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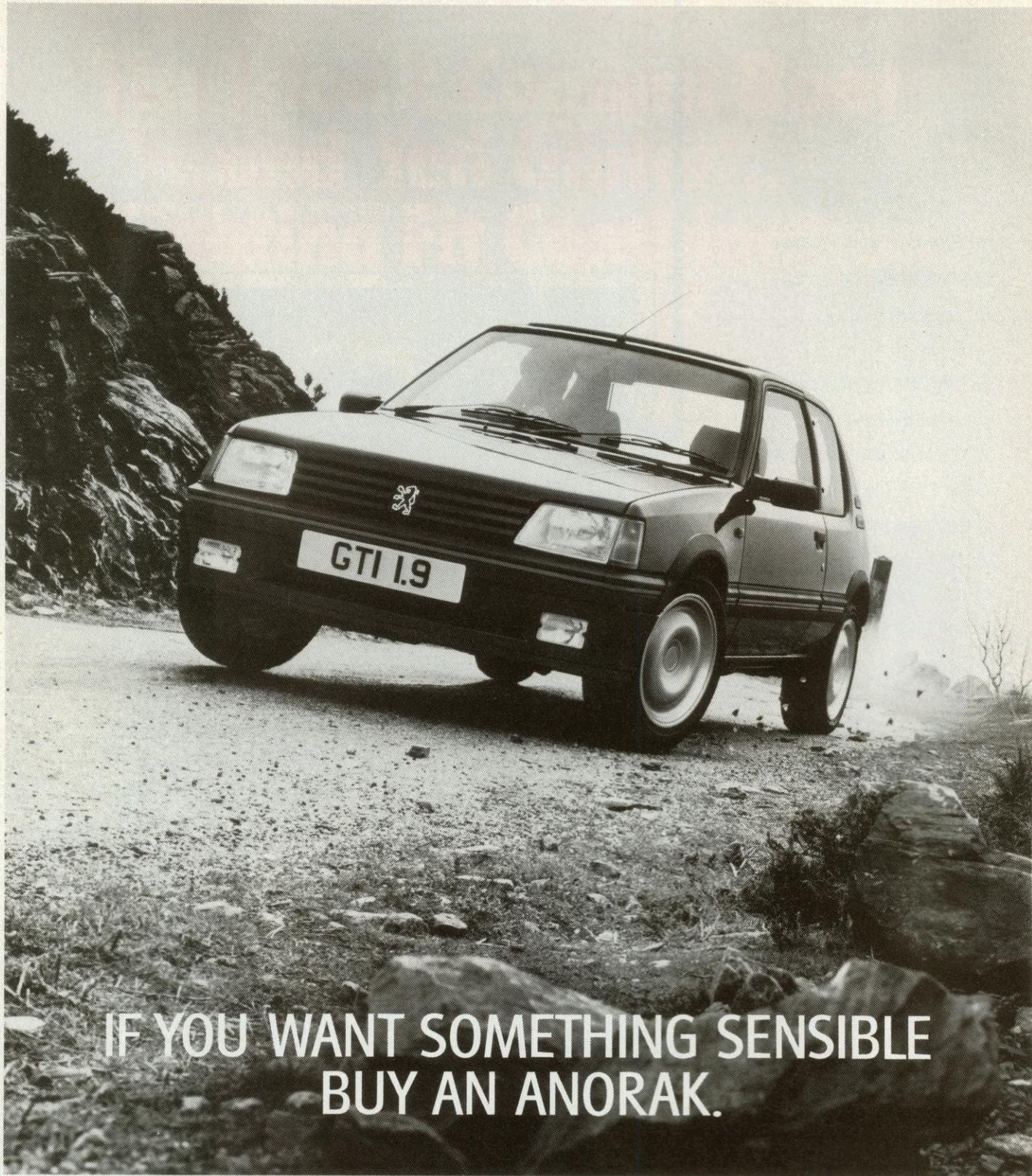


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## Poolside Princess presents commendation in Hong Kong

TWO youngsters were given a moment to treasure when they received swimming awards from the Princess Royal during her visit to HMS Tamar in Hong Kong. The Princess also presented medals to garrison Servicemen during an unusual poolside ceremony.

Eight-year-old David Navin, son of WO1 Peter Gavin, RAPC, and Mrs Daphne Navin, received a framed certificate from the Princess Royal, as did Sandra Keepe (8), daughter of a naval petty officer.

LCpl Kwong Kang Sing of the Defence Animal Support Unit received the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct for saving the life of a girl in danger of drowning

in the Sham Chum River, and Acting WO2 Keith Bath, AAC, of the Joint Air Tasking Cell HQBF, and Sgt Khagendra Rai, 10 GR, received BEMs.

Despite suffering from a sore throat, the Princess Royal made a point of talking to many of the Service families who lined her route.

Soldiers of Dragon Company, Hong Kong Military Service Corps (HKMSC), 1st Battalion, The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment and Queen's Gurkha Signals provided 24-hour ceremonial guard duties at the Governor's official residence while the Princess Royal was a guest at Government House during her brief stay in the territory.



Young David Navin receives his certificate from the Princess Royal

## Terror hotline extended in south

IN a bid to help pre-empt terrorist attacks on military targets in the south of England, the Army has extended its counter-terrorist Freefone information system.

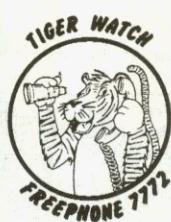
The Freefone Tiger Watch system was introduced last month in the Aldershot area by Lt Gen Sir Peter de la Billiere, GOC SE District, who saw an opportunity to enlist the help of an additional 94,000 military personnel, MoD employed civilians and Service families to report anything unusual or suspicious.

Each call is assessed by a specially trained team who decide on what action to take.

Following the successful Aldershot trial, during which up to eight calls a day were received, it was decided to apply the scheme to the whole of South East District.

In SE District alone there are 40,000 Regular and Territorial Army soldiers, 17,000 members of the Combined and Army Cadet Forces, 12,000 Army employed civilians and 25,000 dependants of Regular personnel.

All will be encouraged to use the Freefone number. The Tiger Watch system is not intended to supplant the 999 system but it enables the Army to maintain a significantly reinforced watch on its own garrisons. The contact number is Freefone 7772.



Lt Gen Sir Peter de la Billiere, GOC South East District, reviews men of 5 Airborne Brigade Logistic Battalion during their formation parade at Aldershot. The need for fully integrated logistic support became evident during Operation Corporate and, following a three year trial grouping of RCT, RAOC and REME sub-units, MoD approval for formation of the Logistic Battalion was granted this year

### Light Infantry remembers

FAMILIES of eight Light Infantry soldiers murdered at Ballygawley, Northern Ireland, attended a memorial service at the Light Division Depot, Winchester, Hants. Soldiers who survived the bomb attack on their coach on the road from Belfast airport to Omagh were at the service, and the regiment's Colonel in Chief, the Queen Mother, was represented.

A testimony to the eight victims was given by their company commander, Maj Mark Rollo-Walker.

### Gen Chapple is new CGS

NEW Chief of the General Staff is Gen Sir John Chapple, who has taken over from Gen (now Field Marshal) Sir Nigel Bagnall. Gen Chapple was commissioned in 1950 after joining the King's Royal Rifle Corps the previous year for National Service.

In 1954 he joined the 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles) on a regular commission and served during the Malayan Emergency and the Borneo confrontation.

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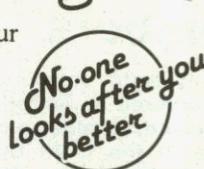
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## Gurkhas blow up 'eyesore'



Sappers from 69 Gurkha Independent Field Squadron lay explosive charges on the disused bridge at Wasdale Head in the Lake District during the home defence exercise

# Thousands mobilise for Autumn Tiger

THOUSANDS of Regular and reserve troops are taking part in a series of major home defence exercises all over the country. Together, the exercises add up to the biggest test of domestic conventional defence since Brave Defender three years ago.

ago. At Catterick, the North East's Exercise Northern Crusade was interrupted when stray bombs from a mock enemy air attack fell on a civilian housing estate. The sub-plot to the main exercise involved military and civil agencies working together to evacuate more than 100 "casualties" and cope with the emergency.

Meanwhile, an 800-strong "enemy" was being infiltrated into the North East to attack vulnerable key points. Nearly 6,000 members of the three Services were taking part.

And in the South West, 4,400 troops (including 2,100 Regulars) were being

deployed to defend or attack 21 key locations. In the North West, more than 2,500 troops on Exercise Strong Link were being spearheaded by 600 Regulars from the Chester based 1st Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment.

The series of home defence exercises, code-named Autumn Tiger, was also involving troops in the South East, London, Wales, Western District and Scotland.

### Highland Freedom

212 (Highland) Air Defence Battery, Royal Artillery (Volunteers) exercised its right to march through Arbroath for the first time since being granted the Freedom of the Royal Burgh more than 13 years ago. The battery forms part of Scotland's only TA gunner regiment, 105 (Scottish) Air Defence Regiment, RA (V).



On guard! Blackpool based TA soldiers of D Sqn, The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry take time out for a photograph between defending Manchester Airport and the Nato armaments depot at Broughton Moor, Cumbria. They were taking part in the North West's home defence exercise Strong Link

DEMOLISHING a bridge and repairing lakeland footpaths are just a few of the tasks that have occupied Army sappers during the North West's major home defence exercise Strong Link.

The Royal Engineers made a practical contribution to the exercise and volunteered their services to the National Trust, which came up with a variety of conservation tasks around the Lake District, including the demolition of a small concrete bridge at Wasdale Head.

It was believed to have been built by Italian prisoners of war during the Second World War and forded what is now a dry river bed. It was regarded locally as an eyesore.

Gurkhas from 69 Gurkha Independent Field Squadron, based in Kent, laid the explosives and observers from the Army, National Trust and local media watched across Wastwater as the bridge was destroyed in a cloud of sand.

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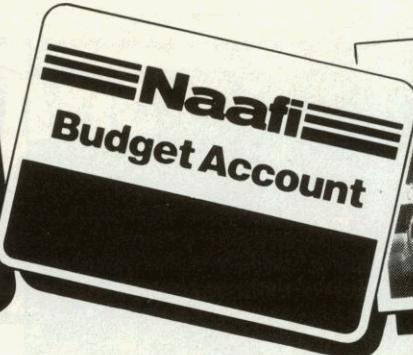
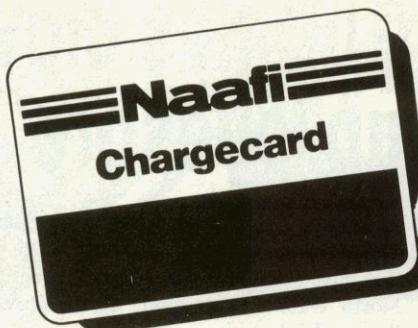
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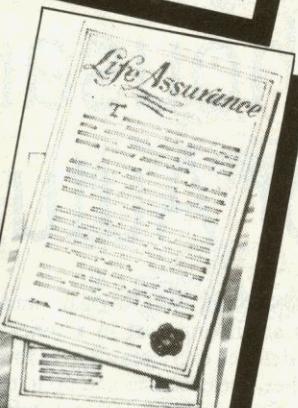
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LCpl Lalkaji Gurung of 6 GR with a friend he made on the Cambrian Patrol in Wales. The dog met the marchers at their first checkpoint and accompanied them all the way. He has only one eye and was named Phuli, "white eye" in Nepalese.

No teams managed to earn the coveted gold medal over the four-day, 90km course through wooded hills and mountains in

mid Wales. The event attracted teams from the Australian Army, the Dutch Royal Marines, the Royal Air Force Regiment, Northern Ireland and BAOR.

Silver medal winners among the 15 Regular teams taking part were 6 GR, 2 Para, 2 RGJ and 51 Fd Sqn RE. Only R Mon RE among the 18 teams of reservists achieved silver.

## Families in BFG praised

BRITISH troops and their families in West Germany were praised by Federal President Richard von Weizsäcker during his visit to Joint Headquarters at Rheindahlen.

The president inspected a guard of honour founded by the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment before making a formal call on Gen Sir Brian Kenny, Commander in Chief BAOR, and Air Marshal Sir Anthony Skingsley, Commander in Chief RAF(G).

President von Weizsäcker, who was accompanied by British Ambassador Sir Christopher Mallaby, said that for 40 years British families had been in Germany with the Services and had established lasting ties with the German people.

He also praised the reliability and professionalism of the British Army of the Rhine and RAF(G).

German Federal Minister for Education Herr Jürgen Mölleman visited 14th/20th King's Hussars at Munster and presented the regiment with a television set.

Earlier he had called on HQ 4 Armoured Brigade where he was welcomed by the Commander, Brig Roddy Cordy-Simpson.

### Trigat partnership

BRITISH Aerospace is to collaborate with France and Germany to produce the new Trigat anti-tank weapons system which will eventually replace the Milan, TOW and Swingfire systems.

## Companies get fell in!

COMPANIES are being asked to sign on in support of the Volunteer Reserves as part of a £10m campaign launched by Defence Secretary George Younger to improve the image of the Territorial Army among Britain's bosses.

The campaign, over five years, is being led by NELC, the National Employers' Liaison Committee, under one of Britain's

top industrialists, Mr Tommy Macpherson. He has written to 300 company chairmen and will be publishing a list of those confirming their support for the reserves.

At the launch Mr Younger pointed out that should mobilisation be necessary, the TA would form more than 30 per cent of the land forces in Germany, and a sizeable number would be in front line units.

### MOBB

by Mouse





Picture: Ssgt Angus Beaton

## Warrior farewell

STAFF and students at the Army School of Physical Training in Aldershot took the strain when they said farewell to their Colonel Commandant, Gen Sir **Nigel Bagnall** – by pulling him out of the HQ and Depot APTC in a Warrior!

Sir Nigel (inset), now Field Marshal Bagnall, visited the corps headquarters before retiring as Chief of the General Staff.

His successor as Commandant of the APTC is Gen **Sir Peter Inge**.



### Taste of success

CAMMED food was obviously the key to success for (from left) Cpl Steve Hillman, LCpl Jimmy Murray and Cpl Tony Hollingworth of the 1st Battalion The Green Howards in Londonderry. They have just become the Northern Ireland infantry cookery champions.



DORSET LADS: Maj Gen Jeapes and Junior RSM Aston

### Top of the class

JUNIOR RSM **Shaun Aston** found he had something in common with the reviewing officer when he and 122 other junior leaders from Salamanca Company passed out from the Junior Infantry Battalion at Shorncliffe, Kent.

Shaun, who was judged top of his intake, has joined the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment.

And his link with Maj Gen **Tony Jeapes**, GOC South West District? Gen Jeapes was originally commissioned into The Dorset Regiment.



### Minister's weighty burden

UNDER Secretary of State for the Armed Forces Mr **Roger Freeman** felt the burdens of a very different sort of office when he paid a four day visit to British Forces stationed in

the Falkland Islands. He is pictured getting the feel of 80 lbs worth of bergen and webbing which soldiers in the Falklands regularly carry for up to 12 miles a day on their

patrols around the islands. Helping him with the bergen are Sgt **Mick McCarthy** and Cpl **Mick Kent** (right), both members of 4 Platoon in B Coy, 3rd Battalion, The



Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. The reinforced company, whose parent unit is based in Catterick, is currently on duty in the Falklands as the resident infantry company.



Golden girls!

CAROLINE Carruthers, Dawn Askham and Joan Carroll reported for duty when 49 Fd Regt RA based at Lippstadt, West Germany put 42 wives through their paces on Exercise Gold Garter.

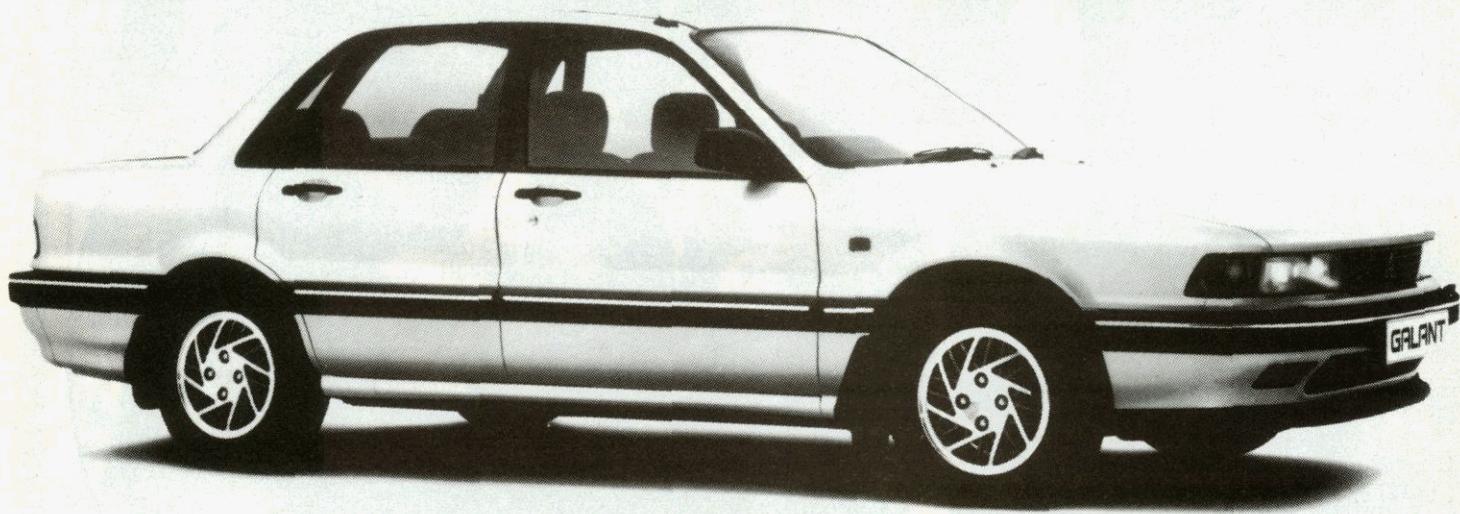
Kitted out in their husbands' uniforms, the intrepid ladies excelled themselves on the range and on night patrol. The enemy is reported to have been soundly beaten!

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# Mystery of the missing medals

In this year of the Olympic Games it seems appropriate that the journal of The Royal Highland Fusiliers has unearthed its very own Olympic mystery.

What, the regiment wants to know, happened to the gold and silver medals won by Lt Wyndham Halswelle of The Highland Light Infantry?

Halswelle was a brilliant athlete. In one afternoon at the Scottish championships in Edinburgh in 1906 he won the 100 yards, the 220 yards, the quarter mile and half mile.

Chosen for the intermediate Olympics staged in Athens that year, he reached the finals of the 400m and 800m, finishing second in the shorter race.

In 1908 in London he won the gold medal in the 400m, having earlier broken the Olympic record in the heats with a time of 48.25sec.

Halswelle was a captain when at the age of 32, he was killed by a sniper's bullet in France in March 1915.

A year ago The Royal Highland Fusiliers (successors to the HLI) learned that 21 athletic medals belonging to the late Wyndham Halswelle were to be auctioned in Glasgow. They are now on display with

*Views expressed in SOLDIER are not necessarily those of the Army or the Ministry of Defence.*

The Royal Military Police mounted display team is back in the saddle again after dismounting for more than four years.

"The Redcaps", as it is obviously known, was first formed in 1953 mounted on horses and motor cycles, but administrative, manpower and financial constraints forced it to

Halswelle's South Africa Medal in the regimental museum in Glasgow.

But what became of those two Olympic medals? The regimental secretary would very much like to find out.

## Invasion to close Ringway!

An airborne invasion is to close Manchester Airport on October 19. It will mark the airport's role at the centre of Airborne Forces training during the Second World War, when more than half a million parachute drops produced 60,000 paratroopers.

All inbound traffic at the airport (known to veterans as Ringway), one of the busiest in the country, is to be held back for more than half an hour to allow the drop by men of The Parachute Regiment.

## 'Redcaps' back in the saddle

disband in early 1984.

The new team, of ten military policemen and women,

The aerial invasion will be the climax to a week of special events at the airport.

Four Hercules C130s from RAF Lyneham will be used for the drop, which will involve soldiers from the Pathfinder Platoon of the 5th Airborne Brigade, followed by 120 men of 2 Para.

The day will close with a sunset ceremony at the Airborne Forces memorial outside the airport.

## Battle of Pegasus Bridge

Several D Day veterans of the 6th Airborne Division returned to Caen for round two of the battle for the Pegasus Bridge Café.

It was the first building to be liberated by British troops in June 1944 and has become something of a shrine to

rides only horses, with a display of musical horsemanship and tent pegging which it hopes to perform all over the country next year.

When team members are not performing they will be carrying out their primary role of policing the Army with their colleagues in the unique RMP Mounted Troop.

Normandy veterans.

But the focal point of their gatherings on successive anniversaries of the landings was closed this year by legal wranglings involving the three daughters of the café's former leaseholder, M Georges Gondrée.

The lease expired when Mme Gondrée died a few days after her husband and the café (named Pegasus after the symbol of the 6th Airborne Division) was left to all three sisters.

A family feud forced a sale at auction which, with the backing of the veterans and a British national newspaper, was won by Mrs Arlette Gondrée-Pritchett, who wishes to retain the identity of the café.

Maj John Howard's company of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry captured the bridge in the early hours of June 6. M and Mme Gondrée turned their café into a first aid post for wounded British soldiers and shared with them 99 bottles of champagne hidden in the garden.

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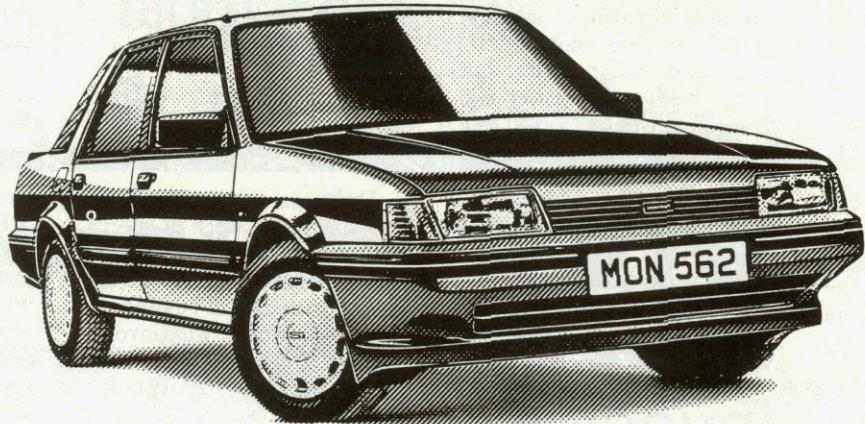
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THE POWERFUL United Kingdom Mobile Force moved lock stock and barrel from Tidworth, Hants, to Denmark to defend the approaches to Copenhagen in Exercise Bold Grouse 88.

German and Danish forces, representing an enemy, landed by sea and air and

were opposed by the four battalions of the 1st Infantry Brigade – 1 Queens, 1 D and D, 1 Hamps and 1 Wessex (V) and the 1st Danish Zealand Brigade.

Chieftain main battle tanks (of Scots DG) were seen for the first time on the island of Zealand when they

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# BOLD GROUSE

## *A brief (but unforgettable) encounter with men of 1 Queens*

IT WILL be a long time before Pte Kenneth Erichsen of the Danish Home Guard forgets his first encounter with the 1st Battalion The Queen's Regiment.

He was lying up in a wood firing machine gun bursts at a group of armoured personnel carriers stationary on a road in West Zealand when helmeted figures sprang from the earth.

In a matter of seconds there was a cord round his wrists and ankles and he had a fine close up of pine needles.

A massive figure with a black streaked face began firing questions at him and Pte Erichsen, who speaks excellent English, was startled to hear a Cockney voice saying:

"Cut a finger orf, sir. That'll make him talk."

There is no shortage of jokers in Holland Company.

Shortly afterwards motorists driving past parked Saxons of 1 Queens saw a platoon marching up a road to their next task with Pte Erichsen (still with all fingers) very definitely attached to them.

His captivity did not last long.

Maj Robert Knight, whose 6ft 4in frame makes him a daunting figure in combat kit, gave orders for the prisoner to be freed and his weapon to be restored to him.

Holland Company joined other members of the Danish Home Guard in a lay-by. There it was the turn of the British to be surprised.

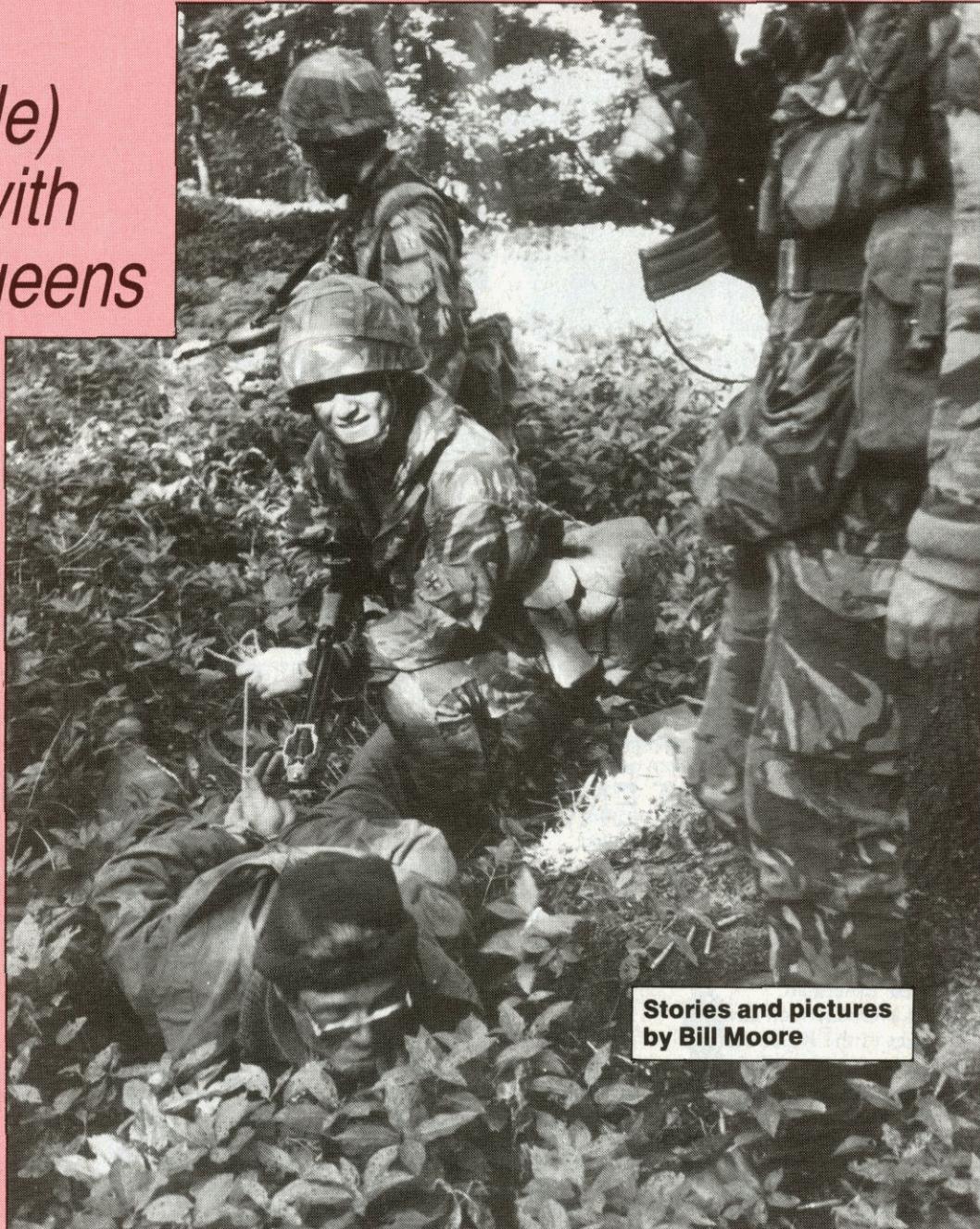
Many of their opponents who had ambushed a convoy of Saxons turned out to be women

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**Stories and pictures  
by Bill Moore**

Pte Kenneth Erichsen of the Danish Home Guard "encounters" men of 1 Queens in a wood in West Zealand

armed with rifles and automatic weapons.

This led to a certain amount of fast talking when the Queensmen were told to put four Home Guards in each vehicle and take them for a spin.

One crew of ladykillers managed to secure four shapely

females as passengers. Some finished up with a complement of bearded giants.

It had been quite a morning.

After a night of torrential rain, the sun drew a white haze from the fields.

As the Queensmen set out from their camp near Slagelse ('Slack Alice' to the troops!) the

mist, a succession of traffic lights and heavy goods lorries helped to break up the convoy.

The CO, Lt Col Chris Charter drove out to a celebrated beauty spot which the Danish Home Guard (HJV) had selected as an ideal ambush point.

● Turn to next page



Queens machine-gunners in action during the first phase of Exercise Bold Grouse

## BOLD GROUSE ENCOUNTER

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RSM Jeff Brown who had accompanied him, looked longingly at the stream below the bridge. He had the eye of a dedicated fisherman.

Then everyone took cover as the Foxes of the Recce Platoon appeared and were allowed to roar through the ambush site.

Only when the Saxons arrived sometime later did an almighty thump reveal that a Carl Gustaf was firing on the lead vehicle.

Erichsen, a freelance photographer, opened up from one direction and Cpl Lilli Olsen, taking a day off from her job at an old folks' home, brought another into action.

Holland Company pulled up sharply and the Queensmen debussed, faces gleaming with sweat and camouflage cream.

"Spray that hedge," came the order and the GPMGs mounted on the "battle taxis"



Fox driver in goggles

"YOUR soldiers are not very big," said a Danish farmer's wife watching men of 1 Queens trudging past laden with bergens, radios and weapons.

"Fer Gawd's sake, lady, don't let them 'ere you," said a sergeant who had stopped to adjust his kit. "They all think they are six feet two and 'andsome with it."

It may be true that the British infantry – though there are some big fellows about – are not noted for their height. In helmets and combat order they may vaguely resemble camouflaged button mushrooms.

Fortunately, whatever their size, the troops meet certain vital requirements. They are trained to fight, and can and will fight.



Capt Vick Ebbens (centre) QM Admin 1 Queens, makes some last minute checks with SQMS John Bull, ACC, the master chef, in preparation for the Royal lunch. Left is RQMS Alan Hewett



LCpl Jimmy Burbridge opens boxes of regimental silver flown out to dress the table for a lunch for Queen Margarethe of Denmark. The silver centre piece was a gift to 2 Queens in 1894

# An audience with the Queens

OLD RUDYARD himself would have felt at home at the table in the officers' mess marquee in 1 Queens' lines that evening.

The CO and majors were at an evening conference and four captains with more than 100 years service between them celebrated the QM Admin's birthday, an event which he let slip by accident.

It was a modest affair but the yarns were rich and involved many foreign parts including some to which the British Army no longer reaches.

Capt Peter Anthony, now the MT officer, recalled an occasion when, as a company sergeant major in Gibraltar, he prescribed a drastic cure for a soldier who gave his wife a hard time when in liquor.

It was straight out of Kipling, highly irregular, but it worked. And saved a marriage.

Capt Mike Rowney, now the Int officer, talked nostalgically of palmy days as RSM of the Bermuda Regiment.

He also reminded the company that he was the only serving member of the regiment which had formed part of the escort of the Queens at the funeral of King Frederick of Denmark in 1972.

"And what were you then?"

A roar went up when he replied: "Provost Sergeant 2 Queens."

Capt Mick Wischusen, QM Tech, and Vick Ebbens, QM Admin, both former RSMs (of 3 and 2 Queens respectively) were two halves of the same oyster. Put a drop of chili sauce on one and the other says ouch!

Spare, inscrutable, with a dry London wit, they are not the sort to be taken on at poker – or any game of bluff.

It is on such Old Soldiers that battalions depend. You don't ask a youngster to move a convoy of 145 vehicles, including 43 Saxon APCs, from Tidworth to Zealand in Denmark, driving overnight so as not to annoy motorists.

Bold Grouse brought additional respon-

sibilities to 1 Queens because of their special relationship with the Danes.

UKMF gave the battalion the task of running the cocktail party at which the British returned the hospitality of the host nation.

Apart from 600 guests the Queens were responsible for feeding the massed bands who took part in the Beating Retreat ceremony – another 400 bodies.

As the kastellet where the party took place was nearly two hours' drive from their base at Slagelse, all the snacks were prepared at Tidworth in advance, frozen, and taken to Denmark.

Fire Support Company under Maj Henry Eagan, based at Svanemolle Barracks, north of Copenhagen, provided essential back-up then, the party over, set off direct for their battle stations.

So did all the officers who attended – echoes of the Duchess of Richmond's ball

before the battle of Waterloo.

The battalion also gave lunch to Queen Margarethe of Denmark, one of two Royal Allied Colonels-in-Chief of the Regiment (the other is Princess Juliana of the Netherlands).

In the middle of the exercise, the CO, the company commanders and RSM disappeared (as if for an O Group), leaving Maj Anthony Beattie, the second-in-command, and the company 2ics to carry on with the war while they sat down with Her Majesty in a marquee set up in farm grounds.

Apart from the canvas surrounds the Queen might well have been at Tidworth.

Tables, linen, silver and crystal were all from Mooltan Mess as was the stand of Colours behind her seat.

The smartly turned out mess staff under Sgt Ian Wright (RRF but three years with the Queens) served the VIPs.

Once more Old Soldiers were behind the scenes.

SQMS John Bull ACC, the master chef, (16 years' service) and Sgt Snowy Brown ACC (20 years) prepared the fillet steaks on a "suitcase" cook set (a metal box about the size of a desk which unfolds and provides four rings).

Also on the menu was scampi, seasonal salad and new potatoes followed by Old English syllabub as dessert.

Both SQMS Bull and Sgt Brown have cooked for Royalty before – one at HQ AFCENT, the other at the Royal guard rooms, St James's Palace.

The meal went without a hitch and the guests having departed, the officers returned to the battle group, the mess staff began packing up and the "suitcase" cook set was driven into the field to provide meals not for a queen but for the soldiers of a queen.



Men of 3 Platoon 1 Queens (Lt Simon Burnett) line up during the work-up period. Nicknames from the left, standing are Gerbs, Ginge, Lucy, Lloydie, Rob, Cookie, Richie, Frankie, Pat; kneeling: Pagine, Jaws, Corny, Cecil, Al. The Saxons in the background are manned by Leggy and George

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# Trench Supper tradition lives on

IT WAS a strange experience to stand in the middle of a Danish forest and listen to someone talking earnestly about a much deadlier wood.

Sgt John Dooling, of the 8th Queen's Fusiliers (the newest member of The Queen's Regiment) was recalling the attack of the 1st Surrey Rifles on High Wood in September 1916.

"They went into action 650 strong," he said, "and only 60 came out."

The battle has never been forgotten. Every year what is known as the Trench Supper is held by the successors to the Rifles.

Next year Sgt Dooling, a London mini-cab driver, hopes the battalion will be able to organise the supper near the

scene of the 1916 assault.

When the 8th Queen's Fusiliers were formed in May 1986 all of 10 Platoon the 6th/7th Queens joined the new unit. A number of them were serving with 1 Queens during Exercise Bold Grouse.

**Note:** The 8th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Queen's Fusiliers (City of London) is the full title of the battalion. A (High Wood) Company is located at Camberwell TA Centre.

## Royal link to Buffs

THE DANISH connection with The Queen's Regiment dates from the time when Prince George of Denmark, husband of Princess Anne (later Queen), was appointed Honorary Colonel of the 3rd Foot - which became The Buffs.

The Prince, who died in 1708, saw active service in the Lowlands and spent much money on the troops.

It was not until 1906 that the Danish connection was resumed. Edward VII appointed his brother-in-law King Frederik VIII of Denmark as Colonel-in-Chief of The Buffs.

His successors were also Colonels-in-Chief and Queen Margarethe followed in her father's footsteps though by 1689 The Buffs had been absorbed into The Queen's Regiment.

She last visited 1 Queens at Canterbury in 1980.

Many Danes joined the British Army in the last war and Maj Anders Lassen, who transferred from The Buffs to the SAS, won the VC posthumously in Italy.



German music student Ingeborg Bredow, on a cycling holiday, chats to the Smith brothers LCpls Colin (left) and Hugh, both members of the A-Tk Pl of 1 D and D

THE QUEEN'S Regiment is the senior English line infantry regiment as its oldest ancestor was raised in 1661. It was formed in December 1966 from amalgamations which had their origins in:

The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) - the old 2nd Foot

The Buffs - 3rd Foot

The East Surrey Regiment - 31st and 70th Foot

The Royal Sussex Regiment - 35th and 107th Foot

The Royal West Kent Regiment - 50th and 97th Foot

The Middlesex Regiment - 57th and 77th Foot

In 1 Queens companies bear the names of battle honours - HQ Coy is Albuhera; B, Holland; C, Sobraon; D, Sobraon and Fire Support Coy, Quebec.

The Queens annually play a game of football with 57 (number of the old 1st Middlesex Regiment) a side.

The battalion also has a rare third Colour.

**Senior origins**



## They keep weapons at home

THE DANISH Home Guard has its origins in the wartime Resistance movement.

Local associations which formed after the war were regularised in the late 40s.

Today any man or woman over 18 may become a volunteer and serve as long as their health lasts.

Though there are naval and air force sections the majority of the HJV are in the land force which numbers nearly 50,000.

Basic training of 200 hours covers three years and then there is two years of continuation training which totals 50 hours.

After that 24 hours training a year is required - the same commitment which applies to men who have done their national service.

The Home Guard is employed in a number of districts and in some ways resembles the Ulster Defence Regiment in its early days.

The Army Home Guards are equipped with the 84mm (Carl Gustav) anti-tank weapon and small arms including machine-guns. Women as well as men serve as infantry. They keep their small arms at their homes plus ball ammunition.

The HJV units operate in their own districts and are trained to observe, carry out fighting patrols, guard KPs and oppose airborne or seaborne landings.

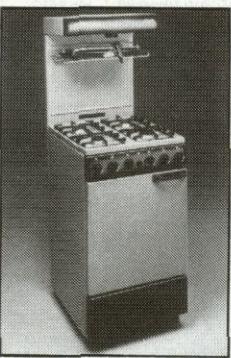
A very high rate of response is recorded when the Home Guard is called out for exercises such as Bold Grouse, most employers being happy to release workers.

Volunteers are paid a set rate for duty.

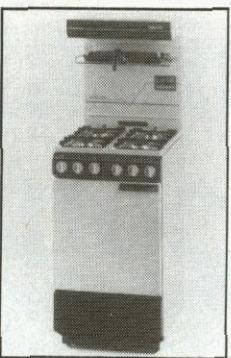
And that ammo kept at home? "We get very few reports of misuse," said Capt Morten Thomsen, a regular attached to the HJV.

# WHAT'S COOKING?

High street prices 'cheaper' than PSA



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● Strand - £384

**IT APPEARS that soldiers who have to replace the latest range of gas cookers installed in married quarters are to be charged at rather more than the going rate.**

The July 1988 edition of PSA's *Schedule of Charges for Losses and Damages* lists the replacement cost for both the soldiers' cooker (the Thorn EMI Strata) and the officers' cooker (the Thorn EMI Strand Automatic) at £390.

Yet the two cookers, which were introduced from September 1, can be purchased, delivered and fitted by local gas board showrooms for less than this.

## ● Quote

I have been quoted £384 for the Strand Automatic and £365 for the Strata. It sounds as though the soldier is subsidising the officer, or at least paying the price of an automatic cooker he does not have!

Surely someone has got their sums wrong. Either that or it costs PSA up to £140 to store, administer, deliver and fit a gas cooker in a married quarter.

## ● Date

I would also like to see a clarification of how the assessment of damage is made. At present the quarter inventory does not contain the date of the cooker's installation.

Cost of a replacement timer is approximately £30, which some may feel is an expensive luxury. Timers are a personal preference so a bit of market research could usefully be directed at those who use the cookers - the wives.

There is another aspect to this matter which bothers me. When I asked the gas board what the price might be if I bought ten cookers I was told that I would fall



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● DHSS leaflets NP 40 and 41 (New Pension Choices) explain the situation and are available from the DHSS, Citizens Advice Bureaux and BFPOs. A pension is yours by right, but there is now a great deal of personal choice in the matter and many

schemes are available on the open market.

Service wives moving overseas may not, however, be able to find jobs so it might be wise to check if a particular pension plan may be frozen between employments. Do seek advice. - AA.



Sixth formers from Windsor School, Rheindahlen, are shown around the SMP Playgrounds premises at Chertsey, Surrey, during their visit to British industrial and commercial centres

to British industrial and commercial centres

## ADAT changes

ADAT (the Army Dependents Assurance Trust) has been revamped. From October 1 the existing scheme for the Regular Army stopped accepting new members and the new scheme - ADAT 88 - came into operation.

Cost of replacement or repair should be worked out with a similar formula to that used for carpets (which have a life span of 12 years).

Main differences between the old and new are:

- Cheaper premiums
- Cover optional to the age of 40, 55, 60

And occupants of married quarters should be encouraged to report when a gas cooker shows signs of deterioration. Leaking gas is dangerous.

● Variable combination of death benefits.

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JUST a few hours before the North Sea Piper Alpha oil rig catastrophe rocked the Lloyds insurance market ten A Level students from Windsor School, Rheindahlen, West Germany spent an afternoon in the futuristic Lloyds of London building in the heart of the City.

Hosted by C I de Rougemont, the students - all the offspring of Service families based in BAOR - were treated to lunch and given an insight into the workings of the market and how they might become

part of it on leaving school or university.

The visit was a follow-up to last year's pioneering project to give BAOR youngsters a glimpse of British industry and commerce. Windsor School careers master David Broadbent and business studies tutor Wendy Coom-

## BAOR STUDENTS SHOWN BRITISH JOB PROSPECTS

er arranged the trip, with accommodation again provided by Heathfield School at Ascot.

Royal Ordnance kindly provided a minibus and the Dulverton Trust ensured the trip was financially viable.

The programme included visits to Honeywell, British Aerospace, Mars, SMP Playgrounds, British Alcan, Systems Designers Scientific, the Houses of Parliament, the Careers Exhibition, and a meeting with Sir Geoffrey Chandler, Industry Adviser to the RSA, who urged them to use their time in BAOR to become fluent in German.

Many companies would regard a second language as more and more essential in the new single Europe age, he said.

If you are studying A Levels in Germany and wish to be considered for the 1989 trip, contact Mr Broadbent at Windsor School, Hostert, BFPO 40.

## Easy money

WE are rapidly approaching the time of Christmas goodwill and limitless credit facilities! I have heard many tales of woe regarding Service families who went "over the top" on their credit cards in the euphoria of seasonal spending last Christmas.

It is so easy to borrow in haste and then regret it for the remainder of the year. Please be cautious.

application by a wife," I was told.

The MoD reply continued: "Whether a wife is resident with her husband or not before commuting to work is a matter of individual judgement. In each case and before judgement is made legal advice is always sought and the position of the German authorities is considered."

To avoid any loss of status and allowances, MoD advises wives to check with G1 BAOR before taking up a job that will involve weekly commuting.

Wives who commute to the UK should be aware that there are specific rules which lay down the number of days a person can be away from the duty station and in the UK.

This might also affect your residential status as far as UK tax is concerned.

If you wish to remain in a job in Germany after your husband has been posted to the UK your place of residence would become the UK, so you would lose BFG status and become ineligible for LOA.

MoD says it is quite impossible to lay down firm rules to cover every eventuality. If in doubt ASK!

The whole question of commuting may loom very large after 1992, so perhaps it should be addressed now. Legislation has already gone through with no submission from MoD as to how the free movement of workers will affect the Serviceman and woman and their dependants.

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# Mountains of Africa inspired Guards officer to recover from broken back

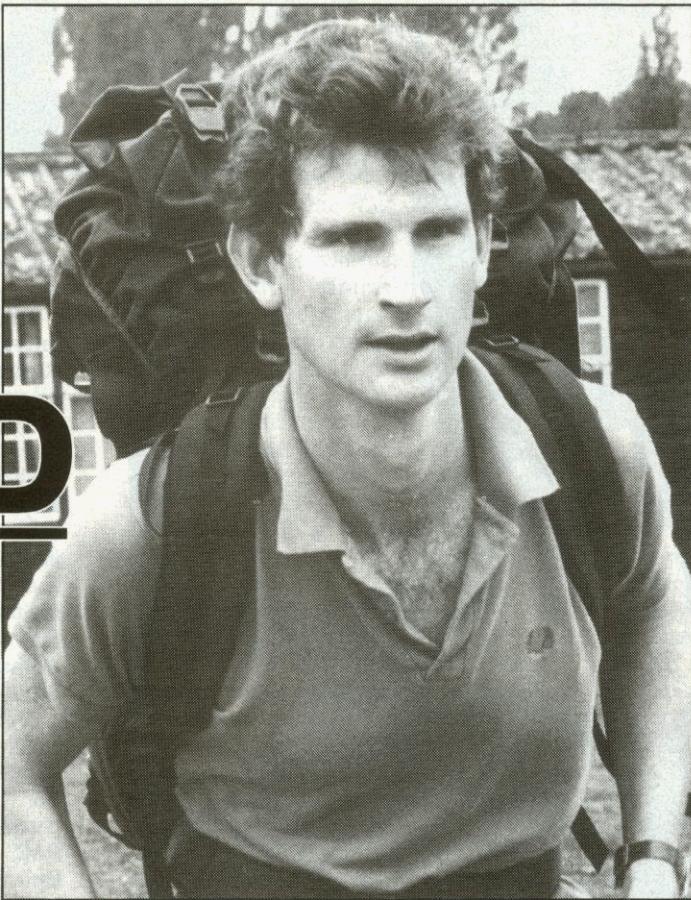
# FIT TO LEAD

THE ONE thing that has motivated the return to complete fitness of a 24 year old Welsh Guards captain, who nearly died after breaking his back in a mountaineering accident, is the masterminding of a most ambitious regimental climbing expedition, writes Jennifer Griffiths.

John Wolverton-Lee had to be airlifted from Snowdonia in June last year after a 150ft fall which left him with multiple injuries including two shattered vertebrae.

Doctors believed he would never resume a military career. For two months John lay flat on his back at the specialist spinal injuries unit at the world renowned Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital. Now the captain is back to complete fitness again.

"During many months of physiotherapy I was able to plan the Roof of Africa Expedition, which is due to



Capt John Wolverton-Lee, WG, on the road to full fitness after breaking his back in a climbing accident in Snowdonia

start in January 1990," he explained.

The expedition will be over five, two-month phases. John and CSM Alan Powell will be in a permanent cadre of four professional mountaineers leading 12 Welsh Guardsmen on each phase.

The original plan was to go to every country in Africa boasting a mountain over 10,000ft and climb the highest peak. But this has now been

reduced to seven countries.

The plan is to climb Jebel Toubkal in Morocco (13,670ft); Mount Cameroon (13,350); Stanley Peak, Uganda (16,760); Karisimbi Peak, Rwanda (14,790); Kilimanjaro in Tanzania (19,340); Mount Kenya (17,050); and Mount Mulanje, Malawi (10,000).

Capt Wolverton-Lee believes Stanley Peak will be the most challenging for a variety of reasons, including poor map-

ping, unfamiliar terrain and approaches through thick, dense jungle.

"We hope to cross the Sahara twice, go through the jungles of Central Africa, and cross the River Zambesi from border to border in Zimbabwe, passing the Victoria Falls.

"This will involve a major, high-grade white water phase in rafts and kayaks, and a long, flat water voyage in open canoes through some of the world's most remote and spectacular game-viewing country.

"We will also visit the Kalahari Desert in Botswana and go by dugout canoe with local guides along the Okavango Delta. We also aim to visit the remote Tsodilo Hills to see the renowned bushman cave paintings."

The team will be made up of officers, NCOs and guardsmen of the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards. There is a possibility that climbers from other regiments and the WRAC may join the expedition. "I particularly need good vehicle mechanics on Land Rovers and lorries to join us," he said.

John hopes to write a book about his experiences, which will take him an estimated 50,000 miles. He has travelled widely through Africa and is an experienced mountaineer, having led expeditions to Norway and Austria. He has also climbed in Canada, Malawi, Switzerland and extensively in Britain.

The Prince of Wales, who is Colonel of the Regiment, has agreed to be the expedition's patron.

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## Occupied city has strategic importance to East and West

BERLIN, home of the Allied garrisons and once the capital of a united Germany, is one of the world's most important cities. With a population of 4m, it was considered Europe's leading industrial centre until the Second World War wrought its havoc.

By 1945 the victorious powers were in complete control of Germany and Berlin had been, to all intents and purposes, devastated.

The city was divided into four zones just months after the war ended when American,



British and French troops moved in, while others withdrew from the Elbe to today's Inner German Border.

Allied interest in Berlin lies with the French Sector in the north, the United States Sector in the south, and between them the central British Sector which contains the 1936 Olympic Stadium. British Headquarters are housed in the former

Olympic administrative buildings.

To the east – on the other side of the infamous wall – lies the Soviet Sector.

The legal status of the city remains as it was in 1945 with Berlin as a whole still technically occupied by Britain, France, the United States and the Soviet Union.

It is run by the four – power

Kommendatura set up by the Allies in 1945, and is to this day an occupied city. Since the Berlin Airlift in 1948 the British have preferred to consider themselves more of a protective than an occupying power.

The three Western Allies, through their Commandants and Deputy Commandants who sit in the Allied Kommando-

tura, retain ultimate supreme authority in West Berlin. Day to day administration has been transferred to the elected local authorities – the Senat (or cabinet) and the House of Representatives (or parliament).

Berlin is still the largest city in Germany, with a total population of 3m (1.8m of them living in West Berlin). It covers

240 square miles and is nearly the size of Greater London. If the Brandenburg Gate were superimposed on Piccadilly Circus, RAF Gatow would be at Heathrow.

Berlin is only 50 miles from Poland and 100 miles from the Inner German Border. In the past it has been a barometer in the struggle between the super

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Tact and diplomacy are essential qualities for the Redcaps who patrol in a city that never closes...

# THE NIGHT PATROL

WHEREVER in the world there is a British Army garrison, members of the Corps of Royal Military Police are sure to be stationed.

Berlin is no exception. In this bustling international city the men and women of 2 Regiment RMP provide a presence 24 hours a day.

There are normally two RMP teams on patrol in the evening in addition to the Wall patrol. They are supplemented by a Royal Air Force patrol from RAF Gatow.

To see just what it is like to be on duty in Berlin after dark, a SOLDIER writer and photographer joined the Redcaps on night patrol. At 10pm on a Saturday night they linked up with patrol One-Three Alpha, comprising Cpl Taff May and LCpl Scott Campbell.

During his ten years' service with the RMP, Cpl May has been in BAOR, Northern Ireland, Canada and the UK. For LCpl Campbell, Berlin is his first posting. He did his recruit training at the RMP Training Centre at Chichester when Cpl May was an instructor there.

Saturday had already proved busy. Since duty signing on at 6pm they

had investigated a theft, carried out car parking special duty, dealt with a handful of assaults, recovered several lost identity cards and passports, investigated a suspicious vehicle and checked out a reported escape attempt from the East.

Both men carry handcuffs and a truncheon, and are armed with pistols. They have to qualify on the range with the weapon every two weeks.

A few minutes after SOLDIER joined 13 Alpha, then in the centre of Berlin having negotiated heavy evening traffic, the unit received a call from duty room desk NCO Cpl Brian Matthews. A telephone call had been received from an anxious parent in a married quarter complaining that noise from a boisterous party in another flat was disturbing the sleep of children.

Manning the duty room radio was Sgt Gavin Hunniford, and he broadcast a message for 13 Alpha to attend.

When the patrol arrived on scene there was no problem identifying the offending property. A large number of people were standing on the balcony of a flat, drinking and talking.

Explained Cpl May: "We visit the bars and nightclubs frequented by soldiers and establish a rapport with the management so we know who we are dealing with."

Tact and diplomacy are the key words

for an operation like this for when drink has taken its toll on sensibilities a wrong word can lead to violence.

But a word of warning from Cpl May quickly quietened things down.

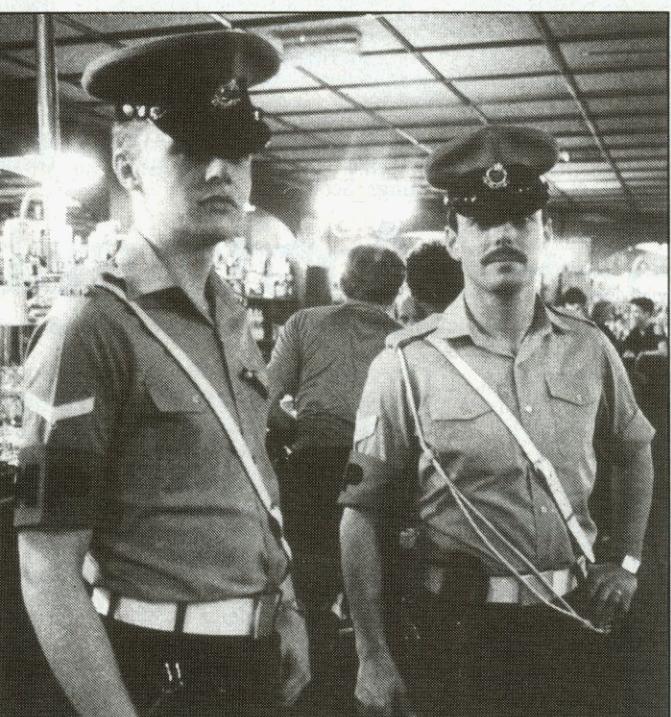
As the balcony party looked on, 13 Alpha moved off. But just to reinforce the message the patrol drove once more past the flat so the off duty drinkers would realise they meant business!

2245: Heading back towards the city centre, the patrol observed a car being driven recklessly and passed its registration number back to the duty room. "No trace, not suspect or stolen," came the reply so no action was taken.

2255: 13 Alpha enters the Kurfürstendamm, known by all as the Ku'Damm. Here in the main shopping area is the entertainment centre of Berlin, the city that never closes.

Cpl May and LCpl Campbell left their vehicle to begin a foot patrol that would take them through the spectacular Europa Centre.

Explained Cpl May: "We visit the bars and nightclubs frequented by soldiers and establish a rapport with the management so we know who we are dealing with."



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It takes guts to enter a club packed with boisterous drinkers when you are in uniform and wearing the distinctive red cap of the RMP, but the men of 13 Alpha did not hesitate.

From the warmth of the welcome they received it was obvious the men of 2 RMP had put in a lot of work on their public relations technique and were well received wherever they went.

It was necessary for the management of one discotheque to broadcast a message that SOLDIER's photographer was there to photograph the RMPs and not the customers, otherwise a large number of shifty looking characters might have rushed out and the night's takings would have been considerably down!

As the patrol passed one of Berlin's many shopping areas, Cpl May pointed out a shop where it was possible to purchase flick knives, knuckle dusters and guns. The availability of items like these does not make the RMPs' job any easier.

2340: 13 Alpha was sent to the west gate of the Olympic Stadium where a soldier was found lying on the pavement with a possible broken ankle.

As another patrol had been dealing with the incident, onlookers had tried to deflate the tyres of their van.

Third patrol got there first so 13 Alpha was redirected to Stuttgarterplatz, Berlin's famous red light district.

But almost immediately there was another radio diversion. A squaddie who had drunk too much was being held by the West Berlin police for refusing to pay his taxi fare. A few well-chosen words of wisdom from the Redcaps persuaded him to see the error of his ways and he quickly settled up. The affair was closed.

One officer told SOLDIER that the majority of offences committed by his men were drink related.

0400: Stuttgarterplatz, where the patrol proceeded on foot to check on nightclubs and brothels that abound in the district.

All types of sexual appetite are catered for here and despite the dire consequences of catching AIDS, it remains an area popular with young soldiers. And an obvious place for trouble.

Mischief was soon in the making and the patrol attended a soldier who had been the victim of an unprovoked attack.

Back at the duty room, Cpl May explained that the two-man patrols worked two ten-hour day shifts, followed by two 14-hour nights.

At 4am on Sunday morning, following attendance at several more incidents, the by now less than dynamic duo from SOLDIER were dropped at their hotel by the still alert men of 13 Alpha.

It had been an exciting and exhilarating patrol for their visitors, but for the worldly-wise men of the night patrol it was just "a fairly average Saturday night."

Vikings, witches and Nessie put in an appearance at the Berlin Tattoo

# An Army of actors!

EVERY two years the British Army in Berlin leaves its combat gear in barracks and slips into colourful costumes in the cause of fun and entertainment.

For just over a week hundreds of soldiers swap the discipline of the parade ground and the bark of the sergeant major's voice for the demands of acting out a role on stage and the cajoling of a producer.

The British Military Tattoo in Berlin is a welcome biennial event, both to the participants and the appreciative Berlin audiences.

It is the British Army presenting itself in drama, music and dashing daredevilry; showing off its skills and bringing its colourful history and traditions to life.

As usual, the tattoo was in the capable and experienced hands of producer Maj Michael Parker who has had almost 20 years experience of organising such events.

Said Maj Simon Barnetson, RS, who has concluded a tour of duty in the city with one of the infantry units but will be remaining until the end of this year in the role of Tattoo Director: "We wanted to be



regarded not only as part of the Allied Protecting Powers but as individuals who have a real interest in the life of Berlin, and who have something to offer society as well as sharing in what it has to offer.

"By the time the tattoo came around, we had been hard at work for almost a year planning and preparing what proved to be a most interesting and enjoyable show which was enjoyed by many thousands of Berliners and visitors to the city."

To stage such a spectacular show meant a lot of hard work for all involved, both Army and civilian personnel.

Besides the troops involved, there were scenery painters, choreographers, riggers and lighting experts to list but a few.

As the sappers set to and produced highland scenery from wood, canvas and fibreglass, staff of the PSA were busy producing giant thistles, battlements for the castle and even a viking ship that was designed to survive the nightly ordeal of being set on fire.

The costumes and cast for each show included 16 Vikings,



Nora Wirzmann, a signwriter for the PSA, puts the finishing touches to a scale model of the impressive tattoo scenery



A Viking longship takes shape in the Berlin workshops of the PSA. It was set on fire during every performance

six archers, ten yeoman warders, 80 fanfare trumpeters and three witches, while the list of props included 300 flaming torches, a tattered Royal Standard, 55 clan banners, a witches' cauldron and the Loch Ness monster!

It was a task that kept the PSA, Ordnance Services and the various workshops more than busy.

The theme this year was *Scotland - The Romantic Years* and laid heavy stress on all things Scottish.

would give a good account of itself should the situation ever arise.

The plan is based on a new and realistic threat assessment and is currently being re-examined in depth. Gone are the days when forces in Berlin were mere hostages to fortune.

The British garrison consists of three non-mechanised infantry battalions unique in that they have enhanced anti-tank platoons equipped with Wombat and Milan weapons.

Each battalion has a recce platoon with eight Fox vehicles armed with a 30mm cannon, and each also has its own integral support weapons - mortars, anti-tank guns and missiles.

During the Second World War, the Wehrmacht managed to defend the city against two Soviet fronts, holding out for six weeks with units consisting mainly of badly equipped old men and young boys.

There is an agreed Allied defence plan for Berlin, and the Army is in no doubt that it

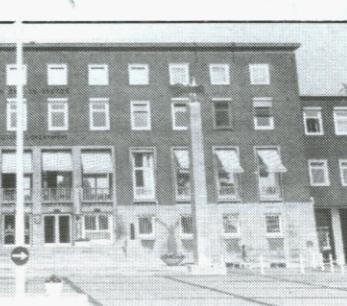


The imposing facade of Headquarters Berlin (British Sector). The building served as admin offices for the 1936 Berlin Olympics

flage, and an air defence troop armed with four fire units of Javelin.

An Army Air Corps flight equipped with three Gazelle helicopters is based in Berlin with supporting arms and services.

In total the garrison has about 5,000 Servicemen and women including the RAF. With dependants the number



Inside the foyer of HQ Berlin the corps and regimental flags of every unit stationed in the city make a colourful backdrop for the statue created by Georg Kolbe to commemorate the Berlin Olympic Games. It was erected on this site in 1935, removed after the war and re-erected in 1977

## A city astride the highway from East to West

and a tank battalion equipped with 20 AMX30 tanks and 20 AMX13 reconnaissance vehicles.

Their soldiers are largely conscripts who serve for 13 months and even do their basic eight week training in Berlin.

As might be expected, America has the largest of the Allied garrisons, numbering around 6,000 troops. They have three non-mechanised infantry battalions, a tank company consisting of 26 M60s, and an artillery battery of 155mm howitzers.

Their supporting arms include an aviation company of eight helicopters and an anti-aircraft detachment armed with Stinger and Redeye air defence missiles.

The French have three battalions stationed in their sector, a gendarmerie battalion, an infantry battalion of two mechanised companies with a total of 28 APCs and a non-mechanised company supported by four 120mm mortars.

Their Servicemen are posted to Europe for a period of three years and many of them do their

whole tour of duty in Berlin.

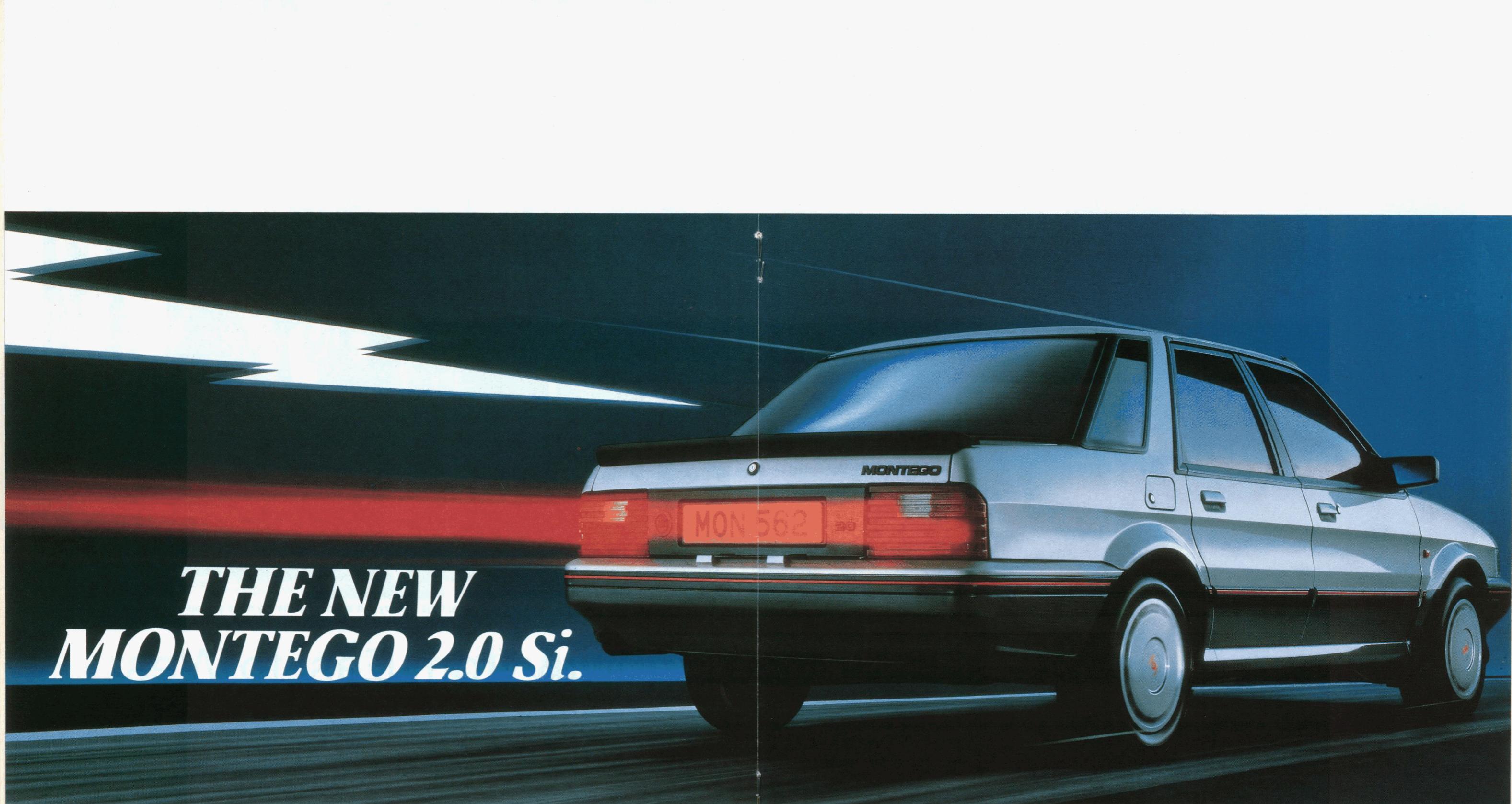
In total the Allied garrison forms a formidable division of troops with a total dependency of around 50,000.

There is another force the Allied Kommandatura can call on - the West Berlin police which is a heavily armed force of around 20,000 men, 16,000 of them regulars.

Every man in the police force is armed with a pistol and also trained to use the rifle or sub machine gun. In addition they hold 1,200 GPMGs.

They are all trained for riot and civil disturbance control and have a special operations branch known as the SEK which is similar to the British SAS.

In an emergency, the Allied Commandants would assume operational control of the police.



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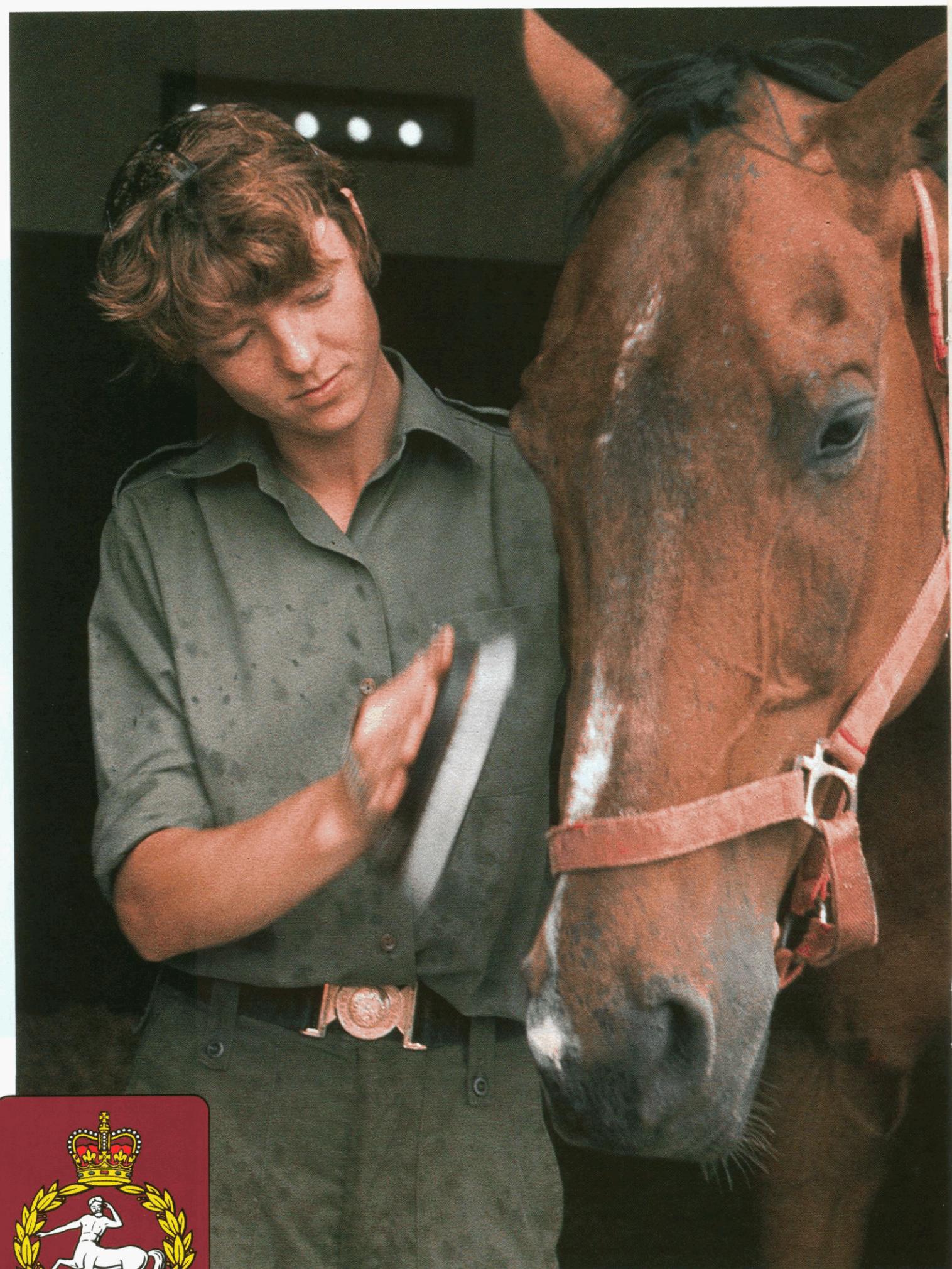
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# THE ANIMAL DOCTORS

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the RAVC Centre, Melton Mowbray.

A UNIQUE and unobtrusive hamlet deep in the English countryside is playing a prominent and increasingly important role in the Army's fight against terrorism.

Houses in Rype Village are poorly furnished, the paintwork is fading, and if you turned up unannounced you would not get a welcome.

It can be as deserted as the *Marie Celeste*, but the surrounding security fence gives a hint of its true purpose. It was built by the sappers in 1973 to simulate operational conditions in the early stages of Arms/Explosive Search (AES) dog and handler training at the Royal Army Veterinary Corps Centre at Melton Mowbray.

It is certainly no Brookside, but there are touches of realism, such as a deliberately vandalised red telephone kiosk!

Because it is a secure area, caches of explosives, inert weapons and drugs (including cannabis, cocaine and heroin) can be safely hidden – for several weeks if necessary – to test the expertise of man and dog.

In 1947, Army Dog Training School (ADTS), already under RAVC command, was absorbed into the centre which is responsible for procuring, training and issuing dogs for use by the Army, the Royal Marines and the Ministry of Defence Police worldwide.

Military, MDP and MoD civilian personnel are also trained at Melton Mowbray to handle Army dogs. Training of locally engaged personnel overseas is carried out *in situ* by RAVC instructors.

The ADTS is responsible for training the Army's dog trainers and WRAC kennel maids and also provides a training and employment team to assess regularly the standard of dogs that have passed through the school and been posted.

Protection dogs – for guarding and security – are the school's main training commitment. They "pass out" in about 12 weeks. Specialist dogs – for arms and explosive search, tracker, sweep and police duties – need considerably longer training.

Lt Col Brian Forgrave, Co-ordinating



You're in the Army now... well, almost. Canine recruits have their own number tattooed in their ear, which is the same as a rookie signing along the dotted line. Maj Tom Graham prepares the latest doggy intake for sedation helped by SSgt Roy Thornton (centre) and Pte Paul Tidy

Officer, HQ DAVRS, said: "Over the years AES dogs have been responsible for the detection of many caches of terrorist arms, explosives, ammunition, and so on, particularly in Northern Ireland.

"AES dogs are used extensively to clear areas before Royal and VIP visits, as well as important military events. Tracker dogs are used to follow up the tracks of suspect terrorists and criminals, and even if they are not apprehended, valuable intelligence information is frequently obtained.

"Sweep dogs employed in Hong Kong have been credited with the detection and capture of more than 11,000 illegal immigrants."

The ADTS, which has just undergone a £100,000 refurbishment of its kennels, trained 248 dogs and 557 personnel in 1986/87. It handles seven different types –

not breeds – of dogs. That means crossbreeds with German Shepherds, for instance, are acceptable. At present it has 1,300 dogs on active service around the world.

Many dogs are donated, but all entrants are subjected to comprehensive health and suitability tests. While one dog on patrol can do the work of up to five men, the revered bloodhound is not considered suitable for Army use.

Capt Peter Hepworth, ADTS Officer in Charge, explained: "We once had two bloodhounds, Barney and Buffon, who were excellent trackers but were reluctant to climb over walls or obstacles.

"They were too heavy to lift over. That meant you had to mark the place on the wall where the scent was, walk the

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Words by Jennifer Griffiths

Pictures by Mike Weston

# Famed farriers!

The Army School of Farriery, purpose-built at Melton Mowbray in 1962, is recognised as one of the best teaching facilities in Europe.

It has two main functions – to train Army farriers and to shoe the horses at the RAVC Centre. But farriers do not simply shoe horses, a practice brought to Britain by William the Conqueror.

They must be able to recognise deformities and abnormalities in the foot and lower limb to be able to make and apply surgical shoes, directed by veterinary officers.

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bloodhounds to the nearest gate, then back to the same spot on the other side!

"Some pet owners think their dogs are suitable for the Army because they are aggressive in the home. But that's not always the case. I remember one which had bitten a postman and then one of our handlers when its owner was present.

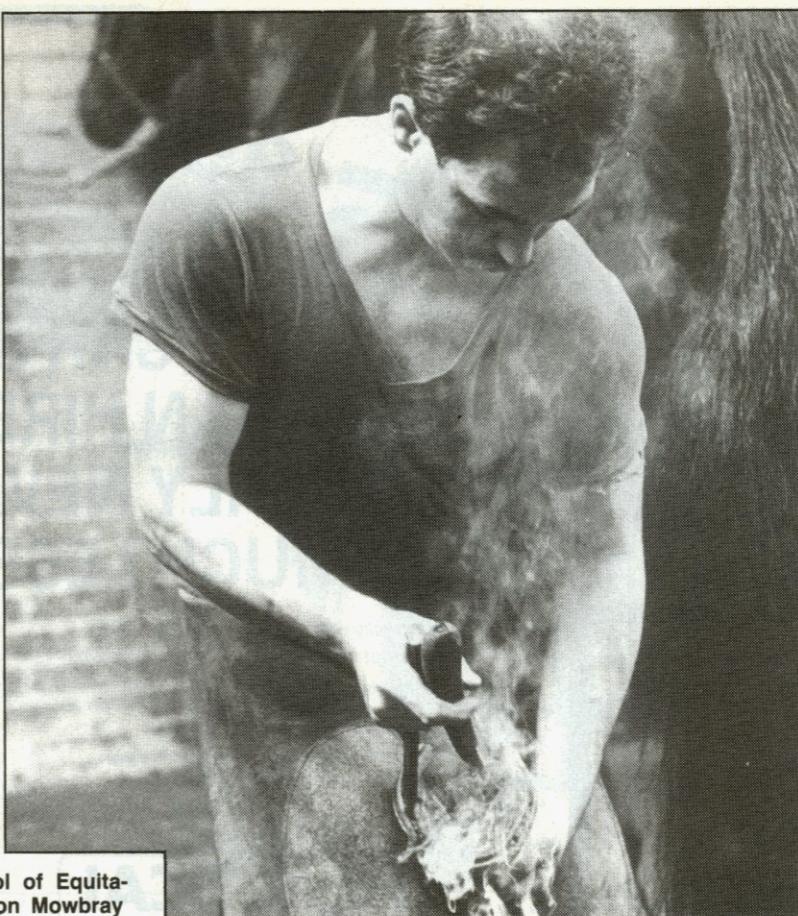
"When the owner left it turned out the dog was a complete wimp when confronted by someone who didn't back off. That dog, which had been the cock of the walk at home, had no courage and failed the Army test. But it did go back to its owner a better pet."

The training of dogs is done with kindness, with the reward of praise... and hot food! Search techniques are worked at as a game, using the basic premise that a dog wishes to please its master.

Dogs, like soldiers, have their own Service number; records and rations, and actually "join up" when their number is tattooed in their ear. They go on active service for about six years and usually on retirement have to be humanely destroyed as they are unsuitable as pets.

But some win a stay of execution to perform a vital role – helping newly-recruited handlers, including Territorial Army soldiers, to learn their jobs. The idea is that if the learner handler makes a mistake, at least the dog knows what it's doing!

The Commandant, Col Brian Thompson, said: "We have an excellent relationship with neighbouring farmers who allow us access to 40,000 acres of adjoining agricultural land for dog training, and with the local community. They allow us to practise searching in warehouses, cinemas and the railway station."



Above – Pte Danny Morgan pulled the short straw and found himself acting as baiter at the Army Dog Training School. "At first it's quite nerve wracking, rather like working on scaffolding for the first time, but you soon get used to it," he explained

Right – Rosco, whose Army number is 4AO2, has a new lease of life after being retired from active service. He's an old dog teaching new tricks to Pte Philip McConnell, who is on a protection dog handler's course

Below – Up and over for this rider who is on a six month advanced military equitation course at the

Army School of Equitation at Melton Mowbray

Above right – Farrier LCpl John "Paddy" Ryan, of the Irish Guards, who was on an upgrading course, at work in the Army School of Farriery

Right – Tony King (ex Blues and Royals) knows all about bullock – but his spit and polish is reserved for the saddles and accoutrements in use at the centre. What is his secret for a good shine? "If I tell you too many, I'll be out of a job," he joked. But he did volunteer the information that a pair of ladies' tights will give a good buff!



# There's plenty of room for their patients

THE ARMY's base veterinary hospital for the UK at the Royal Army Veterinary Corps Centre, Melton Mowbray, has "patient" accommodation for 24 horses and seven dogs. It also has 16 equine isolation stalls and 27 isolation kennels.

It has custom built operating theatres, and a combined radiographic and medical treatment complex.

The RAVC can hold 105 of its own horses, and horses from other mounted units held at the centre take the number to between 160 and 180. They are transferred to the hospital if they need surgery or long-term treatment, followed by rest at grass.

Army dogs are taken in only when they need prolonged treatment or complicated surgery. Minor conditions can be treated by civilian vets. The hospital also trains veterinary assistants and gives first aid instruction to farriers, dog trainers and riders on equitation courses.

# First post for Army's remounts

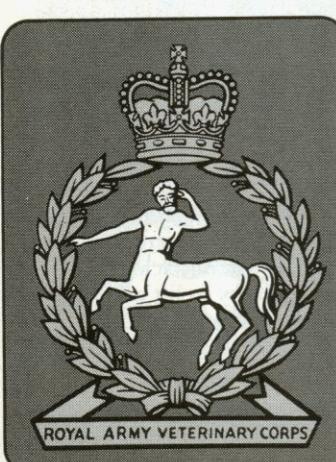
THE RAVC Centre at Melton Mowbray was formed after the shutdown of the temporary wartime RAVC Depot at Doncaster Racecourse, but there has been a military presence on the site since 1903 when the Government bought the estate for the Remount Service.

When the Army Veterinary Service assumed responsibility for the Remount Service in 1941 it inherited the Melton Estate, where a militia camp built in 1939 is still in use.

The Army buys between 60 and 70 remounts – young, unbroken or partly-broken horses – each year. They are held at grass to enable them to mature and to become accustomed to being handled.

They are normally held at the centre for up to a year, and after being documented and vaccinated are issued to the Household Cavalry, King's Troop RHA, 160 Provost Coy RMP, the Royal Marines, RMA Sandhurst, and for ceremonial duties in London District.

The Army School of Equitation is also based at Melton Mowbray, and its main function is to train instructors and supervisors for the mounted units. The school also gives annual familiarisation courses on pack transport skills.



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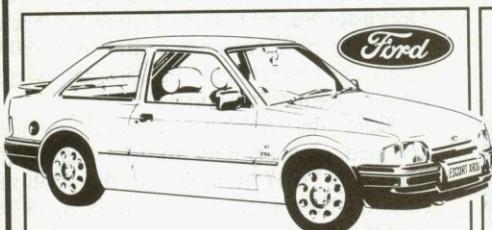
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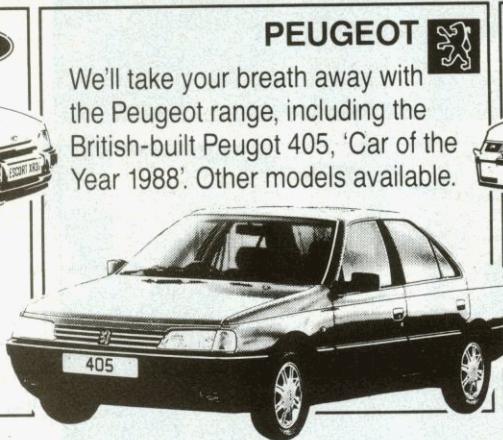


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Soldiers of 2nd/2nd Gurkha Rifles disembark from Hercules transport aircraft after flying to Brunei from their base in Hong Kong to take part in Exercise Setia Kawan

# Battle of Brunei

THE JUNGLES of Brunei became a battleground for two battalions of 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade when they took part in a major exercise with local troops, writes **Derek Plews**.

Codename Setia Kawan - Malay for "Loyal Friends" - the exercise was designed to allow the Bruneian armed forces to practise joint operations with a friendly nation while at the same time allowing the British Forces to fine-tune their capabilities to deploy outside the Nato area.

Involving nearly 6,000 troops from both sides, Setia Kawan provided an excellent forum for a number of important lessons and at the end of two exhausting weeks of jungle operations was rated a tremendous success.

British help to a friendly power being attacked by outside aggressors was the basis for the scenario, with soldiers of 7 Gurkha Rifles providing the enemy.

7 GR are permanently based in the country under a special arrangement between Britain and the Sultan of Brunei, and they made good use of their specialist local knowledge to make things as interesting as

possible for defending troops of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces.

British assistance arrived midway through the exercise in the form of the 2nd Battalion of the 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles, who were transported across the South China Sea from their Hong Kong base on an airbridge provided by the Hercules transport aircraft of No 47 Squadron, RAF.

The move of the entire battalion, with supporting elements, was completed in a day and the troops were quickly deployed in support of their Bruneian counterparts. The enemy was swiftly beaten back ready for the final assault, a showpiece viewed by the Sultan and senior officers from both sides.

The Royal Navy took advantage of the presence of HMS Ark Royal and HMS Edinburgh to make it a truly tri-Service affair.

Edinburgh showed off her gunnery skills, bombarding a shore target while the Ark played both enemy and friendly forces, her Sea Harriers testing Royal Brunei Armed Forces air defence units while her Sea King helicopters provided

Johnson who was on hand to oversee the exercise, explained the benefits of taking part in Setia Kawan.

"The exercise gives us the opportunity to test our ability to deploy a force over a long distance, outside the Nato area, at very short notice, and we are pleased to be able to do this in conjunction with the Royal Brunei Armed Forces," he added.

The exercise started with a series of terrorist-type incidents in which soldiers from 7 GR staged a number of shooting and bomb attacks on key points being guarded by RBAF soldiers and Brunei's Gurkha Reserve Unit.

It escalated to provide more potent forms of armed aggression with well armed enemy troops occupying a number of villages and key locations.



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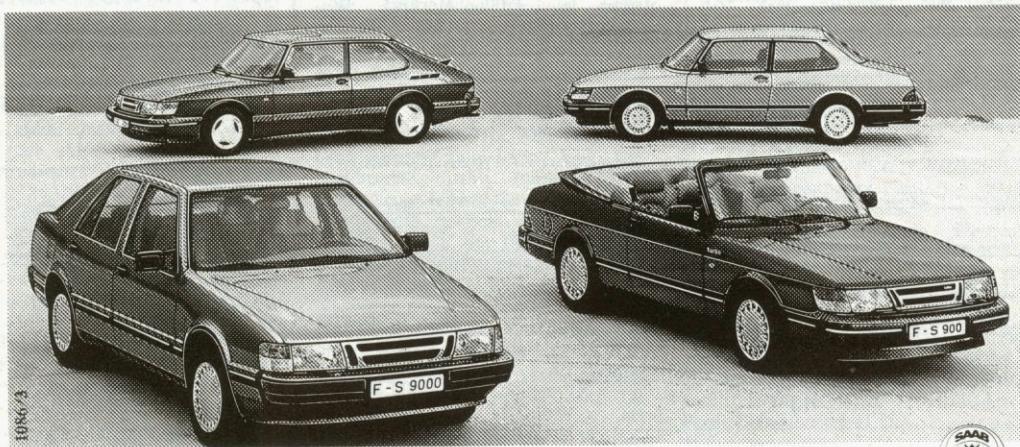
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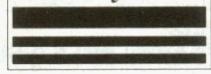
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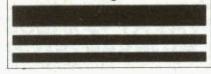
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by Ted Brown,  
a regular visitor to the 1879 Zulu war battlefields

DURING the 19th century, one of the British Army's most active areas of operations was Southern Africa. Perhaps the best known campaign is the Anglo-Zulu War of 1879, that famous conflict between the red coated British soldiers and King Cetshwayo's regiments of brave and disciplined Zulu warriors which still holds an enduring fascination for students of warfare.

Today, the bones of almost 2,000 British and allied soldiers killed in 1879 lie in graves scattered throughout Zululand and Natal. Sadly few of the 10,000 to 12,000 Zulus who died have marked graves.

It is possible to visit the remote graves of King Cetshwayo and of Dabulamanzi, the Zulu prince who led the attack on Rorke's Drift. At Rorke's Drift two mass graves of the 500 warriors killed there have been found and marked, but for most of the warriors there is only the plaque at the Ulundi Monument: "In memory of the brave Zulu warriors who fell in defence of the old Zulu order."

British graves are well cared for by the South African National Monuments Council and the KwaZulu Monuments Council, although some are in need of repair since the councils have many



The grave of the 17 British soldiers killed at Rorke's Drift. The memorial is said to have been carved by one of the men's comrades using broken bayonets

thousands of graves to care for, especially from the 1899-1902 Anglo-Boer War.

At least one British regiment, the 17th/21st Lancers, has helped to repair the worn-out headstone of the grave of one of its officers killed in action in 1879. The headstone of a Cpl Cotter of the 17th Lancers, killed in an ambush later in the war, is also being repaired.

Few people visit the many remote and sometimes almost inaccessible war graves, especially those miles from the main military cemeteries.

Headstones and monuments vary a good deal, from elaborate stone memorials to simple metal crosses and plain headstones. Some headstones bear the simple inscription: "Here rests a brave British soldier."

The Zulu War had its share of dramatic incidents:

- Isandlwana, where six companies of the 24th Regiment and other troops, engaged in a desperate fight against an overwhelming force of 20,000 Zulus, were over-run and massacred almost to a man;
- Rorke's Drift, where about 130 men, again mostly from the 24th, held off an impi of more than 4,000 warriors for over 12 hours, winning 11 Victoria Crosses in the process;



The memorial to the French Prince Imperial, killed in action with the British forces in Zululand. Behind are the graves of two Natal volunteers killed with the young prince

- A Zulu ambush in which the exiled Prince Imperial of France was killed;
- Ulundi, where the cavalry charged out from the British square to complete the final Zulu defeat.

Besides these famous actions there were many others, less well known but just as interesting, including Inyezane, where for the first time a Gatling gun, manned by a Royal Navy landing party, was used in action with the British Army, and Eshowe, where British troops were besieged for two months before being relieved after the battle of Gingindlovu — nicknamed by the troops "Gin gin I love you".



One of the two Zulu graves at Rorke's Drift. Behind can be seen the slopes of the Oscarberg hill from which Zulu snipers fired into the mission



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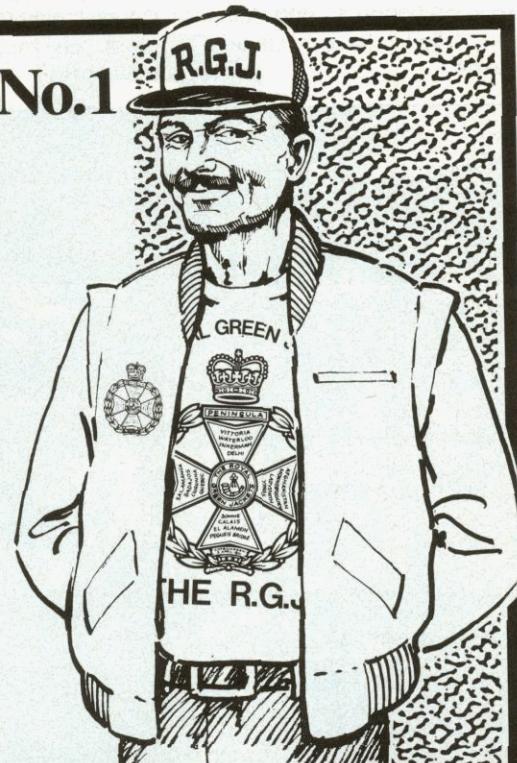


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The defeat of fascism in 1945 brought a unique opportunity to ensure peace in Europe, but the fact there has been no war for more than 40 years cannot be attributed to a masterly



Gen Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley

appreciation of history by national leaders.

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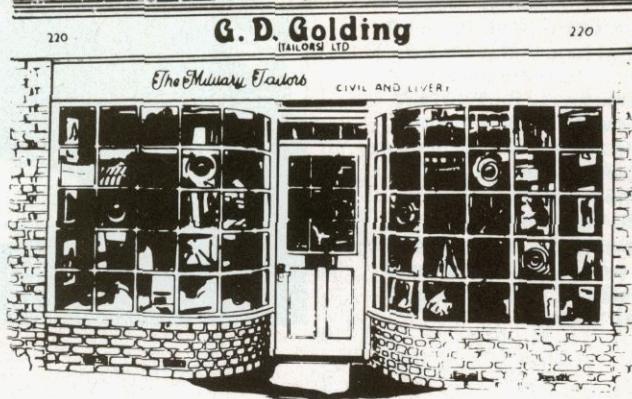
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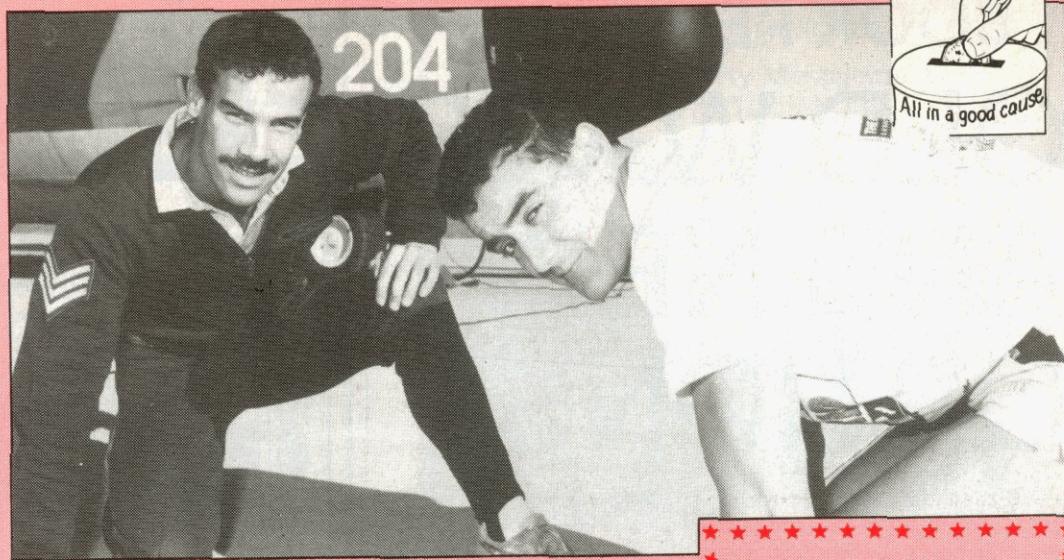
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# Mally's a super skipper!

A Merseyside soldier has skipped his way into the record books – and raised £1,500 for cancer research at Liverpool's Walton Hospital into the bargain.

Cpl Mally Kirk (30), a former Army and Combined Services boxing champion fought back tears of pain and exhaustion to beat the world skipping record of 13 hours and 31 minutes by one minute and 55 seconds.

Weeks of training preceded the attempt, which so nearly ended in defeat. As the record breaking time approached, Cpl Kirk, a member of the 1st Battalion, The King's Regiment, was suffering acute pain from his badly blistered feet.

But encouragement from an enthusiastic crowd of 200 supporters and rousing tunes from his regimental band spurred him on to skip the last few extra steps.



Group Capt Leonard Cheshire VC with marathon pushers (from left) LSgt Dai Burns, SSgt John Downes and LCpl Haydon Pritchard

Three soldiers from the 1st Battalion, Welsh Guards have received an engraved sword for their efforts during a sponsored wheelchair marathon for disabled people.

Their wheelchair was first home in the marathon, run over

the classic distance of 26 miles 385 yards, which was organised by the Armed Forces and British Sports Association for the Disabled and staged at RAF Northolt.

LSgt Dai Burns, SSgt John Downes, APTC, and LCpl Haydon Pritchard took turns to push the wheelchair, completing the course in an excellent time of 2hrs 42min.

Group Capt Leonard Cheshire VC presented them with the sword to mark their victory.

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LCpl Richard Capel of the 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment travelled from his Northern Ireland base to Great Ormond Street Hospital to present the hospital with a portable nebuliser.

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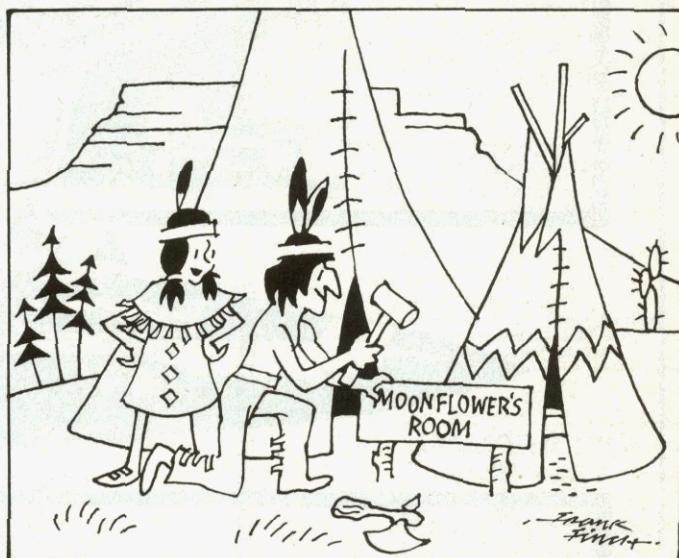
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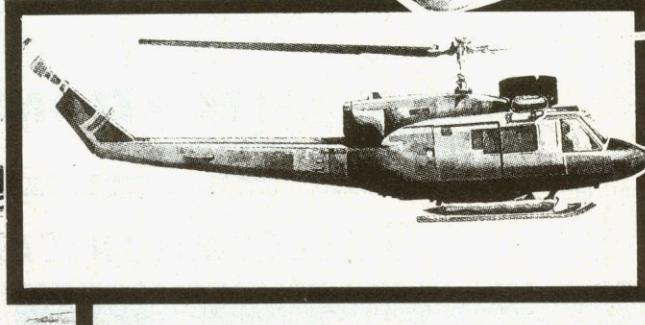
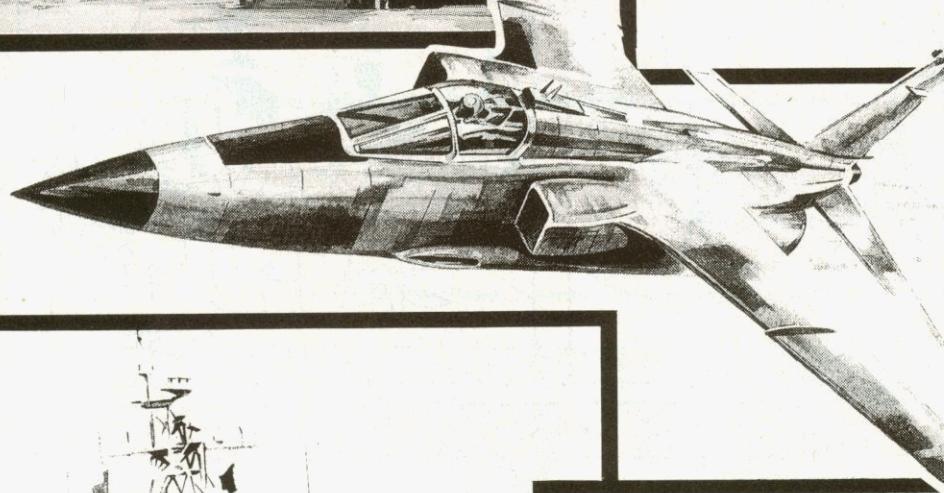
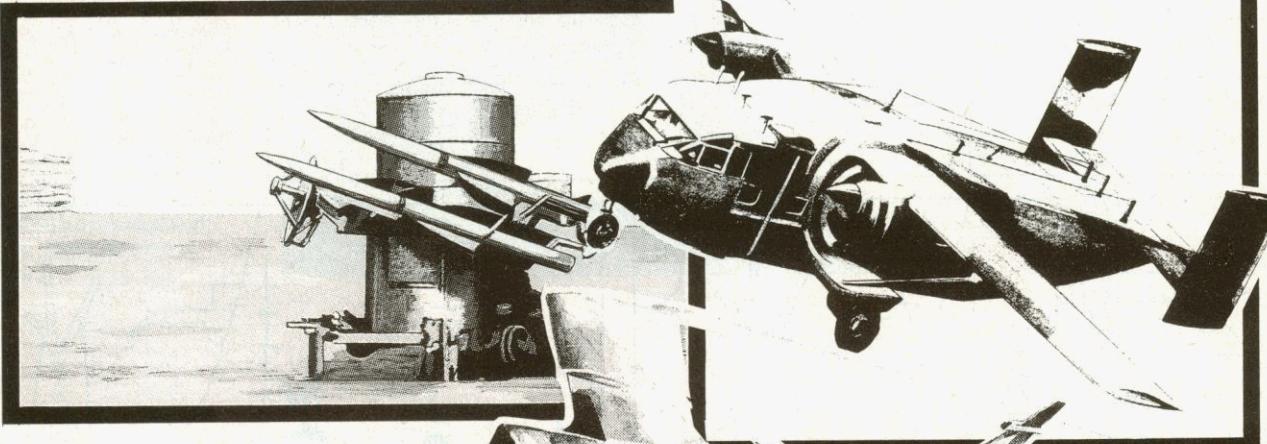
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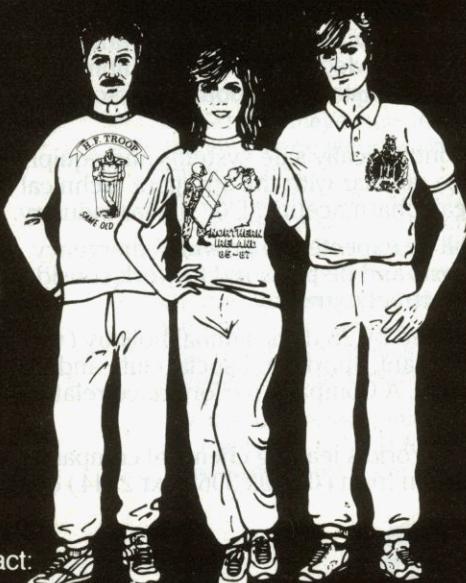
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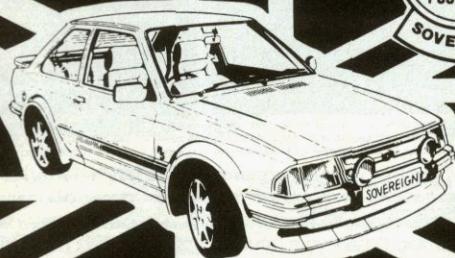
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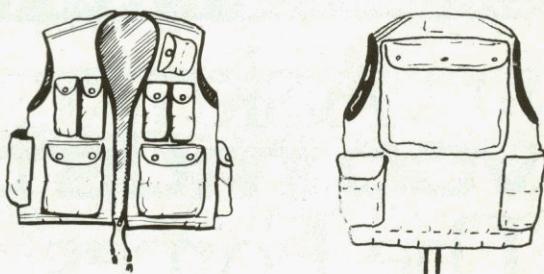
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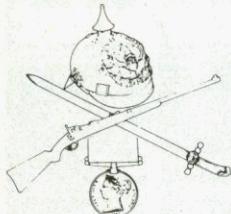
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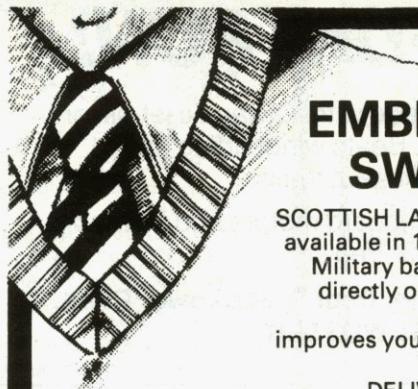
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# LETTERS

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## DHARAN STAFF

With reference to your article in the September 19 issue concerning the medical staff sent to Nepal.

With regard to the normal staff of the British Military Hospital in Dharan you failed to mention that also on the staff are four staff sergeants RAMC. These are a laboratory technician, a radiographer, a dispens-

ser and an operating theatre technician.

These four senior NCOs are all highly trained members of the corps and during their year's tour in Nepal contribute greatly to the high standard of work carried out by such a small medical unit. — P H Starling, WO1 RAMC (Dhara- an 1982-83), BFPO 29.

## Those Service kit bags are a dead give away

I have just finished reading your September issue and like most wives of Service personnel, I am delighted to read that the distinctive BFPO car number plates are to be replaced.

No doubt this move is long overdue, the only shame is that it took the death of RSM Heakin in Ostend to finally bring the government to their senses and introduce this measure. A small comfort to the family of RSM Heakin is to know that he did not die in vain, and his death may now result in the saving of the lives of many other soldiers currently serving in BAOR.

But, although this is a huge step in the right direction, perhaps the Armed Forces should now turn their attentions to one other matter.

I refer to the distinctive Forces kit bags used by all three Services while travelling home on leave and to and from unit to unit on public transport.

In the light of the current troubles I was distressed to see, while at Euston Station, London a number of young soldiers all easily identifiable by the green Army kit bags they were carrying. Not only that

### Reunions

● Combined Ex-Services Association military weekend will be held in Bridlington, May 19-21. Association standards welcome. Details from Mr V Hogan, 47 Bempton Crescent, Bridlington, N Humberside YO16 5HH (tel 0262 601256).

### CLEAN SWEEP

IT'S a clean sweep by the Army in **SOLDIER'S HOAY** competition No 446. Winner of the £50 main prize is Gnr M Coombs, c/o Mr and Mrs M P Coombs, of Youlgeave, Derbyshire. The two runners-up prizes of books go to WO2 J Robertson, of ACIO Watford, and Lsgt N Deacon, of 2nd Bn Coldstream Guards, BFPO 53.

but one young soldier also carried a suit cover, upon which was his name, rank, Service number and unit address, all emblazoned across the front of it in large bold black letters!

Surely this makes these young soldiers as identifiable to the determined terrorist seeking a soft target as a BFPO number plate.

Isn't it time we changed this as well? Surely wouldn't it be better to prevent a future tragedy, rather than accepting the risks and burying the results.

Shouldn't we follow the philosophy that forewarned is forearmed. Prevention is surely the best line of defence that we have. — Mrs C A Durnford, 5 Mathews Terrace, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2AD.

## SKIING

## SPORT



Sgt Tony Mortimore (bottom row, right) and Dvr Richie Lock (top right) depart for Australia with the Combined Services ski team

# Service skiers sweep board in Australia

TWO Army champions were in the Combined Services ski team which swept the board at the Australian bicentennial international Service skiing championships at Thredbo in the Australian Alps.

Sgt Tony Mortimore, who is serving with 35 Engr Regt in Hameln, West Germany, is the current British Army individual champion, and was joined on the summer tour by Dvr Richie Lock, RCT, runner up in the Army Alpine championships.

Four Royal Air Force and two Royal Navy skiers completed the party.

They warmed up for the

championships by taking the first six individual places and the team prize in the Australian Northern Division meeting in both the giant slalom and the slalom.

They also took the first six places and the team trophy in the giant slalom in the Inter-Services championship, and retained the Combination Cup by following up with the team slalom trophy.

Combined Services skiers filled the top five places in the slalom and Cpl Sandy MacDonald, RAF, took the individual championship for the second time in the seven year history of the event.

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## Bronze for Mahoney

ARMY modern pentathlete Lt Dominic Mahoney, Life Guards, helped the British team to the bronze medal at the Olympic Games in Seoul despite a crippling knee injury that handicapped him throughout the competition.

Sustained in a riding accident, the injury hampered his mobility in all the disciplines of the modern pentathlon and cost the team vital points.

Yet in the deciding cross country event the British team of Mahoney, Richard Phelps and Graham Brookhouse overhauled the Soviet Union and France to improve their overall standing from fifth to third.

Cpl Peter Hart, REME, who was also selected for the Seoul modern pentathlon team, was named as the reserve in the final selection.

The race was won by Andre Phillips of the United States with the legendary Ed Moses third.



# Prison Services locked out

AN experimental Army football team took on HM Prison Services at Aldershot and played very well while chalking up a 4-0 victory, writes Pat Massey.

The side which started the game included no regular first teamers, although Sgt Mickey Spencer went on at half time to add some teeth to the attack.

Cpl Mark Shergold, R Signals, opened the scoring in the 16th minute when he split the defence and shot past the advancing goalkeeper. Sgt Johnny Mathis, RE, went close soon afterwards, but for the rest of the half the Army defence was severely tested.

Cpl John Morris, RCT, made two fine saves early in the second half before LCpl Mark Johannessen, 2 RRF, crossed for Spencer to head home the

Army's second goal.

After that it was a bit one sided, with Shergold creating a chance for Mathis before firing home the fourth himself.

### Carshalton 1 Army XI 0

A goal three minutes from time robbed another experimental Army side of a share of the spoils at Carshalton.

With LCpl Shanks Shankland, 2 SG, and LCpl Guy Whittingham, REME, the only players in the team with any real senior experience, the side did well to stay in contention against the Vauxhall Opel Premier League outfit.

Indeed, they might well have won an entertaining game with a chance just before Carshalton grabbed their late winner.



Maj John McCurdy, KOSB, on the right with Peter Moxon, owner of Bladerunner which took part in the Condor world championships in Cyprus

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THE FIRST ever world championships for Condor class catamarans took place at Pissouri Beach, Cyprus with the Sovereign Bases taking more than a passing interest in the event.

Maj John McCurdy crewed on the Cypriot-registered Bladerunner, and the Inter-Services Yacht Club provided the principal safety boat and crews for the ten days of the championships.

The first three boats home were from English clubs, the

## Condors in Cyprus

best Irish boat came fourth, and Maj McCurdy ended up a creditable 19th.

The spokesman for the International Condor Association was lavish in his praise for the contribution made by the Inter-Services Yacht Club without whose help the event may have foundered.

### HE KKS

Other tug of war teams might just get a look in now this lot have gone their separate ways! The 14th Field Regiment/Royal School of Artillery team disbanded after taking part in the Highland Games in Braemar, with individual members being posted far and wide. During the past two years the small team has dominated Services tug

of war competitions at the 560kg division, and enjoyed considerable success at 680kg.

At the lighter weight 14 Fd Regt/RSA were Inter-Service and Army champions in 1987 and 1988, as well as winning the Royal Tournament competition, the UKLF title and the BAOR gunner tournament.

# Army rugby to take stock



A moment to savour for the late Brig Peter Crooks (left, black gloves) as he watched Army captain Brian McCall receive the trophy after beating the Royal Navy at Twickenham in March

Bowles, RCT, back from his sojourn in the USA.

Capt Brian McCall, REME, is to captain the side again, but will be without the services of England centre Lt Will Carling who has resigned from the Army.

A date for diaries is the Combined Services v Australia game on November 22 at the Aldershot Military Stadium (1730 kick off).

A large contingent of the Army team must be under consideration for selection. In any event it should be a good game at the end of the Australian tour of the UK.

Rejoining the selection panel is another former Army and CS skinner, Mai Mike

greatest stalwarts of recent times, Brig Peter Crooks, late REME, has died.

Although retired he maintained the enthusiasm, drive and commitment to Army rugby that he had shown during his playing days.

A full back for the Army, Combined Services and Wasps, he was very close to an England cap. After his playing days ended he put back into the game some of the fun he had out of it, this time as an administrator. He became chairman of Army Rugby and later served as one of the ARU's representatives on the Rugby Football Union.



Putting a gloss on another successful angling season is Gnr Brummie Adcock of MT Troop, 1st Battery, 14 Field Regiment RA, based at Larkhill, Wilts. All those trophies were won during the season, the shield on the left for the fourth consecutive year. His successes include the UK Gunner championships and the RA team championships

## Farnham to host major festivals

THE Army squash season began with the quadrangular tournament hosted by the Fire Service at Moreton-in-Marsh writes Lance Brett. The British Police regained the title from the Army, who finished third after the Fire Service with the Royal Navy last.

The Waverley Squash Club, Farnham will be the venue for the Combined Services individual championship on November 18-20. This will be followed by the Inter-Corps competition, the Army's biggest squash festival, involving over 100 players, which will also take place at Farnham on December 2-4.

In the New Year the Army squash championships will be held at Farnham on January 25-28, followed by the Inter-Service tournament at Lee-on-the-Solent, Hants on January 30 and February 1-2.

A contingent of at least five UK players will be travelling to Geneva, where they will meet up with the BAOR contingent, for the Swiss Open on March 1-5.

# SOLDIER



Cpl Phil Bridge and LCpl Scott Campbell walk the graffiti covered Berlin Wall during one of 2 Regiment RMP's regular Wall patrols. A feature on the Redcaps and other units in Berlin begins on page 24