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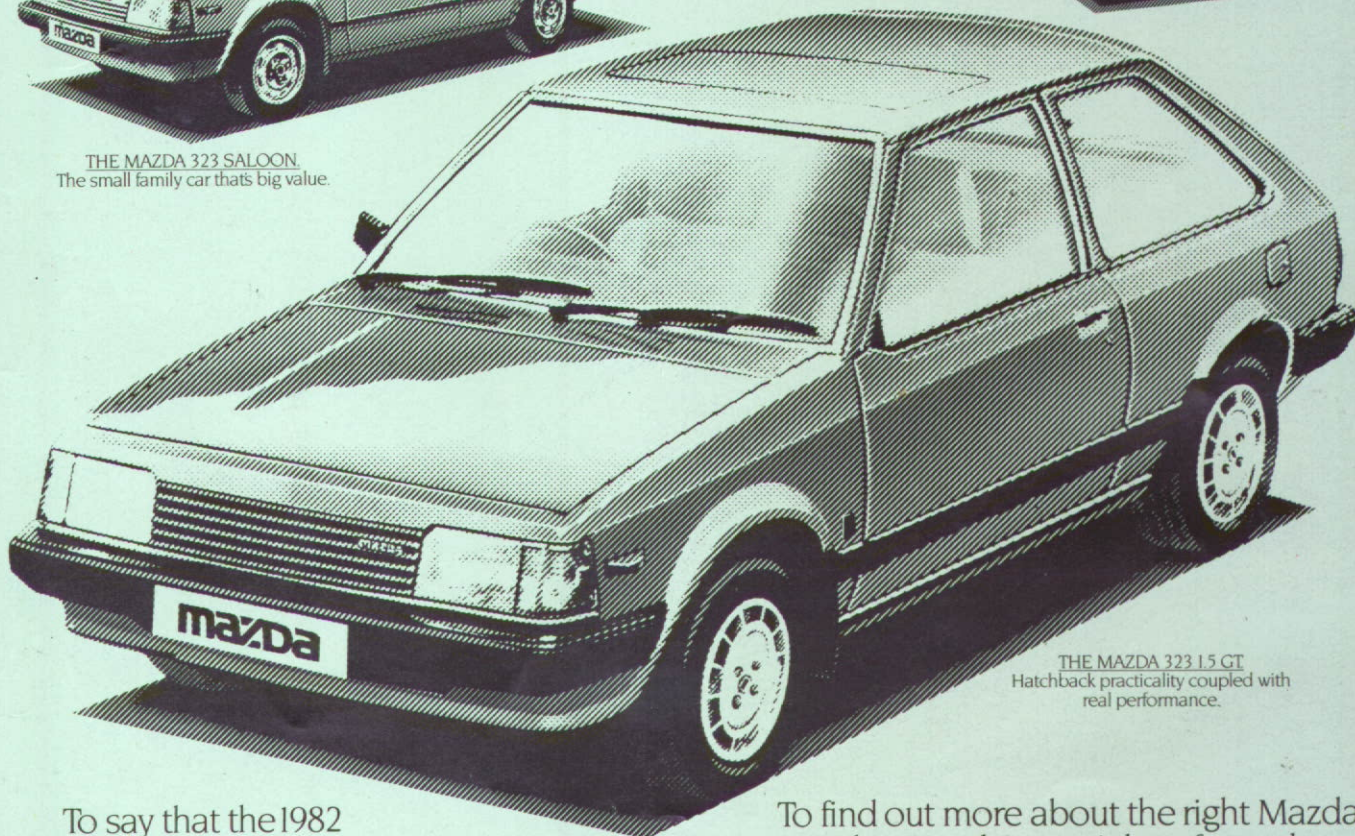
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TA commando sappers practise transferring by scramble net from their inflatable raider craft, piloted (below, left) by a Dutch marine. The men were in Holland for their annual camp. Full story on pages 26-28. Picture by Doug Pratt

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A magnificent view of the now-peaceful Somme countryside seen from the Australian National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux. We visit some of the other Commonwealth war cemeteries in Northern France on pages 41-43. Picture by Andy Burrige

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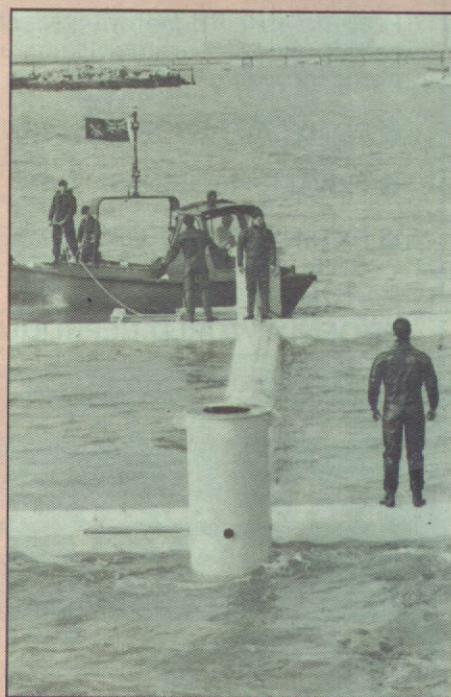
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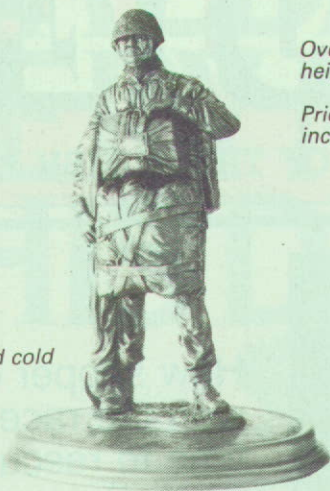
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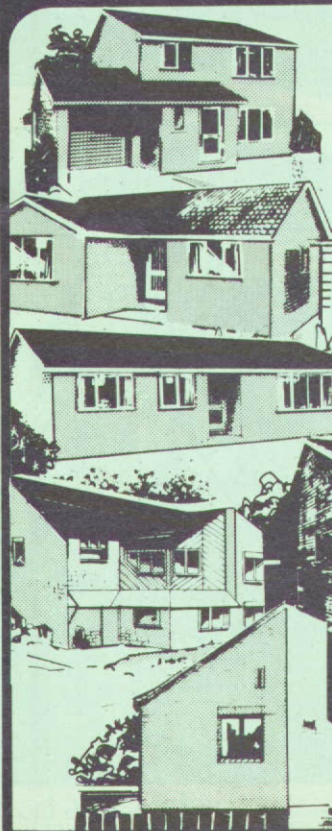
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SOLDIER to Soldier

OCTOBER WAS quite a month for the sappers. There was the news that they had won their battle against time and the elements to extend the airstrip at Port Stanley — and within hours the first Phantoms were roaring in to provide the Falklands with vital air cover.

There was the triumphant lifting of the *Mary Rose* from the Solent seabed — a race against time of a quite different kind but a remarkable tribute to the ingenuity, resourcefulness and sheer, dogged persistence of Royal Engineers above and below the waterline.

And to cap a quite remarkable month came the news that 62 Support Squadron in Cyprus had won this year's Wilkinson Sword of Peace for its efforts on behalf of the local community.

It is a notable hat-trick, yet drawing special attention to it is not just to offer a panegyric to sapper skills. It may be the Royal Engineers' turn to garner the laurels this time, but their successes reflect the spirit of initiative, enterprise and endeavour that characterises so many of the modern British Army's achievements.

Mounting — and winning — the Falklands campaign was a supreme example of this spirit. Yet it manifests itself daily in lesser ways throughout all areas of military life.

We have all read gloomy stories about the decline of British industry — low productivity, restrictive practices, poor industrial relations. Yet, when the chips are down and we face a common foe, our workforce can galvanise itself to near super-human feats of effort — witness the civilian dockyard workers who toiled round the clock to prepare our Task Force ships for the South Atlantic.

Putting on a uniform confers no magical properties of skill and resourcefulness. The men and women who serve in our Armed Forces are essentially no different from the millions who work in our offices and factories. Yet they have a pride, a purpose and a sense of motivation that — if it could be transferred to the civilian workplace — would enable Britain to break all records in industrial efficiency.

Training? Discipline? Leadership? Whatever the secret, it is one our captains of industry need to find out fast — and emulate.

CYPRUS SAPPERS' SWORD OF PEACE

MEN OF 62 Support Squadron, Royal Engineers, serving in Cyprus have won the Wilkinson Sword of Peace for sapper projects which have helped the local community and taken the 70 officers and men from the bottom of the sea to the top of snow-covered mountains.

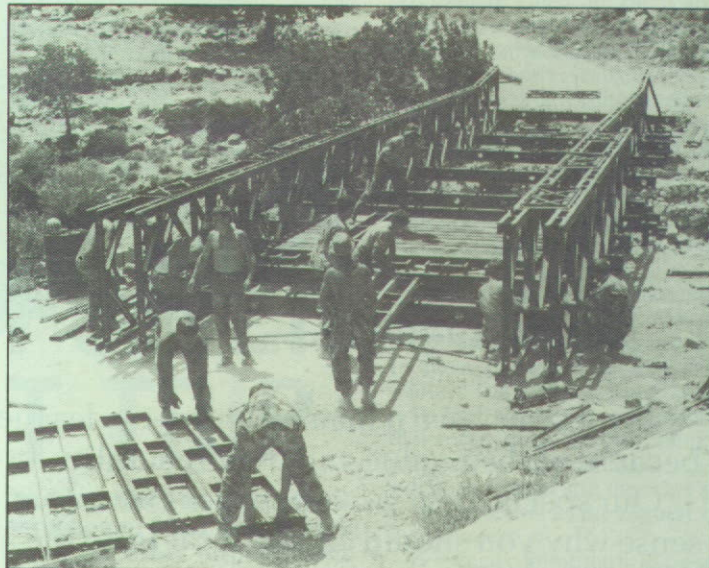
The sword is presented annually in recognition of outstanding effort by British forces in fostering good relations — at home or abroad — with their local civilian communities.

Many of the Cyprus projects were done in the sappers' own time or with many days away from their own families.

Tasks included dredging a harbour, building a school football pitch and running track, the repair and replacement of a bridge, snow clearance up in the Troodos Mountains, levelling and grading a new sports complex at a refugee village, aid to the Department of Antiquities, and underwater survey of a harbour, and even making bookcases for a village school.

Besides all of this, some soldiers also acted as cinema projectionists in local villages, put on discos and organised soccer, rugby, volleyball and squash matches.

The squadron is based at Dhekelia and in addition to its



Replacing the Bridge between the villages of Prastrio and Anoyira was just one of 62's projects.



The sword, here carried by an RRF officer.

work for the Cypriot community it continued with its work for the British and UN forces.

Presenter of the sword to Major Bruce Whittall, 62 Squadron's CO, was Lady Myra Ellis who stepped in at the last minute after her husband, Sir Ronald, had been taken seriously ill on that very day. Sir Ronald is President and Managing Director of the Industrial Division of the Wilkinson Sword Group.

Instituted in 1966, the Sword of Peace is specially inscribed with the name of the unit concerned and the area in which it qualified for the award. But they are standard Service pattern swords so that they can be carried on parade.

Another Task Force trophy

YET ANOTHER award is to go to the South Atlantic Task Force. To add to their growing list of prizes they are now to get the Seagrave Trophy, Britain's foremost award for achievements on land, on water and in the air.

The trophy will be presented to the Task Force commander, Rear Admiral Sir John ("Sandy") Woodward later this year.

Announcing the award the Marquess Camden, chairman of the awarding committee, said that the force's accomplishments fulfilled the conditions in every respect — "to uphold British prestige before the world by demonstrating how the display of courage, initiative and skill — the spirit of adventure itself — can assist progress in mechanical development."

Major General Sir Jeremy Moore, the land forces commander, Lieutenant-Colonel David Chaundler who parachuted into the sea off the Falklands to take over command of 2 Para, and Wing Commander Alan Bowman who commanded the RAF refuelling fleet on Ascension Island, are all to receive Seagrave Medals.

Named after Sir Henry Seagrave and now sponsored by Cas-

tro, the trophy was born in the pioneering days of 1930 and its first recipient was the then Wing Commander Charles Kingsford-Smith who made the second East-West crossing of the Atlantic and made a record breaking flight to Australia, both in 1929.

Bombings inquest verdicts

VERDICTS of unlawful killing were recorded by Westminster coronor, Dr Paul Knapman, at the inquest into the deaths of the victims of the Hyde Park and Regents Park bombings in July.

Four members of the Blues and Royals died in Hyde Park when a bomb went off as they rode past and a few hours later seven members of the Royal Greenjackets band were blown up by a bomb under the Regents Park bandstand.

● A fund for relatives of the dead men, launched by 2 Para, has reached £50,000.

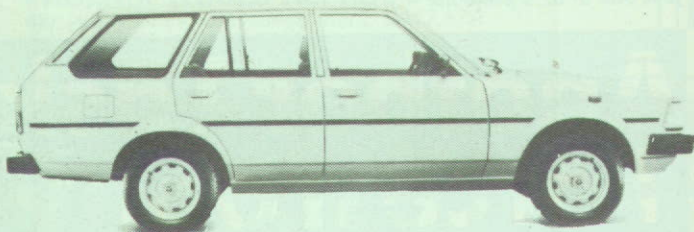
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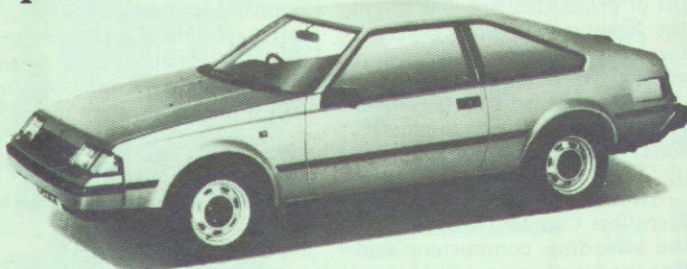
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Sappers win the race

THE FIRST RAF Phantom fighters have arrived at Port Stanley, marking the conclusion of the Royal Engineers' race against time to lengthen and repair the runway. They did it in just four months.

And there was a special tribute from the Ministry of Defence. "It has been an incredible feat," said a spokesman.

"From day one after taking Port Stanley the engineers have not stopped," he said. "They have done in four months what might have taken years in civilian circumstances and cost millions.

"The airfield is not ready for heavy commercial aircraft. What our men have done is a super job in the most appalling conditions to make it ready for combat aircraft like the Phantom. Other aircraft like the Hercules were able to use it after a very short time."

No sooner had the arrival of the first aircraft been announced than they were twice scrambled to intercept what were thought to be Argentinian probing flights to test the reaction. The intruders turned away in both cases.

No-go zones

NEW Air Exclusion Zones are being enforced in the Falkland Islands by Major General David Thorne, the Commander Land Forces. But this time, for the protection of local inhabitants, the General is excluding his own British aircraft from some very sensitive areas.

Although no official complaints about aircraft noise have been received at the Falkland headquarters, intelligence sources revealed there was much agitation in some coastal areas that could have a far-reaching effect on the size of the population.

Now, with the new 'no-go' areas established, the islands' penguins can breed and hatch their young in peace.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said: "We feel sure the penguins are very grateful for this prompt action but we have received no official comment from them!"



Mandy and Paul on a recent TA weekend. They will definitely not be crossing the desert in combat gear!

PEDAL POWER DESERT TRIP

A TA LIEUTENANT and a building site foreman who is also an officer in the Kent Sharpshooters Yeomanry have pledged to stay very close behind each other through thick and thin across 4000 miles of Sahara Desert. They are crossing it on a tandem bike towing a light trailer!

Lieutenant Mandy Dunn (25) of 265 (KSY) Signal Squadron (V), at Bexleyheath, Kent, hopes to be the first lady — partnered by companion, 2nd Lieut Paul Wright (24) — to make the five months trip down the most-used route, the Hoggar Route.

She told SOLDIER: "Our aim is for two people to cross the Sahara Desert as far as possible on two wheels under sheer pedal power. We are leaving at the end of this month so that we miss the North African rainy season and can hopefully complete the crossing before temperatures there get too hot. The rear rider will be the navigator.

"About 3000 miles of the distance is tarmac and the remaining 900 miles sand or gravel piste. We should average 50 miles a day on good roads and between five and 30 miles daily along the piste. Our final destination is Kano in Nigeria."

Mandy has no intentions of "doing a Mark Thatcher" who went missing on a car rally in the region. The biking duo plan to be completely self-sufficient in kit, spares and medical stores and they will be checking in at all police control points. They will also be looking to the locals for advice on routes and weather.

Mandy has been on two previous expeditions. One was Operation Drake in 1979 when she took part in jungle exploration and the other was a voyage as a crew member on the replica of the 16th Century galleon, *Golden Hind*, from Sri Lanka to Malta two years ago.

She has a degree in archae-

ology, is a qualified secretary, a member of the Scientific Exploration Society and a TA officer with the Kent Sharpshooters Yeomanry Signal Squadron.

Companion Paul Wright is a climber and mountain leader. He holds a degree in building construction and is an officer in the same TA unit.

Secret VC buyer

THE Victoria Cross awarded posthumously to Private James Stokes of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry in 1945 has been sold for £16,000 at Sotheby's. The sale lasted 30 seconds.

It was bought by a London dealer on behalf of an anonymous collector. Sotheby's also declined to identify the seller.

Private Stokes won his VC for extraordinary bravery during the attack on Kerveheim, Holland, on 1 March, 1945. He died from eight wounds after leading the attack three times without waiting for orders.

The citation said that his object throughout the action was to kill the enemy, whatever the personal risk. "His magnificent courage, devotion to duty and splendid example, inspired all those round him," it said.

Another VC offered for sale, part of a Boer War group awarded to Private Charles Ward, failed to find a buyer.

64 war dead for home

THE FAMILIES of 64 of the servicemen killed in the Falklands have opted to have their bodies repatriated, the Ministry of Defence has revealed.

"Work is progressing on disinterment and other preparations," a spokesman told SOLDIER. But he was not able to say when the transfer would take place. One body is to be repatriated to Hong Kong and the other 63 to UK.

Three other families have decided that their men should remain where they fell and another 14 have been laid to rest in a military cemetery at San Carlos.

It has also been announced that there are to be two memorials to the Falklands dead. One will be in Britain and the other in Port Stanley — at the request of the islanders.

A special committee is to be set up to decide on sites and designs.

'Brain' takes over

THEY SAY the £100,000 computer at the Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital, Woolwich, is the best in Nato.

And ever since Lt-Gen Sir Alan Reay, Director-General Army Medical Services, 'booted' yet another talented facet of it into action earlier this year — 'boot' is a computer term — it has been doing wonders.

The computer at the hospital — the largest in the UK with 420 beds and 1000 staff — handles five card index admin systems which involves a staggering 80,000 names on an advanced master card index alone.

Information as scant as a regiment and a surname to go with it is enough to reveal details of a patient on the monitor screen in as little as four seconds.

The 'brain' also deals with the day-to-day in-patients records of up to 540 names, including 120 on sick leave at any given time.

Eventually, it is hoped that the computer at Woolwich, which already absorbs the workload of five other hospitals, will be tapped into tri-Service hospitals nationwide.



NEWS VIEW

It's a Winner — and it Works ▽

This group of apprentices from 35 Central Workshop, REME, at Old Dalby, Leics, had a right to look happy. They had just won the over 16s class in the 'BP Build-a-Car' competition hosted by the Army at Bordon, Hants. Starting with the remains of a scrap Mini they designed and built a natty three-wheeler with gull-wing doors. And their ingenuity brought them a cheque for £500.

There were 29 finalists, including another REME team from 46 Command Workshop in Ulster. But it was an Ulster high school team which walked off with the overall trophy.



Jungle Claymore ▴

Swapping experiences deep in the Malayan jungle are Pte Steve Cole of the 1st Bn Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, and L/Cpl James White of 1st Bn Scots Guards. They met up during Exercise Kiwi Claymore which provided the first jungle experience for many of the Hong Kong-based Scots.

Driving School ▽

Cutting the ribbon to launch the Bradley Centre Driving School at Herford is Mrs Reilly, wife of the GOC 4 Armoured Division. Bought with the profits from a variety of Wives Club enterprises, a brand new Mini is the school's vehicle. The school is open to all wives in Herford Garrison.



Top Piper ▴

Pipe Major Stoddart of the Royal Highland Fusiliers won one of piping's most prestigious awards at last year's Argyllshire Gathering at Oban, the Highland Society of London's bicentennial Gold Medal. Now, to mark his success, a special portrait has been hung in the Officers' Mess at Hemer near Menden.



VIP Visit ▴

"You came just to see me?" That seems to be the question from Grand Canyon, the 12-year-old ex-racehorse turned warhorse, when American jockeys Eddie Dalahoussaye and Willie Shoemaker called to see him at Knightsbridge Barracks. Looking after the introductions was Lt Sam Bullard, of the Blues and Royals. Grand Canyon was donated to the Army to replace one of the horses killed in the Hyde Park bombing.



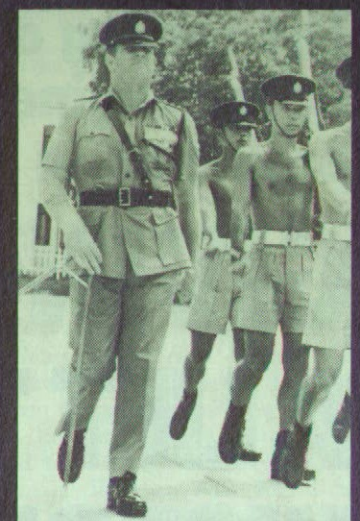
Cold Start ▽

The half light of a wintry morning seemed no time for Ordnance Services Depot, RAOC to begin their 500 km relay from Viersen to its twin town of Peterborough. But with 400 Dm already in the kitty for British and German charities they set off cheerfully with the Freedom Scroll presented to them in March.



Guards' Style ▴

Bringing 22 years experience of the Guards tradition to the Hong Kong Police Force is ex-WO1 Bill Fullerton who as Chief Inspector Fullerton has taken over as the Force's chief drill and musketry instructor. He was formerly Garrison Sergeant Major at HMS Tamar, the HQ of the British Forces in the territory.



Badges Galore ▽

The Squadron Quarter Master Sergeant's office at Bradbury Barracks in Krefeld is a bit unusual, for S/Sgt Geoffrey Dyson has 4000 cap badges, plus a large collection of other insignia, which he will never issue to anyone. It's a veritable Aladdin's Cave for enthusiasts and represents 11 years of collecting.

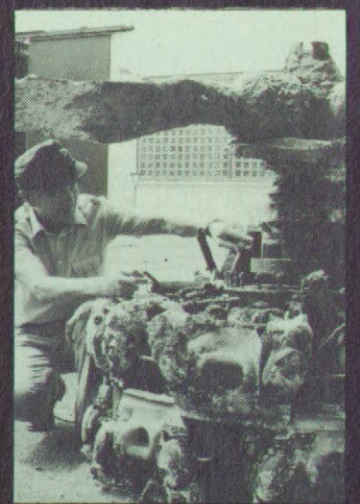


Oh its You!

There is a bit of double trouble in BAOR because, although unrelated, Majors Dick Clarke and John Williams of the Royal Welch Fusiliers are so alike they pass for twins. There was nearly a 'major calamity' when they both appeared on the exercise staff for Quarter Final.

Engine Find ▴

Workmen widening a road beside Hampshire Barracks in Moenchengladbach — a wartime fighter base — turned up this Fokke Wulf 190 engine which has turned out to be almost unique because it is in such good condition. But mystery surrounds the reason for burying it.



The raising of the *Mary Rose* owed much to the skills of Royal Engineer divers but they had to solve plenty of problems in . . .

GIVING A LIFT TO HISTORY

THE *MARY ROSE*, Henry VIII's wooden flagship, is safely high and dry at last and will soon go on public display. But for "one awful moment", Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Chitty, CO of the Royal Engineers' Diving Establishment at Marchwood and one of the masterminds of the £4 million recovery project, thought he was going to be left with the "world's most expensive collection of Tudor firewood".

The crunch came, literally, as the *Mary Rose* was being gently lifted from her watery grave. Her gunwhales were already clear when — to the horror of everyone watching

Divers inspect the lifting cradle after a sheared pin brought it crashing. ▼



A jubilant Prince Charles with Lt-Col Chitty ▲ on the *Tog Mor*, the *Mary Rose* in cradle behind them.



including millions on TV — a pin in one of the legs of the lifting frame sheared through to bring it crashing down on to the starboard sterncastle.

Colonel Chitty, 53, whose two dozen sapper divers had been one of the mainstays of the recovery which involved a specially designed cradle, said: "For one awful moment I thought that my standard joke for the last two years had become a reality — the Tudor firewood. Luckily, my military training took over and the next thought was to get my sappers cracking and put it right."

And he did. Standing high up on the control deck of the huge floating crane, the *Tog Mor*, he was able to use the "Mark One eyeball" and the BBC TV's monitors to assure 29-year-old Captain Jon Brannam, the Royal Engineers' project officer checking in a combat support boat alongside the cradle, that no structural damage had been suffered by the *Mary Rose*. A further safety pin had taken the weight. The lift was still on!

It just had to be. After all, the sappers had been involved with the planning and execution of the *Mary Rose* recovery project since October 1980. Its approval as a 'military aid to the civil community' task meant that the resources of the Royal Engineers' Diving Establishment could be injected at all levels. They worked closely with civilian consultant engineers.

Lt-Col Chitty said of the enterprising and energetic Captain Brannam: "That officer is a brilliant engineer and a walking computer. He is highly regarded by all the professional engineers associated with the task and by the *Mary Rose* Trust."

But the project had not been all plain sailing or, rather diving, for the sappers.



Sapper diver returns from cutting bent leg off lifting frame.

The recovery had already been plagued by technical and other problems despite the additional help of sapper divers from regimental diving teams in the UK and BAOR, and it suffered another knock earlier this year.

In March digging had begun in earnest to start freeing the hull from the resistant sediments and clay which had virtually cocooned the ship for 437 years.

The blow came when 53 of the sapper divers found themselves back with their units, 8000 miles away — in the Falklands!

"Replacements were found, however, from engineer units in BAOR", said Lt-Col Chitty "and, with the agreement of the Major General Gus Sinclair, Engineer-in-Chief, the Diving Establishment's training programme went into suspended animation to allow the diving instructors and the course support divers to concentrate on the recovery."

Newly-arrived diver, WO1 Barry Makemson, the Senior Military Instructor, recalled "We were digging out divers from underneath flat stones!"

The race against time was well and truly on. They had to remove the last of the artefacts before the underwater lifting frame arrived on site, a frame launched by the sappers from the US Army base at Hythe and fitted with its legs at Marchwood Military Port.

Lt-Col Chitty explained: "Threatened by the possibility of having to carry out the tricky underwater transfer and docking in the equinoctial gales, the programme was speeded up as much as possible, but it was not until the end of September that the cradle for the *Mary Rose* was finally completed at Marchwood and towed to site. Even then, gales forced it to run for shelter at Portsmouth harbour where she remained stormbound for several days. But, at last, she was placed on the seabed by the Royal Engineers and the final stage was reached."

Television screens told of the mishap on October 9 when, during the ship's underwater transfer in mounting tidal conditions, one of the lifting frame's supporting legs became badly bent and the transfer had to be aborted late in the evening.

But fate had not finished with the project just yet.

A phone call placed to the Bracknell Met Office revealed that Force Five to Seven

gales were forecast. Added to this hazard were the crippled frame and a cradle.

Lt-Col Chitty takes up the story: "At 0800 hours on Sunday Prince Charles, who had personally involved himself in the events of the previous evening, called an O-Group on board the *Mary Rose* Trust's recovery vessel. It was the highest powered O-Group that I have ever attended. Besides the Prince there was ex-King Constantine and Lord Romsey. I had explained the problem and the possible engineering solutions. The Prince took the initiative and asked if we could get her up. I said we could if we treated the operation on a wartime basis."

The Prince replied: "Well, it is war. Get her up by tomorrow!"

Lt-Col Chitty added: "Once a Prince says that, well, you just do it. He is, after all, our commander-in-chief designate."

While this was going on, the sappers had cut off the offending bent leg underwater using oxygen-cutting equipment and carried out other repairs and final preparations during the day. At 0400 hours on Monday 11 October the sappers — they had worked through their second consecutive night and

Preparing the lifting cradle — sapper divers working at Marchwood earlier this year. ▼



day — managed to secure the last main lifting strop to the cradle. Pumps were placed into the hull and just after 0900 hours the *Mary Rose* broke the surface for the first time in over four centuries.

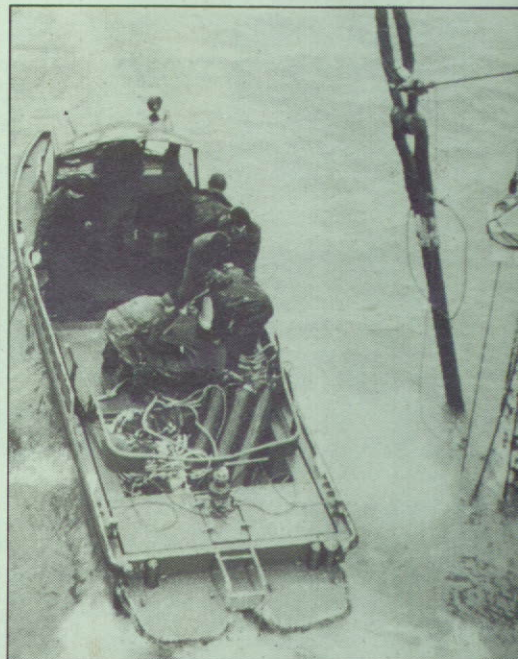
The lift over, despite two anxious nail-biting hours watched by the world on TV, the beer was broken out and a toast to the *Mary Rose* given by Brigadier Graham Fawcus, the Royal School of Mechanical Engineering Commandant.

But the supreme accolade of the whole adventure was contained in a signal received from the *Mary Rose* Trust. It read: "To Chitty. Please convey to Captain Brannam and his team congratulations on a job well done to the highest traditions of your Corps and of the British Army. Without your help and enterprise the *Mary Rose* would not have come home to Portsmouth. Many thanks from all on the *Mary Rose* Trust." ■

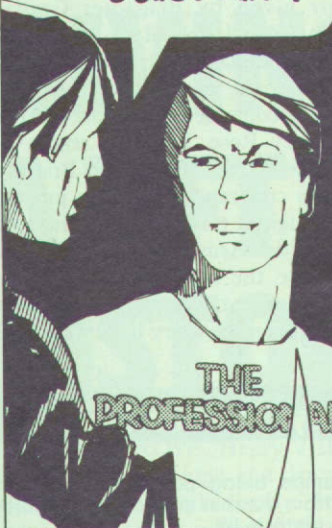
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Below: Pumps being placed in the *Mary Rose* hull from combat support boat shortly before the historic lift.

Bottom: Captain Jon Brannam, RE project officer, discusses a problem with one of the civilian consultant engineers.



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GETTING DOWN TO IT

S/Sgt Burton, Ammunition Technician, supervises clearance operation.



THE MINE CLEARANCE problems faced by the Royal Engineers on the Falklands have been pretty widely publicised. But their colleagues from the Royal Army Ordnance Corps EOD organisation are facing a similarly massive headache in clearing up the vast quantities of ammunition — British and Argentinian — still littering the islands in the aftermath of battle.

The sheer size of the problem was highlighted during a visit to the islands after their liberation by Brigadier Charles Smith, Director of Land Service Ammunition, who viewed some 4500 tons of ammunition in nine different locations.

Much of it lay open to the elements, some in pits ten feet deep and measuring 30 feet by 15 feet, full of water and starting to freeze.

A specialist RAOC Composite Ammunition Company — 33 RAOC officers and soldiers supported by 26 RPC personnel —

FALKLANDS FILE



was quickly assembled to deal with the initial problem.

Major Peter Courtney-Green, the Company's OC said: "Since then, we have been making steady but sure progress in helping to render the area safe. It is a difficult and hazardous task in extremely unfavourable conditions".

Giving a lift to charity

CHARITY may begin at home but it ends in the Falklands if the efforts of Sergeant Ken Bryce, of the Royal Pioneer Corps, are anything to go by.

Every day he walks around the capital, Port Stanley, with a 40-lb pack on his back — and all to raise money for the Handicapped Childrens' Pilgrimage

Trust.

Ken, who dedicated a month to his sponsored 'carry', asked each of the men in his unit to give him ten-pence-per-pound or fifty-pence-a-week.

Jamaican-born Ken said: "I hope to raise more than £300 for the HCPT. It would be nice to get such a sum to the less fortunate for Christmas."

It is a sentiment which says a lot for the RPC platoon sergeant who will not be able to spend Christmas with his own children, Jason, 11, and Gareth, nine months, who live with mum, Stephanie, in married quarters at Bicester.

BANG! IT'S YOUR NEW BRIDGE

A BANG and a flash marked the official opening of the Fitzroy Bridge once again and the first man to clump across its span was a local farmer.

An eight-man section of the Royal Engineers had cleared the road which will soon be open as far as Darwin.

Major John Quin, OC of 49 (EOD) Sqn, said: "It is good to see that the people of the capital

can now drive out and enjoy once more some of their countryside."

The clearance of the first 20 miles of road meant something like 3800 miles of travel back and forth by the sappers on their task which began in August.

It was Major General David Thorne, Commander Land Forces who pressed the button which marked the re-opening of the link.

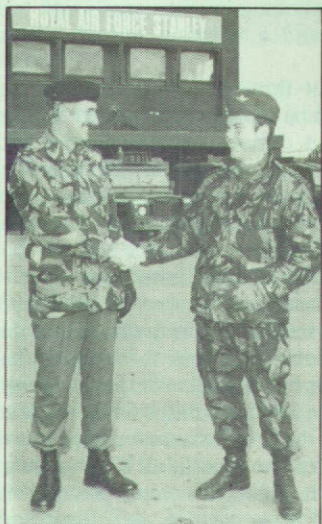
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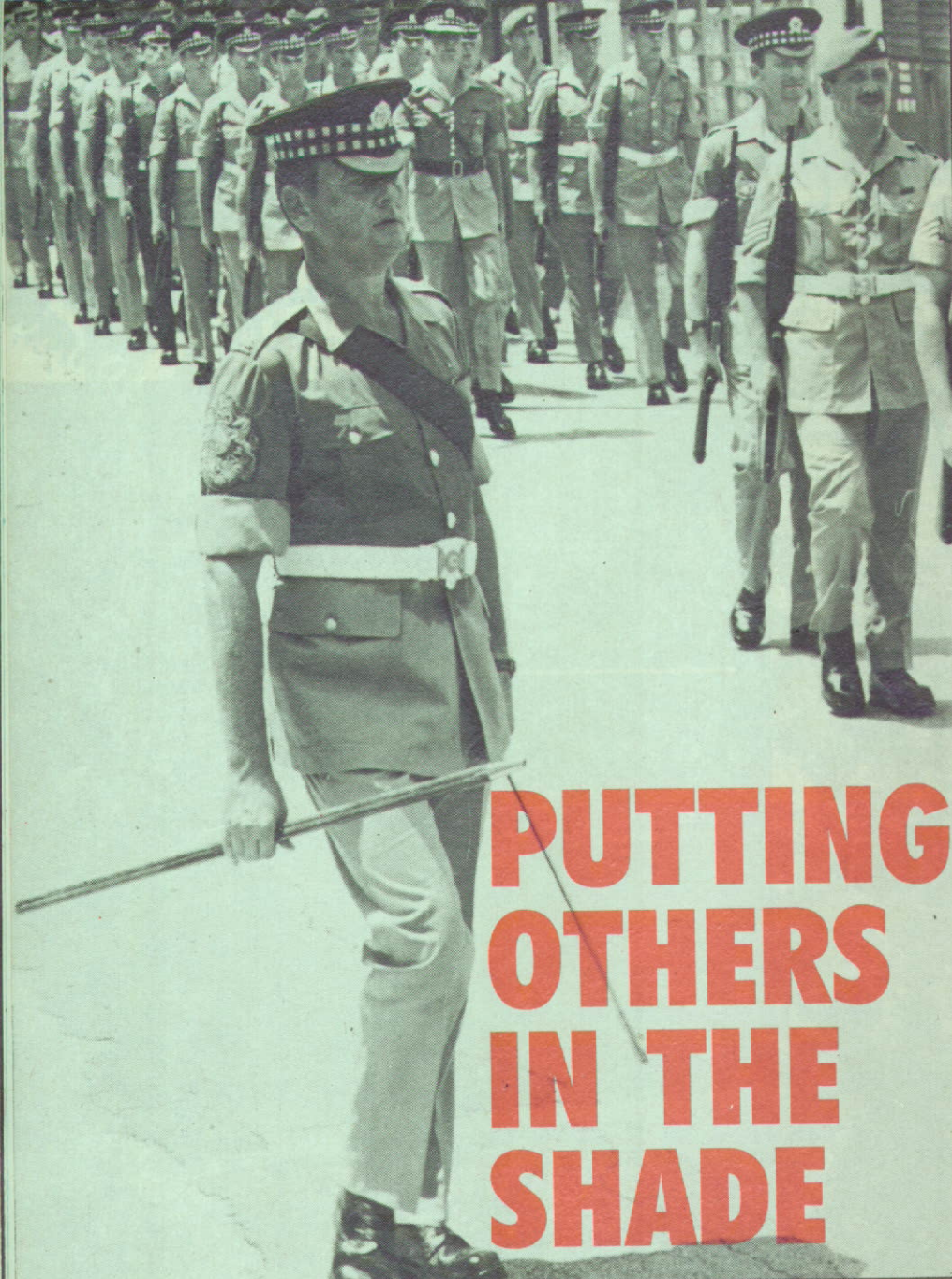
TWO school pals have met up again 25 years later — in the Falklands! They are Colonel Paul Symes, Deputy Chief of Staff, HQ Land Forces Falklands Islands and Group Captain Bill Wratten, Senior Royal Air Force Officer Falkland Islands and Station Commander RAF Stanley.

Both have had plenty of time to catch up on old times as they are sharing accommodation.

Col Symes recalled: "About a dozen of us were good pals at school. Bill and I were in the same hockey teams and shared many other interests."

Both men smile now at the thought of how close they were to another reunion — in Germany a few years ago. What fellow pilots might call a 'near miss'.





PUTTING OTHERS IN THE SHADE

RSM MacFarlane and men marching ▲

Part of the Pipes and Drums practising. ▼



The Scots Guards are back in Hong Kong after more than 50 years away. Today's teeming territory with its high-rise buildings and traffic jams bears no relation to the old days of rickshaws and coolies. But, as John Walton discovered, the Regiment still takes the same fierce pride in its turnout and drill.

IT WAS ONE OF THE HOTTEST DAYS of this year in steamy Hong Kong. The temperature had reached the mid-nineties and only mad dogs or Scotsmen would have been standing out on the parade square at Stanley Fort.

For 1st Battalion Scots Guards it was their first Commanding Officer's Parade for several years. The only members of the battalion to escape were a company away training in Malaysia and part of the pipes and drums who were performing in Tokyo.

For more than an hour the Scots Guards went through the precision drill which is the hallmark of the Guards regiments. It included a march around the Hong Kong island camp which has been their home since last December — a distance of three-quarters of a mile.

No wonder that visiting New Zealand troops, squatting under the shade of nearby trees, watched with a mixture of awe and disbelief. As Regimental Sergeant Major, Jimmy MacFarlane, was to say later in between gulping down pints of squash: "That heat was absolutely colossal. After this the summer heat on a London forecourt will give us no problems at all."

The battalion had not had a Commanding Officer's Parade since they were back in Chelsea. Before coming to Hong Kong they had been in Northern Ireland. The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Ian McLaughlan, had not taken part in one since 1964 in Kenya — "and it was not as hot as it is here today".

The Scots Guards were last in Hong Kong in the late 1920's. Four scrapbooks they brought out with them show a complete transformation. Gone are the rickshaws, mules and coolies of those days — in their place are choking traffic jams, high rise buildings and a teeming industrial economy.

For about three months in the year the Guards will be separated from their families carrying out duties along the border with Red China. And the rest of the time is no tropical holiday — there are internal security exercises, training and an increasing amount of drill.

WO 1 MacFarlane, who took over as regimental sergeant-major in June 1981 while the battalion was in Ireland, said that while on their Ulster tour the battalion had had perhaps half a dozen company parades.

"Over the last few months we have started to increase the drill because we have had 30 men away for two months as Honour Guard in Korea, had two Cenotaph parades and rehearsed for a part in the Governor's farewell parade, which was cancelled at the

last moment. For all these wee things we have to keep our fingers on the pulse.

"Next year we shall have to increase it tenfold because we can guess that we are going back to London in February 1984 and we have to be able to do all the guards by then. You can guarantee that at least half of the men on parade today were not present for the last CO's drill parade in Chelsea."

Mr MacFarlane admitted that even after nine months the men were not properly adjusted to the fierce heat and sapping humidity of Hong Kong. The soldiers had also found that the financial side of life in Hong Kong was quite difficult.

"The Chinese are very forceful salesmen. They can sell you a teaspoon worth nothing for £100 if you are not careful. A percentage of our men absolutely love it out here and a percentage would go back home a.s.a.p. if they had the chance. But we keep them very busy with our training programmes so that they do not get bored."

A handful of the soldiers on parade were dressed in berets rather than forage caps. This was because of the old enemy — humidity. Quartermaster, Captain J Bunton, reported that a number of the forage caps had collapsed.

"The climate is a major problem for equipment" he said. "If you don't keep your personal equipment in heated lockers mildew begins to get to it. It's a bit wearing because we take great pride in our dress."

The change in Hong Kong in recent years means that there are no longer the sort of servants which used to be a part of British Service life in the tropics. Says Captain Bunton: "It's a wee bit of a surprise for people who have served in the Far East and Middle East before. You are priced out of the market. There are no boot boys or char wallahs. And the amahs (maids), who used to be Chinese, are now mostly Filipino."

The Scots Guards families are split into three groups. More than half live either on the other side of the island or at Osborne Barracks in Kowloon. But 170 new quarters being built at Fort Stanley are scheduled for completion early in the New Year to bring nearly all the families into the barracks.

Families officer, Lieutenant Syd Carnegie, says that life in the Army's most far flung posting has its problems. "One of the main ones is the heat and humidity in the summer which tend to make little things you wouldn't think twice about in England so much worse. And they are too far away to ring up Mum and Dad so they turn to people like the families officer and the padre."

Mildew affects quarters too — two weeks away on holiday and a family is likely to find it on their furniture.

The wives living in Stanley have a busy community centre open every day, but Sergeant's wife, Mrs Margaret Crockett, does not find it an ideal posting for a woman with two small children. "It is the weather which affects them. The children go down with things like monsoon blisters and Hong Kong ear and if they get a cold it hangs around. And Hong Kong society is so materialistic that the children tend to think money grows on trees."

Army wives find the cost of living high — particularly where things like toiletries are concerned. Says Mrs Crockett: "We could



Wives get together in the community centre.

eat Chinese food for the next two years but you can't expect children to do that because they have not acquired the taste."

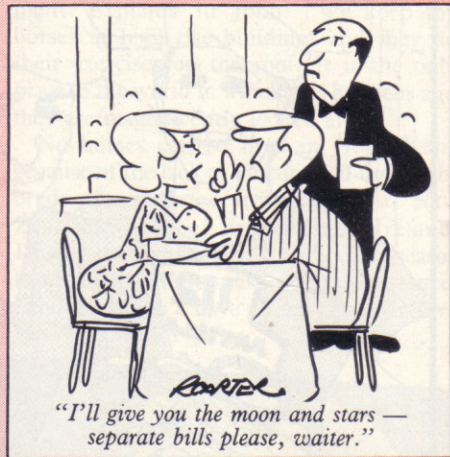
The wives find air conditioning makes for large electric bills — "you are scared to put it on" said Mrs Isobel Shearer, wife of a company sergeant-major.

The wives have amahs to do the basic housework and Mrs Shearer confesses: "It's a fantastic thought that you can go out in the morning and you will come home to find all the housework has been done."

Summing up, Mrs Crockett says: "Here you can either go out and enjoy yourself and not save or you can stay at home and save — you can't do both. What I shall miss most when we leave are the lights at night from the sea and the attention which you get in restaurants."

While Mrs Shearer says: "I wouldn't have missed it for anything. As long as you join in the activities you will enjoy it here."

As Hong Kong moves into the comparative coolness of its winter the many Scots in the territory begin to think more of the rushing streams and the glens of Scotland. This December the Scots Guards will play their part in bringing memories of home to the exiles — by staging a Highland games at Fort Stanley for the local St Andrews' Association.



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How it was — CO inspects barracks in 1927. ▲ 55 years later — the battalion lines up. ▼



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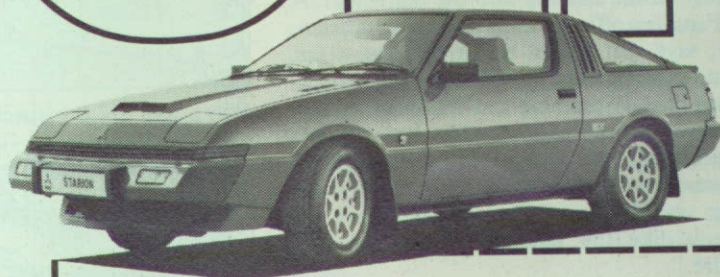
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WE WERE SITTING in a well appointed office lined with old racing prints. The view out of the window was of a lush green racecourse surrounded by the high rise skyline of teeming industrial Hong Kong. The man who was the subject of the interview knew a lot about SOLDIER magazine — he had once been the Army's Director of Public Relations.

Today General Sir John Archer is the Chief Executive of the organisation which runs all the horse racing and legal gambling in the bustling Far East metropolis. The Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club not only owns and administers the racecourse on

'We keep the horses in high rise buildings and they do their exercises on the roof'

which we looked out but has a second brand new course on the mainland of Kowloon.

"This is the biggest back garden in the world," said Sir John. "I used to live in the penthouse here and my dog knows every blade of grass."

Racing at Happy Valley was started by Army officers not long after Hong Kong became a colony. The valley was the main piece of the flat land on the island and was scheduled to be the site of the first major town. The optimistic name proved to be ill founded and the marsh mosquitoes with their malaria soon drove the colonists elsewhere.

The first official record of a race at Happy Valley dates back to 1846 and the gentleman riders of those days were mostly officers stationed in Hong Kong. It all seems a far cry from today when the jockeys are of Chinese, English, Australian and French extraction and are all professionals.

"This is a great place for an evening meeting. It is a tremendous spectacle with something like 55,000 people here," said Sir John. "We are the only place in the world to run a complete night race on grass."

It is now three years since the former Commander-in-Chief, United Kingdom Land Forces left the Army and took over at the Jockey Club from Major-General Ber-

nard Penfold. The latter had taken over the post during the transition to professional racing and a public park adjoining the new racecourse at Sha Tin is named in his honour.

"Hong Kong is becoming a home for retired generals. When I was Commander British Forces there were four of them here."

The Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club is totally non-profit making and its surpluses go to various charities. Says Sir John: "Giving money away makes you feel good. We are really running an enormous charitable trust. When you think we turned over ten billion Hong Kong dollars last year (about a billion pounds) you get some idea of the enormous sums that are given away."

There is only one legal form of gambling in Hong Kong — betting on horse racing. And all of this, both on and off course, is controlled by the Jockey Club. It also runs a national lottery for the Hong Kong Government on a no-cost basis.

Sir John admits that he was not very knowledgeable about horse racing when he retired from the Army although he had been an honorary steward for the RHKJC during his spell as CBF from 1976-78.

"But I do love horses. Sometimes the horse in Hong Kong racing tends to take second place to the betting but I think the horse is at the heart of racing."

There is a sprinkling of ex-British military people to be found among the 14,000 people who are employed by the club. "I think

Interview by John Walton

these are people who used to have a bob each way on the side when they were at school. They then went into the Army and at the first opportunity came back to their first love — racing."

Sir John does not feel completely out of touch with the military life, which he had for more than 30 years. He also meets a lot of other Army people — both serving and retired. "Hong Kong is a great strategic cross-roads and a great place to keep in touch with what is going on. Having two sons in the Army, one out here with the

Gurkhas, helps enormously."

Sir John has made a large number of friends, both British and Chinese, since he returned to Hong Kong and most of these he met through the Jockey Club's charitable work. Among the projects which have received club largesse are the Jubilee Sports Centre (jointly with the Hong Kong Government), the Academy for Performing Arts and the world's largest oceanarium, Ocean Park.

The Club also maintains a cemetery which overlooks Happy Valley and in which many of those early malaria victims are buried. It took over the maintenance after 1919 when a grandstand at the course caught fire and hundreds died.

The horses which race at Happy Valley live in a peculiarly Hong Kong environment. Explains Sir John: "We keep the horses in high rise buildings and they do their exercises on the roof. It is the only place in the world in which this happens and they are magnificently looked after."

No horses can be bred in Hong Kong because of the lack of pasture and thoroughbreds are imported from Australia, New Zealand, France, England and Ireland. During the British Flat Racing close season top British jockeys make guest appearances "and they don't have things all their own way," added Sir John.



"We also run an apprentice jockeys' school here. We have just interviewed 58 boys and selected ten who will do two years' training. It is run by a retired British lieutenant-colonel and the admin is done by ex-WO's of the old mule troop. It is a very tough course for young boys, some of whom weigh as little as 72 lbs."

Of his old life in the Army the general declares: "After all those years one is bound to miss it but I am very glad I didn't retire and I am even more glad that I didn't have a break between leaving the Army and starting something new. I find this totally absorbing."

"I think the Army gives a standard and breadth of training that can be extremely useful outside. After all, the world is made up of people and at the heart of most things it's people who matter."

"The thing you must not do is to sit down and think how much you miss the Army. There must be a turning point in everyone's life and you must look upon it as an opportunity — not a matter of regret."

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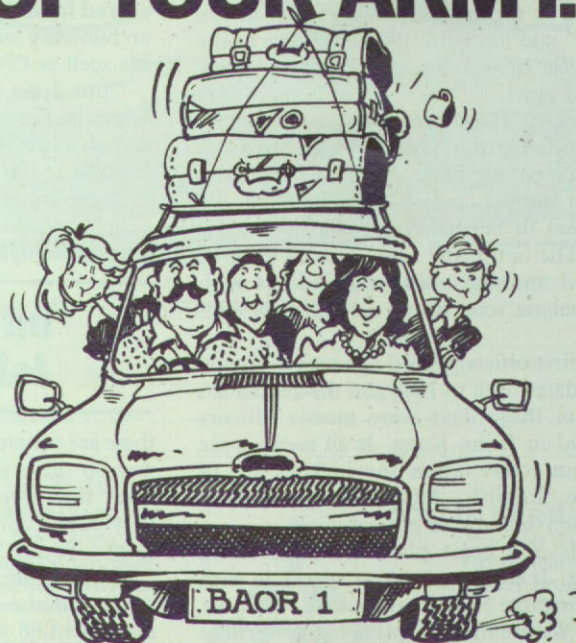
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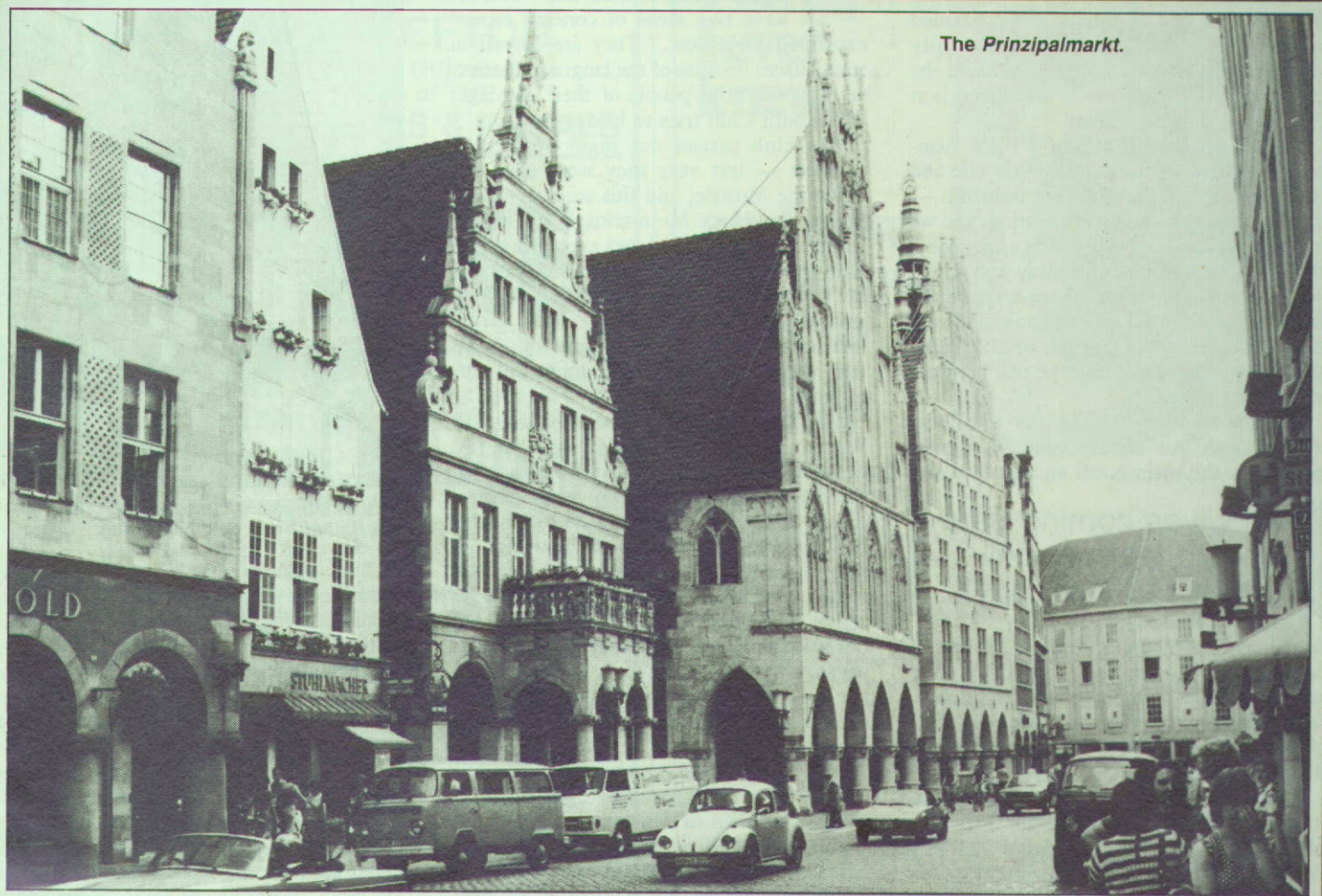
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FOR A CITY which was ravaged by the Seven Years War, demolished by the Great Fire in 1862, and partially flattened during the last war, Munster, the capital of Westphalia, and one of the British Army's largest garrisons in West Germany, is, somewhat surprisingly, a very attractive place to be posted.

Restoration was completed in 1962, and the Germans rebuilt some parts of the city in almost exactly the same style as it was before, as well as building many splendid modern buildings. The main shopping concourse is colonnaded with arches and stone pillars, and the atmosphere of the original market town has been retained.

The old town hall was restored to its original form and there is a very old cathedral as well as a number of ancient churches. The ramparts of the old town fortifications have been made into the Promenade, a circular green belt around the centre of the city.

Munster today is a large, sprawling, modern city offering excellent amenities as well as being a convenient 'jumping off' point for visiting the rest of Germany and Europe. It is situated on the Aasee Lake, where it is possible to sail, fish, and hire pedal boats. Rowing and boat trips are available on the Dortmund-Ems Canal which runs through the city.

There is an all-weather zoo with a dolphinarium; an open-air museum; golf course;

'as far as Welfare goes Munster probably has less problems than other garrisons because people feel more secure'

ice-skating rink; shooting range; many swimming pools and tennis and squash courts. There is also a large theatre which stages ballet and opera, and the Halle Munsterland, a multi-purpose hall with seating for 5000 which puts on horse shows, top entertainment and exhibitions. There are many good shops in attractive arcades, and the centre of the city is virtually a pedestrian precinct.

Munster is the Headquarters of 4 Armoured Brigade, and units based there are The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, 17th/21st Lancers, 2nd Field Regiment RA, 1st Battalion Irish Guards, 1st Battalion Light Infantry, 8 Regiment RCT, BMH, 5 Armoured Field Ambulance, and a number of other minor units.

The barracks are spread out in north and south Munster, and these and 17 patches in and around Munster are home for 5500 military personnel and 6000 civilians and dependents in the garrison.

It cannot be denied that at the moment one of the garrison's biggest headaches is quartering. At the beginning of September there were 284 married soldiers in Munster without quarters. Of these 112 had private

accommodation which they found themselves with an allowance from the Army. The remaining soldiers' wives are still in England, and the situation is deteriorating because more young soldiers are getting married.

"The problem is that there are more people chasing quarters than there are quarters available," explained Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Frank Grosse, the Assistant Station Staff Officer for Munster Garrison. "The problem was caused initially by an increase in the number of units based in Munster and this was followed very quickly by a significant increase in the number of young soldiers getting married. But suitable houses and flats are being found and permission is expected soon from the MOD to take these over, so the situation should improve — providing financial assistance is obtained."

The problem is accentuated also by the fact that Munster is a university city and the 46,000 students all need accommodation as well. At present there are a total of 2424 quarters available — 2173 for soldiers and 251 for officers.

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The patch furthest away from Munster is Sendon which is 35 kms away. It is home for 360 families and is totally self-contained with its own Naafi, school, community centre, estate wardens, nurse and Ssafa sister. The patch furthest away for officers is at Havixbeck, 15 kms distant.

Sergeant Richard Cliffe of 2 Field Regiment RA, lives in Sendon with his wife and three children. "The flats are beautiful — large and spacious and good heating, and we have beautiful views over fields and woods. But Sendon is just too far away and it is a real problem if you don't have a car. I can have a 24-mile round trip to change a library book or to go to the cinema, or a 30-mile-trip to go to church, that's the real problem with living there."

But the facilities provided by the Army are good. A bus service runs from most patches to the main Naafi and medical and

"All wives coming here should learn to drive if they don't already"

dental centres. There is an SKC Cinema, a community centre, four churches, two saddle clubs, a number of sports pitches, four schools which cater for five to 18 year olds, a folk club and a successful amateur dramatic society.

The British Military Hospital plays an important part in the life of the garrison. Major Ian Durie, Deputy Chief of Staff of 4 Armoured Brigade and Munster Garrison said: "Actually having the hospital so close is a tremendous help for the families, and as far as welfare goes Munster probably has less problems than other garrisons because people feel more secure."

There are three extremely efficient and valuable youth clubs, one of which has been run by Mr Vic Baker, the Garrison Youth Leader, for three years. It opens once a week for eight to 12 year olds, twice a week for 13 to 20 year olds, and once a week for 16 to 20 year olds.

He sees his job primarily as working with the 200 members and building up a rela-

tionship with them so that should anything go wrong in their lives they would be able to come to him for help and advice.

"We have two areas of concern here," explained Mr Baker. "They are cut off in some places because of the language barrier, and cut off from people of their own age. The Youth Club tries to bridge that gap."

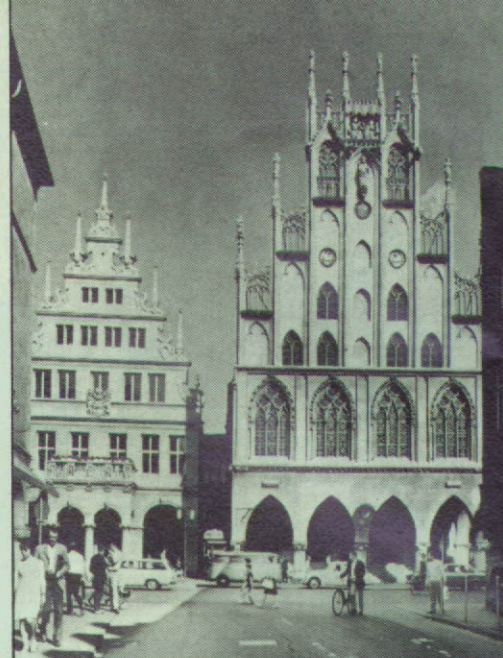
The club carries out many residential projects — last year they went canoeing down the Moselle, and this summer camping in the Harz Mountains. "We try to combine the personnel and expertise of the Army with the interests and enthusiasm of the youngsters," Mr Baker said. "This winter we are going skiing with Army instructors. My job is to find out what the youngsters want and then ask the military to provide it."

Mrs Jan Steiner, whose husband is a Warrant Officer with REME and has two children aged 13 and 11 at boarding school, has lived in Munster for two years. "Everything's here if you're prepared to look for it," she said. "I love ten-pin bowling and that is catered for — I bowl four times a week in organised leagues. The children are rather loathe to go out and mix because they don't know people, but they went on trips organised by the youth club. I take them to the zoo, bowling and swimming — there is a greater need to entertain them when you're over here."

Mrs Llana Walls, whose husband is RQMS with 1st Battalion, Light Infantry, thinks the town of Munster is very pretty with some excellent shops. "But it is very spread out. I can drive and live close by so it's all right for me, but many of the younger wives live a long way out and find it difficult. All wives coming here should learn to drive if they don't already — it's a real boon and when men are away on exercise so often you need to be independent."

Getting out and finding what is available is important for young soldiers as well. Gunner Lee Townsend, 2 Field Regiment RA, is 18 and when he was posted to Munster five months ago it was the first time he had been abroad in his life.

"When I first came out here I found it very strange," he admitted. "It took me four



Two of Munster's famous civic buildings — the Rathaus and Stadtweinhaus.

or five weeks to settle down. Luckily I've got some mates with cars and have travelled around a bit to a couple of Safari Parks and castles. My parents came over and we went to the South of Germany for a holiday in the mountains. My first problem was the language, I took a German course but found it very different when I came out here."


During September Munster celebrated 'British Week' during which the British Garrison was awarded the freedom of the city, and the cities of Munster and York celebrated the 25th anniversary of their twinning. Major Durie said: "Relations in Munster between the garrison and the Munsteraners have been pretty reserved, but they went out of their way during the British Week to establish good relations with us."

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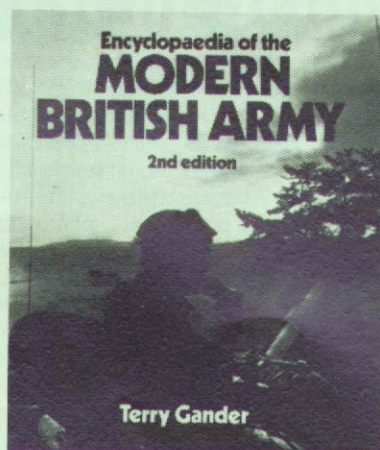
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THE WELL-KNOWN SAYING "The impossible we can do at once, miracles take a little longer" might have been written especially for Clement Stone, a dynamic 80-year-old who has created a multi-million dollar insurance empire from an initial investment of a mere 100 dollars.

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His powerful message of self-help motivation and challenge comes across loud and clear in his two books, *Success through a Positive Mental Attitude* and *The Success System that Never Fails* and I freely admit that both the books and the man himself have greatly influenced my own thinking and actions.



W Clement Stone

I suppose I have always had something of the "magnificent obsession" that Clement describes in his books. I know what it is to "stand alone in combating and repelling the ridicule and ignorance of the experts" and I too have been told countless times that what I am trying to do cannot be done. But I have confidence now that, with time, I will bring my magnificent obsession into reality and I too will find ways to do the impossible.

Anne Armstrong

The worth of a wife

THE VALUE OF WIVES and mothers in a Service environment has been officially recognised at the highest level in America.

President Reagan has signed a bill which will come into effect in February next year giving military wives and ex-wives greater recognition than ever before for their significant, albeit unpaid, contribution to their Service marriages.

The bill's main provisions are that a military pension will now be considered as part of the estate to be shared proportionately between the two parties in divorce cases and that former Service wives who have been married for at least 20 years will be entitled to military health facilities until remarriage, a considerable benefit in a country with a private health system. It generated wide publicity as it went through Congress because it nullified last year's controversial ruling that pay belonged only to the serving partner.

Congress has, in effect, voted to recognise that marriage is an economic partnership in which

Breakfast

MY ALL TOO SHORT TRIP to the United States of America was an unforgettable experience. During my 12-day stay I attended the 5th International Federation of Keystone Youth Organisations, hosted this year by the Boys Clubs of America in Pawling, just outside New York, and then saw for myself how a successful boys' club in the city caters for its members and their interests.

I also met the wives of British Servicemen stationed in America and heard about the advantages and drawbacks of a USA posting, as well as visiting the HQ of the National Military Wives' Association.

family responsibilities are shared and that the contribution of the homemaker is equally valid.

The success of the bill was partly due to the work of the National Military Wives' Association who conducted a massive survey among the 24 American bases in Germany, gathering information from the families there about employment prospects, moving problems, child care facilities, overseas travel allowances for children at college and other daily considerations with which we too are familiar. Their findings were passed to the Defense Department for consideration in the development of defence policies.

Service wives worldwide have to accept frequent moves and the impossibility of establishing an independent career with pension rights because of these moves. But this does not necessarily

mean that their talents and skills must be wasted. America is streets ahead of us in this field. They use their volunteers effectively, as the introduction of this latest bill shows, and make the most of the skills they are offered.

We could learn something from this attitude and I should be interested to hear how you see the role of Service wives in the growing awareness of the 1980s.

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Self-contained paradise in NY

IN ONE OF THE POORER areas of New York, hidden behind a dull and anonymous red-brick facade, there is a breathtaking paradise for the local youngsters.

Some 400 boys a day go through the front door and up the stairs to one or other of the seven floors that have become for many a home from home, known as the Jefferson Park Unit Boys' Club.

The club is open from three in the afternoon until ten at night and boys between the ages of six

and 18 years old are welcome. Whether they are still at school or unemployed they can find the facilities, the space, the companionship and the leadership at the club that can help them make more of their daily lives than the poverty at home will allow.

The club is run by a small paid staff and about 100 volunteer helpers and is funded from private enterprise. It provides, in one building, a range of comprehensive facilities that might well be the envy of many villages and towns in Britain.



Concentrating hard on homework.

There are small rooms for meetings and homework which are supervised by a volunteer, laboratories equipped with microscopes and hundreds of slides, basement rooms for woodwork, pottery, art, photography and printing and a huge hall with its own stage. There is a four-lane swimming pool with pool-side seats for spectators, a boxing arena, basketball courts and a multi-gym to please even the most fanatical fitness freak. Another floor is given over to table tennis and pool tables for all age groups and the top floor, with its small menagerie, its cases of birds and animals and its geological specimens, is one of the showpieces of the club.

Jefferson Park Unit also boasts a resident dentist who gives treatment at reduced prices in the dental rooms inside the club building.

The youngsters are extremely proud of their club and eager to show visitors everything there is. Each child is encouraged and helped to follow through his own chosen programme of activities using the facilities the club can

in America

tion in Washington and the Armies' Family Action Committee there.

I was overwhelmed by the friendliness of the American people who were wonderfully generous and kind and helpful beyond the call of simple duty when I was dazed by the pace and hugeness of life in 'The New World'. The memory of the cheery "Have a nice day!" and "You're welcome!" rejoinders that punctuated my stay makes me determined to return one day to see more of the country and its people.

Working together

CLOSER INTERNATIONAL LINKS and co-operation could be the key of the door for Service youngsters who, because of the nomadic life their families lead, often find themselves unable to make the most of opportunities offered to others in the way of employment or individual training schemes.

They are all too often forgotten when new moves are made to motivate and encourage other British youngsters to avoid the pitfalls and frustrations of the Dole queue. They fall somewhere between the youth at home and the youth of the country in which they live — and belong to neither.

But there is a growing awareness of the problems they face. My address to delegates at the 5th International Federation of Keystone Youth Organisations initiated much discussion and proposals for closer links with the youth of the host country. Cultural and educational exchanges may be a way of bringing our children out from the bounds of the Service environment and

increasing their contact with other young people.

This concern and the suggestion of initiatives designed to promote international contact and friendship was a striking feature of the conference. Delegates came from Britain, Canada, Germany, New Zealand, Bermuda, Jamaica, the Netherlands and the USA to the YMCA Holiday Hills Conference Centre at Pawling for the four-day gathering.

Under the ebullient chairmanship of Al Mangini, young and adult representatives listened to addresses from each country. They heard about the problems and the solutions, as they discussed the questions of youth unemployment and youth opportunities programmes and they reached a better understanding of the importance of international contact and co-operation embodied in the conference aim, "Learning through Sharing".

It was interesting to hear how each country had tackled its particular problems. Some had helped youngsters through the medium of youth clubs and orga-

A trip to USA gives Anne Armstrong food for thought



Al Mangini, Conference Chairman, receives a book of Munich from Dr Franz Schade to seal the '83 conference venue.

nisations to find work or to meet the challenge of starting their own business. Others, like America, had taken advantage of tax laws to pour money into these youth organisations to their mutual benefit.

In America up to ten per cent of profits from the private sector businesses can be given to charity instead of being subject to taxation by the Government, and a growing number of firms donate

funds in this way, often then auditing the use of the money themselves. This in turn means a greater involvement in the organisations by professional people who enrich the schemes by their expertise and efficiency, as David Koch, President and Chief Executive of Graco Inc., Minneapolis explained in his speech to delegates.

As Vice President of the Boys' Clubs, Clement Stone spoke about the mission of the Federation and the aim of all those who are concerned about the youngsters today. "Its mission," he said "is to share with its members the knowledge of proven success principles and how to apply those principles to reach their goals."

"Not only are we trying to solve the problems of today's youth but, more importantly, we are preparing them to become good parents, citizens and the leaders of the future."

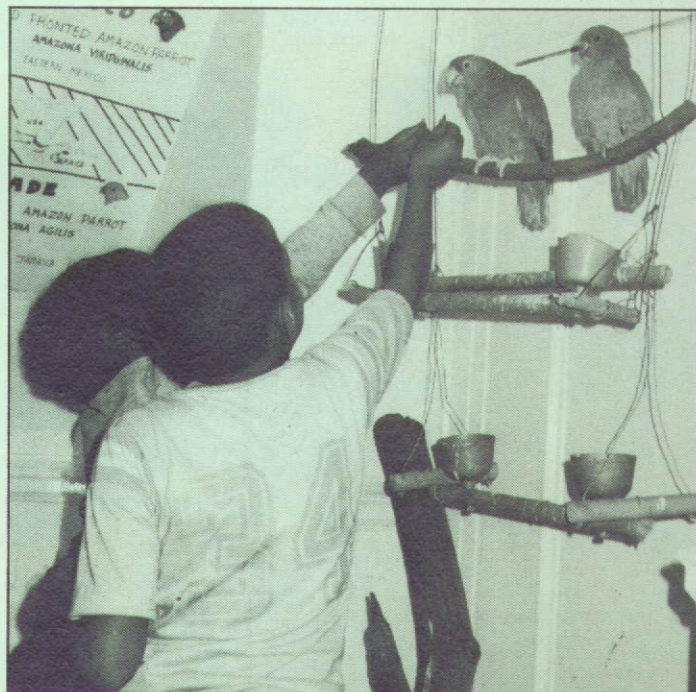
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THE SECOND Infantry Division has proved itself in its new role. Territorials of the new 15 and 49 Infantry Brigades joined up with the Osna-bruck-based regulars of 24 Infantry Brigade to test this new organisation, and their commander, Major General Martin Farn-dale, feels it has proved a "very workable concept".

When the 'Crossed Keys' Division leaves its base at Lübbecke early next year its armour will be inherited by the three remaining Divisions. Although the headquarters and Signals Regiment move to York it will still have a BAOR role, and Exercise Keystone/Logex really put it through the mill to ensure that it would be able to operate securely within the Corps area if ever called back for war.

The TA brigades were under particularly close scrutiny. Only formed in January this year, this is the first time in recent years that TA brigades have worked as brigades. It was their first real opportunity to exercise the procedures they have been practising in the drill hall and on week-end exercises.

At the same time, a massive logistics exercise was being carried out with movers, medics, suppliers, sappers, transporters and police doing their equivalent of the RAOC's provision of "beans, bullets and band-aids".

Some 12,000 soldiers made their various ways to Germany, only the second time such large numbers had been moved. Senior officers masterminding the Corps reinforcement plan were delighted at how well it had gone, and this was borne out by TA veterans who felt that in many ways the exercise was better than Crusader in 1980.

The 300 men of 4 Para were particularly pleased with their move, which culminated in a very successful parachute drop south of

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Watermanship as tried by 108(W) Field Sqn, Royal Monmouthshire RE.



Hameln. Not only were they spot on, they just beat a belt of rain clouds advancing from the West.

But the weather — in particular the high winds — was to win on points, as they were forced to cancel their other jumps.

Shortly after arriving, the Nottingham sappers of 73 Engineer Regiment (V) were involved in constructing a water point, doing demolition tasks, minefield work and building a medium girder bridge.

In a different wood, however, Maidstone-based 133 Corps Troop Workshop were finding life a little dull despite the amount of work coming to them. So they flung out a thunderflash and invented an enemy attack, just to keep the pot boiling. Unfortunately for the 'real' enemy, who were trying to mount their own attack, the Sappers' recon patrol by pure chance headed off in their direction, proceeded to bump into and annihilate the would-be infiltrators.

Munster-based 1 Light Infantry took to their role as exercise enemy like ducks to water, as did the Geordies of 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars from Paderborn —

once they had come to terms with the concept of acting as infantrymen. They took a positive delight in finding and exploiting any weakness or lapse in vigilance which would lead to genuine disruption should saboteurs try it for real before the outbreak of actual war.

But the exercise dice was loaded in their favour. After an excellent river crossing in the early hours one morning — courtesy of 23 Amphibious Engineer Squadron from Hameln — Orange (enemy) forces made their break-out. But although reinforced by the Irish Guards, 6 Battery RHA and 75 Engineer Regiment (V) they would have taken a bloody nose along the route.

At one stage 1 Mercians carried out a beautiful ambush followed by a perfect flanking attack to mop up the remnants. Even the umpires agreed it was beautiful. But the whole of 24 Brigade was waiting for their turn and the exercise had to test them too, so the Mercians reluctantly had to let them through.

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Joining the action. Men of 1 LI arrive by German helicopter.



Briefing for men of 1 LI.



The light infantrymen get down to causing a bit of disruption.

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It's all ashore that's going ashore! ▲

Waiting for splash down in the assault landing craft.

THE COMMANDO CUM-ENGINEER exercise in Holland — Dutch Treat 82 — really lived up to its name for 111 'Green Berets' from 131 Independent Commando Squadron, Royal Engineers (V).

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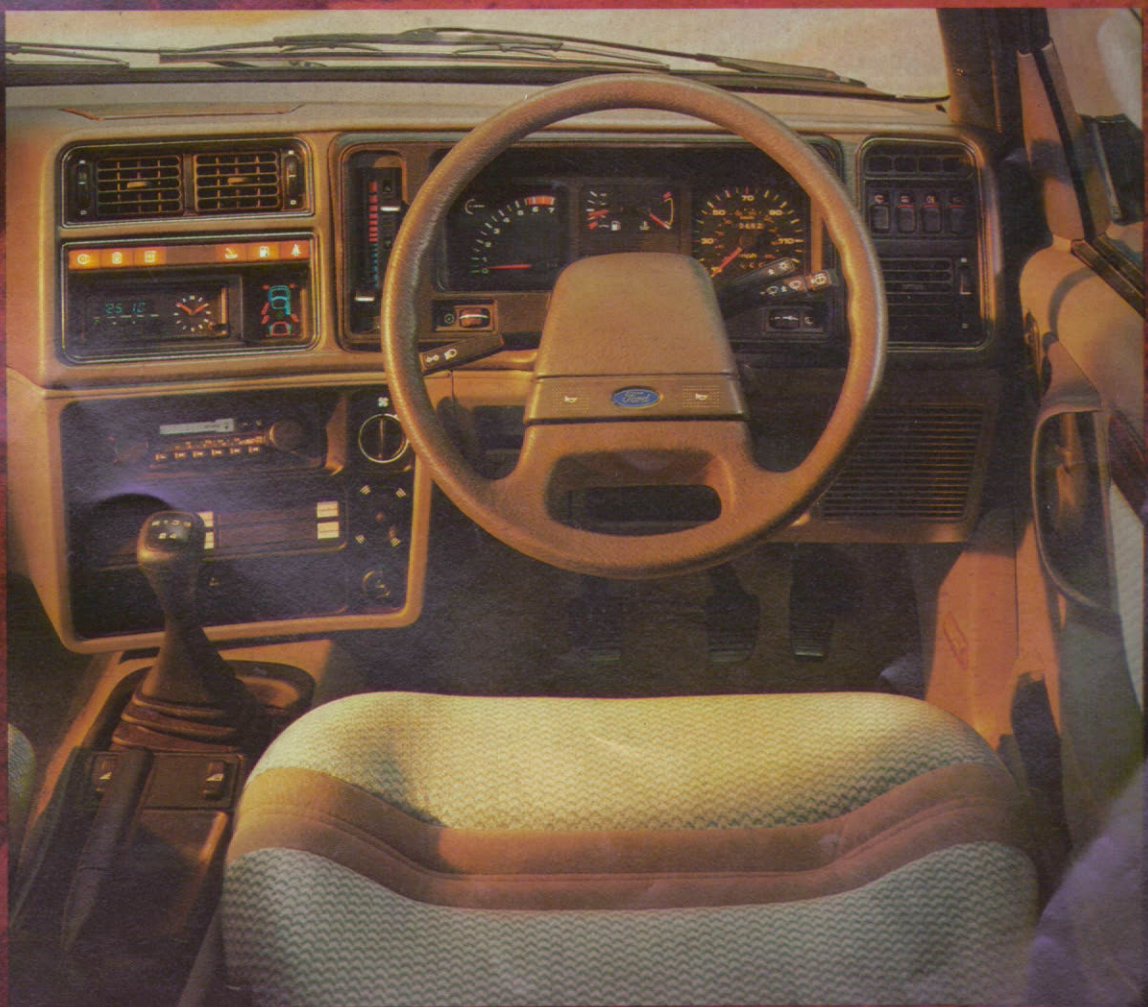
The part-time commandos drawn from London, Hull, Plymouth, Birmingham and Grangemouth in Scotland soon found their sea legs again during their eight-and-a-half-hour night ferry crossing with their ten 4-tonne lorries, a mini bus and 15 Land Rovers plus trailers aboard the MV *Princess Beatrix*.

Formerly an airborne engineer squadron with a parachuting capability until just four years ago, 131's role today is in support of 3 Commando Brigade, Royal Marines, who were in the Falklands. The squadron was on its annual 15-day camp hosted by 101 Genie Gevechtsgroep, a combat engineer group, normally based at Wezep, and the Royal Netherlands Marine Corps (Korps Mariniers).

Just two-and-a-half hours after arriving at Wezep, the Brits were entered into a demanding physical fitness test — the Tickle Test — so named after a former soldier, Mr A B J Tickle, who bequeathed a considerable amount of money "to promote the efficiency of the British Army".

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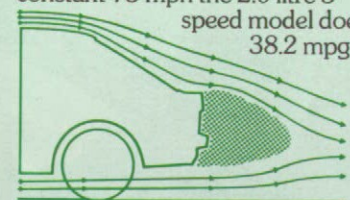
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Its average drag coefficient is 0.34 – 24% better than Cortina's. Even the wheel covers and bumpers are designed to reduce turbulence. And Sierra's windscreen and back windows are bonded directly to the body by a special process called direct glazing. This makes a flush fit, reducing drag. The effect on fuel consumption is most noticeable at motorway speeds. At a constant 75 mph the 2.0 litre 5-speed model does 38.2 mpg.**



Sierra's aerodynamic shape minimises drag. Airflow keeps back window clean.

Rear wheel drive: better on balance.

For reasons of space, most small cars, our own included, have front wheel drive. But in a car as

big as Sierra this advantage is outweighed by other considerations.

Rear wheel drive gives well balanced handling because the weight of the car is distributed equally over the front and back wheels.

It's also easier to service, better able to transmit the power of the big engined variants and, incidentally, gives better traction when towing.

The suspension: sporting handling without hard springs.

Sierra is an agile car.

It corners quickly and accurately with hardly any body roll. And it takes rough surfaces with uncanny smoothness.

Even when the car is heavily laden, it still feels light and positive. This is because it has a supple new all-independent suspension system with McPherson struts at the front, and semi-trailing arms at the rear.

It strikes just the right balance between sporting handling and a comfortable ride.

Yet another reason why Sierra is such an enjoyable driver's car.

The hatchback: spacious and versatile.

Sierra is a hatchback. But, from the inside, you'd never know it. Because the boot is sealed off by a thick, hinged parcel shelf.

Like most hatchbacks, Sierra has folding back seats. But unlike most they are split 60/40†. This makes the car a very versatile load carrier.



With one back seat folded†, you still have room for two back seat passengers.

If, by any chance, the Sierra hatchback isn't big enough for you, don't give up.

There's always the Sierra Estate. It has a load capacity of 69 cu.ft.

But that's another story.

*Ford computed figures.

**Government fuel test figures overleaf.

†Except base model.



Engines: evolutionary development.

Sierra has a wide choice of engines. There's a 2.3 litre V6, and a range of 4-cylinder OHC units of 2.0, 1.6 and 1.3 litres. And a refined 2.3 litre diesel.

Outwardly they look similar to Cortina engines.

Inside, however, there are numerous developments which have increased their performance and decreased their fuel consumption. The figures below prove the point.

5-speed gearboxes: 70 mph at less than half engine speed.

Besides the 4-speed manual and 3-speed automatic boxes, a 5-speed is now available.

With this, some models reach 70 mph at 3000 rpm which is only half the engine's maximum capability.

Economy and performance: this is where they meet.

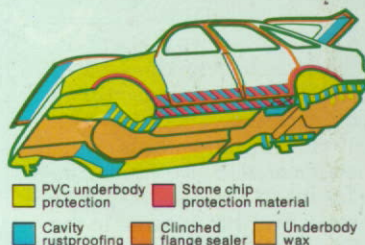
The fastest Sierra does 118 mph and 0-60 in 10 seconds*. And at a constant 56 mph, even the 2 litre Sierra 5-speed does 49.6 mpg.

Corrosion protection: the 20-stage treatment.

Sierra bodies are totally immersed in anti-corrosive primer.

Box sections are injected with wax. And wheel arches, and vulnerable underbody areas, are protected against stone chips by a tough PVC undercoat.

Only then is Sierra ready for the paintshop, where in addition to the primer, three coats of enamel paint are baked on.



Equipment: Ford gives you more.

The Ghia is very well equipped. Both front seats have adjustable lumbar supports. Door mirrors are electrically controlled. Electric front windows and power radio aerial are standard. The Ghia also has a glass sun roof which tilts or slides and has a sliding sun blind. And you can adjust the ventilation system, (our designers call it a Modular Climate Control System) to supply hot air to your feet and

cooler air to your face simultaneously so that it doesn't make you drowsy.

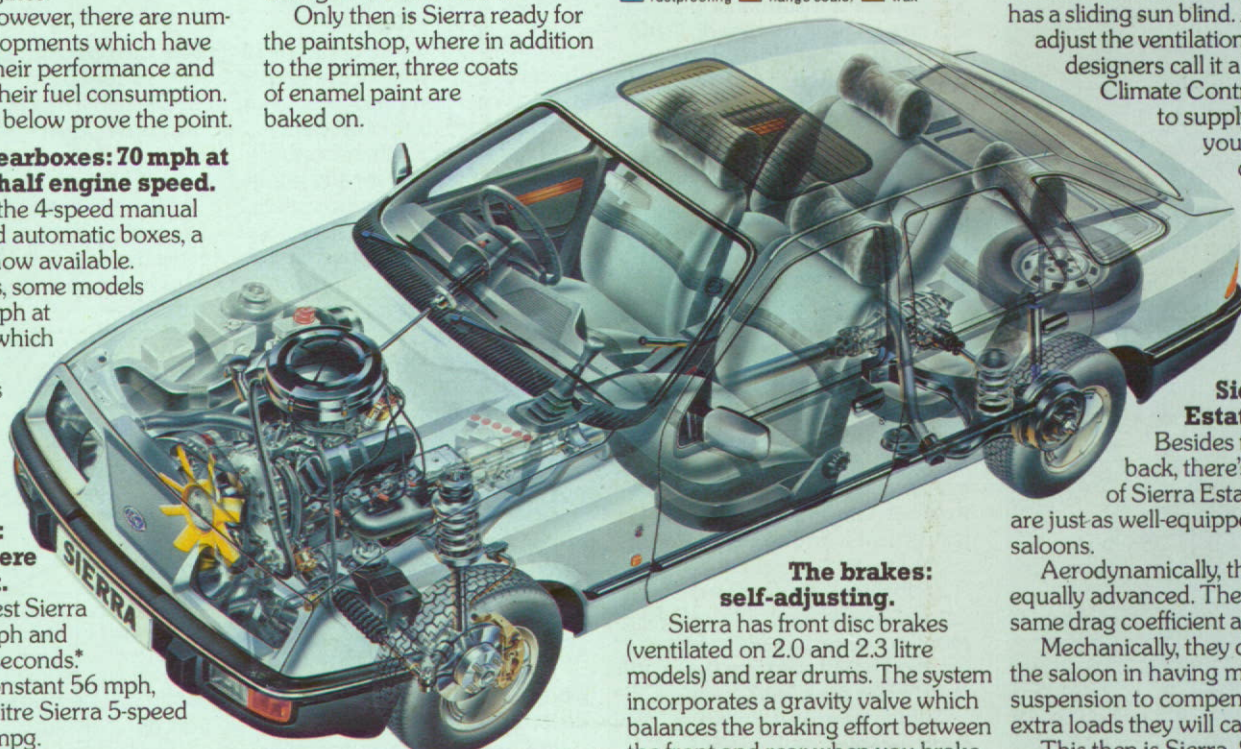
Sierra Estates.

Besides the hatch-back, there's a range of Sierra Estates which are just as well-equipped as the saloons.

Aerodynamically, they are equally advanced. They have the same drag coefficient as the saloon.

Mechanically, they differ from the saloon in having modified rear suspension to compensate for the extra loads they will carry.

This then is Sierra. Solidly built yet light in weight. Aerodynamic yet spacious. Taut and positive yet smooth and comfortable. Powerful yet economical. Man and machine in perfect harmony.



The brakes: self-adjusting.

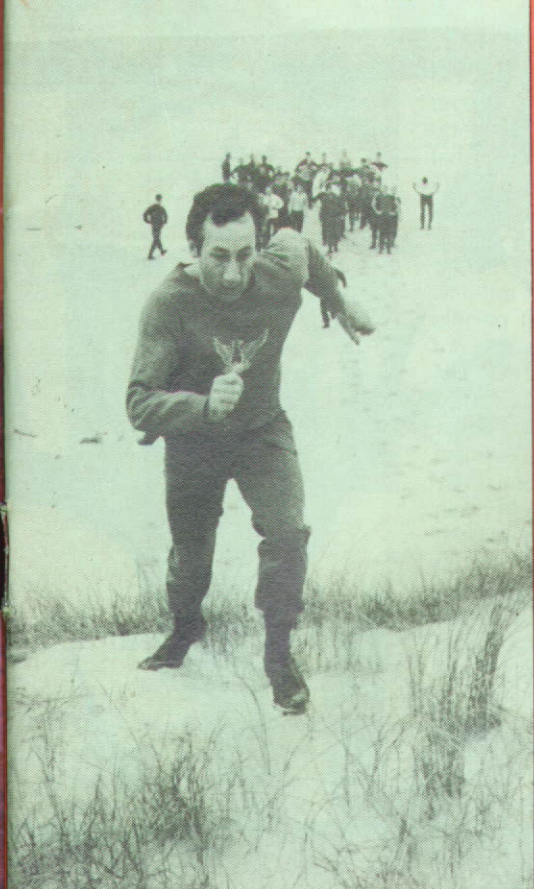
Sierra has front disc brakes (ventilated on 2.0 and 2.3 litre models) and rear drums. The system incorporates a gravity valve which balances the braking effort between the front and rear when you brake hard. The brakes are self-adjusting and pads can be checked without removing the wheels. GL and Ghia models have lights to warn you of brake pad wear.

Government test figures (mpg)				Max speed* (mph)	Government test figures – (litres per 100km).
Saloon Models	Constant 56 mph	Constant 75 mph	Urban cycle		
1.3 4-speed	44.8	35.8	30.7	94	1.3 litre 4-speed 90kph (6.3), 120kph (7.9), urban (9.2); 1.6 5-speed 90kph (5.9), 120kph (7.7), urban (10.1); 2.0 litre 5-speed 90kph (5.7), 120kph (7.4), urban (10.5); 2.3 litre 5-speed 90kph (6.3), 120kph (8.0), urban (12.1).
1.6 5-speed	47.9	36.7	28.0	103	
2.0 5-speed	49.6	38.2	26.9	115	
2.3 V6 5-speed	44.8	35.3	23.3	118	

*Ford computed figures.

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It's done like this . . .
Major Summers, OC, takes the lead.

the visiting 'Terriers' involved running three miles in 27½ minutes in denims, vests and pullovers. Only four men failed.

The squadron spent three days training on bridging, mine-laying and breaching, and "dry" demolitions and had a lecture on Dutch Marines procedures. Rest and relaxation was catered for too — by taking in the ample attractions of Amsterdam!

Highlight of the manoeuvres happened on the 64-square-mile low, sandy and ever-windswept island of Texel, the southernmost of the West Friesian Islands, where their hosts were men of the Amfibisch Oesen Kemp (Amphibious Training Camp).

The youngest territorial taking part was 18; the eldest, a 56-year-old cook who had passed his commando course just four years ago.

A university lecturer in nuclear power jostled alongside an assistant bank manager from Hull while, not far behind, was a weaver from West Yorkshire.

Major David Summers, 34, OC of 131 Squadron at its Kingsbury, north London HQ for the past 14 months and a Regular sapper officer, told SOLDIER: "The three days of the engineer exercise are the culmination of the squadron's sapper training over the past year. It has tested our combat engineer skills and it is the first time that a reserve unit has come under the command of the Dutch Engineer Group. The training at Texel has concentrated on developing our commando skills, in particular, assault beach landing techniques."

But the men of 131 Squadron had been well-trained and knew what to expect. All had completed the two-week commando course at Lympstone, Devon, which comprises a seven-mile endurance course through tunnels and water obstacles in 72 minutes; a six-mile speed march in 60 mi-



Down to business among the dunes.



Nine into one rubber landing craft will go!

minutes; an assault course; and a 12-mile battle march in full kit in four hours as well as a 30-foot rope climb, carrying a man and his kit for 100 yards and undergoing a testing three-day field exercise.

Such strenuous training was put fully to the practical test among the breezy dunes of northern Holland.

Major Summers, who is the sixth Squadron OC since 1967, reminded: "Once they've earned their green berets my men must be trained as sappers, combat engineers, plant operators, signallers or drivers. Every one of them must also practise his commando skills and be especially fit. Most

of them join for the honour of wearing the green beret — they are looking for the thrills as well as the specialist knowledge. My aim is to make their training as exciting as possible.

"Incidentally, we have an establishment for 45 parachutists, ten of whom comprise a parachute recce section. Parachuting is one of our little perks — though we are not doing it here in Holland — and our jumpers train at RAF Brize Norton. We are allocated three aircraft a year and we have a small

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Get 'em off! . . . wet clothes
are discarded in the drying room. ►

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free-fall display team among our Birmingham Troop.

"We try to make our training weekends as exhilarating as possible and that includes shooting, abseiling, helicopter operations and climatic survival techniques."

131 Independent Commando Squadron Royal Engineers (V) was originally formed up as an airborne engineer regiment, reduced to squadron status in 1967 and then re-rolled as a commando engineer squadron in 1978.

So how did they do in Holland?

Korporal Ronald Hagenaas, 31, who has done the Royal Marines' UK mountaineering course and was instructing the 'Terriers' in amphibious skills told SOLDIER: "They are doing very well. Sometimes it is a bit noisy but I think that's because they are part-time soldiers only. But you can soon tell those who have had previous Army service. There are no problems. You explain something to them just once and it's OK. What they are doing here at Texel in two-and-a-half days normally takes two weeks."

This view was shared by Royal Marines Sergeant Mervyn Redfern, 33, of 3 Commando Brigade, who is on attachment to the Dutch Marines for two years — there are five such SNCOs on exchange postings in Holland. He had just been handing out 20 press-ups for minor infringements such as carrying a weapon incorrectly.

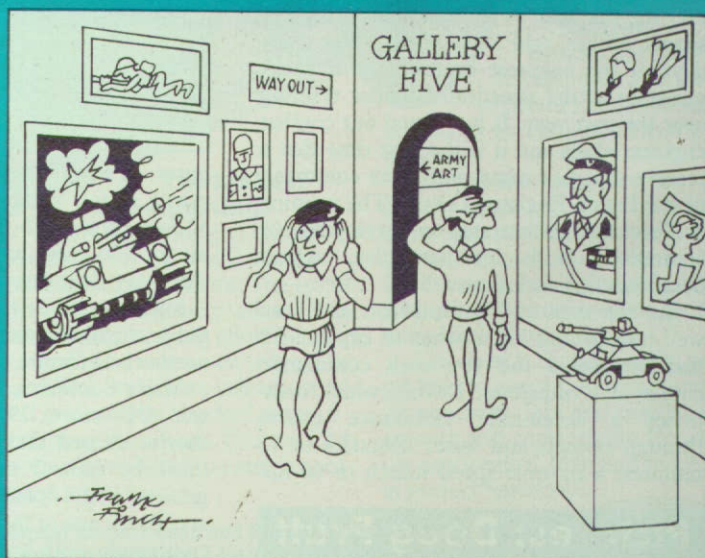
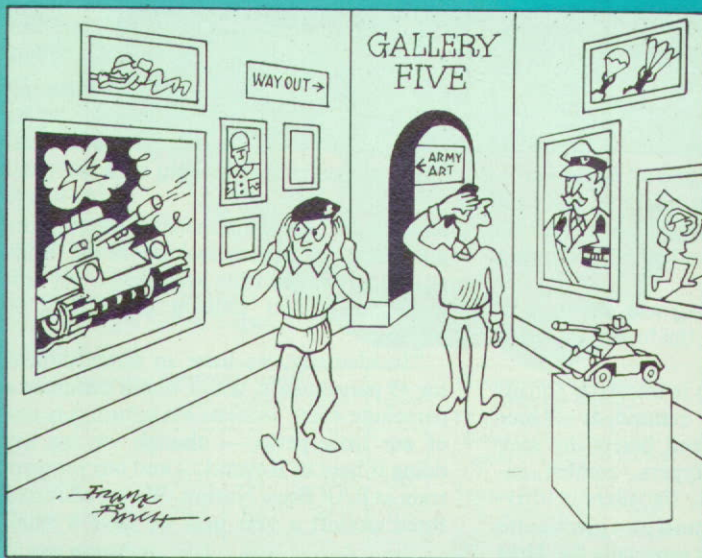
Watching the Brits clamber down scramble nets into the attendant 35-man-capacity fibre glass assault boats, he said: "There's more enthusiasm than they need. The amphibious drills are totally alien to them but they're putting in a lot of effort and being guided well by members of their group who have been regular soldiers. My own feeling is that if I had them for a week they would be very good doing these drills." ■

The night exercise is planned
in detail a few hours before. ►



How observant are you?

These two pictures look alike but they differ in ten details.
Look at them carefully. If you cannot spot the differences turn to page 39.





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THE KING'S OWN ROYAL BORDER REGIMENT

THIS RATHER SIMPLE but effective badge worn in the head-dress by soldiers of the Regiment is described as 'The Lion of England in silver anodised within a laurel wreath surrounded by the St Edward's crown in gold anodised'. Officers wear the badge in silver plate and gilt.

The Regiment was formed at Barnard Castle on 1st October 1959 by the amalgamation of two old and distinguished regiments, namely The King's Own Royal Regiment (Lancaster) (4th Foot) and The Border Regiment (34th Cumberland and 55th Westmoreland Regiments of Foot). The new badge perpetuates two of the emblems worn in the former head-dress badges.

The badge of the KORR (Lancaster) had been The Lion of England standing upon a bar inscribed 'The King's Own'. This ancient badge was granted to

the 4th Foot by William III in recognition of their support upon his arrival in England and led to the celebration of St George's Day as a Regimental Day.

The Border Regiment cap badge was an eight pointed star with the St Edward's crown displacing the top-most point; on the star was a cross with battle honours inscribed thereon, on the cross a superimposed laurel wreath, in the centre a circlet inscribed *Arroyo dos Molinos 1811* and in the middle a Dragon inscribed *China* on a ground, one third white, the lower two thirds red. On the lower points was a scroll 'The Border Regt.'. The laurel wreath is an old badge of the 34th Cumberland Regiment of Foot awarded for their conspicuous part in the retreat from Fontenoy when the C in C placed a laurel wreath on their colours. The combined regiments gained 158 Battle Honours and boast 20 Victoria Cross winners.

The 1st Battalion The King's Own were the first British infantry battalion to be air transported (Habbaniya, Iraq) and in 1943 the 1st Battalion The Border Regiment landed in Sicily on the night of 9/10th July as part of the 1st Air Landing Brigade, 1st Airborne Division. This event is commemorated by the embroidered arm badge worn on the sleeve depicting a glider in yellow on a dark green ground with a narrow blue border. The green is for the Border Regiment, the blue for The King's Own.

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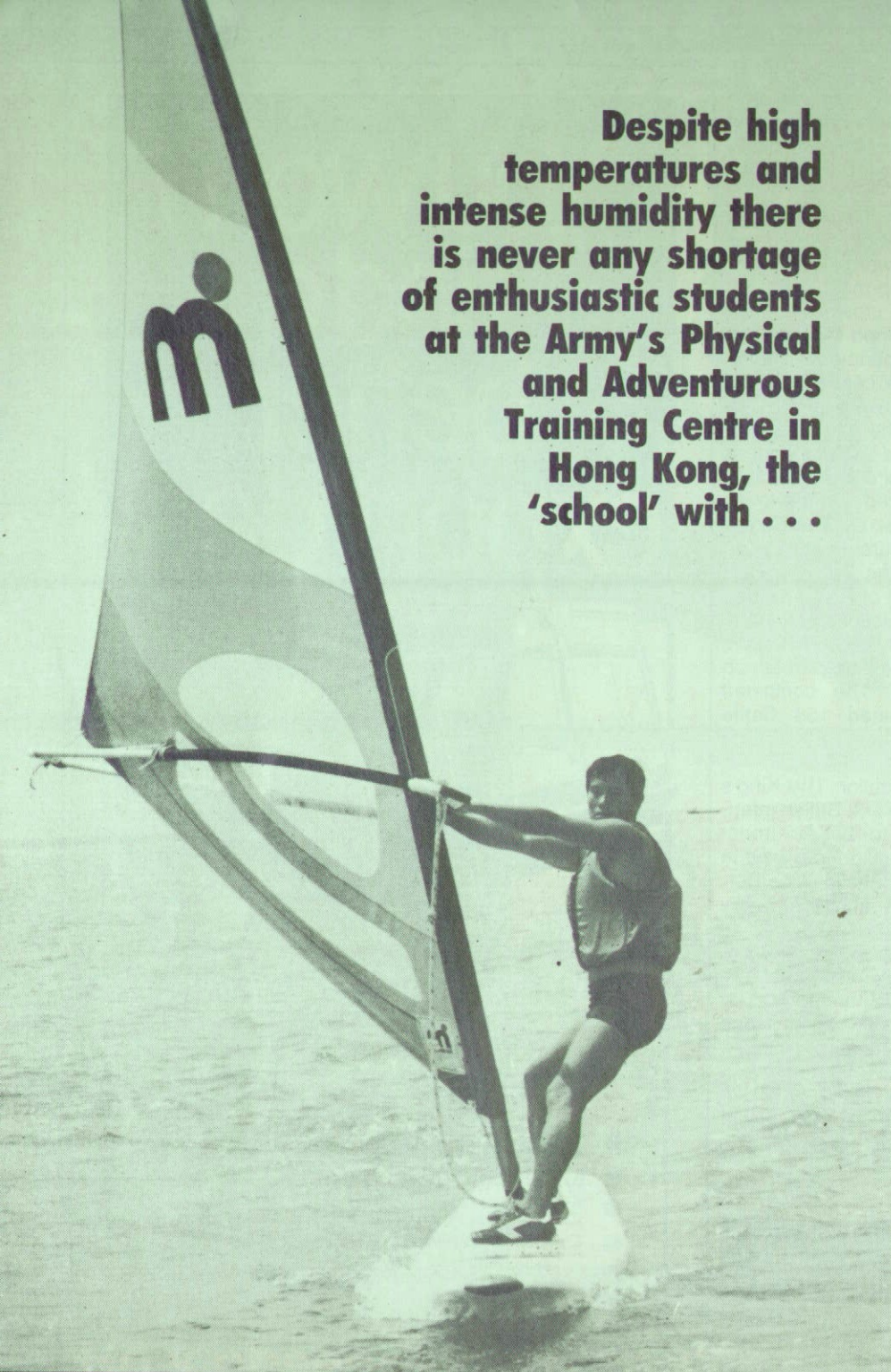
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FIRST FOR EXPORT

Despite high temperatures and intense humidity there is never any shortage of enthusiastic students at the Army's Physical and Adventurous Training Centre in Hong Kong, the 'school' with . . .



IN HONG KONG the heat and the humidity can make even a walk to your office seem like a route march. So one would imagine that soldiers posted to the Oriental outpost would not exactly be falling over themselves to take part in energetic pursuits. But not so, according to WO2 (QMSI) John Nicholas of the Army's Physical and Adventurous Training Centre based at Sek Kong in the New Territories.

"Although we have these humidity problems you see guys taking exercise out here 50 per cent of whom would make you fall over with shock if you saw them doing it at home. The warm weather seems to encourage it," he says.

Certainly the flourishing centre is proof of great interest in adventurous training such as windsurfing, sailing, climbing and parachuting. These activities now account for 45 per cent of the centre's activities.

To start with, the Hong Kong centre has to get over its linguistic problems. Its staff and its customers are British, Gurkha, Chinese and Malays from the Royal Brunei Malay Regiment. Admits WO2 Nicholas: "Working across four languages is a major headache. We have to look at each course

A HOT NAME FOR FITNESS

individually and see what students we have on it but an instructor can cope with the languages with the assistance of other instructors. But we have to get all the precise written instructions into four languages and this problem is exaggerated by trying to keep up to date."

Something like 1000 students go through the centre every year — taking part in 24 physical and recreational courses and 16 of adventure training. The day to day running of the centre is headed by WO1 (SMI) Stewart McNeish, who last did a similar job for Rhine Army and came straight from the snow of Austria to the heat of Hong Kong.

In Germany and the United Kingdom the problem with outdoor pursuits can be exposure to the cold and wet. In Hong Kong it is heat and humidity leading to dehydration.

Every day in the sweltering Hong Kong summer Mr McNeish and his staff consult the Army Medical Services before deciding just what their charges can do.

Explains Stewart: "If it seems to be high you ring in the morning and they give you a coding for temperature and humidity and this tells you what you should be doing. Down by the water there is a breeze and if you are not careful students will be burning.

"You have to keep checking on whether they get enough to drink. If any of them feel the slightest bit dizzy or have a headache they go to sit in the shade. We give them plenty to drink, break up the days with lectures and insist that they have their lunches and sit and rest."

The assistant physical training instructors' courses include not only the four Army nationalities but also the local Customs and Excise, Prison Service and police force. They last for six weeks.

The longest serving member of the staff is Gurkha, Warrant Officer 2 Bhaganbahadur Gurung, who joined the centre in Singapore and moved with it to Hong Kong in 1971.

Looking back on his career the muscular Gurkha instructor told SOLDIER: "I don't think the Gurkhas are as good on practical gymnastics as they were in Singapore. In those days we had a boys' training school and those who joined as boys spent a lot of time on practical gymnastics."

Over the years he has picked up a smattering of Chinese and Malay in addition to

English and Gurkhali. His verdict on the soldiers: "The Europeans are very good on leadership. The Gurkhas try hard, make tremendous progress, have strong legs and are used to running."

Sailing courses alternate between Stanley Services Sailing Club and Gordon Hard in the New Territories. Strict safety procedures have to be observed for windsurfers — Mr McNeish drew them up after his own harrowing experience.

WO1 McNeish and WO2 (QMSI) Mick Morris were sailing by some nearby islands when Stewart's mast snapped.

Recalled Stewart: "It was a good blow and it was a bit much for Mick to tow me in. He went to get the rescue boat but the tide was running so fast I was carried towards Hong Kong. By the time the boat came back I had gone much further."

The temperature was 33 degrees Centigrade and Mr McNeish attempted to shelter under his sail while he tried in vain to hail passing Chinese craft.

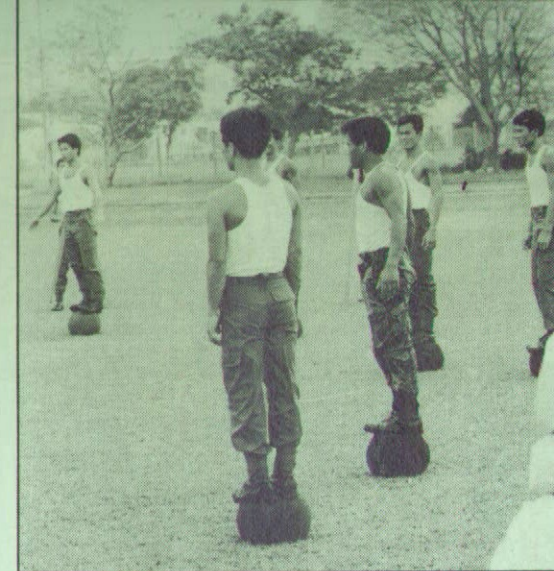
"I had got pins and needles and was starting to get dehydrated. I was worried about passing out and getting run over by a boat."

Eventually he was picked up by a passing junk and seven-and-a-half hours after he first went adrift he returned to Gordon Hard. After seeing what could happen to an experienced windsurfer in Hong Kong waters Mr McNeish drew up the rules which keep novices within certain areas and require the more experienced to book in the time they will be back so that search procedures can swing into action if they are overdue.

Newcomers to the sport spend a morning on a simulator, followed by a spell on anchored tow boards. They then practise on a lead and when they can sail the board back they are allowed to sail free.

Mick Morris, who instructs in water sports in the summer and climbing in the winter, says: "For me this has been ideal — the best posting I've had so far. Sometimes it can be very frustrating but at the end of the week it can be very rewarding when you see someone who cannot really understand your language sailing a boat or a board or paddling a canoe."

Sergeant Andy Sinclair, an ex-Red Devil,



Turning out good quality instructors — "we could double the numbers."

runs the one jump parachute courses. He says that the centre has the smallest dropping zone for first time students in the world.

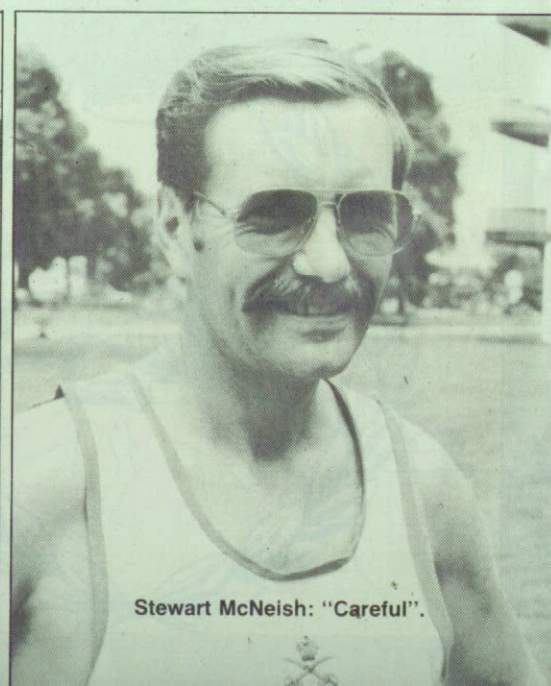
"It is a very confined space and we teach them that it is not like Netheravon or Lipp-springe where you have quite a bit of leeway with the winds. You have to assess your students and if they are borderline you cannot take any chances — they don't jump. We jump onto Sek Kong airfield and they could easily end up in a hangar or on a Chinese house."

Swimming, basketball, aikido, judo, squash, volleyball are all among the sports taught at the centre. They also train sporting officials such as referees. The Commandant, Major Tony Carr, sums up thus: "This school has a reputation for turning out good quality instructors. If we had twice the staff we could double the numbers going through — there is so much demand for what we do."

**Story: John Walton
Pictures: Les Wiggs**



WO1 Stewart McNeish presents flag to section winners.

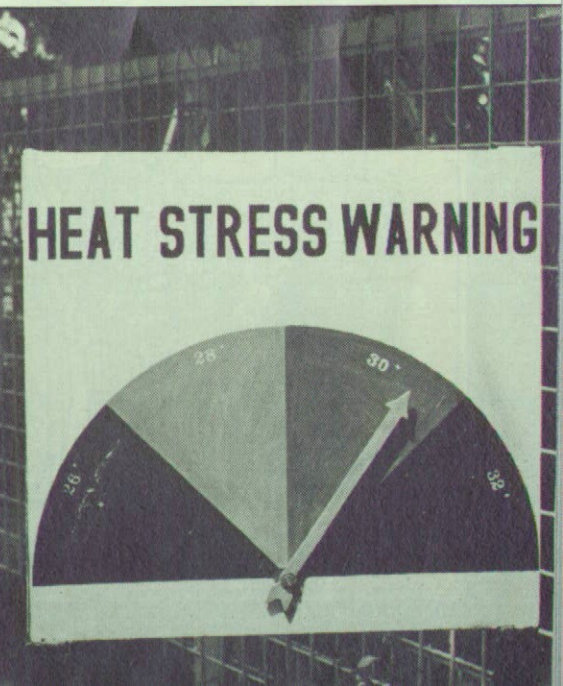


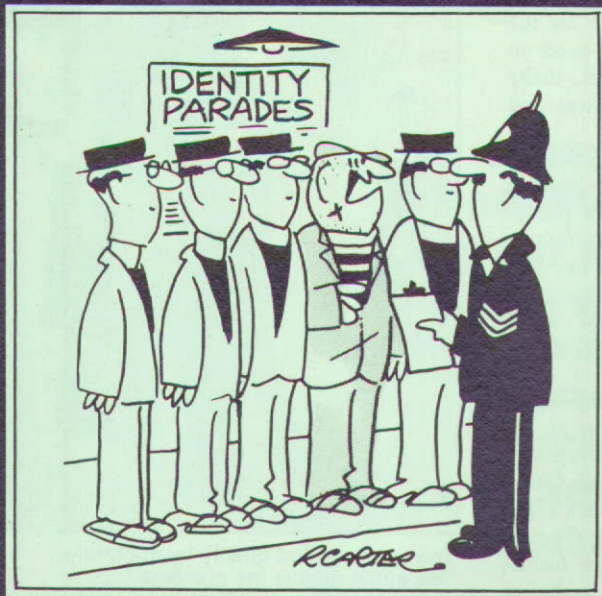
Stewart McNeish: "Careful".

Stick and ball exercises — a good test of strength, suppleness and agility.

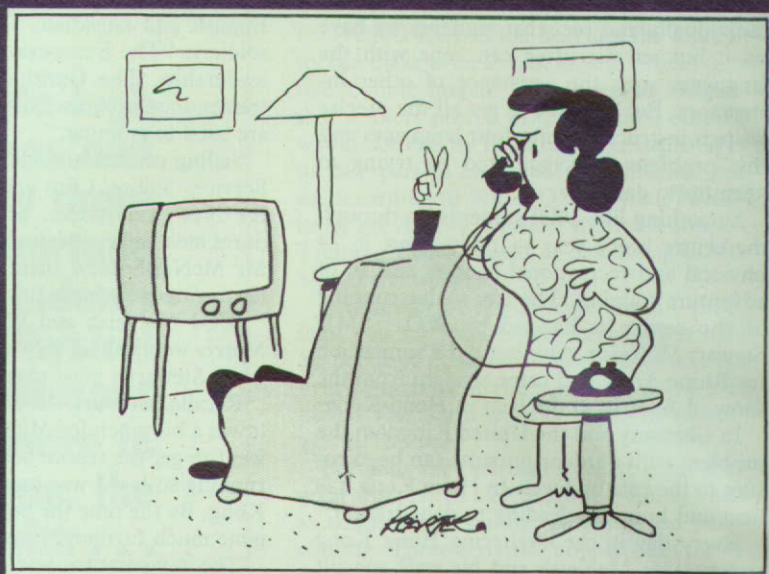


The chart which warns of heat and humidity.





"I have a complaint to make!"



"Arthur sends his regards, mother."



"Actually, I drink for health reasons.
My wife makes me sick."

Humour



"Notice how the stripes make you look taller, sir."



"Somebody has to make the important decisions."

Exploring a centuries-old well shaft at Dover Castle has lent extra spice to the training of sapper Junior Leaders in recent years. And senior officers, too, aren't averse to experiencing . . .

THAT SINKING FEELING

BRIGADIER DICK HUME, Shorncliffe and Dover Garrison's Commander, has just sunk to new depths. But it was all in a personal adventure of dark discovery at his home — the town's cliff-top castle.

The bold Brigadier in 'hard hat' and overalls — he also happens to be the Castle's Deputy Constable — was gingerly lowered by powered bridging winch cable into the shaft of a 900-year-old well in the Keep.

His gloomy destination lay 290 feet below a two-foot-six-inch wide opening lit by an inspection lamp and straddled by a dozen struts of supportive scaffolding.

One young wag in combat kit — his identity shall remain anonymous — cracked: "Is it now that we tell him the winch has packed up?"

The Brigadier's seven-minute descent was watched by eight youngsters of 82 Squadron, Junior Leaders' Regiment, Royal Engineers who were under the supervision of Staff Sergeant Phil Giles, the acting Sergeant-Major during Project Harold's Well.

Successive aspiring teenage sappers of the JLR have been exploring the mysterious well for the past four years as part of their training.

The Garrison Commander's quest for further archaeological revelations had been likened to the raising of the *Mary Rose* just a few days before — but at considerably less expense and, sadly, with much less exciting finds.

The cylindrical-shaped shaft into which an inexplicable air current is seeping below has already yielded about £5000 worth of foreign and British coins from the present day back to Victorian times.

Apparently, tourist visitors to the castle



lob coins and other objects into the well — while making silent wishes — to see how deep it is.

Other discarded items found among the debris have included flintlock pistol hammers, bolts, a couple of rusted sword-bayonets, a pair of spectacles and even the odd umbrella.

The well is believed to have been dug in Saxon times and legend insists that it was offered by King Harold as part of his ransom while languishing as a prisoner of William of Normandy before the history-book Conquest.

Estimated to be some 440 feet deep originally, Harold's Well is dry now but remains a continuing project for successive intakes of Sapper Junior Leaders at Shorncliffe.

Explorations have confirmed that about 150 feet of the well has been filled by rubbish over the centuries, including the blackened coinage, much of it dumped with Gallic indifference by the French prisoners held there during the Marlborough Campaign of the early 1700s.

Staff Sergeant Giles said: "This is excellent sapper training and it's adventure, too. They also learn to trust the rest of the team when dangling alone in the dark over 200 feet down in a narrow well."

This view was echoed by Lieutenant-Colonel Tony Hulton, CO of the JLR who commented: "There are so many things that young men in my regiment can achieve on top of their normal military training such as projects like this, which are really fascinating, and help develop their characters".

Later in the day, Lt-Col Hulton himself went down the well to emerge with an old .303 rifle with the stock missing. But first it was the Garrison Commander's turn.

Among the sackful of 'treasures' brought to the surface by Brigadier Hume were bolts, timber, and various coins including a 40-Pfennig piece.

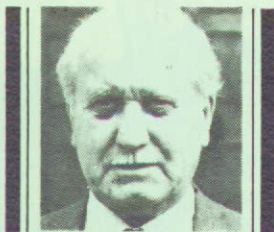
Brigadier Hume surfaces from his underground trip.

"There's a great, big paving stone down there for somebody. I've left it for them," said the smiling Brigadier as he sat on the lip of the well. "Thank you everybody and thank you very much especially to the winch brake men. Great stuff! It was rather fine, that."

Some spoils from previous descents shown off by Junior Sappers Martin Trump and David Reynolds.



**Story: Graham Smith
Pictures: Paul Haley**

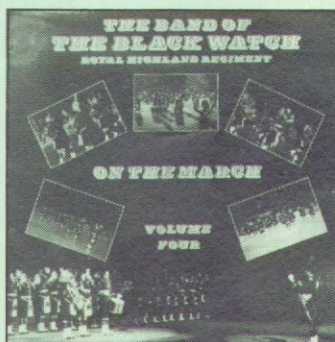


On the Record

with Rodney Bashford

On the March

Band of the Black Watch. Conductor: Bandmaster N M Rogerson. DR 43
With volume 4 of this fine series of marches we come to several of those not-quite-so-great, the ones we remember with affection bordering on the bathetic from church parades long ago. For pre-war soldiers half a dozen of them will revive fond memories of that gorgeous pot-pourri of smells, brasso, sweaty shirts-angola, blanco, home-rolled fags, soft soap, khaki serge and a hundred other half-forgotten fragrances of the barrack room as you spat and polished; memories of all those barrack squares bashed in an ecstasy of



zeal, of garrison churches entered with reverence, of Naafi ale and Nelson cakes, biscuits-bed and biscuits hard-tack, and lovely route marches with t'band up front. Time, thou great healer.

Memories because these marches have hardly been heard since the 1930s. Nowadays, with bands having less and less rehearsal time, the same few are used for all purposes and for many of us have become sickeningly over familiar.

Marches on this disc which merely irritate by repetition are Kendall's *Glorious Victory*, Blankenburg's *Action Front*, Mansfield's *The Red Cloak*, and Alford's *Army of the Nile*, but of course they need to be included in a survey. The memory-tinglers are Harry Bidgood's *The Heroes' Return*, Blankenburg's *Fest-jubel*, Starke's *Bavaria* and Zehle's *Coronel* (they wrote *With Sword and Lance* and Viscount Nelson), and most emotive of all S Thompson's *Argandab* with its chick-chick-chick-chick-chicken trio tune. Those new or almost unheard to most of us will be Sousa's *Gridiron Club*, *The Directorate*, and *Sabres and Spurs*, R B Hall's *Chandlers*, Karl King's *The Purple Pageant*, and Moeller's *Die Kaiser Brigade*. One which is wel-

come, for me, under any circumstances is von Blon's *Under the Banner of Victory*.

From Black Watch, BFPO 106, price £4.60 plus p&p.

Trooping the Colour

Band of the Coldstream Guards. Director of Music: Lt Col R A Ridings. ESI New York



Most bands due to make a tour of the USA put together a recorded programme of music, usually that to be performed on the tour, copies of which precede the band in the various cities to be visited. Colonel Ridings has chosen to make a studio recording of *Trooping the Colour* à la Coldstream, which should be a sure fire attraction to out-of-the-way Americans starved of a bit of the ceremonial from the old countree.

No need to mention the hardy annuals comprising all the regimental slow and quick marches, slow troop, and Escort to the Colour music. The so called "neutral" marches are *La Plume Rouge*, *Escort to the Colour*, and *Pioneer Spirit*, all by Col Ridings, *Sussex by the Sea*, *Children of the Regiment*, *Old Coldstream Marches*, *Thro' Bolts and Bars*, *Standard of St George*, *Radetzky*, and Arthur Graham's great *The Champion*.

With words of command and including the bit the troops have been waiting for — spoken by that man

with the colourful title Field Officer in Brigade Waiting — "Your Majesty's Guards are ready to march off, Ma'am". And once more with pleasure I note that the sleeve says "Your Majesties' Guards". Fie, Major Alderson sir.

From Coldstream Guards Band, Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea, London SW3. £5 plus p&p.

Aldershot Army Display 1982

Director of Music: Major D Snowden. Producer: Major M J Parker. DR 49
This one is made in the open air but not at an actual performance, probably the best method of achieving a balance between impure fact and pure fiction. Unfortunately the programme lacks variety and is mostly of hackneyed, predictable items.

The set piece *The Relief of Ladysmith* rather narrows the choice to all the well known contemporary Boer and Tommy tunes — *Sarie Marais*, *Dolly Gray*, *Soldiers of the Queen* and



the like, with a *Battle Scene* that outdoes Beethoven's *Battle Symphony* for triteness, and that's saying something. Beethoven wrote his on an off day. I have a horrible suspicion that J G Lewis is an ex bandmaster having an on day. The marches by the massed bands are *Trumpet Tune* and *Ayre* without the ayre, *Parade of the Nations*, *Prussian Glory*, *Les Huguenots*, *Stars and Stripes*, *Colonel Bogey*, and *With Sword and Lance*. Five tunes are played by the pipes and drums.

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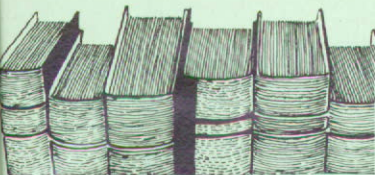
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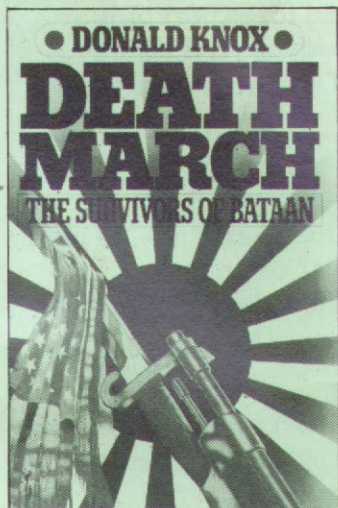


BOOKS

Death March — The Survivors of Bataan: Donald Knox

Some 10,000 young Americans surrendered to the Japanese on Bataan Peninsula in the Philippines on 9 April 1942. During the next three years between 6000 and 7000 of them died in captivity. At the time this was the largest number of United States troops ever to have been defeated in a single engagement but their story was overshadowed by other events and little became public knowledge. Those who did by luck, stamina and chance survive captivity have long preferred to keep the horrors of those days within their own minds.

By painstaking effort and sympathetic understanding the author of this book sought out and interviewed some hundreds of them, and now their memories, recorded in their own words, are strung together in this volume. They are linked by the author's concise observations and by some war communiques and press reports to preserve sequence. They are stark with the remembrance of days, nay months, of antagonistic, bloodstained and blood curdling horror. They tell of the death march from Bataan to Camp O'Donnell, the increasing death roll in camp, the



brutal treatment and cruel punishments. And they describe, too, the agony of the death ships that took prisoners to Japan, Manchuria and Formosa.

Let two extracts suffice from a book that deserves to be read lest men forget that such things can and did happen in this 'enlightened' 20th century:

"There had been shocking tales of Japanese atrocities in China, but hardly anyone considered that such a large group of Americans could be so grossly and systematically mistreated... beaten, starved, denied water, tortured and murdered as a normal part of their captivity."

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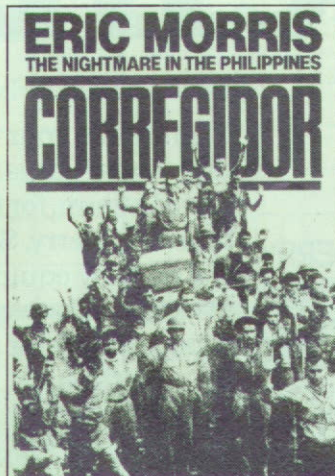
when they were shot one man fell in... a Catholic priest said: 'It's inhumane. Those damn bastards...'"
Harcourt Brace Jovanovich Ltd, 24-28 Oval Road, London NW1 7DX — £11.50 **GRH**

Corregidor: Eric Morris

A new generation has grown up since the Japanese invaded the Philippines and brought to a disastrous end the lush life enjoyed by the Americans who lived and worked in that hot and enervating land where servants were virtually two a penny.

Thus it was that General MacArthur withdrew more than 50,000 American and Filipino troops into the Bataan Peninsula and the island fortress of Corregidor. With American forces fully engaged in Europe they were on their own. Bloody indeed was the fighting that followed until, after four months, the survivors found themselves on the notorious death march to Japanese prison camps.

Eric Morris portrays in straightforward yet intensely dramatic terms the desperate fighting in the one-month siege of the rock of Corregidor which marked the end of the Philippine campaign. His account of that bloody episode is based on careful research



and interviews with some 40 survivors, men and women, and it is their stories that have a special interest.

There is the experience of Lieutenant Madeline Ullom, an Army nurse who worked long interminable hours in the Malinta Hospital Tunnel tending the wounded until taken prisoner by the Japanese; and the fighting spirit of Captain Bill Massello, an Artillery officer, who though badly wounded, kept his guns firing to the end.

The style of this book may be somewhat racy but this in no way detracts from the overall excellence of this worthy addition to an already well stocked Pacific war library.

Hutchinson & Co, 17-21 Conway Street, London W1P 5HL — £12.95 **JFPJ**

Riflemen Form — A Study of the Rifle Volunteer Movement 1859-1908: Ian F W Beckett

The author of this book is the Senior Lecturer in War Studies at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, and his aim has been to record the history

of the Volunteer Movement from its formation in 1859 to its absorption into the Territorial Force in 1908.

Following an opening chapter on the background to the Volunteer Movement between the years 1845 and 1859, when the run-down of regular troops following the Napoleonic Wars made such a force necessary, the author proceeds to examine in detail the 'social composition' of the new force in its rural, urban and mounted volunteer divisions.

Volunteers were constitutionally required to give their services only in this country, either in defence of the realm or, if called upon, in assistance to the Civil Power. It was the war in South Africa that broke out in October 1899, and the consequent need for trained troops in a hurry, that led to the bending of the law regarding sending volunteers on overseas service. The problem was overcome by the formation of the new City Imperial Volunteers, giving the chance to members of the various Rifle Volunteer Corps units to prove themselves on active service abroad. The chapter on the war in South Africa leaves us with no doubt that this was the finest hour of the irregulars.

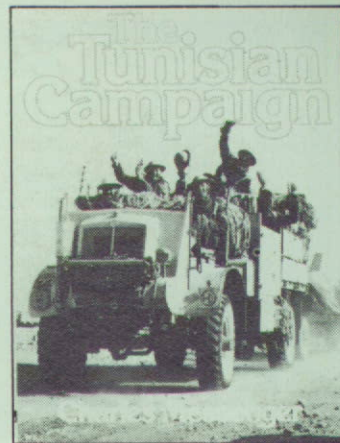
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Having crossed Morocco and Algeria this new British 1st Army, the American 5th and the Free French forces were to link up with Montgomery's Eighth in the final rout of Rommel's German-Italian army. It was to prove a hard struggle over difficult terrain with Tunisia reinforced by XC Corps and 5th Panzer Army under von Arnim. When Alexander eventually reported success to Churchill more than 200,000 prisoners were counted and some 70,000 Germans and Italians had been killed or wounded. Goebbels wrote in his diary: "Our losses there are enormous. We are indeed experiencing a sort of second Stalingrad."

The dramatic, exciting story is recorded in this volume with maps and pictures that graphically augment the written word. The record is enhanced by reminiscences of many of



the men who were there. It was a long trek and a bloody ending but the Afrika Korps with its hardened veterans was taken right out. The Allies went on to invade Sicily and later, through lessons learned, to be victorious at the Normandy beaches and beyond.

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BOOKS IN BRIEF

The Cartridge (The Small Arms Ammunition Identification Manual) by Ian V Hogg.

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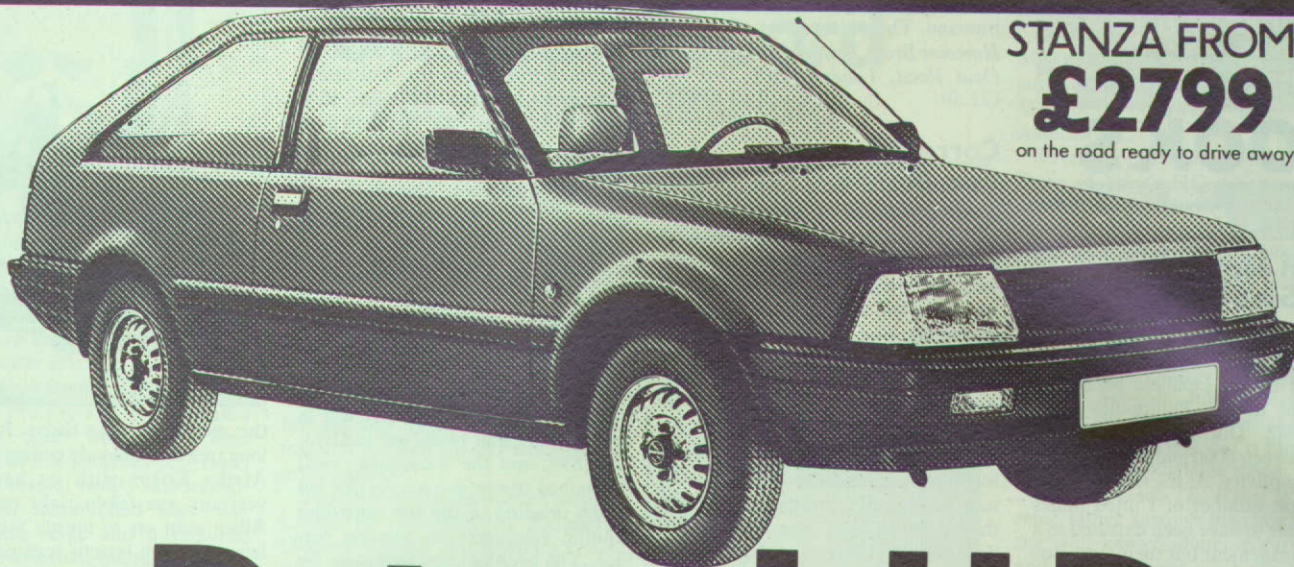
Containing over 5000 abbreviations and acronyms used by and about military forces of the UK, Empire and Commonwealth.

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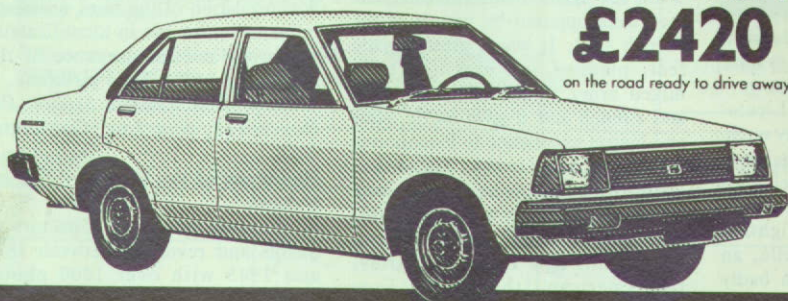


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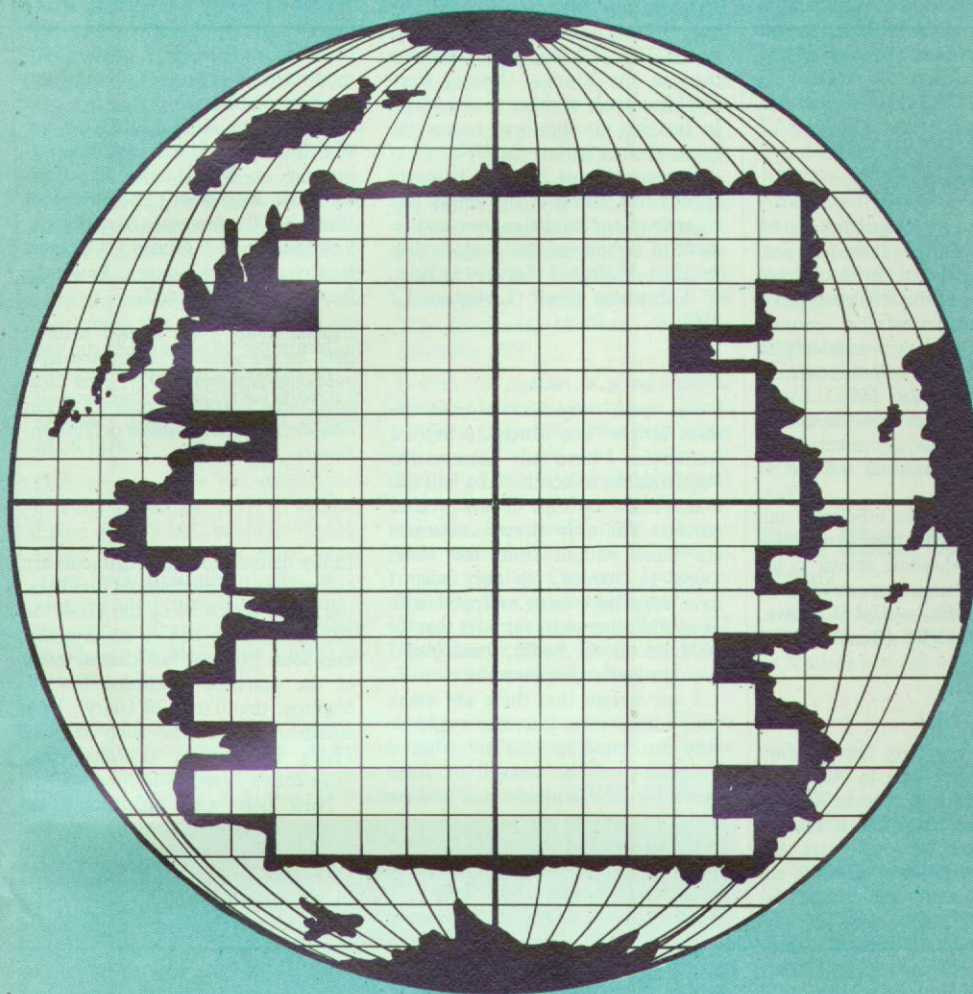
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COMPETITION 304

WHEN YOU HAVE solved the clues below, put the answers on the globe in such a way that, side by side, each pair of words gives you the name of a capital city in the middle. For example, PREWAR/SAWDUST would make WARSAW. The heavy line on the map indicates the meeting point of the two words. Easy? International problems are never quite as simple as they seem; in fact, five of the capitals have one letter missing. These letters will make up into a further capital city. Can you name all sixteen?

The competition is open to all readers at home and overseas and the closing date is Friday 3 December. The answers and winners' names will appear in our issue of 10 January 1983. More than one entry can be submitted but each must be accompanied by a 'Competition 304' label. In the case of ties winners will be drawn by lots. Send your answers by postcard or letter with the 'Competition 304' label to: Prize Competition, SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants. GU11 2DU.



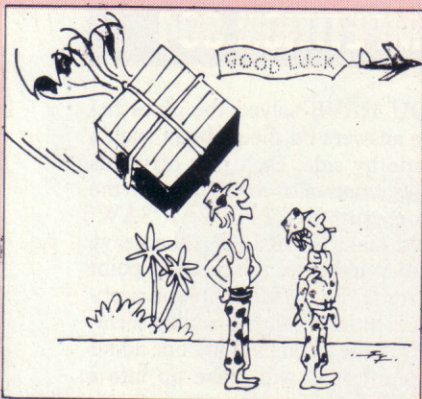
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REMARKABLE LADY

May I have the courtesy of your columns to convey to your readers news of the death of a very remarkable old lady whose hospitality many of them enjoyed whilst serving in Northern Ireland?

I refer to Mrs Minnie Miller of 3 Austin Street, Newtownards Road, East Belfast.

Throughout the years of this Province's 'troubles' this wonderful woman, whose humble home was located on the fringe of a well-known Republican area, threw open her doors to Servicemen of all ranks. Entirely at her own expense, she provided tea or coffee, and buttered scones, to all who would accept her offer. She did this because of her desire to serve her Saviour through serving others. Amongst her many guests was Colonel 'H' Jones of Falkland Islands fame.

Of course, Servicemen reciprocated her kindness, and many regimental plaques and pictures were gifted to her.

Mrs Miller (or 'Gran' or 'Ma' as she was variously known to the soldiers), died on 5th August. Perhaps the publicising of this information will prevent some of your readers from sending Christmas cards or other mail. If any of her acquaintances would like further information, they may have it by writing direct to me. — Pastor J T Mitchell, 7 Strathleven Park, Cultra Holywood, Co. Down.

We are sure that many readers will be sad to learn of Mrs Miller's passing, Pastor, but your letter is a welcome reminder of Ulster's gentler face. We are sending you our £5 letter prize to dispose of as you wish in Mrs Miller's memory. — Ed.

WELSH OSTRICHES

After reading the comments by the Welsh Nationalists who labelled Servicemen as potential 'murderers' (SOLDIER-to-Soldier, 26 July) may I make a few myself? Do these people consider that they are really educated? Do they ever stop to consider just where they would be if WW1 and WW2 had gone against us? They

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are like the famous ostrich with its head in the sand. — Mr J F Donnelly, JP, 33 MacGregor Street, Deakin ACT 2600, Australia.

DON'T SPOIL IT

I have been reading and enjoying SOLDIER since 1946, but please do not spoil it now by going into politics as in the recent SOLDIER-to-Soldier (4 October). There is enough of that in the daily papers. — WO2 P G Young, 17 CTT, Louisberg Bks, Bordon, Hants.

BIG THANK YOU

I am writing to say a big thank you on behalf of my family to those who deal directly and indirectly with compassionate cases and the attendant travel and leave arrangements.

My father died very suddenly in July on a Saturday and through the arrangements of the MOD I was home in South Wales by the following Sunday afternoon — much to the relief of my mother and the rest of my family.

Thank you for the efficiency and speed with which I was sent home and the understanding shown to me with the travel arrangements back to my unit in Berlin. — Cpl D Brown, LAD REME, 2RRF (Berlin) BFPO 45.

PRAISE FROM NZ

We are just watching the TV film *Task Force South* here in New Zealand. I am sure I express the feelings of all members of the NZ Branch of our association in relation to the courage and tenacity of all those engaged in the war. Our congratulations to all.

One thing was obvious — there were no 'grizzled veterans' 1939 style, or ill-equipped or ill-trained troops. I was very impressed by what I saw. It made me remember all those years ago in 1941 and 1942 in the Orkneys and Hebrides (the latter at Benbecula) where we too suffered extremely cold winters.

I am a regular reader of SOLDIER and although long past serving I appreciate your magazine and pass it on to others. — Mr Bill MacBeath, Hon Secretary/Treasurer, Starr Ass, NZ Branch, 43 Naenae Rd, Lower Hutt, New Zealand.

CHAOTIC SYSTEM

I understand that the South Atlantic front line soldier will wear a distinguishing rosette on his Falkland ribbon. I would like to ask where this leaves the veteran of the Second World War in regard to 1939-43(45) and other campaign stars, excluding Africa which is covered by 1st or 8th Army clasp.

I give one example (there are others) of the chaotic system of awards in World War Two. Both my brother and I served with BEF. He was with the Royal Warwickshire, wounded and evacuated from Dunkirk. I stayed on with the French Army until final surrender. My brother later transferred to AA artill-

ery, Stromness, Orkney, and later still to Maritime gunner DEMS. I went to North Africa and then spent one year and eight months in Italy at the sharp end, notably at Salerno, Cassino and Gothic line for which I received the Italian Star.

My brother left UK for the Far East in late 1944, his ship calling at Taranto and berthing for only 48 hours. Yet he received the same award. The Adriatic front line was then in the Rimini, Cesena, Forlì area, hundreds of miles to the north. In fact my brother was nearer the enemy before he left the UK.

Bearing all this in mind it would appear that owing to the length and severity of our campaigns our entitlement to ribbon rosettes is more than justified. Walter D Harvey (ex Bdr), 47 Laburnam Road, Liverpool L7 0HT.

PARCELS PLEASE

I was quite surprised to read the short article 'Too Much' (6 Sep). I realise that I have only been on the Falklands for a month and a half but I have seen no sign of any welfare parcels. The only sweets consumed are those bought from the Naafi Stores in Stanley, the only mags I have seen have been swapped with people in other units for ones that we brought. As for books, I am glad I brought a selection myself.

I am certain that there are many people here who, like me, would be very interested to find out what is happening to the control of these parcels or what is intended to be done with the contents.

If you can throw any light on the matter it would be much appreciated. — A distant soldier. BFPO666.

What a pity you didn't tell us your name and unit. We will always respect confidentiality if a reader has good reasons why his name and address should not be published. But by failing to give us this information you've prevented us pursuing the matter further. — Ed.

MISSING BAND

We read with interest the article about the Freedom of the City of Munster (4 Oct), but were not very pleased to read the caption under your photograph stating that 'The Irish Guards' Drum Major leads the parade followed by the Band of the 17th/21st Lancers'.

Yes, you can see some Lancers on the left of the photograph, but much more prominent is the Band of the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, led by their Bandmaster WO1 R G Slack — and they are not even mentioned! (although I know they are mentioned in the actual article).

Keep up the good work. We always look forward to receiving our copy. — Mrs I A J Smith, BEM, Park View, 203 Village Way, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3NN.

REMEMBER REG?

Some of your older readers will be interested to learn that a good friend and neighbour of mine, the well-known Fleet Street journalist Reg-

ald Foster — (still hale and hearty at 77) was once on the staff of SOLDIER and during the war helped run the 14th Army Newspaper 'SEAC' with the late Frank Owen. Reg still works freelance from home and in London and is an active member of our new local branch of The Burma Star Association.

I have recently compiled an article from various publications and personal visits of the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission — with photographs. Has this ever been a feature in SOLDIER? If not — I think it would be a most interesting one. — B J Harris, The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's) Regimental Association, London and Home Counties Branch, 29 The Square, Pevensey Bay, Sussex BN24 6SL.

Feature writer John Walton wrote a story on the work of the Commission, published November 1979. And Graham Smith's article on page 41 of this issue deals with its activities in Northern France. — Ed.

OLD NUMBERS

In my native Scotland, regiments are still referred to by their old numbers; the Black Watch being the 42nd, the KOSB the 25th and so on. But this may stem from the fact that so many of the marches composed for the bagpipe, the 'Tunes of Glory', have commemorative titles such as 'The 79th's Farewell to Gibraltar' and 'The 25th's Farewell to Meerut'.

Now that your excellent series 'Your Cap Badge' is coming to the Infantry regiments I would hope that the evolution from the numbered units, through the county and territorial designations to the modern amalgamations and formations will be given mention. — Mr H Brand, 30 Salmons Road, Edmonton, London N9 7JT.

We're sure Hugh King will do all he can to comply with your request. — Ed.

CLACTON DAYS

Mr Jack Beasley's letter under the heading 'Service Bonds' (20 Sep) prompts me to write relating a similar experience.

I served as a Regular (duration engagement) in the RASC 1943-45. I have been a regular reader of SOLDIER for over thirty years, but have never seen any reference to the units of which I was a member.

I served with the Command Supply Depot, Clacton-on-Sea from 1943-44; numbers 66 and 122 Detail Issuing Depots were also at Clacton during this period. From 1944-45 I served on attachment to the 8th Battalion, the Suffolk Regiment at Holt and Cley, Norfolk.

If any of my old comrades who served with any of these units, also any ex-ATS girls who served with us at Clacton, would care to correspond, I should be very pleased to hear from them. — Harry L S Plunkett, 93 Springbank, Lakenham, Norwich NR1 2LH.

Can You Help?

I collect regimental glass ashtrays (four inches square with the regimental badge). I now have most of them but I have been unable to obtain the following: Life Guards, Royal Horse Artillery, Royal Highland Fusiliers, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

Can anyone tell me where I could get these from? I have tried the Associations and PRI shops without success. — **Wally Douglas**, 19 Findhorn Ave, Hayes, Middx.

During the construction of No 2 Military Port at Cairngorm, Stranraer in September 1942 the Royal Engineers came upon the wreck of a ship, *Falcon*, which sank in 1883. Before work could continue the cargo of coal had to be shifted — some 400 tons was salvaged. I should like to know, if possible, the position of the wreck in relation to the pier under construction and any other details concerning this work. Is there a sapper out there growing old gracefully who can tell me something about the *Falcon* find? — **Charles Meacher**, 38 Asher Road, Chapelhall, Airdrie ML6 8JA.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of Tony Smith, last seen in Padiham, Lancs in 1970-1971 when he was due to go to Germany for three years. Tony lived in Burnley, Lancs, was a sergeant and I think has something to do with helicopters. — **S. Isherwood**, c/o 36 Middleton Lawn, Innesworth, Glos GL3 1EP.

8 Lines of Communication Troops Workshop — where are you now? If you are on this photograph taken in August 1946 in Berlin, or recognise someone who is, then please write and help me in my attempt to compile this unit's history. — **WO 1 M K Sutton**, 14 Berlin Field Workshop, REMR, BFPO 45.



Collectors' Corner

S R Smith, 1 Parsons Nook, Coventry CV2 4QY, West Midlands. Has for sale various types British Medals — GSS 1918/62, CSM 1962 on, some 1914-18 Trios and pair. Approx 100 single British War medals 1914/20 mainly to officers and scarce units. Send 15p stamp for large list.

Andre Sills, 10 Cordery Road, St Thomas, Exeter, Devon EX2 9DH. Has French Foreign Legion Badges

I am researching the use of bugle/trumpet/fife/flute/drum and bagpipes as field communications in regimental, battalion, and company duty and any form of routine calls. I am also interested in similar information regarding former dominion armies and colonial forces. I also wish to purchase 1927 (or earlier) copies of bugle/trumpet manuals and George Potter's *Drum-Major's Manual*; also *Air Publication No 162*. All letters will be answered. — **Peter R Moore**, 63 The Crescent, Midland, Western Australia 6056.

I wish to contact a good friend, Frank Matthews (nickname Matt) ex-Tank Corps. We were both on an Armament Artificers Course at Woolwich (No 28) before the war and then posted to the Middle East together. I last heard of him at Aldershot where I believe he married. A further posting of his was, I recall, at Bicester. Can anyone help me? **Major Charles Spooner (Retd)**, 177 Hackthorne Road, Cashmere Hills, Christchurch 2, New Zealand.

and equipment, parachute wings of the world, and badges of overseas armies. S.A.E. for full lists.

Stamp Auction

Afcnt Stamp Club will hold a stamp auction on Friday 19 November in the IYA Centre, Brunssum commencing at 7.30 pm. Viewing from 4.15 pm, postal bids accepted. Catalogues are available from Sgt Fryer, 227 Signal Sqn, BFPO 18.

Reunions

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers Regimental Association, Ballymena Branch, will hold its Annual Reunion Dinner Dance at St Patrick's Barracks on Friday 26 November commencing at 9 pm. Further details from Mr K Johnston MISM, 177 Dunvale, Ballymena, Co. Antrim.

74 Anti Tank Battery (The Battle Axe Company) RA will parade the Battle Axe for the last time on 24 February 1983 at Wing Barracks (the Battery will be disbanded in Dec 1983). Anyone wishing to attend should inform the Battery Captain, 74 Anti Tank Battery RA, 32 Guided Weapons Regt RA, Wing Barracks, Bulford Camp, Salisbury, Wilts SP4 9LS (Tel: Bulford Camp 3371 Ext 4451).

How Observant Are You?

(see page 28)

1 Picture frame above left soldier's head; 2 Buttons on portrait on left wall; 3 Neck-line of left soldier's sweater; 4

Right soldier's right boot; 5 Left parachute on top right picture; 6 Nearside headlamp of model vehicle; 7 'E' in 'GALLERY'; 8 Top structure of tank in left picture; 9 Belt of soldier in top left picture; 10 Forward foot of soldier in right picture.

Competition

Our 300th birthday competition 'The Number's up!' clearly had a lot of you delving deep into your reference books. But although we had plenty of entries no-one got all fifty answers correct and in the end we had to draw lots from the best to decide the winners. As some of you pointed out there were alternative answers to some of the questions — e.g. the measurement of the ell which can vary in different countries and we made allowance for these. Answers: 4; 10; 80; 7; 3; 7; 14; 5; 45; 100,000; 3; 40; 5; 9; 12; 2; 24; 147; 9; 7; 11; 5 and 2; 600; 1 and 8; 20,000; 15; 3 and 10; 39; 1001; 8; 5; 100; 13; 3; 4-6 and 6-8; 100; 12; 2; 20; 6; 3; 32; 39 and 27; 12; 77; 7; 45; 1360; 100; 90. Prizewinners were 1st A McCartney, 38 Richmond Road, Redcar, Cleveland TS10 2EX; 2nd N S Lobley, 16 St George's Ave, Grays, Essex RM17 5XB; 3rd J W F Harris, 85 Charles Street, Greenhithe, Dartford, Kent DA9 9AN; 4th Dr J A L Derlien, 10 Churchfields, Bowden, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 3PJ; 5th Maj D M Dever LLB RAEC, No 7 Army Education Centre, Venning Bks, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire TF2 8LG.

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November is traditionally the month when we pay tribute to our war dead, but the massive task of tending graves and cemeteries goes on throughout the year, particularly in northern France where more than half-a-million Commonwealth soldiers lie buried. Graham Smith has been visiting some of the former battlefields . . .

WHERE ONCE THE GREEN RAN RED

ALL IS PEACEFUL there now, as if by divinely ordained atonement for the dreadful deeds of death and destruction meted out nearly 70 years ago. The deceptive legacies are mile-upon-mile of fertile fields, scattered picture-

book farms and sleepy villages. Songbirds call out from the cover of young copses in the one-time tree-shorn Somme area as an unpretentious breeze sanitizes pastoral scenes where cordite once crowded the nostrils and

where, even today, the trees seem to rustle quietly in deference to the dead.

But the stark realities of that era are landscaped by beauty — the tree-flanked battlefield cemeteries where rank holds no privilege and comrades-in-arms lie in their thousands from both World Wars; men from both sides who died for what they thought was right.

And in those small villages or communes some lingering memories still remain of the brutal years which laid to rest more than half-a-million Commonwealth lives and created a rash of memorials in their midst.

There are 794 battlefield cemeteries throughout France — the smallest with just 14 men buried in it, the largest with 11,531 at St Severe in Rouen. The second largest is at Etappes, near Le Touquet, with 11,300.

The administrative and practical upkeep of these cemeteries and the 170 regimental memorials is carried out by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (its HQ is at Maidenhead) which has a France Area Office based in a £600,000 single-storey building at Beaurains, two-and-a-half miles from Arras.

A total of 574,842 Commonwealth soldiers (some 531,000 from World War One and more than 43,000 from World War Two) lie buried in France. A further 7500 are interred in 2100

churchyards.

Of these, 355,435 were identified, 110,106 unidentified and the remainder were unknown but are all commemorated in memorials.

By contrast, 997,512 Germans lie buried in France with another 224,462 in the Benelux countries.

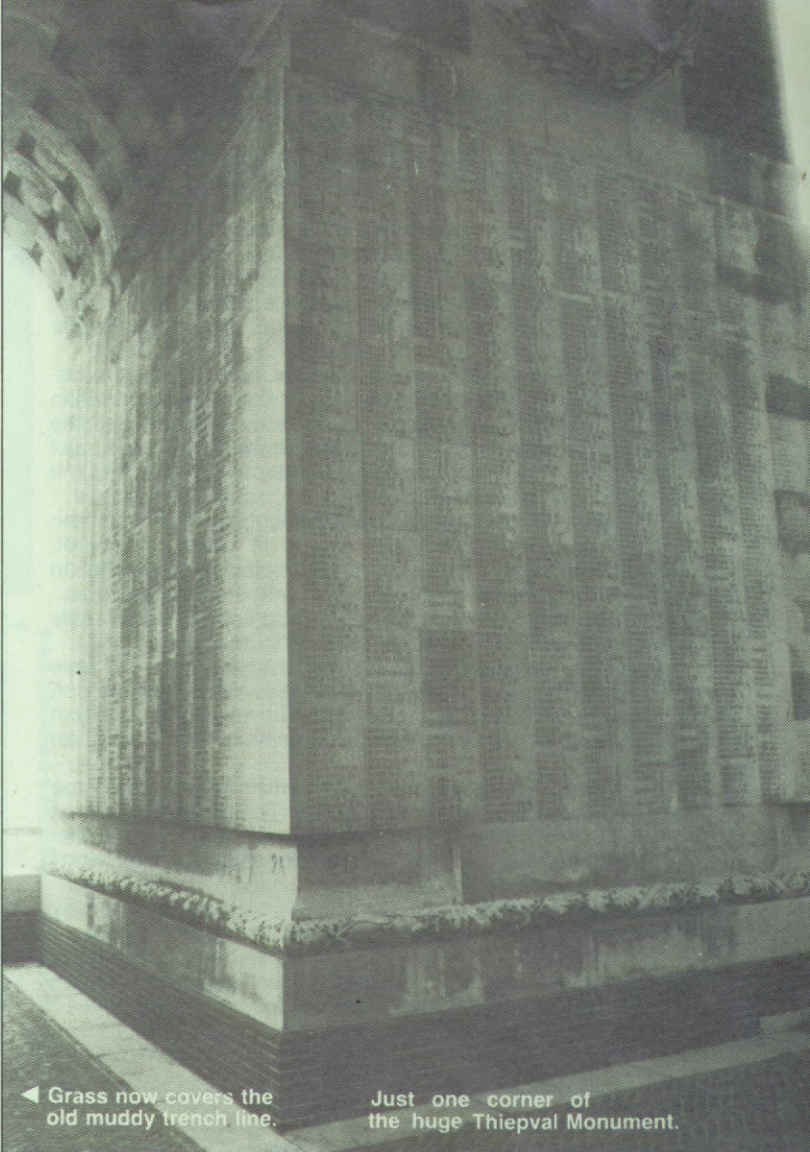
The remains of men who were said to be "buried where they fell" are still being found even today, usually during road widening or farming activities. Another ten were discovered last year. Boots, cap badges and buttons had been preserved in good order in the chalk or loamy soil and the remains were finally laid to rest by the Commission in a cemetery near Boulogne which is kept open for this purpose.

Some like young Private A Bull of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, are twice commemorated. A simple cross on top of a cairn in a wood, not there then, records his death "on that spot" in July 1916, the finding of his body in 1928 and the fact of his interment in a nearby small, walled War Graves Commission cemetery.

The Commission's French Area Office at Beaurains is headed by Mr Steve Grady, formerly in the Intelligence Corps, who saw service in Greece and Italy.

He ensures that the maintenance

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◀ Grass now covers the old muddy trench line.

Just one corner of the huge Thiepval Monument.



French stonemason at work.

COMING DOWN TO EARTH

A 33-YEAR-OLD former British Para is the head gardener in charge of 22 cemeteries where 20,000 Commonwealth soldiers from both World Wars lie in the Somme area.

He is Dennis Pluck who served as a private with 3 Para from 1968-71 and is employed by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Born of an English father who also works with the Commission — Mr Reg Pluck from Beccles, Suffolk — and an Italian mother, Dennis is in charge of 20 men who daily tend the rows of headstones and surrounds within a 30-mile-radius of the village of Flers-sur-Somme (population 200) scene of the first tank attack in 1916.

Still a British passport holder, a prerequisite to holding the job with the Commission, he served in Ulster, Aldershot, Cyprus, Malta and spent two months training with the Italian Alpini in the mountains during his three years in the Paras.

Now he keeps his feet firmly on the ground but during his service, Dennis estimates he made about 50 jumps.

"People, even today, just don't believe I'm British," he says with evident Gallic accent. "I've always got to give proof. When I was in Ulster they asked me if I was a mercenary in the pay of the British Army, suggesting that I was an ex-Foreign Legionnaire."

He added: "Personally, I think the British Army is one of the best as far as discipline is concerned. The good thing is that everyone is a volunteer and they do their job well. Other European armies because they are conscripts, I think, don't make very good soldiers."

Villagers, he said, had kept pulling his leg asking him why he was not down in the South Atlantic earlier in the year.

"If I were asked to go back into the British Army for a good reason — and I think the Falklands crisis was such a reason — then I would do it," said Dennis in measured thought.

nance of the cemeteries and war memorials to the Commonwealth dead are kept up to the highest standards demanded by the Commission which is responsible for 2500 war cemeteries and plots in 143 other countries worldwide.

In France, pattering motor mowers pass over the dead where mud-covered machine guns once chattered among the living. The vast acreages of greensward, immaculate headstones, shrubs, roses, stone pavilions and ramrod conifers are perhaps the best kept of their kind in the world.

Mr Grady explained: "The Commission was set up by Royal

Charter in May 1917 and its duties are to maintain the graves of the Commonwealth Forces, who died in the two World Wars, to build memorials to the dead whose graves are unknown and to keep records and registers.

"The work was founded on the principles that each of the dead should be commemorated individually by name either on the headstone or the grave, or by an inscription on a memorial. The whole cost of the work is shared by the partner governments, the UK — we pay 77.81 per cent — Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India in the proportion of the numbers of their graves."

And the operation at Beaurains is a big one. Sited in a new building on land which had to be cleared of shells and barbed wire — the office was previously in Arras town centre until last December — the horticultural section has seven supervisors in charge of 420 gardeners who daily tend the cemeteries. These are divided into 45 separate teams each with a British head gardener and their own transport.

There is not a weed in sight among the plots and rows of 28-inch-high headstones which stand in narrow borders complemented by floribunda roses, rock plants and sturdy shrubs.

Mr John Ward, head of the Horticultural Section, said: "We propagate 5000 roses and shrubs in a year from our central nursery but import about 100 replacement conifers a year from the UK. Some of the new varieties of rose are very vigorous in the medium heavy loam. We have a weekly programme of cemetery maintenance which is firmly based on the Commission's own horticultural manual."

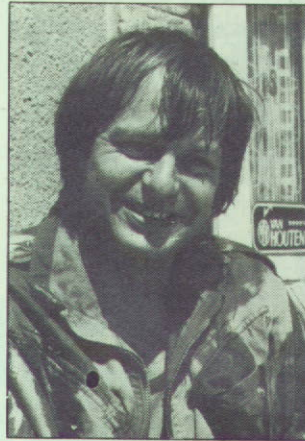
His vast inventory of gardening equipment includes 1000 motor mowers — replaced every four years — and some 2000 hedge and edge-cutters, hoes, spades, forks, wheelbarrows and other implements.

French fitters carry out all the repairs and the Beaurain workshops also refurbish the weathered headstones and send 1000 of them annually to the Commission's cemeteries, not only in France but worldwide. The section has seven supervisors and 40 locally engaged tradesmen.

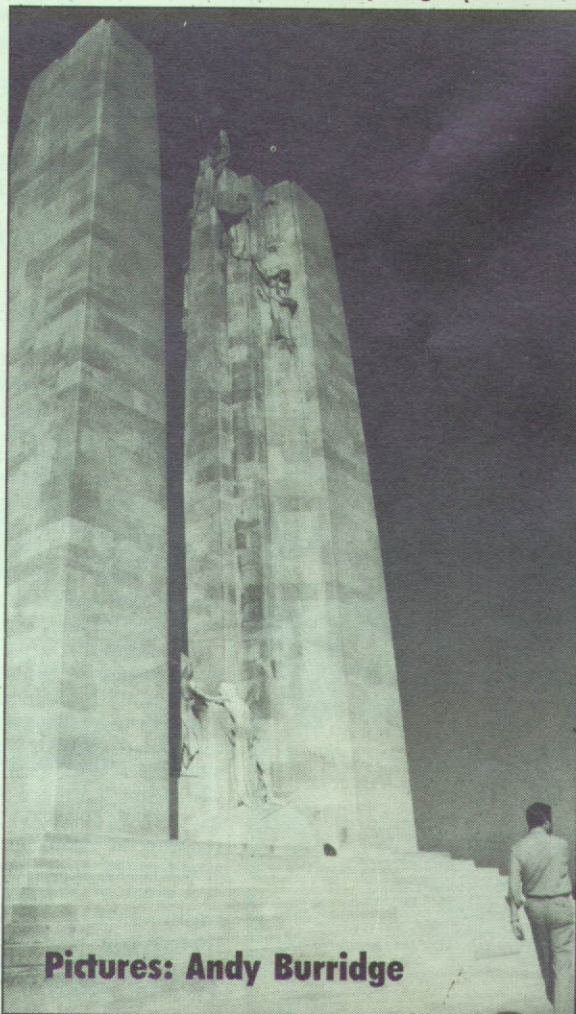
Up until about five years ago, all the stones were engraved by hand but now three letter-cutting machines do all the work at the rate of three stones a day. The inscriptions on the headstones are checked for legibility every four years and the new stone, Botticino or Nebarsina, is imported from Brescia in northern Italy.

It has been calculated that it would take one machine 14 years to refurbish all the headstones in the 11,531-grave cemetery at Rouen where industrial air pollution has a particularly harsh effect on their surfaces.

Moulds of regimental motifs long since disappeared — the South Irish Horse and others —



The Canadian monument near Vimy Ridge.



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STILL GROWING

THE WESTERN FRONT Association, formed on Armistice Day two years ago by author John Giles, has a membership of about 1000 throughout the world and is still growing.

Of that 1000, some 70 are World War One veterans — two of them Germans — who make battlefield tours, share memories and experiences with people of similar interests, learn more about the subject and even acquire reasonably priced copies of trench and other maps.

As Mr Giles, the Association's chairman and author of two books on World War One pointed out: "The Association was formed with the aim of furthering interest in the 1914-18 War. Its principal objective is to perpetuate the memory of those on both sides who served their country in France and Flanders during that era. It does not seek to glorify war and it is not a reenactment society, nor is it commercially motivated. It is entirely non-political and welcomes people of all ages as members."

Mr Giles, who is currently working on other books dealing with the Western Front including the American sectors, has been visiting the battlefields every year for the past 20 years taking thousands of photographs and researching all areas. He is also an experienced battlefields guide and lecturer.

He added: "Membership of the Association gives an opportunity to be part of an organisation comprising people with a similar and special interest which creates its own camaraderie."

The Association has area representatives throughout the UK and in BAOR where the main rep is Captain Malcolm Smart, Royal Signals, 7 Signal Regiment, BFPO 15.

Vice-chairman of the Association is Mr Richard Dunning who owns a massive mine crater — Lochnagar Memorial Crater at La Boisselle on the Somme (picture left) — which he bought in 1978 with the object of preserving as a permanent memorial.

Anyone interested in joining the Association should send a self-addressed envelope to the Assistant Secretary, Western Front Association, Gilton Mill, Poulton Lane, Ash, near Canterbury, Kent CT3 2HN.

Remarks are also invited for entry in the visitor's book. They commend the upkeep of the cemeteries and express the hope that war never happens again. There are comments like "So Sad" . . . "All those nameless names" and so on.

Perhaps one of the more poignant was a two-line entry by somebody from Newport Pagnell who had penned: "To the father who never saw me."

Every year, the Commission gets an average of half-a-dozen requests from widows who ask that, when the time comes, their ashes be laid in the same graves

as their husbands. It complies.

France also has the biggest battlefield memorial in the world — the 150-foot high, eight-arched Thiepval Memorial, which stands astride a 123-foot-by-140-foot area overlooking 45 acres. On its tablets are recorded the staggering total of 73,367 men who fell on the Somme between July 1915 and February 1918, all with no known graves.

As one young Englishman, looking at the rolls of honour, was overheard by SOLDIER to say: "It's the old who declare the wars but the young who do the dying."



are kept in boxes for reference in the workshops.

Mr Sam Willcox, Works Sector Officer, said: "We also keep inscriptions in Chinese — 'a good reputation endures forever' — Arabic and Greek. The Chinese were mostly labourers and many of them died from flu and not bullets and shellfire. Regimental memorials in the villages are often repaired by our men on site."

Another service provided by the France Area Office to guide the living to the dead is that of battlefield cemetery road-signs. Produced in sheet aluminium with a heat applied plastic film they are distributed all over the world.

The Office even provides photographs of the graves — with instant, ten-second colour pictures — for those who are unable to visit the cemeteries for themselves. Each print costs about 70 pence.

Yet more and more visitors are making a personal pilgrimage to the battlefield cemeteries in northern France, as Mr Grady explained.

"Every year we are getting more people, for example from Australia, now that travel is so easy. The overall number of visitors from everywhere is more

than it was 20 years ago — 80,000 a year — including coachloads of children from the UK who have World War One on their curriculum. There are various battlefield tours and special pilgrimage visits.

"A lot of children who have had grandfathers killed here come to see their graves, learn about the war and form their own opinions.

"One aspect of our cemeteries is that they transcend any political squabbles of the time such as the Anglo-French 'turkey war', 'apples conflict' or Common Market differences. There is a very deep feeling and gratitude by the French for what we did for them — twice — and they admire and respect us all for it. For some, it is as if it all happened last week. They can tell you in great detail what happened.

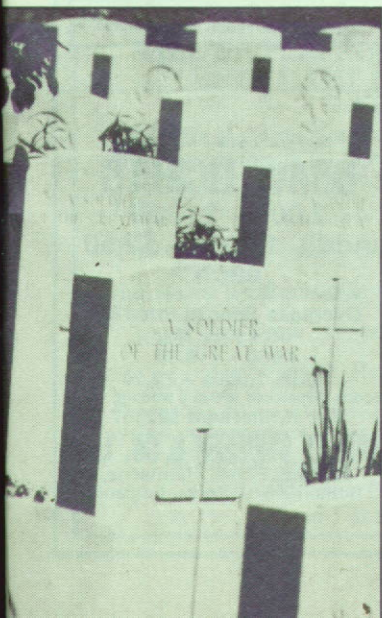
"We have some 7000 Commonwealth graves in French churchyards which are looked after by the French authorities, particularly from World War Two. A lot of aircraft came down after raids on Germany. They had mixed crews. They just fell anywhere and were left.

"We are only able to visit those graves officially once every five years so the day-to-day maintenance is done by the French at no cost. It would be absolutely impossible for the Commission to check regularly every grave of a Commonwealth serviceman in France.

"But the French do care for these men in their churchyards. In every case, you can see evidence of fresh flowers and wreaths in little, out-of-the-way villages where nobody would ever dream of looking for a war grave. They hold services to commemorate the anniversaries of the particular accident and on Armistice Day the children go to the cemeteries to show their respect."

Each cemetery has a visitors' book and register of those soldiers buried there; details of his name, rank, number, date of death, age and the name and address of his parents.

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One of the small cemeteries, standing in a field.

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A look at two newcomers making their mark in Army sport

Definitely a winner

JUST SEVEN MONTHS after its launch, the Army's racing yacht, *Redcoat*, has had a first season better than even its most optimistic crew member could have hoped for, winning no less than five first prizes in the class series and a total of eighteen first placings overall.

Redcoat, an Offshore One Design 34, was given to the Army Sailing Association for the team by a former officer and has, for the first time, provided the Army with the means to compete with civilians.

Originally there were to be two crews but one of the skippers, Major John Kiszely, MC, Scots Guards, suddenly found himself on a very different seagoing craft — the *QE2*, bound for the South Atlantic. So the task of skippering *Redcoat* all season has fallen to Major Peter Scholfield, Royal Hussars, whose expertise has contributed substantially to its success.

The planned two crews amalgamated into one, affording



Redcoat on her way to victory in the Round the Island race.

some slack to cope with the yacht's packed season. After intensive training they caught the latter half of the Lymington Spring Series. Then came the Matchracing followed by the Inshore series which culminated in

the Round the Island Race.

With over 1000 entries, this race proved to be tensely exciting with *Redcoat* just managing to regain the lead a mere 100 yards from the finish to take first place, after seven-and-a-half hours hard

sailing.

Next capture was the Inter Services Cup followed by the Army Offshore Race. *Redcoat* set sail in a Force 8 gale to beat the 55-footers on the water and on handicap.

Competing in the Services Offshore Race meant missing the start of the OOD 34 National Championships. But by sailing overnight from St Peter Port in Guernsey to Cowes, they were able to make up their ground and come third overall. Their performance in the Owners' Matchracing means they now qualify to compete in the International Matchracing next year.

"The crew have been tremendous," says skipper Peter Scholfield. "Thoroughly loyal — they're fitter and have worked harder than any of the other crews."

How to follow that? Well, Peter hopes to equal if not improve on this record next year and is anxious to recruit any competent and interested Army sailors to help him.

"We've got a nucleus crew to draw on but we will always welcome new members. I hope people will get in touch and say they're interested in a trial on *Redcoat* which we will give them either at the end or beginning of the season."

"I am keen to stress the point that there is no rank on board. It all depends on skill — we have a helmsman who is a corporal. I am looking for fast and accurate sailors — rank doesn't matter."

"We will welcome beginners as well and give them advice on where and how to train with the Army Sailing Association — perhaps with a view eventually to becoming a *Redcoat* team member."

Playing the Army game

THE RECESSION in the professional football world is benefiting someone. As Football League and semi-professional sides shed players in an effort to cut costs, several former professionals have already joined the Army.

One man who is delighted is Army and Combined Services team coach, QMSI Alfie Coulton, who has a bigger reserve of experienced players to draw on as he approaches the New Year and the big Combined Services matches against the French and Belgians for the Kentish Cup.

"We now have about half a dozen players with professional football experience. They are immediately involved with the pool simply because of that experience. It's just like the old National Service days with recruits playing for us in short hair styles having to be dropped back at the guardrooms."

QMSI Coulton feels that the more established Army players are now fighting for their places and this has contributed to the string of fine results this season. "These lads mean there is an awful

lot of pressure for places. We are having good results because of the effort which is being made."

One of the new recruits is Malcolm Briggs, who spent two-and-a-half years with Birmingham City. He played regularly for the reserve side and was a substitute for one League match.

But Malcolm became disillusioned with the professional game and broke off his contract. "I cancelled it myself. I just didn't like the life. You got too much time to yourself and I became bored. Once you had done your apprenticeship you trained in the morning for an hour-and-a-half and the rest of the time was your own. It changes your personality as well and I didn't like the changes that were happening to me."

Sapper Briggs joined the Army in June — he has two



Sapper Malcolm Briggs

brothers already in the Royal Engineers. Now he is settling down to a recruit's life at 1 Training Regiment, Royal Engineers at Hawley.

He has already played for the Combined Services. "I was on leave and was engrossed in a game at Roker Park when it came over the Tannoy that Sapper Briggs was to report back to his unit. I was flapping — but they told me I was going to Bermuda!"

Malcolm says that the Bermuda tour with Combined Services was far more enjoyable than football in his professional days. "I would definitely like to play some football in the Army but there is no way I will let it interfere with my career. That comes first and football second. This is now my life."

SOLDIER SPORT

Commonwealth Games

'Mac' the cook gets Gold...

WHAT DOES it feel like to win a gold medal? Sergeant Bill MacNeil of the Army Catering Corps, (Mac to his friends), knows because he has just come back with one from the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane.

Mac achieved a score of 565 out of a possible 600 in the air rifle standing team event, which together with his partner's score earned them a gold medal for Scotland. Back in the ACC Sergeants' Mess in Aldershot, SOLDIER asked him if he had yet come back to earth. "Oh yes," he said, "once you meet the RSM you're soon back to normal!"

He recalled the wait at the end of the shooting: "We knew we were going to get a medal but we didn't know which one until about two hours afterwards. In fact we expected England to win."

But that was before the scores were finalised when Mac and his teammates were surprised to learn that there was 11 points difference between the gold and silver. "It cost me £10 to convince my mother that we'd won the gold. I told her over the 'phone and she wouldn't believe me!"

Not content with just one medal, Mac, who is a drill and weapon training instructor at the ACC Training Battalion, also competed in the three positional .22 rifle team event. His team's combined score was sufficient to secure them third place — and earn Mac a bronze to add to his gold.

Neither medal was easily achieved. At the Commonwealth Games each country fields its very best marksmen in each event. Being this year's Scottish air rifle champion and having a good record earned Mac his place



Chris Godwin (left) and Bill MacNeil with their Games trophies.

in the Scottish team but it was only at the last minute that he learned he could go — the Scottish selectors thought they could not afford to fund the air rifle competitors.

Once there, they found conditions very different from what they were used to. All the shooting was outdoors, unlike Britain where most events take place on indoor ranges. The wind on both the pellet and the body meant Mac, who trains for up to 30 hours a week, had to concentrate extra hard.

A fellow member of the Catering Corps, Warrant Officer (SSM) Chris Godwin was also representing his country at the Games — England, in the rapid fire .22 pistol team and individual events. Although achieving 585, the highest individual score in the team event, his combined score with his partner was only good enough to earn him fourth place. In the individual

event Chris was unlucky when the back strap on his pistol broke and again he only managed fourth.

"I think a gremlin was sat on my shoulder that day," he said ruefully. "You spend years getting the thing perfect and then it goes on the day. Heartbreaking really, especially as there was only four points between me and the Gold."

Nevertheless, Chris who is the British Duelling Federation Champion can take comfort from having won the Badge Shoot. He is now in Venezuela for the World Championships and hopes to be considered for the next Olympics.

Have you entered a team for the SOLDIER Darts Contest?

Full details in last issue

... and Jim brings back two silvers

TWO SILVER medals was the reward for Scottish marksman, QMSI Jim Cairns of the Small Arms School Corps, in the Brisbane Commonwealth Games. For Jim it was the culmination of years of dedication and he now intends to ease off.

Jim has represented Scotland many times before and is a member of the Great Britain shooting squad. He described the Commonwealth Games as "a superb event. I have been to world championships and competed internationally but they are nothing compared with this. It was a great sporting event not a rat race."



"It was so nice to be able to compete in that sort of atmosphere rather than the killer atmosphere you get in the world championships. And to get two silver medals was the icing on the cake."

Not only has training for the Games taken a big slice of Jim's spare time but it has also been a financial burden. "My centre-fire match in Brisbane alone cost me £90 in ammunition. But it is not something I would moan about — I took the decision to try for the Games."

Now Jim intends to retire from the national squad "and start seeing my wife again." He is shortly off to Brunei on a two year posting.

Glasgow title for Priscilla

MRS PRISCILLA WELCH, the Shetlands based marathon runner, was the first woman home in the recent Scottish People's Marathon in Glasgow. Mrs Welch, wife of RSM Dave Welch, Royal Signals, practises around the lanes of his remote island posting. She is in her second serious season of marathon running and at 37 years old is high in the British rankings.

SOCCER ROUND-UP

Jubilee tarnished Civil Service 0 Combined Services 2

ON A GLORIOUS day it took two second half goals by the visiting Combined Services to slightly tarnish the Civil Service Diamond Jubilee celebrations. In the end no-one could deny that the Servicemen deserved their win.

In the first half there were only two chances of note. The Army's Lance-Corporal Steve Butler waltzed his way into the penalty area, side footed a perfect pass to LMEM Kevin Maddocks only for the keeper to tip it over the bar. Soon afterwards the Ser-

vices keeper, Sgt John Toogood saved brilliantly from a thunderous shot.

The Services continued to enjoy the lion's share of the play and in the 57th minute SAC John Powell (RAF) raced towards a slightly square defence. He released the ball to Maddocks who made no mistake with his left foot.

Mid-way through the second half the Services secured the win when Corporal Tiv Lowe, Royal Marines, crossed a long looping centre which Powell headed across to Butler to nod in.

Seven up Windsor & Eton 2 Army XI 7

AN ARMY SIDE including only two recognised representative players slammed in seven

goals. This year there is a real challenge for places in the side and this can only be good for Army football.

Windsor and Eton opened the scoring after 20 minutes following a rare mistake by keeper, SI Kevin James APTC. Any thoughts of reversing last year's drubbing were shortlived, however. Lance-Corporal Sandy Brown, Royal Signals, headed an equaliser and soon afterwards Corporal Steve Tusz, Royal Engineers, blasted them into the lead when he found the roof of the net from 18 yards.

After the interval Brown and Halligan scored two more for the Army before the home side pulled one back. Craftsman Vince Davey got the fifth and burly striker, Corporal Rudi Fleming (REME) added two more.

Exercise Pathfinder V

RCT men are motorbike champs

A TEAM FROM GERMANY went away with the Gort Trophy — the prize for the best regular or TA team — in this year's Army Motorcycling Championships. The winners, Second Armoured Division Transport Regiment, RCT, clocked up only 2218 penalty points compared with their nearest rivals, SEMS 'A' Team, with 6537.

Army entrants from both UK and BAOR plus Royal Marines competed in the endurance test of five laps of a 23 mile course —



Sergeant Gwen Barraclough

a total of 115 miles over Salisbury Plain. There were also police and guest civilian riders.

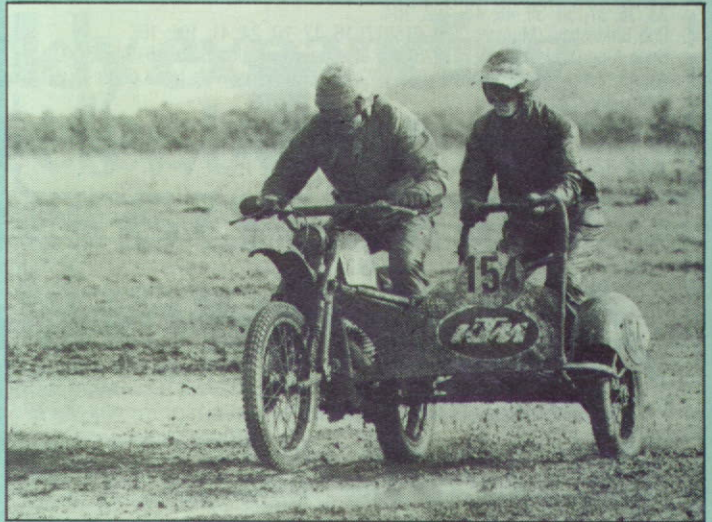
Sergeant Gwen Barraclough, JLR RCT came first in the individual championship with 404 points, followed by Staff Sergeant Langmead, SEME with 429. Both riders also won their Corps awards. The Royal Marines came away with the Best Novice Rider award to Marine Hill, Commando Logistic Regiment, and the award for Spirited Performance went to Marine Martin. His performance was so spirited he was still going round the circuit after the prize giving was over!

The SOLDIER Magazine trophy for the best regular private soldier went to Craftsman Gorse of SEME.

While the thrills and spills make this a sporting occasion the championships are a serious Army training exercise — Pathfinder V — and the aim is to test the skills of Army riders which they may need to use in battle-field conditions.



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SIDE BY SIDE

SPORTS ROUNDUP

SOCCER

The football team from 206 Company, Royal Pioneer Corps, Kineton, have won the award for the 'Sporting Team of the Year' in the West and Wales Inter-service League

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BOATING

A new clubhouse and boat-house for boating enthusiasts in the three Services has been opened on the Thames at Medmenham, Bucks.

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CYCLING

The SHAPE ten mile cycling time trial attracted riders from all over Germany. RAF riders took the first two places but the Army's John Hawkins came third and was immediately followed by three more soldiers.

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SOCCER

Despite an early setback the Army overcame a good Cambridge University XI to run out winners by five goals to one. The University had opened in fine style with quick thrusts down the flanks and from one such raid opened the scoring.

The Army machine, grinding slowly but surely into gear, then

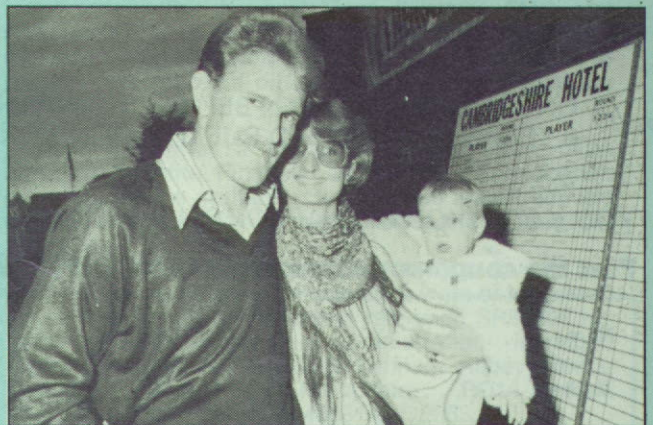
took charge. Soon Corporal Rudi Fleming REME laid off a forward pass to the skipper, Lance-Corporal Sandy Brown, Royal Signals, who tucked it under a diving keeper.

Fleming subsequently swung over a high cross for Fusilier Darren Scott to head home. With the home defence in disarray the Army pressed home their advantage and Corporal Mark Bowen RAPC fired a shot goalwards, which deflected into the path of Brown, who slammed it in.

The killer goal as far as Cambridge were concerned came just before the interval. From a corner by Corporal Steve Tusz RE the ball was headed on by Scott for Signalman Mick Halligan to score on the far post.

The second half produced good entertaining football with both defences being thoroughly tested. Craftsman Neil McGregor REME, a recruit with professional experience with Bury and Burnley, substituted for Scott, who suffered concussion following a clash of heads. McGregor may prove a very useful find indeed. He headed off the Army goal line to prevent a certain goal and scored the Army's fifth goal just before the end.

Near miss for Dan



Only an 18th hole disaster prevented Sergeant Dan Brothers, from the 1st Battalion, The Royal Anglians, from winning a celebrity-am event in Cambridgeshire. Brothers and his partner, John Hayes, led the field until the last hole but wound up a shot behind former Corals casino boss, Bernard Coral. Picture by *Cambridge Evening News* shows Dan with his wife Jacquie and 17-month-old daughter Lindsay.

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