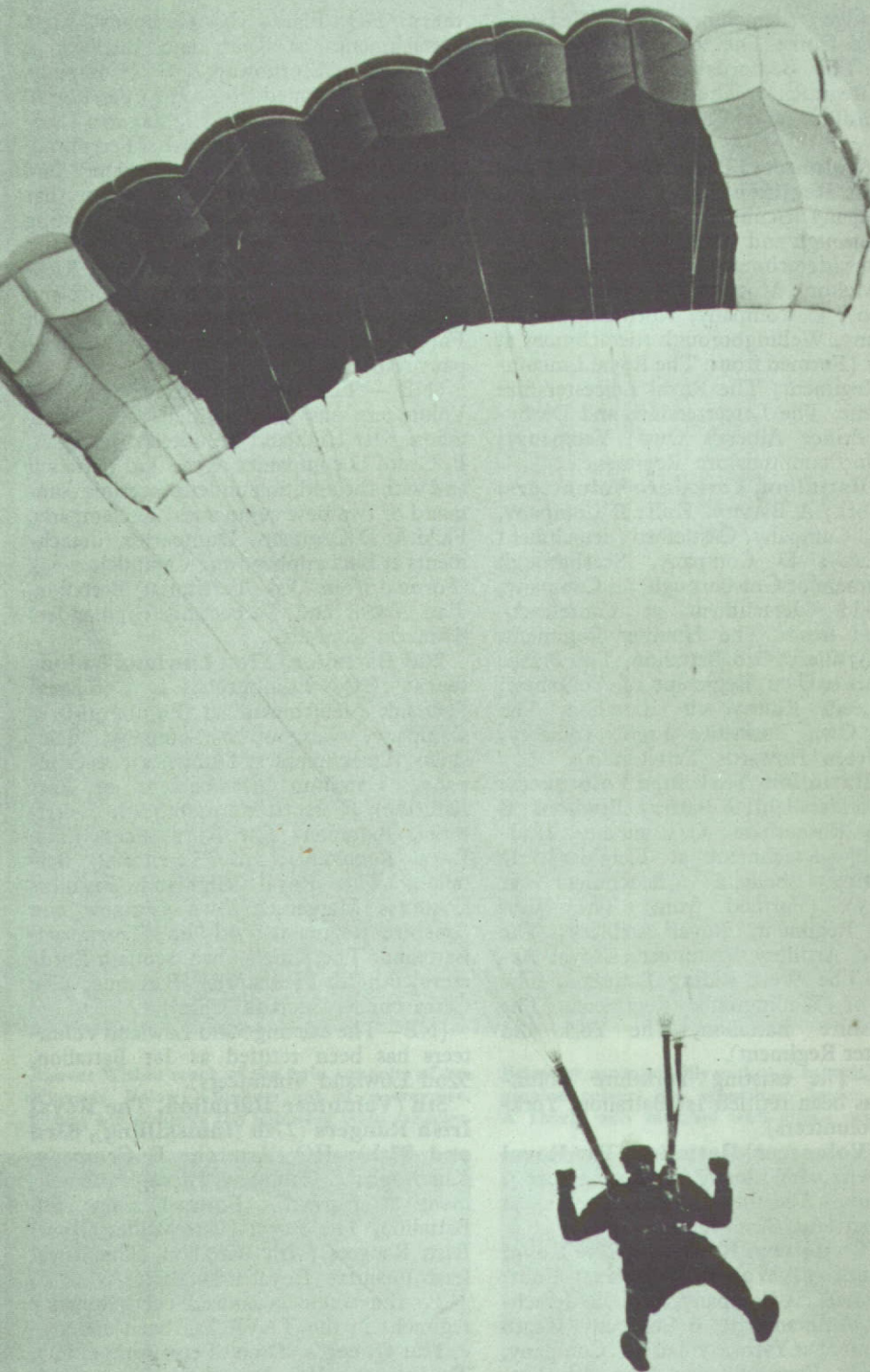
For long the most popular canopy for freefalling, the para-commander is hemi-spherical with 36 slots to give manoeuvrability and has a speed of eight miles an hour in nil wind conditions. It is a simple drag device basically similar to the original parachute envisaged by Leonardo da Vinci.

A break with tradition came only two-and-a-half years ago with the perfection of the Irvin Delta II para-wing by an American, Mr Steve Snyder. The para-wing, triangular in shape, has a cross-section like an aircraft wing which imparts buoyancy in the air. This gives it a three-in-one glide ratio, that is it can glide three feet for every foot of descent (the para-commander has a one-in-one glide ratio). While the para-commander has to land with the wind, the para-wing can travel *into* a wind of up to 15 miles an hour. In fact the para-wing lands like a glider—with the wind, across it and then into it.

Aerodynamics play an even bigger part in the performance of the para-foil. This is oblong and comprises 14 cells or pockets which fill with air, turning it in effect into a semi-rigid glider. The para-plane is a refinement of the para-foil, eliminating the "saw-teeth" outline which causes drag. Both of these are twice as fast as the delta wing, having a speed of 30 miles an hour.

The Red Devils, considered the foremost freefall demonstration team in Europe, have contributed much towards the development of the new canopies especially with trials. Major Schofield has himself assisted in the Department of Aerospace at Notre Dame University, Indiana, where the research work is being done.

But these new departures are controversial. The Department of Trade and Industry has not yet decided whether to classify them as parachutes or gliders. As Major Schofield says: "The old, conservative jumpers think they are not parachutes and the glider people won't have anything to do with them. We, who are hooked on them, are considered neither fowl, flesh nor cooked red herring!"





Left: More like flying than falling. Maj Peter Schofield controls the glide of his 30 mile-an-hour para-foil by pulling the control lines.

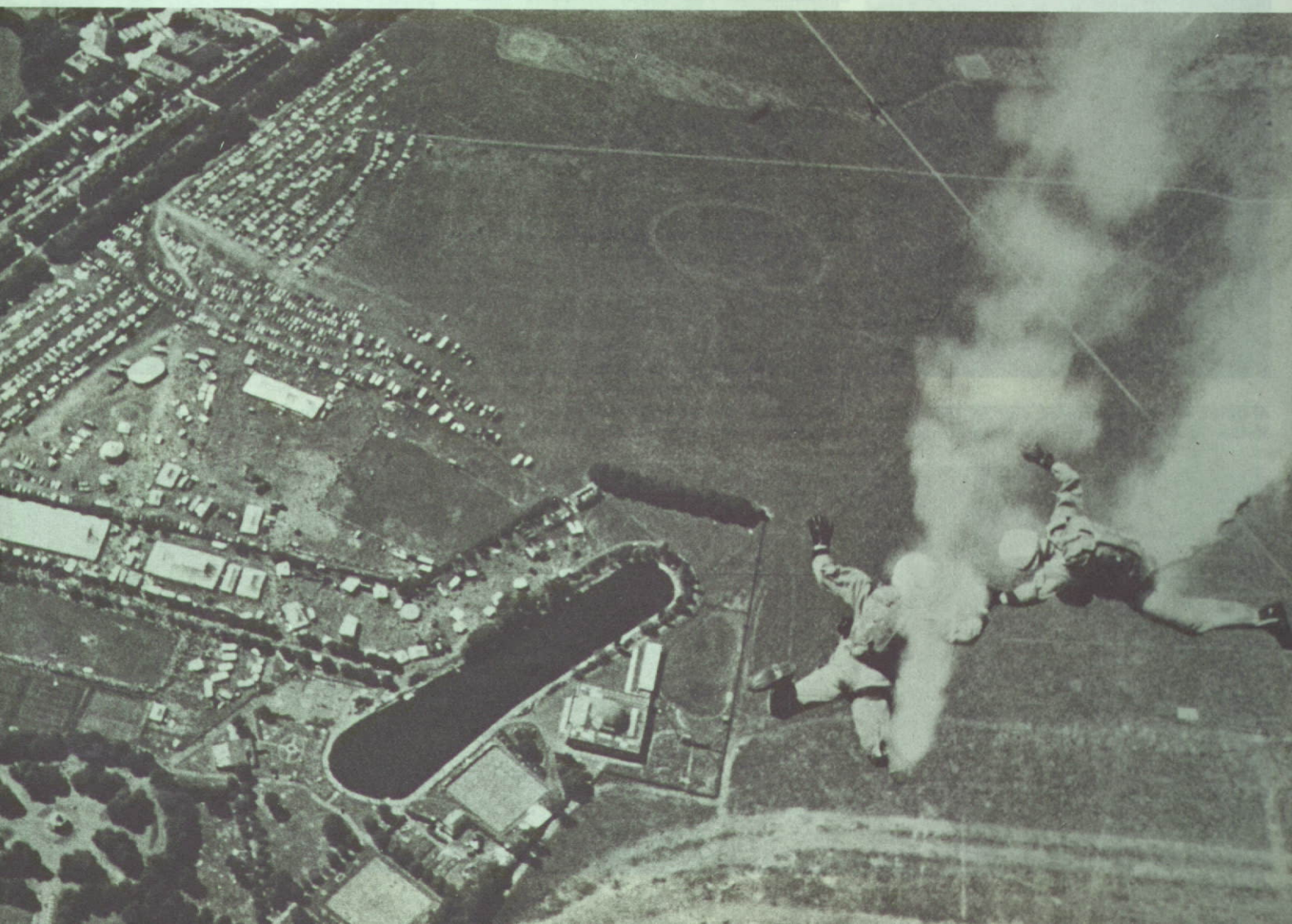
Above: This one is triangular, called an Irvin Delta II para-wing, and travels at a speed of fifteen miles an hour in nil wind conditions.



Front cover

Out of a clear blue sky they fall. Down, down, thousands of feet before opening their parachutes. This unusual picture of the Red Devils, freefall display team of The Parachute Regiment, was taken by parachuting photographer Dave Waterman who was the first one to jump from this De Havilland Rapide.

Below: Dropping into the Newcastle Town Show with coloured smoke flares attached to feet. One spectator asked if they were "rocket assisted."





Rain, sun and smiles



A Queen's Colour is handed over by the Queen Mother to a Colour party of The Light Infantry.

SPECTATORS' umbrellas were at the high port and 500 light infantrymen—the bandsmen sporting their green capes—stoically stood in steady rain. Then, as their Colonel-in-Chief drove on to the parade field the rain stopped, the sun began to break through and all was smiles.

For The Light Infantry it was a great day made greater by the infectious radiance of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother as, in her capacity as Colonel-in-Chief, she presented their first Colours to three battalions of her regiment.

They were the Light Infantry Volunteers, formed in 1967, and 2nd and 3rd battalions of The Light Infantry, which was formed in July 1968 from The Somerset and Cornwall Light Infantry, The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, The King's Shropshire Light Infantry and The Durham Light Infantry.

The 1st battalion will receive its Colours in Germany next year. The Light Infantry has now a fifth battalion, the newly formed 6th Battalion, The Light Infantry (Volunteers), raised from cadres in the recent expansion of the Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve.

Troops on parade at Colchester, one of the world's oldest garrison towns, included 40 buglers and 60 bandsmen.

The parade ended in spectacular fashion with the regiment, in close formation and with the Colours borne aloft, doubling past the Queen Mother at 180 paces to the minute.

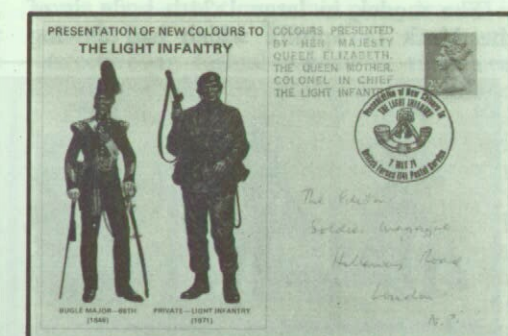


Accompanied by the Colonel of The Light Infantry, General Sir Geoffrey Musson, the Queen Mother has a joke with old comrades of the regiment.

Below: No, he's not under arrest! Artist Terence Cuneo makes preliminary sketches of the scene for a commemorative painting of the Colour parade.



The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The Light Infantry, smiles as skies clear and rain stops. Below: Oldest soldier on parade, ex-DCLI Sergeant Charles Jukes (88), Royal Hospital pensioner.



Communications past and present is the theme of this attractive philatelic cover specially produced as a memento of the Colours parade. Two light infantrymen are depicted: a bugle-major of 1846 carries the bugle horn of the last century and a 1971 private, wearing the latest disruptive camouflage uniform, is equipped with an A40 radio set. An insert card, printed on one side for easy display, illustrates the Regimental Colour of 1st Battalion, The Light Infantry. The envelope and insert can be obtained, price 25p, from the Philatelic Officer, 2 LI, Meance Barracks, Colchester.

Military models

FIRST-BLOOD FIGHTER



Spitfire as flown by Flight-Lieutenant A Deere. Note removable engine cowling and gun covers.

WELL before Goering's *Adler Tag*, the "Eagle Day" when his Luftwaffe was to annihilate the Royal Air Force, Spitfire squadrons rather unreportedly gained first blood by bagging two birds of prey known as Heinkel He 111s.

The Heinkels were the first enemy aircraft to be shot down over Great Britain since 1918. They fell, on 16 October 1939, to 602 and 603 Squadrons over the Firth of Forth.

An authentic, exciting model of a Spitfire which took part in that aerial battle has been produced by Airfix. The kit, reasonably priced at £1.99, includes transfer markings of 602 "City of Glasgow" Fighter Squadron which was based at Drem in 1939.

The model, in large 1:24th scale, is of the Mark Ia Spitfire which had a wing

span of 36 feet 10 inches, was armed with eight .303-inch Browning machine-guns and powered by a 12-cylinder Rolls-Royce Merlin III engine which gave a maximum speed of 365 miles an hour. There is access by removable panels to the machine-guns and intricately detailed engine on the model. An electric motor, to turn the propeller, is as an optional extra at 40 pence.

The pilot is well-sculpted and with care can be turned into an exhibition figure. I found it better not to paint the goggle glass silver, as some modellers do, but the same leather colour as the helmet beneath, then add a couple of coats of gold size. Sellotape is also useful. It can be used to hold the fuselage sides together when the cement is drying and strips painted in the correct colours will do for the thin lines on the transparent cockpit covers—a boon to those who have an unsteady hand with a

paint brush.

One criticism is that the undercarriage legs and wheels are incorrectly angled. This however can be fairly easily adjusted by carefully trimming the wheel hubs, oleo legs and leg locking lugs and checking them against front-view drawings.

The Airfix kit includes alternative transfer markings for the plane flown by the Battle of Britain ace Flight-Lieutenant A C Deere who was with 54 Squadron stationed at Hornchurch. Modellers who want a further choice should obtain Profile pamphlet 41 which, as well as interesting background information, contains several colour drawings of prototype and Marks I and II Spitfires. One of these is a Mark IIa, presented by the borough of Lambeth through public subscription, which bore the motif of the Daily Mirror cartoon character, Captain A R P Reilly-Foull. **HH**



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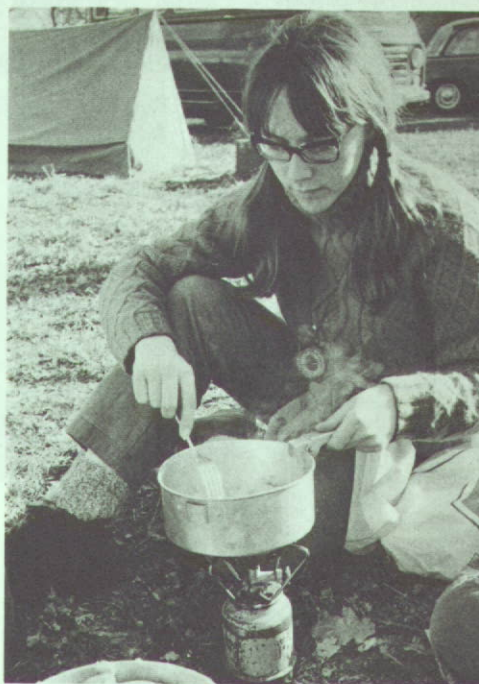
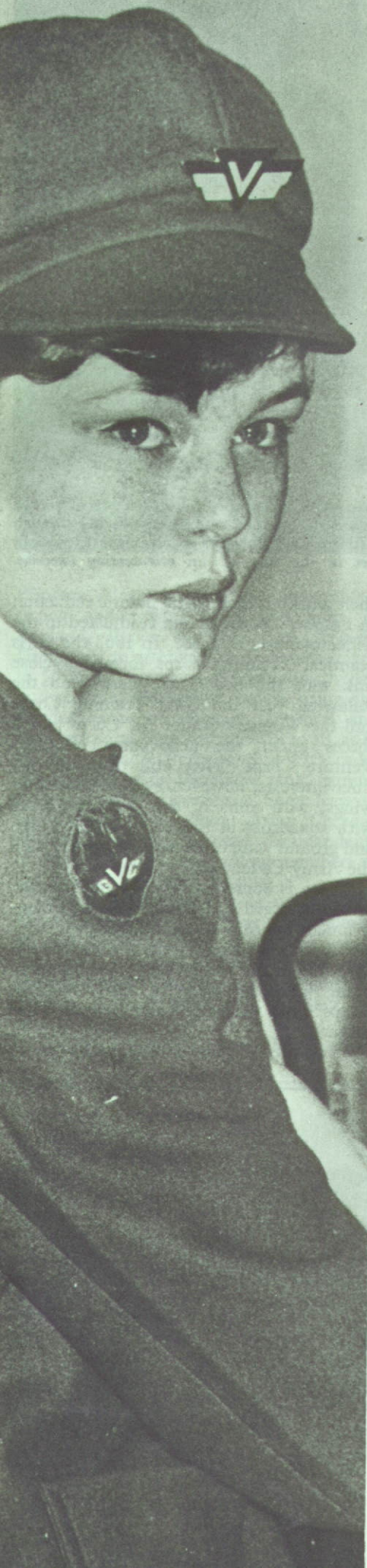
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GIRLS

with adventure in mind

Story by George Hogan/Pictures by Martin Adam



MEET the lasses of the Girls Venture Corps, teenagers with adventure in mind who can be seen firing pistol, rifle and machine-gun on the electronic ranges at Ash, scaling Snowdon, learning how to ski on the Army slope at Aldershot, camping by lakes and mountains, hiking across moors and tors, marching at Nijmegen, rock-climbing, canoeing, pony trekking, under-water swimming and flying...

They train for the Duke of Edinburgh's award and painstakingly compete for Corps scholarships to further their ambitions and interests in skiing, field sports, travel, air and other subjects. The best can become certificated pilots and there is even a course for those interested in space travel. Organised parties holiday abroad and there are 28 personal travel scholarships to be won yearly.

These are girls of judgement and commonsense serving in a uniformed youth movement which caters for all interests. While some are determined to excel in judo, others attend classes in poise and personality or study beauty and elegance, perhaps judo as well. Mountaineering, hill walking and orienteering provide good outdoor exercise, but there are also folk singing and dancing, while some may prefer to make music with guitars, take part in play-acting or study home decoration.

The girls of the GVC are perfectly capable of trudging along in the rain over



some wind-swept mountain pass, dressed in anoraks and slacks. They also look smartly attractive on formal parade in their neat Hartnell-designed uniforms of scarab blue.

Like the Army Cadet Force, to which many of its units are affiliated, the Girls Venture Corps can claim to have originated in the dark days of war. The threat of advancing Nazism in 1939 inspired school-girls to demand some form of training to prepare them for service when old enough. The Girls Training Corps was formed and offered tuition in military subjects, first aid and citizenship. Similar corps trained girls interested in the women's air and naval services.

The three corps continued as youth movements after the war without changing

Left: The smart scarab blue uniform was designed by Hartnell.

Centre: "Well, someone has to do it and there are potatoes to fry after this!"

Right: "Anything the lads can do..." Action on Shorncliffe assault course.



Mrs Thea Kidger, Crawley Commandant, uses the compass during a map reading session.



Above: It is not easy to walk along a smooth telegraph pole but better than wading through a river. Right: Even a newly made friend can get in the way of an orienteering exercise.

their aims but there was a natural reduction in numbers as the nation readjusted to the wider interests of peace. In 1963 the Girls Nautical Training Corps formed a close link with the Sea Cadet Corps and the following year the Girls Training Corps and the Women's Junior Air Corps joined forces under the new name of Girls Venture Corps. They still maintain distinct interests, however, as ground and air wings, with units of the latter affiliating with squadrons of the Air Training Corps and ground wing units working closely with the Army Cadet Force.

There is some interchange of interests, as in the Crawley, Sussex, GVC unit commanded by Mrs Thea Kidger, which is affiliated to the local Army Cadet Force detachment but is also keenly interested in flying and has used the Girls Venture Corps' own aircraft from Redhill aerodrome.

The corps, under the patronage of



"There it is. Now pitch it!"



"A what? A tent?"



"Let me explain!"

"The pole goes inside?"



Above: Just a scrap of tinder to start a fire.
Below: Expert instruction for enthusiasts by international shot Group Commandant Ann Fisher.



Princess Alexandra, is now about 6000 strong and organised in 250 units in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Units vary in strength from about a dozen to 50 or more cadets and are sub-divided into sections with junior leaders using the Service ranks of sergeant, corporal and lance-corporal. Age limits are 13 to 18, as in the Army Cadet Force, and at 17 a cadet can begin training for officer rank, gaining promotion at 18 if proficient. Some leave to join the Women's Royal Army Corps—ex-WRAC officers become commandants in the GVC and some serving members of the WRAC help with training.

Affiliation of ground wing units to the Army Cadet Force and of air wing units to the Air Training Corps brings the use of drill halls, huts and facilities such as rifle ranges, and also professional assistance in training, particularly in drill, shooting and map-reading.

The ACF and GVC hold their parades

on different nights but there is some joint training in weekend exercises such as operations "Hijack" and "Mini 007" held recently in Sussex. The first was a seek-and-recover type dealing with the abduction of a scientist and included the use of thunder-flashes while "007" typified a James Bond search, chase and interrogation and included practice in small-bore shooting.

In return for ACF facilities the girls help to maintain the huts and can give assistance in canteens and at social events and help with clerical tasks. The corps has a strong sense of civic duty and the training emphasises that part of the cadet's work must be given to the help of others. The young, old, crippled and blind are aided and visits are made to hospitals and children's homes. Many worthwhile tasks are accomplished and there is a regular round of welfare activities.

Girls Venture Corps units parade with other youth organisations on national days,

support their affiliated ACF detachments on Youth Sunday and give demonstrations at local events and at their regional festivals of training held every other year. Some units maintain corps of drums which, with their glamorous glockenspiels, attain a high standard—the Norbury GVC corps of drums took part with the Army Cadet Force in the Royal Tournament in 1970.

To some extent the Army salute and the bugle calls in camp help to develop the self-discipline the girls seek in a world where pop, pot and permissiveness tend to bewilder youth in a non-restrictive age. But more generally it is the adventurous activities and the developing sense of citizenship that strengthen the characters and enlarge the personalities of these young ladies of the Girls Venture Corps. They have high standards of bearing, achievement and example to maintain and a sense of purpose that encourages them to success.



"Easy, wasn't it!"

Back cover



The cook is always in demand, for the enthusiasm of the Girls Venture Corps produces corresponding appetites in the field. The cook has to be good—there is plenty of competition in the ranks.

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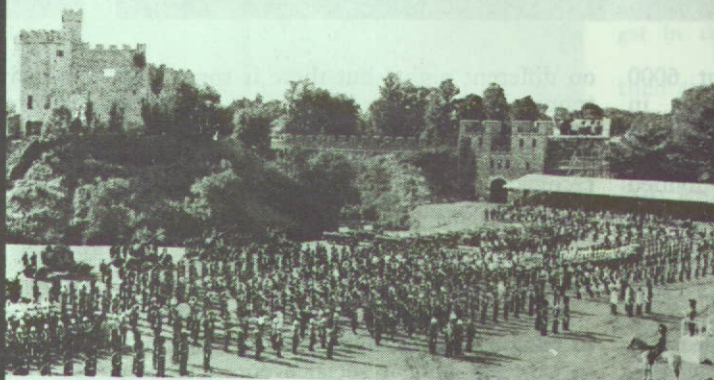
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Lieutenant Mark Phillips, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, and Great Ovation who together made all the running and won the Whitbread trophy at the three-day Badminton horse trials. They were nearly 30 points clear of the world champions, Mary Gordon Watson and Cornishman V, and head the short list for the British team to defend the European championship in September.



Losing finalists

They were both on the losing side but only after their teams had fought right through to the finals. **Larry Lloyd**, England and Liverpool football star (left) who played against Arsenal at Wembley, talks to his soldier brother, **Sergeant Bill Lloyd**, who played for the Light Infantry Depot, Shrewsbury, against the Army Apprentices College, Harrogate, in the Army minor units cup final at Aldershot. Another Brother, **Corporal "Fuzz" Lloyd** is with 2nd Battalion, The Light Infantry, at Colchester.



Fusiliers afloat

Four of the 12 floats in a carnival parade in Gibraltar were made and manned by 3rd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. The corps of drums paraded as toy soldiers, represented above by **Drummer Colin Ridings** who is being admired by Fusilier **"Tiny" March**, an assault pioneer who had seven children dressed as dwarfs on his float. The regimental band masqueraded in Mexican costume as a Tijuana brass band.



Bird-watcher

Major Michael Gallagher, Royal Corps of Transport, is an active member of the little-known Army Bird-Watching Society. When recently a staff officer at Headquarters Land Forces Gulf, he converted one of his two mess rooms at Bahrain into a museum-cum-laboratory. There he processed the findings of expeditions by himself and other local enthusiasts for his Gulf Bird-Watchers' Newsletter. They have made the first breeding record of the olivaceous warbler in Arabia and sighted both the calandra (bimaculated) lark and mistle thrush well south of their recorded winter quarters. Major Gallagher himself once found an exhausted short-toed eagle which he nursed back to health. As well as joint authorship of "A Guide to the Birds of Bahrain," he has written a paper on bird life on Christmas Island for Ibis, the journal of the British Ornithologists' Union. He has also studied birds in Aden, British Guiana (now Guyana) and Germany where he helped form the Rheindahlen Bird-Watching Group. He recommends his hobby to others as "relaxing, available to everyone and requiring no specialist knowledge to gain enjoyment."

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Bun festival

To placate the spirits of islanders killed by pirates 120 years ago the annual "Ta Chiu" (bun festival) is held on the island of Cheung Chau. When the Commander British Forces Hong Kong, Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Ward, attended the celebrations this year he arrived in the frigate HMS Salisbury which fired a 15-gun salute as he landed. Reply came from 4 (Sphinx) Light Battery, 47 Light Regiment, Royal Artillery, whose 105mm pack-howitzers had been transported by launch and helicopter to the island. The festivities lasted four days and the highlight was the midnight scramble for buns which had to be plucked from 50-foot high bamboo towers.



School for sport

A new School of Physical and Recreational Training opened at Sek Kong is to serve the three Services and has a multi-racial clientele. It is to give the same backing in the Far East as the Far East Land Forces School, Singapore, gave for 24 years until closing down in March this year. Its staff includes British instructors of the Army Physical Training Corps, Nepalese from the Brigade of Gurkhas and Chinese of the Hong Kong Military Service Corps. The school was opened by Major-General D G T Horsford, Deputy Commander Land Forces Hong Kong and Major-General Brigade of Gurkhas, and will train instructors, coaches and life-savers, teach individuals how to play sports and how to organise competitions and championships.



The boat sank

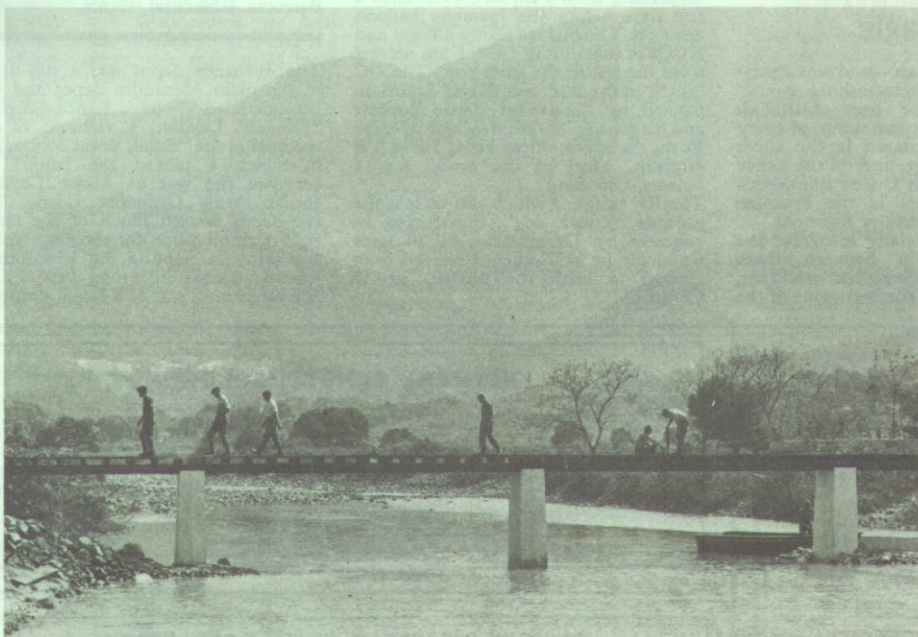
It happened to Oxford in that celebrated annual boat race on the Thames and it happened to a 16-man crew of Scots Guardsmen in Hong Kong—their boat sank before thousands of spectators. The Scotsmen were taking part in a dragon boat race held by the fisher folk of Stanley during their colourful festivities in honour of Tin Hau, Goddess of Heaven, their patron saint. A collision caused the ducking but the Scots were cheered as they went down slowly and sedately sitting rigidly at attention until only a row of heads could be seen topped by jungle hats marked by the red, white and blue regimental dicing. As F Company commander Major John Claverling said: "Sailing these dragon boats is a pretty skilful business."

The Scots Guardsmen have been in Hong Kong since November and form F Company within 1st Battalion, Irish Guards.



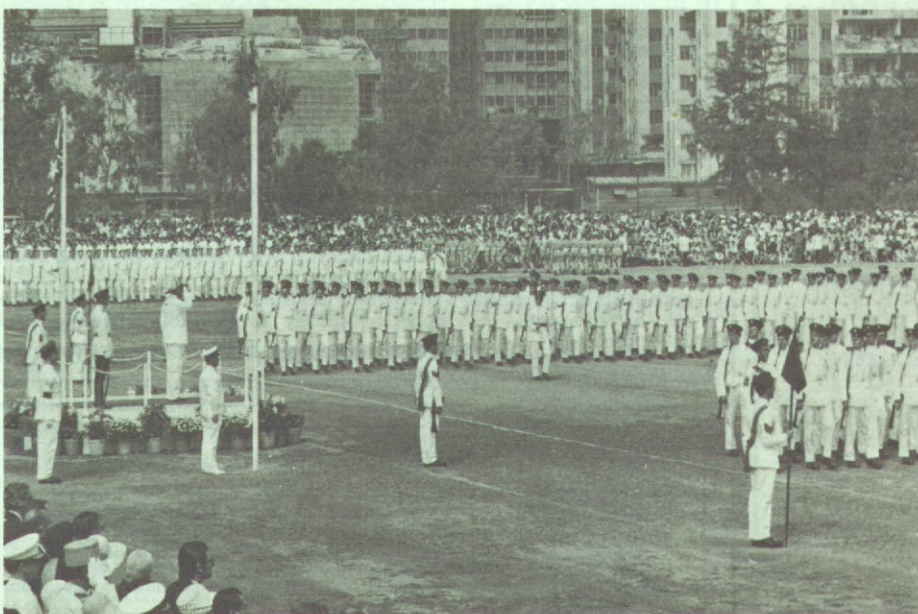
Gurkhas at work

Work on widening and extending by 85 feet the jetty at Hang Hau in Junk Bay will take 67 Gurkha Field Squadron, Royal Engineers, about six months and is the largest British Army venture of its kind undertaken in Hong Kong's New Territories. It started with a march to work led by Gurkha pipers, unicorn dancing by the Chinese and a thrilling dragon boat race between the Composite Ordnance Depot, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, and villagers from Shui Bin Tsuen. For the colonists know the value of the work of the soldier sappers from Nepal. Schemes they have already completed include the building of a recreation centre at Chaiwan which was attended by the Hong Kong Military Service Corps' dragon—the longest in the colony. Another recreation centre was built at Shaukiwan.



Bridge builders

The sappers of 2 Troop, 11 Field Squadron, Royal Engineers, left an unusual bridge as a permanent reminder of their presence in Hong Kong when they returned to Ripon after a 12-week visit. Made of wood and iron set on four specially designed reinforced concrete pillars, the bridge crosses the 150-foot estuary of Tung Chung river on the mountainous island of Lantau. The bridge took only three weeks to complete although the concrete alone weighed 100 tons. The Chinese were truly impressed and grateful and held a colourful lion dance to ward off evil spirits. Major-General D G T Horsford, Deputy Commander Land Forces Hong Kong, unveiled a plaque when he handed over the bridge. Twenty-six Royal Pioneer Corps men assisted the sappers, helping to re-route a river, wire a village for electricity and build an assault course for Gurkhas.



Queen's birthday

Sir David Trench, Governor of Hong Kong, takes the salute as the 1st Battalion, Irish Guards, marches past during the Queen's Birthday parade.

LETTERS

DESERT RATS

I have a feeling that the claim to the title "Desert Rats" may be thought to be the prerogative of 7th Armoured Division and Eighth Army. Obviously one would not wish to take anything away from these splendid formations but it is an interesting fact that in the RASC Journal of March 1934, in the notes on 25 Company RASC, Egypt, the following extract appears: "Talking of sand the nickname given to 25 Company is 'Desert Rats'."—Lieut-Col I G Thomas (Retd), Fairway, Highlands Road, Farnham, Surrey.

Crimped pennons

Reference "Crimped Pennons" (March Letters). Anonymous L/4472, presumably hiding behind what I assume is his old regimental number, may not be aware that there was a form of military police long before the Army, as we know it, came into being. I also know that the mounted sections of the Royal Military Police do not "crimp" their pennons nor have they ever done so; they prefer neatness. As for the recently acquired docility of the Military Police we, like our civil counterpart feel we do a difficult job rather well. One wonders sometimes if the correspondence is all genuine and it's not just an old gent on a high stool with fustian coat and quill pen sitting in a SOLDIER backroom writing spacefillers for the letters column.—WO II M Clement RMP, Orchard View, Ely Road, Little Downham, Cambs.

★There indeed are at 60-plus some "old gents" on SOLDIER's editorial staff—but they're young in heart and active and they haven't time to sit on high or any other stools. Nor to write "cod" letters—all those published are from readers: and when a nom-de-plume is used, always for a good reason, SOLDIER has the full name and address.

Kukri and eagle

How very appropriate—and unsurprising—that the "jungle-bashing wives" (March) should be from 14th/20th King's Hussars. On the sleeve of every hussar of that regiment is the silver crossed kukris badge, and on the sleeve of every man of 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles is the Prussian eagle of that great cavalry regiment. These honours officially recognise the lasting comradeship between these regiments, started during the war when, with two other Gurkha battalions of the

8th and 10th, they formed the 43rd Gurkha Lorried Brigade. The brigade sign was the crossed kukris—when India became independent and Gurkhas became part of the British Army, this sign was adopted by the British 7th Gurkha Infantry Division and the British Brigade of Gurkhas.

It seems sad that the young lady in your left-hand photograph is seen using a parang or machette instead of the kukri which their husbands and fathers wear on their shoulders, but of course more skill, practice and experience are required in the use of the latter. One wonders whether the summing up of the ladies' exercise would correspond with that of the Gurkha regiments who, without respite, have for 25 years operated in the jungles of Burma, Malaya, Borneo and Brunei.

None the less the Gurkha, with his enthusiasm, imagination, great good humour and kindness would no doubt cry "Ayo aimai haru"—"the mem-sahibs are here"—instead of his usual and terrifying, even to his own side, war cry of "Ayo Gurkhali"—"The Gurkhas are here."—Dymoke Murray, Morris Lodge, Lower Bourne, Farnham, Surrey.

Island memories

"Pull-out from Pulau Brani" (April SOLDIER evoked many memories and not a little nostalgia. I was stationed on PB with 35 Fortress Company, Royal Engineers, from February 1938 until a few days before the Japanese balloon went up. The picture shows officers and NCOs of that unit in 1938. I am second from the left in the front row. The OC (killed in the war) was Major Stranach, flanked by Lieutenant Bertie Burgess and Company Sergeant-Major George Bush, the other officer being Lieut J B Higham. Most of the group are, I believe, now dead.

The RE badge to which you refer is the grenade "collar dog" constructed in concrete by Detachment 41 Fortress Company in 1937 when it arrived from Changi to form the nucleus of 35 Company.



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controlled by 11 Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Cardew and stationed on the nearby island of Blakang Mati. This regiment had 15in, 9.2in and 6in guns, the last being manned by a magnificent body of Indians known as the Hong Kong and Singapore Royal Artillery. Their shooting had to be seen to be believed! They manned the guns at, among other places, the Fort Silinsing to which you refer and which was my first war station.

As probably one of the last soldiers of that era and in that place still to be serving, I hope this contribution may be of interest.—Maj L S Wilkes RE, c/o 23 Base Workshop REME, BFPO 20.

Corps of drums

As a pre-war drummer boy, wartime NCO in the drums and finally drum-major, I think I am in a position to answer some of the points raised in letters on this subject.

Before the war a corps of drums had a strength varying from 30 to 40. Our corps of drums in The Worcester Regiment comprised eight side drummers, four tenor drummers, bass drummer, cymbals and triangle, 1st flutes, 2nd, 3rd F# and E flutes—the latter about two feet long. The corps of drums could play for up to 20 or 30 miles on route marches alternately with the regimental band without repeating a march—and we wore full kit except for the large pack.

Mondays and Wednesdays we beat Retreat on the barrack square, and did "officers" when the regimental band was away, complete with music stands, sheet music and the drum-major standing on his box conducting. However I must point out in all fairness that we did not do the long training schemes that one does today. In support of all drum-majors I say that the drum-major should be assisted by a fife-major. This would help considerably bearing in mind that a drum-major in a Highland regiment usually looks after about ten drummers, possibly six side drummers, two tenor drummers



New cap badge

The Queen has approved a new cap badge for The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire. In silver metal throughout, it is the White Horse of Hanover with the word "Yorkshire" on the rough ground beneath the horse.

and a bass drummer who, of course, are buglers as well.

The pipe-major looks after his pipers and then there is the bugle-major who trains buglers only. Admittedly their standard of blowing is higher, but why shouldn't it be? A drum-major in the infantry has flutes, side drums, the lot, and all are buglers. So why not have a school for flute players?—E R Gay, 63 The Hill Avenue, Bath Road, Worcester.

I have read Mr D Rodgers's comments in the May SOLDIER regarding few flute-playing corps of drums in infantry regiments of the line and it may interest him to know that The Green Howards have had a fife-playing corps of drums since 1747 when it was the first line regiment to introduce this instrument after its adoption by the Brigade of Guards in 1743. The antiquary Grose, who served in the regiment at the time, comments upon this innovation.—Col J M Forbes (Retd), Regimental Secretary, The Green Howards, Regimental Headquarters, Richmond, Yorkshire.

For 12 years the regiment has worn the cap badge of The Yorkshire Brigade, but there was no common badge when The King's Division was formed to embrace the infantry regiments of Yorkshire, Lancashire and Northern Ireland and each regiment was permitted to select its own badge.

The white horse has a long association with one of the former regiments of The Prince of Wales's Own—the 14th Foot (West Yorkshire Regiment). It was originally worn on the tall mitre caps of the grenadiers and drummers of regiments but its special connection with the 14th began in 1765 when a new pattern of clothing then introduced included a bearskin cap for the grenadiers and drummers in place of the mitre. As a mark of favour to the 14th Regiment, King George III decreed that the Grenadier Company and the drummers would wear on their new

bearskin headdress the old white horse badge from the mitre cap. Its use gradually spread within the regiment until finally it became the badge for all.

On amalgamation in 1958 the white horse cap badge of The West Yorkshire Regiment and the Brunswick star with the white rose of The East Yorkshire Regiment were exchanged for The Yorkshire Brigade cap badge. Now the white horse comes back as the cap badge of The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire. The Brunswick star with the white rose remains as the collar badge of the regiment and is also borne Centrally on the Regimental Colour.

British Foreign Legion

In the spring of 1919 at the repatriation camp just outside Winchester somebody had printed a verse entitled "The British Foreign Legion." I can only remember three lines which go as follows:

"From far off places came these men, red blood to the core
Who swelled the British Legion by regiment and corps...
Where e'er they go God bless them, the British Foreign Legion."

Can any reader supply the missing lines and say who the British Foreign Legion were?—Cecil Shackley, Drum-Major, Douglas Regimental Pipes and Drums, Rte 51 RD3, Belle Vernon, Pa 15012, USA.

★One thing is certain. The British Foreign Legion has no connection with the British Legion which was founded in 1921—two years after the date of the Winchester verse.

That long hair

Bandsman Foxford (Letters, May) has

a lot to learn. Apparently he would like to see men looking like the front row of the chorus, complete with cardigans. We did not clean our boots coming out via Dunkirk or when scrambling up the Normandy beaches—we had other things on our minds. But we did clean them at the first available opportunity. As a foundation reader of SOLDIER no letter has incensed me more—I am left wondering how old Bandsman Foxford was when issue number one appeared. Let me define loyalty for him—"True to one's allegiance, faithful, especially to the Crown, a cause, a person, upright, honourable."—Chas Cowie (21 years a ranker, 15 years an officer), Langholm, South Drive, Harrogate, Yorkshire.

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13 Sgt P Rutland, 238 Trent Valley Road, Oakhill, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 5LQ, Staffs (only correct ACF/CCF entry).

16 J/L/Cpl K W Orton, Course 6T2, A Sqn, Junior Leaders Regt RE, Old Park Barracks, Dover, Kent (only correct junior soldier/apprentice entry).

19 Sgt Digbyaysing Rai, 17 Gurkha Sig Regt, Nee Soon, c/o GPO Singapore (only correct Gurkha entry).

22 Lieut P A Robinson, 16 Lords Lane, Studley, Warwickshire (only correct TAVR entry).

HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

(see page 41)

The two pictures differ in the following respects: 1 Shape of window. 2 Left camel's left hind foot. 3 Pattern at left of dome. 4 Teeth of middle camel. 5 First "a" in "Bargains." 6 Height of middle camel's right hump. 7 Rope loop below soldier's hands. 8 Tassel of Arab's tarboosh. 9 Soldier's left knee. 10 Front of soldier's belt.

ON THE BALL

Frank Finch's football match (Competition 153, February) contained 25 differences between the two drawings. They were: Scarf of spectator on left; size of flag; left window of hut; length of stick held by officer behind goal; referee's whistle; length of goalkeeper's shorts; legs of saluting RSM; lines of right stocking of left, striped player; pattern of corner flag; dog's foreleg; size of girl's bag; fifth tree from right; sleeve stripe of fallen player; position of second player from right; position of ball; right arm of player fourth from left; right knee of player second from left; shirt tail of player No. 10; neckline of player third from right; scarf of spectator fourth from right; chimney on hut; referee's collar; left cuff of player on right; beret of spectator on right; right edge of roof of hut on right.

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The meal won the corporal, 26-year-old Alan Richens, the silver challenge cup in the individual advanced cookery competition at the Army cookery competition finals in Aldershot. Corporal Richens, who cooks for the officers mess of the Kings Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, had not previously entered the competition, held this year in the Army Catering Corps Training Centre's new 14-floor tower block. The kitchens there—58 of them with 600 cooks—are thought to comprise the

largest such complex in the world.

Hundreds of spectators, not allowed into the kitchens, watched on closed-circuit television the competitors in pristine white chef's caps and aprons at work roasting, boiling, baking, frying, and garnishing.

As always the *table d'honneur* aroused awed admiration from the mothers, wives and girl-friends one of whom thought the centrepiece, a basket containing peaches, plums and pineapples, looked good enough to eat. She was right. It was all sugar.

The winning unit team was from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, with Cambridge Military Hospital the best hospital team and 12 Company, Women's Royal Army Corps, gaining the WRAC prize.

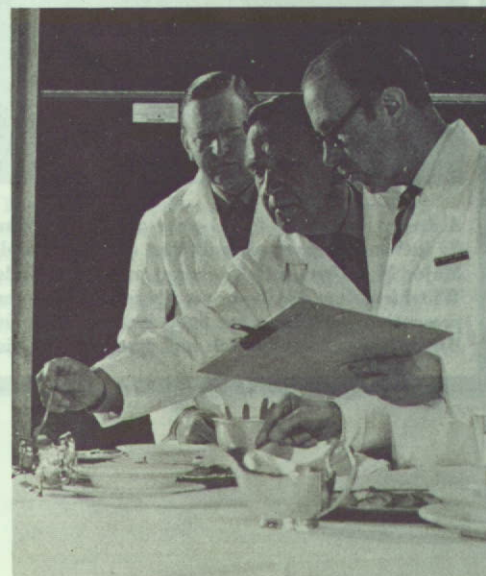
Commented one national newspaper: "It was a far cry from bangers and mash."

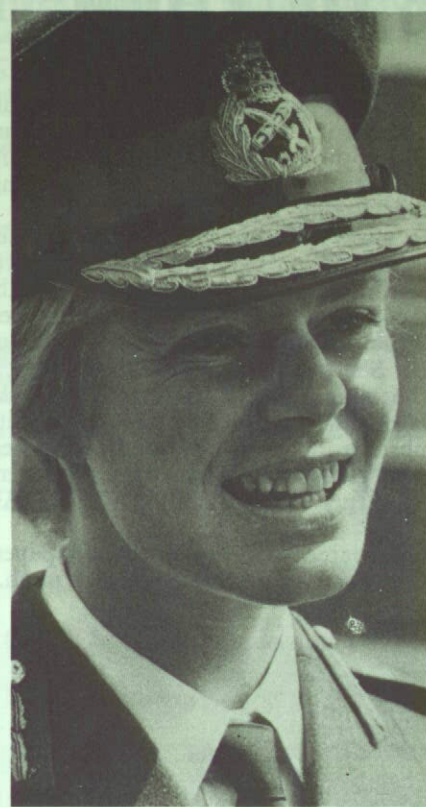


Left: The new tower block, a monument to *haute cuisine* (French for "high cooking"). Above: The champion, Corporal Richens, with cooking cups.



Above: Preparation—Sergeant B Prestedge cooks a four-course meal for five. Below: Judging. It is all done with impartiality and clinical care.





The Duchess of Kent, Controller Commandant of the Women's Royal Army Corps, spent a day with the WRAC Battery of the Royal School of Artillery, Larkhill, and saw the girls at work and at sport. The Duchess flew in and out by helicopter from her home at Iver, Buckinghamshire.

Left, right and centre



Twenty-four Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve units from the London area, with more than 160 vehicles, took part in an "invasion" of Hyde Park to stage the largest recruiting display seen in London since World War Two. The 10th Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, had a captive balloon there for parachute jumping, there was a huge static exhibition featuring different arms and corps and a march-past of units along Serpentine Road where the salute was taken by General Sir Basil Eugster, Commander-in-Chief Southern Command. The TAVR is being expanded by 10,000 men and London units need 2500 volunteers in the next 12 months. Passing the saluting base above is a Land-Rover of 10th Battalion, The Parachute Regiment.



"Different from my time," says Clive Dunn (Lance-Corporal Jones of "Dad's Army") as he parades with today's Volunteer reservists of 1st and 2nd Battalions, The Lancastrian Volunteers. Clive Dunn, a former trooper with 4th Hussars and a prisoner-of-war in Austria for four years in World War Two, was at the Palace Theatre, Manchester, when the Volunteers turned up to show him how different is today's professional approach from the "improvise and make-do" methods of the ill-equipped Home Guard of 30 years ago. Says Clive: "England need not tremble while we have the new Volunteers around."



The team assembled by the General Officer Commanding North-West District beat the Northern soccer managers 2-1. The game was golf and Joe Mercer, manager of Manchester City football club, had made the challenge to the GOC, Major-General James Wilson, well-known reporter of professional soccer matches. The managers, led by Joe Mercer, had a set-back when end of season worries caused the withdrawal of Sir Matt Busby (Manchester United), Dave Russell (Tranmere Rovers) and Don Revie (Leeds United). However, tip-top reserves Harry Johnston (Blackpool) and Tom Finney (Preston North End) were quickly on the green and Johnny Carey (Blackburn Rovers) also was in the team. Centre, above: Joe Mercer.



A dream came true for 11-year-old Phyllis Warder of Gosport who had always wanted to fly in "one of those aircraft that can go up and down instead of just straight along." Major M F Deakin (left, above) who commands 6 Flight, Army Air Corps, Netheravon, Wiltshire, flew Phyllis in an Alouette helicopter over the Wiltshire Downs, afterwards presenting her with a log book recording her first flight. She was also interviewed by the BBC's Radio Solent which had arranged the visit to satisfy her dream.



The Gurkhas make history again. This time at the tiny Buckinghamshire village of Shredding Green, near Iver, where the 150-year-old "Red Lion" inn has been re-named "The Gurkha" in honour of the tough little warriors from Nepal. After drawing a ceremonial pint, Major-General J A R Robertson, chairman of the Gurkha Brigade Association, watched the Gurkha pipes, drums and bugles play at their own British pub by an English village green. This was their first engagement on a round of fund-raising events to help reach the million-pound target of the Gurkha Welfare Appeal. The walls of the inn's saloon bar, re-titled the Valiant Lounge, are hung with kukris, regimental plaques and pictures, badges and other souvenirs. Aptly the brewers' name is Courage.



Sergeant "Buck" Ryan, 1st Battalion, The Yorkshire Volunteers, used a mine detector in York Minster to search for Saxon coffins. As they were banded with metal strips he was able to locate them and other objects, including Saxon coins, 11 feet below the floor of the south transept. Pinpointing the coffins prevented their being damaged by power drills used by a team working on the £2,000,000 restoration project.



Lads of the Buckinghamshire Cadet Regiment, Royal Artillery, demonstrated their prowess when six detachments fired 200 high-explosive shells at Larkhill. The two-day shoot, organised by a training team from the parent unit, 24 Missile Regiment, stationed at Paderborn, Germany, followed training by the team with the assistance of TAVR officers. Colonel A Tremlett, Deputy Commandant, Royal School of Artillery, welcomed the cadet regiment and presented a plaque given by 24 Missile Regiment. The cadets will be guests of the regiment in Germany during the last two weeks of this month.

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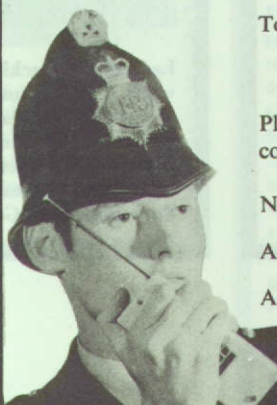
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The colonel continued: "I applied a very simple mathematical process to the text and discovered some sort of repetition. I also found that both key words were of the same length and in each case were made up of letters taken from groups of three consecutive words in the text. And neither key word contains the letters B or W."

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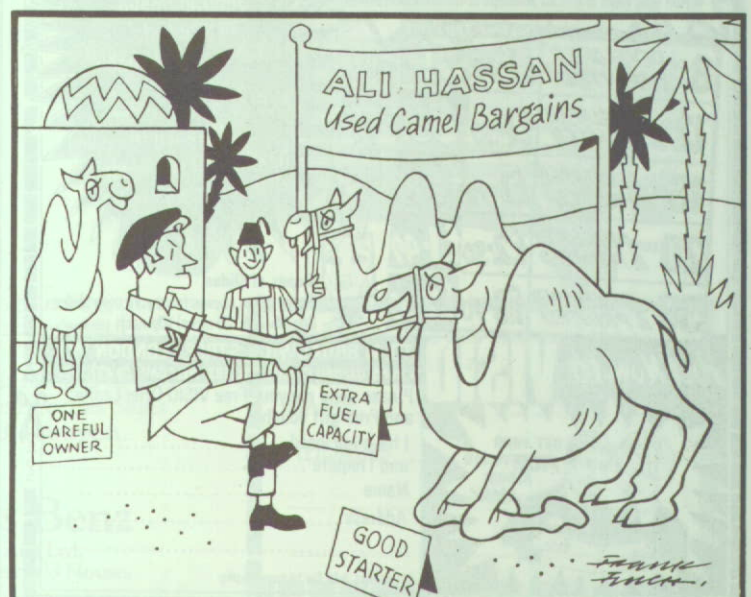
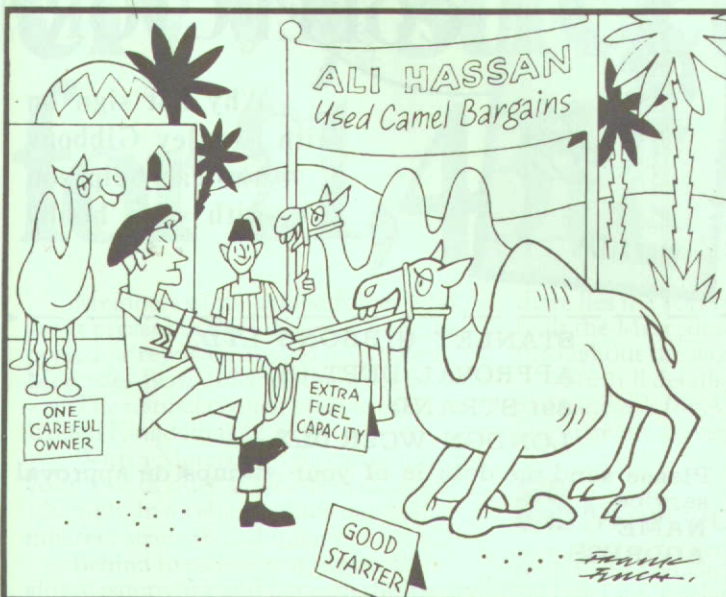
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On Record

"Harry Mortimer Diamond Jubilee Concert" (Men o' Brass: The combined bands of Foden's, Fairey and Morris) (HMV CSD 3691).

When a man becomes known by only his initials he can consider himself famous and, in most cases, revered. HM is both. This album is the recording of the concert at Belle Vue, Manchester, in November 1970, which celebrated his 60 years in the brass band world.

And what a programme this is. A right royal and uproarious tribute to the great man with none of that serious contest-field stuff. This audience was in no mood for symphonic poems or festal praeludiums—just the old lollipops they and (one suspects) the bands and conductor could face on such a night. As always at a live concert the recording is not perfect but it's worth your money to be there even at second-hand.

A George Hespe fanfare opens the proceedings, then an obvious choice for the march, "Men o' Brass" by Harold Scull. The overture to Auber's "Masaniello" and the trumpet trio "Three Jolly Sailors" follow, then a first performance of "A Victorian Rhapsody" by Gordon Jacob in his ITMA mood, based on "Ta-ra-ra-boom-di-ay," "Clementine" and "There's a Tavern in the Town." An old favourite, "Deep Harmony," and "Sempere Sousa" by Edrich Siebert in his Sousarama mood, end the first half.

After the interval a great arrangement by Alan Langford of "When the Saints" and a trio of euphoniums in "Grandfather's Clock" re-set the celebratory atmosphere. The "España" waltz, HM's own "A Hunting Medley" and Ord Hume's "March Brilliant" lead to the last item, a series of "Hymns of

Praise" culminating in a grandiloquent "Onward Christian Soldiers."

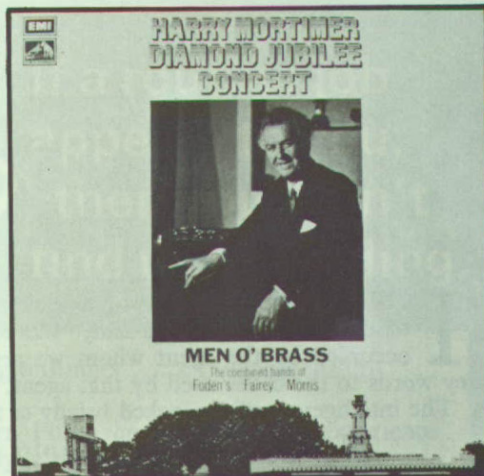
Long may we praise you, Harry, and in spite of your slipped disc, fibrositis and gout, long may you go marching on and on and on. **RB**

"Sounds Ceremonial" (Regimental Band and Ceremonial Trumpeters of the Coldstream Guards; Pipes and Drums of the 1st Battalion, The Black Watch)

(Director of Music: Major Trevor L Sharpe) (Drum-Major: Drum-Major P Kirk, Senior Drum-Major, Guards Division) (Pipe-Major: Pipe-Major J B Anderson) (Drum-Major: Drum-Major H Dunn) (Pye NSPL 18341) I have never experienced the gruelling grand tour, that coast-to-coast, city to city, one-night-stand hook-up which many British bands, usually accompanied by pipes and drums, have made in the cause of Anglo-American relations. This record contains much of the music played on just such a tour in the autumn of 1970 and if the record is anything to go by the American and Canadian public certainly had their money's worth.

Most of the 55 tunes listed are the usual ones associated with tattoos but presented in the refreshing manner one expects from Major Trevor Sharpe, the tour's musical organiser. After his own fanfare "Prelude to Pageantry" the band enters to its quick and slow marches followed by the pipes and drums with "Hielan' Laddie." The band remains to play a medley of national tunes headed by Sousa's "Hands Across the Sea." Pipes and drums give a set of dance tunes and another of marches, between which the band plays "London Sounds," a medley of marching songs designed for the American market. Side one ends with "Salute to America."

After the interval band and pipes combine in "Salute to Britain," pipes and drums alone



in a "Foursome Reel," then "Sounds Instrumental"—an arrangement of solo items including cornets ("Carnival Variations"), trombones ("Peanut Vendor"), xylophones ("William Tell"), "Post Horn Galop" and "Cherokee" by the whole band. The pipes play marches and hornpipes and then all on parade for the finale. **RB**

"Marching—En Route" (The Military Band of 1st Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) (Bandmaster: Samuel P Holmes) (Columbia TWO 333). This follow-up to The Black Watch's first Studio 2 Stereo album, "Concert—En Route" (reviewed December 1969), is a series of famous marches exceedingly well played and recorded with a precision of attack and tone worthy of a Guards band. Whether The Black Watch will consider that a compliment, I'm not sure. What the band, or rather the conductor, has not got is a precision of tempo for nearly all the marches begin at 120 and

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rapidly lose momentum until the swing-o'-the-kilt 108 is reached. Never mind, it is a fault many of us have.

A truly international list of tunes is played. Lieutenant-Colonel Fred Harris, masquerading as Jansen, is represented with his "The Ambassador" which I am certain will become a classic. With Keith's "The King's Guard" we leave Britain for the States to hear Sousa's "The Thunderer," thence to Belgium for "Jiggs" Jaeger's arrangement of "Dominique." Side one ends with a visit to Russia—"Cavalry of the Steppes"—and to Austria for the fine "Kärntnerlieder Marsch."

I would argue that in its guise of "Twin Eagle Strut" the old and great "Under the Double Eagle" comes from Austria; in this version it is Americanised by a double Dutchman and first saw the light of day at the Arnhem tattoo some years ago. There follows a version (I can only call it that) of "Marche Lorraine" at 104 paces to the minute—very precise and over-carefully prepared with none of the careless abandon and *joie de vivre* of a French band.

A favourite Spanish paso-doble, "Amparito Roca," is played in style and gets the feet a-tapping, but a modern Swedish effort, "Säg Det Ned Ett Leende," is a complete flop. Funny how the Swedes lead the world in many things but not music—for all is a pale imitation of the worst in American and European music. The famous "Deutschmeister Regiments Marsch" at a suitably Prussian pace leads to the finale, a medley of three tunes associated with the regiment—"The Gallant 42," "The Forty Two" and "The Black Watch."

With a little more contrast of mood and tempo in these marches of widely differing style this LP could have been a winner. My score—an inner, just clipping the bull. Or does that count as a bull?

RB

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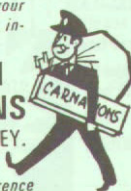


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Complex commander

"The Years of MacArthur, 1880-1941" (D Clayton James)
Douglas MacArthur was one of the most complex of military commanders. Europe is familiar, by and large, with only the last ten years of his career, from 1941 until he was sacked at the height of the Korean War. But the earlier life of this well-known stranger is worthy of the in-depth study which Professor James, a truly gifted biographer, presents in this first of two volumes.

The MacArthur story reads like a Hollywood epic. The son of a US Army officer, he was born at Little Rock, Arkansas, in a military frontier post. His father, who won the Congressional medal of Honour in the Civil War, fought Geronimo, the legendary Apache chief; with such a background there could only be one career for young Douglas. He was the most brilliant student at West Point since Robert E Lee; he fought in Mexico against Pancho Villa and gained a reputation for daring bravery; when America entered World War One he rose rapidly in rank and was at one time the youngest brigadier-general in the American Expeditionary Force.

Professor James does not overlook the fact that MacArthur was the son of a string-pulling mother and a general to whom many of Douglas MacArthur's seniors owed favours. It cannot be denied however that under the cold, watchful eye of Pershing, the new general learned to accept his responsibilities.

After the war he rose steadily in rank. In 1932, as Army chief of staff, he dispersed bonus marchers in Washington with commendable efficiency but the pride he took in the operation seared his reputation for years to come.

In 1935 MacArthur went to the Philippines as military adviser to President Quezon. He retired in 1937 but was recalled to duty by Roosevelt and in July 1941 appointed to command the Far East US Army. It was a doomed command whose fate will occupy the opening chapters of Professor James's second volume.
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Defence survey

"Brassey's Annual 1970" (edited by Major-General J L Moulton)
Perhaps the most alarming commentary in this superb defence survey is that by Colonel R D Heilmann Jnr. Reviewing American defence policy and strategy for the Seventies, he concludes that the prospect ranges from obscure to bleak. He recalls many of the more spectacular failures in American policy during the last decade—the ignominious surrender of the USS Pueblo, the shooting down of the EC-121, the sinking of the nuclear submarine Guitarro, the 6400 sheep killed by nerve gas, new tanks which set themselves on fire and will not fire their caseless ammunition, the F-111s whose wings fall off, the failures of the Minuteman ICBM to fire properly, the various Vietnam scandals, the C-5A transport whose cost has doubled, and the billion-and-a-half-dollar B-70 bomber project



which produced only one surviving aircraft which today is in a museum.

He blames many of these failures on former Defence Secretary Robert S McNamara, but credits him with getting the Pentagon back under control and with restoring US limited-war capabilities.

This is a forthright article of the sort on which Brassey's Annual's high reputation has been built. This is a book which every thinking officer should read and digest.

Among other contributors are Generalmajor Bernd Freytag von Loringhoven, Sir Fitzroy Maclean, Brigadier Kenneth Hunt, Brigadier C N Barclay, Air Vice-Marshal W M Yool, Commander J R Hill, Air Vice-Marshal P de L le Cheminant, Vice-Admiral B B Schofield, Brigadier P H C Hayward, Major Michael Banks and Messrs W T Gunston, A H S Candlin, D Phillips-Birt, Anthony Hartley, Hugh Hanning, Ian Smart, as well as the editor, General Moulton.

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German victory?

"The Race for the Rhine Bridges" (Alexander McKee)

This excellent book deals with the three major crossings (in 1940, 1944 and 1945) of Europe's major water barrier during World War Two, seeing these actions strictly as examples of human courage and adversity and not as military ex-

ercises in higher generalship. The result is that Mr McKee has produced an extremely well-written, exciting (at times almost gripping) story illustrating the three Rhine crossings from the worm's eye point-of-view.

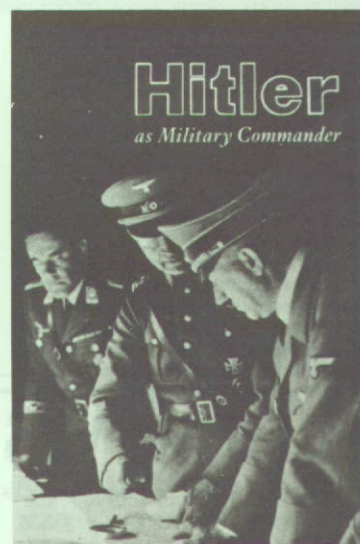
For the British reader the Montgomery attempt at Arnhem in 1944 is probably the most interesting especially as Mr McKee sees the airborne landing not simply as a British defeat but as very definitely a German victory. In his long account of Arnhem the author, who himself took part in the 1944-1945 campaign in North-West Europe, starts by pointing out the inexperience of 1st Airborne Division. In addition the division's planning staffs were not prepared to risk landing right on the Rhine bridge and key points but picked a site outside Arnhem where almost no casualties were suffered during the drop but which was simply too far away from the objective.

Once or twice Mr McKee hits below the belt, but he has a kind word for the 43rd and Guards Armoured divisions trying to break through from Second Army.

The Germans took their Rhine and Meuse bridges in 1940 with little groups of 30 or so soldiers dressed in Dutch uniform; Patton did the same at Oppenheim by simply fooling the German defenders as to his intended point of crossing. Boldness, individualism and training—a pretty effective combination.

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Man of hunches

"Hitler as Military Commander" (John Strawson)

Although most commentators have readily admitted Hitler's part, as commander-in-chief of the German Armed Forces, in the original planning of military operations, from the attack on France in May 1940 to his last desperate gamble in the Ardennes in December 1944, they have usually gone on to deal with the military commanders who executed the orders, neglecting Hitler's continued "interference" (as most of them see it) in the ensuing operations.

Major-General Strawson, who fought in Italy and North Africa as a tank officer with the 4th Hussars and is currently chief of staff to SHAPE, has tackled this omission and made out a good case for the

statement that Hitler had a certain military genius and knew more about operations than most of his generals.

In other words Hitler was little different from either Churchill or Stalin who both had an outstanding grasp of strategy and knew how to put "fire" behind the pedestrian conventional operations proposed by their generals. Though Hitler's military ability is still debatable his influence on operations played a decisive role in World War Two because while allied generals felt they were opposing conventional military minds they were all too often fighting unknowingly against a man who relied on hunches.

This important book is lively, well-written and fast-paced. Highly recommended.

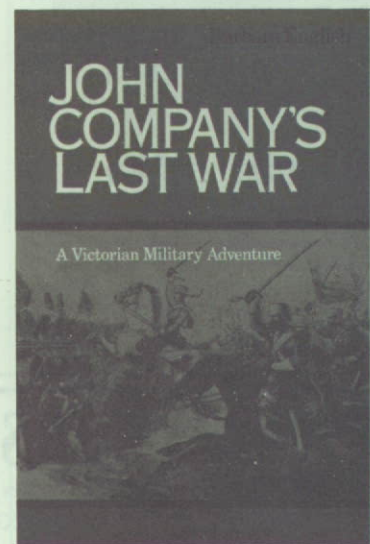
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Britain v Persia

"John Company's Last War" (Barbara English)

Most readers know that in 1856-1857 Britain finished off the war against Russia in the Crimea and was almost immediately plunged into the Indian Mutiny. Few will realise that between these two campaigns was a squalid little action against Persia characterised by Victorian eccentricity—a septuagenarian admiral who had sailed only as a passenger, a general more interested in racing results and a diplomat who was indiscreet with a princess.



This Gilbertian situation hid the real issue. Both Britain and Russia were casting greedy eyes on that region beyond the North-West Frontier with the romantic-sounding cities of Herat, Bokhara and Samarkand. Both tried to woo Persia and the Russians seemed to be more successful. They were lucky in not having as their representative Charles Augustus Murray who so annoyed the Shah of Persia that he proclaimed a Holy War.

Only an East Indian Company army was available but as it contained such good fighting stock as Staffords, Durhams and Seaforths it was more than enough. There was little actual fighting apart from Khoosh-ab and the Persians had small chance against men like Havelock and Outram. Their unfortunate commanders were publicly disgraced by the Shah, dragged

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through the streets with rings through their noses, beaten and imprisoned.

This is an interesting study of the last campaign fought by the East India Company. It has fine plates and an excellent bibliography. **AWH**
Collins, £2.10

Israel's Army

"Shield of David" (Major-General Yigal Allon)

Few people will disagree that Israel's army, size for size, is one of the best in the world today. Its showing in the 1967 Six-Day War astounded everyone, particularly Nasser who had said his blockade of the Straits of Tiran "might be an opportunity for Israel to test her forces." It was and she achieved a decisive victory against vastly superior numbers of men, tanks, guns and aircraft.

General Allon, one of Israel's warriors-turned-statesmen, presents a compelling and rewarding history of the modern Jewish defence force beginning some 80 years ago with the commitment to rebuild a Jewish national home in the Holy Land. The road was long and bitter and frequently the long-suffering British soldier was caught in the crossfire. The tragic years of 1946 and 1947 set a pattern for terrorism which is still being followed in various parts of the world.

The UN decision to partition Palestine sparked off the 16-month war of independence; then came the Sinai campaign of 1956 and by the Six-Day War the Israel Defence Forces had absorbed lessons and doctrines which had taken other countries centuries to develop. **JCW**
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Women at War

"Colonel's Lady and Camp-Follower" (Piers Compton)

The Crimean War, famous for the Charge of the Light Brigade, Heights of Alma and Florence Nightingale, was also the last campaign in which the British soldier took

COLONEL'S LADY AND CAMP-FOLLOWER



Piers Compton

his wife with him into battle.

Although women have followed their menfolk to the wars since time began we know little about them till the 19th century. They were certainly tough at that time. The women lived in primitive barracks with no marital privacy and were generally employed as laundresses. They soon developed great pride in their regiments and eagerly sought to draw the lucky lot that would take them overseas with their husbands. Those who were unlucky and had to stay behind literally starved.

The women who endured the appalling sea-journey to the Crimea came from many contrasting social backgrounds. Some were working-class like Elizabeth Evans, who went on picket duty with her husband, and Rebecca Box, who rescued wounded under fire. Some were ladies of quality like Fanny Duberly, who dined on Lord Cardigan's yacht, and Lady Erroll, who enjoyed picnic lunches at Balaclava. They all shared the same discomforts and dangers—hurricane, cholera and vermin. Wherever they went they turned tents into homes and raised the morale of men with their bonnets and ribbons. An unusual and well-documented book.

Robert Hale, £1.75

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Rapido tragedy

"Bloody River" (Martin Blumenson)

The Italian campaign of World War Two has been marked by controversy and recrimination since the day it was launched. The US 36th Texas Division's failure to cross the Rapido river, just short of Monte Cassino, was one of the most bitter defeats suffered by the Americans.

Mr Blumenson recreates vividly the attack and its aftermath with the sure sense of history evident in his earlier work. The goal was Rome. Farther up the coast the Anzio beachhead was under pressure and the Rapido crossing was conceived by General Mark Clark to afford it some relief by drawing off German forces.

The attack failed dismally with the division losing 1168 men. It was ill-starred from the start—the divisional commander was against it and approached his task in the expectation of disaster. There were mistakes all the way down the command chain and the result was chaos and confusion.

Texan pride was hurt. Twenty-five officers of the 36th—a National Guard division—met on 2 March

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1944 and voted to demand a post-war investigation of Clark's order and the attack. The demand was made public in 1946 but despite a Congressional committee hearing and some buck-passing there was no full-scale probe.

Mr Blumenson sums up: "What emerges inescapably from a broader and more detached view of the operation is the strong inference that, given more determination and push, the crossing could well have succeeded. That is the real tragedy of the Rapido."

Allen and Unwin, £2.40

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Monarchy to republic

"The War in the Yemen" (Edgar O'Ballance)

Adding to his growing list of works dealing with Africa and the Middle East the author takes the story of a bitter, comparatively unknown war fought under almost medieval conditions and makes it a significant part of the general struggle for power in the Middle East. Covering twenty years from 1948, when Yemen was ruled by a tyrannical absolutist monarch who had the pleasant little habit of decorating the walls of his capital with the severed heads of his argumentative subjects, he shows the growing influence of outside powers (particularly Nasser and Faisal) till in 1968 the monarchy had given way to a republican government keeping the peace by such means as the tank and jet.

Although the happenings in Yemen must seem remote, Major O'Ballance makes it quite clear that the story of the emerging Yemen is part and parcel of the Middle East complex and very necessary for the understanding of the present many-sided battle for power.

For both general and specialist reader this book can be warmly recommended. It is a lucid account of a typical many-sided "Arab" struggle with all its complicated complex pressure and power groups. **CW**
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On 23 June 1757 a British force of only 3000 men faced an enormous mass of men and animals—35,000 infantry, 18,000 cavalry and 50 cannon. The Battle of Plassey made Britain a great colonial power and a vital part in it was played by the 39th Foot, later the Dorsets and ever after "Primus in Indis."

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In 1881 the 39th married the 54th, a regiment founded in 1755 which fought the French at Fort Marabout in Egypt, saw duty in Sweden, pursued Kaffir raiders, fought up the Irrawaddy, hunted down mutineers in India and showed sterling courage on a sinking troop ship.

For the rest of the 19th century the Dorsets defended the Empire against Bashi-Bazouks, Moplahs, Afridis, Orakzais and Boers. In World War One their 12 battalions won 48 battle honours and in World War Two they gave Rommel a fright in France, defended Malta, died for Kohima and were among the first into Normandy and Germany.

After 1945 the Dorsets served in Japan, Malaya, Germany, Hong Kong and Korea and amalgamated with the Devons in 1958.

This volume, in the "Famous Regiments" series, is well-written, interesting and full of illustrations. **Leo Cooper, £1.75 AWH**

Frontier "first"

"The North Staffordshire Regiment" (Hugh Cook)

Raised in 1756, the 64th spent long periods abroad in the West Indies, Canada, Gibraltar, Malta and South Africa and had moments of glory in the USA, in the Indian Mutiny and in the Sudan. The 98th, founded in 1824, lost more men to disease abroad than any other unit and was probably the first to be sent to the North-West Frontier in India.

Amalgamation of these two fine regiments in 1881 as the North Staffords brought a fall in Irish enlistments and heavier recruitment from the Midlands. In World War One 18 battalions served, 52 battle honours were won and 4000 men fell. Everywhere the North Staffords showed their worth.

After a spell between the wars as international policemen keeping the peace between Greek and Turk, Hindu and Moslem, Arab and Jew, the North Staffords found themselves in the retreat to Dunkirk.

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Later they avenged this defeat by thrashing the Hermann Goering Regiment in North Africa. Anzio seemed to present great opportunities for a spectacular victory but the timidity of US General Lucas forced the 2nd Battalion into a beachhead fight which cost many casualties.

Further action, against the Japanese in the Arakan and the SS Panzers at Caen, gave the regiment another 22 battle honours.

After service in the Canal Zone, Trieste, Korea, Hong Kong and Germany the North Staffords were joined in 1959 with their brothers from South Stafford.

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"The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry" (Philip Booth)

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It was almost inevitable that the 43rd and 52nd should be linked. Both were created light infantry in 1803 by General Moore. Trained to move at great speed, be completely self-reliant and respond mainly to bugle commands, they played a key part in the dreadful retreat from Corunna. Unfortunately these two superb regiments were almost wiped out in the ghastly slaughter at Badajoz.

In World War One men from the old 52nd were in the retreat from Mons and endured Marne, Ypres and the Somme.

Their comrades in the old 43rd had an appalling time in Mesopotamia when they were taken prisoner at Kut. After World War Two, in which they fought as gliderborne troops, the Ox and Bucks served in Palestine.

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"Tanks of other Nations: USSR"

This informative booklet comes as a worthy follow-up to two previous publications in the same series which dealt with the tanks of Germany and the USA. Brief sections are devoted to the evolution of Russian tank development, organisation, tactics and design characteristics, but the main body of the book is rightly concerned with descriptions of individual armoured fighting vehicles and tanks.

There is also a useful table of specifications which should have a direct appeal to the tank specialist. Conforming to the pattern set by its predecessors the concluding 20 or so pages are taken up exclusively by photographs. **RAC Tank Museum, Bovington Camp, Wareham, Dorset, 25p**

"A Guide to The Queen's Regiment" (Gregory Blaxland)

When the Queen's Regiment came into being on 31 December 1966 ten Regular regiments, eight of Militia and 16 battalions of Volunteers had gone into its making. To quote from this excellent guide the regiment is the product of a "haphazard process of fusion spread over almost a hundred years." Until 1872 the component regiments—two with histories dating back to King Charles II's day—went their separate ways unaware that the twin demands of efficiency and expediency would eventually fuse them into one.

The story of the regiment—its evolution, fighting record, com-

memorations and customs, music and battle honours—is told factually and concisely. Of particular interest is the section dealing with the war against Napoleon and the Battle of Albuhera. Supported by maps, illustrations of badges and uniforms and an appendix listing regimental holders of the Victoria Cross, this 87-page book is of real value.

Regimental HQ, The Queen's Regiment, Howe Barracks, Canterbury, 30p (including UK postage)

"Barry's Flying Column" (Ewan Butler)

Mr Butler, an ex-journalist, tells the story of the Flying Column of the Cork No. 3 Brigade, Irish Republican Army, during the so-called Anglo-Irish War of 1919-1921. Tom Barry, aged 21, who had fought in World War One, commanded the column. Under his ruthless leadership it became notorious for murder, arson and assault.

The blurb states, not surprisingly, that the book was written with Barry's full approval. In his foreword Barry says it was from his own book "Guerrilla Days in Ireland" that the author took many of his facts and that they are accurate from the Irish side. Mr Butler has done little to present the British case and the overall effect of his book is to show bias towards the IRA.

There is no list of sources (though a few are mentioned in the text), no bibliography and no index but there are some interesting illustrations.

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