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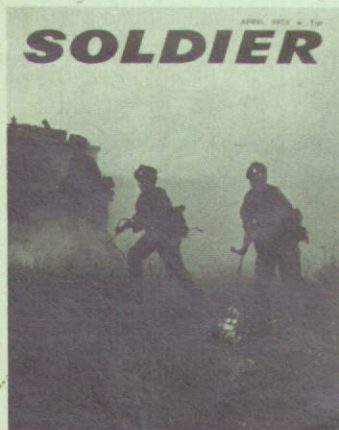
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FRONT COVER

Royal Irish Rangers charge into the attack under cover of smoke. They were pictured being put through their at-the-double paces on Salisbury Plain.

Picture by Martin Adam.



BACK COVER

Parker, the mascot of the British Forces, British Honduras, for the past seven years picks up a few tips from Garrison Sergeant-Major Fred Sear on drill commands. Parker can already bark out: "Left, right, left, right, squad halt!" at the drop of a pace-stick.

Picture by Arthur Blundell.

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

MAY 1973

- 4 Newark Show (band) (4-5 May).
- 8 **Freedom of Torbay, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment.**
- 11 Concert by Band of Royal Military School of Music, Royal Festival Hall, London (in aid of Army Benevolent Fund).
- 12 Freedom of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars.
- 14 Brentwood Carnival, Essex (band).
- 16 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 16 West Midland Agricultural Show, Shrewsbury (band) (16-17 May).
- 17 Manchester 73 **Festival** (band).
- 19 First rehearsal, Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 19 Tulip Festival, Birmingham (band, **RA motorcycle display team (25-29 May)**, Blue Eagles helicopter display team, White Helmets motorcycle display team).
- 23 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 26 Lord Mayor's Procession, Birmingham (bands).
- 26 Tidworth Tattoo (26-28 May).
- 26 Second (dress) rehearsal, Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 26 Watford Carnival (band).
- 28 SSAFA Air Display, RAF Church Fenton.
- 28 Wells Moat Race and Youth Fellowship (band).
- 30 **Queen presents new Standards to Household Cavalry regiments, Horse Guards Parade, London.**
- 30 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 30 Suffolk County Show (bands, RA motorcycles) (30-31 May).

JUNE 1973

- 1 Manchester Services Display (bands, Blue Eagles, White Helmets, Red Devils freefall team) (1-3 June).
- 1 Impel 73 Doncaster Civic Week (bands) (1-9 June).
- 2 Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 2 Stevenage Day (band).
- 2 Beating Retreat, Edinburgh Castle.
- 6 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 8 Chasewater Festival, Hereford (bands, RA motorcycles) (8-9 June).
- 9 Catterick Army Display (9-10 June).
- 9 Glasgow Military Display (bands, Blue Eagles, White Helmets) (9-16 June).
- 9 Birkenhead Army Display (Red Devils) (9-10 June).
- 12 Monarchy 1000, Bath (bands) (12-16 June).
- 13 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 14 Installation of Governor, Edinburgh Castle.
- 14 Beating Retreat, Chelmsford.
- 14 Coventry Carnival (band, Red Devils, RA motorcycle display team) (14-16 June).
- 15 Essex County Show (band) (15-16 June).
- 16 **Frimley and Camberley Cadet Corps Fête.**
- 16 Open Day, Depot The Queen's Division, Basingbourn Barracks, Royston, Herts.
- 16 Cadet Forces Tattoo, Swindon.
- 16 Wrexham Garden City Fête (Red Devils).
- 17 Welsh 3000s (17-18 June).
- 20 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 22 Household Division beats Retreat, Horse Guards Parade, London (in aid of Army Benevolent Fund) (22-24 June).
- 22 Edinburgh Air Show (bands, Blue Eagles) (22-24 June).
- 22 Aldershot Army Display (22-24 June).
- 23 Pontypridd Chamber of Trade Fête (RA motorcycle team).
- 27 (Provisional). Freedom of Aldershot, Royal Army Medical Corps.
- 27 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 27 Royal Norfolk Show (band) (27-28 June).
- 29 Royal Artillery At Home, Woolwich (29-30 June).
- 30 Hucclecote Fête, Gloucester (band, arena display).
- 30 Open Day, Army Apprentices College, Harrogate (band).
- 30 Tamworth Carnival (band, Red Devils, White Helmets).

JULY 1973

- 4 Kneller Hall band concert.



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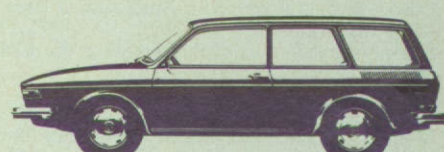
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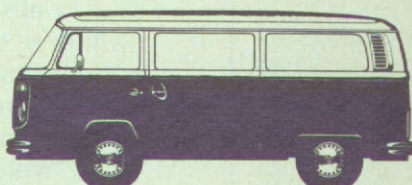
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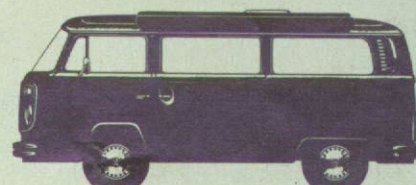
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- 6 Kirby Show, Liverpool (band) (6-7 July).
- 6 Birkenhead Show (band) (6-7 July).
- 7 Military Musical Pageant, Wembley Stadium (in aid of Army Benevolent Fund).
- 7 Newport, Mon, Carnival (RA motorcyclists) (7-8 July).
- 7 Exeter Air Day (Blue Eagles).
- 9 Lambeth (London) Safety Exhibition (RA motorcycles) (and 11 July).
- 10 Great Yorkshire Show, Harrogate (band) (10-12 July).
- 11 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 11 Royal Tournament (11-28 July).
- 11 Massed bands display, Royal School of Artillery, Larkhill.
- 12 Folkestone Tattoo (provisional) (12-14 July).
- 13 Pudsey Show, Leeds (band) (13-14 July).
- 13 Masham Traction Engine Rally (band) (13-16 July).
- 13 Nottingham Festival (band) (13-16 July).
- 14 Basingstoke Tattoo.
- 14 Artillery Day, Larkhill.
- 14 Plymouth Air Show (band).
- 14 Weston-super-Mare Dairy Festival (bands) (14-21 July).
- 14 Open Day, 38 Engineer Regiment, Ripon.
- 14 Calne Carnival (band, arena display).
- 14 Welwyn Garden City Carnival (band).
- 17 East of England Show (bands) (17-18 July).
- 18 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 19 Liverpool Show (bands, RA motorcyclists, Red Devils) (19-21 July).
- 20 Teesside Show (band) (20-23 July).
- 21 Stroud Show (band).
- 21 Bristol 600 (21 July-12 August) (King's Troop RHA 6-11 August, Red Devils 21-26 July, White Helmets 6-11 August).
- 22 Corby Highland Show (band).
- 23 Wigan Pier Display (bands, RA motorcycles) (23-24 July).
- 25 Driffield Show (band).
- 26 Manchester Flower Show (band, Red Devils, RA motorcycles) (27-28 July), White Helmets (26-28 July).
- 26 St Helens Show (band, Red Devils, RA motorcyclists) (26-28 July).
- 27 Northampton Show (band) (27-28 July).
- 28 Army Air Day, Middle Wallop.
- 28 Gloucester Carnival (band) (29 July-10 August).
- 29 Open Day, RAC Centre, Bovingdon.
- 30 Tyneside Summer Exhibition (bands) (30 July-5 August).
- 31 Royal Lancashire Show (band, Red Devils) (31 July-2 August).

AUGUST 1973

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

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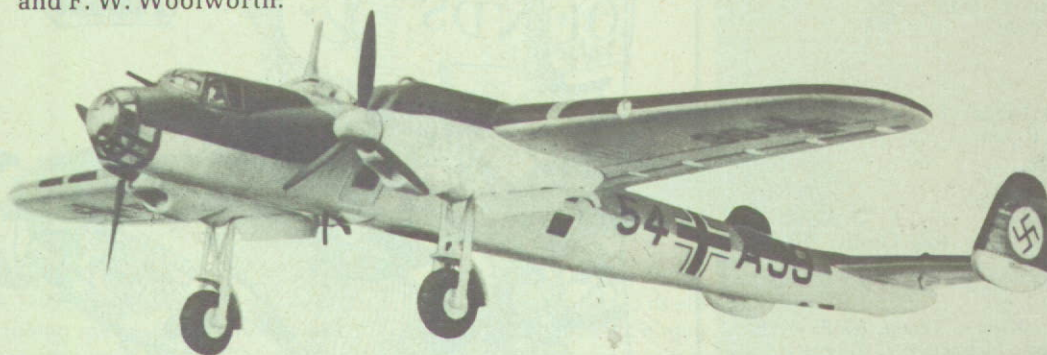
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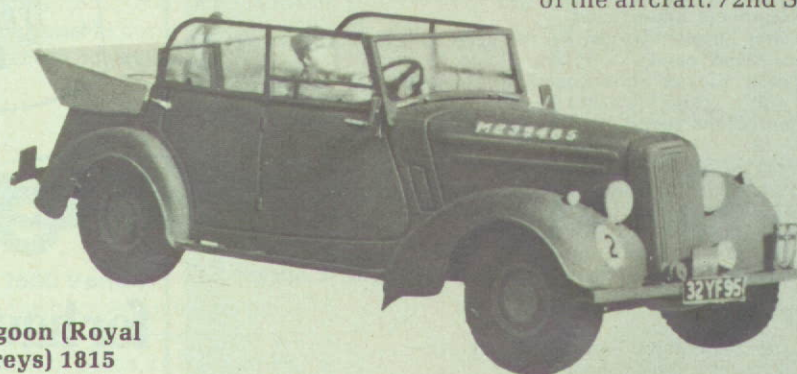


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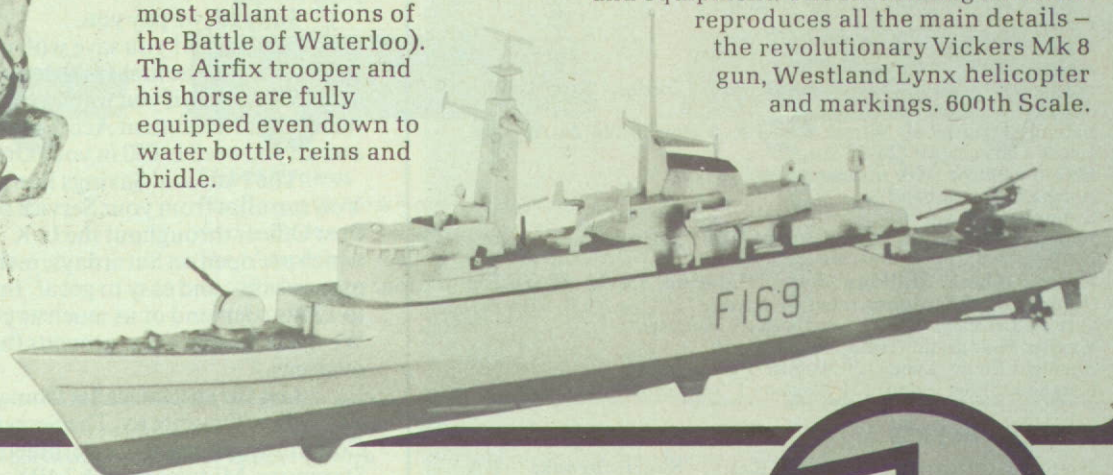
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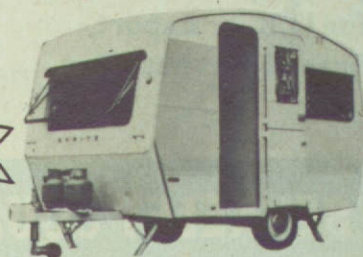
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The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire

ON a June day in 1867 a group of ladies could be seen waving their farewells among the crowd of well-wishers gathered at Tralee station as the train carrying the 14th of Foot slowly disappeared from view. Minutes earlier, in an emotional little scene, they had presented the officers with a lace handkerchief embroidered with the regimental



device and "with a tear" from each who was not married by the time the 14th left Ireland. Today, this Victorian love-token which once meant so much to those spinsters of Tralee is on display for all to see in the museum of The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire at Imphal Barracks, York.

The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire (14th and 15th) was formed on 25 April 1958 by the union of two old and famous regiments—the West Yorkshires and East Yorkshires, both of which were raised on 22 June 1685 during the Monmouth rebellion. The museum, occupying four rooms at the P W O Regimental headquarters, seeks to tell a story spanning nearly 300 years. The well-arranged exhibits—uniforms, trophies, badges, medals, pictures, photographs—are mostly linked with the old 14th of Foot, The West Yorkshire Regiment, the East Yorkshires having their own museum at Beverley.

A frame of badges records the changes that have occurred in the regimental cap badge which today portrays the White Horse of Hanover galloping on rough ground over the word "Yorkshire." Nearby another display which will interest collectors shows the full range of the regiment's latter-day insignia. The medal section has much to offer including a number of Waterloo and Crimea medals and a

particularly interesting group belonging to Major-General G F Phillips who was offered, and declined, the throne of Albania in 1914.

Among the uniforms are the scarlet jacket of the legendary Private Tom Tree with its ten long-service chevrons representing 51 years in the regiment—from 1881 to 1932—and King George V's full dress uniform, helmet, mess jacket and forage cap as honorary colonel of the 3rd Militia Battalion, The West Yorkshire Regiment.

In the World War One room are two machine-guns captured by Second-Lieutenant E M Kermode DSO MC DCM, killed at the age of 22 near Epernay. And in the second global conflict the defence of Imphal by the 1st and 2nd West Yorkshires is commemorated by a number of trophies including a Japanese flag.

Among the regimental silver are two table lighters presented to the regiment by that "gallant English gentleman," Captain L E G Oates who, crippled by frostbite, walked out alone to his death in a raging blizzard rather than be a burden to his storm-bound and starving comrades desperately trying to return to base after reaching the South Pole with Captain Scott in January 1912. The gift marked Captain Oates's departure from the 3rd Militia Battalion in 1900 to join the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons.

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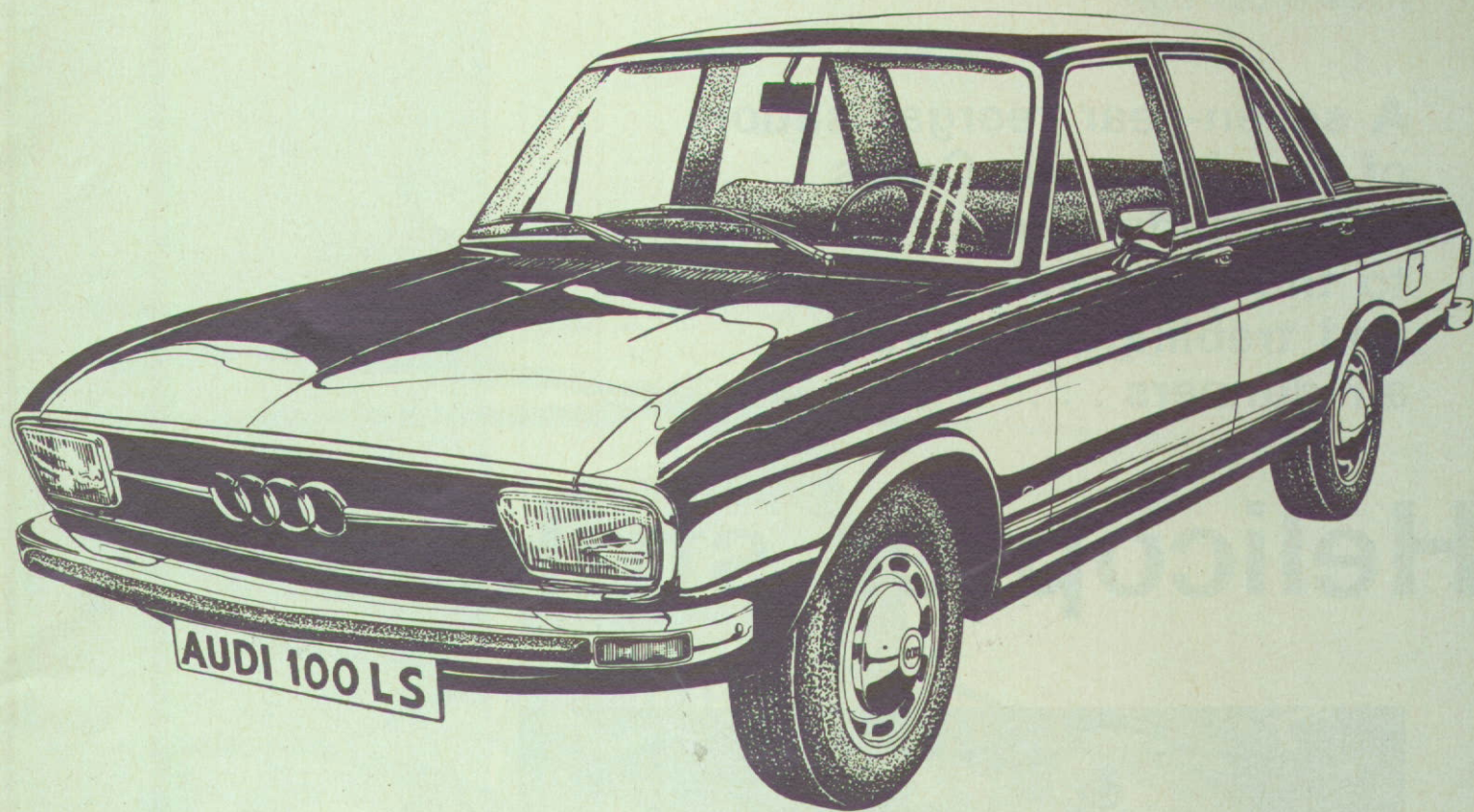
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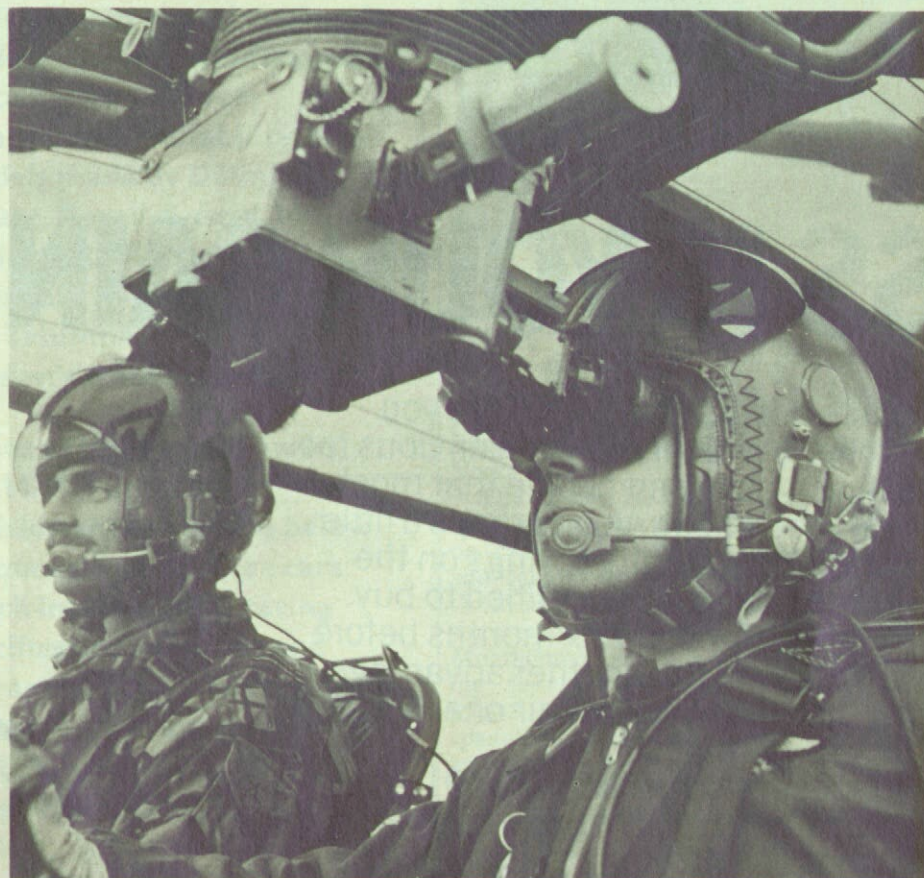
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A seven-year reorganisation of the Army Air Corps will include direct recruiting to the new rank of air trooper and trebling the corps' air gunners . . .

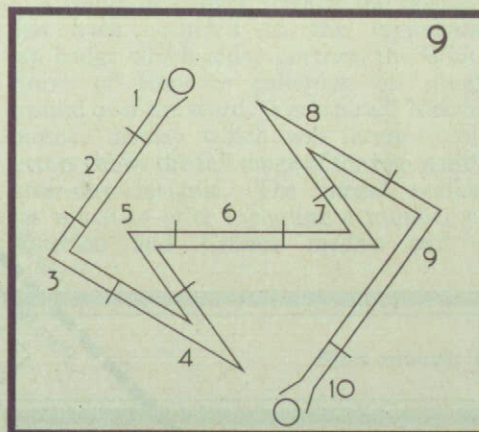
Helicopter strikers



Above: An air gunner peers into his periscope sight before missile firing.

Right: This test card for trainees on the simulator looks like snakes and ladders but is deadly serious.

Top right: A Scout lurks at tree-top height to loose off its deadly shots in surprise attack on tanks.



IN September 1970 Corporal Colin Morley was carrying out what he describes as "a pretty routine job" as a training non-commissioned officer with the Royal Engineers. Four months later he was in Germany firing SS 11 missiles from and even piloting helicopters.

Corporal Morley was one of the first men to be trained in the Army's new specialist qualification of air gunner—the number of air gunners is to expand threefold in the next seven years.

It began when he saw a notice about the new role. He recalls: "I've always liked aviation and used to do a bit of gliding. At the time I did not know what an air gunner

did—I suppose I had visions of hanging out of the side of a helicopter with a machine-gun." First he had to pass medical and aptitude tests at the Officers and Aircrew Selection Centre at RAF Biggin Hill. Then, like all the 44 successful candidates to date (including six Royal Marines), he was sent to the Army Air Corps school at Middle Wallop for a two-phase ten-week course.

The requirements for an air gunner are that he should be "alert, self-disciplined, physically fit and reliable." This does not tell the whole story for the most essential things in missile firing are excellent co-ordination and reflexes. Only about 25 per

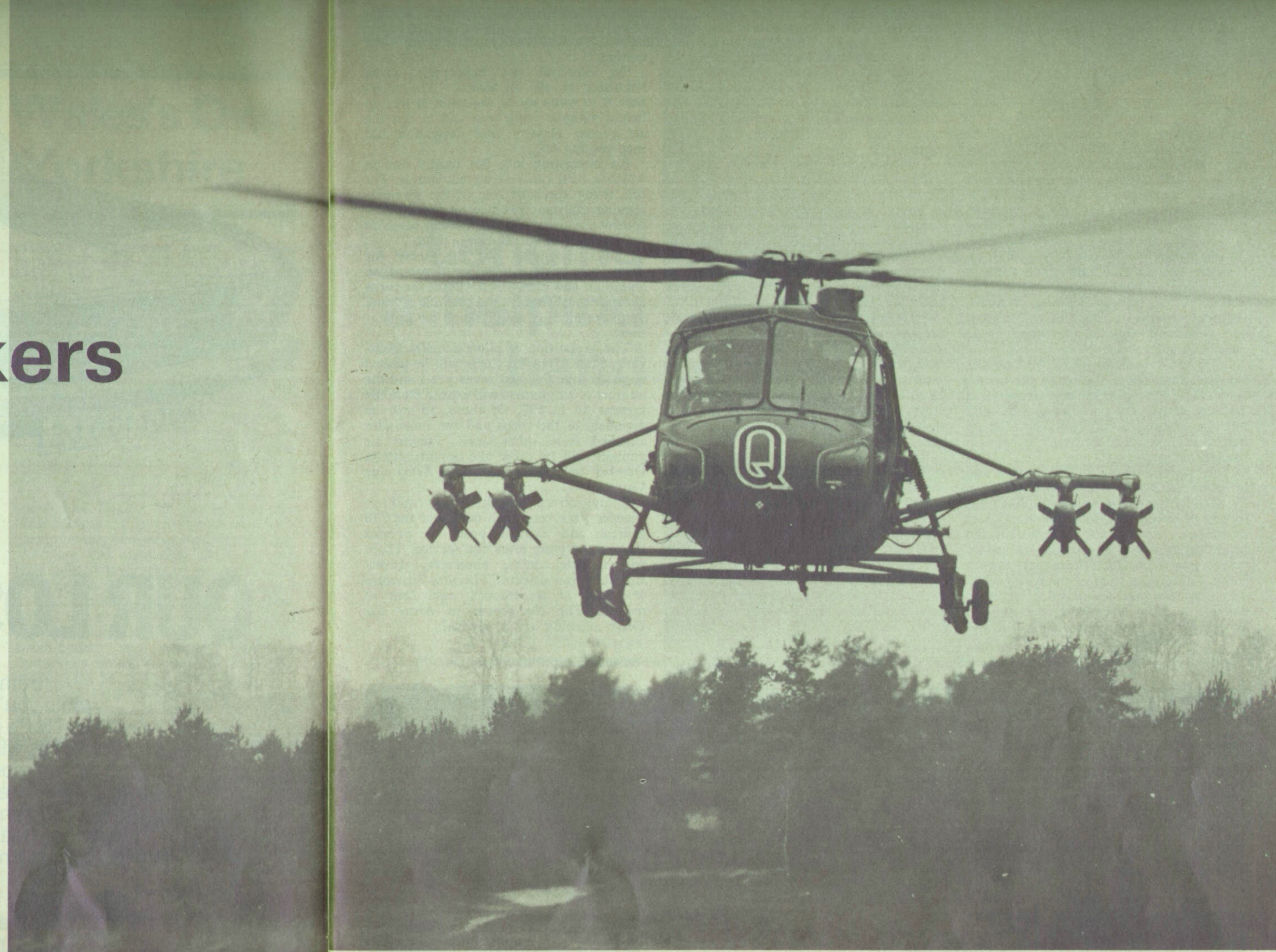
cent of applicants graduate as air gunners. A man who fails at the Biggin Hill stage is not allowed to apply again for two years although a failed candidate from Middle Wallop may in certain circumstances be considered again after 12 months. But no one can begin a course after his 28th birthday.

Using a DX 44 simulator the candidates at Middle Wallop learn, in theory at least, how to control a missile. A spot of light, with stick control, is beamed on to a card and the would-be air gunner learns how to move it around a series of increasingly difficult patterns. As the seconds tick away the light, like a real missile, becomes

slower to respond and more difficult to correct.

It is certainly not easy. SOLDIER's team had a go and both times the "missile" ended up on the ceiling! But Captain John Milton, commanding the helicopter weapons flight at Middle Wallop, says that at the end of two hours one should be able to control the "missile." "It's pure reflex. I wouldn't like to see super brains on one of these because they tend to think too much and would make lousy missile controllers."

During the first phase of the course at Middle Wallop, candidates study aviation medicine, navigation, meteorology, photo-



graphy, signals, airmanship, tactics, technical servicing and air observation. They also start flying instruction, taking in straight and level execution, medium turns, descent and making tolerable landings. The air gunner has a co-pilot role in that if the pilot is incapacitated he needs to be able to fly the helicopter away from the danger area and land it.

In the second and final phase there is more flying and use of the simulator as well as instruction in weapons systems, sighting systems, recognition of aircraft and armoured fighting vehicles, range estimation and tactics.

Captain Grahame Browne, training development adviser to the Army Air Corps, takes the view that current recognition systems which rely on photographs tend to bore the student. Recently he took up model-making and designed a special recognition range.

The model which Captain Browne and his team produced is extremely realistic, showing fairly open terrain with a few hills, woods and buildings. Running through it is an electric train set. Except that the 'trains' in this case are perfect replicas of tanks of various nations. Students have a row of buttons in front of them and when a tank appears, at the equivalent of up to half-a-mile away, they have to identify it and press the appropriate button. The

instructor sitting behind the console can immediately see which students have given the correct answer. The range is also used with a missile-firing simulator.

At the end of the course the student has completed 20 hours on the simulator and must have achieved 90 per cent success with moving targets and incorporating built-in hazards such as turbulence and gravity drop.

Then comes the time for the first live firing of a missile. Corporal Morley again: "I was very nervous and my stomach was in knots. It is very different from the simulator. You are actually controlling the missile for perhaps 20 seconds and that first time it seemed like no time at all. With each successive missile it seemed to get longer and now I can actually remember doing the hand movements to control it."

Each student fires four missiles and must have at least two strikes. Often the best men on the simulator fail with the real thing and Captain Milton feels this is the 'crunch' time. "Their whole future hangs on this firing and if they fail because of nerves it is the end. We cannot have a chap with a nervous disposition in this sort of game!"

Back to Corporal Morley. He has now spent two years with 651 Squadron, Army Air Corps, at Verden in Germany. His missile score is eight strikes out of ten fired. And in October, when the opportunity arises, he hopes to turn in his sapper badge and become a fully fledged member of the Army Air Corps.

"It's a very interesting job—never dull," he says. "We are always learning something new about aircraft. We do navigation, flying, casualty evacuation and general

aircrew duties. In bad weather I instruct observers in tank recognition, map-reading, signals, aircraft fitting and weather forecasting."

On exercises the helicopters make simulated attacks on armour. The secret here is to creep up on the tanks at treetop height without being seen and in this the air gunner plays a vital navigation and map-reading role.

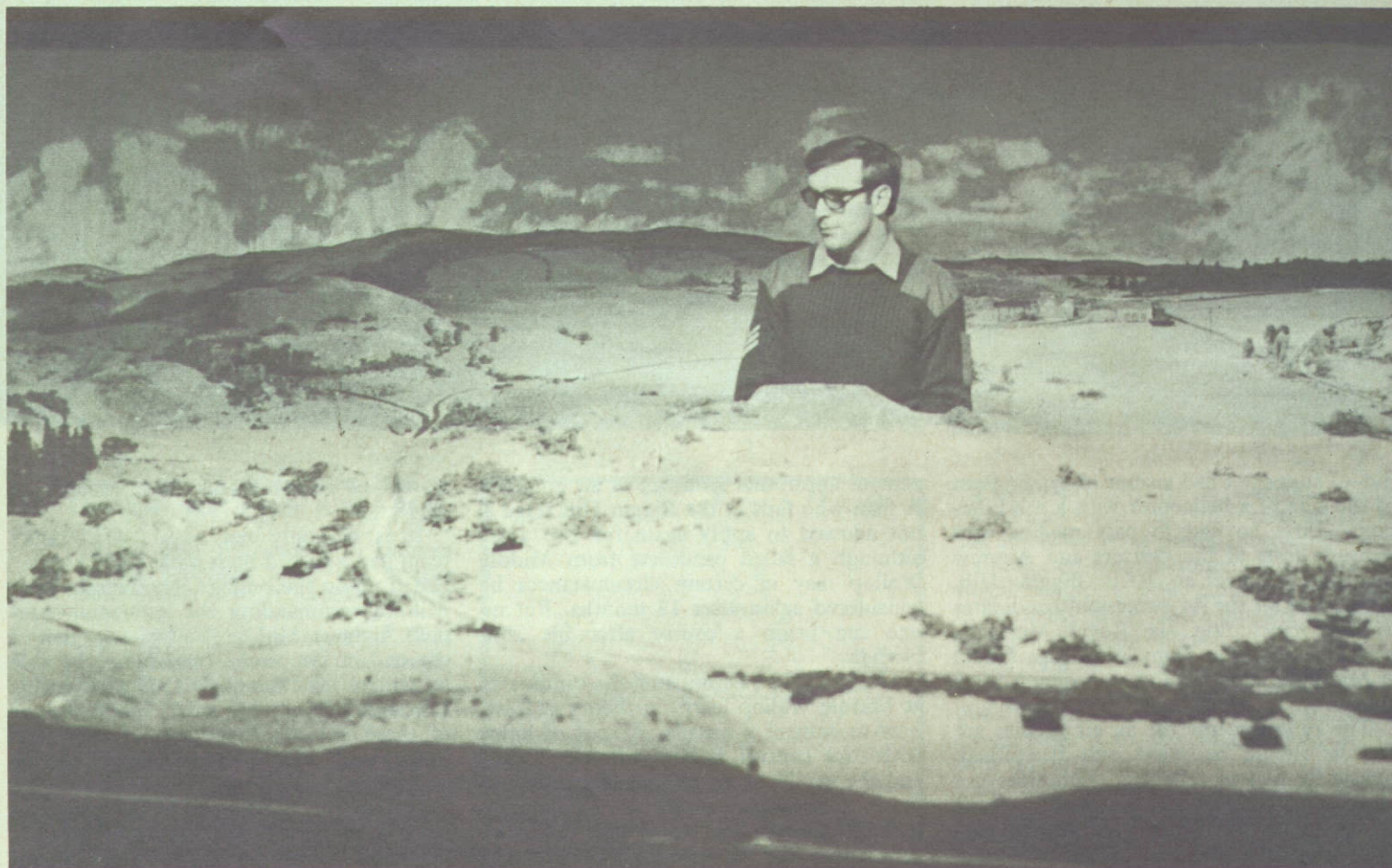
An interesting job, but hardly one in which a man can rest on his laurels. For this Army specialist role of the seventies requires constant practice on the missile-control simulator. The air gunner needs to be on top of his job all of the time.

Direct recruiting into the Army Air Corps is to begin in October as part of an ambitious new plan which will see the corps expand considerably and include a rank structure offering ample scope for promotion.

The proportion of pilots actually members of the Army Air Corps will be phased upwards over the next seven years and the number of air gunners will expand from the present 38 to 107. Of these, 55 will be members of the corps and the remainder attached from other arms. Present air gunners will be given the opportunity in October to rebadge into the Army Air Corps.

Using direct recruiting as well as transfers, the corps will take over the 778 general and clerical posts at present manned by other arms and service. These will include clerks, observers, driver/signallers and drivers. The new structure will start at air trooper, equivalent to private. The changeover to Army Air Corps manning will be gradual.

Middle Wallop's answer to Gulliver's travels—the Lilliputian landscape is in fact for tank identification tests.



Lending a helping hand

Story by Mike Starke
Pictures by Arthur Blundell



A SIX-MONTH posting to British Honduras is just a memory now for men of 1st Battalion, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment. But grateful communities throughout this Central American country will for years to come keep practical reminders of the soldiers' presence.

The battalion took advantage of its tour to take on 23 major community relations projects designed to help the local people. The troops could offer specialised skills and just sheer manpower to cope with a vast range of jobs from the simple task of providing tin plates for the 44 inmates of a boys' training school to the complex engineering problems of building a bridge.

A world away from the relative civilisation of Belize city, a cluster of palm-thatched huts and wooden shacks making up the village of San Pedro huddles around

the dusty road near the Mexican border. Time seems to stand still in the shimmering heat of the sugar cane fields and orange groves. But progress marched on for the villagers when the English infantrymen arrived to help with the building of a community centre.

The brick structure with its corrugated iron roof is to provide a hall for public meetings, dances and a school. There will eventually be a bar and clinic as well. Working with the soldiers was the chairman of the local council, Señor Justo Cobb, who told SOLDIER: "Our village has not had anything like this before. We were very pleased to see the soldiers come and help us with this."

A few seemingly simple tasks undertaken by the battalion's assault pioneer platoon made all the difference to patients and staff at San Ignacio hospital near the country's western border. The kitchen

▲ Bricklaying is not new to Pte A Westbrook. It was his job before he joined the Army.

◀ A hammer and cane-cutting machete serve as metal cutting tools at remote San Pedro.

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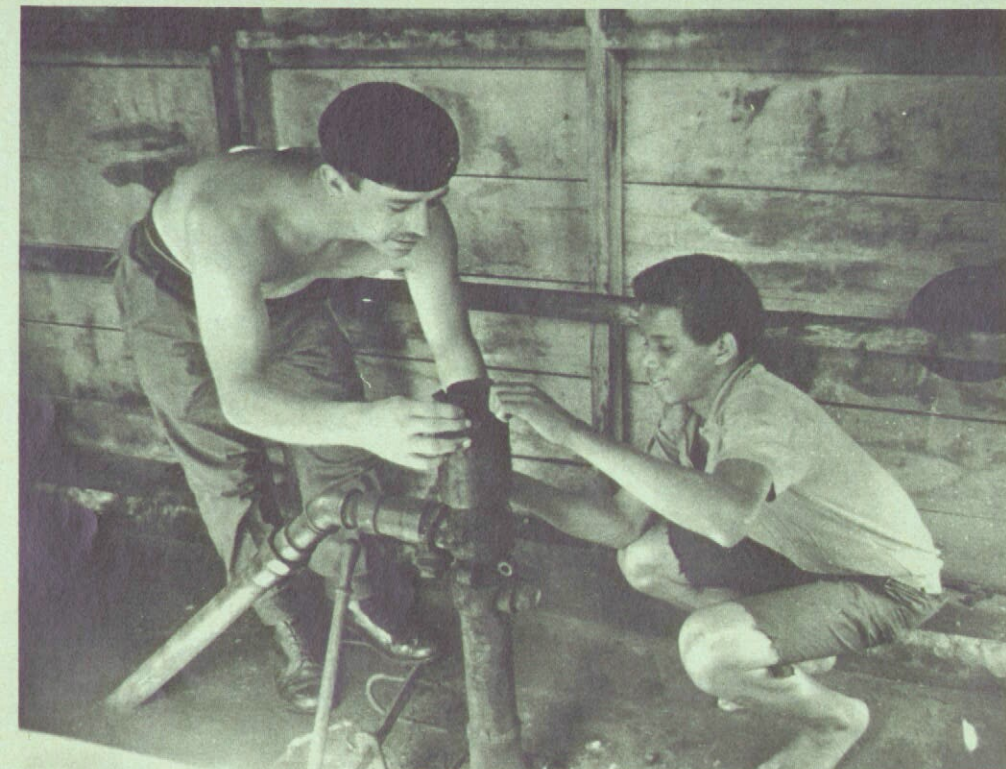
This water tank was flown in by helicopter to give an isolated community its first-ever supply of running water at a school.



Lance-Corporal Andrew Cruickshanks helps fold a sheet laundered with the washing machine his efforts helped to get working.

Listowell boys eagerly assisted the troops who came to clear a games pitch for them.

Another load of concrete means Paraiso is that much nearer getting its new open-air recreation area built by the soldiers.



Lance-Corporal Mike Conway gets a helping hand from a boy at Listowell School as he attends to a problem with the plumbing.

The smile of thanks from a Listowell boy shows how welcome a new supply of plates was—provided by courtesy of the soldiers.



Cool pump-water looks tempting in the hot Honduran sun. But this canful was for a mix of concrete to make a new games area.



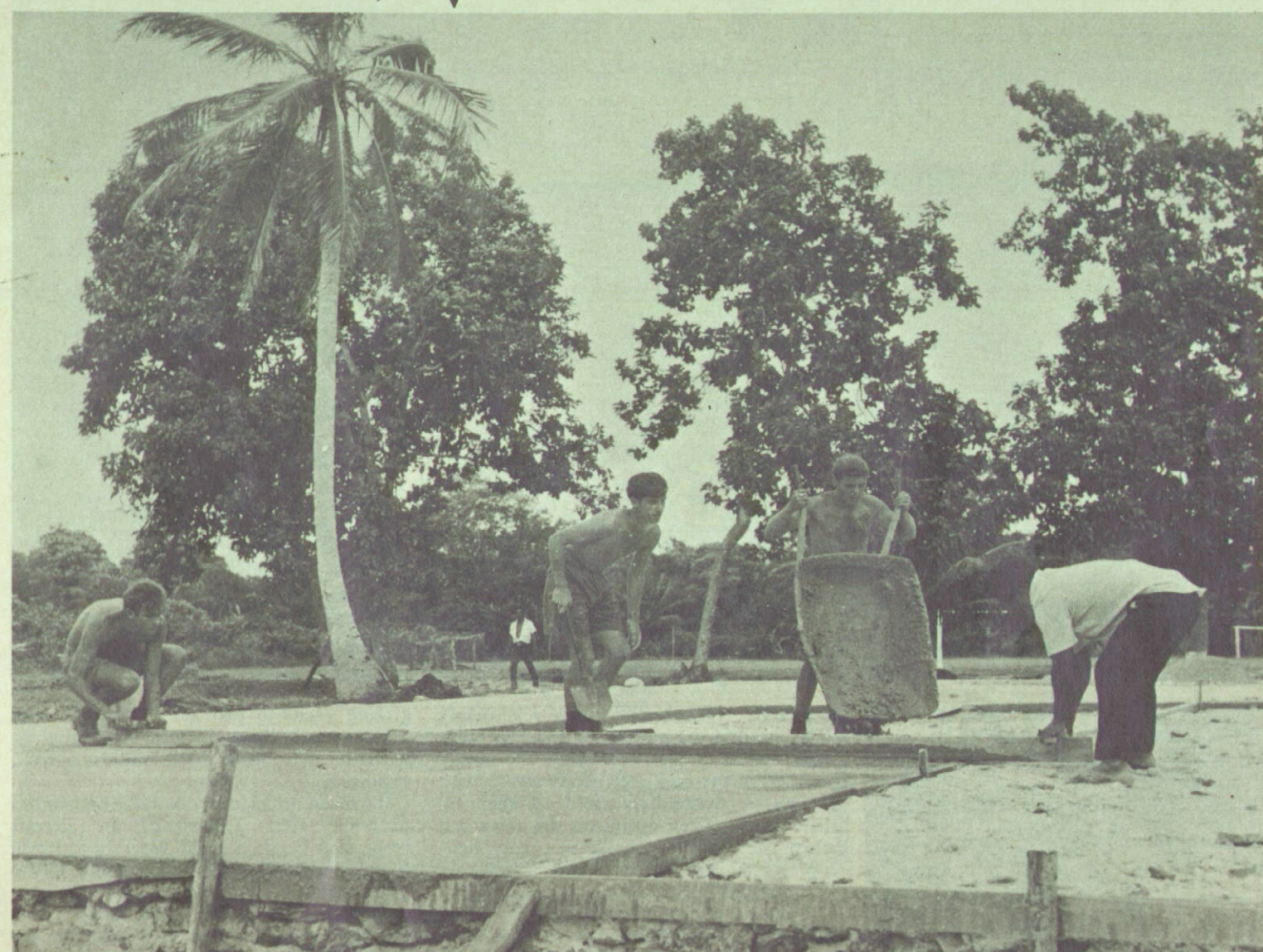
was cleaned out and repainted and new lino laid. Much of the hospital's electric circuit was rewired and a number of carpentry jobs were done. The all-important laundry room was given special attention and a washing machine which had not worked for years can now be used.

Commenting on the work that had often taken up a good deal of spare time as well as duty hours, Sergeant Brian Carnegie said: "Doing something like this you feel it's really worthwhile because you're doing it for the whole community, not just a few individuals."

Close to a hutted Army base called Holdfast Camp stands Listowell boys' training school where young delinquents are taught useful trades and fitted to lead

a normal life again in the community. The success rate would be the envy of many similar schools in Great Britain. Here the battalion offered not only practical help by levelling a games pitch, servicing the plumbing and providing new plates, cutlery, bedding and games equipment, but by working and playing alongside the boys to give them a taste of the outside world they will soon be part of once more.

Meanwhile, in virtually inaccessible high-lands, the scattered settlement of Macaw Bank saw the introduction of its first running water supply . . . thanks to men of the Devon and Dorsets. The local residents used to toil up the steep banks of the river—often the only means of communication with the outside world—



with buckets of water. The soldiers had a galvanised tank flown in by helicopter and set in place next to a school which they had repaired and painted.

Not only remote country districts benefited from the troops' presence. Near Corozal, a northern town, SOLDIER found a section laying concrete for use as a games area. Local labourers put down the retaining wooden shuttering and the soldiers then poured concrete and levelled it. In Belmopan, the nation's new capital, the battalion did extensive work on a children's home and presented the staff with a camera to record the children's activities. New soccer goalposts were donated and put up for the city's comprehensive school and regular help was given in physical

training and games instruction. Being only nine miles from the British Forces headquarters at Airport Camp, Belize city naturally got its share of community relations work. A mental hospital, a youth hostel, the cathedral, schools and children's homes all felt the benefit of the battalion's six-month presence.

An isolated Mayan Indian village was literally threatened with extinction by the imminent collapse of a river bridge. The villagers' farm land was divided from their homes by the river and without a bridge the village would have to be abandoned to the jungle. For a week, 18 soldiers lived in San Miguel and averted the disaster by building a new bridge with a 50-foot span supported by 2½-ton log

pillars felled nearby and thrust ten feet into the ground.

Providing a musical background to all the projects, the battalion's band was almost constantly "on tour" playing to a population for whom music is second nature.

Summing up, Captain Julian Field said: "These 23 projects represent an enormous amount of work, much of which has been done by the soldiers of the battalion in their spare time or in lieu of local leave. We know we have made a substantial contribution to the material well-being of many communities. We also like to think we have done a little towards improving relationships and understanding between the local people and the British Army."

Sioux in air-sea rescue



An exclusive picture (top) snatched by one of the helicopter crews shows the scene of the shipwreck drama. Above: Dr Kaye and his wife say thank you to Sergeant Ken Townsend after their ordeal—wrecked on a coral reef.

THE Caribbean swell relentlessly ground the hull of the stricken yacht against a coral reef while the family huddled in the cockpit, already awash with sea water, desperately tried to keep up their spirits. Their optimism was rewarded when the throaty chuckle of Army helicopter engines rose above the angry roar of the waves.

Two of the three Sioux helicopters based with the British Forces, British Honduras, as a detachment of 663 Aviation Squadron, Army Air Corps, sped to the rescue of the American holidaymakers who had run aground in a storm while several miles offshore.

Until the power failed aboard the yacht *Venture VII*, a constant radio link was held open with Miami, Florida, whose coast-guard service alerted the Army in British Honduras.

The yacht's owner/skipper, Dr Jesse J Kaye, said: "We thought a helicopter might come from Key West, Florida, with a basket hoist to get us off. Then the British Army arrived with those two little miraculous machines."

With a 35-knot wind lashing the reef and an estimated 12-foot swell churning the sea, one of the Sioux managed to land on the coral in the lee of the rapidly-disinte-

grating yacht to take off Dr Kaye's wife Shirley and their 13-year-old daughter Melanie who were both suffering from exposure.

To make sufficient room in the helicopter, Sergeant Ken Townsend, an aircraft technician from 70 Field Workshop, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, stayed on the reef.

Dr Kaye declared: "The Army pilots really were most skilful. It was no fun for them landing on an uneven surface in those conditions."

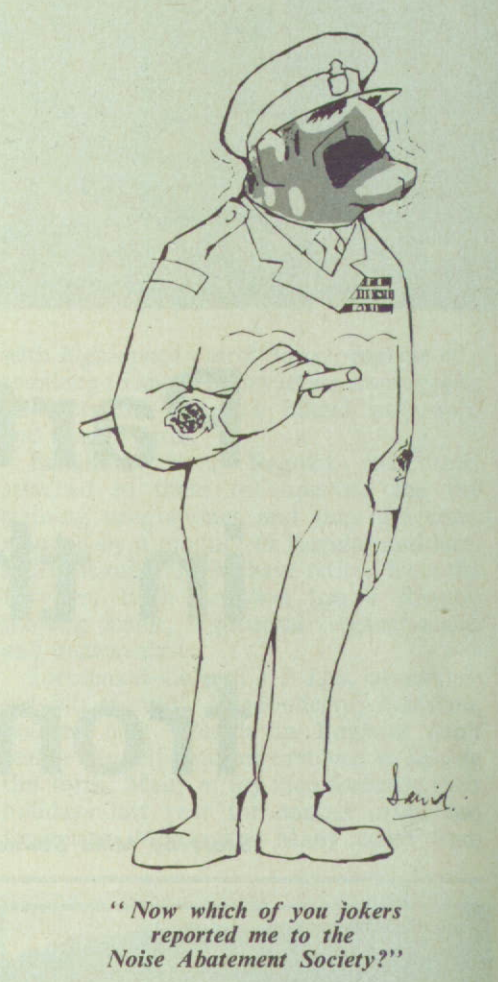
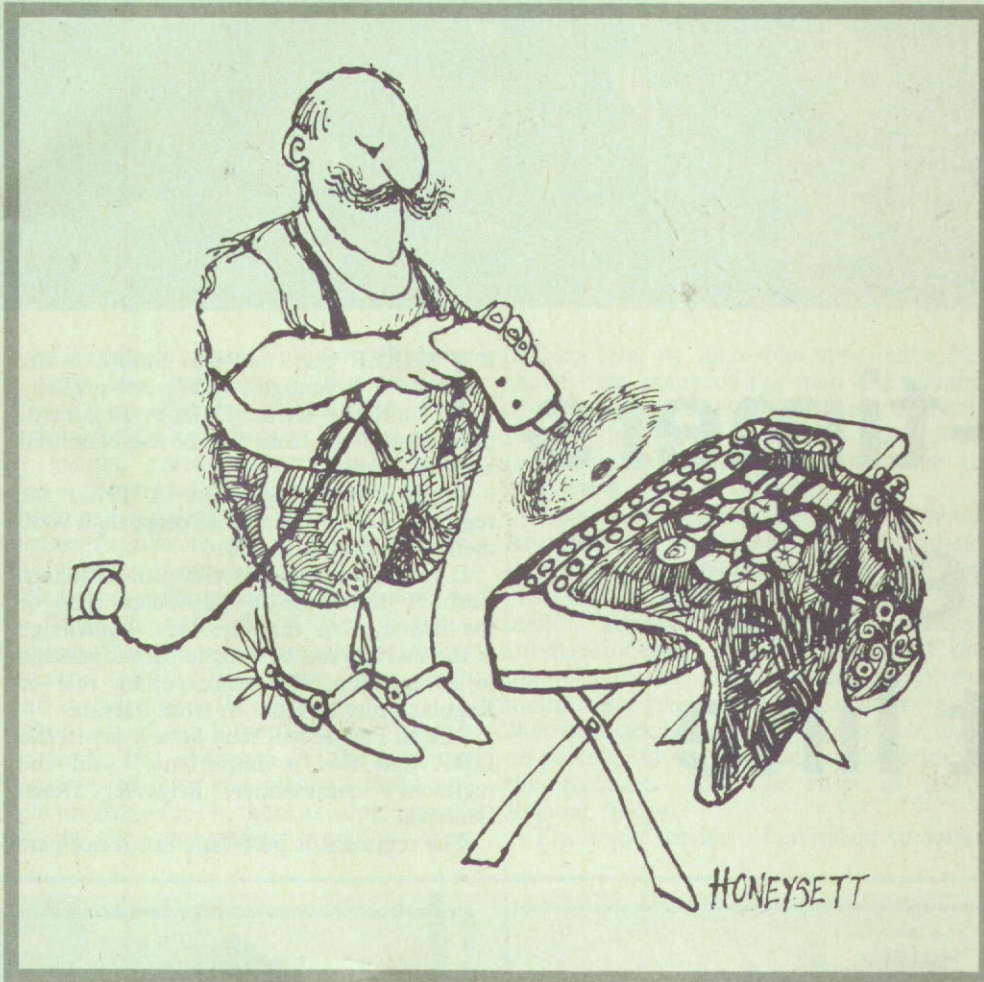
After a night and a day at the mercy of the continuously pounding sea, boats arrived to collect the doctor, his 14-year-old son Neil, family friend Michael Bartholomew (20) and Sergeant Townsend, and carry them to safety.

Reunited at the home of the British Force commander, Colonel J N Shipster, at Airport Camp, the family had nothing but praise for the cool action of the Army flyers.

Clutching the few belongings they had managed to salvage from the wreck, they explained that *Venture VII* had been the seventh in a line of ventures that had punctuated their life in Albany, New York. But Dr Kaye admitted: "I'm not prepared for *Venture VIII* just yet."



HUMOUR



"The way she used to look up at me with those big blue eyes . . . or were they grey?"





Part-timers in the front line

Story by Mike Starke

THREE years old this month is the Army's youngest and fastest-growing unit, the Ulster Defence Regiment, operating in the front line of the Northern Ireland conflict.

From a standing start in 1970, the regiment has now recruited more than 9000 men; its target is 10,000.

It recently formed its eleventh battalion. Each is based on a particular area of the Province so that the local knowledge of the recruits can be used to best advantage to complement the peacekeeping role of Regular units brought in from outside.

"Local people feel they have a say in the UDR and this is important," said the regiment's commander, Brigadier Denis Ormerod.

The regiment is part-time but is not part

of the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve. It came into being as a local military defence force after the disbandment of the Ulster Special Constabulary. Its men guard key points, patrol country and border areas and some urban districts and set up vehicle check points and road blocks. This releases Regular troops to concentrate on other aspects of internal security.

The three infantry brigades operating in the Province task the Ulster Defence Regiment battalions in their area. Brigadier Ormerod said: "We work very much hand-in-glove with the Regulars."

One-fifth of the force is on duty at any one time. The optimum "strike rate" or frequency of duty was planned to be one night in five—unless there is some special call-out the part-timers work at their

civilian jobs by day—but experience has shown that many of the men are turning up one night in four and even one night in three. The regiment is also committed to a continuous training programme to keep the men up to scratch.

When first formed, the Ulster Defence Regiment carried the old .303 Lee Enfield rifle but is now issued with the standard NATO 7.62 self-loading rifle. The regiment's armoury also includes Sterling submachine-guns and side arms and the highly effective Shorland armoured car mounting a general-purpose machine-gun. Macaloon-armoured Land-Rovers are used on patrols but the Shorland is the pride of the regiment—and the envy of many Regular troops.

The regiment has often taken to water

with high-speed patrol dories, capable of a spanking 15 knots, to thwart arms smuggling on Northern Ireland's inland waterways and lough shores.

Battalions have Regular instructors attached to them to supervise the full training programmes and they are commanded by a mixture of Regular and local full-time officers who have retired from the Services. Each battalion has a Regular training major, regimental sergeant-major and quartermaster.

Lieutenant-Colonel J F Lys, commanding 5th (County Londonderry) Battalion, pointed out: "People in England don't realise the self-sacrifice involved in joining this force. Many of my men forfeited their holidays last year for annual camp and Operation Motorman. Many come from

Left: Ulster Defence Regiment patrols look in old buildings for guns and explosives.



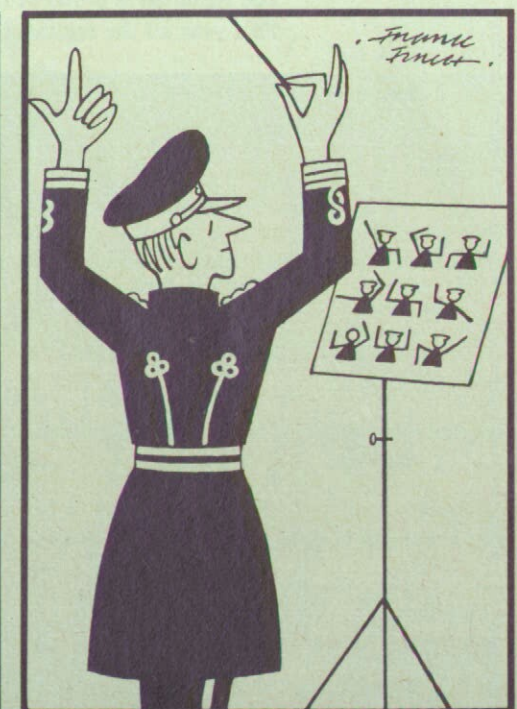
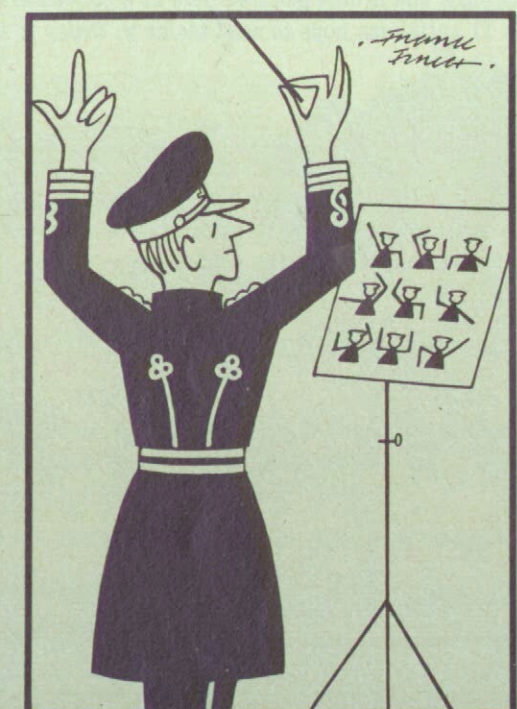
The UDR works mostly at night and weekends. Car bombers are deterred by foot patrols.



A patrol skims along an inland waterway in two of the regiment's high-speed boats.

HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU ?

These two pictures look alike but they differ in ten details. Look at them carefully. If you cannot spot the differences see page 43.



outlying areas—which can be very hazardous. One man whose home is on the border lives a real Wild West existence. He always has to be armed because he's been shot at ploughing his fields. They are extremely brave men and their wives give them tremendous support."

A 36-year-old corporal on night guard at a power station faced a factory shift at 6 am, just one hour after his duty vigil finished. "I do this on average three nights a week," he said. "I believe in Northern Ireland as a country and I want to do my bit."

After six months in the battalion, a 41-year-old private said: "Coming out at night can be awkward . . . you miss a hell of a lot of sleep. But I think this job is worthwhile doing."

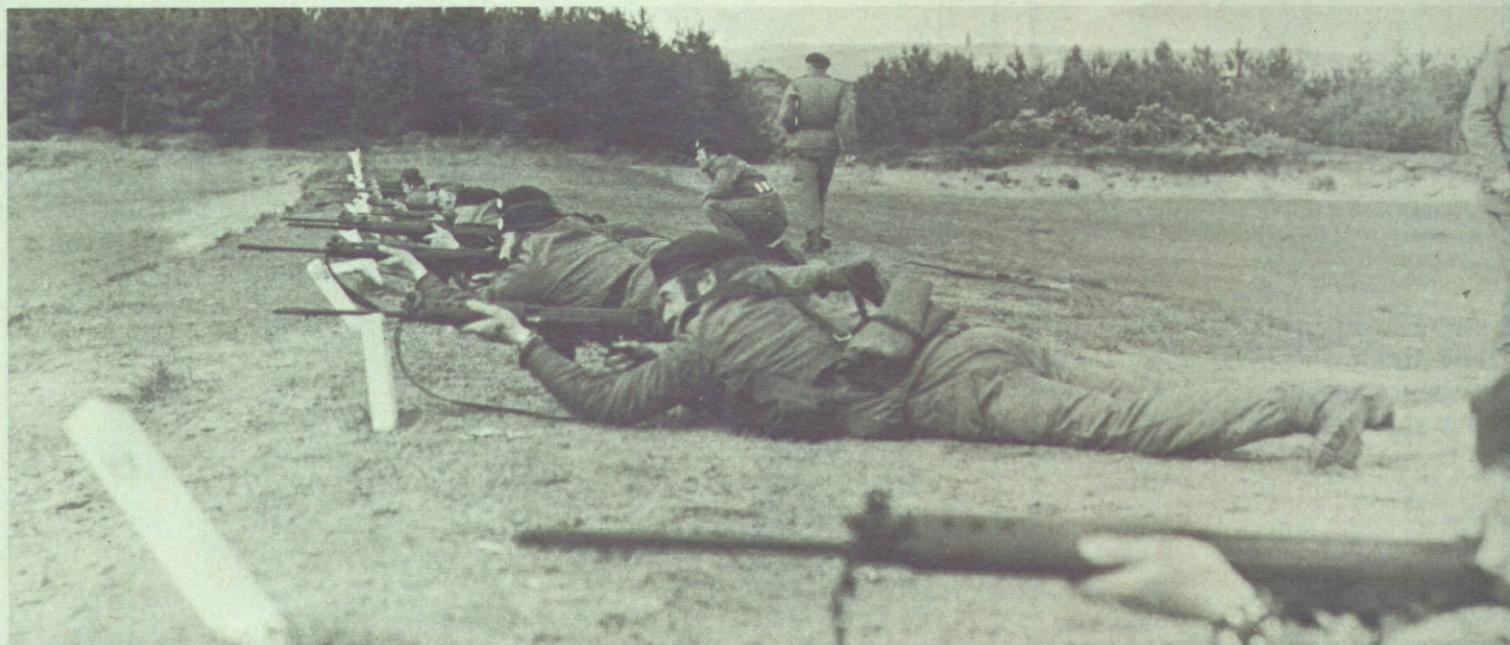
Looking back over the regiment's first three years, Brigadier Ormerod said: "This force has become tremendously more professional and now works very much closer with the Regular Army than at first. We have even made our own training films. More experience has been gained as this thing has grown with the people being in it longer."

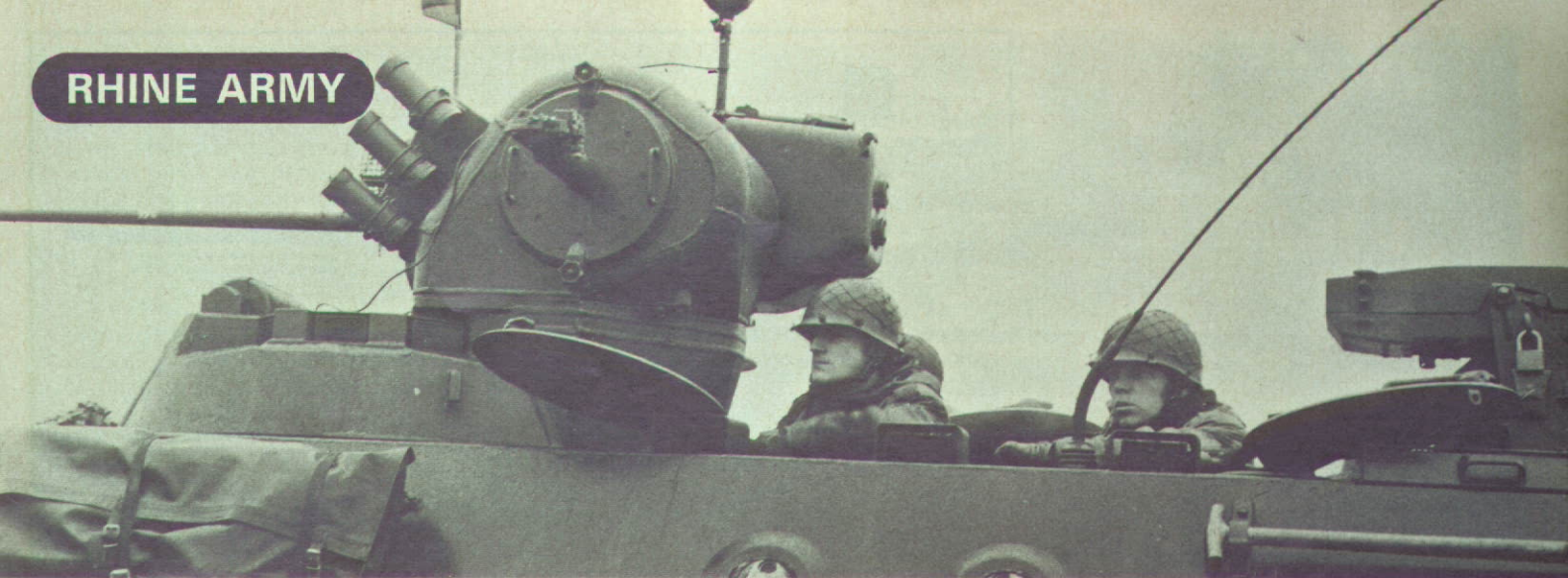


Men of 5th (County Londonderry) Battalion receiving instruction in the use of a new radio.



The regiment is proud of its pipes and drums pictured here at a convention in Ballymena last year. This year all the regiment's 11 battalions hope to send teams to Bisley to test their shooting skills.





Sennelager goes international

FISH-AND-CHIP shops mingling with the bratwurst stalls. Geordie's Bar in the midst of the German pubs. All evidence of the British influence on the Sennelager ranges since the last war. But today the troops training on the giant ranges, said to be among Europe's best, are as likely to be Dutch or Belgian as British or German.

For Sennelager is now international, providing training facilities for the North

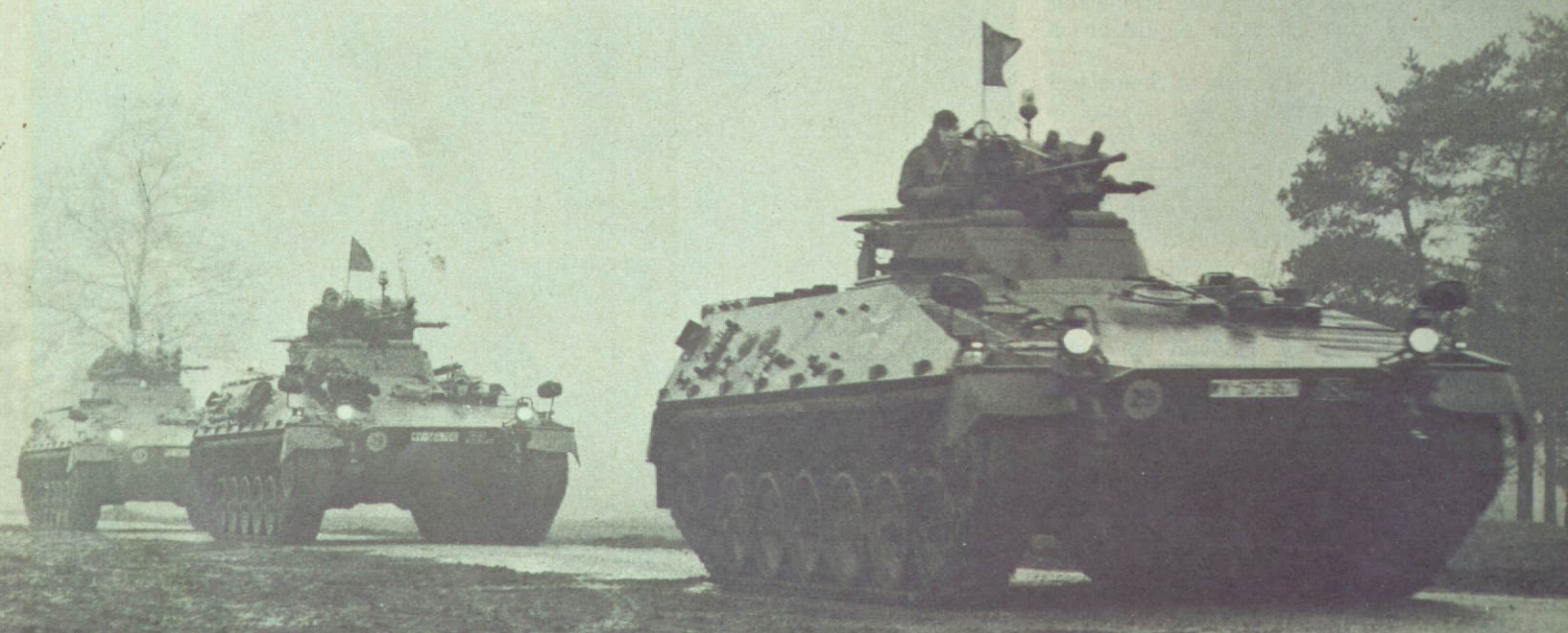
Atlantic Treaty Organisation's Northern Army.

Lieutenant-Colonel G P A Delme-Murray, deputy commandant of the Sennelager Training Centre, is one of a small British staff administering the centre. Most of the day-to-day work on the ranges is carried out by German civilians some of whom have worked at Sennelager since Wehrmacht days.

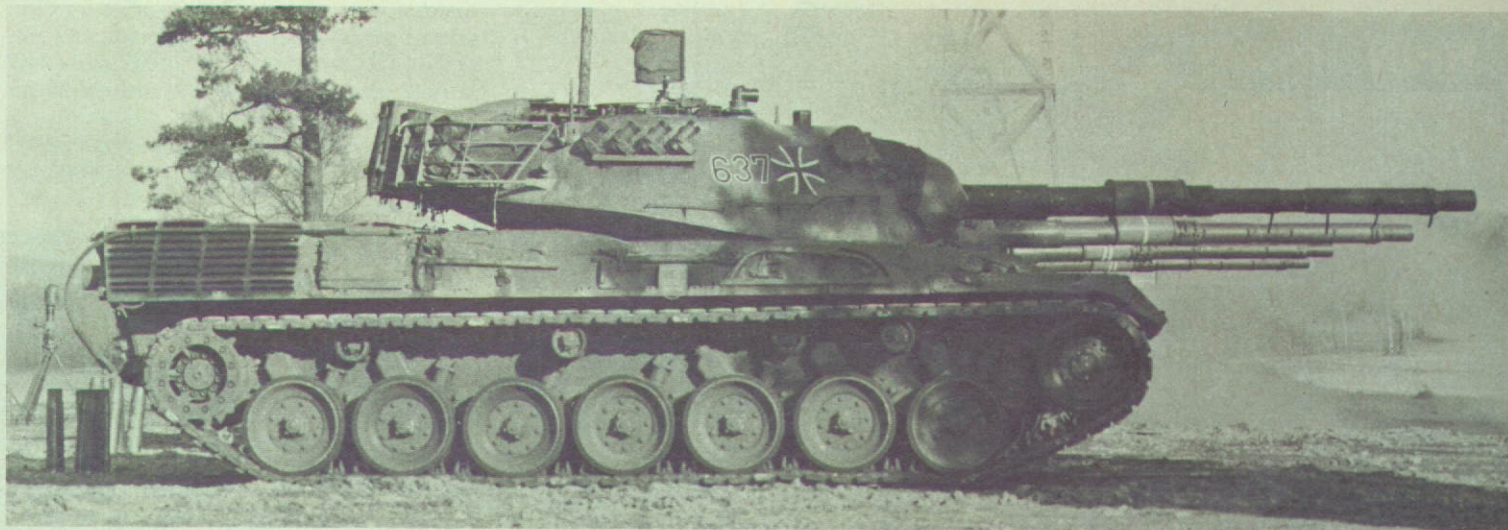
There are 100 square miles of ranges at
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Story by John Walton

Pictures by Leslie Wiggs



Top: German soldiers peer out of the new APC Marder. Above: Marders speed across the range. Their top speed is 70 kph, 50 across country.



Above: Red flag hoisted and a German leopard tank fires on the vast ranges at Sennelager.

Sennelager

continued

Sennelager and it is run as a Nato training area on a cost-shared basis. There are 47 different ranges and, depending on the size of equipment being used, up to 20 companies can be exercised in live firing at the same time. Soon neighbouring farmers will be resettled and the ranges will be expanded still further to cope with the main armament of modern armoured personnel carriers.

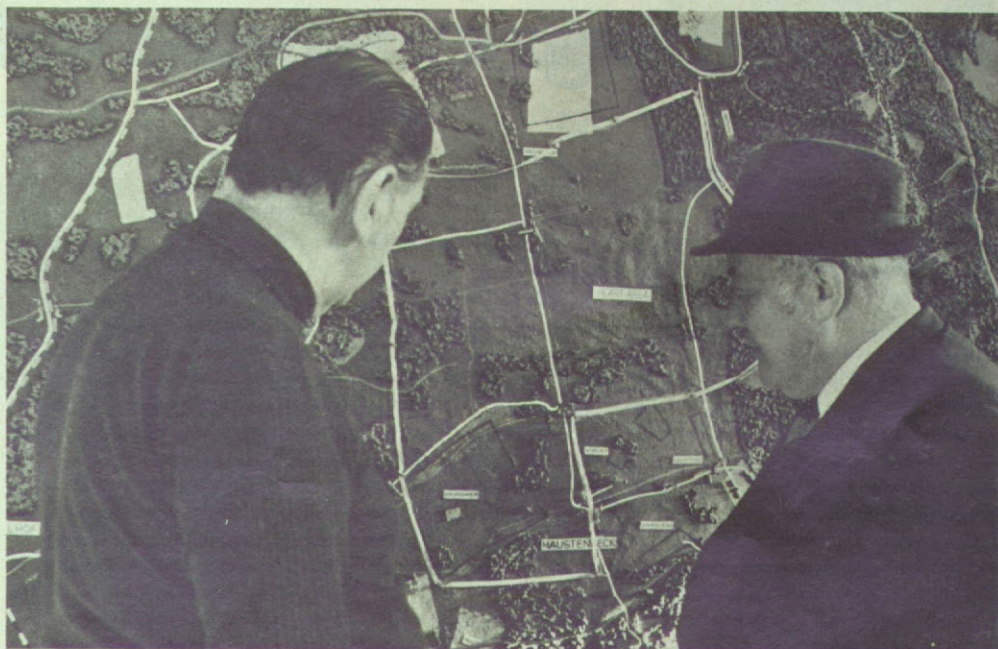
Sennelager is basically an infantry range although visiting units often bring tanks along. For 11 months in the year it is operating flat out and the other month is used for target and lane refurbishment.

The German Army has a permanent liaison officer on the site, Lieutenant-Colonel Rudolf Stein. His main task is to provide smooth cooperation between the visiting Germans and the British administrative staff. "Relations are excellent," he says. "As training plans and purposes of the various Nato forces are different it is important to keep the ranges and the whole training area according to the regulations of all those who visit."

During SOLDIER's visit to Sennelager a German training period was coming to an end. Among the equipment the Bundeswehr was using were Leopard tanks, Kanonen jagdpanzer (the tank-hunting tank) and their latest armoured personnel carrier, Marder.

Within hours of their moving out they were followed by two battalions of Dutch troops who find in Sennelager the space which is lacking in Holland for their Daf YP 408 personnel carriers and French AMX personnel carriers.

Although it has streams brimming with trout and is teeming with wild life including deer and boar, Sennelager is not one of the world's beauty spots. In winter it tends to be cold and often foggy and in the summer hot and dusty. A German old sweat's saying is "Gott Schuf in Seinem Zorn Sennelager bei Paderborn" which roughly translated means "God was in a rage when he made Sennelager near Paderborn." But it was the Kaiser who created the training area and it is something for which today's Nato forces in Europe have good cause to be grateful.



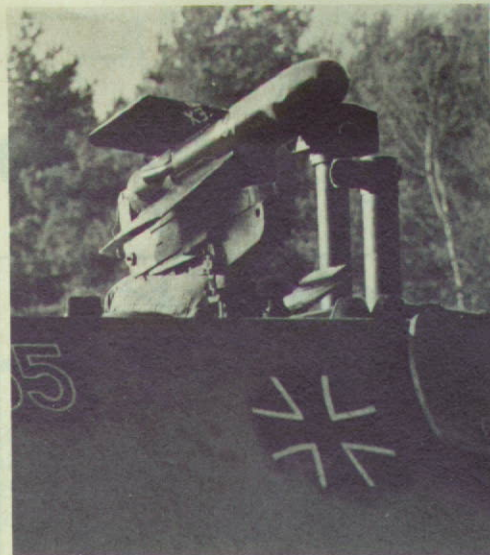
Above: German range staff—Herr August Feih and Herr Josef Thunmeyer, who was at Sennelager in Wehrmacht days, with range model. Below: Dutch troops examine piece of equipment.



SENNELAGER, which is today serving the armies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, began its military career in the early days of the last German Kaiser's reign. By 1892 the German War Ministry had bought 20,000 acres and the first trainees on the site slept in bell tents with officers accommodated in huts. In 1895 the Kaiser visited the area and personally led a large-scale cavalry exercise. He was in Sennelager again in 1905-6 and 1908. When his armies went to war in 1914, troops poured into the training area and subsequently 30-40,000 prisoners-of-war lived out their war there.

When peace came the reduced German Army could not make use of Sennelager's facilities but when the secret build-up of the Reichswehr began a few years later it was again used for exercises. With the conversion to the Wehrmacht, numbers increased steadily and everywhere new buildings were erected.

During World War Two the by now expanded camp served as quarters for German training and reserve units, for training of troops of all arms and again for prisoners-of-war. When the allies arrived in 1945 the Germans had left and the ammunition depot was a ruin. But most of the installations and buildings were intact.



Above: An SS 11 missile fitted to the Kanonenjagdpanzer, a frequent visitor to Sennelager.



Left: Long-haired Dutch soldier carries out maintenance of armoured personnel carrier.

Below: Dutchman and his pipe in 1973 style.



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TROOPER'S TROOPER

Nicholas Gaitskell (19) became The Trooper's trooper when he signed on as a recruit in the 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers in the lounge bar of his father's pub—The Trooper—near Lichfield, Staffordshire. Two lance orderlies were on hand for the special recruiting ceremony and a commemorative plaque was presented to the new trooper's father, Mr John Gaitskell, who served as a flight-sergeant in the Royal Air Force.



PARADISE

Corporal John Flanagan's wedding day had him literally floating on air. For he was determined not to miss a night parachuting exercise with Support Company of 10th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Parachute Regiment. Corporal Flanagan, an Aldershot taxi driver, whisked his bride **Margaret** to Hankley Common dropping zone, Surrey, after their wedding and then came down to earth—by parachute—to carry her off in his arms.

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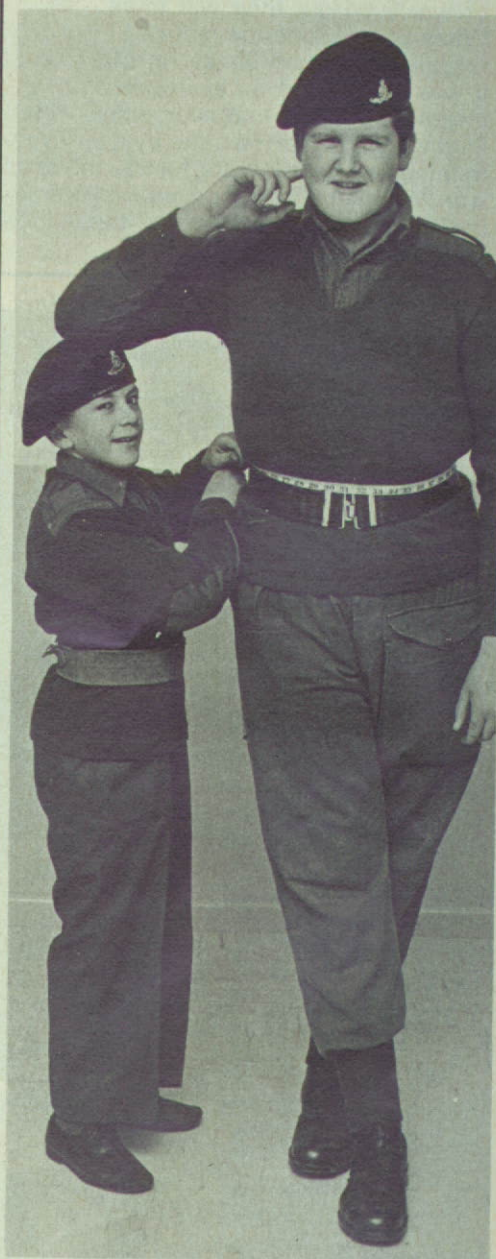
SNOW QUEENS

The cool reception given to two beauty queens by the men of 24 Missile Regiment, Royal Artillery, was far from inhospitable. For the two girls, Miss Missile 1973, **Pat Burton** (right), and Miss Southgate, **Gillian Leibson** (left), were snow-time guests of the regiment high in the Bavarian mountains for some ski-ing practice where the chilliest thing is the ice in après-ski drinks.



LEAD ON, SERGEANT-MAJOR

Playing pied piper to 400 Chinese children in Hong Kong is **Company Sergeant-Major David Beckingham**, of 1st Battalion, The King's Regiment. The children were guests of the unit at a special party. Sergeant-Major Beckingham is no stranger to the art of dealing with young people—he led the Manchester Army Youth Team until September last year.



BLESS 'EM ALL

Everyone has been looking up to 13-year-old **Robert Heyworth**, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, since he joined the Army Cadet Force for he is six feet three inches tall. His height brought its problems; his uniform trousers had to be specially made. But there are advantages too. Robert was chosen to stand by the cadets' flag when their new headquarters were opened in Stratford Road, Salisbury, by the Commander-in-Chief, United Kingdom Land Forces, General Sir Basil Eugster. Robert hopes to join the Army when he's older . . . a long-service engagement perhaps?

Pull-out supplement SOLDIER April 1973

DEFENCE ESTIMATES

Britain's bill for defence has gone up by £523 million this year but, said the Secretary of State for Defence, Lord Carrington, continuity is the main theme of the policy behind the figures. Commitment to NATO was the British Forces' first priority, he went on to explain, and the alliance is the "main beneficiary" of improvements in the nation's armed services.

The total of £3365 million announced as this year's defence estimate represents $5\frac{3}{4}$ per cent of the gross national product—this boils down to about £60 per man, woman and child in the country.

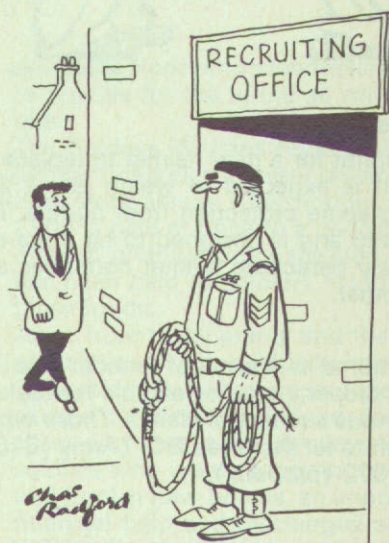
On the day the estimates were published, Lord Carrington paid special tribute to the "skill, self-discipline, bravery and good humour of the Army assisting the civil power in Northern Ireland." He added that the annual cost of keeping the peace in Northern Ireland was some £29 million.

All armoured regiments will have been re-equipped with Chieftain tanks and will have received Swingfire anti-tank missiles by the middle of this year. Mechanised battalions will begin to receive this missile system in 1973 and issues to air-portable battalions will begin in 1975. The extra Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve armoured reconnaissance regiment announced earlier will become fully operational by next month and will be ready for deployment to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, in an emergency.

Negotiations are going on between European countries—including Britain—and the United States about the possibilities of replacing the present Honest John rocket system with the Lance tactical nuclear weapon.

During the year operational units will receive the first issues of the Rapier low-level air-defence guided weapon and an initial production order has been made for the Blowpipe very-low-level air-defence guided weapon. A new mortar-locating radar, Cymbeline, will enter service. In the field of communications, first issues of the new Clansman range of combat net radio will be made. Research is going on into non-lethal internal security weapons.

Recruitment into the Services is expected to reach 39,100 in 1972-73 and although this is lower than the previous year's record 46,500, manpower requirements are in general being met.



But entry to the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, has been disappointing. Candidates for permanent Regular and special Regular commissions have been fewer and there has been a fall in the entry for short service officers compared with last year. On the other hand, graduate entry has continued to grow. Figures show an overall 13 per cent drop in officer recruiting for the same nine-month periods in 1971 and 1972.

The Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve has jumped to a strength of 59,300 which is 6000 more than the previous year. The current strengths of the reserve and cadet forces and the Ulster Defence Regiment total 571,000. They account for £61 million of the defence budget.

Development of two major artillery systems, the 155mm towed and self-propelled howitzers, is being carried out in collaboration with West Germany and Italy and the

DEFENCE ESTIMATES

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towed version is now well advanced. Studies are also going on with these countries on an artillery free-flight rocket system.

During the past year studies have started on a new mechanised infantry combat vehicle to replace the FV430 series. A main battle tank for the future has been in the planners' minds with a view to possible collaboration with Germany on this project. The first examples of the tracked and wheeled versions of the air-portable armoured reconnaissance vehicles, Scorpion and Fox, are now in production and the development of specialist variants continues.

Development is going ahead on a combat engineer tractor for which the first production orders have been placed, an improved fire-control system for the Chieftain tank and a new range of logistic vehicles for battlefield support.

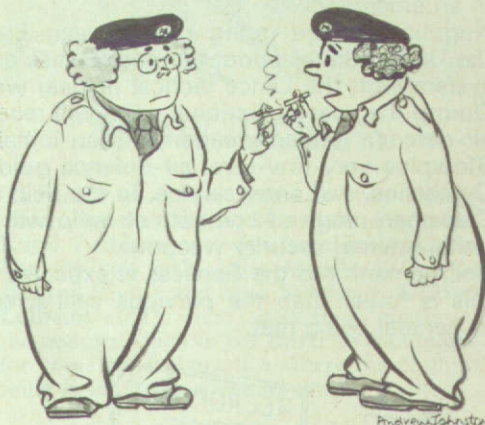
NEW EQUIPMENT NEWS

Working belt

First issues of the new easy-to-care-for working belt are soon to be made to 3rd Division. The belt is green and made of polyethylene material with dull buckles. In effect it is an olive-drab version of the white ceremonial belt. A matching bayonet frog will be issued with the new belt.

New shirts for servicewomen

A new white shirt for women, replacing the old detachable collar shirt, is on the way. The shirt has grey tabs for Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps and green tabs for the Women's Royal Army Corps. It was hoped to issue all servicewomen with the shirt in June this year but a problem over colour-fastness of the tabs has delayed production.



"I must admit, it was the glamour of the uniform that made me join too."

Helmets

The blueprint for a new helmet to replace the current Mark IV steel helmet has been agreed. It is expected to weigh about 2½ lbs and have better ballistic protection including some protection from bumps. The combat helmet will cover a larger area of the head and is designed to be more comfortable and more stable. Development of the new parachute helmet continues and troop trials worldwide are due to start in November. (D of CP)

HAVE YOU SERVED IN NORTHERN IRELAND?

Troops injured as a result of terrorist acts in Ireland or who suffered loss or damage to personal property may be eligible for cash compensation. A good many soldiers have already made successful claims. Those who think they qualify should ask their orderly room staff to let them see DCI (Army) 318 of 1971 (personal injury) and DCI (Army) S77 of 1972 (property).

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments take effect next month. Brigadier P B Foster, Commandant of the Royal School of Artillery, is to be Major-General Royal Artillery at Headquarters British Army of the Rhine in place of Major-General G de E Collin. Brigadier Foster enlisted in the Royal Artillery in 1940 and was commissioned the following year. He served with 4th Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, in the Western Desert, Tunisia and North-West Europe where he won the Military Cross. He qualified as a parachutist while serving with 33rd Parachute Light Regiment, Royal Artillery. He became Brigadier Royal Artillery at Headquarters Northern Command in 1968 and Commandant at Larkhill in 1971.

Brigadier P R Leuchars, Deputy Commandant of the Staff College, Camberley, since last year, is to be General Officer Commanding Wales in the rank of major-general in succession to Major-General A J Woodrow.

Brigadier Leuchars was commissioned into the Welsh Guards in 1941. He saw

service in Italy and North-West Europe and post-war Palestine. Later appointments included brigade major of 4th Guards Brigade and military assistant to the Rhine Army Commander-in-Chief. In 1963 he took command of 1st Battalion, Welsh Guards, and in 1966 became principal staff officer to the Director of Operations, Borneo, towards the end of the confrontation with Indonesia. Since then he has commanded 11th Brigade in Germany and has headed a joint-Services project in the use of computers in operations.

Brigadier J T Stanyer, currently Commandant of the Central Ordnance Depot, Bicester, is to be Commander, Base Organisation, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, in the rank of major-general. He takes over from Major-General R B Darkin.

Brigadier Stanyer enlisted in the Royal Artillery (Territorial Army) in 1938 and was commissioned into The Middlesex Regiment in 1941. He served in Iceland, North-West Europe and Palestine. He got a Regular commission in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps in 1947. During 1966 he was chief logistics officer of the United Nations Force in Cyprus. He became Director of Ordnance Services in Rhine Army in 1968 and took up his present appointment in September 1971.

Colonel Eileen Nolan, Assistant Adjutant-General in the Women's Royal Army Corps personnel branch of the Ministry of Defence, is to become Director of the corps next month in the rank of brigadier. She will succeed Brigadier Sheila Heaney who is retiring.

Three years after joining the ATS—forerunner of the Women's Royal Army Corps—Colonel Nolan was appointed to a Regular commission in 1945. For two years from 1952 she commanded a locally enlisted company of the corps in Jamaica. She has seen other overseas service in Libya and Singapore where she was Assistant Director WRAC from 1968 to 1970. Colonel Nolan was a movements staff officer in London at the time of the Suez crisis. She was Women's Services Liaison Officer at Headquarters, Northern Command, in 1961 and later commanded the Officer Cadet Training Wing of her corps' college at Camberley. Before going to Singapore she was Assistant Director WRAC at Headquarters Scottish Command.

FLOODLIT FOOTBALL

Army fixture lists in soccer and rugby will be greatly improved by the installation of floodlights at Aldershot's military stadium.

The £20,000 needed for the scheme came from the Army Central Fund which gets its income from Naafi so all ranks have indirectly contributed to this outstanding improvement in Army sports facilities.

Next season the Army will be able to offer evening matches to stronger teams which often prefer a later starting time. Stronger opposition will lead to a rise in the Army's soccer standard. (DASB)

ARMY BENEVOLENCE AND NORTHERN IRELAND

A special Northern Ireland relief fund is being built up by the Army Benevolent Fund to provide for the future as young bereaved children grow up and the widows grow older.

The Soldiers Widows Fund and Single Soldiers Dependants Fund, which are independent charities in association with the Army Benevolent Fund, are self-supporting from small annual subscriptions from individual soldiers. On the death of a subscriber £900 is paid at once to a widow or £600 to a dependant. A similar fund provides for officers' widows. Since the start of the Northern Ireland emergency, a total of £61,200 has been paid to soldiers' widows and £42,600 to single soldiers' dependants from these funds.

Apart from these grants and the assistance given by individual regimental and corps associations, which initially investigate the problems of their own soldiers, the Army Benevolent Fund has since June 1971 spent £27,000 on individual cases of hardship caused by Northern Ireland casualties. The majority concerned widows but other cases included seriously wounded soldiers discharged from the Army and single soldiers who were supporting their parents. Grants to widows enabled them to set up and furnish new homes, an impoverished widowed mother of a single soldier received financial help and discharged soldiers were helped to make a fresh start in civilian life. Regimental and corps associations follow up all cases and arrange further assistance when needed. (DPS(A))

NEW QUARTERS

A major building programme is improving Army quarters in the Far East. New living accommodation for single soldiers at Stanley Barracks, Hong Kong, has been finished. It is fully air-conditioned and includes four-man bedrooms and single rooms. The modern design allows each company to be virtually self-contained. A new mess for soldiers is due to be ready this month. The rest of the barracks is also being rebuilt and should be finished by early 1975.

In Kowloon, 90 married soldiers' new quarters have been completed at Osborn. Another 90 quarters should be ready early next year. Other married quarters are to be provided throughout Hong Kong and the last of these should be finished by 1976.

NEW QUARTERS

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A land shortage has meant these will have to be flats but they promise to be modern and spacious with some air-conditioning.

At Seria, Brunei, 26 new married quarters for British personnel of the Gurkha infantry battalion have just been completed. These replace the 20 quarters previously provided.

WRVS APPEAL

The Women's Royal Voluntary Services are appealing for paperback books, playing cards and small pocket games such as chess to send to troops on duty in Northern Ireland. Also in demand are jigsaw puzzles and posters to decorate quarters. Any contributions should be sent either to the WRVS Central Welfare Headquarters, BFPO 825, or to the Headquarters at 17 Old Park Lane, London W1.

AID FOR THE LIMBLESS

The British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association (BLESMA) offers cash grants to relieve financial hardship, continuing grants to widows, residential homes, convalescence or a change of air as well as a break for relatives from nursing care, rehabilitation training, job-finding, pensions casework and research into artificial limbs and appliances.

Today, BLESMA is caring for 6300 limbless veterans of World War One, whose average age is 77, and 11,000 victims of World War Two and more recent areas of conflict including Northern Ireland.

UNION JACK CLUB

The rebuilding of the Union Jack Club, of which all servicemen are automatically members, does not mean the club has closed down. Although the original building at 91 Waterloo Road has been demolished, the club still operates for the accommodation of male members from the former Families' Club premises in Exton Street, London SE1 (telephone: 01-928-6401). It is only two minutes' walk from Waterloo Station. The new £4 million buildings are due to be completed in early 1975.

THIRD SCHOOLCHILDREN'S VISIT

A third schoolchildren's free visit to their parents overseas has now been approved. The concession applies to children under the age of 18 and includes those whose 18th birthday falls in the current academic year. Residual period rules are now abolished.

First child is defined as the only eligible child under 18 or the eldest of two or more children. Every third visit made by a first child in each year is subject to a parental contribution of either the appropriate fare or assessed contribution, whichever is the lesser. Second and subsequent children travel at public expense.

The assessed contribution on the basis of rank is: General £427, lieutenant-general £322, major-general £262, brigadier £207, colonel £176, lieutenant-colonel £143, lieutenant-colonel (Special List) £134, major £111, captain £89, lieutenant £67, second-lieutenant £48, warrant officer I £77, warrant officer II £74, staff-sergeant £71, sergeant £67, corporal £61, lance-corporal £53, private £48.

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Story by Mike Starke
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Right: Soldier-explorers leaving the jungle heat for the dark unknown of tunnels once thriving with activity.

Below: A pillar of limestone dwarfs two men of The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment deep inside a Mayan cavern.



Caverns of the past

A BREAK in jungle training brought a fascinating glimpse into the half-forgotten past of a highly developed civilisation to men of 1st Battalion, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, during their six-month posting to British Honduras, a wedge of land the size of Wales lying on the eastern seaboard of Central America. The country may be small but it offers a wide variety of terrain ideal for Army training—a facility put to good use by the battalion. One platoon, led by Second-Lieutenant John Gaye and sent

inland from the swampy coastal plain to test its skills in the hostile jungle environment, came across a network of caves which were once home to the Mayan Indians who thrived there centuries earlier.

Caves Branch River—the name shows the Mayan remains are no secret—is some three hours' drive from Airport Camp, the British Force Headquarters. Road journeys in British Honduras are measured in time rather than miles for the pitted, dusty roads change contour with each fall of sub-tropical rain. Even a short distance on



Above: Main roads can become muddied skid-pans where even Army Land-Rovers do their own sort of "Skater's Waltz."



Left: Probably the last men to touch this elegant pot were long-dead Maya Indians living hundreds of years ago.

Right: Soldiers collect crystal-clear water from a mountain stream. Lack of water soon tells in sub-tropical heat.



one of the country's handful of "highways" can be a switchback gauntlet-run of potholes for a bucketing Land-Rover.

On the way to the jungle location, nearby places-names marked on the map show evidence of a more recent and less sophisticated culture than the Mayans who were renowned in their day for their excellence in architecture, agriculture and the arts. Never Delay, More Tomorrow and Gallon Jug bear witness to occupation by British pirates who used Honduras as a refuge and—many say—as a hiding place for the fabulous wealth of their plunder.

Some Indian settlements still remain. The inhabitants live their own life and maintain the old traditions half remembered from the golden age of Mayan culture, which flourished from several centuries BC to about 1000 AD when some unrecorded fate befell the civilisation.

The lush undergrowth hid from the eighteenth-century pirates the 200 or more sites of Mayan antiquity now known to exist.

Lieutenant Gaye's platoon visited one of these sites where a limestone hill honey-combed with caves, narrow tunnels a man can just squeeze through and vaulted caverns festooned with elegant stalagmites and stalactites holds many treasures of the bygone Mayans.

"Our task was to spend a few days in non-tactical jungle training," explained Lieutenant Gaye. "Exploring the caves was an ideal project in that situation."

The platoon pitched tents near a government-built hut originally intended to cater for tourists to the caves but long since overgrown. The wooden building and outhouses were reclaimed from the jungle foliage by the soldiers and some braved the poisonous spiders and scorpions by sleeping in the hut.

The gaping cave entrance invited exploration and the damp chill of its tunnels bit through the soldiers' olive-green jungle clothing. Flaming torches once lit the way for the Mayans; now electric torches

stabbed the gloom that had guarded their secrets for centuries.

Deep inside the hill was evidence of the Mayan cave-dwellers. Earthenware pots, some the size of large cauldrons, lay undisturbed in the dark. One vessel standing on a stalagmite had become fused to the limestone pillar by countless years of dripping water.

It was interesting to note that pottery found in darkened caves had no decoration. But in caves exposed to daylight and in the massive stone structures above ground the pottery had painted designs. On some sites elegant jade figurines are all that is left of the long-lost devotions of Mayan religion.

The soldiers returned from the clammy depths of the caves with the eerie sensation of having looked on remains unseen by human eye for hundreds of years. The cloak of darkness rolled back over the mysteries of the Mayans and the Devon and Dorsets stepped again into the 20th century and jungle training.

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The Army's on the ball

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This was borne out in one of the premier competitions this season, the Kentish Cup—a three-cornered contest between the British, French and Belgian Armies.

The 52nd season of this international tournament brought triumph to the Belgians who beat both other teams. The British also lost 1-0 to the French. But this does not reflect any shame on the British side, for both other teams included professionals doing National Service.

When the British Army faced Belgium in the 1960 Kentish Cup it fielded professional players worth £100,000 in transfer fees and won 2-1. But when Belgium

played Britain at Aldershot this year, the red-shirted home eleven faced no less than seven Belgian First Division professionals and the visitors' accurate passing and talent for snapping up goal chances won the day.

But the Belgian job was not made easy, thanks to skilful tackling by the British whose lone goal came after a thrilling goal-mouth struggle when three rapid-fire shots were deflected by the Belgian goalkeeper and the ball was finally flicked into the net by a harassed defender for an own goal.

The Kentish Cup has gone to the Belgians for the 12th time. Since 1920, when Brigadier-General R J Kentish started the tournament to commemorate the friendship of the three armies in World War One, France has won 18 times and Britain 14.

It is a special year for another Army soccer team, the Crusaders, who are

50 years old this season. To mark the Golden Jubilee, this officers' side has 30 fixtures this year—the annual average is 15 to 25.

In 1922 the Army Football Association agreed to the formation of the club which was closely linked to the main Army eleven by two of its aims; to play teams for which the Army team was unavailable or too strong and to provide a trials team for the full side. The Crusaders beat the Army team 4-3 in 1925 and hope to repeat their winning performance in 1975 when the fixture is next due to be played. In 1925 the Crusaders decided to "go it alone" and left the Army Football Association, not returning to the fold until last year.

British football is looked on as being among the best in the world and the Army's pool of fit men provides a ready source of good material. Army football is going from strength to strength.

Above: A goal-mouth mêlée gives England's team a chance to shoot at the Belgian goal.

Left: Belgium goes one up as goalie Green dives for the slippery ball . . . and misses.

Below: Coventry City Football Club general manager Joe Mercer meets Britain's team.



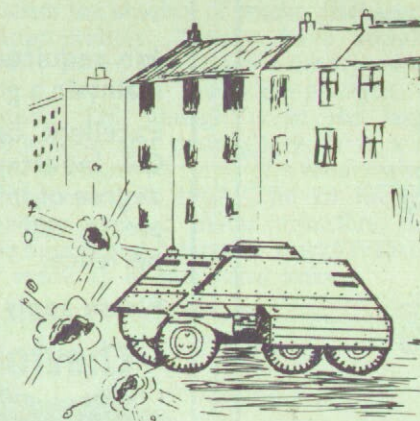
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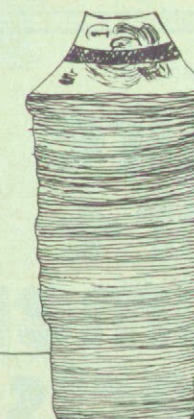
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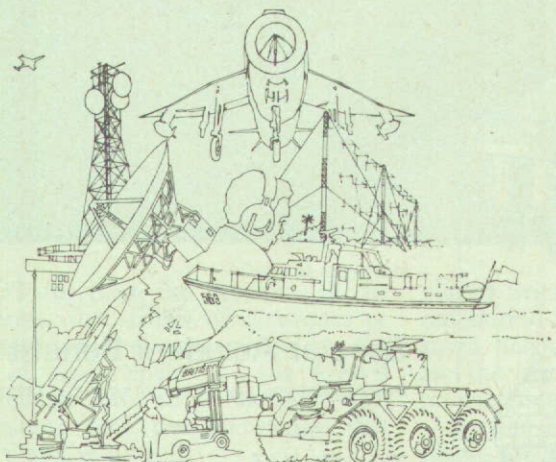
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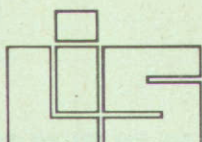


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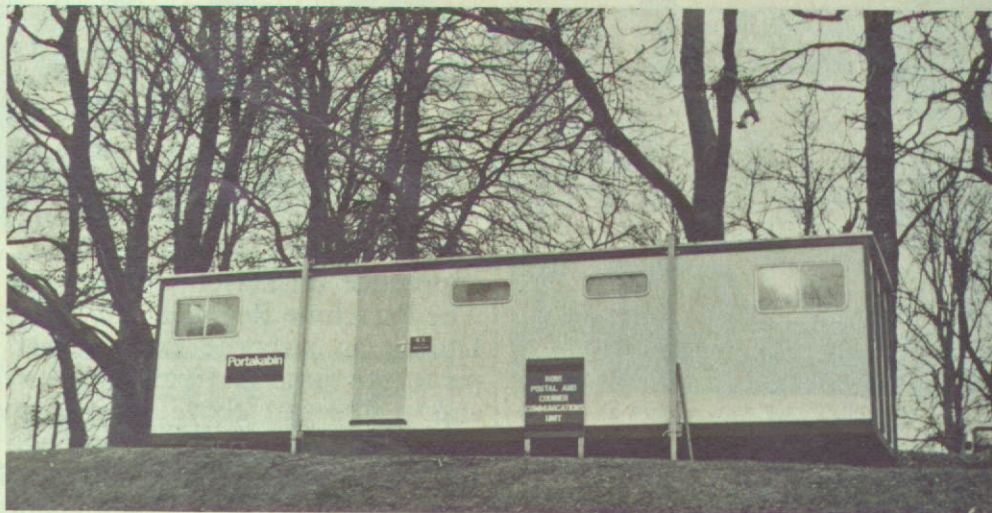
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at Army headquarters in Lisburn have a constantly changing list of units appearing on each pigeon hole. A major headache for the Army postmen is keeping track of the shifting military population after four-month duties end so that they can forward mail to the soldiers' normal stations.

Units in Belfast are close enough to collect their mail themselves from Lisburn but for those farther afield three road runs set off around the command at dawn each day to deliver the eagerly awaited letters. Helicopters fly out in the afternoon to make a second delivery. Nearby units can make collections for delivery three times a day—literally morning, noon and night.

A survey of a day's mail revealed an arrival of 52 bags of air mail made up of 8500 letters and 1600 small packets—representing a letter for one in two of the security forces. The same day also brought in 30 bags of parcels—a workload the Postal Courier Communications Unit takes in its stride.

But mail is not the only task the unit handles. Courier services of classified mails is all part of the daily routine and counters are manned to offer troops what they would expect to find at their neighbourhood post

office at home. Savings can be deposited and withdrawn, family allowances are issued and premium bonds are sold.

The counter and mail deliveries are all that most soldiers see of the work behind the numbers BFPO 801 and 825, but among the backroom boys are two backroom girls who chose to lend a hand. Swapping the secure routine of work at the home postal courier communications depot in Mill Hill, London, for the rigours of the "sharp end" at Lisburn were Sheila Smith and Christine Willoughby, Women's Royal Army Corps privates working as postal and courier operators.

Both volunteered for their tours of duty. "It was a change from Mill Hill and you feel you're doing a good job," said Private Smith. "The post means more to the lads here than back home." After two years at Mill Hill, Private Willoughby too thought a change was as good as a rest.

Day and night the constant stream of letters and parcels flows in and out of BFPO 801 and 825, keeping the troops in touch with the folks back home. It means hard work for the Postal Courier Communications Unit. Captain Cobb commented: "There's never a dull moment."



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During an airborne exercise last year, Private Inglis made his tenth parachute jump in 18 months' service. Seconds after leaving the aircraft, and at 700 feet above ground, another parachutist, Private Peter Bell, whose parachute had not opened, passed through Inglis's rigging lines. In the tangle neither was able to release his reserve parachute.

Both men, weighed down with equipment, plummeted towards the ground and Bell was in the greatest danger. At about 400 feet, Inglis managed to grab Bell's collapsed canopy and hold on. The two landed heavily, but without injury, using only Inglis's parachute.

The citation states: "Private Inglis showed great presence of mind and by a complete disregard of his own personal safety prevented what could have been a fatal accident to the other soldier."

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There are many all-Sousa LPs on the market but I don't recall having heard an all-Alford one before. I am now faced with the daunting task of deciding on your behalf whether it is a success as recorded entertainment or not. We know a record of Sousa's best 14 quick marches does succeed in these terms and sells prolifically, but Alford?—do his best 14 provide a fully satisfactory LP?

A direct confrontation of Sousa and Alford to decide the March King may not be a necessary or profitable exercise for each has his devotees and no words of mine will sway the issue. But we Britons should insist that when Sousa is being lauded the word "undisputed" should not precede "march king." Certainly he wrote more than 150 marches compared with Alford's 17 but, if it proves anything, only 15 of Sousa's can be called great while 15 of Alford's 17 deserve that description.

We know that Alford was a most painstaking and self-critical composer (corresponding with his brother Leo Stanley at great length for opinion and advice) who discarded almost as much material as he published, while Sousa wrote a march for every conceivable institution and occasion, usually in too much of a hurry to give of his best.

Here are the 30 "greats" by these two composers. Take them away from the repository and the march cupboard would be pretty bare!

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"The Mad Major," "The Vedette" and "Eagle Squadron" are not on this LP but "Cavalry of the Clouds" is, making 17 in all.

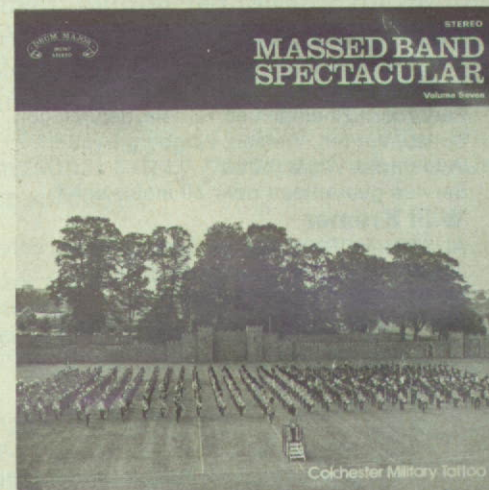
Sousa (1854-1932) and Alford (1881-1942) each served his country as a soldier and marine at various stages in their careers but whereas Alford's whole adult life was military, Sousa spent many years as a civilian. This may account for many of the latter's marches being very difficult to play on the march, a trait never tolerated by Alford.

Sousa usually writes in brighter keys than Alford, his rhythms are more varied and his melodies gay and brilliant. The harmony is plain and mostly obvious, the marches as a whole uncluttered with counter-melody and ornamentation. When he did ornament (the piccolo solo in "The Stars and Stripes Forever") he did it to unforgettable effect.

Alford chose mainly flat keys in the major and used the minor keys often (to poetic effect in "The Vanished Army"); his harmony is subtle and the melodies are less four-square than Sousa's. He wrote with a wealth of counter-melody, some being more tuneful than the tune, and added much brilliant ornamentation.

A Sousa LP is as bright as a button; this LP is sombre and dark-toned for, like Chopin, Alford often sounds minor-key when writing in the major. In performance Alford needs more help from the conductor and players than he gets here, particularly as to accent and phrasing. Sousa can succeed on the strength of his tunes alone, even with a poor performance. Given a "lift" he is the (disputed) march king.

For what it is worth, after 45 years of march playing and conducting, I can always name a Sousa march; with Alford I can easily confuse one with another. This may partly be due to over-familiarity with his great medley from which the present LP takes its name. In it Alford brilliantly sets out to confuse the listener by pointing out similarities in his own marches and how a tune from one often fits in perfect counter-



point to a tune from another. But on the whole I have to admit this is a characteristic, if not a weakness, of Alford's style. Critics are fond of saying a Schubert song of utmost simplicity is worth more than an opera of utmost complexity by, say, Richard Strauss. If this means anything at all then I suppose Sousa wins by a shortish head.

To decide for yourself (you no doubt decided years ago) you need a reputable Sousa LP (and here I forbear to advise) and this LP, but while recognising the many felicitous qualities of this performance by Captain Jim Mason and his Royal Marines I think we still await the definitive Alford disc by which to judge him *the* march king, or *a* march king, for one of these he undoubtedly is. **RB**

"Entertainments in Brass" (The Cory Band) (Musical Director: Major H A Kenney) (Carnival 2928 010)

I listened enthralled to this record. It is well-nigh perfect in conception and execution. Cory, who should be champion-of-everything band, have only modest claims to stardom so far but on this evidence their turn is overdue. The band has no weaknesses that I could detect and, most important, has a conductor who allows of no irritating quirks and fancies, no gratuitous and ridiculous ritards and accelerandos, no exaggerated dynamics, misplaced accents and other oddities which gave brass bands a bad name in the past.

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Most have fortunately improved in this respect in recent years due, I like to think, to closer contact with musicians from outside the brass band world. The result is an LP of this stature where the style of playing would be acceptable anywhere. If I have given unstinting praise to other brass bands it was with (unwritten) reservations on style, which means, I suppose, that I consider this the best brass band record to date.

The music is of good quality and more or less new. Two works by Major Kenney, former director of music of the Welsh Guards, are recorded for the first time—a march “Big C” and a very attractive piece for the horn section, “Horns in Harmony.” A solo by Edrich Siebert for big Eb bass, “Dear to My Heart,” should sound ludicrous but doesn’t, due to musicianship again. The styles of two contrasted pieces in Morton Gould’s clever “Pavanne” (a pavane for Anne) and old Albinoni’s famous “Adagio” are beautifully caught.

Two works by the late Gilbert Vinter, the suite “Entertainments” and the fantasia “James Cook—Circumnavigator,” show the Cory Band off in all its strengths. Its members play with orchestral finesse yet never sound anything less than a great brass band. **RB**

“The Fairey Band” (Sounds of Brass Series Vol 1) (Conducted by Kenneth Dennison) (Decca SB 301)

By listening to side two first I nearly wrote this disc off as a failure. Johann Strauss is not a composer for brass bands and the overture to “Die Fledermaus” is the most difficult of all. Apart from stylistic absurdities there were too many split notes, one terrible wrong note and two cuts which made me flinch.

With the triple-tonguing cornet solo “Alpine Echoes,” played by Phillip McCann, both soloist and band were back on home

ground. Then with Malcolm Arnold’s “Little Suite for Brass Op 80” all should have been back to normal with a fine band playing fine music. To me, not one unequivocally right tempo was chosen and retained, the Prelude being too stodgy, the superb Siciliano poor in tone and balance, the Rondo too breakneck.

Side one is somewhat better, beginning with most of the finale of Act II of Verdi’s “Aida” but the march tune (to be played on trumpets) sounded feeble in the extreme on one cornet à la “Come into the Garden, Maud.” After a good “Nimrod” we have the Rondo from Mozart’s “Horn Concerto No 3.” Again not a composer for brass bands. Ronald Binge’s “Cornet Carillon” fails on all counts, being too fast and with the cornets using the wrong technique to succeed with this attractive piece. The most successful item is the last and, ironically, another Strauss overture. This one, “The Gypsy Baron,” does suit the brass band as it is more Hungarian than Viennese in character. **RB**

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Side two starts with “The Grenadiers March,” “The Red Cloak,” a German “18th Hussars March” for cavalry trumpets and band, and two Alford marches, “The Great Little Army” and “Colonel Bogey.”

The spectacular grand finale, with almost everyone on parade, starts with Alford’s “The Thin Red Line” then a truncated “Crown Imperial” at breakneck speed and with many unlooked-for effects. The sleeve notes assure us that “Crown Imperial” is performed by the massed bands, pipes and drums, corps of drums, trumpeters and the drum horse. I can well believe it and distinctly heard the latter’s contribution. **RB**

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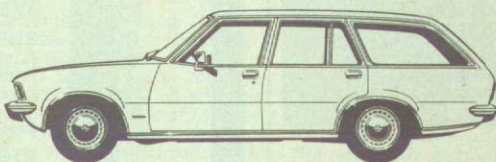
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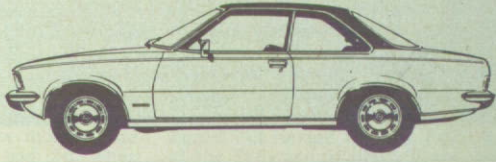
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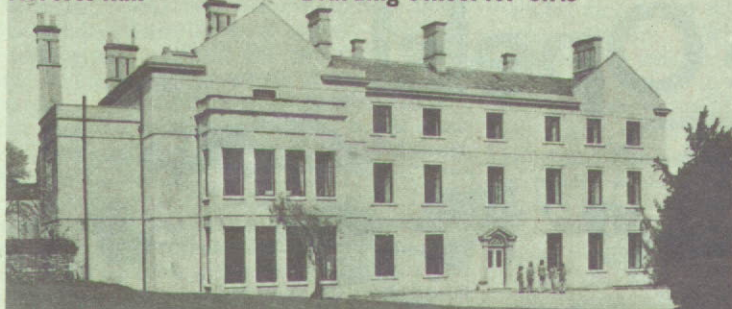
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LETTERS

Where's the oompah?

I can assure Mr Geoffrey H Clark (January) that he is not the only military band enthusiast to deplore "the conversion of The Life Guards magnificent band into a rather ordinary orchestra." I would go further and say I deeply regret the current tendency to debase the repertoire of our military band recordings. I am a little surprised that your distinguished reviewer "RB" has not yet seen fit to comment on the hackneyed and often gimmicky fare served out with monotonous regularity. Take any typical band disc and what do you find? Side one will include (as a sop to the "military" fans) a potpourri of the same old stuff: El Abanico, The Thin Red Line, Voice of the Guns, On the Quarter Deck—with perhaps a dash of Sousa and a sprinkling of some "arranged" operatic marches to taste. On side two the producer (recording company?) will try to woo the "pop" and "mod" fraternity with a mixed stew of Radio One ephemera. Or maybe he will go all "serious" with a hash of popular classics which sound equally incongruous when performed by a regimental band. And most of us are becoming a little weary of the interminable versions of the Post Horn Galop and Abide With Me—with Last Post as an obligato.

It seems to me that those responsible for military band discs are trying desperately to capture two conflicting markets—and failing dismally in both. Afficionados of military music want *military* music and nothing else, thank you. Pop and classical fans are well catered for elsewhere. They are not likely to be attracted by a record sleeve bearing a fine colour photograph of the Household Cavalry or The Royal Hussars in full dress. It happens that I also appreciate Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven and the rest; but I prefer to enjoy their works as they were meant to be heard. Nowadays, when I pick up a British military band sleeve in a shop I invariably shove it back again with a sigh—and shop abroad for satisfaction. Frankly, I consider our own military bands have bogged themselves down in a very muddy rut. Directors of music, bandmasters and your reviewer RB will not need to be reminded that there is in this country a vast, largely untapped wealth of magnificently impressive military music of Continental origin—mainly German and French—which is currently available only on hard-to-come-by foreign discs. Just a few typical examples come to mind: Finnländischer Reiterei, Pappenheimer, 1 Bn Garde, Austerlitz, Marengo, Bonnets à Poils.

Why do we never hear these historic classics on a British disc? I am not decrying our own classics—but these are churned out ad nauseam. Most of my own collection is of foreign origin and I regret to say that both performance and recording invariably put British efforts to shame.

These are hard words. They are meant to be. British bands—get out of that rut!—J M Brereton, Wern Newydd, Painscastle, Builth Wells, Breconshire, LD2 3JW.

Army vessels

My interest in becoming a regular reader of *SOLDIER* springs from a long-term enthusiasm in the vessels operated by the War Department Fleet, later the RASC Fleet and now the RCT Fleet. This enthusiasm was increased by service during World War Two as a coast gunner—Channel guns at Dover—and various other postings at home and overseas.

Now, in collaboration with Mr Eric Lees, of Harborne, Birmingham, I am conducting a research into the constitution of the fleet—hopefully with a book emerging at the end of it. A collection of photographs is being built up but, as I am sure you must be aware, the fleet has not exactly been over-publicised in the past. I have a copy of the Naval Pocket Book 1913 which lists an interesting array of steam tugs, coasters, lighters and sailing barges but, since then, nothing.

If, therefore, through your columns I can get in touch with crew members, past and present, I shall be more than grateful.

On parade again

The Artillery Company of Newport, Rhode Island, chartered in 1731 in the reign of King George II, paraded again in Washington on 20 January 1973 after an absence from the capital of 112 years.

When President Abraham Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers in April 1861 the company became Company F (the Colour company),

I am particularly interested in securing information and photographs of postwar vessels of the Dickens, Shakespearean, Derby winners, River, Bird and Battle-field target towers, a considerable number of which would have been absorbed into the RASC/RCT.—John D Smale, Forelands, 72 Old Fort Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex.

Heap big heave

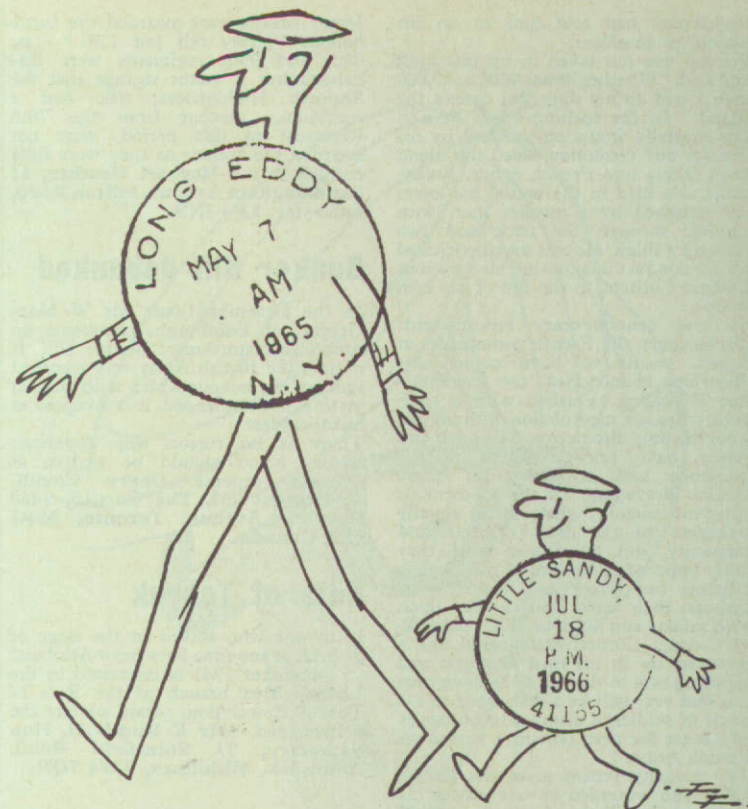
I was particularly interested in The Royal Scots Indian wrestling championship (Purely Personal, January). It may interest readers to learn that the real Indian wrestling consists of sticking each contestant's hunting knife in the dirt at the proper distance to right and left, and the winner is whoever can force his opponent's hand down flat parallel to the blade (all done in a prone position).

This the Indians and Meris still do in their annual tribal festivals and sometimes to settle minor disputes. Major disputes are normally decided by the tribal councils on the reserves. Maybe

1st Regiment of Rhode Island Detached Militia, and went to help defend the capital. While there, the unit was quartered in the Patent Office until Camp Sprague was completed.

The regiment paraded on several occasions through the the streets of Washington to the White House for review by President Lincoln and General Winfield Scott.

The Artillery Company is the



The Royal Scots could use their sean dubhs.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who answered my recent announcement in *Collectors' Corner*. Due to moving home I am unable to reply as promptly as I would like but all letters will eventually be answered.—F A J Wright (WO retd), 4700 B1 Maisonneuve, Westmount 215 PQ, Canada.

New Zealand Memorial Cross

With reference to Sergeant J D Robertson's letter (February) I would like to point out that in my letter of June last I was referring to the New Zealand Memorial Cross and not the New Zealand Cross, which is the equivalent of our Victoria Cross.

I have received several letters from ex-servicemen in New Zealand and was surprised to find that none of them had ever heard of the Memorial Cross. Several asked for further information and I referred them to Commander H Taprell ("Taffrail") Dorling's book "Ribbons and Medals" which can be obtained from most public libraries. Full details of the New Zealand Memorial Cross and an illustration are on page 103. An accompanying note also gives the reason for the institution of this award, stating that the New Zealand Government had been anxious for some time to make an award as a token of gratitude to the mothers and widows whose menfolk had died while on active service. The outcome was the fine-looking New Zealand Memorial Cross.

One cannot help but feel that Britain, as the mother country, should have done something on similar lines.—J J Stokes, 15 Charterhouse Road, Stoke, Coventry.

The New Zealand Memorial Cross was instituted in December 1946 for award to the mothers and widows of New Zealand servicemen killed in action or who died on active service in World War Two. It is of dull silver with a laurel wreath between the arms. There is a crown on the uppermost arm while the other three arms are embellished at the tips with fern leaves. The royal cypher of King George VI is placed on the centre and the thin purple satin ribbon is held by a small ring. The reverse of the cross is plain but bears the recipient's name and regimental details.—Clive Hughes, 26 Pen-y-Efridd Road, Bangor, Caernarvonshire, LL57 2LZ.

Who was Major Peirson?

Further to Miss P Le Feuvre's letter (February) regarding Major Francis Peirson and the Battle of Jersey, it would appear from contemporary accounts that the French commander, Baron Rolancourt, having captured the lieutenant-governor of the island, Colonel M Corbett, persuaded him to sign articles of capitulation by threatening to hang him and put the garrison to the sword. Major Peirson then came to St Helier with a flag of truce in an effort to get the lieutenant-governor released, but the French refused. Colonel Corbett thereupon endeavoured to prevail upon Peirson to surrender in consequence of the capitulation he had signed but he and Captain Lumsdaine of the 78th and all the officers of the militia refused to lay down their arms. Peirson then told the governor that he regarded him as a prisoner and did not propose to obey his orders. Corbett again said it would be as well to capitulate as more than 4000 French troops had landed. Peirson asked how he knew this and Corbett replied that Baron

custodian of the original flags of the 1st Rhode Island Regiment and at President Nixon's inaugural parade the original regimental Colour was carried by an officer of the company dressed in Civil War uniform.

On 1 February the company entered its 232nd year of continuous service, during which time it saw action at Crown Point and Fort William Henry in 1757, at Saratoga

in 1777, Rhode Island in 1778, Yorktown in 1781, the War of 1812, Dorr's Rebellion in 1842, First Bull Run in 1861 and the Spanish-American War in 1898.

From World War One to the present time the company has provided volunteers to all the armed forces. Today it is the senior member of the Rhode Island Militia and serves as the Governor's Household Troops.

Rolancourt had told him so on his honour as an officer. Peirson was not taken in by this bluff and said, "Whether he has 4000 to 10,000 men I will do my duty and defend the island." In the ensuing battle Peirson was mortally wounded but had by his courage and resolution saved the island from falling into French hands. Rolancourt also died in the battle, his lower jaw smashed by a musket shot, with another through the neck and two through a thigh. He was much criticised for his conduct in exposing his prisoner, Colonel Corbett, to the fire of his own troops.

As one contemporary report said: "Rolancourt, the French commander at Jersey, seems to have copied his illustrious countryman, the contemptible D'Eustach. Flushed with a temporary success, capitulation or the sword were the only alternative. Savannah and Jersey have borne witness to the insolence and cowardice of these Gallick Bravadoes. In the moment of apparent victory, they were equally strangers to the laws of war and humanity, but no sooner were they fairly opposed to the fire of the English Legions but terror and dismay flew through their ranks and covered them with infamy and disgrace. The marching of Colonel Corbett, defenceless and a prisoner, up to his own Garrison and exposing him to the fire of his own men was and ever will be a dishonour to the name of soldier, a disgrace to humanity and must for ever remain a stigma on French Arms."

The casualty return gives the British killed and wounded as one officer, 11 rank and file killed and one sergeant, 35 rank and file wounded. A Captain Charlton of the Royal Artillery was wounded while a prisoner.

Militia casualties were: South West Regiment, three rank and file wounded; St Helier's Battalion, two rank and file killed, ten wounded; North West Regiment, one rank and file wounded; East Regiment, two lieutenants, one ensign, six rank and file wounded. French losses were estimated at some 350 to 400 killed and wounded. Many years later the descendants of the

Jersey Militia were awarded the battle honour "Jersey 6th Jan 1781." The 85th and 95th regiments were disbanded but it seems strange that the Seaforth Highlanders, who had a continuous descent from the 78th Regiment of this period, were not awarded the honour as they were fully entitled to it.—**Herbert Heather, 11 Sandringham Avenue, Milton Road, Leicester, LE4 7NS.**

Bunker Hill debunked

In the December issue Mr W MacGregor, of Edinburgh, comments on American distortion of Bunker Hill. It is time the British Army was accorded some of the honour which is its due. If myth is not challenged, it is accepted as historical fact.

There is no reason why American history books should be written at Britain's expense.—**Garry Coxall, Apartment 703, The Cardiff, 1460 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, M4G 3B3, Canada.**

Rats of Tobruk

If anyone who served in the siege of Tobruk at any time between 9 April and 13 December 1941 is interested in the London area branch of the Rats of Tobruk Association, please contact the undersigned.—**Mr K Rumbold, Hon Secretary, 73 Stansfield Road, Hounslow, Middlesex, TW4 7QR.**

"Dive Army"

The article on page 12 of the January SOLDIER about sapper diving opens with a statement which is misleading and not strictly accurate.

Work on the wreck of the Royal George began in 1839 with a party of Royal Sappers and Miners from Chatham comprising Sergeant-Major Jenkin Jones, one bugler, a clerk and 13 rank and file under Captain M Williams. They worked from 21 August to 4

Royal Marine history

A numbered series of philatelic covers is being issued by the Royal Marines Museum under the title "A Pictorial History of Royal Marines." There will be eight covers in 1973, each containing a printed insert giving details of the event depicted. The first cover—Zeebrugge day—costs 29p including postage and packing. A cover signed by the carrier costs 54p inclusive and one autographed by a person connected with the event illustrated, £1.04p inclusive.

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November. In 1840, work on the wreck went on from early May to 27 October and for a similar period the following year. It was not until 1842 that nine British other ranks of the East India Company's sappers were attached to the working party of Royal Sappers and Miners from Chatham.

In May 1844 the final clearance of the Royal George was completed and the party of Royal Sappers and Miners, under Sergeant G Lindsay with 13 British of the East India Company's sappers, then turned their attention to the Edgar and worked on that wreck for the rest of the season.

The foregoing is taken from Connolly's "History of the Royal Sappers and Miners" Vol One.

The facts are, therefore, that the Royal Sappers and Miners from Chatham did more than 80 per cent of the work and practically all the diving. The East India Company's British other ranks arrived half-way through and did a small proportion of the diving "as opportunity afforded" (to quote Connolly's words).

I hope this puts the record straight.—**Lieut-Col H S Francis, Curator, Museum of the Corps of Royal Engineers, Brompton Barracks, Chatham, Kent.**

★SOLDIER's Mike Starke, who wrote the article, says: "Far be it for me to

argue with Connolly's 'History of the Royal Sappers and Miners.' The source of my introduction to the diving story was the caption to a contemporary engraving depicting the divers at work on the Royal George. Possibly the engraver was commissioned by the East India Company and not by the Royal Sappers and Miners!"

SPORTS FINAL

Competition 174 (November) provided three alternative answers for each of six sporting silhouettes—and in no case was the correct answer unanimously selected. The main variations were in the first silhouette (trampoline) with almost as many incorrect answers of diving and gymnastics. Similarly the tennis silhouette (6) was thought by many competitors to be pole vaulting. Solution: 1 Trampoline; 2 Soccer; 3 Cycling; 4 Tug-of-war; 5 Ski-ing; 6 Tennis.

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HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

(see page 21)

The two pictures differ in the following respects: 1 Left epaulette. 2 Right arm of middle figure on middle row. 3 Left arm of figure on right of top row. 4 Adjusting screw on music stand. 5 Conductor's cap badge. 6 Cap of left figure on bottom row. 7 Stripes on conductor's left cuff. 8 Little finger of left hand. 9 Stripe on trousers. 10 Length of baton.

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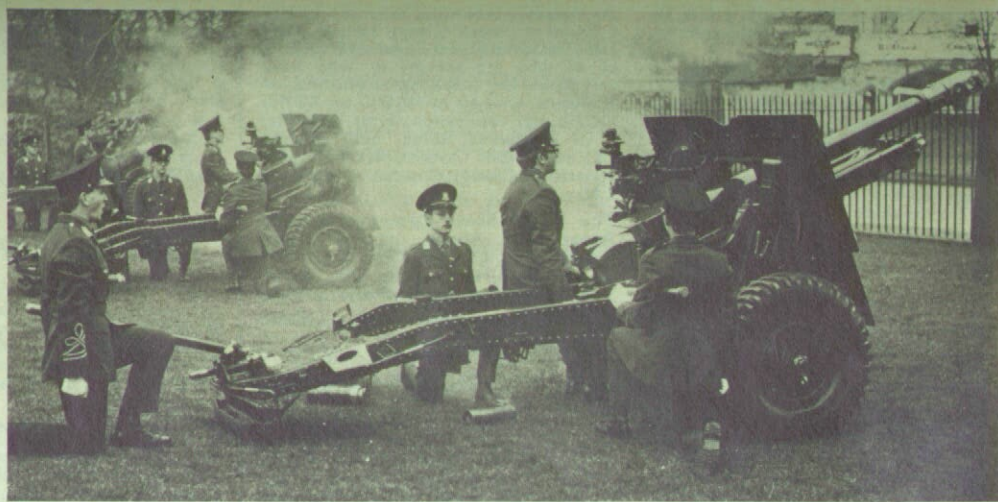
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Mush! is the word for these husky men of the Logistic Support Battalion, Allied Command Europe Mobile Force, on exercise in Norway. They are pictured during a testing time of Exercise Hardfall

'73 as they push through deep snow in the mountains of the Voss region. They experienced just about every weather condition from bright sunshine to violent electric storm.



The Army testing range at Maplin, Essex, being cleared of unexploded weapons by civilians under Army supervision to make way for the third London airport planned for the site.



The Prince of Wales piloted the Wessex helicopter which took him to Quebec Barracks, Osnabrück, to visit 1st Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales. The Prince is Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment. Do-it-yourself was the theme of the two-day visit—Prince Charles fired a practice mortar round and a .22 rifle mounted on an anti-tank gun, and drove a Stalwart amphibious load-carrier.



When the youngest corps in the British Army, the Intelligence Corps, moved from Maresfield Camp, Sussex, in 1966 to Templar Barracks, Ashford, Kent, it got its first permanent home. To mark the close links between the town and the corps, the chairman of Ashford Council, Councillor Peggy Ruffie, presented a scroll of adoption to Brigadier Richard Bremner, Inspector of the corps. The Intelligence Corps was formed in 1940 by Royal Warrant but it was not until 1957 that it received full recognition as a permanent corps. (Photograph courtesy Kent Messenger).



Kingsman Roy Christopher, of 1st Battalion, The King's Regiment, died after a terrorist bomb attack in Belfast. But he will be remembered 10,000 miles away as Chinese children play on peaceful Chek Lap Kok island offshore from Hong Kong. For a play park built by the unit has been named after Kingsman Christopher who was the last of seven men the unit lost during a four-month tour of duty in Northern Ireland.



The British Ambassador in Bonn, Sir Nicholas Henderson, paid his first visit to fighting units of the Army in Germany when he saw 27 Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery, at Lippstadt and the 47th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards at Sennelager.



The one-time commander of the mighty Ark Royal took the helm once more during a visit to 28 Amphibious Engineer Regiment in Germany when he was shown the water-borne M2 bridging equipment. Admiral of the Fleet Sir Peter Hill Norton, Chief of the Defence Staff, manned the bridge . . . of a bridge . . . during a visit to 1 (BR) Corps.



The 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles became such a part of the local community during their 16-month stay at Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Church Crookham, Hampshire, that the nearby Fleet Council asked the battalion to make a special

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Few will argue with the choice of battles—Dunkirk, Battle of Britain, Keren, Operation Crusader, Moscow, Midway, Guadalcanal, Alamein, Stalingrad, Anzio, Imphal, Normandy and Rangoon—since each one in its own way was a turning point. These vital actions, in the light of history, had their effect in other parts of the world.

For instance the bitter campaigns fought by the British and Commonwealth armies in North and East Africa can now be seen as victories

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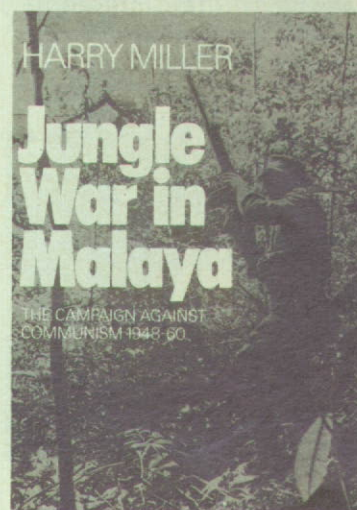
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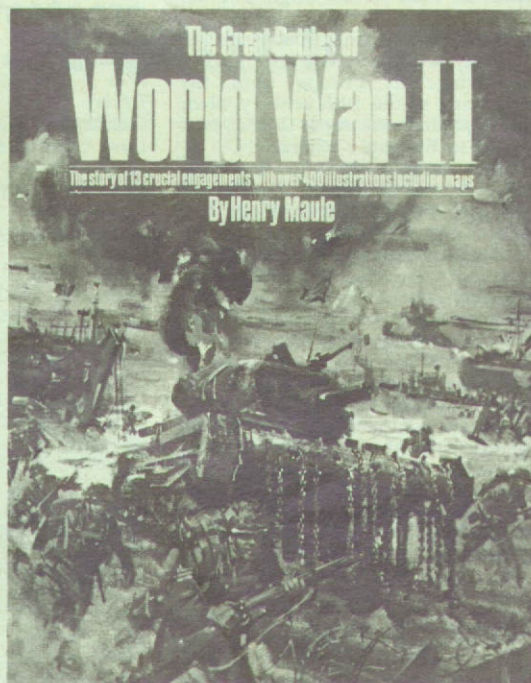
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Their splendid defence of Calais in World War Two meant The Rifle Brigade's sacrifice as a fighting force but others took up their task. After service in Kenya against the Mau Mau and in Malaya and Germany, The Rifle Brigade ended its separate existence in 1966.

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"Pictorial History of Tanks of the World 1915-45" (Peter Chamberlain and Chris Ellis)

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One finds the Disston tank, a strange-looking thing like a bread oven built on top of this American company's agricultural tractor and

used by Afghanistan; the well-balanced Nahuel four-man medium tank of Argentina and the CTMS-ITBI, built by Marmon-Herrington for Mexico.

"Tank Data," another useful addition to the tank enthusiast's bookshelf, is a companion volume to Numbers 1 and 2 which began a detailed technical appraisal of armoured vehicle development. The first section covers 61 tanks, armoured cars, self-propelled guns and other armoured vehicles from World War One to the present day.

The second section, however, is something of a conglomerate, containing "tanks in cross-section" covering 20 AFVs which are mostly Russian, chapters on early German armour and on captured armour used by the Germans, followed by a chapter on Axis armour which also covers Italian and Japanese products. A useful final section relates to tank armament. Assembled in this way, the book thus lacks the continuity so obvious in "Pictorial History."

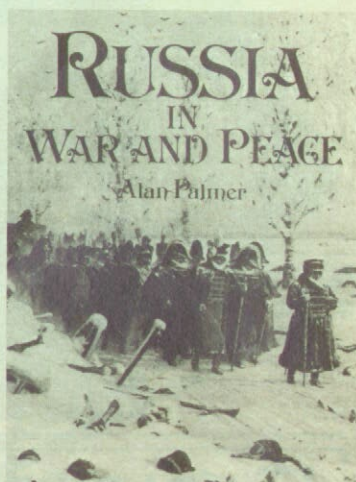
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"Famous Tank Battles from World War I to Vietnam" (Colonel Robert J Icks)

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chroniclers. This is where Colonel Icks scores. He has not neglected these and consequently comes up with a book which no one interested in armoured warfare can ignore.

For example, at Bou Ganos where, in 1925, French tanks scored a success over the Rif rebels, the French developed a three-tank platoon with one tank carrying a 37mm gun while the other two, armed with machine-guns, acted as close-in protection. This was vital against the Rifis' anti-tank weapon—an iron bar inserted between tracks and drive-sprockets to lever off the track.

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"AFV/Weapons Profile" (46 to 52) (Editor: Duncan Crow)

Number 46 deals with the American M22 Locust and M24 Chaffee light tanks whose histories are traced by Colonel Robert J Icks in fascinating detail. A variety of photographs illustrates the text and a centre-page spread presents the M24 in colour from all angles.

Even the Germans confessed they had met their match when confronted with the Russian T34 tank and officers in the field urged the Berlin warlords to simply copy what was widely believed to be the best tank in any army in the early years of World War Two. In Profile 47, J M Brereton tells the early success story of the T34/76; its development into the T34/85 is taken up by Major Michael Norman, Royal Tank Regiment. Profuse photographs—some in action—illustrate the narrative and a T34/76B appears in colour in the centre-page spread.

Profiles 48 and 49 hark back to World War Two with a look at PzKpfw VI Tiger I and the "King Tiger" Tiger II from Germany in No 48 (Peter Chamberlain and Chris Ellis) and at Japanese medium tanks in No 49 (Lieutenant-General Tomio Hara). For centuries neutral Switzerland has been renowned for its infantrymen. Now Profile 50 (R M Ogorkiewicz) studies Swiss battle tanks.

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