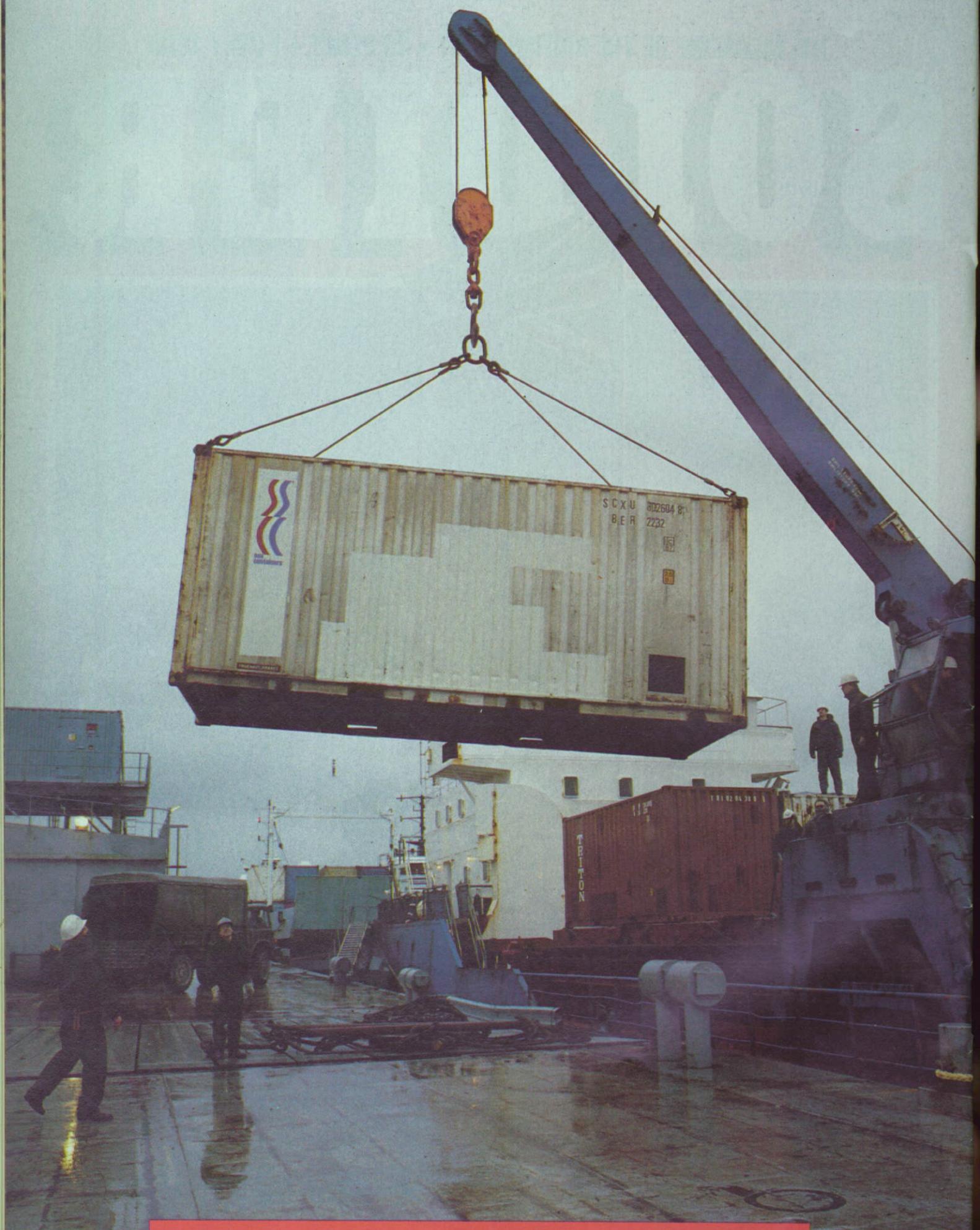


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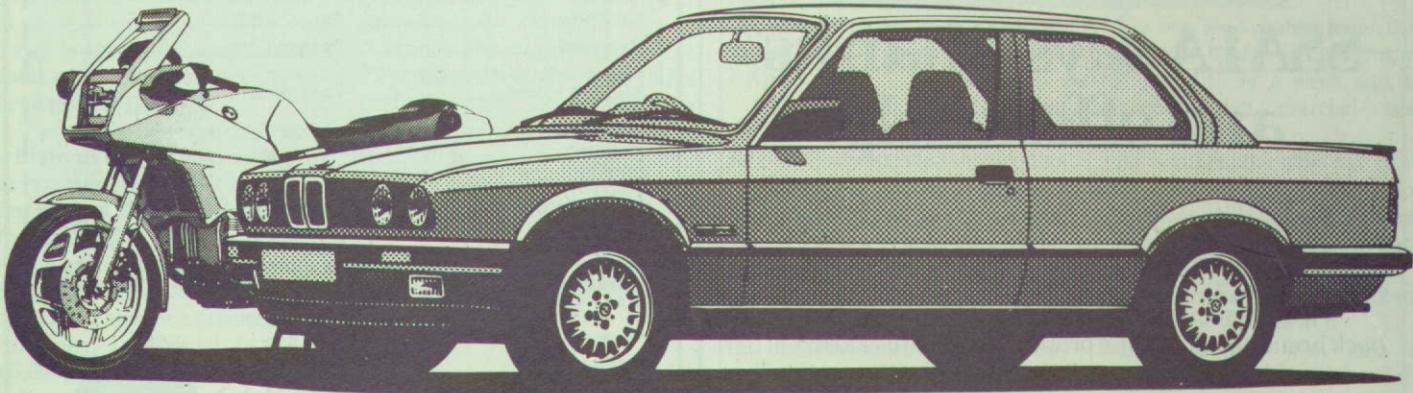
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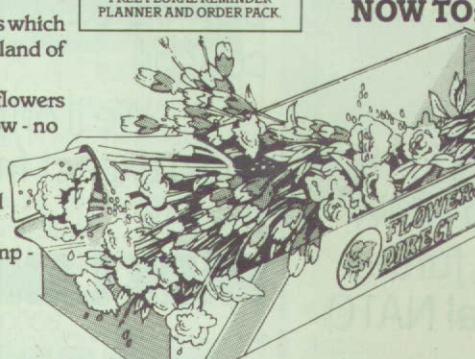
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PAY AWARD: GOOD AND BAD NEWS

The good news is that the Army is to get more pay. The bad news is that food and accommodation charges are to increase as well.

The new one-stage pay rises, which average out at about seven per cent, will be back-dated to 1 April and payable this month.

For a brigadier it will mean an 8.5 per cent increase from £27,101 to £29,401 and for a private in pay band one, a rise from £4,807 to £5,000.

But even with the new pay rises a 'handful' of people in BAOR will be worse off than they were a year ago.

Their 'take-home' pay will be less because of cuts in the BAOR local overseas allowance and the increase in food and accommodation charges.

The increase in accommodation charges is based on a new system which divides housing into four

grades instead of just standard and sub-standard.

In their report the Armed Forces Pay Review Body say: "An inevitable consequence of the change from a two-tier system is that, while many Service tenants will experience an actual reduction,

extra in stages.

Garage charges, too, are going up to £138.70 a year back-dated to 1 April.

In their 14th report to the Government on Forces' pay, the Review Body stressed the need to retain trained and highly-skilled men and that pay increases were vital if people were to stay in the Services rather than take early retirement.

That the government agreed to this line is evident because the new pay increases are more than double the Government limit in the public sector.

Total cost of the new pay scales for all the Services — including all reserve forces — is put at £216.2 million.

Because of shortage of space, some items — including new TA scales — have had to be held over. They will appear in our 15 July issue

But with the increased yield from the rise in accommodation and food charges the cost is reduced to £205.2 million.

The new food charges mean that single men and women living-in will pay £15.54 a week and an unaccompanied married man £7.50.

As a guide, the new pay rises, after food and accommodation deductions, will work out to around 6.5 per cent for a single corporal and 7.2 for a single major. For a married sergeant it will be 6.2 per cent and for a major 7.1.

Comparability with jobs in 'Civvy Street' was the name of the game for the Review Body and they claim to have maintained this with their new scales.

The trained and skilled Servicemen get the biggest rise since there is no problem in recruiting them.

Their reports say the "levels of remuneration should ensure satisfactory recruitment and retention and provide a fair deal for both Service personnel and the taxpayer".

ROYAL TANK DRIVER

Prince Charles tried his hand at driving a 56-ton Chieftain tank across the undulating Salisbury Plain training area when he visited the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards as their Colonel-in-Chief.

It was the first time the Prince had driven a tank, and one of the watching officers said afterwards: "For a learner he was really quite extraordinary. At first he was slightly hesitant but got the hang of it very quickly. We had to pull the Press out of his way at the start and he came back very fast, very close to the tank's top speed.

"He clearly enjoyed it, and the

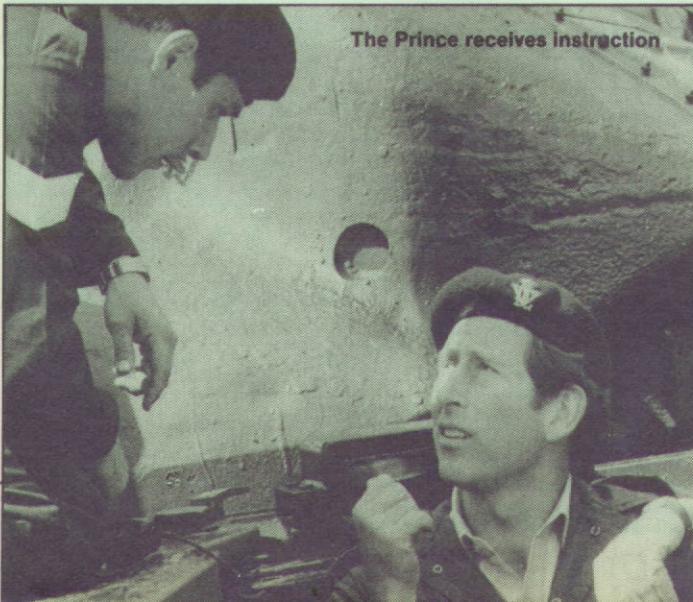
tank crew were very enthusiastic about it".

The Prince was visiting the 'Skins' to present them with a new Standard as the regiment celebrates its tercentenary. Arriving in an open carriage, he reviewed the regiment drawn up on Tidworth Tattoo ground with the Pipes and Drums of the 2nd and 4th Battalions of the Ulster Defence Regiment.

He met members of the Old Comrades Association after the parade, lunched with officers and men of the regiment, and then had an informal walkabout viewing a static display of all aspects of the regiment's life, including the armoured vehicles used by them since mechanisation in 1938.

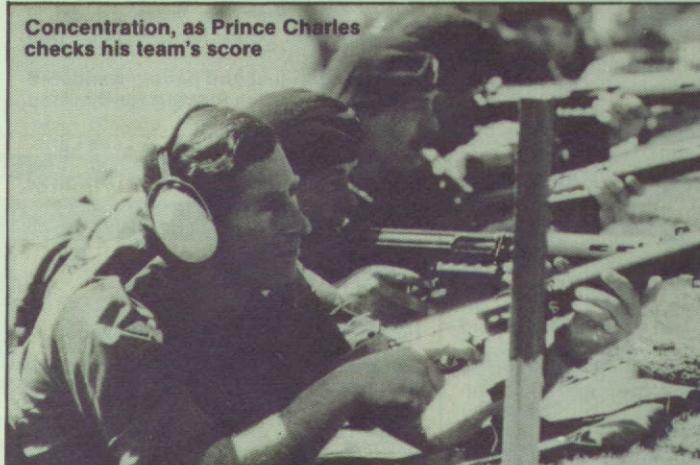
The new Standard replaces one presented to the regiment in 1961 by General Sir Charles Keightley at Sennelager.

The Prince receives instruction



... AND SHARPSHOOTER

Concentration, as Prince Charles checks his team's score



And in Wales, Prince Charles stretched out on Sennybridge Ranges to join one of the TA teams taking part in a falling plate shooting competition, part of the programme for the Prince receiving the Freedom of the Borough of Dinefawr on behalf of the Royal Regiment of Wales, of which he is Colonel-in-Chief.

The morning's formal ceremony saw the Colours of the 3rd and 4th Battalions surrounded by the ranks of the 4th Battalion, drawn up in Llandovery, followed by the regiment exercising its right to march through the town.

The Prince's progress was watched closely by the battalion's two goat mascots, especially when Prince Charles stopped to speak to the 4th's handler, Colour Sergeant Barry John!

WIVES ENDURE

Wives of the 2nd Battalion The Light Infantry have been getting a taste of what their husbands have to do.

The incentive was that if they survived the weekend exercise on the Deilinghofen training area they would raise a total of DM5,621 for a guide dog for the blind.

Stick it out they did, through map reading, drill, a written military test, night navigation and harbouring drills, with husbands, children and friends cheering them through the assault course and shooting competitions which concluded the exercise.

Letters from a murdered field marshal

A British field marshal who was assassinated by Irish terrorists — one of whom had a wooden leg — is the subject of the Army Records Society's launch into the world of book publishing.

Edited by the society's honorary secretary, Dr Keith Jeffery, the book contains more than 360 pages of letters from Irish-born Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson when he was Chief of the General Staff from February 1918 to the time he was killed on his doorstep in Eaton Square — sword in hand — in February 1922.

"Both killers were caught and sent to the gallows," said Dr Jeffery, who with Dr John Gooch of Lancaster University and Field Marshal Lord Harding make up the main driving force of the ARS.

Introducing the book — £20 on the bookstalls, but for ARS members it's a freebie included in their £10 annual subscription — Lord Harding appealed for a boost to the 200-strong membership emphasising that for a tenner it was good value.

The purpose of the ARS, said Lord Harding, is to publish 'original and authentic records of the Army's earlier days'. And they plan one a year.

That they've kicked off, with the letters of such a controversial figure as Sir Henry should make good reading and indicates that planned publication of selected letters from Montgomery and Wellington and accounts of the Indian Mutiny, should be equally interesting and enlightening.

Among a score or more of high-powered people involved with ARS are Lord Carver, Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, General Sir Frank Kitson and former 9th Queen's Royal Lancer Sir David Steel.

Awarded the DSO in 1940 and the MC in '45, Sir David ended the war as a major commanding a squadron of Shermans.

LAST TIME

"That was the last time I saw Field Marshal Harding," he said. "It was at a farewell parade near Trieste."

He hurried away to talk to the man he last saw more than 40 years ago, returning to report that Lord Harding remembered every detail of the occasion.

"Amazing," said Sir David. "He remembered everything about the day." But listeners to Lord Harding would be unsurprised. For when he made his appeal for members to join the ARS, the 89-year-old Field Marshal was, as ever, direct and to the point. Although physically frail, his mind is as sharp as ever and he produced an easy-to-listen-to talk that many a younger speaker would envy.

DIVE AT SCAPA



THE PADERBORN TEAM: deep-down dive for history

Lost road is found again

For more than five years a road at Deysbrook Barracks, Liverpool, had no name.

Mail got lost and people wandered round in circles looking for the road without a name.

Now at last it has one — Lees Lane. The problem started when new married quarters were built in front of

an existing line of dwellings making things extremely difficult.

Fed up with all its inherent problems, Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm Hitchcott, CO 42 District Workshop, REME, decided to name the place after the late Lieutenant Colonel Eddie Lees who commanded the workshops from 1972-75.

Artist brushes up on Falklands visit

Back in the Falklands with his sketch pad and camera has been artist David Cobb, who might be adding RAMC and SAS subjects to his growing portfolio.

There is no obligation on either side, but it will be surprising in view of his track record if something permanent doesn't emerge from his latest travels.



DAVID COBB: return

"Then in 1982 I was sent by the Royal Navy to the Falklands and the Army took me over," says the man who served in motor torpedo boats in World War 2.

"I saw the principal settlements and walked quite a lot. This is my first return to the Islands since then."

He is also working on a book which will include 48 of his paintings, many more drawings each with a caption in his own words — "plus a bit of biography". It should

SOLDIER used full-colour detail (26 March 1984) from his painting of the battle for Goose Green, commissioned by The Parachute Regiment.

Based in the New Forest, Cobb was first captivated by the Falklands in the first days of Task Force preparation, studying the conversion of merchant ships.

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Oh brother, what a surprise!

When a Royal Navy helicopter dropped in on the 1st Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers at Goose Green in the Falklands out stepped a surprise for Corporal Ian Blair — his twin brother!

When the commanding officer of the frigate HMS *Danae* heard that Petty Officer Andrew Blair had a brother serving with the Royal Welch, he decided to give the catering accountant a few days off when a flying mission would allow a visit on an opportunity basis.

So Andrew got used to bugle calls instead of the bosun's pipe, together with an unexpected meeting with Ian, serving with the drums platoon. The pair were last together at Christmas at Tern Hill, Shropshire, the UK base for the battalion.

Andrew is five minutes older than Ian and though it may seem strange for twins to serve in different services, it is appropriate that the elder of the 27-year-olds should opt for the Senior

Sixty-six years ago Admiral von Ritter of the German Imperial Fleet gave the order to scuttle nearly 80 ships in Scapa Flow.

Many still remain below the surface in 120ft of water.

Divers from the Paderborn Garrison Sub-Aqua Club have been surveying and photographing ships.

Led by Colour Sergeant John Gerrard, 34, of the 1st Battalion The Queen's Lancashire Regiment, the nine-strong team have been taking a look at the battleship *Crown Prince Wilhelm*, biggest of six hulks which still sports its 15-inch guns intact.

The team's photographs will be handed to the Imperial War Museum.

Gerrard said: "Scapa is about the best spot in Britain for well-preserved wrecks.

"It's exactly 66 years since the ships were scuttled and bringing back good pictures will be a big bonus."

"But exercises like this are designed to strengthen personal qualities... making soldiers better and safer divers."

Other team members: Lance Corporal Brian Campbell, Royal Signals, 14 Signal Regiment; Corporal David Evans, REME, serving with 39 Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery; Private Phil Caldwell, REME and Craftsman Anthony Massey, REME both serving with 3rd Royal Horse Artillery; Trooper Daniel McMahon, Royal Scots Dragoon Guards; Sergeant Angus Beaton, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Senne-lager Training Centre; Sapper Colin Blackburn, Royal Engineers, 21 Royal Engineers; Lance Corporal Colin Gifford, 1st Battalion The Queen's Lancashire Regiment.

IAN AND ANDREW BLAIR: together

Service.

Andrew has served in *Danae* for 18 months and visited Crete, Gibraltar and other Mediterranean places before tasting the different weather of the South Atlantic.

Both signed on in 1974. "I always wanted to join the Royal Welch," says Ian, who has served in Canada among his many postings.

Princess signs for R. Hamps

The youngest and prettiest Colonel-in-Chief in their history has just been appointed to The Royal Hampshire Regiment.

The appointment of the Princess of Wales to the post marks her first formal links with the Army.

For the regiment, too, it means they can chalk up a 'first' in that the Princess is the first Royal Colonel-in-Chief of the Berlin-based unit.

Wives boost fund

Although 50 Missile Regiment, based at Menden in BAOR have so far raised more than £2,500 for London's Westminster Hospital appeal for a linear accelerator, they've not finished yet.

Over the months all sub-units within the regiment, spurred by energetic Wives' Club members, have been involved in charity and fund-raising events for the Westminster appeal.

And the wives of 36 Arcot Missile Battery have even produced a cook book which will help boost the hospital's plea still further.

Free look at art

If you are visiting London and have an interest in art — especially art of the 1914-18 war — then direct your feet to the National Army Museum in Chelsea and their exhibition of paintings by Australian war artist Arthur Streeton and others from 'Down Under'. Entrance to the exhibition is free — as it is to the NAM — but look sharp as it ends on July 31.

Title for RGJ

Sharp-shooting by the Royal Green Jackets based at Tidworth put them top of the regular major units in a south-west regional shoot-out.

NEWS in BRIEF

The day the RSM became a private

Sword rigidly upright and Sam Browne gleaming, 17-year-old Apprentice Paul Lipton escorts the Duchess of Kent and Lieutenant Colonel Mike Dickinson, CO of the ACC Apprentices' College, as they inspect the passing-out of 77 young Army cooks into adult service.

But as soon as 'RSM' Paul stepped off the parade at St Omer Barracks, Aldershot, he had to discard his rank and step down to being a private soldier.

"Now I'm entering the Army proper it means starting from scratch again. I'll be handing in the sword, Sam Browne and RSM badges and the lads won't be calling me 'Sir' any more," said Paul, who, like the rest of Intake 1/83 is now posted as cook.

But just like the other 76 young soldiers in his group, Paul has high hopes for promotion. And in time it's likely to come since they have completed two years training and are now considered the future senior NCOs of the Corps.

The Duchess, who took the salute in bitter cold weather, was attending the parade in her capacity as Colonel-in-Chief ACC.



PAUL LIPTON, DUCHESS OF KENT, LT COL DICKINSON: pass out and step down

PEOPLE

Frank's double trouble falls out!



SSM FRANK POLLIN: guessing game with look-alike twins Gary and Glyn Mitchell

Squadron Sergeant Major Frank Pollen does a double take for the last time at look-alike twins Gary and Glyn Mitchell.

But the lads were only half of Frank's problem at the RCT Depot, Aldershot.

For in addition to 18-year-old Gary and Glyn, he had also to distinguish between Adrian and Nigel Dance, 17, who are not quite identical, but near enough to cause him and the rest of the training staff at Buller Barracks a headache or two.

"They were part of 183 Intake and I have never been able to tell them apart — not the Mitchells anyway," he said.

But the double trouble for Frank has ended since the two sets of twins are now on their way to Leconfield for driver training.



Major A. Lassen, VC

Squadron, he was attacking gun positions when he was wounded and he ordered his men to retreat leaving him to die.

Now the 23rd SAS Regiment (Volunteers) have honoured the memory of this brave man by naming their Centre at Dundee after him.

Among those present at the ceremony were the Danish Ambassador Mr Tyge Dahlgaard, Colonel David Stirling, who founded the SAS, Colonel David Sutherland, Major Lassen's CO, Lord Jellico, members of Major Lassen's family and veterans of the Danish Army and Resistance and current members of the SAS.

THE QUEEN OPENS £600,000 CENTRE



TOPICS

THE QUEEN has officially opened the £600,000 TA Centre of Kendal's 'B' Company 4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment. The building of the new centre, just a stone's throw away from the battalion's own home, took 16 months to complete. Our picture shows Colonel Frank William, TAVR Chairman, presenting Major General Philip Davies to the Queen. On the extreme left is Colonel John Hopkinson. Right is Lord Lieutenant Sir Charles Graham.



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MAJOR Mike Charlton, Company Commander of HQ Company, (Volunteer) Bn, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment at Lancaster had the idea. And it was the school kids of the local secondary school at Kendal, his former company town, who came up with the pictorial results.

The idea? The opening of Kendal's new drill hall and the simultaneous commissioning of a painting. A dozen entries were forthcoming but the end result was a composite painting.

Pictured left, Major Charlton and on the right, the school's art master, Mr Geoff Cater.

SOLDIER OF THE YEAR



HM Customs security sleuth Staff Sergeant Peter Walker of 68 (Inns of Court and City Yeomanry) Signal Squadron (Volunteers) has been voted London's TA Soldier of the Year.

The honour has been conferred on him by Burberry Ltd, who have had an allegiance to the TA for 20 years and first presented the trophy in 1974.

Staff Sergeant Walker, a senior investigation officer with HM Customs and Excise did "much work in Soho during the early days of smuggling into the UK of heroin and cocaine, and has recently been investigating a major gold bullion fraud."

He has, in fact, been involved in three gold fraud operations ... Goldfinger, Leonard and Argonaut. These cases have led to the arrest and trial of a number of people.

PEGASUS TRIUMPH FOR 211

THE TA's General Hospitals, Field Hospitals and Field Ambulance units have just taken part in keen competition for the Pegasus Trophy, the annual medical services volunteer contest, run by the TA's parachute field trained, 144 Field Ambulance.

In all, 39 teams took part and the overall winners were 211 Field Hospital with its HQ in Plymouth which narrowly beat the two teams from Manchester's 207 General Hospital into second and third places.

In the ladies' competition for QA teams, 219 General Hospital, Keynsham beat 202 General Hospital, Birmingham and 207 General Hospital Manchester into second and third slots respectively.

Lieutenant General Sir Cameron Moffatt, Director General Army Medical Services was on hand to present top trophies to 202 General Hospital (the Hospitals' Cup) and the Field Ambulance Trophy to Sunderland's 251 Field Ambulance Unit.

A new trophy handed over for the first time was a rose bowl for "overall effort and determination." This went to 211 Field Hospital.

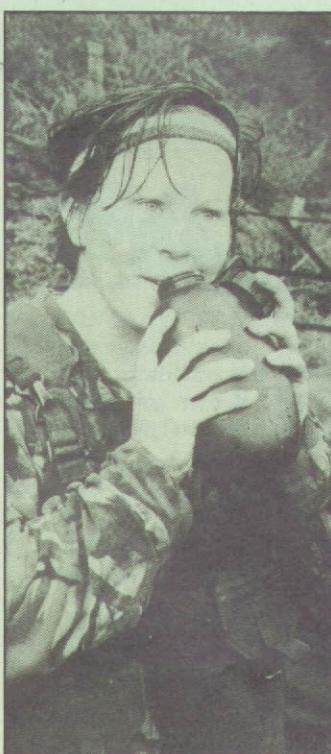
The event was held in the Lancashire Fells this year. Captain Paul Tibbatt, captain of 144 Field Ambulance, was heard later to say: "It was too easy this time. The hills were not steep enough and there was not enough rain. We'll see that it really does sort them out next year."



Corporal Kim Potts from Hazlegrove executes her idea of the military two-step with stretcher. She kept her team members smiling as the girls from Manchester's 207 tackled the hills



211's winning team get their trophies in the air. Back row from left: Cpl Paul Wyszatyckyj, SSgt Bob Pickford, team leader Captain Saxon Ridley, Pte Mike Killoran and LCpl Belinda Anne Wyszatyckyj (wife of Paul). Front: Privates Miles Greenford, Peter Warn and Jim Fergusson



A welcome water bottle revitalises Lance Corporal Maria Williams, of Liverpool's 208



Captain Brian Hammerman from Hull's 250 Field Ambulance does some emergency repairs on Private Peter Woods from the Doncaster detachment of 250

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COULD it be that one of the reasons for XIV Army becoming tagged the 'Forgotten Army' is that veterans are shy? Backward in coming forward?

We planned to mark VJ Day next month with a host of readers' memories, as we did with D-Day's 40th anniversary last year, and VE Day this year.

In our issue of 6 May we asked veterans of the Far East to write and tell us what they remember of VJ Day. We set a deadline of 1 July.

SO FAR WE HAVE HAD ONE CONTRIBUTION!

Come on gentlemen, you can do better than this!

We shall extend the deadline to 30 July, by which time we hope to receive more letters from readers telling us what they were doing on VJ Day, where they were, how they received the news and in general just what this occasion means to men who fought and suffered for so long.

Letters please to 'VJ Day memories', The Editor,



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NOW we can reveal the identity of our 'puzzle man' (page 3 SOLDIER 17 June)—Corporal John Miles, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

He has proved one of the most popular—and vital—men supporting men of 1st Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers in Goose Green, East Falkland.

John (left) has served as a one-man laundry unit, working non-stop from 0830 to 1600 operating his diesel powered unit including two washing machines, one spinner and one tumbledrier.

The Royal Welch are full of praise for the man who keeps their combat and personal clothing spick and span despite the many problems.

And John, normally based at Donington, not only provides a useful service—he serves to remind everyone that the 'sharp end' cannot do without support. As the saying goes: "a clean soldier is a good soldier"!

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THE Armed Forces are starved of management talent.

SOLDIER didn't say it. The Army itself apparently does not admit to it. But the Regional Management Centre for Yorkshire and Humberside definitely think it is so.

They have, apparently, spent months investigating the need for short courses in management in a number of specific fields including the Armed Forces.

Enjoining ranks with the uniformed military servants of the Queen, the Centre says the Forces "need and deserve to face the challenge of the mid-80s".

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How does the soldier feel about it?

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NORTH EAST 'Terriers' and those of 7th Battalion, The Light Infantry (Volunteers) have just had double cause for celebration. Not only is it the Tercentenary of The Light Infantry but the battalion has just celebrated its 10th birthday.

Two of the highlights were the exercising by the battalion of its Freedom of Sunderland and Hartlepool when a guard of 100 soldiers preceded by Regimental Band and Bugles plus Regimental Colour were marched through both towns.

A particular high note, and a musical one this year, is the forming of the Burma Band of the Light Infantry based at Chester le Street. It has just given its first concert performance in Durham followed by an appearance as part of the 900th anniversary celebrations of Brancepeth, the former home of the Durham Light Infantry.

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THE Army Benevolent Fund is set to benefit from the biggest battle ever to be staged by the Sealed Knot Society of Cavaliers and Roundheads.

Billed as 'the biggest Bank Holiday Battle Spectacular', the Battle of Edgehill 1985 will take place at Combrook, near the Central Ammunition Depot, Kineton, on 24, 25 and 26 August.

It has been organised by a committee headed by Brigadier Peter Holdsworth, Western District ABF Organiser, and Mr Hilton Newton-Mason of Kineton Village Hall Association.

All 4,000-plus Sealed Knot members have been invited to take part, complete with muskets, pikes and cannon. A special feature will be a cavalry charge comprising, it is hoped, at least 100 horses.

Army support comes from two TA units, 67 Signal Squadron providing communications, and the Queen's Own Mercian Yeomanry, staging a demonstration reccce/withdrawal.

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PTARMIGAN: Great Leap Forward

Ask anyone around 1 Armoured Division Signal and HQ Regiment whether they have been busy this year and you'll probably get a pitying smile.

The Verden based regiment has the awesome task of introducing to the Army a communications revolution of such sophistication and potential that Lieutenant Colonel Mervyn Lee, the Commanding Officer, describes it quite simply as "rather like going from the horse and cart to the Ferrari — it's that big a leap."

Ptarmigan has long been heralded as the great breakthrough in bringing the amazing developments of modern communications and information services to the battlefield.

For the signallers of 1ADSR the promise has become practical reality — a source of great pride, of endless hard work and, for countless visitors, of unfailing curiosity.

While the regiment has been training up its own operators and

— by —
Robert Higson

sorting out teething problems with engineers from Plessey, the UK electronics firm which developed the system, it has also been obliged to lay on instruction for divisional staff and demonstrations for VIPs.

Some of those VIPs have been very important indeed, particularly a high powered defence procure-



SCRA — the mobile access to Ptarmigan. On exercise, logistics commanders were ecstatic.

From horse and cart to the Ferrari...

ment team from the United States which has the job of recommending a major communications purchase by the American Army.

As the Americans have abandoned their own efforts at development as not being cost effective, the choice now seems to lie between Ptarmigan and the French RITA system. So, along with all their other commitments, 1ADSR has found itself in the front line of the sales drive to win a crucial defence contract.

At the time of writing it still remained to be seen what decision the Americans would make, but the men of 1ADSR reckon they showed the Americans a thing or two.

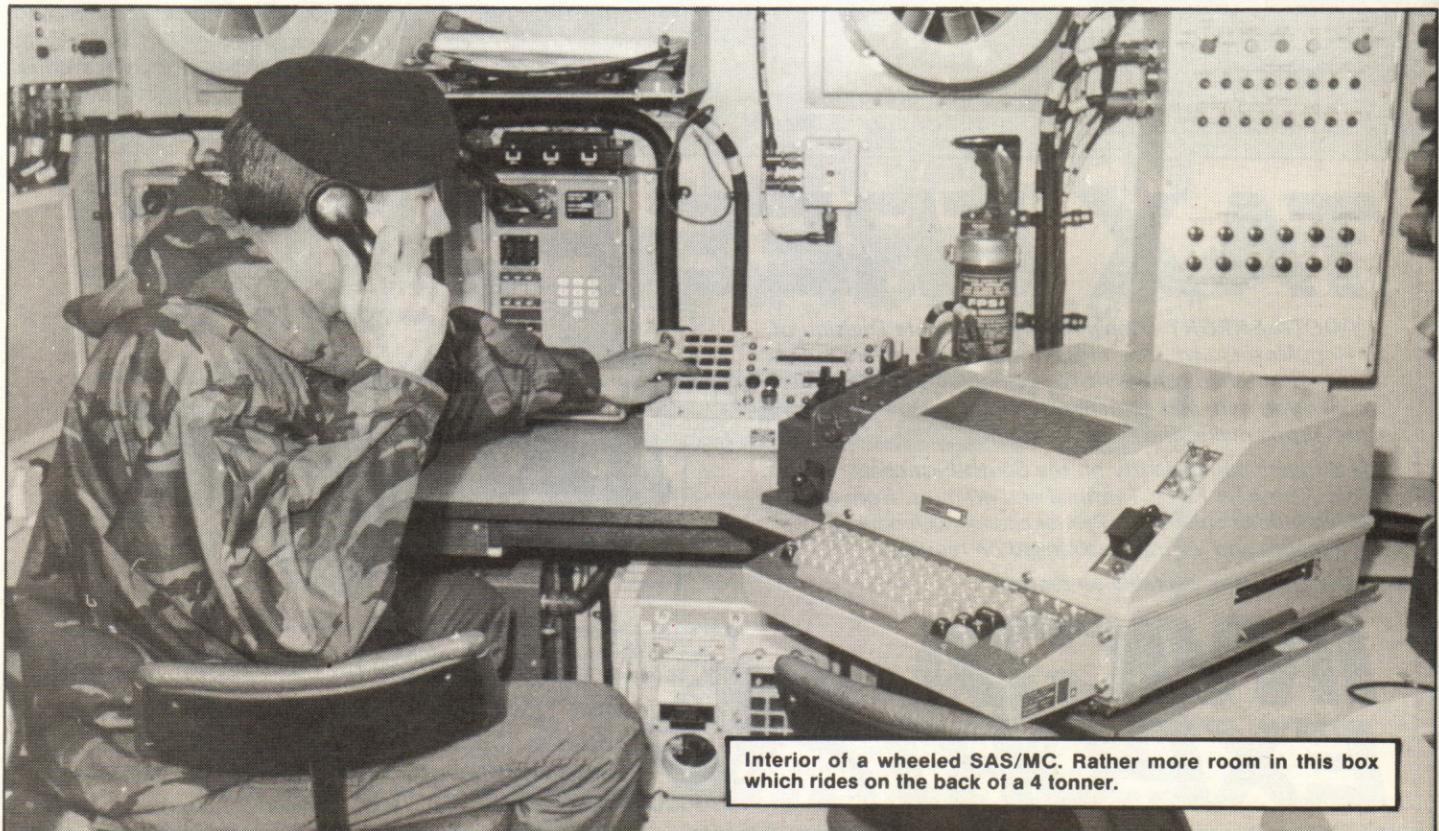
At a recent MSE (mobile subscriber equipment) demonstration in Germany a member of the American team was able to speak on a sub-set to a friend in the United States from a moving Land Rover.

"He was very, very impressed

with that," said Staff Sergeant (Yeoman of Signals) Ronald Allan of 3 Squadron. "Something we've never been able to do before."

You might think that 1ADSR had enough on its plate without having to worry about anything else. The French apparently take that view. It seems their RITA unit has been relieved of all other duties to concentrate on the business of getting the system operational and, with luck, sold to the Americans.

But that is not the British Army way. 1ADSR remains the divisional HQ regiment with responsi-



Interior of a wheeled SAS/MC. Rather more room in this box which rides on the back of a 4 tonner.

The flexibility is incredible



Central installation shelter on four-ton truck.

sibility for cooks and drivers and general housekeeping. Its soldiers still have to do military and site guards, and its squadrons retain their obligations to organise the Anglo-German Fete and the marathon for the division, and the Verden Garrison Horse Show.

"We managed to convert while at the same time meeting every other commitment, which no other army could have done," said S/Sgt Allan with evident pride.

Colonel Lee said: "I think it says a great deal for the versatility and resilience of my soldiers. But we've always done things like this. It's the British Army. It's nothing unusual having the soldier juggling half a dozen balls in the air at the one time and doing it cheerfully."

For soldiers who are often working upwards of 12 hours a day with free weekends a decided rarity, cheerfulness may seem out of character. But a feeling of genuine enthusiasm for the new equipment is evident wherever you go. The word most frequently heard to describe it is — "magic."

"Pure magic," said Captain Ned Gravel, a Canadian Signals officer on exchange duty with 1 Squadron. "There's no doubt about it — you have the most powerful command and control system on the battle-

field today.

"I've worked on three area comms systems in the last 36 months and each step has been progressively better than the last — from the Canadian one to your Bruin and now Ptarmigan which is far, far better than anything else that exists. The flexibility that's built into the system is incredible."

Despite the formidable scope of the system many operators said they had found adaption quite easy.

"It's much cleaner, simpler and faster," said Corporal Max Steele of 1-Squadron seated in front of the teleprinter keyboard and visual display terminal in the truck node switch vehicle.

"It's not difficult to operate actually. The main problem is confidence. An operator comes into the system and once he learns the basics he just needs the confidence and the time to get used to it.

"Obviously it is more along the lines of the computer world, playing with keyboards, looking at a VDT screen, as opposed to telephones and jacks. At this keyboard, for instance, we can engineer a circuit, open or close it,

we can look at subscribers' profiles, what facilities they have, we can change those, set up data links and so forth."

The vehicles of 1 Squadron, the key element of Ptarmigan with responsibility for the vital truck nodes, were lined up on one side of the square doing some tests with the Wavell Stage II data storage and processing system. Wavell provides a vast volume of information for the staff which can be tapped from any point in the Ptarmigan network. Each of these computer banks is provided with a red erasure button in case the particular unit is about to be overrun.

As Staff Sergeant Donald Sutherland, one of the trunk node commanders explained, the 1 Squadron vehicles are all wheeled because communication centres can now hide out in barns and villages instead of being forced to concentrate on the top of a hill.

"You don't have to camouflage with vehicles therefore it's much quicker," he said. "You also now use super high frequency shots out

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The tracked radio relay vehicle



When logistic commanders become ecstatic

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to your radio relays which are scattered around the countryside, so there are no cables going out to give your position away."

Well hidden with its radio relays well dispersed — on one exercise they had them scattered across 97 square kilometres — the heart of the Ptarmigan network now presents a highly elusive target.

On the other side of the square the two SAS/MCs (secondary access switch and message centres) of 3 Squadron were engaged in the same tests with their attendant Wavell vehicle. 3 Squadron has one wheeled and one tracked SAS/MC to provide communications for the division's alternative and rear HQs. At the time 2 Squadron, with responsibility for division main HQ, was out on exercise.



By plugging into the SAS/MC division and brigade staffs have a wide range of channels at their disposal to receive and transmit voice and teleprinter messages, retrieve and supplement data, and soon to send facsimiles of maps

over the entire network.

A commander who wants to get around the battlefield without a trail of communications vehicles can use SCRA (single channel radio access) to obtain the same facilities. SCRA also comes in Land Rovers

The Wavell data processing facility. From here data can be transmitted or received from around the network.

for units in the rear who have traditionally been used to only second or third level communications support.

"On the last exercise we did, Morning Glory, I can genuinely say that the logistic commanders were ecstatic about the facilities," said Colonel Lee, adding that SCRA would soon be available to battle group commanders enabling them for the first time to be part of the trunk communications system.

Maintenance back up comes in the form of electronic repairs and stores vehicles which enable operators to replace faulty parts from a comprehensive mobile source of replacements.

The regiment had some people in the UK last year getting familiar with the system and helping with the first MSE demonstration for the Americans.

But most of the training has been done in Germany with a continual stream of exercises, including a second MSE demonstration. On Flying Falcon — the 1 BR Corps signals exercise in April — 1 ADSR again acted as demonstrators being the only unit with the new equipment.

The last day of May, the Regiment called BP Day. A fairly historic day in British Army terms, the CO called it. It was when they finally said: goodbye Bruin and all on with Ptarmigan.



One of the 20 kw generators which provides power for the trunk node vehicles.

PTARMIGAN: The Grand AFV Conversion

HAND in hand with 1 Armoured Division Signal Regiment's conversion to Ptarmigan has gone the equally demanding task of converting 73 standard armoured troop carriers (AFV 432) into a new vehicle for the Army, the AFV 436.

This is the staff vehicle which will give access into the new communications system and, whereas all the signals vehicles have been fitted out in the UK, the AFV 436 has been converted on site in Germany.

Since last autumn the work has been going on apace in an old stable yard at the 1 ADSR base at Verden. A team of 80, drawn from Royal Signals and REME units all over BAOR, has been putting in long hours to get the vehicles ready on time.

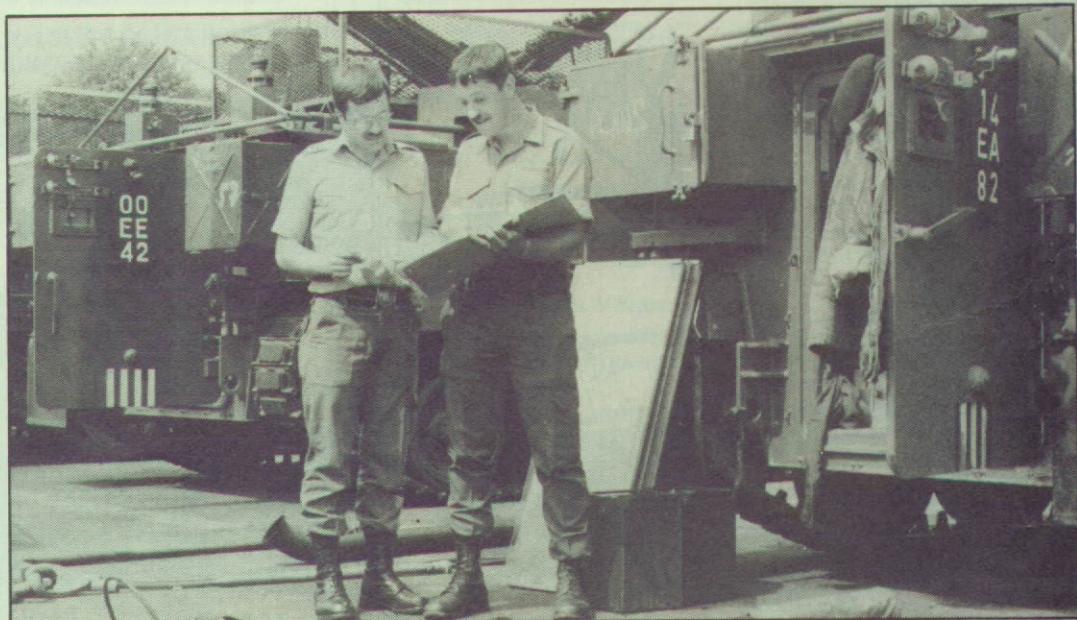
By now the equipping of 1 Armoured Division is nearly complete with the last of its 73 AFV 436s going to 12 Brigade.

The team's advance guard — its metalsmiths who strip the insides of the old 432s and cut holes in the armoured skin for the installation of cables — are already established in Herford and working on vehicles for 4 Armoured Division.

According to Major Alan Morton, REME, who is in command of the operation, the programme calls for the whole of 1 BR Corps to be converted by March next year.

Major Morton is normally based at Düsseldorf and as OC CIAT (communications installation advisory team) he had the job of keeping the production line moving in pace with a demanding schedule.

"These guys have been working



Discussions on an AFV conversion problem between Staff Sergeant Roger Brown, 7 Armoured Workshops, REME (left) and Sergeant Pete Richardson, 1 ADSR

here constantly from the middle of January till now, seven days a week to 9 at night, with only the occasional break like Good Friday and Easter Monday," he said. "It has been the only way we've been able to do it."

His 2 i/c, Warrant Officer 2 AQMS Eddie Payne, paid tribute to the efforts everyone had made.

"They are the best bunch of lads I've had working for me," he said. "Considering the number of men here the normal military problems are almost non-existent. There's immense job satisfaction, of course, and that helps. You start something, you finish it, and you see it drive out of the gate to a satisfied customer."

Around the stable yard as he spoke the AFVs stood in various stages of modification. Some were in their gutted state with insides newly covered in fire-retarding

paint and a collection of armoured boxes to protect cable terminals fixed to their exteriors.

Others were having padding stuck to the bare metal of the cabin, or a bewildering array of cables fed in to connect to sub-sets, teleprinters and visual display terminals.

Major Morton reckoned that the various stages needed to convert each vehicle could take anything between five and six weeks, but the teams were gaining more dexterity with experience.

The end result is an AFV 436 which can be modified for any one of a dozen uses, from GOC to lowly staff officer. And it can be re-roled very quickly in battle. If, for example, the G Ops loses his vehicle, the facilities he requires

can soon be transferred to a replacement.

Such an operation as this massive conversion programme has, naturally, not been without its difficulties. The kit needed for each new vehicle consists of 800 separate items all of which are made in the UK and shipped to Germany. With long lines of communications and a complicated new design there have been inevitable problems.

"It has been a very big programme indeed," said the CO of 1 ADSR, Lieutenant Colonel Mervyn Lee. "We've had our own heartaches and hiccups but when you add it all up and you think of the scale of the problem it has been a fairly remarkable effort — both from the Army and indeed UK industry."



Major Morton: — time off depends on productivity



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ANNE ARMSTRONG'S OPINION

THE Green Paper on the Government's proposals for a new and better structure for our Social Security system has met with mixed reaction, from derision to praise. The media has had a field day as to whether the poor, pensioner, the unemployed, pregnant mums, and families, will be better or worse off.

Forty years have passed since the Beveridge Report, 40 years of a Social Security growing like Topsy, plugging the gaps where need has arisen. Complicated benefit systems have combined to make it an enormous problem area where some have, some have not, and some groups such as Service families have fallen outside the system.

Now, 18 months since the review began, 4,500 pieces of evidence, 40,000 consultative documents, 19 public sessions (I attended three of these) have all led to £26.20 worth of Green Paper.

At first glance each of the areas, including provision for retirement, benefits for children and young people, supplementary benefit, and housing benefit, have suggestions affecting Service families.

The abolition of State Earnings Related Pension Scheme will have obvious repercussions for Service-

men and women. On the other hand, it may be a better deal for dependants who find it difficult to contribute to the present system, and a private pension plan could be the answer.

No changes on unemployment benefit, sick and disabled benefits — so we still have these areas to sort out.

Maternity allowance under the present proposals could put Service wives at a great disadvantage if only to be focused on 'recent working' as frequent postings and the difficulties of finding employment (see *SOLDIER* 17 June) do put Service wives at a disadvantage. We do not as yet know what 'recent' will mean in terms of weeks or months.

Even Family Income Supplement affects some Service families, 34 overseas. Regardless of how many, now or in the future, we must ensure that the new proposed Family Credit which will be based on net pay, not gross as at present.

However, the proposals that it will be paid in the wage packet does need careful thought.

Supplementary Benefit will affect our school leavers, as it does at present, but I see no glimmer of light that it will be exportable — still

leaving us with a glaring gap in whatever form it takes.

Housing Benefit. At present the Services administer a rent/rates rebate, so the proposals in this area will affect Servicemen, and with our present concern over housing in general we must be doubly sure we get the same deal. Receiving rebate now are 1,600 privates, 126 Lance Corporals and one Corporal, few out of the total 39,019 in these ranks but it will affect these 1,727.

To sum up, Service families will be affected by many of the proposals. So I sincerely hope that this time the MOD branches concerned with our welfare will be able in the three months allotted for comments, discussions and submissions to submit the feelings, worries, or even support if this is the case.

When previous Green and White papers have been issued for some reason submissions have either not been submitted, or in a few cases submitted late, which often results in legislation being passed. Then we find Service families are out in the cold.

Perhaps Federation of Army Wives Clubs could analyse the report and comment, as they now do represent the views of many



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Service wives. The grass roots have valuable information.

SSAFA say: "SSAFA's specialists on DHSS matters are at present studying the Green Papers in detail before commenting."

A spokesman has said MOD will look closely at the Green Paper.

If these proposals, amended or otherwise, form the White Paper due out at the end of the year then this time Service families must not be forgotten, and we must ensure our comments on the Green Paper are submitted.

If it is not possible for one government department to make submissions on behalf of its personnel to another government department, there is time for other agencies, organisations and individuals to make comments.

REPOSSESSION IS THE BIG PROBLEM

Case 20 needs clarification

pleted before you can ask your tenant to leave. This could be disastrous, for it does not take account of:

- 1) Change of posting date.
- 2) Short tour.
- 3) Compassionate reasons: illness, education and teenage problems, the need for school leavers to live in your house.
- 4) An unaccompanied posting ie the wife to re-occupy their house.

Careful thought must be given to this first requirement, as you must wait for the tenant to leave at the end of the original letting agreement.

If the tenant does not leave you have the right, if you have conformed to the Case 20 conditions, to ask for a rapid application as there are special court rules allowing this special procedure.

You may be overseas: Hong Kong, Nepal, Belize, Cyprus or on loan service which makes it very difficult for you to do this.

"You should ask the court officials about these 'rapid applications' if your need for repossession is urgent. You should normally get a hearing within two to three weeks," says Case 20.

Little comfort if you are overseas

with perhaps no immediate access to the Army Legal Services.

What is 'normally'? One, two or more weeks?

If you are overseas time is important, so if you cannot conduct the case, especially when mail can take five days one way, and telephone calls are extremely expensive, there is the need to engage a solicitor.

So it is bound to cost you something just to get the hearing under way.

The question often asked is how will the judge view my application if I cannot satisfy the court that it is not the Serviceman who wants to live in the house but the wife, as it was not the wife who let the house under Case 20, but the Serviceman.

We will take it you have achieved a hearing. Will this mean the judge will decree that you will have repossession the next day?

No. In a recent case the judge granted the tenant an extra 28 days. So at least two months could well pass, and may well extend to six.

This aspect of Case 20 worries me, for the majority of houses let by junior ranks will most probably have been let to people whose only other form of housing is through

the local authority, in other words, council housing.

As we already know this area of housing is causing many problems.

A judge recently ruled on the side of a tenant and granted extra time before eviction. One reason may be that the Serviceman was not homeless, when seeking repossession, even under Case 20, whereas his tenant would have been.

The cost of repossession of the Serviceman could be considerable. Items to remember:

Quarter charges while awaiting occupation of house.

Possible loss of rent etc from tenant.

Removal expenses — ie because it may well not be a direct move to your house but via another quarter. Cost of legal fees, solicitors' bills, possible court costs.

Change of schools, uniform.

Other accommodation charges, eg temporary accommodation, awaiting repossession.

Expenses involved such as travel, appearance at court, telephone and postal charges.

For the 1,727 junior ranks who were before the pay rise, receiving rent and rates rebate, to think of saving may well nigh be impossible, let alone costs for eviction.

What can be done to allay these fears if the tenant does not leave at the end of the fixed or periodic let? What can be done to ensure Case 20 works?

There is much more to letting than just following Case 20, the interpretation of which needs a lot of clarification.

The bland advice to let under Case 20 to solve all your letting problems is simply not true.

For example, should I let under a periodic or fixed let? If I can't live in the house on repossession can my wife, or should I let under Case 11 as well?

Many Servicemen let under a fixed tenancy not aware that the year's agreement must be com-

Home ownership worries — Letters

Soldiers' views are so vital

I HAVE received many comments regarding the problem of housing as it affects the Serviceman/woman and their families (SOLDIER 3 June).

This abridged letter combines many of the points, worries and views of Servicemen and wives:

Your recent article on housing was excellent and hit the nail right on the head. How on earth the AGs office can adopt a policy of 'following the flag' come what may does not take heed of modern realities. What, for instance, is a staff sergeant to do on retirement if he cannot get a council house and is unable to get a mortgage to buy his own house because he cannot get a job? I believe it will be increasingly difficult in the future for our soldiers to obtain employment after a full career following the flag. From whatever angle one looks at it, the penalties of maintaining the regimental system of unpaid welfare are too severe on retirement for any intelligent family man to contemplate. Both major political parties are in favour of home ownership and unless we very quickly get a housing policy to assist house purchase we will lose in droves our bright young NCOs and officers.

As I understand it, one is able to claim for reimbursement of legal and other fees on a one time basis providing the following conditions are met:

- a. More than three years to serve
- b. It is claimed on posting
- c. No MQ would be left vacant at your duty station
- d. A certificate verifying c is presented with your claim.

This facility has been available for many years and was originally designed to save the MOD money by allowing a soldier to purchase his own house at a duty station where no MOD accommodation was available. Many years ago this was slipped in to satisfy the Treasury under the guise of saving

money, but in practise was used to help soldiers retiring to purchase a house.

More MOD houses are now standing unused and certain Housing Commandants are reluctant to sign the certificate. So yet another nail goes into the housing coffin! That is, of course, unless one is lucky enough to be posted to an area where there are no vacant MOD quarters.

I do not think that, at 43 and having followed the flag for 28 years, I am being hasty in buying a house. In fact, with eight years still to serve and with the present housing situation the way it is I think that it is fair comment to say that I am being prudent. The costs I will incur are as follows:

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Land registration fee	113.00
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Solicitors fees	450.00
Building society survey	76.00
Structural survey	197.00
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Any civil servant on posting can, of course, claim all these expenses and removal charges each and every time he moves and in addition he can also claim interest charged by banks or building societies for bridging loans! I know of no other large organisation which does its best by financial penalty to deter its staff from buying their own homes.

It may be of interest to look at the following areas of discrimination:

- a. Grants are available to those moving home in order to seek employment. As I understand it soldiers are not entitled to this grant on leaving the service, even though they may be moving to a new area to find employment. They are also, of course, not entitled to removal or disturbance allowances on
- b. How does the government Home Loan Scheme for first time buyers work in relation to Servicemen? Will the nature of our job allow us to fulfil the conditions of the scheme? Under this scheme one cannot sell the house for five years neither can it be let out during this period. A Serviceman very seldom has a posting in one place for five years, so even if he qualifies in every other respect this five years period would mean separation from his family. Because of the cost of housing, we have now reached the stage when, even if a Serviceman saved hard throughout his service, he is never likely to be able to afford more than a first time buyer's house on leaving. What use is that to a family who may have two or three teenage children? A copy of the conditions is attached.
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- d. Married or single soldiers warned

FEW house owners I fear are aware of the costs which could arise from evicting tenants from your home, writes George Ellis from Cyprus. His letter says: "Please inform any Service members who let their houses to insure against legal expenses. It will cost them nothing as this is tax deductible. I myself am insured by DAS."

I have spoken to DAS who will insure against disputes with tenants or unauthorised occupants, providing the policyholder has an intention to re-occupy it PERSONALLY.

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leaving the Army!

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of a duty prior to going on leave must either stay in camp for the duration of the leave or pay for their own travel from their leave residence back to the camp. In practice most soldiers are warned for duty before going on leave. Such is the nature of working out duty rosters that even if the person responsible for the task endeavours to have those going farthest away working at the beginning and ends of a leave period and those living nearer undertaking the duties in the middle, it inevitably means that more than one soldier will be unable to go away for a holiday or, if he does, he must pay for his own journey back to camp to undertake the duty. Surely this is not fair?

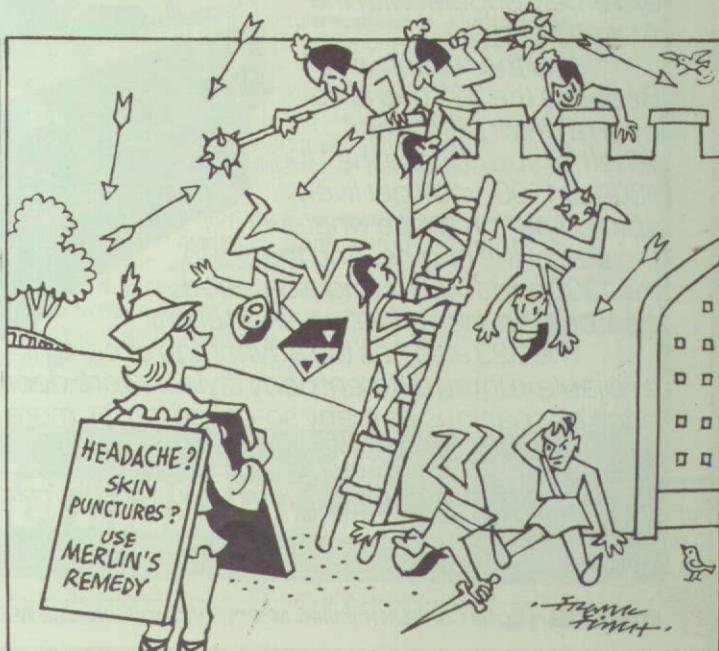
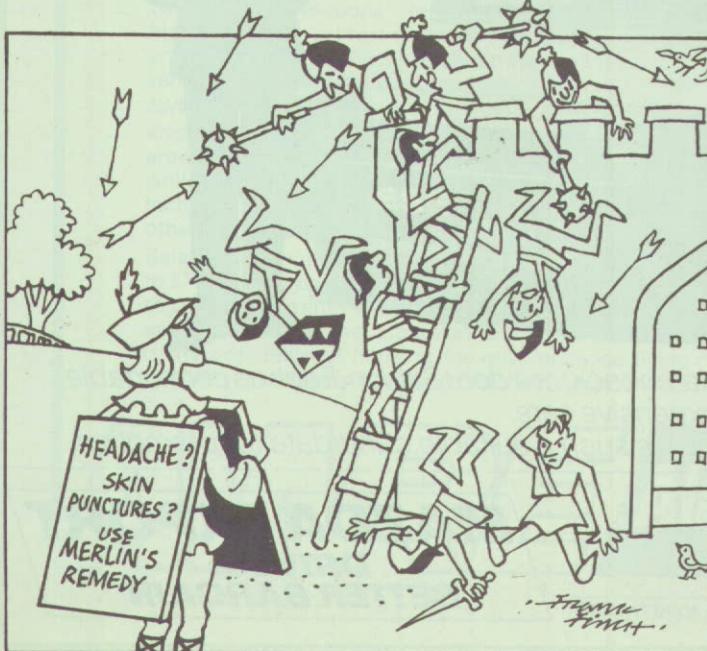
e. A meaningful attempt should be made to canvass soldiers' views. It is no use staff officers asking for units to give views on welfare or other matters and then asking for a reply by a date which does not give officers in units time to canvass opinion. This happens all too often with the result that most of the views gathered in such circumstances are those of the adjutant or CO of a unit.

I do think that if positive action is not taken now our Servicemen will become the future generation of 'slum people'. The housing prospects for Servicemen and all the evidence I can see points to just that.

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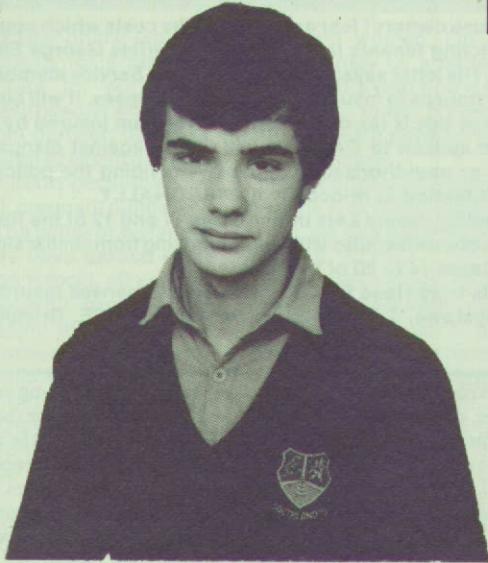
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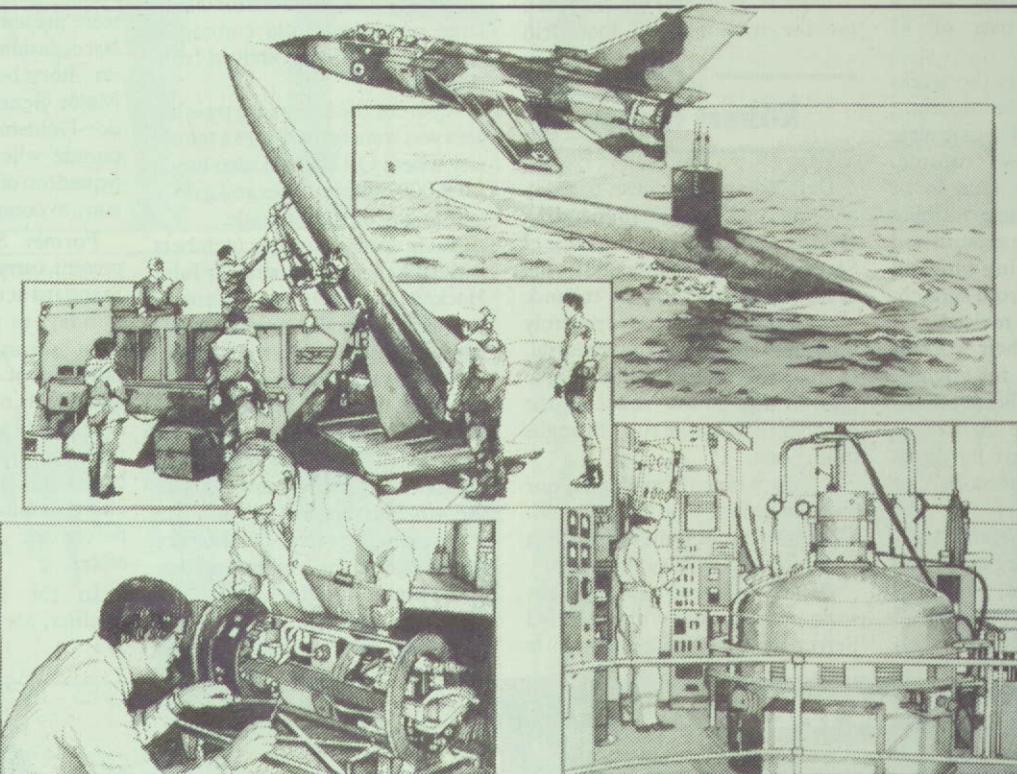
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TERCENTENARY FEVER

TERCENTENARY fever has been and gone in Germany with two BAOR cavalry regiments demonstrating, on successive weekends, refreshingly different ways of celebrating 300 years service to the Crown.

At Detmold the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards put on an immaculate display of foot drill to receive a new Standard from their Colonel-in-Chief, the Duchess of Kent.

On the Dorbaum Training Area, near their base at Münster, The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars followed the presentation of a new Guidon by their Colonel-in-Chief, the Duke of Edinburgh, with a magnificent drive past of 41 Chieftain tanks.

For both regiments the weeks of preparation for these important ceremonies provided a complete break with normal routine. Armoured regiments tend to be more at home on their training areas than the parade ground and ceremonial is something which, if not exactly learned from scratch, has to be thoroughly revised.

4/7 DG brought their working day forward to 6 am for a whole month and spent a solid two-hour drill session on the helicopter landing pad at Hobart Barracks, Detmold. The rather unsocial hour was made necessary by the requirements of 4 Regiment, Army Air Corps, who began flying operations at 8 o'clock.

Here the regiment brushed up its arms drill with the SMG and

For two famous cavalry regiments

practised the intricate manoeuvres needed to get the squadron guards into a hollow square for the dedication of the new Standard, and from column into line for the march past.

As tanks weren't really compatible with the helicopter landing site, 4/7 DG had to confine its mounted operations to a high speed drive past the Chieftains and support vehicles of C Squadron on a small road to one side of the temporary parade ground.

Over at Münster, QRIH opted for the minimum of foot drill

— by —
Robert Higson

"Deft footwork doesn't really become us," the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Daniell, explained at the dress rehearsal. But the reliance on armoured vehicles did severely limit the scope for on site rehearsal. In fact fear of churning up the ground too much reduced the number of full scale run-throughs to just one.

"This parade is very much our own invention," the Colonel said. "We are trying to make it reflect the spirit of a cavalry regiment."

QRIH's old and new Guidons were paraded in a white painted Ferret scout car with the escorts

in similar vehicles alongside.

4/7 DG emphasised the passing of the old and the introduction of the new by dressing the Old Standard bearer and escorts in the scarlet coats and helmets which the regimental band still wears as a reminder of the way dragoons used to look, while having the new Standard party in modern number one blues.

Preparations for the two parades were, of course, only part of the work needed to make ready for weekends of celebrations for which large numbers of old comrades, families and friends arrived from the UK.

A part of the Dorbaum training area was transformed into a tented city where QRIH provided lunch for 2,000 old comrades and guests on the day of their parade.

Such notable former members of the regiment as General Sir John Hackett and Lieutenant General Brian Kenny, the present commander 1 BR Corps, were there.

So too was Colonel Henry Huth, a much decorated veteran of the World War 2 and the Korean War. He was the last CO of the 8th Hussars before they merged with the 4th Hussars in 1958 to form the present regiment. Incidentally the amalgamation was the occasion of the presentation of QRIH's last Guidon by the Duke of Edinburgh, then a very much younger

Colonel-in-Chief.

Sadly there were no family representatives of the 4th Hussars' most celebrated officer — Winston Churchill who served in the last century and became Colonel of the Regiment in 1941.

But one very welcome visitor at Dorbaum was a solitary Challenger tank on show courtesy the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment from Fallingbostel. It was a reminder that next year QRIH are due to hand in their Chieftains for the new main battle tank.

As the result of a much earlier amalgamation (1922) 4/7 DG converted to tanks in 1938 and among the guests at the tercentenary were some of those who were present in Edinburgh on the last occasion the regiment paraded on horseback. They included Major General Sir James d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, the adjutant of that parade who was later to lead A Squadron on D-Day and, after the war, to command the regiment.

Former SSM Reg Cox was present, carrying the Old Comrades Standard at the Church service on Sunday, as a living reminder of what seems to be a 4/7 DG tradition of being in at the start and finish of major conflicts. In World War 1 the parent regiments fired the first shot, drew the first blood and took part in a cavalry charge which finished a minute before the Armistice came into effect.

In the second great global conflict, Mr Cox was one of those

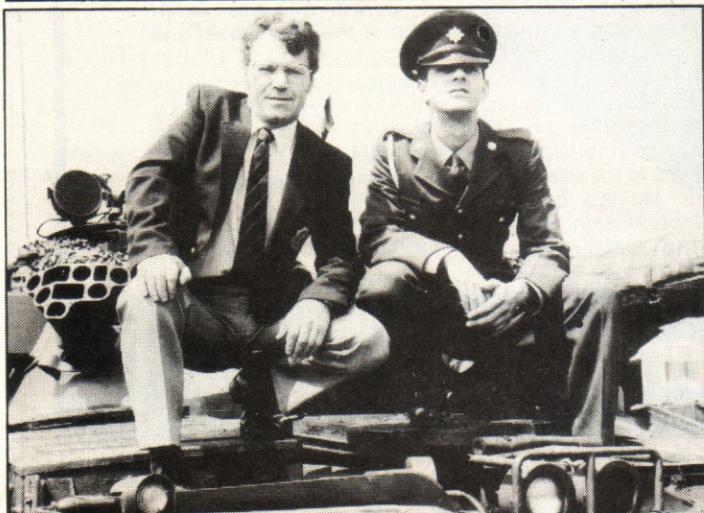
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KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY

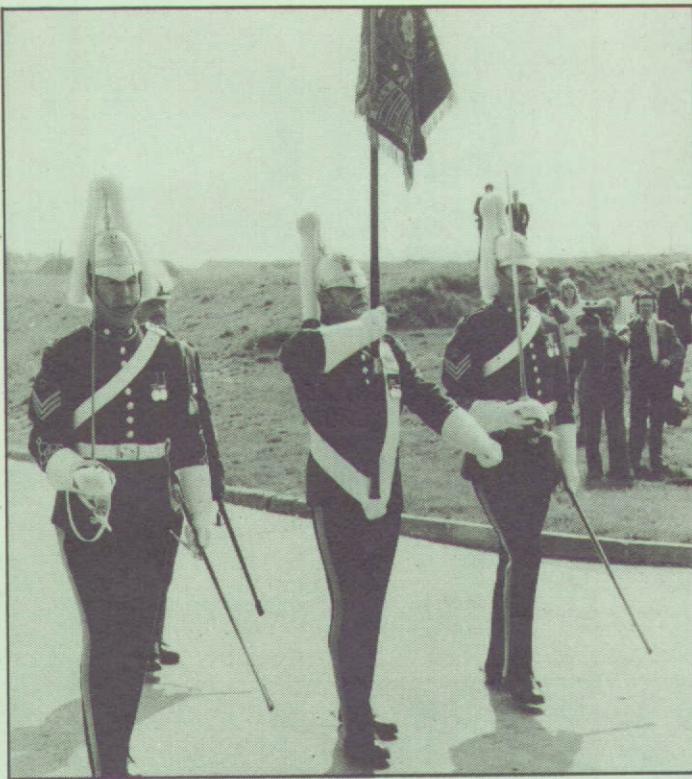
Old soldiers never die ... they keep their name going with the aid of their sons!

Below: Mr Thomas Varty, former Squadron Sergeant Major of A Squadron, 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, pictured with his son Trooper Ian Varty, of the guided weapons troop.

Right: Retired Major Billy McLernon, who took part in the amalgamation parade which formed The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, with his son Lance Corporal Keith McLernon



A matter of Standards



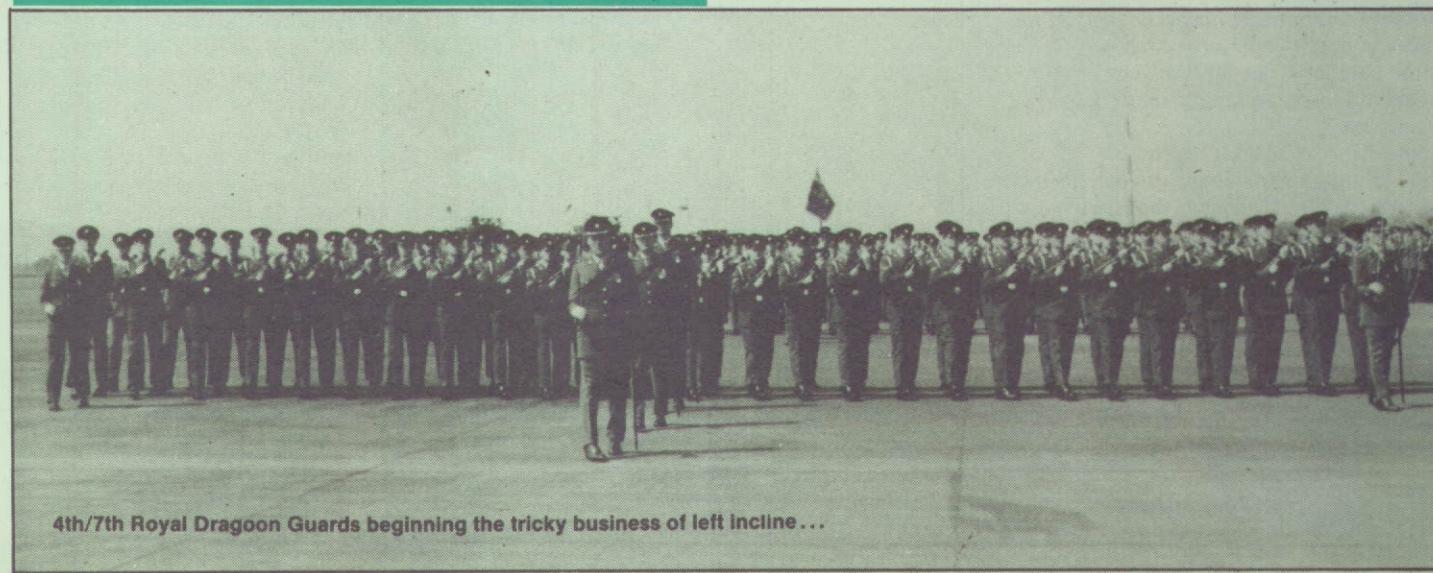
Left: End of an era as Warrant Officer 2 Viv Andrews carries the old Standard of 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards on parade for the last time.

Below: Chieftains of C Squadron proudly drive past



The Duchess of Kent addresses the regiment. On the right Warrant Officer 2 John Speers carries the new Standard

The Duchess inspects the regiment, accompanied by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Peter Gilruth ▶



4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards beginning the tricky business of left incline ...

GUIDONS FOR GREATNESS



The escort to the new Guidon of The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars drives past.

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present at Dunkirk, and at D-Day (when his brother Ronald was killed in action), and was wounded near Bremen shortly before the German surrender.

After a great deal of hard work and anxious preparation the regiments were able, no doubt thankfully, to get back to the real business of soldiering once their tercentenary weekends were over.

But there was no doubt that the memories of such an important anniversary would be around for a long time.

As Lieutenant Colonel Peter Gilruth, the CO of 4/7 DG told his Colonel-in-Chief after the presentation of the new Standard: "When other events occurring now have long since been forgotten this day will shine through like a beacon in the night. We are privileged to be serving at this time."

And as Colonel Daniell remarked at the QRIH dress rehearsal: "It doesn't matter whether you are a bottle washer or the commanding officer, a door opener or you are on the parade, we are all involved in this and there is a terrific sense of occasion."

• A word of explanation for those who might wonder why two modern cavalry regiments, both operating Chieftains, should differ in the fact that one has a Standard and the other a Guidon.

As dragoons 4/7 DG were traditionally heavy cavalry —hence the Standard. Incidentally they still have what is claimed to be the oldest cavalry Standard in existence. It was carried and



With a magnificent mounted escort, the Duke of Edinburgh reviews The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars

fiercely defended by Cornet Richardson at the Battle of Dettingen in 1743 and now rests in the National Army Museum.

As hussars QRIH belong to the tradition of light cavalry — the scouts and skirmishers who rode behind the smaller pennant-like Guidon (a word which comes from a corruption of the old French name 'Guyd Homme' for the standard of a military leader in the Middle Ages).



A magic moment for the new Guidon Party, comprising Regimental Sergeant Major Phil Nunn and Warrant Officer 2s Tony Bamford and Arthur Currie of The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars
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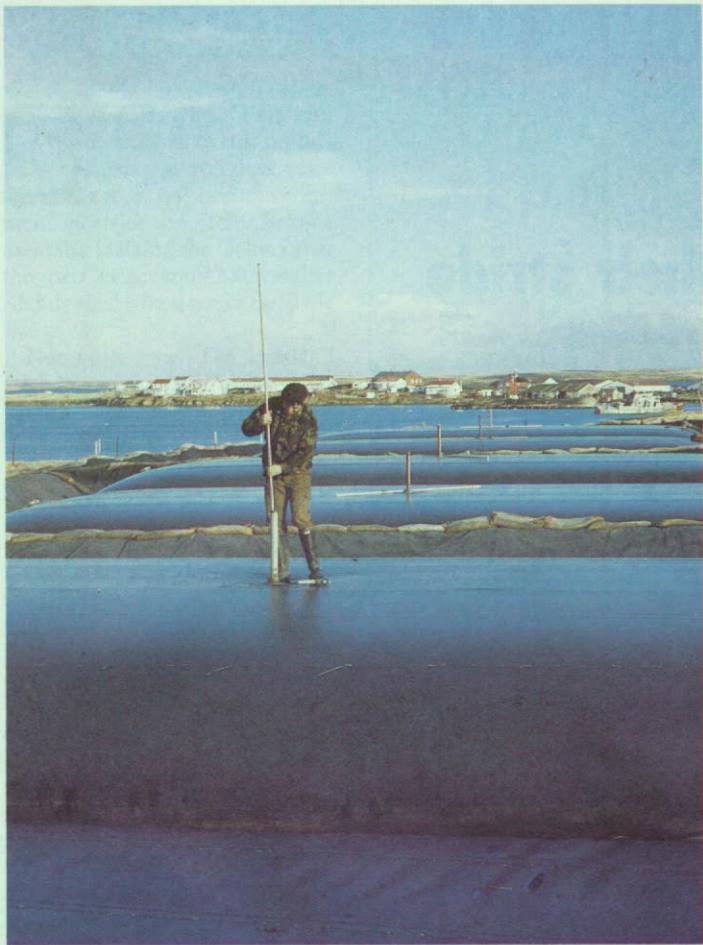
Ancient and modern. Cavalrymen as some people would always wish to see them and, background, their daily 'workhorses', the Chieftains



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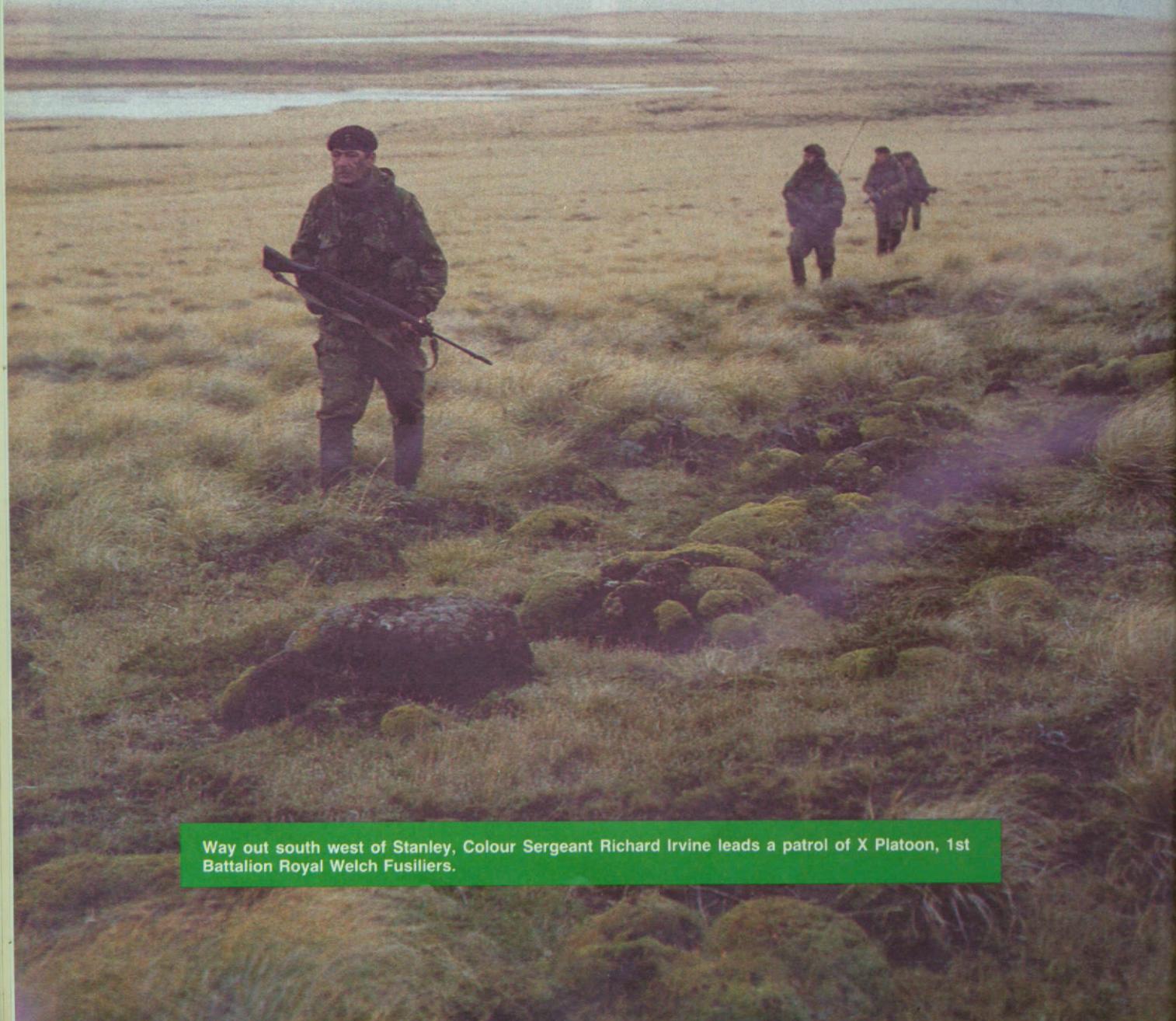
An interesting collection of Paul Haley photographs. Clockwise: Panoramic view of Darwin, familiar to 2 Para; Private Mark Perrin RAOC of FILOG Battalion taking fuel readings at Goose Green; Mexeflote of 73 (Fl) Port Squadron RCT ploughing through wind-whipped waves near Port San Carlos; camouflaged Rapier of 58 (AD) Battery RA; men of D Company 1RWF find a novel way of toasting bread.





FALKLANDS:

Royal Welch take it in their stride



Way out south west of Stanley, Colour Sergeant Richard Irvine leads a patrol of X Platoon, 1st Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers.

WORKING IN A UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT

SINCE the Falkland Islands shot to prominence just over three years ago, it has become common practice to tell Britons mentally locating the Colony that the two large and 200 smaller islands total a land area nearly the size of Wales.

Not quite true. The Falkland Islands total something like 4,700 square miles — compared with 8,006 for Wales.

And who could do better to knock down half a story than 1st Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers, currently the infantrymen playing their part in ensuring the Islands stay free, and the first men of the Principality in large numbers to reside in the Falklands since the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards played their part in ousting the Argentines.

Should any intruders manage to evade the sea and air barrier mounted by the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force then they would have to contend with the Royal Welch — the old 23rd Foot, as fiercely proud of their heritage as any Line regiment.

Eight thousand miles from home, they read of more senior regiments enjoying Tercentenary events — and know their turn is due in four years. They will celebrate well, cheekily asking more senior brethren how many have survived amalgamation over the years.

They are as they were, which for them is enough and anyway in the Falklands they have more pressing business to attend to ... making sure they do their bit in ensuring the Islands are adequately defended.

Since the men of the Task Force returned home — leaving behind, sadly, those who couldn't — battalions have come and gone from the lands which, from the air, have an apt disruptive pattern look about them. In three years the role hasn't changed, but conditions most certainly have and the Royal Welch will be the first battalion to fly home in wide-bodied jets.

The Fusiliers live in Portakabin bases, have better telephonic communication — though calls home are costly if made regularly — and generally have more creature comforts than were available, for example, when 1st Battalion Queen's Own Highlanders were on the Islands immediately after the fighting.

All of which is relative as far as infantrymen on the Falklands for the first time are concerned, for the weather is still unpredictable as ever and when we toured the locations Royal Welch were tasting the first snow of the South Atlantic



Above: Royal Air Force Chinook helps men of D Company move one of their BV vehicles and trailer at the end of a deployment. Below: Fusilier Richard Church of X Platoon and Sergeant Carl Rowlands demonstrate for *SOLDIER* the new 'bivvy'

Editor Peter Howard and photographer Paul Haley continue their Falklands reportage



winter.

The Royal Welch can take the biting winds and horizontal rain, sleet and snow, particularly as they have the aid of new windproof combat kit and new 'bivvy' bags, currently only on issue in the Falklands.

Their patch is virtually the whole of West and East Falkland; their company locations widespread and changing. By the time you read this, Battalion Headquarters will have moved from Goose Green — a name now famous throughout the world, thanks to 2nd Battalion The Parachute Regiment.

The Royal Welch Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Tim Porter is enjoying the tour and the challenge: "The men can get around the Islands, and meet the Islanders — which helps them appreciate why we are here. The training is superb.

"We work very closely with the other Services in a way which is unique. The live firing opportunities are probably only equalled



in Western Canada.

"I knew before we came we would get a welcome from the local population, but what did surprise me was the warmth of the welcome. A platoon can drop in on a settlement — and they will be given a meal. Tremendous. In return we do what we can to help.

"However, you must remember that our last Northern Ireland tour was in 1981, so for a large percentage of our soldiers it is their first time away from home ... and we are a heck of a long way from home.

"The mail service is excellent considering the distance, but phone calls at £1.50p a minute are dear. I wouldn't pretend there haven't been some cases of home-sickness, but they have been quickly overcome."

Though having his battalion widespread poses some obvious problems, the benefits push such thoughts to the back of Colonel

Porter's mind.

"We are infantrymen. We enjoy getting out and about and for my men patrolling is a form of R&R — they get to see the wild life some Servicemen can only read about," he says, adding "I believe the young Fusilier, or the young NCO who is determined to get on will tell himself he is having an enjoyable time and will realise he is getting value out of the tour."

Not born in Wales himself, Colonel Porter is a Cornishman, most of whose relatives were in the Navy! He has been with the regiment for 23 years — having joined the Royal Welch for 48 hours initially after an encounter on a rugby field. "I had a most smashing time," he recalled.

When he joined, the Battalion was made up mainly of North Wallians. Now he reckons the accent is 60-40 in favour of natives of South Wales ... and though

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there is a good deal of friendly banter in messes and clubs on the North-South 'divide', woe betide any outsider who may care to be indiscreet!

The Battalion is now over half way through the tour, and looking forward to returning to Tern Hill, Shropshire, the former RAF station which the men hardly got chance to know before moving to the South Atlantic.

They left behind about 350 families, mostly in Tern Hill, which is about 30 minutes from Wrexham, and closer to 'home' than they have been for some time.

Obviously, the men miss home and families. In the Falklands, young Fusiliers had few words about the posting but one corporal summed up the realistic feeling: "You know what you are joining. There are good postings, and some not so good — you have to take what comes."

Funnily enough, talk to the Companies in turn and they will all tell you THEY have the best location — because they have a special task, because they are away from Stanley, because they are virtually 'independent' ... or whatever.

A Company, for example, rotate a series of four tasks. Week one: guard duties, fire picquet, night duties; week two: local training with their own range near to hand; week three: platoon sized patrols of settlements, and on week four: out and about based on huts for full-time military training.

Company Commander Major Martin Davies says: "We have plenty to do, and we live in a unique tri-Service environment, working with the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy in a close-knit way on a

'Tour is tremendous experience'



Lt Col Tim Porter: superb training



Above: Men of A Company return with targets after a day on the range. Below: More men of A Company with Sergeant Huggy Bear (much travelled mascot since 1978) and the signs that point to some familiar places...



regular basis. We get on well with them and the Merchant Navy and the civilians.

"We've organised impromptu barbecues, mended fences and even helped slaughter some sheep. We've flown at night in Chinooks. That is quite something and I can't speak too highly of the crews who fly them. This tour is tremendous experience."

Security, obviously, prevents great detail but in general wherever men of The Royal Welch Fusiliers are (not forgetting those in South Georgia) at any given time they have to be ready to move quickly.

They are kept busy and active and when we were there the Battalion had started to move through a live firing routine on West Falkland.

And there is nothing like being exposed to the worst of the Falklands weather to teach a young infantryman very quickly the art of keeping warm and dry.

As Company Sergeant Major David Malcolm Gittings ('Mac' to his friends and with 20 years'

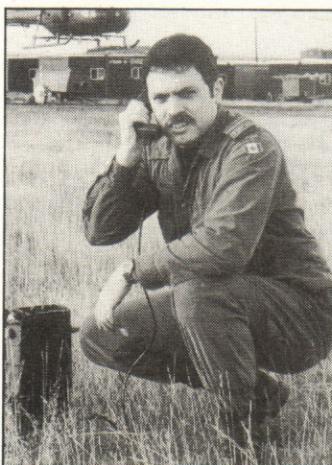
service) put it: "It wouldn't be true to say the boys are enjoying it — they are very far from home and conditions are not easy, but despite this they are doing well ... and all that is asked of them. You

can't ask for more.

"They will be glad to get home, but I like to think in a few years' time they will look back on this as quite an experience and know they've done a worthwhile job."

The French (Canadian) Connection!

THE melodic Welsh voices are strong in the Falklands just now — which is not surprising with 1st Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers in residence.



Dan Beaudoin

What does make an Englishman's ear sit up sharply is hearing French on the Battalion airwaves! There is a simple explanation — two French Canadian officers serving with the Battalion.

At one location is Captain Dan Beaudoin, a 29-year-old officer of the Royal 22nd Regiment (the famous 'Van Doos') currently on exchange from the Canadian Armed Forces and acting as the Royal Welch air movements officer — or 'Buzzard'.

At another location is 30-year-old Captain André La France, ex-Royal 22nd but now firmly British Army since October last year when he decided on a change of Armed Forces because he felt he could widen his military knowledge,

and face another challenge.

"As my old regiment is allied with the Royal Welch and I knew three or four officers from their exchange days — this battalion seemed to be the obvious one to join," says André, whose wife Barbara is a sister at a Shrewsbury Hospital.

"Down here in the Falklands I'm making the most of an ideal opportunity, especially with the tri-Service environment."

Dan joined the Royal Welch at Tern Hill, Shropshire last November for his two-year exchange. His wife Marjolaine — they have a son Mathieu, 28 months — knew of the Falklands posting and had planned a mid-tour break at home in Canada ... "but she is enjoying England so much I don't think

she will go home now, and she couldn't speak a word of English on arrival," said Dan.

He, too, is enjoying his British Army experience in the Falklands. "I'm kept very busy and it is an important task," says the man from Montreal, who served with the 3rd Battalion of his regiment.



André La France



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FALKLANDS — THEN AND NOW

DARWIN

1982



Argentines killed in the battle for Darwin and Goose Green being given temporary burial



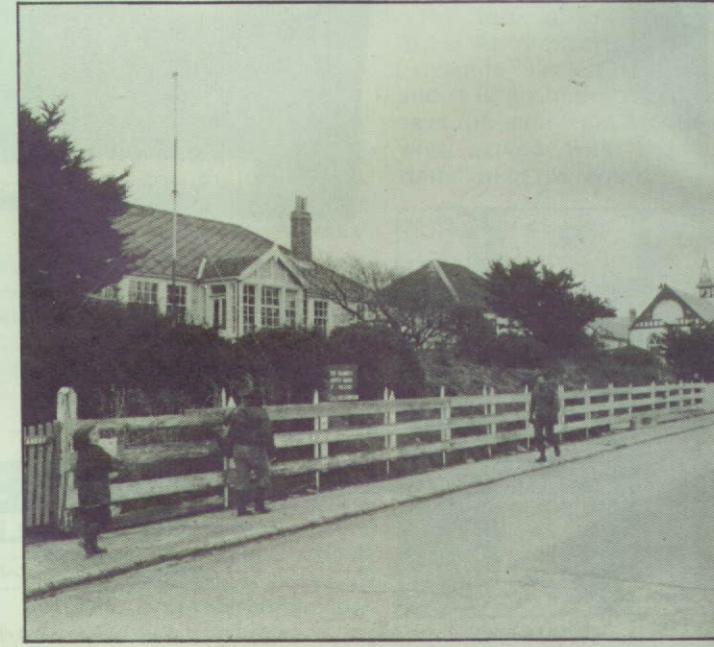
Argentine prisoners being relieved of their arms near the Falkland Island Company HQ in Stanley



The same area now ... restored to something like the peaceful existence it knew pre-war



These Argentine soldiers in Stanley seemed pleased the war was over



Much quieter now — the Deanery coffee mornings are in action again

Photographer Paul Haley revisits

DARWIN

1985



The Argentines killed at Goose Green and elsewhere now rest in a neat cemetery near Darwin



160 Provost Company RMP with sole Falklands policeman Anton Livermore — and the war damaged police building in Stanley



The policemen — military and civilian, now have a watertight roof over their heads again ...



Argentine Panhards outside Stanley's Globe Hotel



PC Dave Morris, Falkland Island Police and Corporal Sean Feerick, RMP now patrol the cleaned-up area

FIPASS removes 'bottleneck'



Sergeant Trev Waller: three times in the Falklands

SERGEANT Trev Waller, Royal Corps of Transport, is now in his third spell of duty in the Falklands. He is a port operator, a specialist, and therefore one of the men who can find himself heading for the South Atlantic more often than those serving in other corps.

He was involved in the conflict, was there from May to October 1983, and is now back again in the environment he has got to know so well.

He is also one of the best men you could wish to meet when it comes to talking about the changing Falklands scene and what it means to men like him.

"There has been one heck of an improvement," says the man who recalls only too vividly the days after the conflict when Stanley harbour resembled Southampton or Liverpool in the early 1950s, with ships queueing up for attention.

Yet there was one big difference. Southampton and Liverpool could cope; Stanley couldn't... because it wasn't designed for such traffic. It can now, thanks to FIPASS in short or, Falkland Intermediate

Port operators notice the big difference

Port and Storage System for the uninitiated.

In simple terms, a dock system, made up of six 91.5 metre by 27.5 metre Lloyds class 100 A1 flat top barges. Two lines of three barges are moored each side of the six mooring dolphins which are piled and anchored into the rock of the sea bed.

The port can handle vessels up to 300 metres long, with their own cargo handling gear, on roll on-roll off vessels with stern or bow doors.

There are mess and catering facilities, an office area, and warehouses. All mod cons.

The men of 73 (Falkland Islands) Port Squadron RCT don't actually live on top of the job at FIPASS, though they eat some meals there. Trev Waller and his colleagues are accommodated at Navy Point, across the harbour from the old public jetty in Stanley, in one of the first Portakabin camps to be erected.

They like living there, because, as Sergeant Waller says: "You do feel you can get away from work.

We now enjoy regular hours.

"When I came down here on my first peace-time tour, it took four weeks working with Mexeflotes to discharge a vessel, and we worked from first light to dusk."

That was when the wind didn't whip up the harbour waves with such force that nothing moved to or from ships.

FIPASS has changed all that. So much so that when we visited, only three vessels were alongside — Keren (the former St Edmund) serving as an accommodation ship and preparing for her last passenger carrying journey to Ascension and then home; Lincolnbrook, off-loading containers and the tug Oil Mariner, being loaded with 'gash' for dumping at sea.

Lincolnbrook was slightly late in, having encountered some very rough and damaging weather since leaving Ridham in the United Kingdom six weeks earlier with containers, 42 full of rations, 22 with NAAFI stores, and the rest a mixed bag of fuel and lubricants and stores for RN and RAF

personnel, plus some destined for civilian contractors.

When ships arrive, the port operators have 10 days in which to turn them round — "and we like to do it in seven if we can," says Officer Commanding Major Don Bowcock. Since October 1982, the Squadron has handled over 200,000 tons, over 54,000 since April last year when FIPASS opened.

"The port operator likes nothing more than ships queueing up," stresses Major Bowcock. "Most of our men are Marchwood based and are there, or in Belize, or here. They are down in the Falklands to do a professional job; and FIPASS means we can do it more efficiently. Ships cost money."

"It is far easier now than it was two years ago, since when conditions have improved so much.

"Living conditions are quite good at Navy Point and we jealously guard this, and enjoy mixing with Royal Navy and Royal Air Force personnel.

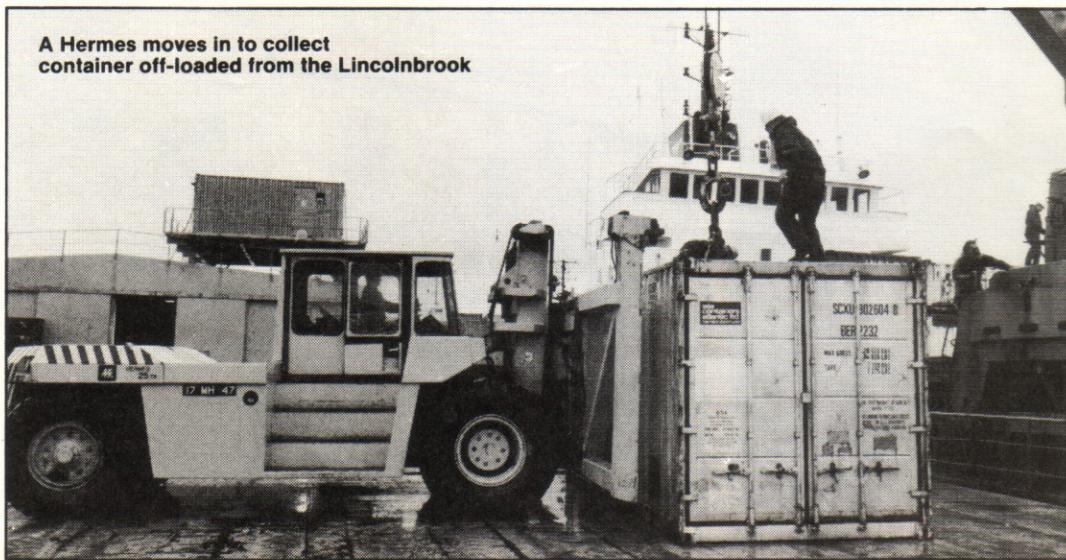
"We work hard, and there is now much more to be enjoyed in our spare time compared with the early post-conflict days. Inter-unit sports competitions, a first class multi-gym at Navy Point and an R&R house at Green Patch in 'Camp' (away from Stanley) where we can enjoy fishing and walking.

"Ships go to South Georgia — and any of our men who want to go there can usually do so," says the man who volunteered for the Falklands "because I'm a died-in-the-wool port operator. I have thoroughly enjoyed it, it has been exactly what I thought it would be."

Watching the men beavering away with their special cargo-handling equipment, safety helmets glistening with the mix of Falklands rain and sun, it all seems so different from the days of too much equipment funnelling into a little space on the slipway by the Falkland Islands Company HQ.

It is very different now.

A Hermes moves in to collect container off-loaded from the Lincolnbrook



Very Important Posties

CAPTAIN Howard Hughes, Royal Engineers, has one of the most important jobs on the Falkland Islands — and there is no doubt he and a team of seven men and a woman are the most popular among other Army units.

They make up the Falkland Islands Postal & Courier Detachment, Royal Engineers ... better known as the 'posties'.

For this small but dedicated band, there is an almost Pony Express attitude to their work. The mail must get through. And it does.

As any old soldier knows, you can tolerate being wet, you can understand and suffer long hours of work and even go hungry and manage to keep cheerful.

Yet go without mail for any length of time — and morale dips.

Says Captain Hughes: "We believe mail is more important here than anything else — even rations. With many troops living in outstations, isolated and often in difficult conditions, it is vital for morale that they receive their mail regularly."

So the detachment, whose work is geared to aircraft arrivals and departures, works some very odd hours indeed. "We don't mind this — every minute can be vital," says Captain Hughes.

On average, 10,000 lbs of airmail reaches the Islands every week and heading for the United Kingdom or Germany homes are 16,000 'bluies' (the free airmail letters). That's a lot of letter writing.

Sorting time — cleared with incredible speed

"People are so far away from home — which explains the prodigious letter writing by everyone here," Captain Hughes pointed out.

The posties watch the arrivals of aircraft with almost boyish enthusiasm. They took us to RAF Stanley to watch an incoming Hercules, battling through winds gusting across the runway ... everyone hoping the pilot could get down instead of diverting to the new Mount Pleasant Airport 30 miles away. He did. Lots of praise for yet another example of fine flying.

At least there is now the alternative of Mount Pleasant, but had the Herc gone there the mail would have had to return by road — with a possible two-hour delay before sorting could begin.

It is possible that in future the



Bags arrive from UK — over 10,000 lbs of mail each week

posties will move to the Mount Pleasant area, where the bulk of the garrison will eventually be stationed. In the meantime they are hoping to open a small Mount Pleasant 'sub office', with a small counter to deal with stamps, postal orders — and mail on the spot, brought by the new wide-bodied jet service.

At present, mail posted by relatives in UK goes to 'head office' in Mill Hill, London, then by lorry to Brize Norton. In January the detachment in the Falklands started a test letter system, sending a proforma questionnaire to head postmasters throughout the UK asking them to return the completed forms so a check could be made on timings. Here is a sample:

To UK from UK in days

Glasgow	6	4
Taunton	3	3
Reading	3	5
Carlisle	3	5
Abergavenny	4	5

Civilian postmasters are co-operating well with the scheme, the extra work of which at the Stanley end is proof of how seriously the posties take their task. Incidentally, though they work closely with opposite numbers of Royal Navy and Royal Air Force each service has its own despatch system.

Watching the Army team swing into action when the mail arrives is quite something, letters, packets and parcels being cleared with incredible speed into the sacks identifying each unit. Mail likely to travel over water is now given an inner plastic bag — "one sack of mail went into the sea once. Not funny," says Captain Hughes. In three hours a 5,000 lb load will have been taken from aircraft to the Field Post Office and be ready for onward despatch. Those in Stanley should receive their mail within three and a half hours; those in 'camp' as soon as it can be airlifted or driven to them.

Transit times have steadily improved, the average letter taking three to four days from UK and those from BFPO origins can be quicker (not passing through the civilian net) but we came across one delighted customer who had two letters from Woking which each took just two days!

Not so happily placed are the men 800 miles away on South Georgia, though it is hoped to get mail to them every 10 days. If a ship is not heading in their direction, every effort is made by the RAF to drop mail.

Perhaps the best tribute to the posties work lies in watching either eyes light up or jaws sink when a man arrives with mail at a mess, club, or even an observation post. If a man has a letter in his hand, that's a good time to leave him alone ...



REDEPLOYMENT MEANS CLEAN-UP!

Bombardier Paul Gleadle of 58 (AD) Battery gives his BV a wash in sea water to remove the mud. The follow-up action is a good rinse in fresh water — then the BV is serviced



BY THE time you read this, men of 58 (Air Defence) Battery, Royal Artillery, will be back in their West German base at Dortmund — or enjoying a well-earned leave after their second tour of duty in the Falklands.

For the men manning the Rapier sites on vital hills for the second time around, it has meant seeing a vast improvement in conditions — even though this has still meant an arduous time. 'Home' in their dug-outs is confined but remarkably comfortable in the circumstances which is just as well with six long days of vigilance broken by a day-off at base... a day which usually means taking your pals' washing with you!

The Battery has been involved in considerable redeployment — "and I believe we have had the most challenging tour since the end of the conflict," says the Officer Commanding, Major Morton ('Mort') Burdick.

"Conditions down here have improved immeasurably, and men have enjoyed the tour because they have been kept so busy," says the man who wore two hats — the second being that of camp commandant with men sporting 10 different cap badges, not forgetting Royal Navy and Royal Air Force.

"A truly magnificent major's command, with a spirit of co-operation which makes this place really unique," said Major Burdick, who has also had considerable dealings with the civilian population.

Settlement inhabitants went to him if they had a complaint — a rare event. One grumble concerned alleged damage to a fence by a BV (over-snow tracked vehicle). It was sorted out.

Gunners enjoyed the challenge

"In some ways we have had less contact with the locals compared with the first tour, when we didn't have our own camp away from the settlement, but some of the men — like BV drivers — have plenty of contact and relationships are good," said Major Burdick.

"Some of the men have managed to renew friendships struck up in 1982, and this is all to the good."

Up on one of the sites, we spoke to men manning a Rapier.

Lance Bombardier Stephen Goddard was on his third tour in the Falklands. "When I first came

we didn't have full electricity — we do now. In fact, we had absolutely nothing. It is much better now."

Number one of this site, Sergeant Steve Eccles showed us round the site and their warm, well-camouflaged 'digs' with two bedrooms, living room and kitchen.

Two of his team were sleeping soundly. The rest were eagerly awaiting the arrival of BFBS personality John 'Knocker' Bennett, taking part in a sponsored run around the hill-top sites to raise funds for sharing between local and Battery charities.

Sgt Eccles was awaiting a helicopter lift down to camp. "After six days you welcome the chance of a break from this confined environment and look forward to a shower."

He was also acting as mail-carrier, and laundry runner for the men keeping a close watch on equipment — and the skies around.

Redeployment has also meant hard work for the Battery in cleaning up the sites vacated in favour of others, removing timber, 'wriggly tin', barbed wire and all the other trappings of a well-established site.

"We are intent on leaving the sites looking as they were established, to help the local farmers as much as we can," said Major Burdick.

Which is a good note on which to end any tour.



The effectiveness of the Rapier camouflage is underlined by the presence of an 'Eric', a familiar term of endearment for the civilian helicopters operating in the Falklands

DAIRY FARMER INSPIRED NEW AUTHOR

WAR STORIES have nearly always made a good read as any station or high street bookstall will easily testify. Most world-wide skirmishes, major or minor, have always guaranteed a crop of gripping, first-hand eye witness chronicles.

The Falklands conflict has been no exception, paper backs rolling off the presses within weeks of its end 8,000 miles to the south of London.

One of the latest I-was-there offerings spread over 80,000 words is by 32-year-old Royal Artillery Major — then Captain — Hugh McManners who took part in the first military operations as part of the re-taking of the Falklands.

His role: leader of a five-man commando team working alongside the SAS and SBS with responsibility for directing concentrated naval gunfire on to inland enemy positions.

His book: *Falklands Commando* with 238 pages and 61 actuality photographs is published by William Kimber, London (see review below).

The account is detailed and, wisely, he has painstakingly checked his recollections and taken much advice — "I have not, however, always followed it" — from many sources backed by encouragement from his father, Canon John McManners, the Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Oxford.

Putting the introduction last, as all budding authors learn, Captain McManners penned the preface to his personalised contribution to the world's war literature at the Staff College Camberley from a second floor room overlooking the cricket square.

Now, he is working in a staff job in the Ministry of Defence in a department dealing with policy on soldiers' pay and allowances.

REVIEWS

Falklands Commando by Captain (now Major) Hugh McManners, Royal Artillery. (William Kimber, London. £9.95).

The author has worked hard to produce an interesting account of a Falkland veteran's personal experience and the events leading up to his segment of the war.

Actuality pictures of that short-lived war do their best to serve the basics surrounding the chronological plot though the text does suggest there may

On 2 April, 1982, Captain McManners, a member of 148 Commando Forward Observation Battery — he was with them for four years — went down to Cornwall on two weeks' Easter leave having "conspired" to get there on the ruse of recce work for prospective parachute DZs.

On 21 May, 1982, he was cautiously setting boot in the hostile Falklands during the Fanning Head sequence.

In Cornwall, he had spent the day "tramping the wet tussocks and sand dunes near Perranporth". At Fanning Head he was finding the going tough among "large tussocks of grass and strange waist-high seaweed and lettuce plants."

Just over two years after, young McManners, an MA who was Mentioned in Despatches for his part in the Falklands, had written and published his book compiled from a standard HMSO exercise book!

"I hadn't intended to write a book but was encouraged to do so by a Cornish dairy farmer, Mr Roger Opie, who was interested in the diaries at a time when everyone was talking about the Falklands and I wasn't," said the modest Major McManners.

"The thing that sets my book aside from all others written on the Falklands campaign is that they, with the exception of Surgeon

be some inaccuracies sprinkled amongst it such as a reference to British Pumas; those in the theatre belonged to the Argentinians.

The book in first person singular and plural narration strives to give detail in bright form and deserves a place among others compiled in similar vein.

No Picnic, by Julian Thompson (Leo Cooper in association with Secker & Warburg, London, £12.95).

Among the books emerging after the conflict this is perhaps



Maj Hugh McManners

Commander Rick Jolley, were written by journalists. My father who is a historian encouraged me to write the book which took me ten months to finish before I arrived at Camberley."

"I have always been interested in writing and always hoped I might burst into print somewhere and I was pleasantly surprised when this book was accepted," said Major McManners who was brought up in Australia and Tasmania and was educated there and at Magdalen College School, Oxford.

He said the memories were carefully collated in an A4-size exercise book and diary because bits of paper were not allowed to be carried on personnel. Once written, the notes were left in HMS Intrepid for safe-keeping. He was often separated from his rapidly formulating text by 100 miles of water and land.

In the Army since 1972, passing through Sandhurst and then commissioned into the Royal Artillery, Major McManners has also served with the United Nations peace-keeping force in Cyprus immediately after the 1974 Turkish invasion.

In 1975 the Army sponsored him to read Geography at St Edmund Hall, Oxford University, where he also gained a boxing Blue, Half-Blues for modern pentathlon — and his first degree, a BA.

the most eagerly awaited — by Major General Julian Thompson, Royal Marines — then a Brigadier commanding 3 Commando Brigade.

He has a fascinating story to recount and does so extremely well, refusing to bewilder the non-military mind with acronyms that mean nothing to the vast majority of the population, yet avoiding even a hint of talking down to people.

Understandably, the author is proud of his marines and doesn't hide his pleasure of having the brigade enlarged

FALKLANDS BOOKS

Now he is also a Fellow of The Royal Geographical Society.

Looking back on the Falklands and the attitudes it has left him with, Major McManners says: "Such things are pretty awful things to happen and some people have since been wondering if it was all worthwhile. Things like the cost of the airfield.

"People tend to forget what happened during the fighting. It has made me a lot more realistic about it all and probably a lot more clear in what I think about in advance. You need to have your motivation worked out well in advance before you get into any situation."

Major McManners said he hoped the royalties from sales would help in the restoration of a partly-renovated 17th-century farm house on Cornwall's north coast.

The Falklands had been a doubly worrying time for him and his father. Not only did he think that he would come out of it unscathed but his younger brother, Captain Peter McManners, now 27, a troop commander of 9 Para Squadron, RE, was serving there also, having sailed south on the QE 2 before transfer to the Canberra at South Georgia.

William Kimber, the publishers have been so impressed with the Falklands Commando work that they have asked Major McManners to write a second book with military theme — yet to be decided.

Meanwhile, the author will doubtless be getting more inspiration when he can indulge his weekend and holiday hobbies of walking, cross-country running and "mucking about in gardens and small boats."

Happier times than those he remembers in the icy waters and heather-clad soil of a world 8,000 miles away.

with paras. As he says: "Although fierce rivalry exists between the wearers of the green and red berets there is also a good deal of mutual respect."

A good book, and one — because of the author's background — military historians will value in years to come. Thompson was called "Man of the Match" after the conflict by Major General Jeremy Moore, Commander Land Forces. Carrying the tribute a stage further, he is a good match reporter as well! — PMH.



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The General List first appeared in the Army List in October 1914 under the title 'General List Infantry, for Service Battalions'.

It included the names of officers who had been gazetted to the General List for service with those battalions but whose allocation was not included in that issue.

Added in February 1915 were the names of officers who were holding other appointments.

The function of the List is to provide an Arm to which officers required for duty unspecified by any regiment or Corps may be commissioned.

Two categories embraced those required for duty unspecified by any other Arm of the Army but who are of the same status as officers of other Arms and civilian government officers, and others under Government contract who are required to have officer status.

Officers on the General List may transfer to other Regiments and Corps or may be employed by them.

The badge is worn in gilt or in service dress bronze.

The General Service Corps. Formed in February 1942 (AO 19/1942). This was a successful attempt to ensure effective selection and distribution of recruits among the particular arms and Corps of the Army.

A central authority was needed to review the whole intake of National Servicemen and volunteers alike and allot them to Arms in proportion to their several needs.

It was decided to create the GSC, into which all intakes

were enlisted in the first instance. The first such intake was posted to a Primary Training Centre on 2 July 1942.

It was indeed a success for the supply of Army tradesmen was improved, potential officers speedily identified and the proportion of men who failed their initial training courses was cut down.

Between 2 July 1942 and the end of June 1945 almost 710,000 recruits passed through the GSC. Six per cent were noted as potential officers, five per cent were rated as being of high combatant tem-

perament and three per cent of low combatant temperament.

No officers were commissioned into the GSC, its permanent cadre was normally provided by officers and men temporarily detached from other units.

Since then a number of original functions have been modified.

The head-dress of both the units is of the same design, the Royal Arms.

The General Service Corps wear it in gold anodised, formerly in gilding metal.

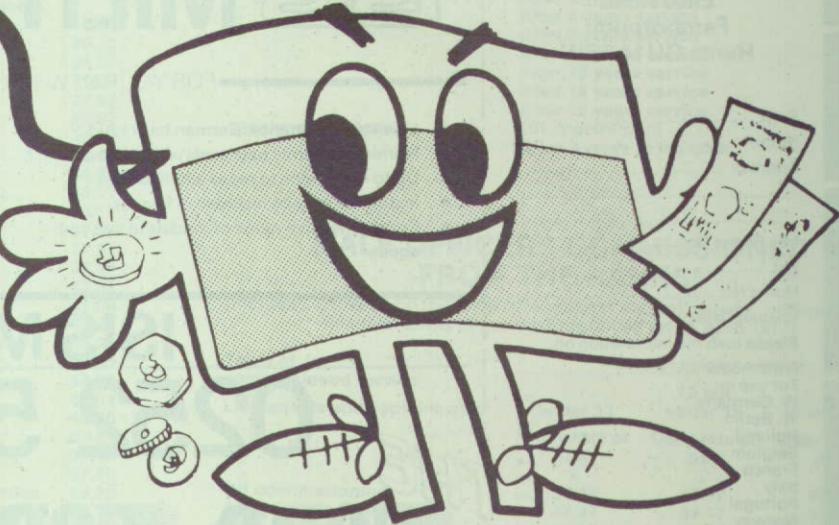
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I am sick and tired of people who think the British Army is a dumping ground for the riff-raff of today. How often does one hear "Put them in the Army" or "Bring back National Service."

The Army of today is very professional and choosy in its selection of recruits. Recruiters do not want the rabble.

The training is of a very high standard. It only needs men of

good calibre, anyone else would be unable to cope.

A US Army major who worked alongside the British in Germany, for three years recently wrote: "The British Tom is without doubt the best fighting soldier in the world today. He is the best led, best trained military man on this planet. Man-to-man he is unbeatable."

This then is the true meaning

of the word professional. — D J MacLeod, 18 Beachcroft Place, Lancing, Sussex.

I can only assume Mr MacLeod is referring to the sickening scenes prior to the European Cup Final, and calls from one or two TV pundits for a spell in the Army for soccer hooligans. I share our reader's distaste for such a suggestion! — Ed.

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PARA PALS

Together with a few colleagues I am at present in the process of forming the Central Scotland Airborne Association.

At present we have 20 members with experience of Arnhem, Suez, Cyprus, N Ireland and the Falklands.

Our aim is to promote and encourage airborne brotherhood in Scotland.

Membership is open to officers and other ranks who have or at present are serving in a parachute role irrespective of Corps or Regiment, regular or TA.

Membership is also open to ex-Glider Pilot Regiment veterans.

Anybody interested in joining can either turn up at the British Legion Club in Cumbernauld on the first Saturday of each month between 7 and 8pm or get in touch with: Mr I MacNeil (late 63 Para Sqn RCT), 55 Bulloch Crescent, Denny, Stirlingshire (Tel 0324 826 014).

FIRST IN BELSEN

For the record and to give credit where it is rightly due I would point out that D Squadron of the 1st SAS were first to arrive in Belsen and did so on 13 April 1945.

The lead jeep contained Lieutenant Gunning and Warrant Officer 2 Bob Bennett MM and these two gallant soldiers were 'first in'.

D Squadron, although only some 100 strong, were confronted by many hundreds of SS guards but nevertheless Gunning and Bennett quickly con-

fronted the Commandant Josef Kramer.

As related to me by SSM Bennett (whilst we were serving together in the Airborne Forces Depot in 1953) Lt Gunning questioned Kramer in German and in no uncertain manner.

The infamous Irma Grese was also present and mouthed insults at Lt Gunning.

When Major General 'Pip' Roberts commanding 11 Armoured Division arrived, he ordered that Kramer be manacled and placed in the guardroom. Thereafter whenever Kramer left the guardroom he was guarded by two NCOs of the Corps of Military Police.

It may be of interest to your readers that the "grey-haired brigadier serving as senior medical officer of the 2nd Army" (referred to on page 35 SOLDIER 22 April) was Brigadier Glyn Hughes RAMC who did so much

to alleviate the suffering of the survivors and was in complete charge of all the subsequent medical arrangements.

To end on a somewhat incongruous note an 'open air dance' between British soldiers and female Yugoslav survivors was held in the camp on 21 May 1945.

— Gordon H Jeannette, ex-Airborne Forces, 12 Bannockburn Way, Billingham, Cleveland, TS23 3QP.

BIRDS DO SING

Reference Graham Smith's article on Belsen (SOLDIER 22 April). I visited Belsen on the morning of 17 April this year with a party of cadets from Buckinghamshire ACF and am happy to report that the birds were singing again there that morning.

We must now forget Belsen, and may find it impossible to forgive; but no place is God-forsaken — and the

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Lance Corporal Class 1	19.60	21.82	24.21	19.90	22.12	24.51	20.35	22.57	24.96
Corporal Class 2	20.99	23.21	—	21.29	23.51	—	21.74	23.96	—
Corporal Class 1	22.48	24.70	27.09	22.78	25.00	27.39	23.23	25.45	27.84

	Less than 6 years				6 years but less than 9 years				9 years or more			
	Scale A				Scale B				Scale C			
	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7
Sergeant	24.60	27.04	29.67	—	24.90	27.34	29.97	—	25.35	27.79	30.42	—
Staff Sergeant	26.16	28.60	31.23	34.07	26.46	28.90	31.53	34.37	26.91	29.35	31.98	34.82
Warrant Officer Class 2	27.96	30.40	33.03	35.87	28.26	30.70	33.33	36.17	28.71	31.15	33.78	36.62
Warrant Officer Class 1	29.93	32.37	35.00	37.84	30.23	32.67	35.30	38.14	30.68	33.12	35.75	38.59

QARANC/WRAC

	Less than 6 years			6 years but less than 9 years			9 years or more		
	Scale A			Scale B			Scale C		
	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3
Private Class 4 Age 17-17½	9.60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Private Class 4	*13.09	—	—	13.39	—	—	13.84	—	—
Private Class 3	14.16	16.33	—	14.46	16.63	—	14.91	17.08	—
Private Class 2	15.54	17.71	—	15.84	18.01	—	16.29	18.46	—
Private Class 1	16.68	18.85	21.19	16.98	19.15	21.49	17.43	19.60	21.94
Lance Corporal Class 3	16.68	18.85	—	16.98	19.15	—	17.43	19.60	—
Lance Corporal Class 2	17.88	20.05	—	18.18	20.35	—	18.63	20.80	—
Lance Corporal Class 1	19.15	21.32	23.66	19.45	21.62	23.96	19.90	22.07	24.41
Corporal Class 2	20.51	22.68	—	20.81	22.98	—	21.26	23.43	—
Corporal Class 1	21.96	24.13	26.47	22.26	24.43	26.77	22.71	24.88	27.22

	Less than 6 years				6 years but less than 9 years				9 years or more			
	Scale A				Scale B				Scale C			
	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7
Sergeant	24.04	26.42	28.99	—	24.34	26.72	29.29	—	24.79	27.17	29.74	—
Staff Sergeant	25.56	27.94	30.51	33.29	25.86	28.24	30.81	33.59	26.31	28.69	31.26	34.04
Warrant Officer Class 2	27.32	29.70	32.27	35.05	27.62	30.00	32.57	35.35	28.07	30.45	33.02	35.80
Warrant Officer Class 1	29.25	31.63	34.20	36.98	29.55	31.93	34.50	37.28	30.00	32.38	34.95	37.73

*At age 17½ years or over, or on posting to a working unit for employment, having completed all necessary basic and post basic (employment) training (whichever is the earlier).

MALE OFFICERS — MAIN SCALE

(Includes Officers of the Army Legal Corps and Officers of the UDR (Permanent Cadre) serving on the revised financial terms of service introduced on 21 April 1977 and part time members of the UDR)

	Daily rate of pay	
	£	£
Second Lieutenant (UC)*	On appointment	8.85**
Second Lieutenant (UC)*	After 1 years service	10.52**
Second Lieutenant (UC)*	After 2 years service	12.20**
Second Lieutenant (SSLC)***	On commissioning	15.40
Second Lieutenant (SSLC)***	After 9 months commissioned service	16.44
Second Lieutenant Lieutenant	—	20.52
Captain	On appointment	26.52
Major	On appointment	42.31
Colonel	On appointment	66.92
Brigadier	—	80.55
*UC = University Cadet		
**An education grant of £5.01 a day is payable in addition under Article 630 of the Pay Warrant 1964		
***SSLC = Short Service Limited Commission		

MALE OFFICERS OF THE QUARTERMASTER CATEGORY

	Daily rate of pay	
	£	£
Captain and Major	On appointment	40.07
	After 1 years service	40.75
	After 2 years service	41.43
	After 3 years service	42.11
	After 4 years service	42.79
	After 5 years service	43.47
	After 6 years service	44.15
	After 8 years service	44.83
	After 10 years service	45.51
	After 12 years service	46.19
	After 14 years service	46.87
	After 16 years service	47.55
Lieutenant Colonel	On appointment	53.58
	After 3 years in the rank	54.34

MALE OFFICERS COMMISSIONED FROM THE RANKS*

(includes Officers of the UDR (Permanent Cadre) serving on the revised financial terms of service introduced on 21 April 1977)

	Years of soldier service		
	Lieutenants and captains only		
	under 12	12 but under 15	15 and over
	Daily rate of pay	Daily rate of pay	Daily rate of pay
	£	£	£
On commissioning	36.47	38.27	40.07
After 1 years service	37.37	39.17	40.75
After 2 years service	38.27	40.07	41.43
After 3 years service	39.17	40.75	42.11
After 4 years service	40.07	41.43	42.79
After 5 years service	40.75	42.11	43.47
After 6 years service	41.43	42.79	44.15
After 8 years service	42.11	43.47	44.83
After 10 years service	42.79	44.15	44.83
After 12 years service	43.47	44.83	44.83
After 14 years service	44.15	44.83	44.83
After 16 years service	44.83	44.83	44.83

*Other than officers of the quartermaster category and excluding SRCs and SSCs awarded following the normal Royal Military Academy Sandhurst course.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMEN'S ROYAL ARMY CORPS* — MAIN SCALE

(Includes female officers of the UDR (Permanent Cadre) serving on the revised financial terms of service introduced on 21 April 1977 and part time members of UDR)

		Daily rate of pay £	Daily rate of pay £
Second Lieutenant	On appointment	20.05	33.47
Lieutenant	After 1 year in the rank	25.92	35.83
	After 2 years in the rank	26.60	38.18
	After 3 years in the rank	27.28	40.53
	After 4 years in the rank	27.97	42.88
Captain	On appointment	28.65	45.23
	After 1 year in the rank	32.71	47.58
	After 2 years in the rank	33.59	49.74
	After 3 years in the rank	34.47	51.90
	After 4 years in the rank	35.35	54.06
	After 5 years in the rank	36.23	56.22
Major	After 6 years in the rank	37.11	58.11
	On appointment	37.99	60.00
	After 1 year in the rank	41.35	61.89
	After 2 years in the rank	42.37	63.78
	After 3 years in the rank	43.40	66.92
	After 4 years in the rank	44.43	68.68
Lieutenant Colonel	After 5 years in the rank	45.45	70.44
	After 6 years in the rank	46.48	72.20
	After 7 years in the rank	47.51	73.96
	After 8 years in the rank	48.53	80.55
Colonel	On appointment with less than 19 years service	49.56	
	With 19 years service or after 2 years in rank	56.39	
	With 21 years service or after 4 years in rank	57.87	
	With 23 years service or after 6 years in rank	59.36	
Brigadier	With 25 years service or after 8 years in rank	60.88	
	On appointment	62.40	
	After 2 years in the rank	66.00	
	After 4 years in the rank	67.76	
	After 6 years in the rank	69.52	
	After 8 years in the rank	71.28	
	—	73.04	
	—	80.09	

*Other than officers of the quartermaster category

OFFICERS OF THE WOMEN'S ROYAL ARMY CORPS OF THE QUARTERMASTER CATEGORY

		Daily rate of pay £	Daily rate of pay £
Captain and Major	On appointment	39.16	20.05
	After 1 years service	39.82	25.92
	After 2 years service	40.49	26.60
	After 3 years service	41.15	27.28
	After 4 years service	41.82	27.97
Lieutenant Colonel	After 5 years service	42.48	28.65
	After 6 years service	43.15	32.71
	After 8 years service	43.81	33.59
	After 10 years service	44.48	34.47
	After 12 years service	45.14	35.35
	After 14 years service	45.80	36.23
	After 16 years service	46.47	37.11
	On appointment	52.36	37.99
	After 3 years in the rank	53.10	41.35

OFFICERS OF THE WOMEN'S ROYAL ARMY CORPS

Commissioned from the ranks* (includes female officers of the UDR (Permanent Cadre) serving on the revised financial terms of service introduced on 21 April 1977)

Years of commissioned service	Years of soldier service		
	Under 12	12 but under 15	15 and over
Lieutenants and Captains only	Daily rate of pay £	Daily rate of pay £	Daily rate of pay £
On commissioning	35.64	37.40	39.16
After 1 years service	36.52	38.28	39.82
After 2 years service	37.40	39.16	40.49
After 3 years service	38.28	39.82	41.15
After 4 years service	39.16	40.49	41.82
After 5 years service	39.82	41.15	42.48
After 6 years service	40.49	41.82	43.15
After 8 years service	41.15	42.48	43.81
After 10 years service	41.82	43.15	43.81
After 12 years service	42.48	43.81	43.81
After 14 years service	43.15	43.81	43.81
After 16 years service	43.81	43.81	43.81

*Other than officers of the quartermaster category and excluding special regular commissions and short service commissions awarded following the normal WRAC commissioning course.

VETERINARY OFFICERS OF THE ARMY VETERINARY AND REMOUNT SERVICES

	Daily rate of pay £	
Captain, Major and Lieutenant Colonel	On entry	33.47
	After 1 years service	35.83
	After 3 years service	38.18
	After 5 years service	40.53
	After 7 years service	42.88
	After 9 years service	45.23
	After 11 years service	47.58
	After 13 years service	49.74
Colonel	After 15 years service	51.90
	After 17 years service	54.06
	After 19 years service	56.22
	After 21 years service	58.11
	After 23 years service	60.00
	After 25 years service	61.89
Brigadier	After 27 years service	63.78
	On appointment	66.92
	After 2 years	68.68
	After 4 years	70.44
	After 6 years	72.20
	After 8 years	73.96

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL ARMY NURSING CORPS — NURSING* AND NON-NURSING OFFICERS

	Daily rate of pay £	
Second Lieutenant	On appointment	20.05
Lieutenant	After 1 year in the rank	25.92
	After 2 years in the rank	26.60
	After 3 years in the rank	27.28
	After 4 years in the rank	27.97
Captain	On appointment	32.71
	After 1 year in the rank	33.59
	After 2 years in the rank	34.47
	After 3 years in the rank	35.35
	After 4 years in the rank	36.23
Major	After 5 years in the rank	37.11
	After 6 years in the rank	37.99
	On appointment	41.35
	After 1 year in the rank	42.37
	After 2 years in the rank	43.40
	After 3 years in the rank	44.43
	After 4 years in the rank	45.45
Lieutenant Colonel	After 5 years in the rank	46.48
	After 6 years in the rank	47.51
	After 7 years in the rank	48.53
	After 8 years in the rank	49.56
Colonel	On appointment with less than 19 years service	56.39
	With 19 years service or after 2 years in rank	57.87
	With 21 years service or after 4 years in rank	59.36
	With 23 years service or after 6 years in rank	60.88
Brigadier	With 25 years service or after 8 years in rank	62.40
	On appointment	66.00
	After 2 years in the rank	67.76
	After 4 years in the rank	69.52
	After 6 years in the rank	71.28
	After 8 years in the rank	73.04

*Includes officers aged under 29 on commissioning from the ranks

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL ARMY NURSING CORPS

Years of commissioned service	Years of soldier service		
	Under 12	12 but under 15	15 and over
Lieutenants and Captains only	Daily rate of pay £	Daily rate of pay £	Daily rate of pay £
On commissioning	35.64	37.40	39.16
After 1 years service	36.52	38.28	39.82
After 2 years service	37.40	39.16	40.49
After 3 years service	38.28	39.82	41.15
After 4 years service	39.16	40.49	41.82
After 5 years service	39.82	41.15	42.48
After 6 years service	40.49	41.82	43.15
After 8 years service	41.15	42.48	43.81
After 10 years service	41.82	43.15	43.81
After 12 years service	42.48	43.81	43.81
After 14 years service	43.15	43.81	43.81
After 16 years service	43.81	43.81	43.81

*Includes officers aged under 29 on commissioning from the ranks

QARANC/WRAC — TYPE 'R' ENGAGEMENTS

	Less than 6 years			6 years but less than 9 years			9 years or more		
	Band 1 £	Band 2 £	Band 3 £	Band 1 £	Band 2 £	Band 3 £	Band 1 £	Band 2 £	Band 3 £
Private Class 4 Age 17-17½	9.13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Private Class 4	*12.45	—	—	12.75	—	—	13.20	—	—
Private Class 3	13.47	15.54	—	13.77	15.84	—	14.22	16.29	—
Private Class 2	14.78	16.85	—	15.08	17.15	—	15.53	17.60	—
Private Class 1	15.87	17.94	20.16	16.17	18.24	20.46	16.62	18.69	20.91
Lance Corporal Class 3	15.87	17.94	—	16.17	18.24	—	16.62	18.69	—
Lance Corporal Class 2	17.00	19.07	—	17.30	19.37	—	17.75	19.82	—
Lance Corporal Class 1	18.21	20.28	22.50	18.51	20.58	22.80	18.96	21.03	23.25
Corporal Class 2	19.51	21.58	—	19.81	21.88	—	20.26	22.33	—
Corporal Class 1	20.89	22.96	25.18	21.19	23.26	25.48	21.64	23.71	25.93
	Band 4 £	Less than 6 years		Band 4 £	6 years but less than 9 years			9 years or more	
		Band 5 £	Band 6 £	Band 7 £	Band 5 £	Band 6 £	Band 7 £	Band 5 £	Band 6 £
Sergeant	22.88	25.15	27.60	—	23.18	25.45	27.90	23.63	25.90
Staff Sergeant	24.33	26.60	29.05	31.69	24.63	26.90	29.35	27.35	29.80
Warrant Officer Class 2	26.00	28.27	30.72	33.36	26.30	28.57	31.02	33.66	36.75
Warrant Officer Class 1	27.83	30.10	32.55	35.19	28.13	30.40	32.85	35.49	38.58

*At age 17½ years or over, or on posting to a working unit for employment, having completed all necessary basic and post basic (employment) training (whichever is the earlier).

MALE JUNIOR ENTRANTS

(All categories, including young soldiers, but excluding officer cadets)

Age	Daily rate of pay £
16 but under 16½	7.47
16½ but under 17	8.34
17 but under 17½	10.13
17½ or posted to adult service	13.40
Plus committal pay if appropriate	

MALE OFFICER CADETS

On entry	£	On entry	£
Plus committal pay if appropriate	14.41	Plus committal pay if appropriate	14.08

FEMALE OFFICER CADETS

On entry	£	On entry	£
Plus committal pay if appropriate		Plus committal pay if appropriate	14.08

OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL ARMY CHAPLAINS' DEPARTMENT

	Daily rate of pay £
On entry	33.47
After 2 years service	35.75
After 4 years service	38.03
After 6 years service	40.31
After 8 years service	42.58
After 10 years service	44.85
After 12 years service	47.12
After 14 years service	49.39
After 16 years service	51.66
After 18 years service	53.93
After 20 years service	56.20
After 22 years service	58.47
After 24 years service	60.74
After 26 years service	63.01
On appointment with less than 24 years service	60.74
After 2 years in the rank or with 24 years service	63.01
Principal Chaplain (Colonel)	66.92
Deputy Chaplain General (Brigadier)	70.44
Chaplain General (Major General)	80.55

LENGTH OF SERVICE INCREMENTS OF PAY

Length of Service increments on completion of a minimum of 9 years' service

Total increments after completion of the number of years of reckonable man's service stated

	9	12	15	18	22
	£	£	£	£	£
Private	0.40	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60
Lance Corporal	0.40	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60
Corporal	0.40	0.60	0.75	0.75	0.75
Sergeant	0.50	0.75	0.95	1.10	1.10
Staff Sergeant	0.50	0.75	0.95	1.25	1.25
Warrant Officer 2	0.50	0.75	0.95	1.25	1.45
Warrant Officer 1	0.50	0.75	0.95	1.25	1.70

The increments of pay shown in Articles 466(b) and 593 of The Pay Warrant 1964 remain unchanged.

UDR SOLDIERS — PERMANENT CADRE

(Male soldiers serving before 21 April 1977 who opted not to transfer to the revised financial terms of service)

	Daily rate of pay £
PTE B (aged 19 and below)	13.40
PTE B (aged 20)	14.95
PTE B (aged 21 and over)	16.49
PTE A	18.35
LCPL	20.37
CPL	24.70
SGT	25.69
SSGT	27.09
WO2	31.08

The length of service increments shown in Regulations for the Ulster Defence Regiment 1980, (Annex E/9), remain unchanged.

UDR SOLDIERS — PERMANENT CADRE

(Male soldiers enrolled on or after 21 April 1977, and male soldiers enrolled before that date who opted to transfer to the revised financial terms of service)

	Scale A (UDR) £	Scale B (UDR) £	Scale C (UDR) £
PTE B (aged 19 or below)	13.40	13.70	14.15
PTE B (aged 20)	14.95	15.25	15.70
PTE B (aged 21 and above)	16.49	16.79	17.24
PTE A	18.35	18.65	19.10
LCPL	20.37	20.67	21.12
CPL	24.70	25.00	25.45
SGT	27.04	27.34	27.79
SSGT	28.60	28.90	29.35
WO2	33.03	33.33	33.78

Length of service increments at Regular Army rates will be payable on completion of 9, 12, 15, 18 and 22 years service.

UDR SERVICEWOMEN — PERMANENT CADRE

(Servicewomen enrolled on or after 21 April 1977, and Servicewomen enrolled before that date who opted to transfer to the revised financial terms of service)

	Scale A (UDR) £	Scale B (UDR) £	Scale C (UDR) £
PTE B (aged 19 or below)	13.09	13.39	13.84
PTE B (aged 20)	14.60	14.90	15.35
PTE B (aged 21 and above)	16.11	16.41	16.86
PTE A	17.93	18.23	18.68
LCPL	19.90	20.20	20.65
CPL	24.13	24.43	24.88
SGT	26.42	26.72	27.17
SSGT	27.94	28.24	28.69
WO2	32.27	32.57	33.02

Length of service increments at Regular Army rates will be payable on completion of 9, 12, 15, 18 and 22 years service.

PART TIME MEMBERS — ULSTER DEFENCE REGIMENT BOUNTIES

Rates of bounty for training years beginning on or after 1 April 1985

First Year	£ 275
Second Year	415
Third and subsequent years	555

ADDITIONAL PAY

Maximum rates of Additional Pay	£
All ranks lower rate	5.45
2 Lt-Lt Col higher rate*	8.38
Officer Pilots and Flying Instructors	£
While under training	1.73
All ranks lower rate	5.45
2 Lt-Lt Col Higher rate*	8.38
Colonel	6.29
Brigadier	4.19
Soldier Pilots and Flying Instructors and REME Servicing Test Pilots	£
All ranks while under training	1.73
Lower rate	3.55
Higher rate*	5.45
Parachutists (other than Gurkhas)	£
All ranks	1.88

Parachute Jumping Instructors	£
All ranks	2.50
Air Despatch Pay	£
While under training lower rate	1.73
Higher rate*	2.80
Royal Corps of Transport, Helicopter Crews	£
All ranks	1.73
Aircrewmen**	£
All ranks while under training	1.73
Lower rate	3.55
Higher rate*	5.45
*Higher rate payable after lower rate has been in issue for 4 years.	
**Aircrew who were formerly air observers and who have not passed the Aircrewmen's Course are to be paid at the rate of £1.73 a day.	

Special Air Service Regiment (including personnel of the SAS Signal Squadron filling posts that are annotated 'must be SAS trained')

All Officers and WO1 lower rate	8.36
WO2, SSgt and Sgt lower rate	6.69
Cpl and below lower rate	5.44

All Officers and WO1 higher rate	11.71
WO2, SSgt and Sgt higher rate	10.04
Cpl and below higher rate	8.77

Northern Ireland Pay

All ranks up to and including Brigadier	2.30
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Hard Lying Money

All ranks lower rate*	0.65
Higher rate**	1.30

Divers

All ranks Category 1	1.44
Category 2	2.86
Category 3	5.30
Falkland Islands Pay	£
All ranks	2.30
Gurkha Service Pay for Regular Officers of Gurkha Rifle Regiments	£
Lieutenant Colonel and above	2.88
Major	2.53
Captain	2.16
Lieutenant and 2nd Lieutenant	1.81
Academy Sergeant Major, Sandhurst	£
	2.84

*For vessels scoring between 25 and 47 adverse points.

**For vessels scoring 48 or more adverse points.

CHARGES: WHAT YOU HAVE TO PAY

MARRIED SOLDIERS QUARTERS AND HIRING CHARGES

(Exclusive of Garage Charges)

	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
	Daily rate	Daily rate	Daily rate	Daily rate
1. Furnished Quarters				
Type A	1.73	1.57	1.24	0.87
Type B	2.48	2.25	1.77	1.24
Type C	2.82	2.56	2.02	1.41
Type D/WO	3.17	2.87	2.27	1.59
2. Unfurnished Quarters (with carpets and curtains)				
Type A	1.62	1.47	1.16	0.81
Type B	2.34	2.12	1.67	1.17
Type C	2.65	2.46	1.90	1.32
Type D/WO	2.97	2.69	2.12	1.49
3. Additional Bedroom Charge				
Furnished	0.18	0.16	0.13	0.09
Unfurnished	0.16	0.14	0.11	0.08

NOTES:

- Unfurnished charges are not applicable where advantage has been taken of the Army Wharf Scheme.
- Grades 2, 3 and 4 are not applicable to hirings.
- These are full rates recommended by AFPRB: some individuals may not be charged the full rates immediately.

SINGLE ACCOMMODATION CHARGES

(Exclusive of Garage Charges)

	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
	Daily rate	Daily rate	Daily rate	Daily rate
Officers: Captains and below				
Majors and above	2.27	2.06	1.63	1.14
Soldiers: Junior entrants receiving less than the minimum adult rate of pay (ie Private Class IV Scale A)				
Corporals and below	0.62	0.57	0.45	0.31
Sergeants and above	0.84	0.77	0.60	0.42
Junior officers accommodation occupied by Senior Officers				
Majors and above	1.60	1.45	1.15	0.80
NOTE:				
a. These are full rates recommended by AFPRB: some individuals may not be charged the full rates immediately.				

GARAGE, CARPORT AND CARAVAN FACILITY RENTAL CHARGES

Daily Rate
£

- Standard purpose-built garages
- Sub-standard and below standard garages
- Standard purpose built car ports
- Sub-standard purpose-built car ports

0.38
0.25
0.19
0.13

TERRITORIAL ARMY PAY

BECAUSE OF PRESSURE OF SPACE IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE THE PAY SCALES FOR THE TERRITORIAL ARMY.

THESE DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN IN OUR NEXT ISSUE ON 15 JULY

MARRIED OFFICERS QUARTERS AND HIRING CHARGES

(Exclusive of Garage Charges)

	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
	Daily rate	Daily rate	Daily rate	Daily rate
1. Furnished Quarters and Hirings				
Type V	4.05	3.67	2.90	2.03
Type IV	4.63	4.19	3.31	2.31
Type III	5.25	4.75	3.75	2.63
Type II	6.00	5.43	4.29	3.00
Type I	6.69	6.06	4.78	3.35
2. Unfurnished Quarters (with carpets and curtains)				
Type V	3.76	3.41	2.69	1.89
Type IV	4.30	3.89	3.07	2.15
Type III	4.90	4.43	3.50	2.45
Type II	5.59	5.06	4.00	2.79
Type I	6.23	5.64	4.45	3.12
3. Additional bedroom charge				
Furnished	0.29	0.26	0.21	0.14
Unfurnished	0.27	0.24	0.19	0.13

NOTES:

- Unfurnished charges are not applicable where advantage has been taken of the Army Wharf Scheme.
- Grades 2, 3 and 4 are not applicable to hirings.
- These are full rates recommended by AFPRB: some individuals may not be charged the full rates immediately.

DAILY CHARGES FOR FOOD, CASUAL MEAL RATES AND MISSED MEALS PAYMENTS

FOOD CHARGE

The revised food charge with effect from 1 April 1985 is:-

Married unaccompanied officers and soldiers in marital status categories 1 and 2	107p per day
Officers and soldiers in marital status categories 3, 4 and 5	222p per day

CASUAL MEALS

The rates for casual meals in the UK are shown below:

Revised Rate wef 1 July 1985	
37p + 5p VAT	
124p + 19p VAT	
86p + 13p VAT	
61p + 9p VAT	
25p + 4p VAT	
247p + 37p VAT	

OVERSEAS

With the exception of Gurkha and Chinese troops — Hong Kong, the above UK rates (excluding VAT) will be implemented in all overseas locations with effect from 1 July 1985.

MISSED MEALS PAYMENTS*

The rates for the UK and overseas are as follows:

Breakfast	37p
Main Meal of the Day (Either mid-day or evening meal)	
EITHER: Third meal (Mid-day or evening meal)	
OR: (High Tea or Supper (Late Snack or Light Tea)	
All meals in one day	
Overseas	
124p	
86p	
61p	
25p	
247p	

*No retrospective adjustment may be made to claims settled before 1 July 1985.

singing of the birds at Belsen can only be a good sign. — Maj J A S Weatherhead TD, Bucks ACF (full address supplied).

DUNKIRK PLEA

Last year all we heard about was D Day, this year its VE or VJ day. We all agree that these should all be remembered — that the end of a great struggle and we all had a part to play in them, but please don't forget that D Day might have been Defeat of Britain Day if it had not been for Dunkirk.

This year is the 45th Anniversary of the great escape, 338,226 men returned by courtesy of the Royal Navy and the little ships, leaving 30,000 casualties behind.

In 1939 to 1940 the BEF was sent to France (mainly Regular and TA) with mainly WW1 equipment and commanded by generals who thought WW1 strategy was the way to fight.

The men who returned were to form the nucleus of the force who fought their way to victory, with the RAF holding and thrashing the Luftwaffe to give the Army time to reform.

For years the men of Dunkirk have tried to get a medal or a clasp for the 39/45 Star — Dunkirk 1940, but no government will authorise it, only the French who gave us the Dunkirk Medal. They say that "Dunkirk was the beginning of the fight to victory."

Please tell your readers that — without Dunkirk, that would have been the end. — E V Harris, Chairman, Luton & District Branch, Dunkirk Veterans Assoc, London Road, Luton, Beds, LU1 3UQ.

LIFTING PIONEERS

Your article on 49 Field Regiment (8 April) contains an error. You show a picture of a Chinook unhooking a four tonner with a caption that suggests this was the first time a four tonner had been lifted on an exercise.

The lifting of a four tonner (the CALM version) was pioneered by the

HEARTLAND

I am heartened to find that animal equality has become evident in the British Army. I refer to your feature on 'Sniffer Pigs' (8 April).

For too long now, dogs have had the monopoly as regards security duties. I am glad to see it proven that the pig is equally efficient!

I hope this means that other animals shall have the chance to do other duties within the Army. Their capabilities are numerous, though there are several that spring to mind:

The spiny-haired ant-eater would be ideal for mine detection. With its long snout it could detect, detonate, be unharmed, and carry on clearing the way for advancing troops!

New mobile recce units could be formed — using the giraffe! Having ridden the creature to the required spot, the observer would shin up the animal's neck, to his head — an instant "mobile OP!"

An enemy unit casually passes by some harmless kangaroos — but, no! Within the pouches of these animals leap British soldiers in full fighting kit, screaming their battle-cry 'Roos Away!'

I do believe you've done it again, SOLDIER! — John Billingsley, 2 Locombe Place, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos, GL12 7HZ.

Yes we have, haven't we? Well, it was our first April issue! — Ed.

ON THE BOX

I read with interest your article 'Napoleon never marched like this' and thought you might be interested to know another Merseyside unit has also put its training records 'on the box'.

Wirral Group Merseyside Army Cadet Force was computerised six months ago using a Oric-1 home computer.

The boffin is my son Cadet Sergeant Richard George, who is using the computerisation exercise for his silver Duke of Edinburgh award.

Our records cover the training results of approx 300 cadets, so every two months each detachment commander receives an updated printout, thus saving a lot of 'pen work'.

I hope you find this interesting and realise that it is not only 'Big Brother' who has entered the electronic age. — Capt B S George, Group Training Officer, Wirral Group, Merseyside Army Cadet Force.

OLD LINKS

Further to your article (8 April issue) on the Army and the Automobile Association your readers may like to know that the Association goes back even further.

Back, in fact to 1910, when the Association organised some of the members to transport the Guards to Hastings — an early pointer towards mechanisation, which the Army fought hard to resist.

An even stronger connection was that between the AA and the Essex Regiment. In 1914, Captain Stenson Cooke joined 2/8th Battalion (Cyclists) with a draft of 110 AA patrolmen, and the AA have recently sent to us at the Essex Regiment Museum in Chelmsford some photographs recording the occasion.

The 8th and 2/8th were employed

Call-signs

Ted George of 5 Ixworth Close, Eye, Peterborough, PE6 7XL, would like to contact any old members of B Squadron, 6th Airborne Armd Recce Regt with a view to meeting again.

Brig-Gen W Denis Whitaker, of Oakville, Ont, Canada, L6J 3ZJ, wishes to contact anyone with information about the Rhineland Battle (Feb-March 1945) for the purposes of publication. Please write c/o Burns Fry Ltd, marking envelope 'Please hold for pick up', at Burns Fry Ltd, Staple Hall, Stone House & Court, 87-90 Houndsditch, London, EC3A 7AU.

Mr R W Driscoll of 21 Norah Lane, Higham, Rochester, Kent, ME3 7EP (tel: 047482-2753) is anxious to trace 886798 Joseph J Crone, last heard of in Carlisle in 1964. A reunion is being planned for later this year of ex-Apprentice Artificers Royal Artillery who joined up as 14-year-olds in January 1939 at Woolwich (39A term) and Mr Crone is the only one not traced. He was in the REME when discharged in 1961.

on coast defence duties in the area of Harwich and the Crouch, but inevitably, as time went on they found many drafts for the Regular, Territorial and Service battalions of the Regiment in France, Gallipoli and later, Palestine.

If any readers know of anyone living, who was part of that original draft, we at the museum will be delighted to hear from them. It would then be our purpose to meet that old soldier and tape-record his reminiscences for future researchers.

Please write to the Curator, David Jones at the Chelmsford and Essex Museum, Oaklands Park, Moulsham Street, Chelmsford. He will be delighted to hear from you. — Peter G Redman (Museum Researcher), 46 Sunningdale Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 2NH.

MEDAL QUERY

In SOLDIER from time to time I see mention of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Ref Awards etc, list No 16, 1952. Warrant Officer Class 1, awarded the medal without gratuity. Could you please tell me why? — G W Byrne, 9 Kipling Gardens, Upper Stratton, Swindon, Wilts, SN2 6LJ. *The Medals Office at Droitwich says it was never the practice to pay the gratuity to anyone receiving the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal with the rank of Warrant Officer 2 or above. Since 1 April, 1981, however the gratuity has ceased for everyone. — Ed.*

MAPS WANTED

The Aerial Photographic Archive for Archaeology in the Middle East which I have established is dependent to a considerable extent on the availability of good maps at 1:100,000 or even 1:50,000 where available. Many such maps of Iraq, Transjordan, Syria, Egypt and North Africa were produced, mainly before the Second World War, by the British and French Mandate or Colonial authorities. Most are no longer available and the modern countries will not generally release their own more recent editions. The older versions are not only useful to me but in some cases preferable to more recent revisions and

many I know were distributed to and often retained by serving officers especially during the last war. If any of your readers have such maps which they would be willing to donate perhaps they could write to me: Dr D L Kennedy, Department of Ancient History & Classical Archaeology, University of Sheffield, Floor 7, Arts Tower, Sheffield, S10 2TN.

WOMEN BEST

As British armed forces continue to amalgamate under changing conditions of service it would be interesting and instructive to know what rank or standing religious representatives will hold.

At present a Royal Navy representative of religion, sea-going or land based, is ranked as 'Chaplain'. No braid or rank insignia is worn on the uniform jacket. His peaked cap only has black braid to denote his standing. He obtains no higher rank than chaplain.

However, the LOWEST rank of an Army chaplain is captain and can rise to chaplain-general although Army chaplains are the only non-combatants in our Army.

During the last war many women served on Ack-Ack gun sites as 'predictors' or drove Army vehicles and as such were combatants.

In modern times women have come into their own and proved their worth in all channels of life. Therefore they should be considered for positions in the Army Chaplains Department to which calling they are more suitable than men. — R Rimmer GC, 27 St George's, Chester, CH1 3HG.

Competition

IN Competition 361 (22 April), we gave readers 12 clues and asked them to find the name of a famous Army personality.

The answer: General Charles George Gordon and winner of the £50 prize is Mrs E Webster, wife of Corporal J Webster, serving with the 9th/12th Royal Lancers in West Germany.

Reunions

REME/AER reunion 14 September 1985. The Marine Public House, 61 Seaside, Eastbourne. Details from Hon Sec, D A Knight, 7 Jutland House, Prospect Vale, Woolwich, SE18 5HZ. **No 3 Coy Group 2nd Bn Coldstream Guards.** A reunion dinner is to be held in Wellington Barracks on 11 January 1986 for those who served in Aden and/or the Radfan 1964-65 in No 3 Coy Group 2nd Bn Coldstream Guards. This includes attached personnel ('F' Sphinx Battery 7 RHA etc). Further details can be obtained from Major F P Horsfall MBE (Retd), Staff Superintendent, House of Lords, London, SW1A 0PW. (01-219 3213).

How Observant Are You?

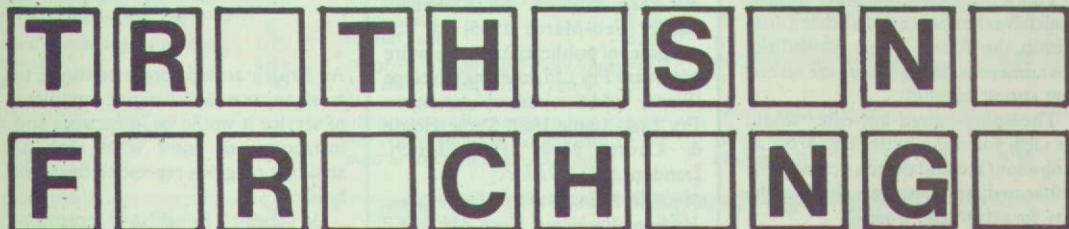
1 Mouth of middle man at top. 2 Legs of bird at top right. 3 Spikes on mace of left top man. 4 White triangles on shield of falling man. 5 Point of arrow above falling man. 6 Top of ladder. 7 Shoulder-strap of man at foot of ladder. 8 'E' in 'Punctures'. 9 Helmet crest of top right man. 10 Top right corner of advertisement board.



1st Battalion The Light Infantry and 18 Squadron RAF from Gutersloh. It was part of a battalion live firing exercise, supported by FCA, artillery, mortars, Milan and GPMG (SF) on B Range, Sennelager, from 1030-1300 hours on 3 Aug 84.

A picture is enclosed of this historic event. The vehicle, with its crane, was used in the airmobile trial to speed up the resupply of ammunition after a battalion air move. The exercise proved the validity of this technique. — Major C G Deedes, 1 Bn The Light Infantry, Wootton Camp, Kirkham, Preston, Lancs, PR4 3JQ.

WORDSWORTH



IT IS surprising the difference a vowel or semi-vowel (A,E,I,O,U and W,Y) makes to a word. We would be lost without them! For example, the definite article THE becomes TH with the vowel taken away; the indefinite article AN becomes just N and A vanishes altogether. So does I! AND becomes ND... and so on.

Some words are almost all vowels and semi-vowels and a word such as WEARY becomes with deduction just R. Some words are almost all consonants, e.g. SLIGHT.

Here, in competition form is an exercise arranged to test your adaptability to the loss of the letters

A,E,I,O,U,W,Y. A verse has been selected from each of three quite well-known poems. The verse selected is not necessarily the first verse of the poem — though it may be.

All you have to do is write out the three verses when you have replaced the missing letters and give the title of each poem from which a verse is taken and also give the name of the poet... just the surname will do.

Here are a few clues to help you on your way:

- (a) If you come across TH the chances are that the next letter could be E — and you will have THE;
- (b) If you meet with ND, again

the chances are that the preceding letter could be A — making AND; (c) LV could be LOVE and LEAVE or... but this is making the puzzle too easy for you so from this moment you are on your own.

Here are the three verses.

1. CMFRMHNTSFCTNDHRE
MKSDDNSLL
NDSPRKLTMNGTHFRN
TBCKRDNVLL
2. THCRFTLLSTHKNLLPRTNGD
THLNGHRDNDSSLRTHL
THPLGHMNMHRDPLDHSR
NDLVSTHRLTDKNSNSNDTM

3. SLLNDSDLLDHMDN
FRMTHFLDFHSFMFRSHNDGR
CRVDNTLNNDRSDNTSTN
BTLFTHMLMTHSGLR

The rules of the competition remain the same. It is open to all readers at home and overseas and the closing date is Friday 16 August. The answers and winner's name will be announced in our issue of 9 September.

More than one entry can be submitted but each must be accompanied by a 'Competition 366' label.

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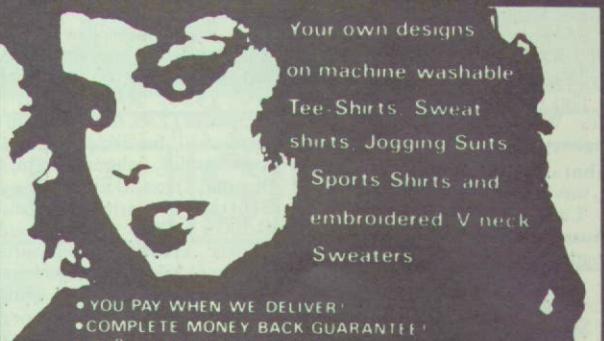
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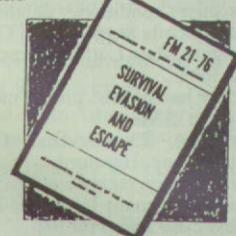
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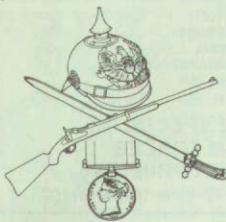
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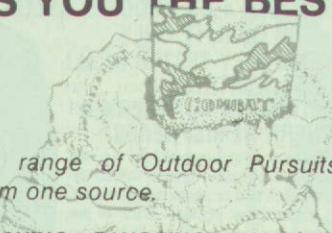
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Warrant Officer 2 Malcolm ('Barney') Barnish's incredible endurance feat of walking round a Dortmund sports field for nearly an entire week did more than establish a world record.

According to Captain Glen Grant, the noted British Army athlete who gave him technical advice, he also gave an invaluable insight into the effects of extreme battle fatigue, writes *Robert Higson*.

A troop sergeant major with 28 (Skeddy's Company) Battery, 19 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (The Highland Gunners) at Dortmund, WO Barnish set off one Sunday morning at 6 am and finished walking the following Saturday afternoon just before 4.30. With only short breaks (21 minutes in every 24 hours were all the rules allowed) he had been on his feet for six days, 10 hours, 22 minutes and nine seconds.

In that time he completed 442 laps of the 1,502 metre course and walked 412.08 miles, beating the old world record for endurance walking, as recognised by the Guinness Book of Records, by over five miles. At the same time he raised an estimated DM15,000 (£4,000) for the Stoke Mandeville Hospital in the UK and a German orphanage in Dortmund.

Captain Grant, who knows a fair

Barney's feat raises questions

bit about endurance himself, was full of admiration for the effort. But he was also interested, from a professional point of view, in the effects of the long walk.

"He's had some bad hallucinations," he said. "Once he took his shoe off and answered it like a telephone. Once, when he came up to the B1 (the main road) he thought he was going to be made to cross it and he said: 'You're trying to kill me.'

"Twice he thought he was fighting wars. And on the Friday night he was convinced he was on guard duty and wanted to know why no one had relieved him.

"It all sounds a bit jokey but there is a serious side of it for soldiers. If you go to war and you think how long you've got this sort of strain to cope with, you are going to see these sort of side effects from the less capable much earlier.

"He was hallucinating at three days and I think he is one of the hardest men I've ever met in my life. So when does Joe Average start

hallucinating? That's a suitable thought for people who try to push a bit hard on exercise and wonder why the odd mistake occurs after a few hours."

Captain Grant, who is intelligence officer and battery captain of 19 Field Regiment's HQ Battery, advised WO Barnish on the all important business of food intake. He said he was still considering whether he should write up his observations for wider circulation.

"This sort of endurance competition has got so much benefit for learning about soldiering and the stress of battle," he said. "And yet there is just nothing laid down about how you are actually to cope. I mean if you look at it he could never have coped eating a 24 hour ration pack, yet we expect people doing similar sort of stress levels to do just that."

"So perhaps it might have been a bit better if there had been a few research people here watching, because they are not going to get anyone else in a hurry to do something like this with his abilities. And he's the top end of the scale."

Throughout his ordeal WO Barnish had the support of a back up team of about 50 soldiers led by the RSM of 19 Field Regiment, WO1 Rick Taylor. They took turns walking with him to keep his spirits up, especially during the worst time, the dark, silent hours.

They also provided a special sock changing team which had practised like a Grand Prix pit team the drill for rapid and efficient changes.

"At the end of the second day I had my doubts whether he could do it," WO Taylor said. "It wasn't a mental problem but his feet were in such a bad way as the result of the weather conditions (it had been raining hard). The MO looked and said: 'I don't think they are going to last six days. My advice is to give up now.'

"But he wanted to carry on and I was prepared to let him have another go and the next day his feet were a little bit better, though obviously still very sore.

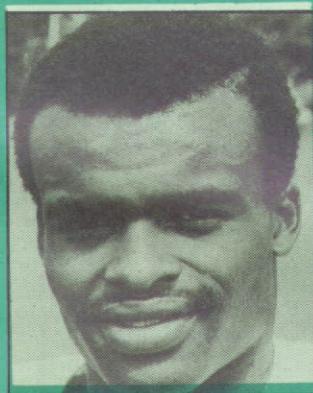
"I think he's done himself and the Regiment proud."

With the help of moon boots to get him through the wet patches, WO Barnish did indeed get through it all. There were 2,000 people to cheer him when he eventually broke the record.

At the end of it all the hero of the hour was too exhausted to say very much. He told a JHQ TV team, perhaps with some understatement, that his feet felt very heavy and tired, and he paid a special tribute to his back up team, without whom, he said, the record would have been impossible.

WO Taylor, who managed the successful attempt of Sergeant Major Norman Fox, 45 Field Regiment, RA, to establish a previous record, reckoned on the strength of that experience that it would be five days before WO Barnish could walk properly again and maybe longer before he could get back to the level of training which gave him an obviously well deserved reputation as a fitness fanatic.

AKABUSI LEADS HIS COUNTRY



Honours continue to come the way of the deservedly popular Army runner Sergeant Kriss Akabusi, Army Physical Training Corps.

As SOLDIER went to Press Akabusi was preparing to captain England in the men's athletics international against the United States at Birmingham.

Akabusi became the first British soldier to take part in an Olympic track event for 20 years, and celebrated in Los Angeles last year by collecting a silver medal as a member of Britain's 400 metres relay team.

ARMY FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Results of the Army Fencing Championships, held at the Army School of Physical Training, Aldershot:

Army Senior

Foil (Final Pool): 1, Cpl D Garrod (REME); 2, Capt I S Campbell (RCT); 3, Cpl M Halpin (Scots DG). Epee (Final Pool): 1, 2Lt D Mahony (LG); 2, Cpl P Hart (REME); 3, Sgt P Whiteside (REME). Sabre (Final Pool): 1, Capt I S Campbell (RCT); 2, Cpl P A James (RE); 3, Cpl D Garrod (REME).

The 'Scott' Cup (Army Champion-at-Arms 1985): Capt I S Campbell (RCT). Army 'Under 20'

Foil (Final Pool): 1, Spr White (RE); 2, AT Cpl Hopper (PMC Arborfield); 3, Spr Mair (RE). Epee (Final Pool): 1, JSpr Garner (JLR RE); 2, JSpr Kleinman (JLR RE); 3, Pte Davis (LI). Sabre (Final Pool): 1, Spr Mair (RE); 2, Spr White (RE); 3, AT Cpl Hopper (PMC Arborfield).

The Moore Trophy (Champion-at-Arms 1985): AT Cpl Hopper (PMC Arborfield).

3-Man Team Competition 1985: 1, Scots

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The 'Professor Coulon' Cup (APTC Champion-at-Arms 1985): SI D Archibald (APTC).

Signals slalom success



The Army Canoe Slalom Championships, held on the River Tryweryn, Bala, saw teams from the Royal Signals win both the Unit Team prize (the Brian Brown Shield) and the Corps Team trophy — the Simms-Reeve Bowl. The winners were WO1 Bill White, himself an ex-national slalomist, Sgt Kev Truby and Sig Andy Dobson.

The Southern Command Trophy for the Open Class slalom champion was taken by QMSI Geoff Moore, APTC with Captain Stewart Norman WFR in second place.

WO2 Bill Reid and John Amanis, of 19 Fd Regt, won the Canadian doubles event with WO Stan Richmand REME and Cpl Geoff Page ACC as runners-up. The Canadian singles winner's medal went to Sgt Jim Waterhouse, MPSC while Lt Chris Moody, 5 Innis DG came second.

The UKLF v BAOR team event prize went to the UK team of WO1 Bill White, Sig Andy Dobson, both of R Sigs, and App David Carson ACC. Second place also featured a UK team of QMSI Geoff Moore, Lt John Iles and Capt Stewart Norman, with the BAOR team of WO2 Bill Reid, John Amanis and Lt Julian Bunce being in third place.

Golfers turn captain's gloom into victory smile



Harry Meekings ... down at the seventh

THE BRITISH Army golf team won the eighth International match against the Belgians and French for the fourth year in succession at Little Aston Golf Course at Sutton Coldfield.

The result was a close run thing with the margin between the British and French being just eight shots with the Belgians a massive 32 shots away.

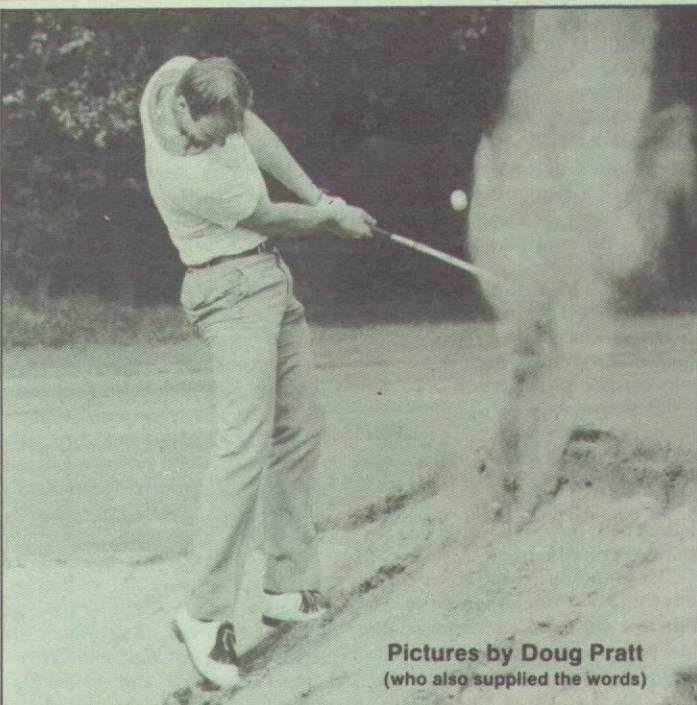
However, after 18 holes of this 36 hole stroke play competition, teams of six with the best five scores to count, situations were reversed, and the French with four scratch golfers in their squad, had a comfortable lead of 12 shots.

The only morning highlights for the British were a fine 76 from Corporal Doug Spiller REME playing number one for the Army, Major 'Willy' Brewin (RE) who with five holes to play was level par, but with two double bogies and a single bogey his score managed a still creditable 77; and consolation for Lance Corporal Bruce Manners (1 Queens) who 'holed in one' at the 197 yd par 3 9th hole.

For the afternoon round the Army team captain Major Harry Meekings (R Signals) replaced himself with Capt Len Yates (R Signals) as anchor man leaving himself free to 'prowl' the course and encourage his team.

After seven holes all seemed lost

ARMY RECOVERY SHAKES FRENCH



Pictures by Doug Pratt
(who also supplied the words)

Alister Brownrigg blasting in difficult bunker

for the British Army with little impression being made on the French lead but Spiller, Brewin, Yates and (nice to see him back after four years in Canada) Major Nick Fleming (RA) were all keeping it together, but the big 'guns' of Manners, and Corporal Alister Brownrigg (RE) were finding it hard to score, but it was important for them to keep trying.

With five tough holes to finish, the position for the British Army was considerably better. With the gap between the French narrowed to just four shots, and with both Brewin and Fleming getting birdies at the short 13th, it was going to be an exciting finish. The experience of playing the course for a number of years, against the in-

experience of the French scratch golfers to get to grips with tough, testing Little Aston, where danger 'lurks' at every turn for the slightest lack of concentration, resulted in a couple of nines being recorded for the French team, many of whom were now wilting over the closing holes.

Spiller was first home, and despite some missed putts finished with a fine gross 77, and an important seven shots ahead of the French. This recovery was short lived however, as both Brownrigg and Manners recorded gross 84s, but the morning deficit was cut to 11 shots for the French.

Brewin was next in with a fine round of 78, even more impressive when you consider that the Frenchman had shot the best, a gross 73. He was always going to be the key man to beat, and pulling another two shots back against this scratch golfer, required all of Brewin's concentration and ability.

The match was now finely poised, and the spectators and golfers eagerly awaited the arrival at the 18th green of the fourth match. The result was received enthusiastically as Fleming, with a fine 77, gained nine shots on his French counterpart, who unfortunately took nine on the 14th.

Calculators, and permutations were frantically worked out, with the worst scores not to count, to establish what was required from the final trio for victory to either side. Estimates were that anchor-



Harry Meekings ... smiling at 13th!

man Yates needed to be four shots better to win. This proved to be no problem, a fine 2nd best gross 76 of the afternoon giving the British team a great eight shot victory over the French and Belgians.

It was a victory that seemed highly unlikely at the halfway stage. But four returns of 78 or better and one of 84, was really a remarkable recovery and a well deserved victory for the British team.

Results:

MORNING: Spiller (BR) Handicap 3, Gross 76, Net 73; Nyssen (BE) 3-78-75; Houssin (FR) 3-78-75. Brownrigg (BR) 4-84-79; Dhont (BE) 4-94-90; Subrin (FR) 0-79-79. Manners (BR) 5-85-80; Van Dievoet (BE) 6-83-77; Kazmierczak (FR) 0-NR-NR. Brewin (BR) 5-77-72; Ruy (BE) 6-88-82; Reynault (FR) 0-73-73. Fleming (BR) 6-83-77; De Bruycker (BE) 6-89-83; Humann (FR) 5-77-72. Meekings (BR) 6-88-82; Nagelhackers (BE) 8-83-75; Panie (FR) 9-83-74.

AFTERNOON: Spiller (BR) 3-77-74; Nyssen (BE) 3-78-75; Houssin (FR) 0-84-84. Brownrigg (BR) 4-84-80; Dhont (BE) 4-79-75; Subrin (FR) 0-74-74. Manners (BR) 5-84-79; Van Dievoet (BE) 6-77-71; Robin (FR) 9-88-79. Brewin (BR) 5-78-73; Ruy (BE) 6-89-83; Reynault (FR) 0-80-80. Fleming (BR) 6-77-71; De Bruycker (BE) 6-89-83; Humann (FR) 5-86-81. Yates (BR) 3-76-73; Nagelhackers (BE) 8-84-76; Panie (FR) 9-90-81.

TEAM results, Scratch: 1 British 796, 2 French 804, 3 Belgian 828. Handicap: 1 British 751, 2 Belgian 772, 3 French 776. Best scratch 36 holes, (Major Holmes Trophy) French Aviateur Nicolas Subrin. Best Handicap, new trophy presented by French General Archambeau: Major Willy Brewin.

Lieutenant General Sir John Akehurst presented prizes.



The British Army team with trophies: From left — Captain Len Yates, Major Willy Brewin, Corporal Alister Brownrigg, Major Harry Meekings (captain), Corporal Doug Spiller, Major Nick Fleming, Lance Corporal Bruce Manners

FACING PAGE: Aviateur Raphael Reynault of the French Armed Forces tees off from the 1st tee at Little Aston. He went on to shoot the best gross score in the three-nation competition, a one over par 73.



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