

**JANUARY 24
1994
EVERY
FORTNIGHT
50p**

5 AIRBORNE IN CORSICA

SOLDIER

**MAGAZINE
OF THE
BRITISH
ARMY**



**INSIDE:
Interview
with CGS**

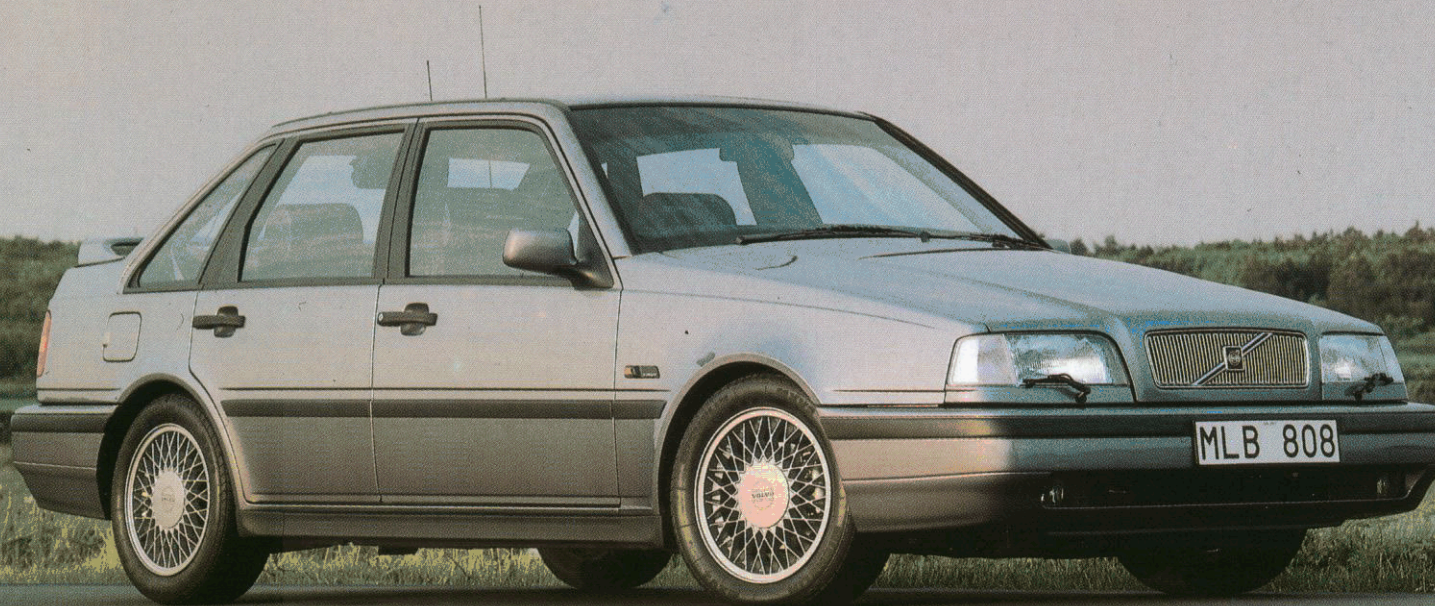
PLUS

- **Army Photographic Competition**
- **Operation Grapple pictures**
- **Royal Engineers in Belize**



**THIS SUPERB VALUE 440/460 XI
IS NOW AVAILABLE WITH
POWER SUNROOF & REAR SPOILER
FOR ONLY £8,999 TAX FREE***

**STANDARD FEATURES INCLUDE: POWER STEERING, CENTRAL
LOCKING, METALLIC PAINT, DRIVER'S AIR BAG, STEREO
CASSETTE, HEATED FRONT SEATS, SPLIT REAR SEAT, LOCKING
FUEL CAP, HEADLIGHT & REAR WINDOW WASH WIPES, COLOUR
CO-ORDINATED BUMPERS, 1.8 FUEL INJECTED ENGINE,
CATALYTIC CONVERTOR.**



* PLUS DELIVERY. ALLOY WHEELS ARE NOT STANDARD

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE
FURTHER INFORMATION,
PLEASE CALL OUR**

VOLVO HOTLINE

0707 262388

**OR COMPLETE AND RETURN
THE COUPON BELOW TO:**

**VOLVO EXPORT,
FREEPOST 30, HATFIELD,
AL9 7BR.**

**Please send me further information on
the following Volvo(s):**

NAME:

TEL NO:

ADDRESS:

.....

POST CODE:

MODELS: 400 / 800 / 900 SERIES

Left / Right Hand Drive (please delete)

Required Delivery Date:

Finance Details Required: YES / NO

Part Exchange: YES / NO

Make & Model of Current Vehicle:

.....

VOLVO EXPORT



Incorporating the Territorial Army magazine

January 24, 1994
Vol 50/2

CONTENTS

- 5 Newline
- 12 People
- 14 Interview with CGS
- 18 Paras in Corsica
- 20 Operation Grapple
- 22 Belize sappers
- 24 Army Photographic Competition
- 28 Scottish Yeomanry
- 30 All in a good cause
- 32 For families
- 34 Letters
- 36 Briefings
- 38 Book reviews
- 39 HOAY competition
- 40 SOLDIER Mart
- 45 Classified advertisements
- 48 Sport

Ordnance Road, Aldershot
Hants GU11 2DU.
Ald Mil plus extension
Civil: 0252 347 plus last three
digits of extension

Managing Editor
Chris Horrocks Ext 2355

Editor
John Elliott 2356

Assistant Editors
Laurie Manton 2362
Gordon Skilling 2360
Phil Wilcox 2362

Picture Editor
Terry Champion 2357

Photographers
Mike Weston 2357
Mike Perring

Art Editor
Les Gwyer 2356

Librarian
Gerard Sutton 2351

Advertising
Lindsey Champion 2352

Accounts/Distribution
Janice Follwell 2353

Fax 2358

SOLDIER is published by the Ministry of Defence and printed in the UK for HMSO.
Crown Copyright 1994
Views expressed in **SOLDIER** are not necessarily those of the Army or the Ministry of Defence.

Light at the end of the tunnel – CGS

THE ARMY is going through a "dark tunnel" – but while there are considerable challenges still to face, overall morale is remarkably good and there are positive signs for the future, the Chief of the General Staff, Gen Sir Peter Inge, said in an interview with **SOLDIER**.



Gen Inge

Questioned about the effect on morale of amalgamations and turbulence, Gen Inge said: "The Army is going through

support helicopter were all positive enhancements."

Gen Inge added: "I believe we will get through this diffi-

what I call a dark tunnel at the moment.

"However, recognition of the needs of the Army was made clear by the Secretary of State following the [November] Budget and, I think, was well received by the Army.

"An extra 3,000 men, the decision on Challenger 2 and the

cult period and the Army will settle down again and will continue to give rewarding careers with a major role to play."

In a wide-ranging interview Gen Inge covered the shape, size and roles of the Army and reserves, their training, deployment, equipment, the regimental system, ceremonial duties and bands.

He also paid particular tribute on several occasions to the quality of the Army's junior leadership.

● For full interview, turn to Pages 14-17

Queen's Medal winner to join Paras



Picture: Mike Perring

A dazzle of shiny toe-caps as the Grand Duke of Luxembourg (with dark diagonal sash) reviews the 113th Sovereign's parade at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. Among the 626 cadets on parade were 13 from overseas and 178 who were being commissioned. Officer Cadet Liam Cradden, who is to join The Parachute Regiment, received the Queen's Medal from the duke as the cadet achieving best overall results in military and practical tests, while the Sword of Honour for best recruit went to Junior Under Officer Gavin Baxter who will serve with The Royal Highland Fusiliers

Confidential monitoring process to start soon

Ethnic origins form on its way

SERVICEMEN and women are being encouraged to complete and return as soon as possible a questionnaire on ethnic origins. Royal Air Force personnel were receiving their forms first, followed by the Army and Royal Navy in the New Year.

Questionnaires to Army personnel will be accompanied by a letter from the Adjutant Gen-

eral, Gen Sir Michael Wilkes, and a leaflet answering the questions most frequently asked about ethnic monitoring.

In order to produce useful statistics, it is important that there is a high response rate.


In May 1992, the then Minister for the Armed Forces, Archie Hamilton, announced that the decision had been taken to extend to serving personnel the current ethnic monitoring of applicants to the Armed Forces.



Ethnic monitoring of serving personnel began with the RAF in December and will take in all members of the regular



● Turn to Page 5


FRONT COVER: Main picture: WO2 Tinny Dorling from 10 Airborne Workshop has his French parachute wings pinned to his uniform by a member of 2ème Régiment Étranger Parachutiste (French Foreign Legion) during the final Exercise Winged Crusader parade at Camp Raffelli in Corsica. Story and more pictures in Pages 18-19. (Picture: Chris Fletcher.)


A TOTAL SERVICE You'll APPROVE OF


N For 27 years Natocars' only business has been the supply of cars to H.M. Forces, Diplomats and attached personnel. 


 Thousands upon thousands of customers have shown their approval of our commitment to total customer service and the best possible deal - many time and time again. 

 We are sure you will approve of how easy and convenient it is to deal with us, with everything from part exchange to doorstep delivery controlled under one roof. One person will handle everything for you and be constantly on hand to answer questions and keep you informed. 

 Of course, Natocars has the full approval of its nine manufacturers with our official appointment to supply their vehicles -

over 700 models to choose from - direct from the factory. They're fussy about quality and say they couldn't find a nicer bunch of people to provide it! 

 Naturally, all 56 of us at Natocars love what we do and believe that no one can do it better. But, only you and no one else can prove that! **VOLVO**

N So, put your  in the boxes below or phone now for the unique Natocars Car Buying Guide, discount prices, choice of car brochures, and enjoy the peace of mind that our commitment to you will bring.

Everything you need is at Natocars

NATOCARS

Please send me the Natocars buying and price guide plus car brochures of my choice.

Make	Model

Rank: _____ Initials: _____
Surname: _____
Address: _____

OFFICE
USE
SOLD/
APPRO

Tel. - work: _____ extn: _____
home: _____ Fax: _____

Anticipated Delivery date: _____

For use in (Country): _____

I am interested in:

Savings Plan ☐

Finance ☐

Insurance ☐

Used Car ☐

Tax Free ☐

Tax Paid ☐

Part Exchange ☐

Call Free from...

HOLLAND
06022 9806

GERMANY
01 3085 9806

BELGIUM
078 114310

Call us direct on
UK 0278 455555
or Fax: UK 0278 450396

 **NATOCARS**
No One Looks After You Better

NATOCARS Ltd., WYLDs RD, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET, TA6 4DG. (0278) 455555

Natocars Ltd., Wylds Road,
Bridgwater, Somerset. TA6 4DG

RGBW's new quick march is home grown

A QUICK march specially written by WO1 (Bandmaster) Gary Clegg, bandmaster of 1 Glosters, has been chosen for the new regiment to be created

out of The Gloucestershire Regiment and The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment.

The selection board, comprising colonels, commanding

officers, 2iCs, adjutants and RSMs from both regiments, listened to a shortlist of quick and slow marches performed by the combined bands.

Handel's slow march, *Scipio*, was also chosen for the new regiment, The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment (RGBW).

New knight to take over at Kiseljak

LT GEN Sir Michael Rose, Commander UK Field Army, is to replace Lt Gen Francis Briquemont of Belgium as commander of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Gen Rose, whose appointment was announced in New York on January 5 following Gen Briquemont's sudden resignation, is expected at UNPROFOR headquarters in Kiseljak by the end of January. He is the first British officer to serve in the post.



Lt Gen Rose

Knighted in the New Year Honours, Gen Rose commanded 22nd Special Air Service Regiment from 1979 to 1982 during which time he saw active service in the Falklands War. He later commanded 39 Infantry Brigade in Northern Ireland.

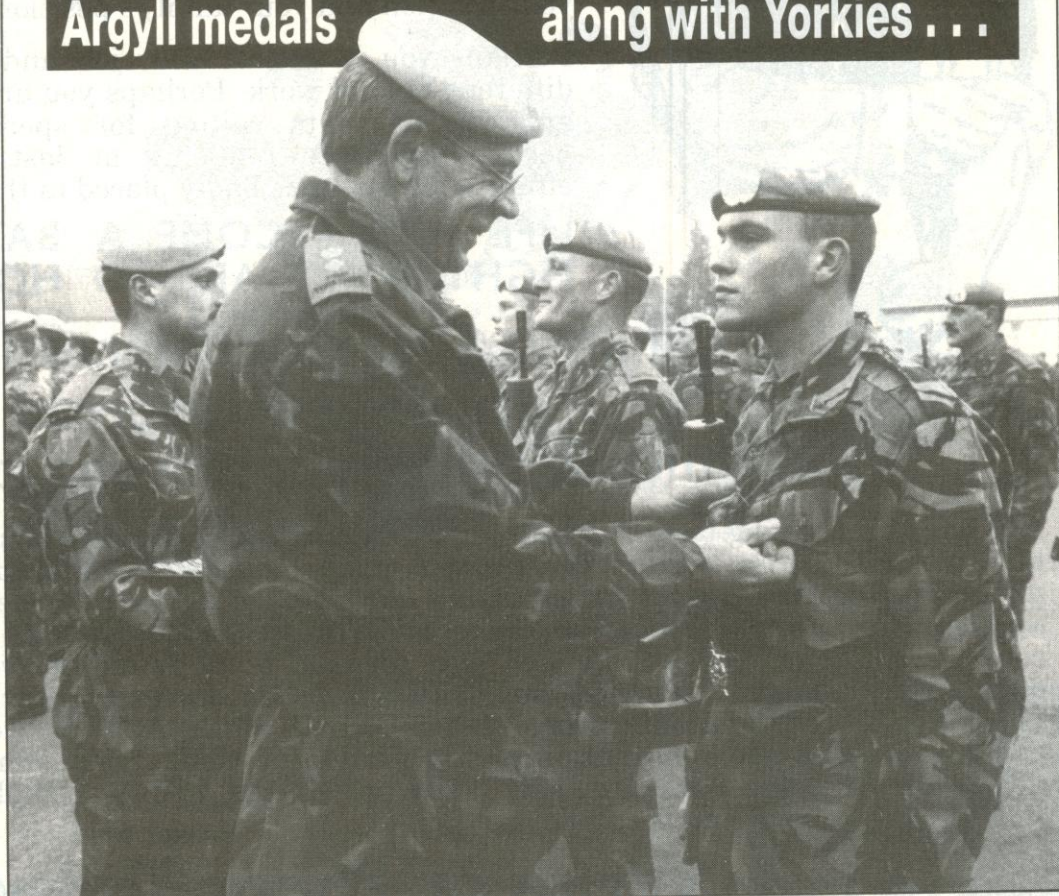
Highlanders agree name

THE NAME for the regiment to be formed by the amalgamation of The Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons) and The Gordon Highlanders will be The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons) and the contraction 1 HLDRS.

Core issues have been decided, such as the Queen's Own Highlanders' cap badge and glengarry being adopted along with the Gordon tartan as the main working tartan, but details of the accoutrements are still under discussion

Argyll medals

along with Yorkies...



Lt Col Alastair Duncan presents a UN Bosnia medal to Pte Thomson of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders during a special parade at Belfast Barracks in Osnabrück. About 500 soldiers from the 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire group received their medals following a six-month tour in Bosnia-Herzegovina. It was very much a family occasion and a fitting tribute to the magnificent effort put in by the "Yorkies" in support of UN humanitarian aid

Soldier murdered

GDSM Daniel Martin Blinco (22) of the 1st Battalion, The Grenadier Guards was murdered by a sniper in south Armagh on December 30.

The seventh Army sniper victim in the past 18 months, he was hit by a single high velocity round as his foot patrol came under fire.

The 1st Battalion is currently on a six-month roulement tour in the area.

Ethnic survey

● From Page 3

Armed Forces, excluding the Brigade of Gurkhas.

The survey is being undertaken by the Defence Analytical Services Agency (DASA), which, over the next few months will dispatch questionnaires to all Service personnel. The completed questionnaires are to be returned to DASA, which will use the information to pro-

duce statistics on the ethnic composition of the Armed Forces, for example, by rank and Service.

These statistics will be used by the Services to monitor that their policy of equal opportunities for all racial groups is working.

Ethnic origin information will be treated as confidential and will not be entered on personal files. To ensure confidentiality, a code of practice has been drawn up which restricts access to ethnic origin information to staff involved in the survey and the production of statistical analyses.

A copy of the code of practice and further information about the survey are contained in DCI JS 100/93 which was published on December 3.

Para tragedy on mountain

TWO off-duty soldiers, both members of The Parachute Regiment, died while climbing in the Glencoe area of the Scottish Highlands.

It is thought that LCpl Paul Callaghan and Pte David Reed – both trained in winter warfare and mountaineering –

were swept off the mountain-side by an avalanche.

Maj Simon Barry, Regimental Adjutant at RHQ, The Parachute Regiment, Aldershot, said: "They will be sadly missed by their comrades in the regiment and 5 Airborne Brigade."



This is FIGHTING TALK

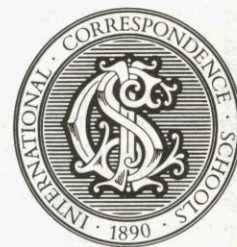
Two vitally important matters demand your attention - one is your own immediate future and career prospects the other your position and your family's position in later life.

Perhaps you have lost your job and have to turn to some different kind of work. Perhaps you are faced with new duties and requirements calling for specialised knowledge. Or perhaps you are realising at last that without trained efficiency a person is badly placed in the life of today.

LIFE HAS BECOME A BATTLE WE MUST FIGHT IF WE ARE TO HOLD OUR OWN.

Training is a National Necessity.
Many Industries are making widespread demands for men & women possessing it.

ICS have been giving technical training through the post, in unsurpassed quality for the past century. *We trained many thousands of men and women during the personal struggles and hardships of the past 100 years and are splendidly equipped to render similar service throughout the coming months or years of this your own personal battle to achieve your goals.* If YOU need to advance your skills ask us for our expert advice, given free and without obligation. **DON'T DELAY.** Make 'ACTION' your watchword. For free information on the course of your choice simply phone our friendly Course Advisors **NOW** on 041-221 7373 or complete the attached coupon and post today!



1890 - 1990
One Hundred Years of Service

Write or Phone Today
for Free Information and Advice on any
of these subjects or use the Coupon below

GCSE/'A' LEVEL

Over 40 examination subjects to choose from. All main examination groups and boards covered. Your vital Passport to Career Success.

Computer Programming

- Introduction to Computer Programming
- BASIC Programming
- COBOL Programming
- PASCAL Programming
- Computer Information Systems
- Understanding Information Technology
- Personal Computer Specialist

Electronics/Electrical

- City & Guilds Basic Electronic Engineering
- Electronic Engineering
- TV, Video & Hi-Fi Servicing
- Electrical Engineering
- Electrical Contracting/Installations

Technical

- Motorcycle Maintenance
- Automobile Engineering
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Building
- Refrigeration & Air Conditioning
- Surveying & Estimating
- Engineering Drawing & Design
- City & Guilds Basic Mechanical Engineering
- Civil Engineering

Language Skills

- French ■ Italian
- German ■ Spanish

Horticulture/Agriculture

- Royal Horticultural Society Examination
- Intensive Market Gardening
- Complete Gardening
- General Agriculture

Business

- Book-keeping & Accountancy
- Business Management
- Institute of Personnel Management Examinations
- Travel Management Examinations
- Starting Your Own Business
- Marketing/Advertising
- Salesmanship
- Public Relations
- Supervision
- Storekeeping
- Guest House Owner
- Computers in Business
- ICS Diploma in Personnel Management
- Counselling Skills

Office Skills

- Typing
- Executive Assistant
- Private Secretarial Practice
- Speedhand
- Editing
- Word Processing

General Interest/Leisure

- Sports Psychology
- Anatomy
- Catering & Gourmet Cooking
- Creative Art
- Cartooning
- Commercial Art
- Interior Design
- Soft Furnishings & Textiles
- Dressmaking
- Pattern Cutting & Design
- Embroidery
- Short Story Writing
- Freelance Journalism
- Practical Photography
- Beginners Guitar

- Fashion Merchandising
- Police Entrance Exam
- Beauty Care & Personality
- Birdwatching
- Child Psychology
- Fitness & Nutrition
- Religious Studies
- Astronomy
- Child Day Care
- Caring For Your Environment

NEBSM

- NATIONAL EXAMINING BOARD FOR SUPERVISORY MANAGEMENT
- Introductory Award
- Certificate Award

Course of Interest _____

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss _____

Address _____

P. Code _____



International Correspondence Schools, Dept PYS14, 312/314
High Street, Sutton, Surrey SM1 1PR.
Telephone: 041-221 7373 or Fax: 041-221 8151. 10 lines (24 hrs).

Further offers, which may be of interest, may be sent to you by ICS or other carefully selected companies.

ACT NOW!

Christine breaks into a man's world

SGT Christine Becket pushed aside 92 years of tradition when she joined the Military Provost Staff of the Adjutant General's Corps.

Until now Military Provost Staff have always been recruited exclusively from male soldiers seeking transfers from other corps and regiments.

Now Sgt Becket, who joined the WRAC in 1980 and spent the first nine years of her career in the postal and courier squadrons of the Royal Engineers, has broken the pattern.

Recent changes in MoD policy have made it possible for a proportion of AGC(MPS) recruits to be female transferees – and she is the first.

A change of trade to administrative assistant resulted in a posting to the Military Correc-



Exercise Arabian Dragon literally reaches its peak as members of C Coy, 1 KOSB pose for the camera on top of Jebel Rum

tive Training Centre (MCTC) in Colchester, where she worked in F Section which holds in safe custody Service-women under sentence and other female detainees.

Having passed the Non-AGC(MPS) Security NCOs' course last year, Sgt Becket

returned to duty in F Section and, when the rules changed, applied to join the MPS.

Now rebadged into her new branch, she will in future work alongside men – and other women as they complete the transfer process – at MCTC Colchester.

Jordan Jocks rise to occasion

WITH a little assistance from the Jordanian Special Forces, 12 members of C Coy, 1st Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers achieved their aim of climbing Jebel Rum, the highest mountain in Jordan.

The four-hour ascent, begun at five in the morning, involved the negotiation of a narrow path up the side of a 1,000ft high cliff. Once the summit had been reached, the Jocks adopted Jordanian local tradition, using paint and sharp objects to write their names for posterity.

Units planning adventurous training abroad could do worse than consider the "pleasant, friendly" country of Jordan as an option, members of the expedition confirm.

• • •

Staff at BMH Iserlohn have raised £8,000 towards the cost of a Raleigh International medical expedition to Chile.

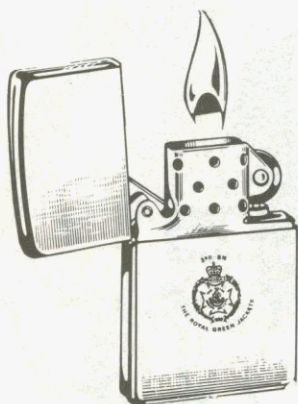
RDG welcome Lord Mayor to Paderborn



LCpl Appleton, Royal Dragoon Guards, puts Cllr Ann Reid, the Lord Mayor of York, through her paces in the gunnery wing at Barker Barracks, Paderborn. Cllr Reid had stopped off for a brief tour of the barracks during a working visit to Germany. The regiment has close links with the City of York, which is at the heart of its main recruiting area

ZIPPO LIGHTERS

ENGRAVED IN COLOUR WITH
YOUR REGIMENTAL CREST



The original petrol
windproof lighters.

Guaranteed for life or
repaired free of charge.

Delivered duty paid UK
or duty free overseas.

Minimum engraved
order 50

For information on models available with no minimum order
requirement please tick ☐

For full details complete the coupon below and send to:

**W A INGRAM ASSOCIATES LTD., UNIT 27 GRAND UNION CENTRE,
336B LADBROKE GROVE, LONDON W10 5AX**

Please send me full details about how to obtain Zippo lighters engraved
with my Regimental Crest.

NAME

ADDRESS

..... 7110

Car insurance

Is your premium
over £300?

Army personnel
can save £££'s

Call Admiral at Lloyd's free on

0800 600 800

Please quote reference SOL

Weekdays 8 am to 10 pm Sat. 9 am to 2 pm

Comprehensive cover only

Renewing in next month and min.
one year's No Claims Bonus, please.



LLOYD'S
LLOYD'S OF LONDON

Mainland UK only.

Admiral Insurance acts for selected syndicates at Lloyd's.

HOTLINE
0367 241225

SCE Ltd.
FREEPOST, Faringdon
Oxon SN7 5BR.

THE FINEST CAR PURCHASE PLAN AT HOME AND OVERSEAS

Wherever you are in the world, if you're considering a new car, tax free for export
or tax paid for return to Britain, you could be on the way to owning a
prestigious new Rover at well below List Price. There will be a
big saving from the Rover/SCE concession.



- Expert advice and test drive
- Delivery where you want it - shipping arranged
- Flexible finance - tailored to suit you (subject to status)
- Used car disposal facility
- Widespread after sales care network
- Fast efficient mail order system

If it's Rover...it's SCE

ROVER

SCE

Name: _____ Title/Rank: _____

Address: _____

Tel Day: _____ Tel Eve.: _____

Car for use in (country): _____ Date Required: _____

I am interested in: 800 Series ☐ 600 Series ☐ 400 Series ☐ 200 Saloon ☐ 200 Coupe ☐

200 Cabriolet ☐ Montego Estate ☐ Metro ☐ Mini ☐ Land Rover Defender ☐

Land Rover Discovery ☐ Range Rover ☐ TAX FREE FOR EXPORT ☐ TAX PAID FOR UK USE ☐

Post to SCE Ltd, FREEPOST, Faringdon, Oxon SN7 5BR (No stamp required if mailed in UK or BFPO)

Sol 24/01/94

For the full story
- call us now or
send the coupon
for your full
colour Rover/SCE
information pack.



NEW YEAR HONOURS

ORDER OF THE BATH KCB

Lt Gen H M Rose CBE QGM, late Coldm Gds.

CB

Maj Gen I L Freer CBE, late Staffords; Maj Gen M S Heath CBE, late REME; Maj Gen C R S Notley CBE, late Scots DG.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE CBE

Brig D De G Bromhead LVO OBE, late RRW; Brig M E Browne TD ADC, late WFR TA; Brig C H Elliott, late RRW; Col W J Hurrell OBE, late 17/21 L; Col M S Jamieson, late Scots DG; Brig D J M Jenkins, late QOH; Brig A W Lyons, late RAOC.

OBE

Lt Col D M Anderson RLC; Lt Col I C D Blair-Pilling REME; Lt Col A B S Collings MBE, D and D; Lt Col P L P Douglas RLC; Lt Col D T Keatch RA; Lt Col E Lawrie MBE, SG; Lt Col (Acting Col) P J Mead

ACF TA; Lt Col S F Owen RLC; Lt Col T Pemberton AGC (RMP); Lt Col R R P Prichard, Para; Lt Col T M Reeve-Tucker PWRR; Lt Col J W G Rogers RE; Lt Col N A Sutherland RE; Lt Col D C Thornycroft BW; Lt Col A E Wallington RTR.

MBE

Maj A Amber LI; Sgt (Acting SSgt) S J Baldwin RLC; Maj M P Banham RA; WO1 G R Bannister RA; Maj A L Bateman QRL; Cpl K V Bradbury RE; Capt J H Bridges, Staffords TA; Capt T E Broughton BEM RE TA; Maj M G Brown REME; Lt Col R W Burkey RA; WO1 R M Cainan RLC; Lt (Acting Capt) R M Chattell AAC; WO2 S G Clark, Glosters; Capt (now Maj) P J Cook RA; Maj P F Copson, Para; Capt J C H Cross REME TA; WO1 C M Crowden 9/12 L; Maj M I Dolamore RLC; Maj J R Donovan RLC; WO1 R C Drewett RA; Cpl D A Driver AGC (SPS); Maj E Erskine TD RE TA; WO2 E Fannon KOSB; Maj F Fewster PWO TA;

Maj R J Ford WFR; Maj J Garven RHF; Maj A S R Groves 6 GR; WO2 (Acting WO1) A J Gullis RLC; SSgt J A Gurney, R Signals TA; Maj (QGO) Haribahadur Gurung MVO 2 GR.

Maj D Harwood TD, Londons TA; Capt R McG Henry BW; Capt (Acting Maj) A Hickling, R Signals; WO2 L G Jones RLC; Maj R A D Kelly IG; Capt J W Kendall RLC; Maj W D M Levack, Int Corps; WO2 A M Lewis, Int Corps; Maj M R Lilley RLC; Maj P R Littlewood, Glosters; Lt Col D Lockhart, Cheshire; WO1 C Long QLR; Maj P C Luxton LI; SSgt D McLoughlin REME; Maj C H Merrington-Rust AGC (SPS); Maj R D F Millington RTR; Lt (Acting Maj) G L Morrice ACF TA; WO1 J J O'Leary RAMC; Maj C L Pape, D and D; Lt (Acting Lt Col) P M Parker CCF TA; SSgt (Local WO2) R V C Pearce RLC TA; SSgt M J Porsch AGC (RMP); Capt R W Potter, R Anglian; Maj E M Pringle RAMC TA; Maj A L Reid RHF; WO2 R Reuby RE TA; Maj R

A Rosenhead AGC (SPS); Capt R M Sadler RA TA; Maj J G Saville, Coldm Gds; WO2 (Acting WO1) J Seymour RLC TA; WO1 H R Smith AGC (SPS).

Maj P A Stack RRF; Maj R W Stangroom AGC (SPS); Maj D M Steele, R Signals; Maj D J L Swann QRH; WO1 M Tazey LD; Sgt S P Walton APTC; Lt (Acting Maj) T D Watt ACF TA; Maj G C Watts RE; Capt D Webb RRW TA; WO2 R H Webb APTC TA; Maj C White RAMC TA; WO2 R J Winstanley, Int Corps; SSgt J S Wood RE; Cpl Chung Man-hung RHKR; Capt Leung Chun-chung RHKR.

ROYAL RED CROSS

As Members - First Class -
Lt Col G I Smyth TD QARANC TA; Capt C J Townend QARANC.

As Associate - Second Class - WO2 P Cottrell QARANC.

QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE AIR

WO1 P C James AAC.

Pioneers hit the hot spot

A COMPOSITE squadron of three troops from 23 Pioneer Regiment RLC has completed out-of-area training in Cyprus on Exercise Lion Sun, which is designed to test a soldier's adaptability to deployment and operations in an unfamiliar environment.

Initially commanders conducted troop-level training before the squadron moved to the eastern end of the island for live-firing and beach landings from rigid raiders.

It also gave the soldiers an opportunity to fire 66mm anti-tank rockets. Five failed to explode, giving SSgt Derek Dudley and Sgt Tony Topping a chance to test their demolition skills.

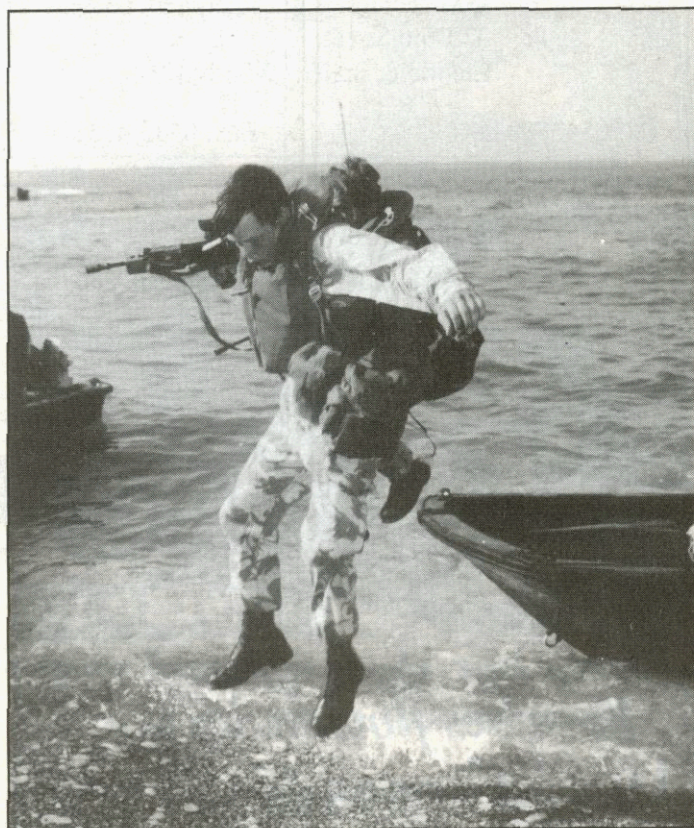
The squadron returned to its base at Radio Sonde in western Cyprus for an exercise during which the three troops acted as enemy to each other. Helicopters were used for reces and each troop attacked an enemy location. The final dawn attack on Paramali village, conducted by Maj Phil Wilde, was a great success.

During the fourth phase of Lion Sun the pioneers carried out adventurous training in the Troodos Mountains, climbing,

abseiling and walking. Back on the coast, canoeing, windsurfing and sailing instruction was given by LCpls John Bishop, Mitch Mitchell and Gary Barker.

Finally, the squadron was given three days R and R. Several soldiers went on cruises to Egypt, others toured the island, but the majority "hit the beach", especially Ayia Napa.

Overall, the exercise proved both tough and demanding, especially in intense heat which hampered operations. Capt Paul Fish, the exercise 2iC, summed up: "The soldiers learned to overcome these conditions, conducted successful operations and thoroughly enjoyed themselves."



Pte Barry Evans keeps dry during the pioneers' Exercise Lion Sun

Queen approves Russian medal

THOUSANDS of British ex-Servicemen who took part in the Russian campaign in the Second World War are to be allowed to wear a medal issued by the Soviet Union nearly ten years ago.

An announcement in the London Gazette on January 4 said the Queen was "graciously pleased" to approve the Russ-

ian Commemorative Medal, struck in Moscow in 1985 to mark the 40th anniversary of the end of the war.

Until now veterans have had the Queen's approval to receive the medal but not wear it. The change of mind follows the collapse of communism and improved relations between London and Moscow.

The Gazette announcement said permission was not envisaged for other commemorative medals issued more than five years after the event, the rule applied by King George VI in 1951. It is thought likely that a number of foreign medals to mark the 50th anniversary of D-Day and the end of the war may be issued.



The Institute for Supervision & Management

Do you wish to improve your managerial status?
If so, why not join a Professional Institute?

The ISM seeks to enhance the career and personal development of line managers and to represent them professionally at National level.

Membership

Current Membership is almost 20,000 of which over 3000 are currently serving in HM Forces.

Qualifications

Corporate membership (MISM or AMISM) is open to all Senior NCOs and above - grade depending upon rank and experience. Corporals may be accepted in the grade of Affiliate.

Contact

For further information and application form contact
ISM Membership Department (A)
22 Bore Street,
Lichfield, Staffs. WS13 6LP

Tel: 0543 -251346

Fax: 0543-415804

Soldiers are there when you need them...



Mike Moore / TODAY Newspaper

Please be there when they need you

The Army Benevolent Fund provides help to any man or woman and their families if they are serving or have served in the British Army and are in real need. This help is given in two ways: through grants to supplement Corps or Regimental aid and by financial support to over 70 national charities providing for the special needs of those in distress.

Our overall aim is to bring help to the many cases where state assistance is inapplicable, inadequate or unable to meet the immediate need.

Your donation, covenant or legacy will provide invaluable assistance for those who served their country.

Please help them in their hour of need.



Valentine's Day
February 14th



Show her she's special with
Bunches flowers by post!

10 red roses GIFT BOXED £15.99

Whatever the reason - Valentine's Day!
Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary! Congratulations!

Freddy Teddy



We will be happy
to send our 5"
jointed bear
with our roses
for an
EXTRA £3.

delivered anywhere in the U.K.
by 1st class post - **PHONE**

0623 750343

  Orders taken
Mon-Fri 9am-
5pm & Sat am or order by post
(state delivery address, message
& preferred delivery date).
Cheques payable to 'Bunches'.

VALENTINE'S DAY ORDERS BEING TAKEN NOW

Bunches®

Bunches Dept SOL, P.O. Box 20, Kirkby-in-Ashfield,
Nottingham NG17 8ES. (Fax Orders 0623 758704)

To: The Army Benevolent Fund, Dept. SOL,
41 Queen's Gate, London SW7 5HR

Registered Charity No. 211645

We owe a lot to the soldiers who fought so hard for our freedom and our future and continue to protect us. I would like to make this contribution to help those of them who are in need.

I enclose a donation of £10 ☐ £15 ☐ £25 ☐ Other £

Please charge my Access/Visa Card No

Expiry Date

☐ Please send me details on making a legacy or how I could donate through Payroll Giving.

Signature Name

Address

Postcode

Data Protection Act: We may occasionally wish to contact you about our work. If you would prefer that we do not, please tick the box ☐

THE ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND

Remembering & Supporting the Brave



Great escape for the Lowland Volunteers

A REALISTIC exercise scenario based on the current situation in Bosnia gave the men and women of the 1st Battalion, The 52nd Lowland Volunteers an insight into prisoner-of-war handling.

The escape and evasion exercise took place at Sennybridge during the second week of the Ayr and Glasgow-based regiment's annual camp.

Escapees in groups of four had to avoid capture by the

multinational hunter force – who were equipped with helicopters, motorbikes and dogs – for four days, reporting to checkpoints to avoid hiding for the duration.

Final phase of the exercise

was an attack on Sennybridge's Fibua village – complicated by the presence of innocent civilians as well as hostile forces. "UN observers" and a BBC "camera team" all added to the authenticity.

Pathfinder Platoon sets pace in 5 AB's tough test

MORE than 400 officers and soldiers, ranging from brigadier to private, took part in 5 Airborne Brigade's rigorous one-day march and shoot competition at RMA Sandhurst.

Designed to help the brigade assess each participant's personal abilities and skills accurately for future training purposes, the competition consisted of a 120m swim, a nine-mile march carrying 50lb plus weapon and helmet, and a run and shoot.

A series of demanding stands during the march, including a casevac, a gun run up and an ammo re-supply with a trailer of ammunition – both up a sharp gradient – sorted the sheep from the goats among the 42 teams of ten men.

Some exceptional times were produced from the march, with Pathfinder Platoon, who had already set a cracking pace at the swimming stage, finishing in one hour 36 minutes and A Coy 3 Para, with 9 Para Sqn four minutes behind.

In the shoot, which required teams to run down from the 400m to the 300, 200, 100, firing from all three distances and with heavy penalties for cross-firing, a 7 GR team produced an outstanding time of 2min 42sec: average time was 3min 20sec.

Eventual winners of the coveted silver trophy for successfully completing the course with the highest score and in the quickest time was the Pathfinder Platoon.



Tough going for 5 Airborne Brigade shoot winners 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles

Staffords play out time

THE BAND of The Staffordshire Regiment played its final note on a parade at Dale Barracks, Chester, timed to coincide with the celebrations of the battle of Ferozeshah when the 2nd South Staffords won battle honours during the first Sikh war.

After providing music for nearly 300 years, the band slow marched off the square, a victim of last year's review of military bands.

Old Colours of the 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards were laid up in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey on December 3 in the presence of the Duke of Edinburgh. The old Colours, presented to the battalion in May 1978 by the Queen, were replaced by her in May last year. The new Colour

IN BRIEF

will be trooped for the first and only time this summer before the battalion goes into suspended animation.

A rolling programme to replace or refurbish the C130 Hercules fleet has been confirmed by defence procurement minister Jonathan Aitken. Lockheed will be invited to tender for the provision of a replacement aircraft.

Novices from 16 Signal Regiment, Krefeld, earned the basic qualification at the end of a 14-day diving expedition, Exercise Deci Bijou, in Sardinia.

They were among 12 people who, under the patient instruc-

tion of Lt Brian Elliot, Flt Sgt Derek McShaffrey and Cpls Lee Punyer and Chris Pinnock, were into a full programme of two dives a day by the end of the first week.

A new headquarters for 102 Battalion REME(V) has been opened in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham. Also located within the HQ building is 124 Recovery Company, part of the battalion.

SSVC has joined forces with the American Columbia Communications Corporation to construct a new earth station facility at its Buckinghamshire headquarters. It will provide international video, voice and data services in Europe, North America or the Pacific Rim.

play it again, Mr Bean



Cpl Dave Dawkins, who plays the tuba in the regimental band of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers, has an alter ego. During performances he blunders on and causes some chaos as Mr Bean.

Ever since friends asked him to do a turn to cheer them up, he has been delighting audiences in the role, and is pictured with fans in Belfast.

"The first time I did it off the cuff, but it went down so well I have been studying Rowan Atkinson's character closely ever since and desperately want to meet him," he said.

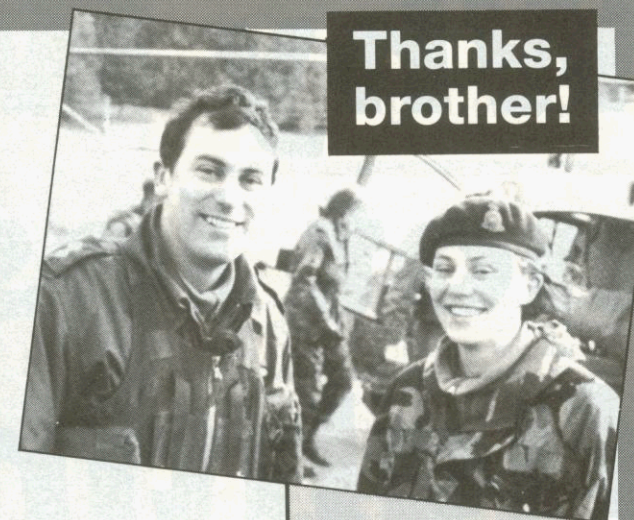
A taste for understanding

Lt Col Robin Phayre (left), CO of ATR Winchester, welcomes three Russian officers with a light snack. Lt Cols Yuri Yasakov, Dmitri Rebrin and Andryuri Korotov spent a day at the ATR under the "moratorium of understanding" between Russian and British Forces. All are members of the Kantemirov Guards Division which stormed the White House in Moscow on November 24.

As guests of the Director RAC they also visited Bovington.



Thanks, brother!



It was a lift with a difference when Lt Julian Facer offered sister Penny a ride from Oxford to a training weekend on Salisbury Plain.

Julian, who had served in Oxford University OTC, is now a pilot with 3 Regiment AAC, and combined a training flight with a lift for his sister to the Plain, where her OTC Royal Armoured Corps troop were able to fly recce missions.

Penny plans to join the Regular Army and goes to RMA Sandhurst in March.

PEOPLE

Amanda's all heart

Horse mad teenager Amanda McCammon raised hundreds of pounds for the families of Gulf Servicemen and women by organising a gymkhana. She has also raised a lot of money for other good causes, including research into disease, by taking part in sponsored rides and other equestrian events.

Now her "heart of gold" has been recognised by the BBC Television programme. And the certificate was presented to her by proud dad, Sgt Kevin McCammon (left), 1 WFR serving with the careers office in Chesterfield, and Capt John Bright, also serving with 1 WFR.

Amanda (16) is appealing to all military equestrian centres to join her in a project to raise money for the Army Benevolent Fund and a horse sanctuary in Lancashire. She wants each to organise a gymkhana on the same day during the summer.

Any garrison clubs who can help are asked to ring Mrs Kristina McCammon on 0246 569990.



Over to you

After an Army career stretching over 45 years as a National Serviceman and in the Territorial Army, Col Frank Gale (right) has retired as commandant of the Somerset Army Cadet Force. He is pictured handing over a ceremonial Light Infantry bugle to his successor, Col Allen Wise.



Margaret's medal

WO2 Margaret Shannon QARANC is the first military health care assistant to become an Associate of the Red Cross for services to nursing. Her medal, announced in the Birthday Honours, was presented to her at Buckingham Palace by the Prince of Wales.

Margaret, 17 years in the QA, is currently Detachment Warrant Officer at Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot, where she is the senior QARANC WO.

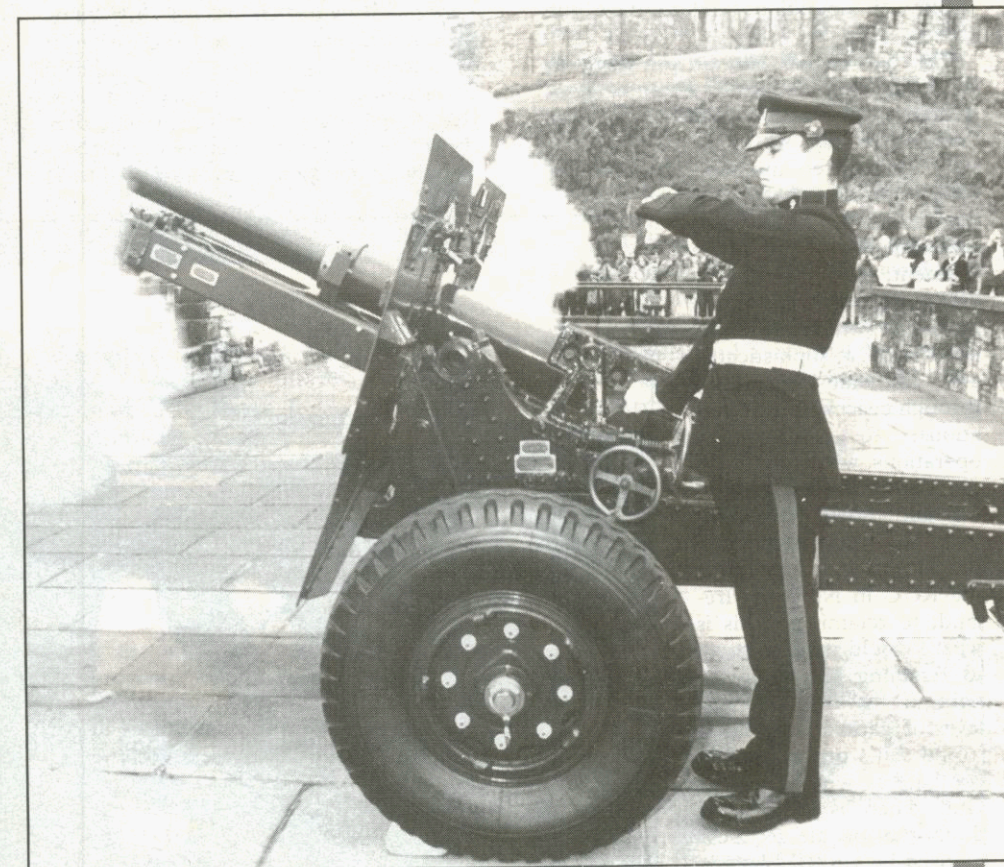


Billy's medal is a bit late

When LCpl Billy Green attended an Armistice Day parade in North Shields he got the surprise of his life - he was presented with the General Service Medal (Borneo)!

Daughter Beverley, who serves in 201 (Northern) General Hospital RAMC with her father, realised he had never received the medal to which he was entitled for working as an air despatcher during the Confrontation in Borneo 27 years ago, so made her own discreet enquiries.

Then a Regular in the RCT, he flew 93 sorties in support of British troops in the jungle.



Bang on time...

Gnr Andrew Fleming makes sure he gets his timing precisely right before firing the One O'Clock Gun at Edinburgh Castle. Based in Germany with 40 Regiment RA - the Lowland Gunners - Andy got his chance to man the famous time signal gun while based in Edinburgh with the regimental information team.

Why we must not lose our fighting skills

SOLDIER: Now that the all-out strategic threat has receded, what will drive the organisation and training of the Army post-Options?

CGS: We have gone from being a threat-based Army justified against the Warsaw Pact. The way we trained, the way we organised, the way we justified increases, the way we justified our equipment programme and, to an extent, where we did our training was related directly to the threat from the Warsaw Pact.

Now we have got to become what we call a capability-based Army and by that I mean that we are producing an Army whose raison-d'être is to be prepared to deploy on operations and to meet the unexpected.

The operational calls on the Army in the future could include a whole range of possible scenarios. If you start at the lower end of the scale we could be providing individual officers and non-commissioned officers for United Nations operations as individual observers, as we are at the moment; through to providing humanitarian aid as in Bosnia (which has developed into a sophisticated and difficult operation) through peacekeeping operations; to peacemaking operations, which are much more complex and dangerous and much more difficult to work out than peacekeeping; supporting the RUC in Northern Ireland; to retaining – this is what I would stress to you – to retaining the ability to fight at the high-intensity level of conflict in what I would call a major regional conflict, as we did in the Gulf. There is a danger, I think, that people get mesmerised by United Nations operations and see this as the way forward and think that we do not need the sort of capability to wage high-intensity war.

Now, we do not need the same level of capability that we had in the past to deal

The Chief of the General Staff, Gen Sir Peter Inge, talks to SOLDIER Managing Editor Chris Horrocks

with the threat to the Central Region but we certainly need that capability for some of the things we could be facing in the future. Where that will be I do not know, but if we lose that capability in terms of equipment, training and quality men and women, it would take many years to build back.

I am not saying that we would fight in a major regional conflict as an individual nation – it would almost certainly be as part of a coalition. But as I said earlier, if we were to lose the expertise it would take years to bring back. Divisional commanders, brigade and battalion commanders do not develop such expertise overnight.

Equally important, and part of this, is

the need to retain a balanced forward equipment programme to support the high-intensity warfare capability.

Training

Given the pressure on training areas, how will the Army train for operations? In particular, what will be the contribution of simulation and overseas training, including BATUS, to this?

First, I would emphasise the importance of training which is every bit as important a factor affecting the operational effectiveness of the Army as force structure and equipment. It is not only a factor in its own right but also a major component of morale.

Your question rightly intimates that the pressure on training land is likely to increase as our forces withdrawn from Germany redeploy in the UK. We intend to offset this in two ways.

First, by the extensive use of simulation which in many ways increases the realism of training, particularly in the field of Direct Fire Weapons Effects Simulators. The computer age also offers greater opportunities for training headquarters more realistically even than CPX's. The procurement of the Higher Formation Trainer will be a major contributor in this field.

Secondly, we are seeking new opportunities for field training in other countries. We are pursuing this idea actively at present. BATUS, of course, remains crucially important as it is currently the only facility in which we can conduct all arms live firing on a significant scale. I am conscious that training is currently affected more by commitments and the drawdown than by lack of facilities. However, I am confident that this situation will improve as the reorganisation nears completion provided we can find the necessary resources.



During a visit to Bosnia Gen Inge meets Maj Patrick Darling, LD



ARRC and deployment

What is the role of British Forces in Germany post-Options?

During the Cold War, British Army units in Germany were either part of the national 1st British Corps or components of HQ BAOR. British troops were therefore assigned to the defence of a closely-defined portion of the Central Region. This has now changed. British Army units, other than those for purely national administration, are now all part of the Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC). This is SACEUR's rapid reaction land force for use anywhere within his area of responsibility.

The UK is providing the Commander, the greater part of the Headquarters and two divisions, one of which, 1(UK) division, is based in Germany. This has significant implications for the British Army. It means that the units in Germany will be strategically mobile and must expect to operate in a far wider variety of theatres and types of operation than previously envisaged. This will influence the equipment programme, organisation, training, logistic concepts and, above all, mental approach of those involved.

This is not the whole story, as British units of 1(UK) Division will continue to be available for national or UN operations. For example, the operations in Bosnia and Northern Ireland are major commitments.

So it seems to me that, though our presence in numerical terms in Germany will be nearly halved, the operational and training challenges likely to be faced are considerable.

Reserves

How do you see the role and organisation of Reserves developing?

As you will probably realise, we are in the middle of assessing how to meet the challenge posed by the [November] Budget and therefore the size and shape of the Reserves is still very much under discussion and no firm decisions have been made.

However, I would say that we undoubtedly will need a significant number of reservists to complete the Order of Battle of the Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corps. In addition, there will be certain levels of reservist who will

Gen Sir Peter Inge The SOLDIER Interview

In a career spanning four decades, Gen Sir Peter Inge GCB ADC Gen has served in Hong Kong, Malaya, Libya, Germany, Northern Ireland and England.

Commissioned into the Green Howards from RMA Sandhurst in 1956, he became their Colonel in 1982. He was appointed Colonel Commandant Corps of Royal Military Police in 1987 and Colonel Commandant of the Army Physical Training Corps a year later.

After assuming command of 1st British Corps in 1987 and subsequently commanding Northern Army Group and BAOR, he became CGS in February 1992.

be at a higher degree of readiness to fill, particularly, key parts of the Order of Battle. And I think the most important thing of all – and it is something the Secretary of State has already signed up to – is that we must be prepared to use our Reserve Forces, particularly the TA and individual reservists, much more readily than we have been prepared to in the past. We have tended not to want to call out the reservists – there was even a reluctance in the Gulf, for example – unless there was a national emergency. We shall be running a pilot scheme in 1994/95 to see how this might be done.

What I would like to see happen in the future is if, say, a battalion were to need 30 or 40 extra men to run a particular operation then I would like to think that those numbers could be made up from its affiliated TA battalion, so that the battalion would not have to milk another Regular battalion to bring it up to strength.

Those soldiers, of course, would have to achieve the right level of training. They would have to carry out training with the Regular battalion and then they would go on the operational tour with that battalion. I believe that this would be welcomed by the Regular and Territorial Armies and would give real meaning to the "One-Army" concept.

Equipment

The Army Air Corps has been promised a new attack helicopter. Is it possible to look beyond

● Turn to next page



Challenger 2 – taking the Army into the 21st century

High praise for junior leadership

● From Page 15

Challenger 2, AS90 and SA80 to the next generation?

Challenger 2 does not start coming in until 1995. It will be early in the next century before the order is completed, so we are looking some way into the future as far as that is concerned. AS90 is only just coming into service and so it is also too early to be considering its replacement.

HVM, the new high-velocity anti-aircraft missile, has also recently come into service. Firms have tendered for the future attack helicopter but a decision has not been made on which one it will be.

We do need an RPV (Remote Pilotless Vehicle), which at the moment is on trial, to improve our surveillance and target acquisition. And of course, downstream, we have got to decide what reconnaissance vehicle we will need for the future.

Morale

What is your assessment of morale in the Army bearing in mind the effect of amalgamations and turbulence?

It is difficult to generalise about something as difficult to define as morale. The Army, of course, is a very complex and big organisation and morale varies according to role, commitments, location, rank, age and domestic circumstances. So it is a very broad church. I think, overall, Army morale at this moment is remarkably good – and that says a great deal for the junior leadership at the sharp end, because the nearer you go to the front, the better the morale.

But equally I recognise that people are concerned about the future. Options for Change was followed by three difficult years of resource cuts, and quite understandably the Army wants to know what the future holds for them.

It is a difficult time for the Army and I understand that. The Army is going through what I call a dark tunnel at the moment. However, recognition of the needs of the Army was made clear by the Secretary of State following the Budget and, I think, was well received by the Army. An extra 3,000 men, the decision on Challenger 2 and the support helicopter were all positive enhancements.

Conditions

SOLDIER is sometimes criticised by its readers for appearing to gloss over the conditions in Northern Ireland, but to do otherwise might provide comfort for the opposition...

If you look at the places where we have to deploy operationally you have to accept that, sadly, we do not have the option to build the sort of facilities that we would like. The conditions and hours of work that many of the soldiers have to undergo in operations in Northern Ireland are in a number of places



AS90 – just coming into service

pretty grim. The way they respond to those conditions says a great deal for the soldiers. We spend and have spent a lot of money over the years improving this; frankly you cannot produce ideal living conditions, which are also secure, in some of the operational areas.

UN operations

Do you believe that the Army will be involved in UN operations more often in the future? If so, what are the implications for the Army in terms of training and organisation?



Soldier of 2 RRF on foot patrol in Northern Ireland

Whether we get more involved or not is a political decision. People feel the UN is likely to play a greater role in our lives than it has in the past.

What we must *not* do is design an Army for UN operations and not much else, because we would become a gendarmerie and that is the last thing we want to be. In any case, who can define the type of operation that will be conducted by the UN?

I do not think that we should set up a special UN training school. We should do what we do with Northern Ireland and Bosnia. A battalion is given a warning order and a specially designed training package is put together. If you have an Army that is well equipped, well trained, and well led, then you start with the right basis. You build on that with special training for the particular operation you are going on. We should not become an Army trained specifically for the United Nations.

Northern Ireland

As CGS, how do you see the Army's commitment to operations in NI? What is being achieved and what is the effect of this major commitment on the Army?

That is a very broad question, of course. First of all, what is being achieved? I am quite clear that if the Army was not there in support of the RUC, the violence and civil unrest would be considerably worse. I have no doubt that the Army's presence is a major factor in reducing the level of violence.

This campaign has tragically gone on for more than 23 years and the way the British Army has behaved during that time says a great deal for it and in particular for the junior leaders. I think it is a remarkable achievement and I am not sure many armies could have done it. We place great pressure on those young soldiers; the positive, calm and balanced way they respond is an enormous credit to them.

Northern Ireland is of course the most significant operational commitment we have. Twelve major units are deployed



Junior leadership to the fore: APC crews on the alert as they enter an abandoned village in central Bosnia

there. That must, in a small Army, distort the programme generally, and training in particular. It also places a great strain on the families.

It is a fact that 25 per cent of the Army is either preparing directly for operations, actually on operations or immediately recovering from operations. I would have thought that is a higher percentage than any of our allies.

Ceremonial

How would you respond to the suggestion that the fabric of military pageantry and the regimental system is being eroded to the detriment of the Army; for example, the reduction in public duties and the reorganisation of Army bands?

Public duties are part of the fabric of the nation and are recognised as such. Yes, we have made some reduction in State ceremonial but I think, as far as the general public is concerned (rather than the "experts"), we still manage to put on a very considerable display with regard to State ceremonial.

As for bands, I am well aware that this is a very emotional issue. Bands are a very important part of the regimental system, not just for those in infantry battalions and the Royal Armoured Corps but for others as well. The hard facts were that we were not able to recruit enough musicians of the right quality to man regimental bands

and a lot of the small regimental bands, whether we liked it or not, were well under strength. All the signs were that if we tried to keep them, even if the manpower had been available, we would have had to revisit that decision within a very short time because enough musicians simply were not joining the Army.

I do not underestimate how sad people are to have lost those regimental bands, but what we have had to do is to produce a compromise solution. I know it doesn't please everybody, but there will still be a considerable amount of military music available to the British Army and that military music will be of a higher standard than we had before.

I can speak for all the members of the Executive Committee of the Army Board when I say that, while we may have to make changes within the regimental system, the basics of that system are still very much in place.

Message

Finally, do you have a general message for the Army, its soldiers and their families?

First, I would like to give my reaction to the Budget announcement. It would have been naive to have expected defence to have been immune from the need to reduce the nation's budget deficit and, sure enough, we have been given a great challenge to meet the savings across the

Defence area. However, the Budget announcement did have some very positive aspects for the Army. The addition of 3,000 men and the confirmation of a Challenger 2 and support helicopter purchase gave a very clear signal that the need for an effective Army is recognised by our political masters. Very clear statements of the inviolability of the "front line" in the savings exercise can also only be good news. We are now looking at how to put this to best effect.

Secondly, I want to thank the Army, not only on my own behalf, but also on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Army Board, for the way they have responded to the enormous challenges of the reorganisation and have taken on the extra operational commitments that have developed.

It has been a remarkable achievement and says a great deal for the junior leadership and for the men and women themselves.

I also recognise that it is a difficult time because at the moment there is still a great deal of uncertainty. I believe that uncertainty will reduce. I think manning will improve, the key elements of the forward equipment programme are still funded and, if I look beyond 1995, I believe we will get through this difficult period and the Army will settle down again and will continue to give rewarding careers with a major role to play.

Beau Geste meets the Red Devils

THE SIGNAL was grim. Help was needed and it was needed fast. Corsica had fallen into a state of civil war with the north of the island under control of dissident Red Forces, and an invasion from a hostile foreign power, the Grey Forces, was imminent.

Before the government fell, those remaining in power had pleaded for assistance from two of Europe's most formidable fighting forces: the British Army's Parachute Regiment and the French Foreign Legion. Beau Geste meets the Red Devils... let the enemy beware.

In Aldershot, 400 men from the 1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment gathered in Montgomery Lines to be briefed on their mission. They were joined by 30 men from 7 Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, 22 men from the 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles, 80 members of the Royal Logistic Corps, and 13 men from the Parachute Regiment's 2nd Battalion.

The plan was simple, but it would put all their training to the test. The French Foreign

Words: Susan Coulthard
Pictures: Chris Fletcher

Legion's airborne division, the 2ème Régiment Étranger de Parachutistes (2e Rep), would join them for a combined para insertion and reclaim control of the island before the seaborne invasion could land four days' later. But Corsica was unknown territory to the paras and they had just 12 hours to be ready.

As far as the soldiers in Aldershot were concerned Exercise Winged Crusader would be played for real.

Three days previously, 20 Pathfinders had flown from Aldershot to Corsica. French conscripts and some Legionnaires had been hand-picked to play the Red Forces for the week, and they had dug well in. But the Pathfinders joined forces with their equivalents in the French Army, the Commandos de Recherche et d'Action dans la Profondeur, and, despite being ambushed on arrival, managed to evade capture and go on to assess enemy strength and positions.

The nights were extremely

cold in the mountains, and the strain was intense as they sent signals back to Aldershot where the control staff were planning the main insertion.

"They can't afford to get caught, so we've stripped their scoff right down," said CSgt Mark Brown. "They can't light a fire for fear of being seen, so there's no cooking, no brews. They rely on their kit to keep them warm."

Communications for the British troops proved a nightmare. CSgt Brown explained: "We're working with Ultra High Frequency radios, normally ideal for this kind of operation, but there's something about the mountains here that's causing us all sorts of headaches. We can talk to HQ in Aldershot perfectly, but trying to communicate with blokes just up the road in Calvi is nigh impossible."

Back in Aldershot, the final chalk parade took place in a freezing gale on Montgomery Lines just after midnight.

Six Hercules aircraft took off from RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire just before dawn.

Just before 1100 hours the paras were told to be ready for the approach to Corsica. They had been warned that the two chosen drop zones, which would push them in close to enemy positions, were not easy.

But after four hours in a Hercules, initial fears of tricky landings were soon replaced by an urgent desire to get out.

They threw themselves out into a surprisingly warm, sun-filled sky, smelling of thyme and the sea...

Not everyone landed safely. The warnings back in Aldershot seemed well founded as Capt Sam Pambakin from 23 Parachute Field Ambulance later said:

"The commanding officer of 1 Para, Lt Col Godfrey MacFall, fell hard against the barbed wire fence at Calvi as he landed, but the first chap I dashed over to who seemed to be in great pain was the chief medical officer.

"He was lying on the ground with his leg broken in three places. There were nine injuries in all which is about average for a drop of this size, and a reminder of the risks each para faces every time he puts on his 'chute."

"No matter how good you are, the statistics will always catch up with you," commented Capt Colin Snowball, operations and training officer, 5 Airborne Brigade. "On average, we expect one casualty in every 200, which isn't bad considering we're falling at more than 22 feet per second."

Soon, 500 British soldiers were on the ground, silently regrouping for the long tab to take out enemy signal stations identified in the mountains by the Pathfinders.

Many had not slept for more than 24 hours by the time they reached their destinations and the march was arduous. How-

ever, they knew that in 12 hours their numbers would be doubled when the French Legionnaires arrived.

They waited until dark before launching their attacks.

Capt Chris Tickell in B Company said the first onslaught was particularly nasty: "We were exhausted by the time the attack came. And quite frankly, taking the route we did, we could have been massacred."

"We later asked the French, who know this territory well, if there was any safer way of taking the station, and they said yes, but it would mean coming in from behind, and that would have taken three and half days of tabbing; we only had 12 hours."

Corsican weather is unpredictable in December. The warm sun that had greeted the troops quickly faded. Temperatures dropped, storm clouds gathered and it began to rain. In the mountains, rain turned to snow.

The fight that had started at 2am went on until dawn. Casualties were high. And though the stations were finally taken and destroyed, many of

the enemy escaped.

Pte Nigel Hetherington, 7 RHA, said: "The paras have got to be the fittest infantry soldiers in the British Army - you don't appreciate it until you see them tabbing for miles with 100lb on their backs."

"The attack felt real, and the enemy certainly seemed to think so - they looked genuinely scared."

After the fighting the British soldiers, who had expected to be airlifted by French helicopters to their next attack point, had to tab for 20km to get down to the relative shelter of the valleys, where they climbed into the protection of their bivouac bags, and waited for their next orders.

With all helicopters grounded, repeated communication breakdowns, and the prospect of even worse weather ahead, the mission was not looking hopeful.

British Exercise Control liaison officer, Maj Alex Boyd, said: "We don't get many opportunities like this, so we've got to make the most of it when we do. The officers and NCOs in the field get real benefit from everything that goes wrong -



Above - The lads of the 2nd Battalion celebrate a hard-won victory in their own inimitable style on the Corsican mountain ridge of Bergerie de Tettu

Left - Soldiers of B Company 1 Para make their final assault on Bergerie de Tettu, high in the Corsican mountains, where Foreign Legion "drug bandits" were holding out

it's pushing them to the limit and forcing them to use their initiative."

The legionnaires had encountered an equally fierce struggle in the south of the island. But they had managed to drive the enemy away from the coastal area at Bastia with an impressive heliborne assault, and secure the airfield at Borgo. That left the north.

Anglo-French Exercise Control had been set up in the French Foreign Legion's base at Camp Raffalli in Calvi. There the two nations discussed tactics: 5 Airborne Brigade led the British operation, while French specialists had flown in from Toulouse to aid the Legion.

The British and French Pathfinders were redeployed to hunt out the remaining enemy. As the news began to filter through of large numbers of guerrilla hordes entrenched in the mountains, options were suggested and discarded. Then the French Commandant, Lt Col Bertrand Bourgain, came up with a solution.

The delays caused by the weather meant there was no longer enough time to airlift the French from the south to the Desert des Agriates mountain area where it appeared the enemy had created their main stronghold. So he handed over all the French air power to the British in the hope that the paras could carry out the final attack and save the island.

In the mountains, the enemy were scattered among the highest peaks, watching for the para advance. The largest group were in a desolate area called the Bergerie de Tettu. Shortly before noon they saw an RAF Puma helicopter against the distant skyline. The paras were coming.

A volley of shots rang out from just 20 yards behind them, followed by another, and another, and another. Thunderflashes went off all around, the air became acrid with smoke. The enemy spun round to meet the assault, and became disorientated as paras leaped in, guns ablaze, from all directions.

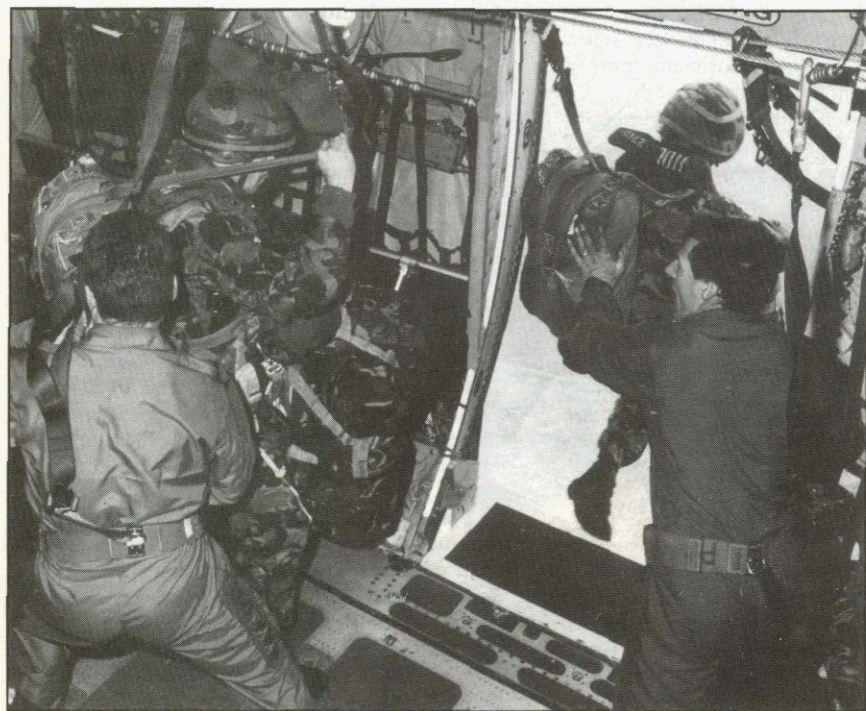
Within minutes the enemy were running, desperate for cover, yet unable to find it as the Red Devils closed in ruthlessly. Terrified, they lay down their weapons and surrendered. The battle was over.

Maj David Limb of 1 Para led the attack, and wasn't slow to praise his men for their efforts after deciding on a pincer movement.

"It meant a long, sheer climb up that rockface for those soldiers coming up from behind, but we'd remembered to pack a few ropes and they came in handy."

"We took them completely by surprise - I can hardly believe how close we were able to get before we started firing. Out of 36 enemy, we captured

● Turn to next page



"So this is Corsica!" The Paras' first view of the island from the exiting door of a Hercules. Ably assisted by the RAF Parachute Jump Instructors, members of 2 Para jump on Exercise Winged Crusader



Maj Alex Boyd, from the headquarters of 5 Airborne Brigade, who was Primary Planning Officer for Exercise Winged Crusader

Red Devils

• From Page 19

19, and I didn't lose a single soldier."

That night, British and French troops met to celebrate a hard-won victory, and the celebrations continued well into the following day, when, back at base in Calvi, soldiers swapped kit to carry out one final parachute jump to qualify for new wing badges.

As he watched the first soldiers make their descent, Maj Boyd expressed his delight with the way the exercise had gone: "For most of the young men here, this is the first time they've ever operated in mountainous terrain. Their only experience of active service is on street patrol in Northern Ireland. Now, at last, they're putting into practice the three most important skills an infantry soldier needs: the ability to march and shoot, and communicate."

"The French have realised it, that's why they spend so much time training here - it's hostile, and it's hard, and it's just what we need. We've got to keep coming back to the simple approach if we are to keep our soldiers up there with the elite forces of the world."

Capt Gary Heam, Logistics Support, added: "Working with the Legion isn't that hard, we have a lot in common and there's a lot of mutual respect. In addition, although all the officers are French, many of the soldiers are British - about 30 per cent in fact, and we've even seen a few familiar faces."

On an unassuming stone near the gate of Camp Raffalli is carved an anonymous statement: "Sur la terre impregnée du sang des légionnaires le soleil ne se couch jamais."

And as the sun never sets on land coloured by the blood of legionnaires, so it shall never set among the memories of those who have fought with them and shared in their glory.

Any old vehicle took Karen-Ann's attention

KIWI soldier Crafts-woman Karen-Ann Ward, on attachment to 3 Battalion REME, has just completed a six-month tour of duty in the former Yugoslavia.



Karen-Ann (26), formerly a bank clerk of Westpac Banking Corporation, hails from Auckland,

Cfn Karen-Ann "Kiwi" Ward

New Zealand. She has been in the British Army since 1991 and is the holder of a brown belt in karate.

Cfn Ward, a vehicle mechanic, normally maintains and repairs tank engines. In Bosnia, however, she has been fixing any Army vehicle in need of

attention. While the job does not have the high profile of patrols and escort duties, the crucial nature of the maintainers' task is unquestioned.

The British Army in Bosnia has driven more than 2½ million miles so far on humanitarian operations, averaging 400,000 miles a month.

It is a heavy responsibility for the REME maintenance crews.

Coldstream quickly in thick of it

WITHIN a month of being posted to war-torn Bosnia, soldiers of the 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards had taken part in two important mercy missions.

The soldiers from Munster came face to face with the harsh reality of a country ripped apart by ethnic hatred

almost as soon as they took up their United Nations military responsibilities.

Their first main task was to escort a group of Muslim families from behind Serb lines to the relative security of Muslim areas. In all, 136 people, mainly women, children and the elderly, were taken in two

battered buses to the front line near the town of Turbe, north west of Vitez, where the Coldstream were waiting for them.

They were so crowded in the buses that as the door of one of the vehicles opened, bundles of possessions fell to the ground. With bitter irony one bus still bore a sticker proclaiming "Tourist Service", recalling happier days.

The families, mainly from the villages around the town of Banja Luka, had to pay a fee equivalent to £100 a head to be allowed to leave homes in which they had expected to spend the rest of their lives. To put this in perspective, Serb soldiers at the crossing point said they were paid less than £1 a month. The refugees were allowed to take only possessions which could be carried.

The exchange was overseen by the Coldstream Guards' liaison officer for the Turbe area, Maj Hugh Bodington, who has the task of negotiating with Muslim and Serb factions on behalf of the British UN Battalion.

It took longer than expected. Serb soldiers in the front lines had not been warned about the hand-over, and a warning shot was fired over Maj Bodington's Land Rover as he drove through the battered and debris-strewn no man's land



LSgt Arthur Lowe tries on a pair of skis, much to the amusement of Bosnian children in Zenica, where soldiers of 1 Coldm Guards had delivered fuel for generators and hospitals and emergency aid centres around Vitez.

LSgt Lowe is UBRE (Unit Bulk Refuelling Equipment) NCO, responsible for ensuring the supply of petrol and diesel which keeps

towards the Serb positions.

As representatives of the Muslim and Serb sides completed the final formalities, Maj Bodington was struck by the utter futility of what was happening.

"I am very sorry for these people who are being forced to leave the land in which they had chosen to live," he said. "The reality of people having to leave their homes does not hit you until you see it with your own eyes."

One old woman with a heart complaint, and three other elderly people, had to be moved by military ambulance. Other members of the group were loaded on to a convoy of nine Army lorries of the Coldstream Guards, and, escorted by two Warrior armoured personnel carriers, set off on the slow journey to the centre for displaced persons in a former school at the village of Han Bila.

Forced to use steep and icy one-lane tracks to avoid a second confrontation line between Muslims and Croat forces, the journey of about 30 kilometres took almost two hours.

At the centre, where the

newly arrived exiles were to sleep on bunk beds in a gymnasium, there were scenes of delight as friends who had left earlier were embraced and news exchanged. For those few hours at least, little thought was given to the hard months ahead when survival will depend on aid provided by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.

This fact was bought into sharp focus when, two weeks later, soldiers from the Coldstream Guards re-opened an aid route blocked by mines. They succeeded in delivering 100 tons of food to hungry Croat and Muslim families in two towns which had been effectively cut off for months from the outside world.

The towns of Zepce and Zavidovici are less than 10km apart on a map, but light years apart as far as cultural and religious differences go. Zepce is Croat, Zavidovici Muslim.

the battalion group on the road. About 5,000 litres of fuel are used each day.

Said LSgt Lowe: "Our weekly fuel delivery runs to hospitals are a pleasant break from routine, but I do feel very sorry for the children I meet. My parents send me sweets from the UK and I take a bagful to distribute each time I go out."

In happier times the residents were friendly neighbours; children went to school with each other while their mothers met in the market places.

Today the tours are bitterly divided, and young men who once played sport together now look over rifle sights at each other.

It was against this background that the commander of 3 Company, 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards, Maj the Hon Richard Margesson, along with the UN agencies, had to talk to local military commanders.

The UN, ever careful to deal equally with all sides in the tragedy of Bosnia, decided to deliver 50 tons of food to each town. But the aid, desperately needed as the early snows of the harsh Balkans winter began to settle, could only be taken in after a number of intractable problems had been overcome.

The first was the safety of the route itself. After that it was the

mistrust on the part of each community towards the other; the aid was only allowed through after protracted negotiations led by European Community Military Monitors with the two mayors, which resulted in an agreement that each could choose which trucks he wanted from the convoy of ten vehicles, and the aid would be simultaneously unloaded in each town.

"We are trying to get through as much aid as we can now because we do not know what will happen in the future. The onset of winter makes our task more urgent," said Maj Margesson.

As a Guards officer, 32-year-old Richard Margesson has an unusual past.

Born in Stone Ridge, near Kingston, in New York State, the son of British parents, he was educated at St Bernard's School in New York City and at St Paul's School in New Hampshire, before crossing the Atlantic to Exeter University.

He was commissioned into the 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards in April 1985.

No stranger to active service, Maj Margesson is a veteran of the Gulf War.



The concept of United Nations military co-operation takes on real meaning in the operations room of the British Battalion Group at Vitez. Maj Mike Tucker (seated), Royal Australian Regiment points out a potential trouble spot to WO2 Tony Dunn, 1 Coldm Gds and Maj Andrei Bobylev, Russian Airborne Forces.

Maj Tucker, an Australian infantry officer from Adelaide two years into a 30-month exchange posting, is the battalion's Ops Officer. Maj Bobylev is one of a number of UN military observers who act as liaison officers to the British battalion.



Maj the Hon Richard Margesson

Members of 4 Field Squadron, 21 Engineer Regiment – normally based at Nienburg – recently completed a six-month operational tour of Belize. WO2 (SSM) Mick Melnyk RE and members of each troop involved have been giving their impressions of the experience to SOLDIER

From desert boots to jungle boots

LAST operational tour by 4 Field Squadron, 21 Engineer Regiment was as a part of the British Forces involved in the Gulf War.

The Belize undertaking, which provided many trials, challenges and triumphs, means that many members of the squadron have now experienced both desert and jungle warfare.

On deployment, the 134 members of the Royal Engineers were joined by 26 Pioneers who had recently re-badged to the Royal Logistic Corps, said WO2 Mick Melnyk.

Arriving in Belize, 4 Field Squadron was quickly widely scattered, with HQ Troop, 2 Troop, 4 (RLC) Troop and Support Troops being located at Airport Camp (APC).

The camp, which contains HQ British Forces Belize and is located about ten miles from Belize City, is the temporary home for approximately 1,200 all ranks, with a wide selection of cap badges.

Holdfast Camp, a two-hour drive south west of APC, was the base for 1 Troop, commanded by Lt Tony Vosper, assisted by SSgt Ray Moffatt.

Contrasting conditions were

experienced by 3 Troop's Lt Shane Green and SSgt John Powell. On arrival, the troop was quickly dispatched to the humid jungle conditions of Rideau Camp, Punta Gorda in the south.

They were re-deployed almost as quickly to the hot, dusty and frequently wet surroundings of Orange Walk town in the south.

Squadron tasks were varied, with projects ranging from the construction of a 120-person permanent camp at Orange Walk to the construction of a swimming pool for the RAF.

Other projects included a sewage treatment plant, culvert construction, a basketball court, vehicle washdown plant and many other section-size tasks.

The jungle warfare school commanded by Lt Jim Weeden provided an excellent insight into living and operating in the jungle.

And field firing on Baldy Beacon ranges (Belize's answer to Sennybridge) gave many members of the squadron an opportunity to fire their weapons realistically – with fewer range restrictions than normally apply in Germany.

A spattering of periodic REME (PRE) and other inspections, interspersed with various visits and a four-day adventure training package, culminated with the force patrol programme.

The RE squadron was tasked with providing soldiers for all the patrols for a period of three weeks during the hand-over of 45 Commando, Royal Marines to 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles.

At Airport Camp, said Pte "Blister Agent" Shaw, members of 4 (RLC) Troop soon



Spr "Faz" Farrell of 3 Troop, tasked with constructing a permanent camp at Orange Walk



LCpls "Dream" Topping and "Frank" Franklin of 2 Troop's boat section, who moved the entire complement of 45 Cdo across New River Lagoon in one night during Exercise Mayan Sword

found out how changeable the weather in Belize could be.

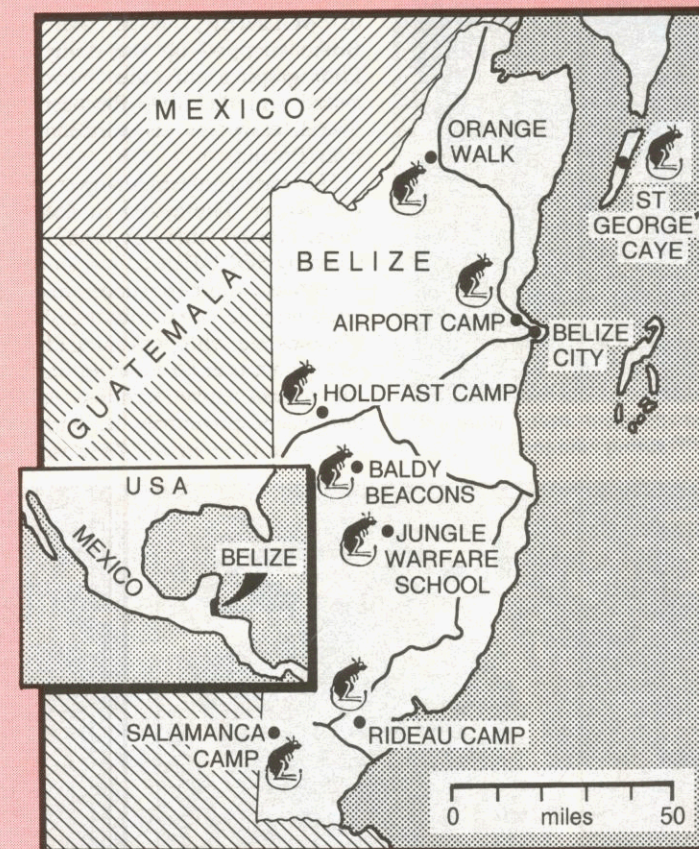
Blazing hot sunshine, raging dust storms and downfalls of rain which would have challenged Noah did not prevent most of the allocated tasks at Ladyville being completed on time.

A lengthy and enjoyable training sojourn in the "big J" (the jungle) was quickly followed by Exercise Mayan Sword, when a section of pioneers deployed to the small village of San Felipe.

End of the exercise was staged at the settlement of Tres Leguas, where 45 Commando showed their skills during a week of tabbing and taking out "enemy" positions.

Baldy Beacon was the next location for Pte Shaw and his colleagues, where tent erection and target-making were the order of the day, while other members of the troop worked on a construction site in Orange Walk, or were based at BG (S) Rideau.

Meanwhile, according to Lt Kinnon Currie, 2 Troop Airport Camp, half of the sappers were involved with their major construction project, St George's Caye sewage treatment plant, while the other half of the troop, under LCpl "Reg" Waddington, built that swimming pool for the RAF – bribed with the promise of



Puma flights for all. They also took part in jungle training and field firing – and Exercise Mayan Sword.

Support Troop, Airport Camp, were up to their necks in work almost as soon as they arrived, said LCpl Eamon O'Malley.

MT section deployed wagons to a multitude of locations, REME FRT working to ensure

that the vehicles were sound, while the plant section carried on with a landscaping project inherited from 25 Sqn. This came to an abrupt halt after a month as the ammunition compound slowly disappeared under monsoon-like downpours.

Disheartened members of the plant section attempted to improve an impassable road at

Baldy Beacon, only to find their efforts on the first 500m washed away.

The weather continued to be a nightmare when further road repair projects were undertaken, leading to eventual abandonment after the recce party had been bogged down in their vehicle in boiling heat and dense jungle for 36 hours, with no food or water.

On return to APC, everybody was busy preparing for the twice-yearly PRE, with MT spray-painting anything that stood still for more than 30 seconds and plant ops chipping the mud – which had accumulated in copious amounts over the previous four months – off their machines.

The PRE came and went with good reports in all departments, which led on to preparing for the end-of-tour hand-over.

At Holdfast Camp, the 17 men assembled were tasked with a number of activities which most of them had not expected, Cpl Mick Bruce of 1 Troop explained.

These ranged from manning safety boats for jungle school river crossings, to a two-day mini troop jungle orientation exercise.

Among other tasks, the troop also provided engineer support to the enemy element of a battle group exercise,

where they cleared helicopter landing sites and constructed enemy camps in the jungle.

Most of the troop completed a jungle warfare course, either with 45 Commando or on one of the three squadron ten-day courses at Guacomallo Bridge.

Rideau Camp and Orange Walk were the venues for 3 Troop, said Cpl "Taff" Rees.

BG (S) Troop's task at Rideau was to support the Battle Group South (45 Commando) carrying out various jobs including building paths, drainage clearance and helping other units with small construction tasks.

On exercise, they were tasked with providing drinking water to the Marines.

After six weeks, the troop moved to Orange Walk, about an hour from the Mexican border, leaving just the boat section and a section of field engineers at Rideau.

In common with other troops, the Orange Walk element had horrendous problems with flooding, but managed to construct a camp for the Belizean Defence Force from scratch.

This was just one of many tasks for members of a squadron which completed an "arduous but enjoyable" six-month tour, during which many new and varied skills were learned and developed.



Cfn "Paddy" Farmer, REME FRT, at Airport Camp, where he and his colleagues ensured that the all-important wagons were in a fit state to be deployed



Bosnia images steal the show



The scene: Ahinici, Bosnia. The photographer: LCpl Giles Penfound RLC, of HQ UKLF Plinfo, with 1 Cheshire on Op Grapple 1. The picture: runner-up in the Military Operations or Training category

SOLDIERS and refugees in Bosnia ... a sapper with a spanner ... an Army wife and two young children ... a Para veteran brushing a tear from his eye ...

These images and more were all to be seen among the prizewinning entries in the 1993 Army Photographic Competition, a selection of which are on these and the following two pages.

As reported in the last issue of *SOLDIER*, WO2 Pete Bristo snapped up the Army Photographer of the Year award and the prize for best overall entry for his portfolio from Bosnia.

He was also runner-up to Col Roger Thompson in the "own choice" category, sponsored by *SOLDIER*.

It was another successful photographic year for Col Thompson, who was judged best amateur and runner-up in the overall entry sections. A few weeks previously he had been a winner in the Martini

Royal photo competition at New Zealand House, with his pictures of the Princess Royal and the Duchess of Kent.

For Maj Roy Bevan, of Merseyside ACF, a public relations officer for volunteer regiments, it had been a case of "always the bridesmaid" - a runner-up three times - until he became TA Photographer of the Year and won the military operations or training category this time around.

Maj Martin Figura AGC (SPS) scored well with his socio-documentary style and the work of LCpl Giles Penfound also impressed the judges, who were *Daily Mail* picture editor Andy Kyle, *Practical Photography* editor William Cheung and Capt Alex Roche AGC (SPS) of the Army's Public Relations Directorate.

The competition was organised by Sarah Shepherd, of the Army Public Information staff at Headquarters UK Land Forces, Wilton.



"Mechanic": Best monochrome photograph - an atmospheric study by Maj Martin Figura AGC (SPS) during a tour by 53 Fd Sqn RE, part of 39 Engr Regt, in the Falklands. Inset - Maj Figura



"Street Talk": This picture by Sgt Mike Couchman RLC, of HQ Northern Ireland, took second place in the contest for best monochrome photograph



"A Helping Hand": *SOLDIER* staff writer Laurie Manton received a runner-up award in the TA category with this unusual view of soldiers of 67 PWRR on exercise Turtle Reef in Ascension Island

Army Photographic Competition results

Army Photographer of the Year, sponsored by Nikon: WO2 Pete Bristo RLC, P Info HQ ARRC, Bielefeld.

Best monochrome photograph, sponsored by Ilford: Maj Martin Figura AGC (SPS), AGC Training Centre, Worthy Down. **Runner-up**: Sgt Mike Couchman RLC, HQ Northern Ireland.

Best colour photograph, sponsored by Kodak: LCpl Giles Penfound RLC, P Info HQ UKLF. **Runner-up**: Mr Chris Fletcher, MoD Southern District P Info photographer.

Military operations or training, sponsored by Kiwi: Maj Roy Bevan, Merseyside ACF and Volunteer Regiments PR. **Runner-up**: LCpl Giles Penfound.

Best amateur photographer, sponsored by Fuji: Col Roger Thompson. **Runner-up**: Maj Martin Figura.

An aspect of Service family life, sponsored by Naafi: Cpl Shaun Harris, formerly 1 Para, now freelance photographer. **Runner-up**: Maj Martin Figura.

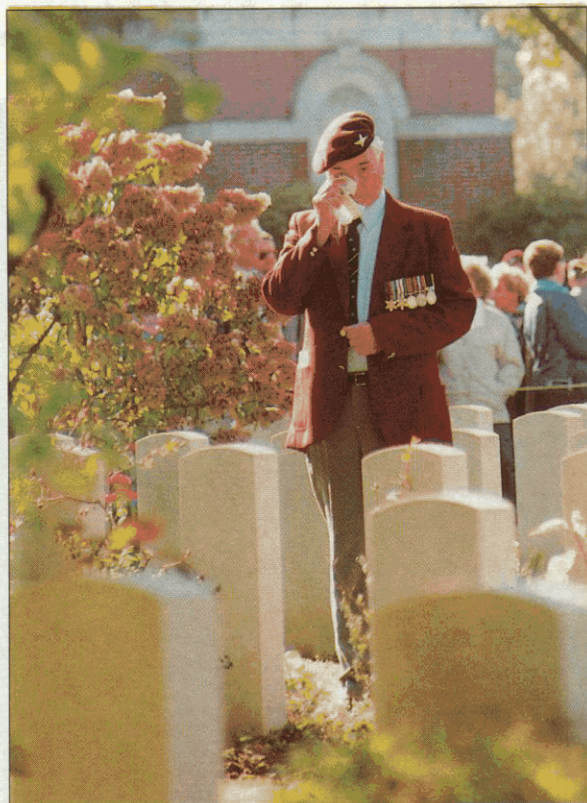
Own choice photograph, sponsored by *SOLDIER*: Col Roger Thompson. **Runner-up**: WO2 Pete Bristo.

Best Overall Entry, sponsored by Vickers: WO2 Pete Bristo. **Runner-up**: Col Roger Thompson.

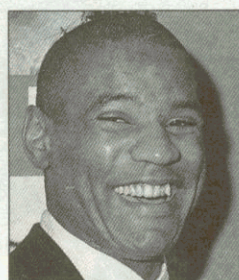
TA Photographer of the Year, sponsored by SSVC: Maj Roy Bevan. **Runner-up**: Mr Laurie Manton.



"Offer Family Packed": An aspect of Service family life all too familiar to most which brought a runner-up prize for Maj Martin Figura



A veteran remembers: Cpl Shaun Harris, formerly of 1 Para, now a freelance photographer working for three daily newspapers, won the "Aspect of Service family life" category with this scene from the 1993 Arnhem commemoration ceremonies



Cpl Shaun Harris



Maj Roy Bevan



Left - "Jungle Patrol": Voted best colour photograph was this picture of A Coy, 1st Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales, taken in Jamaica by LCpl Giles Penfound RLC, of HQ UKLF Plnto



LCpl Giles Penfound



Right - And the dog came, too: One of a portfolio of eight pictures taken in the former Yugoslavia by WO2 Pete Bristo RLC which won him the title of Army Photographer of the Year

Left - Army Picture of the Year - "Eternal Crisis?": The old lady in this picture, selected from WO2 Pete Bristo's winning portfolio as Army Photographer of the Year, had just been brought through the Serbian front line to Turbe



WO2 Pete Bristo

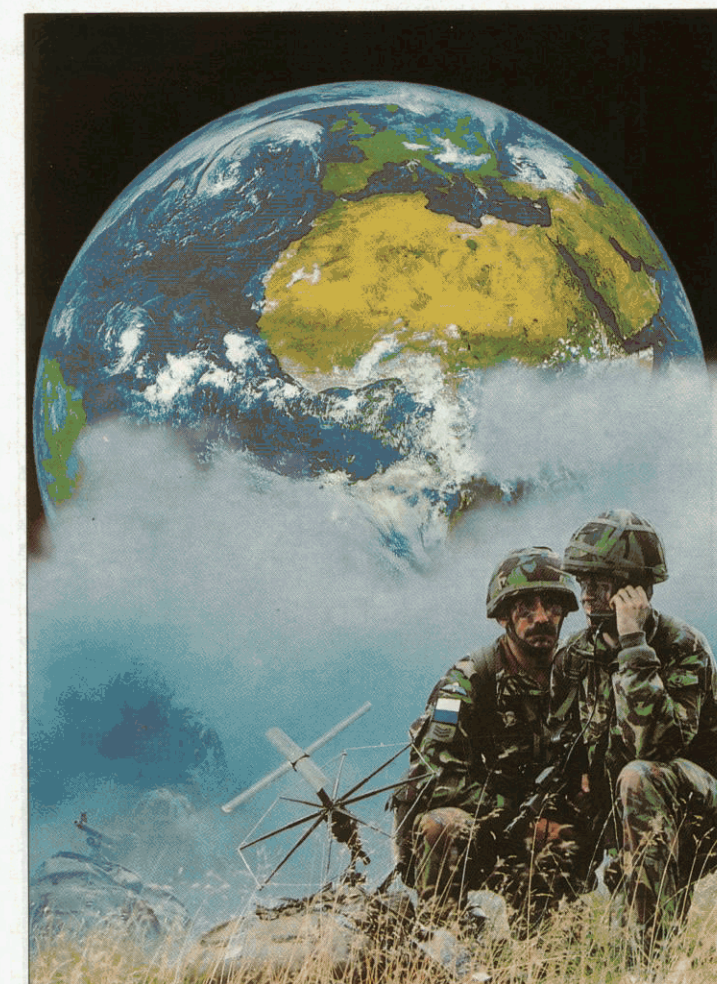


Col Roger Thompson



Above - Making a splash: Maj Roy Bevan, of Merseyside ACF, TA Photographer of the Year after finishing runner-up three times previously, won the Military Operations or Training category with this shot of Liverpool Scottish recruits training at Holcombe Moor

Right - Out of the scrum: Col Roger Thompson, secretary of Army Rugby, selected this incident from the Army v New Zealand Army match at Aldershot for the portfolio which won him the Best Amateur Photographer title



"Good Morning Britain": Col Roger Thompson achieved this striking effect with computer assistance. Using the Israeli-made Scitex system, images of the earth (provided by RAE Farnborough) and of 216 Signal Squadron were fed into two databases and merged into one. The result won the SOLDIER-sponsored Own Choice category

Youngest Scottish lion rampant in the Highlands

SCOTLAND's youngest regiment, The Scottish Yeomanry, chose the Highlands for its first ever annual camp.

Stripped-down Land Rovers from A (Ayrshire (Earl of Carrick's Own) Yeomanry) Sqn from Ayr, B (Lanarkshire and Queen's Own Yeomanry) Sqn from East Kilbride, C (Fife and Forfar Yeomanry/Scottish Horse) Sqn from Cupar and HQ (Lothian and Borders Horse) Sqn from Edinburgh headed for the Victorian splendour of Cameron Barracks in Inverness.

In all, 315 officers and soldiers and 74 vehicles took part in the inaugural Exercise Yeoman Trot.

While the Ayrshire Yeomanry had transferred from the Queen's Own Yeomanry and, despite losing their Fox armoured cars, already possessed the skills of light recce,

Words: John Boyes
Pictures: Mark Owens

for the other squadrons – many of whose soldiers had come from former RCT squadrons based at the locations – it was the first real opportunity to acquire the "skills of the trade".

As this was the first time the regiment as a whole had come together, it was also a matter of getting to know each other.

To mark the occasion there was a full regimental parade with a dedication by the padre, the Rev Iain Barclay, who saw service in the Gulf as padre to 205 (Scottish) General Hospital.

Just before the parade officers and soldiers received their new cap badge, which features a Scottish lion rampant against crossed cavalry lances sur-

mounted by the Scottish Crown, the latter believed to be unique to the regiment.

"It was an important opportunity for everyone to get to know each other and to learn to work as a coherent operational unit," said commanding officer, Lt Col Simon Stewart. "Until then we had been getting organised, obtaining and preparing the various pieces of equipment we needed, and on top of all this we had just seen the move into our magnificent headquarters building. At last we were ready to go."

And go they did. During the first week the squadrons were deployed to various locations around Inverness. Whenever there was time to stop and draw breath, glorious weather allowed the most spectacular views of the surrounding Highland scenery.

Unseasonably warm weather proved particularly popular with Sgt Li Kwei-Piu, one of three members of the RHKR with the Yeomanry on attachment and who had joined B Sqn in the field.

The addition of a Gazelle from newly-formed, Edinburgh-based 3 Flight AAC(V) permitted even more spectacular views as the soldiers learned the skills of working with helicopters.

Capt David Fortune AAC proved an able ambassador for his unit and strong links have been forged between the Yeomanry and 3 Flight.

Beach assaults took place on the northern shore of Loch Ness, and the first week also included a visit by the Honorary Colonel, Lt Gen Sir Norman Arthur, a former GOC Scotland and a prime mover behind the formation of The Scottish Yeomanry.

He had long wished to see a dedicated yeomanry regiment within Scotland, and it was through him that the regiment wears the distinctive French grey beret, worn also by the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards.



Above – B Sqn: Cpl Henry Roger, (left), Tpr Gary Ballantyne

Right – A Sqn: Sgt Hugh Guy

Below – Lt Col Simon Stewart, CO The Scottish Yeomanry



Skills acquired during the week were rehearsed in a full day's tactical exercise on the Fort George ranges.

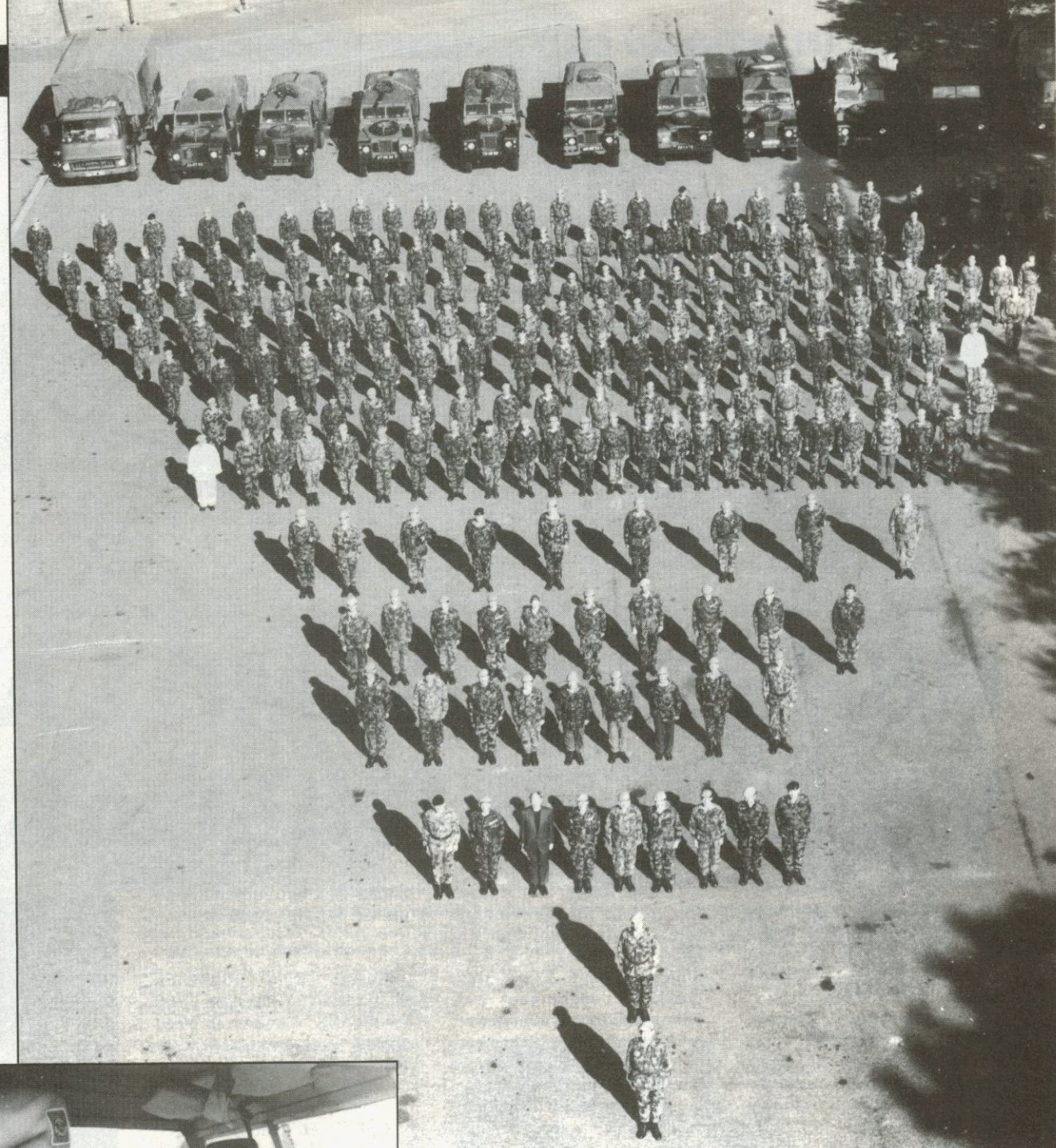
Masterminded by Training Major Maj Martin Masters RTR, the "Sword, Lance and Revolver" competition took



the form of an inter-squadron competitive event. B Squadron fared particularly well taking the Arthur Plate for champion squadron, the Royal Bank Challenge Quaich for best troop (won by 2nd Troop with 1st Troop C Sqn as runners-

up) while Lt Angus Ferguson of B Sqn won the Stewart Quaich for best troop leader.

A Sqn's Sgt Stewart Simpson won the Mitchell Rosebowl for best vehicle commander, and Tpr Petrie of C Sqn won the Connolly Cup



The Scottish Yeomanry's first regimental parade

for best crewman.

The soldiers deployed into the field in the second week, initially in the Applecross area on the west coast of Scotland, where the rugged and inhospitable terrain provided its own challenge, not least in the maintenance of communications.

With the help of the Coast Guard and two Royal Navy submarines operating in the area, recce skills were well tested before the regiment conducted a sweep eastwards across Scotland, starting with a 120-mile night navigation deployment.

The passage, in the early hours, of one troop through the small Highland village of Craigellachie was apparently witnessed, from behind the safety of her net curtains, by a local resident and duly report-

ed to the local paper. It proved to be an event of such significance that it became front page news.

The exercise finished in the Montreath forest near Arbroath and involved the civilian authorities.

Col Stewart commented: "This proved to be a most successful first annual camp for the regiment. It was hard work, unbroken sleep became a distant memory, but everyone clearly had fun – an important element for the TA soldier. "Indeed, at times I was concerned that sheer enthusiasm might burn up our energies in the first week. We all learned new skills and re-learned old ones."

"Most importantly, however, we have seen how to work together as a fully-fledged regiment."



Capt Iain Thornton, C Sqn



Actor Windsor Davies receives a cheque for more than £6,000 from the Germany-based 9/12 L cyclists outside Great Ormond Street Hospital, London



The boots of Cpl Mike Hopkins and Neil Austin of 13 (Lancashire) Coy, 4 Para (V) were not just made for walking – they were made for raising £1,000 during a nine-day hike over the Pennine Way. The money will be split between Liverpool Radio City's "Give a Child a Chance" charity and the Airborne Benevolent Fund

HERFORD REME LADs WHEEL IN THE CASH

CYCLISTS from the 9th/12th Royal Lancers Light Aid Detachment REME raised more than £7,000 for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital with a 500-mile round trip from their base at Herford in Germany to London.

The route took the eight-man team via their home headquarters and REME Manning and Records Office in Leicester, where SSgt Skilly Skilbeck arranged a posting for himself

to Hong Kong. The cyclists then passed through Nottingham and Loughborough, the home towns of Cpl Steve Smithurst and LCpl Dave Dawkins, where they were photographed and interviewed.

On their way to the hospital, they walked down Oxford Street, collecting another £100 in an hour, before being welcomed by actor Windsor Davies and hospital staff. Later, LCpl Dawkins entered

tained children and staff with his Mr Bean impressions.

★ ★ ★
Cadets from Rhiwderin ACF Detachment raised £300 for the BBC Children in Need appeal, and presented it to BBC Cardiff.

★ ★ ★
Cpl Karen Hilton RAMC, serving at the Force Hospital in Belize, helped 45 Commando RM raise £2,422 for Great Ormond Street Hospital. She joined three Marines in a sponsored 12-hour relay swim, the proceeds from which were added to a collection of loose change given by people leaving the country.

★ ★ ★
Ten runners from the 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment are planning sponsored entries to the New York, Pyramids, London, Ottawa and Mombasa marathons to give sight back to 300 children in Kenya.

The Glorious Glosters, due to amalgamate with The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment in April, have set themselves a target of £4,500 for the charity Sight Savers, which



performs cataract operations. Each operation costs about £15.

Leading the team will be Lt Maurice Evlyn-Buuton, who said: "This event will enable us to celebrate 300 illustrious years by giving the gift of sight to 300 children in Kenya, home of our affiliated regi-

ment, The Kenya Rifles."

In a typical year Sight Savers supports more than 10,000 operations and treats up to a quarter of a million people.

Lt Evlyn-Buuton can be contacted at 1 Glosters, Regional HQ, Custom House, Gloucester GL1 2HE (tel: 0452 522682).

Classic FM radio star Nick Bailey needs a head start when it comes to marching with the 1st Battalion, Scots Guards, but he is set to walk tall for SSAFA all the same. On February 12 he will be raising money for the Services' charity when he joins 99 others taking part in the Daily Mail's 31-mile Le Walk through the Channel Tunnel, the first and only such event. Nick spent 12 years with BFBS before joining Classic FM in 1992. Anyone who wants to sponsor Nick can do so c/o Le Walk, SSAFA Central Office, 19 Queen Elizabeth Street, London SE1 2LP

Left – Glorious Glosters: Lt Maurice Evlyn-Buuton (bottom left) with (clockwise) Cpl Paul Courtney, Cpl Jim Willes, Pte Neil Skeene, Cpl Ashley Windslow REME and LCpl Mark Wiltshire, who will be running in a number of international marathons

Right – Terminally-ill Suzanne Sutherland, with her parents Pauline and David, hear Cpl Gordon Walker of the Royal Highland Fusiliers play the specially composed and recorded single "Song for Suzanne", the royalties of which will go towards providing Scotland's first hospice for children. Composed by Bandmaster (WO1) Graham Jones, the single hit the charts a week after release



golf balls believed lost there.

Led by 1 Para Sub Aqua Club diving officer WO2 Jim Davidson, 18 divers recovered 6,000 balls.

The sunken treasure from Operation Christmas Ball will be sold to raise funds for the NSPCC and Airborne Forces Security Fund.

★ ★ ★
Nine brave 1 Glosters' wives completed the Basic Fitness Test within the set time and still had the energy to go round the camp at Alma Barracks, Catterick Garrison to collect £765 for the Children in Need appeal.

FOR FAMILIES

Why there's little sympathy for these mums

THE LOCAL newspaper headline read "£172,912 for mum frozen out by RAF - career ruined because of pregnancy". Described as record damages, the amount of money awarded to Mrs Nicola Cannock came as "quite a shock" to MoD, according to a senior officer in the Ministry who gave his reaction to the *Daily Telegraph* story on the same day.

He wasn't the only one to be shocked.

Widely portrayed in the press as wronged women, those seeking compensation from MoD for being dismissed on pregnancy attract little sympathy among many wives of serving men who have seen their lives changed by sweeping defence cuts and the impact of Options for Change.

The many women who

have gone out of their way to voice their feelings to me are greatly disturbed by the amount of money which may well end up in the pockets of women who have left the Services under rules in operation at the time.

"They knew the rules," said one. "They shouldn't get a penny."

Another woman who left the Army on pregnancy said she wouldn't dream of making a claim and she didn't think much of those who did. Far from being women who had had their careers ruined, she thought they were greedy and that MoD was being weak, paying money out with apparent ease for the sake of political correctness.

This last point is important.

Whatever you might believe about the ethics of

making a claim, it is vital that no one goes away with the idea that the issue has anything to do with political correctness on the part of the MoD.

In trying to clear up the misunderstanding, I asked MoD departments for an official reaction. They regretted that they felt unable to say anything useful.

One's initial response is frustration but, on reflection, it was the only wise decision.

The whole issue of pregnant women and service in the Forces is fraught with difficulty. My impression is that MoD has been put in an impossible position by a combination of factors.

As far as commenting on the current situation, my feeling is that they're damned if they do and damned if they don't.

Some reports have said that MoD may well have to pay out as much as £170m by the time all the claims by women who had to leave the Services on pregnancy

kneed political correctness it's the ultimate irony.

It's difficult to explain that there's no choice in the matter. Machinery exists to process claims and, as one

Cari Roberts

→ COUNTERPOINT ←

between 1978 and 1990 are settled.

That's enough to buy a helicopter carrier for the Royal Navy. For men and women who are saying goodbye to colleagues who are being made redundant, it's not a particularly welcome thought.

For the woman who accuses MoD of weak-

well-informed person pointed out, if you had a right to claim would you pass up the opportunity?

Setting aside the debate about that point, there's another matter to consider. While the press has been trumpeting so-called victories and splashing pictures of smiling women across their pages, the Service

community has had a chance to reflect on the wider question of pregnant women and Service life.

If you can't discharge a woman from the Forces

difficult duties, who covers for her? Colleagues who aren't pregnant and resent having to do her share of the work. That won't do - it's bad for morale.

And what happens when she has to be excused at short notice when morning sickness takes its toll? Perhaps the solution is to put her on sick leave. Hardly the ideal solution.

Of course, this is oversimplifying the issue. There are pregnant women serving in the Forces and they probably all have different experiences.

Some will feel they're getting a good deal. Some will feel they've been discriminated against. Some will be effective Servicewomen making a good contribution to the life of their unit. Some won't.

My impression is that the whole question is



"My feeling is that they're damned if they do and damned if they don't..."

Can you give SSAFA a hand?

SSAFA volunteers carried out 82,334 casework and friendship visits in 1992, and dispersed more than £5m from statutory sources and benevolent funds. And they would be glad of some help.

Now SSAFA has produced a bright new range of leaflets and posters - the theme is "You'll never walk alone" - to catch the eye of potential helpers and clients.

Volunteers receive training and out of pocket expenses. SSAFA's central office is at 19 Queen Elizabeth Street, London SE1 2LP (tel: 071-403 8783).

Keeping warm with the RBL

FOR more than 50 years the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion has organised a widows' and ex-Servicemen's weekly allowance through which nearly 1,000 women ranging in age from 32 to 100 receive a regular cash payment.

Now the Women's Section has decided to make additional cold weather payments of £20 to all those receiving the weekly allowance.

Naafi joins Halifax on home front

NAAFI has launched a new home purchase scheme in conjunction with the Halifax Building Society.

John Loaring, Naafi financial services director, said Service personnel using the scheme would save hundreds of pounds on house purchase costs.

Special benefits include 15 per cent discount on estate agency fees, 20 per cent off valuation fees, assistance with legal expenses, ten per cent discount on removal services and no lease fee when letting a UK property.

Bristol executive to head Services' housing trust

FORMER Bristol City Council chief executive Mike Robinson has been appointed to head the Ser-

A SPECIAL Services edition of the **National Stepfamily Association** newsletter has been produced in association with SSAFA. It is full of useful information and can be obtained from the NSA at 72 Willesden Lane, London NW6 7TA or SSAFA at 19 Queen Elizabeth Street, London SE1 2LP.

The autumn edition of the Forces Children's Support Group's **Children with Special Needs** newsletter is available from Anne Cowan, 5 Lathbury Road, Oxford OX2 7AT. It has news of support groups and helplines, and information on holiday schemes, including the Guild of St Helena holiday for Service children organised by the Service Children's Education Authority (SCEA).

The Family Fund can provide financial assistance for family holidays if you have a child with a severe disability and are below the income limit of

Read all about it

£17,000. Details from SSAFA or The Family Fund, PO box 50, York YO1 2ZX.

Are you caring for a disabled friend or relative? If you are, you may be entitled to claim allowances and help from the Department of Social Security and your local council.

Details of what assistance is available is contained in a new DSS booklet (FB 31) entitled *Caring for Someone?*

The booklet also contains a mass of information on support agencies including cancer relief, Parkinson's Disease, diabetes and epilepsy. You can pick up a free copy in any Benefits Agency.

Other new DSS booklets include *Which Benefit?*, a guide to all Social Security and NHS benefits (booklet FB 2), and *Help With Your Rent (RRI)*.

SETTLE FOR A JOB IN LINC?

LINCOLNSHIRE Training and Enterprise Council (TEC) and the Armed Forces have teamed up to create a resettlement package for soldiers planning to settle in the country.

The TEC has arranged for resettlement officers to spend time with local employers, learning about the skills Lincolnshire employers are seeking from Service leavers and discovering the quickest route into a job for Service personnel.

One of the best routes is through training and up-grading of skills.

To see for himself what was on offer, Capt Alex St Mathew-Daniel RLC, resettlement officer at Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham, spent three days on attachment with Holland Training Services in Boston and LBC Itec in Louth.

Capt St Mathew-Daniel toured both training establishments and tried his hand at information technology at Itec.

"Civilian employment is different and the Service



Capt Alex St Mathew-Daniel learns about training courses at LBC Itec at Louth, Lincolnshire

leaver has a lot to learn," he said. "However, if they take up courses with training providers they will not only benefit from the course but also the training provider's strong contacts with local employers."

Many trainees move on to attachments in local companies and are paid while they learn.

For details on resettlement in Lincolnshire contact Maj Oliver Hackett at HQ 49 (E Midlands) Brigade (tel: 0602 572010) or Brian Mitchell, Lincolnshire TEC (tel: 0522 567765).

FRANCHISE SHOW BACK AT OLYMPIA

ANYONE thinking of starting their own business will be interested in the spring national franchise exhibition at Olympia, London on April 15-17.

It will feature more than 100 companies looking to recruit new franchisees in areas as diverse as fast food, retailing, cleaning, fashion, home improvements and business services.

Discount tickets (£8 single, £12 double) and a free information pack are available from Ann'Rea Clark, Blenheim Events, Blenheim House, 630 Chiswick High Road, London W4 5BG (tel: 081-742 2828). Admission on the door will be £10.

The autumn franchise exhibition at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, is scheduled for September 30 to October 2.

Price of pregnancy dismissals escalates

being worked upon in the slow but sure tradition that makes the British famous as meticulous diplomats.

But it's to be hoped that, when a structure for the career of Servicewomen who choose to have children and keep their career is worked out, the Press Office at MoD is able to talk about it without constraints.

Then perhaps all the men and women who have rallied against the current situation can do so from a position of informed strength and without the influence of the politically correct press for whom pregnant women in battle-dress make good copy.

You can write to Cari Roberts at Counterpoint, BFBS, BFPO 786 or c/o SOLDIER.

THE CASE of former flight lieutenant Nicola Cannock, who left the Royal Air Force in 1984 on becoming pregnant and is now the recipient of a £172,000 settlement, is the tip of a rapidly expanding iceberg.

Her award, for lost earnings and hurt feelings, was announced by a tribunal in November.

The size of the award caused ripples of shock in the Ministry of Defence, which faces claims from more than 5,500 other women dismissed in similar circumstances. The MoD has not ruled out an appeal against the size of the judgement.

The MoD has already agreed to a number of out-of-court settlements, most recently £17,000 to Cpl Kim Castledine (26), who has two sons and is now serving with 16 Signal Regiment at Rheindahlen. She was out of the Army for 16 months.

Following a change in the rules, she took her case for unfair dismissal and sexual discrimination to an industrial tribunal at Newcastle upon Tyne. The MoD accepted liability and she withdrew her application.

Her case is one of thousands. A total of 1,631 women dismissed from the Army alone have approached the MoD, and the figure for all three Services is in excess of 5,500.

Of those, 595 have accepted an MoD offer and 635 are going to industrial tribunals.

In 1991 the High Court ruled in favour of two Service nurses dismissed in 1990 on becoming pregnant. One, former QARANC corporal Julie Lane, was awarded £10,000. The other, an RAF nurse, received £15,000.

The Government conceded that its policy was in breach of the 1978 Equal Treatment Directive of European Community law.

The recent spate of

industrial tribunals - Cpl Castledine's was the first of 19 in the north-east - follow the European Court's landmark judgement last August that former dietician Helen Marshall, forced to retire at 62 by her local authority, was a victim of sexual discrimination.

And the Luxembourg court also ruled that British law limiting the amount of compensation did not apply.

In October, another former RAF Servicewoman dismissed after becoming pregnant was awarded £33,000, and a former RAF medical assistant received £22,000 in an out-of-court settlement in September.

Under arrangements announced by the MoD in January 1992, pregnant Servicewomen who qualify for maternity leave and who wish to return to duty after confinement are allowed 98 days' paid leave plus unpaid leave up to a maximum of 48 weeks.

To retain the right to return to work, Service mothers must be back on duty within 37 weeks from the beginning of the week of confinement.

They are permitted to remain in the Service provided they can fulfil their contract of being available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, for deployment at home or abroad.

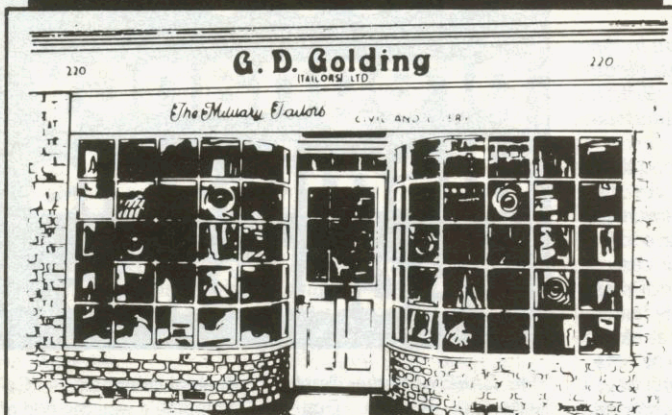
To be eligible for maternity leave, a Servicewoman must have worked at least 15 hours a week and completed a minimum of one year's paid service during the three years immediately prior to the start of maternity leave.

At one time women had to leave the Services on marriage.

The MoD is currently looking into the sensitive question of provision of accommodation and Boarding School Allowance for single mothers who choose to remain in uniform.

G.D. Golding Tailors Ltd.

Military Livery and Civilian Tailors



We are pleased to be Regimental Tailors by appointment to:

The Life Guards.
The Blues and Royals.
1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards.
4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards.
The Queen's Own Hussars.
16th/5th Queen's Royal Lancers.
Royal Tank Regiment.
Corps of Royal Engineers.
Royal Corps of Signals.
The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire.
The Royal Irish Regiment.
The Queen's Lancashire Regiment.
The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.
The Royal Regiment of Wales.
The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters.
Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment.
The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment.
The Light Infantry.
7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.
The Army Air Corps.
The Royal Army Chaplain's Department.
The Royal Logistic Corps.
Royal Army Medical Corps.
Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.
The Adjutant General's Corps.
Royal Army Veterinary Corps.
Small Arms School Corps.
Royal Army Dental Corps.
Intelligence Corps.
Army Physical Training Corps.
The Berkshire Yeomanry.
The Inns of Court and City Yeomanry.
Royal Gloucestershire Hussars.
The Wessex Regiment.

Exclusively cut and tailored in our own workrooms by experienced craftsmen, under the personal supervision of Mr Golding.
We offer top quality service using the finest Barathe and Superfine materials, with competitive prices and credit.
Our special fast service is available at no extra charge.
We can also supply: military ties, blazer badges, badges of rank, Marcella shirts, miniature medals, Sam Browne belts, spurs, George boots, Mess wellingtons and khaki shirts.
Full-sized and miniature medals remounted.
Service dress hats, side hats and Blues hats supplied.

Our Representative will call at your request. Ring (0727) 841321 –
Fax (0727) 831462 or write for details to:
220 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 4LW

Name
Address
.....
..... Tel
Please state your particular requirements below:
.....
.....

Battle of Britain medal plea

GOOD luck to Col Newton in his renewed efforts to secure a Suez Canal Zone medal.

Using the same logic there is surely a case for the award of the 1939-45 Star to RAF groundcrew, soldiers and Royal Marine gunners who served on Battle of Britain airfields in south-east England in 1940.

For what they endured – and hundreds were killed and wounded – and for facing the very probable threat of invasion, these men and women

did not even qualify for the Defence Medal, let alone the 1939-45 Star.

They were not operational, but their sacrifice equalled that of any man who served abroad. They **did** get the War Medal – along with other Service personnel who served 28 days and never heard the bang of a fire-work.

Had the Battle of Britain been lost and the Germans occupied the UK, there would have been no Desert Victory and no D-Day.

The losing teams in cup finals get a medal – how about one for the winners of the one battle that **had** to be won by Britain and for which there was no second chance? – **H V Cossons, Wincanton, Somerset.**

Review: proof is in the reading

MANY thanks for the review (December 13) of Kevin Callaghan's book *A Price on My Head*.

It is a pity the reviewer's constructive article was marred in the final paragraph with an apparent obligatory adverse criticism referring to a chapter out of sequence – which was not the case – and the apparent need for "more careful proof-reading".

While admitting the product is not guaranteed to be literal-free, it is no more so than many books put out by large publishing houses.

Insofar as the comment that Kevin Callaghan's story "deserves better presentation", I can only state that the one constant comment most people have made to me thus far is: "Excellent presentation".

The book is a good read and at £8.95 represents excellent value for money. – **J A Roby, Owl Books, Wigan.**

● Adverse criticisms are not "obligatory" in *SOLDIER* book reviews. Our reviewer stands by his judgement, which he considers to be fair. – **Editor**

NOBBY WAS GLAD TO GET BACK

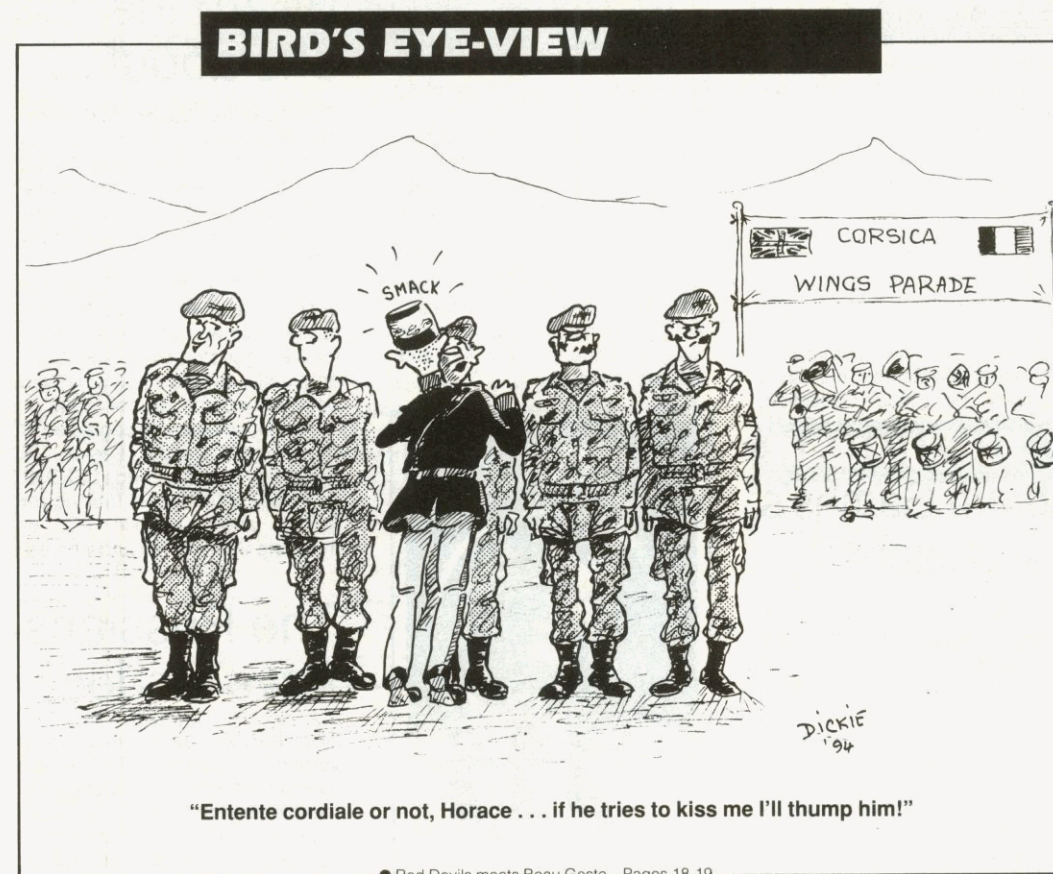
I REFER to the letter from Jerry Ford (October 18) and other letters on the subject of long serving soldiers.

In 1930 (I had recently entered the Duke of York's Royal Military School), I was shown newspaper photographs of a Pte Nobby Clarke kneeling and kissing the ground at Southampton after 33 years' continuous overseas service. I am unable to recall any other details of his service.

Before the war I was posted to Trincomalee in Ceylon. A sapper, "Puggled" Percy Hetherington, was in his 18th year of continuous overseas service.

GUIDELINES

CORRESPONDENTS are asked to include their full name and address, printed in block capitals where handwritten. Letters should be brief and to the point; they may be edited for publication.



"Entente cordiale or not, Horace... if he tries to kiss me I'll thump him!"

● Red Devils meets Beau Geste – Pages 18-19

Barracks at Verden were luxurious

I WAS interested to read in *SOLDIER* about 1st Armoured Division leaving Verden in Germany. I spent 18 months as a National Serviceman with HQ Squadron, 7th Armoured Division based at Verden (June 1956 – January 1958). The GOC at the time was Maj Gen Hackett.

Our RQMS (even though we were a squadron) was a larger than life character named Baisey. Also in Verden at that time were 109, 110, 111 and 112 Companies RASC, if my memory serves me correctly.

The things I best remember were our ex-German Army barracks which had central heating and, initially, food prepared by civilian cooks. The accommodation was luxurious compared with my first six months' service at the ancient Willems Barracks in Aldershot (complete with stables).

I still hope to return to Verden one day to see how much has changed since those days and wonder if any of your present readers were in Verden at that time? – **W F Peabody, London SE19 3TZ.**

Languedoc mystery action

OUTSIDE the small town of Fontes near Montpellier, Languedoc, in south-west France there is a memorial, the centre stone of which is engraved:

To the memory of Captain Peter Fowler of the British Army, gloriously killed August 21st 1944 – a la mémoire des Gendarmes Pradeilles, François, Lebaron, Maurice. Glorieusement tombés pour la patrie et la liberté dans un combat inégal contre les troupes

Allemandes le 21 Aout 1944.

August 1944 is late in the Second World War for this British officer to be an escaping prisoner en route to Spain, and equally late for insurgent activity in that part of France.

Does any reader know the story of Capt Fowler and how he came to be killed in an apparently peaceful area? – **Brian Jewell, The War Room, 30 Park Parade, Harrogate HG1 5AG.**

Your medal rules are twaddle!

I HAVE just read "Rights and wrongs of medal wearing (November 29). I am not surprised that no author's name was attached to such twaddle.

There are many instances of foreign awards being worn together with the British award for the same event (eg Turkish medal for the Crimea and Khedives Star for Egypt). If this was good enough for Queen Victoria...

Once a person has left the Services the wearing of any medal to which he is entitled is entirely at his own discretion, whether the medal was approved by our Queen or not.

Although I am not personally concerned in the Suez Medal saga, the failure to issue a medal in this case is just another indication of the hypocrisy of the British medal system. – **Ray Parkes, Halesowen, W Midlands.**

● Quite right, Mr Parkes, ex-Servicemen may wear what they will. For them, as the article pointed out, it is a matter of conscience... and a courtesy to the Queen. But the official position for serving personnel is as stated: any medal worn on uniform must have the formal approval of the Sovereign. The article was prepared by me, with guidance from the MoD. The Suez Medal saga is, surely, an entirely different matter. – **Editor**

A man with five clasps

WITH reference to two previous letters about the TA Efficiency Medal with a fourth clasp, I have in my possession my late father's TA Efficiency Medal with five clasps. He was awarded the MBE in 1952 for services to the Territorial Army.

I understand his full-time active service in 1939-45 enhanced his entitlement to count "bonus" years.

For the record, he was 3706141 WO2 R H Gardner, 5th Battalion, The King's Own Royal Regiment (Lancaster). – **A Gardner, Lancaster.**

SOLDIER to Soldier

'Experience' of 1914-18

LEEDS is to play host to an international conference on the theme of "The Experience of War 1914-18". In the same week, September 3-11, the city will stage approximately 20 exhibitions, lectures, commemorative concerts, sporting events and a range of related performances for public participation.

Each day there will be re-enactment events, such as convoys of wounded being taken from the railway station to St James's Hospital and Leeds General Infirmary; period-costumed police will be on the streets and firemen will deal with the effects of a Zeppelin raid.

Departments of the two Leeds universities will be arranging lectures and the conference - scheduled for September 7-12 - has a programme of 42 speakers, all eminent historians, not only from the Royal Military Academy, the

Royal Military College of Science and the Royal Naval College in Britain, but from universities in Adelaide, Ohio, Amiens, Lyon, Stuttgart, Louvain, Nijmegen and Moscow.

As the close of the 20th Century approaches, this will not only be the first such large-scale commemoration, but the last when re-examination of the period can be held in the presence of an appreciable number of people who were alive during the war years.

Details and provisional programme for the commemoration week are available from the Event Secretary, The Liddell Collection, University Library, Leeds LS2 9JT.

Abram Games's war posters

POSTERS of the past conjure up bygone images better than any other artefacts, and those of the Second World War are particularly evocative.

Numerous artists were commissioned to produce propaganda and informative posters, one of the most prolific and best remembered of these being Abram Games, who before the war had designed publicity posters for clients that included the London County Council, London Trans-

port, General Post Office and Shell UK.

Still engaged in commercial artwork, he was made an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Art in 1992.

A loan collection of 55 wartime and immediate post-war posters, which Abram Games has selected as being representative, will be exhibited in British galleries and museums during 1994, including the Mercer Gallery, Harrogate (February-March), the Aldershot Military Museum (March-April) and the Imperial War Museum (August-September).



An example of Abram Games's Second World War posters

Heard the one about...

ROYAL British Legion field officer Trevor Jones wants you to tell him a funny story. If he can collect enough of them he intends to publish a book, all of the proceeds from which will go to the Poppy Appeal.

Poppy Day comes round but once a year; the RBL's support for soldiers old and young, and their families, goes on every day. Consequently, its fund-raisers need to generate income all year round.

Trevor, who can be contacted at the Royal British Legion, 5 Blenheim Terrace, Leeds LS2 9JD (tel: 0532 340711), is looking for stories about Service life, or involving Servicemen and women.

The Russians have landed!

SHETLAND's part-time soldiers sprung into action as 73 Russian sailors landed on their doorstep in the middle of the night.

When the Russian ship ran aground in the mouth of Lerwick harbour, the town's Territorial Army unit turned out in force to offer hospitality and accommoda-

DIARY

MARCH

30: Final flypast at Middle Wallop of Scout helicopter after 30 years' service with AAC.

MAY

14-15: International Air Show, Middle Wallop.

21-23: Rhine Army Summer Show, Paderborn.

28-30: Military Vehicle Trust D-Day 50th anniversary commemoration rally, Southsea Common, Portsmouth. Details from Chris Pearce, 2 Locks Road, Locks Heath, Southampton SO3 6NT (tel: 0489 572582).

JUNE

1-2: Floodlit Beating Retreat by Massed Bands of the Household Division, Horse Guards, 2130 hours. Tickets £12, £10 and £3 (unreserved) from Household Division Funds Office, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London SW1 (enclose sae).

11: Queen's Birthday Parade on Horse Guards, Colour trooped by 1 IG.

JULY

16-23: Nijmegen Marches, the Netherlands.

19-30: Royal Tournament, Earls Court (tickets available January 4 onwards from box office on 071-373 8141).

● To include public events in this diary contact the Editor.

tion in their TA Centre. Following a spectacular rescue of the crew by the Shetland Coastguard, CSgt Ian Duff, permanent staff instructor at Fort Charlotte, responded to a midnight cry for help from the islands' council.

The Terriers immediately made their hall available to the Russians, most of whom had escaped

with only the clothes they were wearing.

Combined hospitality by 42 Platoon, the Royal National Mission for Deep Sea Fishermen, the Shetland Islands Council and the islanders themselves ensured the shipwrecked sailors were well entertained until they returned to Russia a week later.

SEARCHLINE

● Sgt Ann Grant from Banff, Scotland, served 40 Sqn RCT, Catterick in 1973, Rheindahlen 1976, and godmother to Richard Sewell, please contact Jean Hill (formerly Sewell), 1 Sudbury Close, Holme Hall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S40 4RS.

● Tom Whitehead, ex-RA: Richard Field of 3 Colliers Brook, Aylburton Common, Lydney, Glos GL15 6DX, wishes to contact Tom Whitehead of Nottinghamshire, with whom he served in the Royal Artillery attached to 656 Sqn AAC in Malaya in 1959-60.

● Prince Rupert School (Wilhelmshaven, Germany) Association is trying to create a register of former pupils so that reunions can be arranged. Details from ex-pupils or relatives sought by Elizabeth Bird, 54 Shaftesbury Avenue, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh SO5 3BP (tel: 0703 252925, 0252 816777 daytime).

● Isle of Man 50 years on: Isle of Man Joint Ex-Service Association is planning a 1995 reunion for all ex-Servicemen and women who served or trained on or around the island during the Second World War. Anyone interested in attending should write to the association c/o E L Kissack, 5 Fort William, Douglas, Isle of Man IM1 5BG before March 31, 1994.

Tell us your D-Day story

CALLING all D-Day veterans ... what are your special memories of the great invasion?

SOLDIER invites recollections of June 6, 1944 to be considered for publication in a special anniversary feature next summer.

Contributions should be restricted to no more than 175 words, and should include your rank at the time and name of unit.

MILITARIA

● Irrawaddy River: P Ogle (63 Carnforth Crescent, Grange Estate, Grimsby, South Humberside DN34 5JB) wants to know why soldiers in his father's RASC amphibious company in India were allowed to wear Australian bush hats, and if any veterans of the Irrawaddy crossing meet for reunions.

● Combined Services Caving Association is hoping to publish a book covering the history of Service caving and cavers. Information and stories to Sgt Ian M Rolland, Mountain Rescue Section, RAF Leuchars, St Andrews, Fife KY16 0JX.

APPOINTMENTS

Brigadiers - R J Heywood - To HQ Londist, Dec 6; M S Jameson - To be Comd 51 Highland Bde, Dec 10.

Colonels - B J Dickson - To be Comdt CAD Kineton, Dec 7; J C Longfield - To HQ DRA, Dec 6; M A Corbet Burcher - To MoD, Dec 6; G N Donaldson - To HQ Wales & W Dist, Dec 12.

Lt Cols - C P Conlon, R Signals - To RSA Larkhill, Dec 6; G A Fryatt RA - To HQ Episkopi Gar,

Dec 6; V G Iwanek RE - To be Comd Rheindahlen Sup Unit (A), Dec 6; D G Ross, A and SH - To HQ Scotland, Dec 6; J D K Russell PWRR - To be CO 1 PWRR, Dec 6; C G Stallard, R Anglian - To be DA/MA Vienna, Dec 6; C A Cocker, R Anglian - To be CO Sec UKSC(Fwd), Dec 6.

RETIREMENT

Colonel - G M Gadd, late RAPC, Dec 8.

REUNIONS

● Poachers' Band: 2nd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment Band final reunion takes place on February 18-20 at Celle. Bus laid on to Germany and back. Ex-members and wives welcome. Inquiries to Sgt J Milgate, Band HQ Coy, Trenchard Barracks, BFPO 23.

● ACC Benevolence Trust (Association): Annual general meeting takes place on February 25, 1430 hours, at St Omer Barracks, Aldershot. All ex-corps members, retired and serving, welcome. Details from Bruce Dyson on 0252 340893.

● Beachley Old Boys Association: Annual reunion weekend, February 26-27. Details from Hon Secretary, Beachley Old Boys Association, Army Apprentices College, Beachley, Chepstow, Gwent NP6 7YG (tel: 0291 627212 ext 5331).

● Glosters' tercentenary: The Gloucestershire Regiment is celebrating its tercentenary in Gloucestershire during the period March 19-26. Events include a reunion lunch, marches and service of thanksgiving. Details from RHQ, The Gloucestershire Regiment, Custom House, Gloucester GL1 2HE (tel: 0452 522682).

● R Signals TA, Eastbourne: All ranks 25th anniversary reunion dinner, March 26. All past members of 858/859 Tps and 56 Sig Sqn (V) welcome. Details from PSAO, 56 Sig Sqn (V), TA Centre, Seaside, Eastbourne, E Sussex BN2 7NL.

● 4 QORWK (50th anniversary of Kohima): Reunion to take place on April 9 at Boxley Road TA Centre, Maidstone. Contact Capt J Brown on 0634 850573.

● 74 Medium Regt RA: Annual reunion, May 14. Details from Ron Somers, 104a Lee Road, Blackheath, London SE3 9DE (tel: 081-852 6716).

● 1 RWF (1942-45): 1st Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers (1942-

45) and 50th anniversary of Battle of Kohima reunion dinner, Town Hall, Welshpool, Mid Wales, May 28. Details from R E Jones MSM, 28 Mornington Crescent, Mackworth, Derby DE22 4BD (tel: 0332 32409).

● Harrogate final reunion: A reunion is planned for July 2-3 to mark the move of the Army Apprentices' College, Harrogate to Blandford in mid-1995. If you served, trained or instructed at Penny Pot Camp, Army Apprentices' School 1947-66, Army Apprentices' College 1966-93 or Uniacke Barracks, and have not already registered, send your details to SO2 Coord, Army Apprentices College, Uniacke Barracks, Harrogate HG3 2SE by April 1.

● 5 Kings/2 T Force Unit OCA: Annual reunion/AGM planned for Stoke on Trent in October 1994. Also trip to Fallingbowl, May 9-16. Details from R Walker, Hon Secretary, 15 Wedgwood Road, Barlaston Park, Stoke on Trent S12 9BB (please enclose sae).

CLOSURES

QGE mess

ANY ex-members of the Queen's Gurkha Engineers who donated items to the British WO's and Sergeants' Mess are requested to contact the president regarding disposal of property on closure of the mess. Correspondence to WO2 (BRQMS) G Holtham, The Queen's Gurkha Engineers, Perowne Barracks, BFPO 1.

38 (Berlin) Field Squadron

Anyone who donated or presented to 38 (Berlin) Fd Sqn RE items which they wish returned on the unit's disbandment in June should contact WO2 (SSM) G W Bell on Berlin 01049 030 309 ext 3610 (or c/o 38 (Berlin) Fd Sqn RE, BFPO 45). Pieces not claimed will be given to another mess.

JOIN OUR ARMY OF REGULAR READERS

TAKE OUT A SUBSCRIPTION NOW!

Don't miss out on the latest news of your Army - take out an annual subscription to **SOLDIER** and be sure of your copy every fortnight.

£19.30 UK £25.30 overseas £11.50 BFPO

Airmail rates on application
Payment in £ sterling only please

Name

Address

.....

.....

I enclose my cheque/PO payable to "Soldier".
Send to: SOLDIER SUBSCRIPTIONS, ORDNANCE ROAD, ALDERSHOT, HANTS GU11 2DU, ENGLAND.



From the Western Front, with no sense of futility

THE YEAR 1994 has more than an average share of important anniversaries relating to the two major 20th century wars: D-Day in June and Arnhem in September will have their half-centenaries commemorated.

August will see the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War, which has now joined the mainstream of history; the number of survivors is rapidly decreasing and soon there will be none.

For this reason the start of that devastating conflict may

not be marked to the same extent as D-Day or Arnhem but already books are being released and there are plans for a special week in Leeds.

An important work on the Great War is Malcolm Brown's *The Imperial War Museum Book of the Western Front*, and as the author explains in his foreword: "What gives this volume a special validity is that it presents its subject through evidence which, in virtually every case, is in public print for the first time."

"It is as though long after an

election or a referendum a mass of unopened ballot-boxes had been found in a hitherto locked room . . ."

The text is based on letters home from soldiers of all ranks and the photographs are drawn from the Imperial War Museum archives.

The letters give us the best insight we can now expect of day-to-day life in the trenches; of the misleadingly-termed 'rest billets' from where the troops still had to go up to the front to dig, repair the wire, or patrol in no man's land.

On the less brutal side we can read of the affection felt for towns like Abbeville, Amiens and Bethune, all too rarely visited to enjoy the "good shops, clean billets, and an excellent little pastry shop for tea".

"Ultimately there is always likely to be a lack of understanding between our later perception of the special ordeal of a First World War attack and that of the men who undertook those terrifying journeys across no man's land."

What was it that kept thousands of men from reacting with dismay or fear?

The author suggests that some of the factors were "tradition, unit pride in the flag . . . and there was always the hope that what they were about to do would help to finish the war . . ."

Newspapers portrayed the Tommy as buoyant and uncomplaining, happy to do what he was told and to lay down his life for "King, Country or High Command at the drop of a tin hat . . . One reason, arguably, for the persistence of this simplistic version is that it was widely endorsed by officers who, remote from the Tommies by reason of class and education, found it difficult to understand his real thoughts and motivations . . ."

Even this excellent book cannot explain why most of the

RANDOM HARVEST OF IRISH GENERALSHIP

"CONVERTING the radio programmes to book form was not a straightforward exercise . . ." So writes Richard Doherty in *Irish Generals*, for which ten Second World War senior commanders of Irish parentage have been selected and given potted wartime curriculum vitae.

The book has its origins in a BBC Radio Ulster series and it is easy to see that putting the theme into print was less than straightforward.

To say that it does not really come off is probably to miss some point that the author intended.

Maybe it is to draw attention to the debt of gratitude owed to Irish generalship by the rest of Great Britain.

The order in which the commanders appear is puzzling; it is neither alphabetical nor by seniority – seemingly a random harvest of generals who received either the approval or wrath of Winston Churchill: the good and the bad who have already been treated to numerous in-depth biographies.

Doherty's chosen subjects are: Bernard Law Montgomery who, untypical of generals, did not come from a family noted for any military tradition; Harold Alexander, Churchill's *beau sabreur*; John Dill, nicknamed "Dilly-Dally" by

Churchill before he sacked him from the office of CIGS; Richard O'Connor, whose role in the desert offensive of 1940 was not recognised; Nelson Russell and Pat Scott, successive commanders of the Irish Brigade; Frederick "Tim" Pile, master-mind of anti-aircraft defences; Gerald Templer, to whom the structure of the Intelligence Corps is owed; and Alan Brooke, one of whose forebears had the distinction of leading an expedition which burned the home of the American president during the war of 1812.

Refurbishment of the residence included painting the walls white – thus the White House.

Churchill's judgement of his generals' abilities does not emerge well. The author believes that the Prime Minister began to think of himself as a strategic genius of similar status to that of his ancestor, Marlborough.

"Although there is no doubting Churchill's strategic vision, this particular conceit . . . was to have serious consequences for many of his generals as the war went on."

"While Churchill saw himself as a military man and dressed up in uniform as often as possible, the Army regarded him only as a politician and, all

too often, as a nuisance."

However, Richard Doherty does concede that sometimes Churchill was thinking along the right lines.

" . . . On 9 October 1941, he sent a note to General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff: 'Pray, let me have your views, and if possible your plans, for the forming of an Irish Brigade' . . ."

In a book about Irish soldiers it is to be expected that the forming of the Irish Brigade (38 Infantry Brigade) should meet with approval.

The author's rare criticism of the generals is frequently cloaked in hearsay.

For example, he writes: "Alexander's critics have claimed that he was not an intelligent commander, that he lacked that little extra ounce of intellect that would have made him a military genius."

Ten biographies in a book of about 200 pages is undeniably good value but the once over lightly treatment gives the impression of being more a collection of obituaries than a critical study of leadership in war. – BJ

Irish Generals: Irish Generals in the British Army in the Second World War by Richard Doherty. Published by The Appletree Press Limited, paperback, £7.99.

HOW THEY REPORTED THE BOER WAR

WITH the notable exception of one well-known TV newscaster, "good news" takes a back seat as far as most journalists are concerned.

In the main it is hard news they are after because that is what sells newspapers.

It was true during the Crimean War, when the reports of William Howard Russell of *The Times* proved to be a big thorn in the sides of the military and the government of the day.

His exposure of the mismanagement of the campaign created a sensation and he became a target for the establishment – although that did

HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

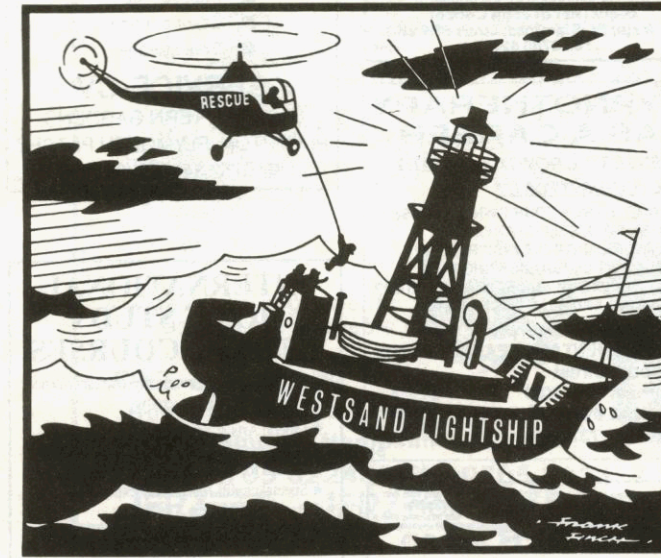
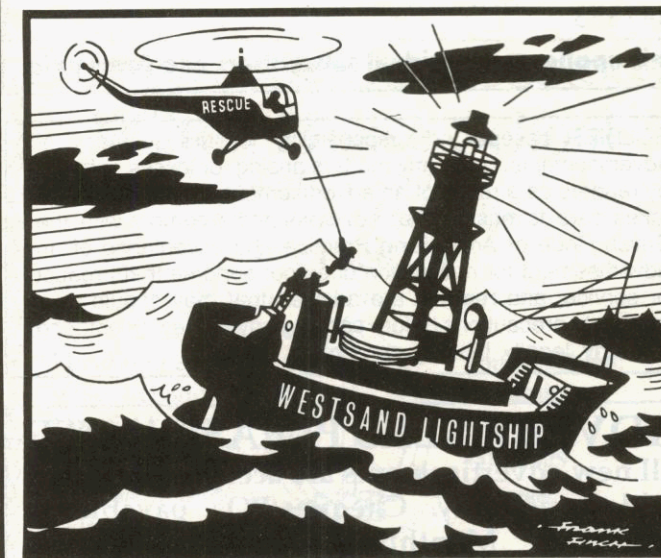
The pictures below, from our Frank Finch cartoon archives, differ in ten details. Find them and you could be £50 richer or win a new book. Just circle the differences in the right-hand picture, cut out the whole panel, add your name and address and send to HOAY 579, SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, Aldershot GU11 2DU by February 11. Do not include anything else in

your envelope. More than one entry can be submitted but photocopies cannot be accepted. The first correct entries drawn will be the winners. No correspondence of any kind can be entered into.

The names of the winner of the £50 first prize and two runners-up will be announced in the March 7, 1994 issue.

Name: (Give rank or title)

Address:



letters make no comment on what must have been uppermost in the soldiers' minds – an increasing sense of futility and disillusion.

It is as if the rights and wrongs of it all did not come within their area of expression. It is an amazing phenomenon and one which in these days of "small wars", counselling and high-profile media coverage we will never be able to comprehend. But what these men, the

ordinary men of many nations, endured must not be forgotten, not least because of their hidden feelings and fears.

Malcolm Brown's book certainly inspires a mixture of compassion bordering on pity and considerable admiration. – BJ

The Imperial War Museum Book of the Western Front by Malcolm Brown. Published by Sidgwick & Jackson, hardback, £25.

Inside story of a fighting man

SCHOOLED by life in a Glasgow slum, Peter McAleese learned to fight in the traditional manner of the area – with everything and anything to hand.

This boyhood battleground stood him in good stead, putting the finishing touches to an already aggressive and abrasive attitude, making him ideal material to be a fighting man.

In his autobiography, *No Mean Soldier*, written in collaboration with Mark Bles, himself a former SAS officer, he tells the story of his own killing fields in 30 years of soldiering.

He describes his career as that of a "professional operational soldier", as opposed to a Regular soldier who wanted only to "keep his nose clean and worry about promotion and pension".

The name of the game for him was adventure because above all he loved to fight and to shoot. He gives the impression that he would fight anyone anywhere just to get a buzz. He

WIN £50
COMPETITION 579

Competition No 576: Congratulations to Mr G Collingwood, of Bovington, Dorset, who wins £50. Book prizes go to runners-up Mrs O Floyd, of Neath, W Glamorgan, and Mr E E Hemmings, of Hove, E Sussex.

was never happier than when in action, he says.

According to his story he saw plenty of that with the Paras, the SAS, the Rhodesian SAS, and the South African Defence Force and, for a few months, as a mercenary in Angola and Colombia.

He says his pay was modest and he gets no pension from any of the armies with which he served.

What he has got is a book full of memories of exciting days as a soldier, and of a violent career in world trouble spots.

Now he invites the reader to judge him and his career as a soldier. "Do not be manipulated by the Press or second-hand stories," he urges, "decide for yourself."

For this reader he's another soldier with yet another tale, although it's fast-moving and very well told. – JM

No Mean Soldier by Peter McAleese. Orion, £16.99.

RESETTLEMENT & EMPLOYMENT

NEED A CV?

For free details contact the specialists in FORCES' CVs (Established 1981)

CV SERVICES 19/21
Forces Dept.
PO Box 573,
Sutton Coldfield,
West Midlands
B73 6PA
021-355 2187

INLAND REVENUE RED ALERT!

House letting income? Assessment received? Tax bill too high?
Free advice from the experts in the taxation of MoD personnel.
Taxation Specialists Ltd
112 Gales Drive, Crawley RH10 1QE
Tel/Fax: 0293 547750 D5

MOVING?

IF YOU ARE A SOLDIER SUBSCRIBER, PLEASE REMEMBER TO INFORM US OF YOUR NEW ADDRESS – AT LEAST **FOUR WEEKS BEFORE** YOU MOVE.

WRITE TO: SOLDIER SUBSCRIPTIONS, PARSONS HOUSE, ORDNANCE ROAD, ALDERSHOT, HANTS GU11 2DU OR TELEPHONE ALDERSHOT (0252) 347353

This applies to individual subscribers and Army units D5

MILITARY CV SERVICES

The original CV service for HM Forces; established in 1984

Your CV written by a former Army Officer and Industrial Personnel Manager. Since 1984, over 1,400 satisfied Service clients, many of whom now hold good civilian jobs. Why not write or telephone for full details to:
Major (Ret'd) John Cooper,
12 Water St, Stamford, Lincs PE9 2NJ.
Tel: 0780 62960. 13/19

CVs We specialise in HM Forces

- Quality content
- Fast service
- Laser printing
- Free storage

SERVICE-CV

Dept (A), 2 TERN GARDENS,
PLYMPTON, PLYMOUTH PL7 3HZ
☎ 0752 344842 (24 hrs) D5

HYPNOTHERAPY AS A CAREER

ENTER A GROWTH INDUSTRY

ARE YOU RIGHT FOR IT?

- WANT TO RUN YOUR OWN BUSINESS?
- AMBITIOUS SELF-STARTER?
- MATURE AND SELF-DISCIPLINED?
- GOOD AT COMMUNICATING?
- ENTHUSIASTIC AND SELF-MOTIVATED?
- CARING AND SELF-CONFIDENT?

For further details:

COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH CENTRE
15 South Street
Farnham GU9 7QU
Tel: 0252 715333/721459
Fax: 0252 737619 D4

INTERNATIONAL HOME STUDY DEGREE COURSES

Earn your degree entirely by correspondence through Earlscliff University:

- ★ Liberal Arts & Sciences
- ★ Tailor-made programmes
- ★ Credits for Life experience & prior learning
- ★ Special credits for military experience
- ★ Bachelors, Masters, Doctorates
- ★ Entry at any time

Details:

Dr S. Simms E.U.I.
Redgrove House, 393 Lordship Lane,
Dulwich, London SE22 8JN D5

SOLDIER accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of advertisements, or for any matters arising, or losses suffered by readers as a result of an advertisement. Whilst SOLDIER takes care to ensure that advertisements comply with the British Code of Advertising Practice, the acceptance of an advertisement for publication does not endorse that product or service, and readers are advised that they should take adequate precautions before sending any money, or entering into any legally binding agreement. B126

ADVERTISERS PLEASE NOTE

All new advertisements are accepted on a pre-paid basis only. Cheques/POs payable to "Soldier". Monthly accounts will be opened subject to approval and satisfactory references. Otherwise prepayment applies. D4

Please mention
SOLDIER when
replying to
advertisements

YOU'VE DEFENDED YOUR COUNTRY. COULD YOU SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY?

There are many similarities between the Police Service and the Armed Forces. Both are based on discipline and teamwork – like the Forces, the Police Service demands coolness and calmness under pressure. Both require the ability to get along with people – the public and your colleagues – and earn their respect. Also you'll be used to working in uniform, and upholding the traditions and values it represents.

In short, you may already have much of what it takes to carry out the duties of a Police Officer.

We're looking for mature, responsible

and reliable men and women, but we're also looking for something extra. Outgoing and personable, you'll want to play an active part in community life. Even more than in the Armed Forces, you'll find yourself constantly in the public eye. You'll be used to facing some tricky situations, but now tact and courtesy will prove to be your most effective weapons.

Like all Police Officers, you'll be joining as a Police Constable. There's no comparison with the ranks you're used to – this is a historic title for an independent officer of the law.

In the Police Service, everyone has the same

opportunities for promotion to the highest ranks. But first, like all applicants, no matter what your educational qualifications, you'll need to pass the police entrance test and a short assessment course.

If you're over 22, you start earning over £16,000 a year. But remember, with the Police you'll also be earning a different kind of respect. Do you feel the experience you've gained in defending your country has equipped you for this unique role in serving your community? If so, for further information ask your Resettlement Centre or send in the coupon.

Write to: Police Careers, Room 516, The Home Office, Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AT.

NAME & RANK: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS & POSTCODE: _____

SOL



"The most popular boarding school for Service children"

(Sunday Telegraph, 25 Feb 88)

- 520 boys and girls – 8 to 18
- A high standard of education in a happy stable and caring environment
- Set in 250 acres of Surrey parkland with easy access to M25/M23
- Fees (including uniform) within BSA

Enquiries to the
Admissions Secretary
(07374) 2576



Patron: Her Majesty, the Queen

Royal Alexandra & Albert School

Gatton Park, Reigate, Surrey RH2 0TW.

Wilton House School

Battle, Hastings

East Sussex TN33 9BS

0424 830234

Co-educational boarding and day school

Head office and
senior school:
Catsfield Place
Battle

GCSE and 'A' Levels
13-18 years



Junior school:
Broomham
Guestling
Hastings
5-13 years

Small classes. Remedial and individual tuition arranged when required. Computer workshop, swimming pools, tennis courts, games fields and horseriding. Escort services to and from airports. Special terms for Service children additional to Service grants.

Established since 1954

Apply: The Principal at head office

SCEA SCHOOLS ADVICE SECTION

For informed advice on boarding matters, contact: Service Children's Education Authority (SCEA), Schools Advice Section, HQ DGAGC, Worthy Down, Winchester SO21 2RG. Tel: 0962 887933 Winchester Military Exchange Ext 2933.

The staff of this section are happy to answer written queries or to discuss over the telephone any matter related to school selection or problems with boarding education in general. A range of helpful pamphlets is available.

The section also helps parents with other problems, including state day school admissions, grants and awards.

D5

BRUNO THE MILITARY BEAR

'Bruno' is a traditional 16" Bear, who comes dressed in Combat Kit, with face veil, webbing belt and beret complete with your cap badge.

'Bruno' is currently available for all regiments and corps of the British Army (less Gurkha units).

'Jock' wears TOS : RHF white hackle. Royal Scots tartan patch; A & SH tartan patch : Black Watch red hackle : QOH blue plume. Gordons & KOSB TOS only (No badge available for Scottish Regts).

ACC Bear available in chef's whites, ACC beret.

UN Bear, desert combat kit, UN beret with UN badge or your own badge.

To order Bruno: Please send Cheques/P.O./Credit Card No. (incl expiry date) for £31.00 payable to 'POSTAL BEARS', name and address of person to receive bear and your special message to:

POSTAL BEARS, Dept D., 1/2 Barker Street, Shrewsbury SY1 1SB.
24 hour telephone order service (0743) 241962 Fax: (0743) 232112 199



HARGREAVES PROMOTIONS



QUALITY EMBROIDERERS & SCREENPRINTERS OF WORKWEAR UNIFORM & LEISURE WEAR

Suppliers to BRITISH,
NATO & U.N. FORCES

Contact our ARMY Rep:
Tracey Firth

TEL 0746-34563
FAX 0746-34264



A wide range of garments,
badges, etc available.



FREE CATALOGUE

Rodney Road, Fratton Industrial Estate,
Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO4 8SY.

TEL: 0705 822436 FAX: 0705 822177
JERZEES JERZEES JERZEES

ADVANCED CAR EXPORTS

53A HIGH ROAD, BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS WD2 1EE

☎ 081-9 500 500 Fax: 081-950 8511

PEUGEOT APPOINTED EXPORT AGENTS

"Excellent service &
unbeatable prices"

Lt Cdr
Napier
BFPO
8

"Colleagues were amazed at your
cheaper prices"
Maj Harrison
BAOR



TAX FREE & TAX PAID

TRY US FOR THE BEST PRICES ON OTHER MAKES, TOO!!

Full Finance, Insurance & Part-Exchange facilities

**PART-EXCHANGE YOUR RHD CAR IN THE UK AND
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW REGULATIONS!!**

CLIP COUPON FOR FULL DETAILS AND FREE COLOUR BROCHURE



NAME & RANK _____
ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ EXT _____

I am interested in a new (make & model) _____

TAX FREE FOR EXPORT ☐ TAX PAID FOR UK USE ☐ FINANCE ☐

INSURANCE ☐ DELIVERY DATE _____

PART-EXCHANGE _____

Please post to: **ADVANCED CAR EXPORTS**, 53A High Rd, Bushey Heath, Herts WD2 1EE.

LAND-ROVER

SCE HOTLINE
0367 241225

EMBROIDERED & PRINTED
SPORTS & LEISUREWEAR

FOR THE PROFESSIONALS FROM THE PROFESSIONALS

Sweaters - Sweatshirts
T Shirts - Sports Shirts
Rugby & Hockey Jerseys
Shorts Socks & Ties

FULL DESIGN & PERSONALISED SERVICE
NO MINIMUM ORDER

JENKINS KNITWEAR
5 VERNON PLACE NORTHERN COURT
BASFORD NOTTINGHAM NG6 0DE
Tel: (Nottm) 0602 274469

LOST!

LOST MEDALS
REPLACED IN RECORD TIME
FULL SIZE & MINIATURE
3 DAY MOUNTING SERVICE
WRITE OR PHONE FOR QUOTATION
RAYMOND D. HOLDICH
Trafalgar Square Collectors Centre
7 Whitcomb Street
London WC2H 7HA
Tel: 071-930 1979
0374 133493

VISTA SPORTS

- English-made sweat shirts
- T-shirts single & multi-coloured designs
- Embroidered V-neck jumpers also many other items

VISTA SPORTS LTD.
Vista House, 28 High Street, Merstham,
Surrey RH1 3EA
Tel: 0737 645113 Fax: 0737 645892

Vista Ties

Over 300 individual Regimental designs held in stock in Silk and Polyester.

TIES

For your own design we offer a free coloured visual by return.
Printed or woven designs.
Polyester, Silk/Polyester or Silk Cloth.
Minimum order 25 printed ties.

VISTA TIES, 28 HIGH STREET,
MERSTHAM, SURREY. RH1 3EA
TELEPHONE: 0737 645113
FAX 0737 645892

Interprint

PRINTED T-SHIRTS & SWEAT SHIRTS

THE FUN WAY TO RAISE FUNDS

- MIN ORDER ONLY 12
- FREE DELIVERY
- FREE DESIGN SERVICE
- QUANTITY DISCOUNTS

NOW AVAILABLE YOUR OWN DESIGN

TEA TOWELS

Embroidery SERVICE

SEND NOW FOR OUR FUNDRAISER PACKAGE

TEL: 0588 673444
FAX: 0588 676188

INTERPRINT
DEPT. 5, GRAVELL ARMS,
SHROPSHIRE, SY7 8DU.

CARICATURES

Hilarious caricatures 'Groups' or 'Singles' from photos in colour or B&W by a professional cartoonist. A unique gift for all occasions.

Also cartoonists for parties, etc. For samples and prices or a quotation

Rick's Caricatures: 081-441 6607

GET PROMOTION!

T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Polos, Rugby Shirts, Hooded Tops, Singlets, Baseball Hats, Ties, Embroidered Badges & Jumpers, Pennants, Mugs, Sports Bags & Holdalls, Jog/Track Suits & Shell Suits.

A S PROMOTIONS
Room 32, 94 Blackhorse Lane
London E17 6AA
Telephone: 081-523 3283
Fax: 081-531 7298

T-Shirts Sweatshirts

Complete Design Screen Print service

A-ONE DESIGNS
55 Brook Street, Chester
Tel: Chester (0244) 311028

EMBROIDERED LEISUREWEAR & BADGES PLUS T-SHIRT & SWEATSHIRTS

- Ties
- Sportbags
- Golf umbrellas
- Baseball caps

Embroidered garments - Free original 24+ printed sweats and T-shirts, min qty 36
Badges - embroidered - min qty 25
Enamelled - min 100
Blazer badges - min 5
Ties - woven - min 50, printed min 36
Baseball caps min 50
Sports bags min 50
Golf umbrellas min 25

Ensign
MOTIFS

Write phone or fax for colour brochure to Kilcraggan, Dunbartonshire G84 0JN

Tel 043684 2581/2716 Fax: 043684 2854

JOY'S ROSES

Someone somewhere is waiting to hear from you

A GIFT OF LOVE

Fresh flowers sent daily from the nursery to any address in the U.K. or N. Ireland. Include your own special message to show that you have your loved-one in mind.

Someone - somewhere is waiting to hear from you

Weeks 4-16 Feb only, add £5.00 per 12 roses, £10.00 for 24, £5.00 per Rose Bouquet, £5.00 per special Bouquet

12 ROSES	Red/Pink (large)	£13.85
24 ROSES	Red/Pink (large)	£18.50
12 CARNATIONS	Red/Pink/Mixed	£12.50
40 FREESIA	Mixed with fern	£14.75

JOY'S SPECIAL BOUQUETS

Bouquet special mixed	£22.50
Bouquets/Pink Carnations/Freesia/Fern	£16.50
Roses/Carnations/Freesia/Fern	£17.50
Iris (Blue) Carnations/Freesia/Fern	£14.60
Spray Carnations/Freesia/Fern	£11.50

MUCH REQUESTED CUDDLIES

SAMMY SEAL (Pure White)	(Silver Beige)	27" long	£22.65
PINKY MOTHER PIG (Pale Pink)		10" long	£22.75
AND THREE PIGLETS (Pale Pink)		7" long	

THE PERSONALISED LOVING BEARS

EMBROIDERED WITH YOUR GIFT OF LOVE MESSAGE

FOR EXAMPLE
MARY'S TEDDY/RACHEL'S BEAR/WITH LOVE/ALL MY LOVE
LOVE DADDY/LOVE PHIL/LOVE TOM/LOVE MUM/LOVE MUMMY

No more than 12 letters per line (3 lines only). A space counts as a letter.
Choice of Coloured Jumpers: Dark Blue/Light Blue/Red

WINSTON BEAR (Beige, Jointed)	D/Blue	19" high	£27.80
WINSTON BEAR (Gold, Jointed)	D/Blue	19" high	£27.80
WINSTON BEAR (Gold, Jointed)	D/B-L/B-Red	14" high	£18.95
BREWSTER BEAR (Gold)	D/B-L/B-Red	15" high	£14.75
CHUBBY BEAR (Gold, Jointed)	D/B-L/B-Red	11" high	£14.75

Prices and order forms available upon request. Prices include P&P + VAT
VIAS, ACCESS, and AMEX ACCEPTED - INCLUDE EXPIRY DATE
Please make cheque or P.O. payable to:

'Joy's Roses and Toys', Flamingo, St Sampsons, Guernsey, C.I.
Telephone: (0481) 46708 Fax: (0481) 43406

SOLDIER Advertising
0252 347352

SOVEREIGN UNBEATABLE SERVICE

TAX FREE CAR SALES

ROVER
PEUGEOT
CITROEN
RENAULT
VAUXHALL
NISSAN
VOLVO
VW AUDI
FORD

UK (0980) 43333

- German or UK delivery
- RHD or LHD programme
- Used Car Sales in Germany
- Demonstration Vehicles at Super Savings
- Finance - dm. or Sterling

SOVEREIGN FREEPOST, Station Road, Tidworth, Wilts SP9 7BR

NAME AND RANK
ADDRESS
TEL:
UNIT DEL. REQ. BY
I am interested in
Part exchange details
Country of use

FREEPHONE INSTANT ACTION HOTLINE
Germany 0130-8544-96

SOLDIER MART

MICHAEL JAY
Exclusive 'HANDCUT'
TAILORING

Our **UNBEATABLE**
MESS DRESS
offer

INCLUDES

- * 14 Day despatch or
- * 48hr. despatch
- * **EXPRESS service**
- * Lowest prices
- * Highest quality
- * Best fit
- * Best payment terms

Local agents to measure in most areas
UK and abroad including Berlin

Please telephone:
Stowmarket 0449-760888

As our customers say
'The service is simply UNBEATABLE'
VIOLET HILL ROAD, STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK



EMBROIDERED
SWEATERS SWEATSHIRTS
POLO SHIRTS BADGES

PRINTED
TEESHIRTS SWEATSHIRTS
BADGES COFFEE MUGS
AND LOTS MORE!
ALL FROM ONE SUPPLIER

No artwork or setting up costs on the majority of our goods.
High quality, competitive prices and prompt delivery.
BFPO tax-free service.

Send for our new price list:
REYNOLDS SPORTS
51/52 HIGH STREET, LINCOLN LN5 8AP
Tel: 0522 513333 Fax: 0522 530383 1414

LOANS
No security required £1,000-£10,000

CARS, FURNITURE, HOLIDAYS.
CLEAR EXISTING UP TO DATE LOANS,
HP, CREDIT CARDS, CASH SPARE.

- Tenants and Homeowners welcome.
- No interviews, Confidential service by post
- Good benefits if you settle your loan early
For quotes, written details and free advice
Tel: 0929 423925 9am-9pm 7 days
(from overseas 0044-929 423925).
NORSTAR FINANCE 20119
Licensed by Office of Fair Trading as Lenders & Brokers

ROVER

SCE HOTLINE
0367 241225

Please mention **SOLDIER** when
replying to advertisements

MINIATURE MEDALS
Return of post Service
Example of prices:—

CB: £32, CBE: £15, MC/DCM/MM/
QGM: £10, OBE/MBE/BEM: £7, MSM:
£8, LS & GC: £6, Coronation/Jubilee
Medal: £7, UN Cyprus: £6, S/Atlantic +
rosette: £6, GSM G.V.I.R. with clasp:
£6.50, GSM/CSM with clasp: £6, Gulf
Medal with clasp: £6, Second War Stars:
£2 each, Defence/War Medals: £4 each.
Miniature Mounting Bars for D.I.Y.
mounting: 1 space - £1, 2 - £1.10, 3 -
£1.20, 4 - £1.30, 5 - £1.40, 6 - £1.50, 7 -
£1.60, 8 - £1.80, 9 - £2, 10 - £2.20
plus 17.5% V.A.T. and £1 postage

- * 7-day medal mounting service for full-size and miniatures in both 'ordinary' and 'court' style.
- * Full-size medals supplied
- * Wire Blazer Badges
- * Mess Kit Badges
- * Display cases, medal ribbon, mounting bars, ribbon bars etc.

Competitive Prices. First-class quality
and delivery guaranteed.

Send for comprehensive catalogue to
the Medal Specialists
(25p stamp appreciated):
MINIATURE MEDALS (SM)
30 COVENTRY ROAD, BURBAGE,
LEICESTERSHIRE LE10 2HP.
Telephone: (0455) 239262

PRINTED OR Embroidered
TO YOUR OWN DESIGN

- * T-SHIRTS
- * SWEATSHIRTS
- * POLOSHIRTS
- * RUGBY SHIRTS
- * SWEATERS
- * BASEBALL CAPS

For free full colour brochure and
information pack from the U.K's
leading supplier to H.M. Forces
contact:

TEES TOTAL
High Street, Wootton Bassett,
Swindon, Wilts SN4 7AB.
TEL: (0793) 849888
FAX: (0793) 849890




**ARE YOU PERMANENTLY ON PARADE
OR IN THE SPOTLIGHT? IF SO, YOU
NEED LEATHER LUSTRE FOR THAT
PERMANENT HIGH GLOSS FINISH
FREEDOM FOR ALL THAT OFF-DUTY TIME
LOST ON SHINING LEATHER IS HERE**

**LOOKS
AFTER THE
LEATHER
YOU
LOVE**

LEATHER LUSTRE is a Space Age formula that
gives your leather a permanent high gloss finish.
Not for a week, month or year, but for the life
of your leather product. You will always be
ready for inspections, details, conventions
or whatever your career may be. When
the shine gets dull or dirty it only requires
dusting, washing with a damp sponge,
or use of common household furniture
polish. It is guaranteed not to crack,
peel, or harm the leather in any way.

Look around you and find the best
looking leather you have ever seen
and you will have found someone
using **LEATHER LUSTRE**.
This product has been used by law
enforcement, fire and rescue, sports
officials, medical and military
personnel throughout the world.

We will send you an 8 oz can with full
instructions for only £9.50 plus £2.50
for postage and packing and you will
have enough to do all of your shoes,
belts, boots, etc., with plenty left over.
For larger orders please ring for
trade prices.

SPECIAL OFFER - BUY 5 TINS AND GET ONE FREE

LEATHER LUSTRE (MIDLANDS) LIMITED,
Unit 3, Apex Business Park, Walsall Road, Norton Canes, Cannock, Staffordshire
WS11 3PU. Tel: 0543 450064 Fax: 0543 279738.

..... 8oz cans @ £9.50 per can
Total cost of cans
P&P £2.50 per can
TOTAL ENCLOSED

Name.....
Address.....

DISCOUNT AVAILABLE ON LARGER ORDER.



PERRYS GROUP EXPORT
DIVISION
ESTABLISHED 1908

BLACKPOOL ROAD, PRESTON PR2 6BX

0772 793054
**IF YOU DON'T CALL
PERRYS IT CAN
ONLY COST YOU
TIME & MONEY**

Giving you the complete
export sale treatment we
take care of all the
paperwork, and the
worries making your export
sale simple and worry free.

**CALL US NOW OR
RETURN THE COUPON**

**TO PERRY'S GROUP EXPORT DIVISION, BLACKPOOL ROAD,
PRESTON, PR2 6BX. PLEASE SEND ME DETAILS ON:-**

VAUXHALL	<input type="checkbox"/> CITROEN	<input type="checkbox"/> NAME
FORD	<input type="checkbox"/> PROTON	<input type="checkbox"/> RANK
ROVER	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER MAKES	<input type="checkbox"/> UNIT
RENAULT	<input type="checkbox"/> USED CARS	<input type="checkbox"/> ADDRESS
LANDROVER	<input type="checkbox"/> LHD	<input type="checkbox"/>
VOLVO	<input type="checkbox"/> RHD	<input type="checkbox"/>
PEUGEOT	<input type="checkbox"/> FINANCE	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROX DEL DATE REQUIRED
NISSAN	<input type="checkbox"/> PART EXCHANGE	<input type="checkbox"/> HOME TEL NO.
TOYOTA	<input type="checkbox"/> DM OR STERLING LOANS AVAILABLE	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK

SILVERMAN'S

PLCE BERGEN

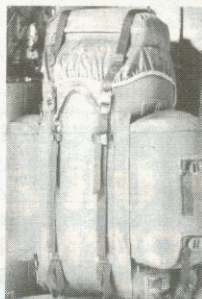
New NATO ref 84-65-99-978-5360/62



CAPACITY: 125 litres
FRAME: Internal
WATERPROOF: Yes
COLOUR: Green or DPM
FEATURES: Side pouches + Yoke
(makes day patrol pack)
PRICE: £139.99 + £2.99 p&p

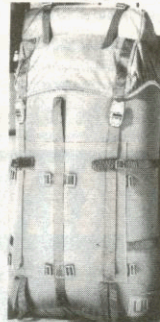
BERGHAUS CRUSADER

NATO ref 84-65-99-775-3039/40



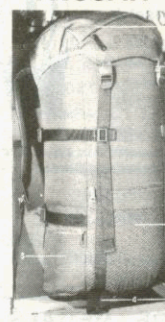
CAPACITY: 100 litres
FRAME: Internal
WATERPROOF: Yes
COLOUR: Green
FEATURES: Side pouches make day
pack (straps incl.)
PRICE: £134.99 + £2.99 p&p

BERGHAUS ROC



CAPACITY: 70 litres
FRAME: Internal
WATERPROOF: Yes
COLOUR: Green
EXTRAS: Side pouches £24.99 pr
PRICE: Phone

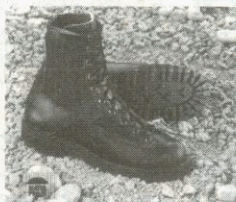
BERGHAUS TROJAN



CAPACITY: 45 litres
FRAME: Internal
WATERPROOF: Yes
COLOUR: Green
PRICE: £64.99 + £2.99 p&p

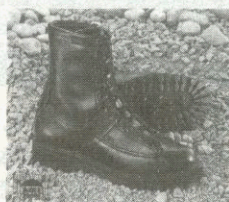
WE NOW STOCK FULL RANGE OF KARRIMOR RUCKSACKS. PHONE FOR DETAILS

DANNER ACADIA



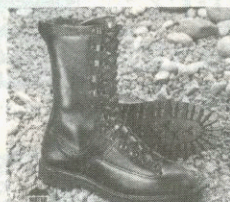
Leather/cordura lighter
than all leather
Selected by L.A. Swat team
Insulated: £149.99
Uninsulated: £144.99

DANNER OLYMPIC



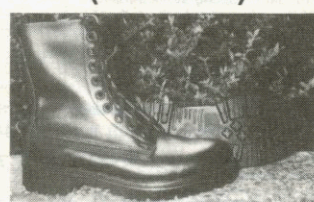
All leather construction
8" boot to keep feet
warm and dry
£169.99

DANNER FORT LEWIS



Developed with the Fort
Lewis Go Devils
All leather construction
£184.99

BRITTON BOOTS (GO FAST)



The very latest in hi leg
waterproof boot
Leather lined: £48.99
Cambrelle lined: £58.99

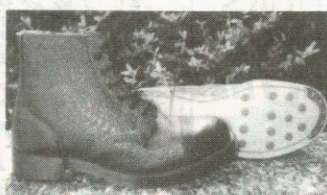
WATERPROOF HIGH BOOTS (F/S)



Slight factory seconds, all leather,
waterproofed, DMS sole
Genuine issue combat boot

£26.99

ALL LEATHER ISSUE AMMO BOOTS



Genuine issue Ammo Boots
Brand new triple soled and studded

£62.99

BLACK DMS SERVICE SHOE



Service shoe with DMS sole and
toe cap

New:

£26.99



GENUINE NEW ISSUE SLEEPING BAG SYSTEM

1. SLEEPING BAG Hollow fill fibre. High performance even in damp conditions. Wt 3kg £65.00
2. COMPRESSION SACK to reduce volume of bag £17.99
3. BIVI BAG GORE-TEX Phone
4. BIVI BAG NYLON + zip £19.99
5. FOAM KIP MAT £9.99
6. NEW PATTERN sleeping bag with w/proof base attached £79.99
6. GOOD USED 58 sleeping bags always available SUPER £44.99
- GRADE 1 £34.99
- LONG Phone
7. SNUGPAK Military Green sleeping bags Phone

- Sorbothane insoles/foot beds
- Compeed for blisters
- PLCE Chest rigs
- Parade Gloss
- Gore-Tex DPM socks

- Socks combat
- Arctic socks
- Tropical DPM suits
- PLCE webbing (full sets)
- Para smocks

- Jungle boots USA genuine
- Berets/leather bound
- Gulf patt. Desert boots hi leg
- Short Desert boots
- Gore-Tex socks (Berghaus)

- Shemaghs
- SAS Smocks
- Hi-Tec Magnum L/wt boots
- Hi-Tec Trail L/wt hiking boots
- PTI tops (old patt.) new

(POST & PACKING £2.99 ON ANY SIZE ORDER) ABOVE IS A SMALL SELECTION OF KIT AVAILABLE

PHONE 071-790 5257 FOR FREE CATALOGUE PHONE 071-790 5585 FOR INFORMATION PHONE 0717-900-900 FOR CREDIT CARD ORDERS

SILVERMAN'S (DEPT S), MILE END, LONDON E1 4PS

Personal callers Mondays-Fridays 9-5 & Sundays 10-1pm

"Britain's leading supplier of kit to the professionals"



CLASSIFIED

A pen pal advertisement costs £11.75. Send your details (maximum 30 words) and a cheque or postal order for £11.75, payable to "Soldier", to the address below. The advertisement will appear in the first available issue and all replies will be forwarded.

REPLIES. To reply to a pen pal, write a letter and send it to Soldier Magazine at the address below. The box number must be **CLEARLY** written in the **TOP LEFT CORNER** of the envelope. Your envelope must be no larger than 8" x 4" and should only contain a letter, and photograph if requested. Replies received more than three months after the cover date and **large, heavy, or poorly addressed envelopes will not be forwarded.**

All correspondence to: Pen Pals, Soldier Magazine, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU.

Hi, we are two females aged 28 and 30, living in Manchester. Interests: clubs, socialising and holidays (especially Cyprus). Would like to write to two squaddies aged 24+. Photo appreciated. **P800**

Confident, optimistic and caring 37-year-old graduate lady. Seeks like minded companion with a good sense of humour, the best of old fashioned values and an open mind. **P801**

Wiltshire Rose waiting to be picked. Pretty feminine lady, 32, 5'4", slim, light brown hair, blue eyes, n/s, romantic, old fashioned standards. Seeks officer. Please write wherever you are. **P802**

Need any writing practice? I'm aged 33, 5'9" tall, nutty red head. I enjoy music - punk to Pavarotti, walking my GSD, rugby and generally being daft. Will reply to all letters. **P803**

Hi, I'm 25, small, with long dark hair. I enjoy music, pubs, clubs, books and films. I would like to hear from anybody, especially signals, with similar interests. **P804**

Shy lady, late thirties, recently divorced. Would like to correspond with people in similar position, to rebuild her social life. Likes cinema, eating out and rugby, dislikes discos. **P805**

34-year-old divorced lady with three children. Rescue me, I've entered the classified zone. I'm loving, passionate, pretty and alone. Can you change that? Write, you've nothing to lose. **P806**

Single female, 5'5", 28 years old, slim and attractive with red hair and brown eyes. Seeks male pen pal, please write soon. **P807**

Hi my name is Bev, from Greater Manchester. 32 years young, 5'7", blonde, slim and attractive. Good job, car and house. Go on, put pen to paper - you won't be disappointed. Write soon. **P808**

Lonely, 5'7", dark blue eyes, medium build, semi-divorced! Two children (10+8), army daughter. Likes swimming, walking, reading, theatre, bowling, pubs and motor sports. Please write, all letters answered. **P809**

Mark, 30, UK based. I'm slim, fit, 5'10" and nearly divorced! If you are slim, pretty, n/s, gsoh and need fun, romance, excitement and TLC then I'm waiting. Photo please. **P810**

Attention! Stand easy lads. Prepare for kit inspection by Sarah, 23, who likes pubs, cinema and spending money. So, if you're bored on guard duty, why not write to me. **P811**

Hi, my name is Kay. I'm 31, totally daft and I love skiing, especially the apres ski! learning German (well I try), pubs, pizza and white wine. Berks/Bucks area. **P812**

Fun loving 23-year-old Arsenal fan, likes theatre, pubbing, cinema and animals (the four-legged kind). Anyone, any age, with similar interests? Go on, drop me a line. **P813**

I am 26, 5'6" with blonde hair and brown eyes. I work as a medical secretary at a Sheffield hospital. Like going to pubs, clubs and keeping fit, I love football. **P814**

Lesley, 29, secretary, fair hair and blue eyes. Loves animals, children and outdoors. Whether you're 5ft to 6ft tall, I promise to reply to you all! Come on, make my day. **P815**

Attention soldier got the blues, look no further for happy news. I'm a bubbly blonde, vivacious, female in mid thirties. A delight to know, so give it a go! **P816**

More Pen Pals in next issue

Announcements

LIBERATION OF BERGEN BELSEN

The Military Attaché, Paris is in contact with the President of an organisation which is to put up a statue in Paris on 23 March 1994 to commemorate those who died in Bergen Belsen concentration camp.

Veterans who helped to liberate the camp are to be invited to the ceremony. The French organisation will pay for the accommodation, food, and probably transport.

Those ex-RAMC officers and soldiers who were at the liberation should contact:

RHQ RAMC
Keogh Barracks, Ash Vale,
Aldershot, Hants GU12 5RQ
Tel: 0252 377394

Business Opportunities

REDUNDANT? DEMOBBED? WHAT TO DO!

Why not buy a village **General Store** and **Post Office** in rural picturesque Devon.

For more information ring:
0769 580333

"Revolutionary" Opportunity. The leisure industry is the fastest growing sector of the economy. At Highmark we market the "Astro-Spaceball", the human gyroscope. We can establish you in a cash business with high rates of return. No risk, no overheads, no franchising. Phone 0432 271122. Highmark Mfg Ltd, 46 Chapel Road, Hereford HR2 6LD. Find out - you have nothing to lose.

Please mention **SOLDIER** when replying to advertisements

Convenience store, Yorkshire. Air conditioned with excellent 4 bedroom accommodation and superbly fitted sales area. £420,000 sales. Freehold £185,000 plus stock at value. Details: Box 239, Soldier Magazine, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU.

Entertainment

Stardust Disco Roadshow. Stereo sounds, video show. Music for all age groups, all functions catered for, popular with Army since 1979. Ring Doug on 0252 330504.

Flying

Reach for the skies with The Army Microlight Flying Club. For details contact the Secretary. Tel: 0981 240946.

For Sale

SOLDIER MAGAZINE - MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR COPY REGULARLY - ONLY £19.30 FOR A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION IN UK, £11.50 BFPO, ELSEWHERE £25.30 OVERSEAS (SURFACE MAIL). **SOLDIER MAGAZINE, SUBSCRIPTIONS DEPT, ORDNANCE ROAD, ALDERSHOT, HANTS GU11 2DU.** (Cheques to Soldier).

SOLDIER Shield - the ideal gift for the military enthusiast, or to add to a collection. The **SOLDIER** shield shows the magazine's official insignia on a dark wood base, and measures 180 x 140mm. The cost of the shield, inclusive of VAT and p&p, is £17 UK and £19 elsewhere. Send your cheque/PO payable to "Soldier" to Soldier Shield, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU.

VOLUNTEERS POCKET BOOK. Valuable info on wide range of subjects. Every Soldier should have one. Includes Plastic Wallet Cover. **£4.75 plus 50p p&p (UK).** **THE SA 80/LSW - SKILL AT ARMS & SHOOTING.** Training Tests & APWT conditions pass first time. First class diagrams and explanation of the weapons. Fits into Volunteers Pocket Book Plastic Wallet. **£3.25 plus 30p p&p (UK).** Special prices for ten plus copies. Order direct from publishers. Cheques or POs payable to **MILITARY POCKET BOOKS, PO Box 28, Leven, Beverley, Hull HU17 5LA.** Tel: 0964 542878.

Regimental cufflink, tieclip sets £12.50. Blazer button sets £24. Telephone 0480 212843 for availability. SAE to: Martin Duchemin, 6 Knights Close, Eaton Socon, Cambs PE19 3DP.

Silverman's now have genuine Shemaghs, colours: black/green, black/white, sand/black, red/white. Price for each £6.99 + £2.99 p+p. Phone 0717 900 900 or write to Silverman's, Mile End, London E1 4PS.

Military, Red Cross, sports, coronation, police, school, masonic and miscellaneous medals and badges. Send 2 x 24p stamps for list: 18 Hollybank Road, Birkenhead, Merseyside L41 2SY.

Military Insignia, 1994 54 page illustrated catalogue £2, refundable on first order, lists hundreds of current British insignia including officers' badges, DZ flashes, anodised, plus worldwide elite insignia. Lapworth (S), 15 Woodside Grove, Bristol, BS10 7RF.

Silverman's have available the following new PTI kit: Old Pattern PTI Tops £32.99, PTI Vests £7.99, PTI Belts £9.99, PTI Cloth Badges £2.99, Ron Hill Tracksters £14.99, New Rugby Shirts all cotton £15.99, Timex Sports Watches from £16.99. Free catalogue 0717 900 900 Info 0717 905 257, Order 0717 905 585. Silverman's, 2 Harford Street, Mile End, London E1 4PS.

Antique weapons. Largest selection for sale by mail order in England. Fully illustrated catalogue £5. Everything guaranteed original. Andrew Bottomley, Coach House, Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, Yorkshire HD7 2TT. Customer satisfaction our priority.

Military Clothing, Equipment - John Bull. Mail order 0765 604071. Retail Hildyard Way, Caterick Garrison, N Yorks 0748 833614. Full list on request. PRIs. Visa/Access. JB Military Clothing (S), 12 Littlethorpe Park, Ripon HG4 1UQ. 36p SAE. 0765 604071.

Condor Supplies, now open at 5a The Arcade, Bovington Camp, Wareham BH20 6JQ. Para smocks, wind-proof smocks, Soffie sleeping bags, bivvy bags, survival kits, Rucsacs, Mag-Lites, Petzl headtorches etc. SAE for price list. Tel: Robbo on 0929 405662.

Books - £1 on each copy to 'The Gurkha Welfare Trust'. "Even The Brave Falter" (£4) and the sequel "Wars Bring Scars" (£6.95), by E D Smith, 2 Balfour Mews, Station Road, Sidmouth EX10 8XL.

MILITARY BADGE AUCTIONS

A new concept in postal auctions

The first of 6 regular auctions for 1994.

14th February 1994

comprising over 500 lots of carefully vetted and accurately described military badges.

Please send for your complimentary catalogue ready January 1994.

PO Box 1989, Marlow, Bucks SL7 1NP

Tel & Fax 0628 822503

Genuine lots now being accepted for our April Sale

SAS Prints. Limited editions. Iranian Embassy by David Shephard £350 ono. The Sergeants Mess Meeting in Western Iraq signed by Gens Schwarzkopf, De la Billière, CO 22 SAS, RSM. Offers over £350. Write to: Box No 243, Soldier Magazine, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU.

Full/miniature size medals mounted for wear or display. Send for full list of new miniature medals, ribbon emblems, brooches, ribbon bars, clasps etc., and medal mounting costs. Access/Visa welcome. SAE appreciated. Worcestershire Medal Services, 25 Golden Cross Lane, Catshill, Bromsgrove B61 0LG. Tel: 0527 835375.

Regimental Shields, Plaques and Shieldclocks. In good company with most Regiments and Corps of the British Army we made your Shields for the Falklands, The Gulf and now Bosnia and Croatia and most other UN locations. Let us design your Regimental and Operational Shields, write for a full colour brochure to: Lydia Worthington, Military Marketing, 16 Riverway, Shipston on Stour CV36 4RD. Telephone and Fax 0608 663770. Minimum order 25 Shields. £9.50 no VAT outside the UK. Shieldclocks £17.00. T/C

Tune Belt, the original Radio Cassette Holder, £14.95 inc p&p. From Tune Belt UK, Belle Vue, Hornby, Lancs LA2 8LX. Tel & Fax 05242 21259. 25-03

Original British Military Badges bought and sold with money-back guarantee. Send sae for sample catalogue including: cap, collar, trade and proficiency badges, shoulder-titles, buttons, formation signs and propaganda leaflets. Specialist in rare "Staybrites", N. Ireland issue cloth beret badges, Gulf War badges and DZ flashes. Ian Kelly (Military), PO Box 18, South PDO, Manchester M14 6BB. 02-04

SOLDIER Magazine Binders - collect your copies of SOLDIER in our easy to use binders. Sold in sets of two, the binders feature a full colour magazine style cover, and will each hold up to thirteen magazines. Cost per two binders, inclusive of VAT and p&p, is £8.75 UK/BFPO/overseas surface mail, and £11.50 airmail. To order your binders send your name, address and cheque/PO payable to "Soldier" to Soldier Magazine Binders, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU. T/C

Cap badges, regimental ties, blazer badges, medals, insignia. Send £1 for list to: Cairncross (Dept S), 31 Belle Vue Street, Filey, North Yorks YO14 9HV. 21/94

Army Cap Badges. Send SAE plus 50p for lists to: Clans and Regiments, 14 Elm Grove, Aldbrough, East Yorkshire HU11 4RQ. Guarantee and generous discounts. T/C

Commemorative Desert Storm Blazer Badge depicting three Services on Union Jack background. High quality threaded three-colour patch. Send £2.50+50p post and packing to: Battle Orders Ltd, 71 Eastbourne Road, Lower Willington, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN20 9NR. Tel: 0323 485182. 22-02

"50th Anniversaries" Normandy - Arnhem. 5"x5" framed goldwire badges - your regt, corps, commando, sqdrn etc. £12 + p&p. Blazer badges £10 + p&p. One off a speciality at £10 + p&p. Motifs of Oldham, 11 Dalehead Drive, Shaw, Oldham, Lancs OL2 8JT. Phone/Fax 0706 846648. 25-02

Solid brass statuettes, shields, crests and key rings. Modern and WWII statuettes, presentation pieces made to order with or without engraving. For full price list send SAE: Austin Farina, Black Horse Cottage, Gorcott Hill, Beoley, Worcs B98 9EU. Tel: 0527 852831. 18-02

Gift Services

Why not give someone "A Title for a Tenner". What a gift/presentation idea! Details from S A Survival, Gayfield, Arbroath, Scotland DD11 1QJ. 19-03

Hug Vouchers. Why not send one? Someone you know deserves one. Only £1.50 each or 5 for £6. Only available from: Hugs & Co., East Seaton Farm Cottage, Arbroath, Scotland DD11 5SD. 23-02

Holidays

Harare, Zimbabwe. Large, comfortable, well appointed flatlet in family home, double-bed, en suite, separate entrance, available to mature guests from UK on B&B basis. Colour TV, patio, spacious garden. Situated 8km from city centre (25km from airport) in attractive, low-density northern suburb. Ideal as base for flying visits to Victoria Falls, Hwange game reserve etc. Rates approx £9 single (£18 double) per night. Write to T. Parkin, 15 The Balk, Walton, Wakefield WF2 6VZ. Tel: 0924 257158.

Ski Tignes. French Alps. S/c apts. in chalet. 300km pistes. 102 lifts. British owners in residence. Tel: Robin on 081-940 1270 or Gordon on 0932 782439. 21-04

Cyprus apartment (sleeps 5), overlooking Pissouri Bay, idyllic peaceful location. Also available studio and 1 bedroom apt. 051-342 1283. 25-02

Houselets

GREENFIELD PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

WHY PAY UP TO 20% ESTATE AGENTS PRICES. USE THE SPECIALISED SERVICES OF THIS OLD ESTABLISHED PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY FOR HALF THAT FIGURE - ★ 10%★

★ NO HIDDEN EXTRAS ★

WE PROVIDE A COMPLETE, COMPREHENSIVE, EFFICIENT AND RELIABLE SERVICE FOR YOU. WE LOOK AFTER YOUR PROPERTY USING EXPERIENCED STAFF SPECIALISED IN DEALING WITH HM FORCES WITH OVER 20 YEARS' EXPERIENCE AND EX-MILITARY BACKGROUND.

★ FIND OUT ABOUT OUR FULL RANGE OF SERVICES ★

INCLUDING:
 ★ LOW FEES ★ FULL INSURANCE COVER
 ★ FREE SURVEYS/VALUATIONS
 ★ PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Telephone or write for brochure:
 GREENFIELD PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
 GREENFIELD HOUSE, DOWLANDS LANE,
 COPTHORNE, WEST SUSSEX RH10 3HX
 TEL/FAX: (0342) 718671 (24HRS)
 ★ THE BEST SERVICE GUARANTEED ★ D5

Belvedere Property Management. Experts at letting property in London and South of England. Our ex-military staff provide a comprehensive, reliable and professional Property Rental Management Service, adapted to meet the needs of HM Forces. Our fees are competitive and inclusive. Contact our Head Office now for our brochure. Belvedere Property Management, Millmead House, Ratfyn Road, Amesbury, Wilts SP4 7DZ. Telephone (0980) 625066, Fax (0980) 625067. T/C

Wyvern & Sarum. With offices in Salisbury and Warminster and 200 properties, our ex-Service staff are very experienced in managing properties for Service Landlords. Telephone 0722 421701 or 0985 846905. T/C

Information

Mainwaring: Historian seeks information, contact with descendants or collaterals, etc. Re. Arthur Edward Mainwaring (1864-1930) sometime Lt Col Royal Dublin Fusiliers. Write to Peter Scott, 6 Cranleigh Gardens, South Croydon CR2 9LD. 02/94

Property for Sale

Ripon, North Yorkshire. Four bedroom detached house in quiet location. GCH. Garage. Potting shed. Offers in the region of £82,500. Send SAE for full details to Box No 240, Soldier Magazine, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU, England. 01-04

Three bed semi-detached house on private estate, seven miles from Bath and Chippenham at Colerne, Wiltshire. Part CH, cavity and roof insulated, utility room extension. Immediate occupation on completion of contract. Ideal for renting or getting you on the property market. Freehold £55,000. Waterman: 0695 22088 or 0744 22255 ext 8633. 02/94

Reunions

Queens Regiment All Ranks Reunion. The Queens Regiment All Ranks Reunion will take place on 5 March 1994 at Services Victory Club, Marble Arch. All welcome. Tickets £8 from: Secretary, RHQ. Tel: 0227 763434 ext 4254. 02/94

Services

Low cost household insurance. Covers MSQ, MFO, tenants' liability, plus mess dress. From £45 per year. BMIS, 8 Whiteacres Close, Gosport PO12 4XD. Tel: 071-928 0950. 18-02

Martin E. Earl Bookfinders. Established and professional service supplying hard to find titles on all subjects. No fees or obligation. 6 Clerkenwell Cottages, Haddenham, Bucks HP17 8BJ. Tel: 0844 292083. 25-03

Printing - Draw Tickets - Low, low prices. All forms of Unit, Club Mess and personal stationery. Reasonable prices. Ring for a free quote. Servisprint 0305 835150 or Fax 0305 834692. 12/94

Low cost household insurance, covers MSQ, MFO, tenants, liability etc. From £45 per year. Household and General Insurance Services, FREEPOST (SE8601), London SE1 7BP. Tel: 0956 283902. 02-25

Loans £1,000-£10,000. No deposit. No security required. Tenants welcome. Cars, home improvements, furniture, clear loans, HP, credit cards, cash spare. Norstar Finance, 0929 423925. 9am-9pm 7 days. 24-03

Training

BRITISH ADVENTURER TOM McCLEAN

offers his unique Outdoor Centre on shores Loch Nevis. Ideal base for Regular and TA Soldiers for adventure training, R&R etc. Self-Catering groups 15-24. From £60 per person per week. Cost includes accommodation, electricity, boats, canoes, clay pigeon shooting, etc. Open all year.

Brochure: Ardingtigh, Loch Nevis, Mallaig, Inverness-shire
 Tel: 0687 2274 anytime D5

Wanted

Gulf War militaria bought by historian, e.g. badges, propaganda leaflets, photographs, printed ephemera and souvenirs etc., Laurie Manton, c/o Soldier Magazine, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU D4/T/C

Modern campaign medals to Royal Artillery, ie South Atlantic, Gulf, GSM for Gulf, N. Iraq, S. Turkey and Kuwait. Minimum £50 paid. Contact: Box 242, Soldier Magazine, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU. 02/94

Locations of graves of VC, Light Brigade and other "important" military figures required by researcher. Also wishes to buy miniature VCs. Details to Box 244, Soldier Magazine, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU. 02-06

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE - CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

All classified advertisements are accepted on a prepaid basis only, and are subject to the following conditions.

The Publishers reserve the right to decline any copy material of which they may not approve whether an order shall have been accepted or not. All advertisements are accepted subject to approval and conditionally upon space being available. The Publishers reserve the right to make any alteration they consider necessary or desirable in an advertisement to meet their approval. The Publishers also reserve the right to cancel or suspend any advertisement without stating a reason.

While every endeavour will be made to meet the wishes of advertisers, the Publishers do not guarantee the insertions of any particular advertisement.

The Publishers shall not be liable for any loss or damage occasioned by any total or partial failure (however caused) of publication or distribution of any edition in which any advertisement is scheduled to appear.

The Publishers shall not be liable for errors occurring after the first insertion of an advertisement in a series. It is the responsibility of the advertiser to inform the Publishers of any such error in sufficient time to allow amendment. A voucher copy will not be supplied.

Advertisements will be placed under the following headings:

Accommodation, Business Opportunities, Cars, Cars Wanted, Entertainment, Exhibitions, For Sale, Gift Services, Holidays, Houselets, Notices, Property for Sale, Reunions, Services, Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Training, Wanted. Other headings will be applied if deemed acceptable by the Publishers.

The placing of an order for the insertion of an advertisement shall amount to an acceptance of the above conditions and any conditions stipulated by an agency or advertiser shall be void insofar as they are in conflict with them. D4

Please mention **SOLDIER** when replying to advertisements

SOLDIER

Too good to dismiss - take out a subscription now!

Telephone: 0252 347353

ARMY SPORTS LOTTERY RESULTS

DECEMBER 11, 1993

Ten-way tie for first prize (21 goals, £450 each): Lt Col J Adams, Royal School of Artillery, Larkhill; Maj A D Brown, HQ ARRC, BFPO 39; Sgt T P Egan, 89 PC Regt RLC, SHAPE, BFPO 26; Gnr T T J Hughes, 22 Regt RA, Kirton in Lindsey; Cpl U M Preece, 1 Green Howards, Catterick; LCpl P J Roper, 1 GS Regt RLC, BFPO 47; Maj K Stafford, HQ MND(C), AFCENT, BFPO 28; Sgt S D Tetlow, 3 CS Regt RLC, Abingdon; Capt P H Tilley, 40 Regt RA, BFPO 30; Cpl D A Ward, JATE, RAF Brize Norton.

DECEMBER 18, 1993

First prize (20 goals, £2,000) Cpl M Evans, MoD DASD.

Eight-way tie for second prize (19 goals, £312.50 each): Maj R S Appleton, MoD Di 24 (A) (two time winner); Cpl S R Cadden, 4 R Irish, BFPO 804; Cpl L A Edwards, ODG, BFPO 16; WO2 M P Franks, Army Apprentice College, Chepstow; Sgt M A Paver, 59 Indep Cdo Sqn RE, Plymouth; SSgt P Ritchie, 2 LI, BFPO 16; Cpl P Somers, London Dist Pro Coy, WO2 G Stubberfield, Royal Monmouthshire RE.

DECEMBER 25, 1993

Four-way tie for first prize (18 goals, £975 each): Sgt H R Bell, 186 Wksp Coy REME, Newcastle upon Tyne; Maj F D F Drury, HQ 54 (EA) Bde, Colchester; Cpl R J Hope, HQ

ARRC, BFPO 39; Pte A K Jones, Log Sp Bn AMF (L), Bulford.

Ten-way tie for fifth prize (17 goals, £60 each): Maj K F Draycott, 1 RRW, Tern Hill; Sig J M Finn, 3 (UK) Div HQ & Signal Regt, Bulford; LCpl D Holt, 38 Engr Regt, Ripon; SSgt A Johnston, DISS, Ashford; Cpl A Killoran, 32 Engr Regt, BFPO 30; Cpl A Y Kinnear, 4 R Irish, BFPO 804; WO2 D A Metcalfe, Birmingham University OTC; Sgt W H Porter, ACIO Belfast; Cpl L M Roberts, 176 Pro Coy, BFPO 807; SSgt J Stewart, 230 Tpt Sqn RLC (V), Edinburgh.

JANUARY 1, 1994

Two-way tie for first prize (17 goals, £1,500 each): Sgt P H Smith, 1 DERR, Catterick; Sgt G J P Stephen, 1 BW, BFPO 1.

Twelve-way tie for second prize (16 goals, £125 each): SSgt D L Chalmers, Sp Bn HQ ARRC, BFPO 39; SSgt A Elliott, 220 Signal Sqn, BFPO 43; Sgt B J Fraser, 12 Regt RA Wksp REME, BFPO 20; Maj N D G Gershon, HQ ARRC, BFPO 39; Maj N E Montagu, 33 Engr Regt (EOD), Wimbish; WO2 C N Murray, 28 Engr Regt, BFPO 31; Capt M T Sands, 5 Regt RA, Catterick; Sgt S B Savage, 522 Pnr Sqn RLC, Kineton; Cpl D Tempest, 33 Engr Regt (EOD), Wimbish; Cpl F M Urquhart, HQ UKLF, Wilton; Cpl D A Ward, JATE, RAF Brize Norton (two time winner); Maj S A B Ward, HQBF Cyprus, BFPO 53.



Exclusive **SOLDIER Shields**

We now have available a limited number of quality **SOLDIER Shields**, showing the magazine's official insignia on a dark wood base, measuring 180 x 140mm.

The shields make an ideal gift for the military enthusiast, or to add to a collection.

Price **£17 (UK)** and **£19 elsewhere**, inc p and p.

To order your shield simply send your cheque/PO, payable to 'Soldier', together with your name and address to:

**SOLDIER SHIELD,
SOLDIER Magazine,
Ordnance Road,
Aldershot,
Hants
GU11 2DU**

Allow 28 days for delivery

Please mention
SOLDIER
when replying to
advertisements

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

NAME

ADDRESS.....

CLASSIFIED HEADING

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30

If you need more space, or do not wish to cut the magazine, please write clearly on plain paper

COST: 25p PER WORD, **MINIMUM CHARGE £5.00**, VAT AT 17.5% **MUST BE ADDED**

BOX NUMBER, IF REQUIRED, @ £2.00 + VAT PER INSERTION

NB: NAME AND ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN COST

ALL CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS **MUST** BE PREPAID AND WILL BE INSERTED IN THE FIRST AVAILABLE ISSUE

____ WORDS AT 25p = £____
X ____ INSERTIONS = £____
BOX NUMBER = £____
VAT AT 17.5% = £____
TOTAL ENCLOSED = £____
CHEQUE/PO Number _____ (Payable to SOLDIER)

Send to:
CLASSIFIED ADS
SOLDIER
ORDNANCE ROAD
ALDERSHOT
HANTS GU11 2DU

Western Isles set challenge

ROYAL Artillery personnel based at the range on Benbecula are to provide logistic support for the Western Isles Challenge, a novel competition to be staged on April 27-28 across some of the least-known terrain in Europe.

Teams of up to four plus back-up are being sought for the 200-mile challenge which will take contestants from Barra Head to the Butt of Lewis. Bicycles, dinghies, sailboards and hang gliders are expected to feature. Further details are available from Ian Callaghan on 085 985 238 (fax: 085 985 277).



Sgt Rod Finch in contention during the international middle distance race at Durham

Boxers ready for the Navy

ARMY boxers warmed up for the Royal Navy match with two convincing wins just before Christmas.

They beat a London ABA team at Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent by six bouts to two, and followed up with a 6-1 win over a Western Counties select team at Bristol.

The Inter-Service team championship gets under way on January 20 when the Army entertain the Navy in the Boxing Centre at Aldershot, and it is certain to be a baptism of fire for new coach Sgt Norman Phillips.

Whatever the relative strengths of the two teams, sailor and soldier always bring the best out of each other and the evening is rarely a disappointment for amateur boxing enthusiasts.

Norman Phillips, who took over from Mick Gannon in the summer, said: "If all goes well we will have a strong side out against the Navy, including a few new faces."

The Army, who have been Inter-Service champions for ten consecutive years, will be



Fus Dale Duncan, who was in action against the Russians

captained again by ABA champion LCpl Chris Bessey, one of only two home winners on the Combined Services bill against Russian Combined Services at HMS Nelson, Portsmouth in December.

Bessey looked very impres-

sive in outpointing his opponent on an evening when the Russians had things pretty much under control. Fus Dale Duncan (1 RRF), the only other soldier on the main bill, lost on points.

LCpl Vinny Powell (RE), an ABA finalist last year, returned to action in a special bout and forced a third round retirement from the Navy's contender for the Services' championship. There was a second boost for the Army when Gdsm Kevin Shaw (WG) also won a special contest.

Another to watch out for in the Army-Navy match is LCpl Steve Burford, the England heavyweight who reached last year's ABA finals.

Tickets are available from HQ Aldershot Garrison Sports Office (Aldershot Mil 4084 or 4155) at £4.50 (ringside, reserved) or £3.50 (Service personnel with ID £1.50) at the door.

The RN-RAF match is at Portsmouth on February 3 and the RAF host the Army at Cosford, near Wolverhampton on February 17.

Deepcut to host the corps

THIS year's Inter-Corps cross country championships at Deepcut on March 9 are certain to produce a new name on the men's trophy - the first two races were won by the RAOC.

The 1993 race was the RAOC team's swansong before the corps became part of the new Royal Logistic Corps.

Individual winners were Pte Darren Stephenson (1 PWO) and Cpl Kelly Holmes, who led the Adjutant General's Corps to victory.

Entries for the third running of the championships should be in to the secretary of the Army Athletics Association by February 7 and further information can be obtained by contacting Capt Peter Marsh on Bicester Mil (724) 2112.

The Training Regiment and Depot RLC at The Princess Royal Barracks is hosting the event, which will be run over six miles for the men and four miles for the women. Both courses involve a number of steep hills.



LCpl Alan Shepherd (3) keeps pace with the leaders during the 8,300m event at Durham

Rod in frame at Gateshead

ARMY athletes again competed at both the Gateshead and Durham international cross country races and turned in excellent performances, writes Peter Marsh.

At Gateshead, Sgt Rod Finch confirmed his position as one of the country's leading middle distance runners with a superb effort in the 1,900m international event which earned him third place in a very strong field, just three seconds behind the winner.

Over the longer 6,900m course, LCpl Alan Shepherd took on some of the world's best distance men and finished just over 60 seconds behind the winner.

In the veterans' event, Sgt Bill Bailey, who has just moved into the over-40 class, served notice on the national selectors with a fine fifth place in a field which included several current international athletes. In the same race, Maj Les Wood was second in the over-45 age group.

Army positions at the Gateshead meeting were:

Senior men's open 3,500m - 5, Tpr Steve Haywood; 9, LCpl John Smith (2 Sig Regt); 14, Pte Carl Dunne (1 R Anglian).

Men's middle distance international 1,900m - 3, Sgt Rod Finch (3 Para).

Men's international 6,900m - 36, LCpl Alan Shepherd (23 PFA); 49, Cpl Colin Palmer (Dep Regt RE); 52, Sgt Ian Atkinson (HQ 42 Bde); 83, Cpl Lee Boston (2 Sig Regt); 96, SSgt John Lennon (23 Div Tp Sqn).

Veteran men's 5,200m - 5, Sgt Bill Bailey (2 Sig Regt); 13, LCpl Shaun Malone (14 Sup Regt); 15, Capt Peter Marsh (16 Regt RLC); 17, Maj Les Wood (2 Sig Regt); 29, SSgt Jeff Baker (ACIO Peterborough).

Junior men - 24, Pte Nigel Bomford (23 PFA); 42, Pte Dinger Bell (2 Sig Regt); 48, Pte Jamie Webber Fryer (Army Sch of Catering).

The County Durham international races were held at Beamish on a frosty New Year's Day and attracted good quality fields in all events.

In the opening race, the junior men's open, Pte Nigel Bomford's steady improvement continued with a fine 15th.

Rod Finch, trying to shake off a bout of 'flu, nevertheless achieved a creditable 10th place in a class international

middle distance field. He lost touch with the leaders only in the closing stages as he ran out of steam as the pace began to hot up.

Race organisers combined the senior men and veteran events, which made for an interesting competition.

LCpl Alan Shepherd ran very positively in the leading group and his reward was a fifth place which will boost his confidence for the Army championships.

Bill Bailey accounted for all the veterans in the race with the exception of former Olympian Mike McCloud, with fellow Army veteran Maj Glen Grant not far behind in third position.

Durham results were:

Junior men's 5,800m - 15, Pte Nigel Bomford.

International middle distance 3,600m - 10, Sgt Rod Finch.

Senior and veteran men's open, 8,300m - 5, LCpl Alan Shepherd; 11 (2nd vet), Sgt Bill Bailey; 15 (3rd vet), Maj Glen Grant (Greenwich Naval College); 18, Cpl Gareth Williams (Depot Regt RE); 26, Cpl Lee Boston; 45 (2nd over-45s), Maj Colin Walker (3 RSME); 50, Capt Peter Marsh (16 Regt RLC).

Jennings's 12 of the best sinks Royal Navy

REME won a very competitive Inter-Corps indoor hockey tournament staged at RAF Newton, with APTC finishing as runners up.

Army selectors had a very good opportunity to see the talent on display and used the tournament to select a team for the Combined Services indoor championships at HMS Collingwood.

They got it absolutely right, because the Army won both the senior and Under-21 competitions.

The senior clash between Army and the Royal Air Force was a memorable affair, with the soldiers equalising at 9-9 just 20 seconds from the final whistle.

At the break the Army trailed 4-5, with SSgt Ian Jennings scoring a hat trick and LCpl Burton the fourth. At one time in the second half 'keeper Lt Igor Johnstone and Jennings were both given two-minute suspensions, leaving just four men on court and no goalkeeper.

But the depleted ranks defended superbly, conceding just two more goals before the side was restored to full strength. With four minutes left and the RAF 9-6 ahead, defeat seemed inevitable for the Army.

In an intensely exciting finale SSgt Marston-Weston, scored twice in a minute and Cpl Green got the equaliser with seconds remaining.

After the airmen had beaten the Royal Navy 10-5, the Army had to beat the Navy by six clear goals to prevent the RAF retaining the title. They managed it comfortably, Jennings smashing in 12 of the Army's 19 goals against five in reply.

In the first Under-21 game the Army shot down the RAF 10-2, with hat tricks from skipper Sig James and Spr Conetta. Needing only a draw in the final game, the Army juniors beat the Navy 3-2, James getting two. The Navy beat the RAF 6-2.



Britain leads the world

Cpl Mark Tout (pictured left) has moved into the lead in the World Cup bobsleigh series. As **SOLDIER** went to press it was learned that Tout was heading the four-man bob points table after the fourth competition in the series.

Pictured in action on the opposite page during earlier World Cup competitions, Tout and his crew now go to the British championships at La

Plagne in France to win selection for the Winter Olympics before the final World Cup races at St Moritz on January 23-30. Cpl Sean Olsson was ninth in the four-man rankings after four races and WO2 Pete Gunn 33rd.

In the two-man competition, Tout was fourth, Olsson – who won a bronze in Calgary – 14th and Gunn 41st.

Sussex fall to in-form soldiers

Sussex 0,
Army 2

IN THEIR best performance of the season so far, the Army beat Sussex by two goals to nil in the first match of their defence of the South West Counties Championship, writes **Derrick Bly**.

Although without SSgt Kevin Parkins, Pte Pete Batey and Sig Jim Strouts, the visitors found admirable deputies in the forms of Gnr Lee Bluck, LSgt Patsy Fagan and Sgt Steve Davis.

Both 'keepers were in action during the first half, with SSgt Nigel Wiscombe looking particularly secure in the Army goal. Sussex did hit a post and Sig Joe Collins, back after injury, saved one threatening situation.

At the other end, Davis and Cpl Dave Maynard were both denied strikes on goal.

Davis broke the deadlock in the 52nd minute when he neatly sidestepped the Sussex goalkeeper after Bluck had made the opening.

After Wiscombe had twice saved well, the Army scored a second when Sgt Steve Bates, who had a superb second half, lobbed the Sussex defence for Maynard to run clear and find SSgt Alex Higgins who slid the ball home.

The second goal capped a terrific Army performance and puts the side in high morale for the second match in the championship against Dorset on January 24.



Mass start in the relay race on the second day of the Army and BAOR orienteering championships in Berlin. WO2 Richard Bonnett sprints into the lead

MoD stay clear of RHA after protest

MORE than 400 orienteers from as far away as Hong Kong, the Hebrides and Northern Ireland gathered in Berlin for the 1993 five-day BAOR and Army individual and inter-unit championships.

A fast course produced very quick times on the first day in the individual event at Schaferberg by Warinsee in south west Berlin.

At the end of it the MoD team held a six-minute lead over 7 RHA in the Major Units competition, while AGC Centre, Worthy Down were in

contention for the Minor honours with Vehicle and Weapons Branch REME. In the women's event HQ NI and 15 Signal Regiment had a big lead over HQ UKLF.

The second, relay, day of the inter-units was staged on the relatively flat Konradshöhe in Tegel Sud. But after a protest lodged over control descriptions, the committee decided to base the Major Units result on the first day finishes. Minor and women's teams, whose relay teams were not affected, contested both days.

MoD were declared the Major Unit Army champions with 7 RHA second, and QRH and 5 Regt RA first and second in the BAOR competition; in the Minors, AGC Centre were first with Veh and Wpns Br REME second (BAOR – 1, 14 Topo Sqn RE; 2, BMH Iserlohn); and HQNI and 15 Sig Regt won the Army women's title ahead of HQ UKLF, with 16 Sig Regt and 14 Sig Regt first and second in the BAOR competition.

Individual champions were – Army men, Capt Christopher Sanderson RLC; Army women, Capt Wendy Allen AGC(ETS); BOAR men, Bdr Gary Priestley; BAOR women, Capt Jeanne Ebling REME.

BAOR will next stage the Army championships in 1996.

Army rider claims skeleton title

Cpl Mark Wood of 1 ADSR won the British skeleton bob championships at Altenberg, with Cpl Tim Hathaway (REME att 40 Fd Regt) the runner up. Fourteen of the 22 competitors were from the Army. Story in next issue.



Above – A jubilant Great Britain bob driven by Cpl Mark Tout (RTR) finish second to Germany in the third World Cup race, giving them the silver medal and fourth place in the world rankings

Right – Cpl Mark Tout's GB 1 crew on the start of their lauf to take the bronze medal in the first World Cup race

Tout takes World Cup silver medal

EIGHT members of the 12-strong Great Britain team competing in the World Cup bobsleigh series are serving in the Army and have already enjoyed astonishing success.

Cpl Mark Tout (RTR) drives GB1, Cpl Sean Olsson (Para) GB2, and WO2 Pete Gunn (AAC) GB3.

At Altenberg in the first race Tout took the bronze and Olsson was sixth, and the following day Tout finished second, 200ths of a second behind the German No 1 bob. Olsson slipped to 12th, mere fractions of a second behind the lead.

Gunn, a junior last season, has crept up the rating into the mid-twenties.

Tout and Olsson seem certain to qualify for Olympic selection, and a good performance by Gunn at the British championships could also ensure his selection for the winter games in Norway.



SOLDIER



Soldiers of 5 Airborne Brigade Logistic Battalion manhandle a trailer loaded with ammunition up a hill in the grounds of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst during the brigade march and shoot competition. Story in page 11

Picture: Mike Weston