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THIS ISSUE

Left – D and D splendour. In time of war he would be a machine gunner. A feature on the Bulford based regiment starts on Page 24.



Above – Maj Cherry Lewis-Taylor (holding picture left) and her all woman crew. They beat a crew of Servicemen into Sydney. Read how they did it on Page 52.



Below – A hundred years of Army football history laid out in an appropriate manner. A three page feature on the Army Football Association starts on Page 14.



NEXT ISSUE

● **SOLDIER** has been to Cyprus to report on the NEFSKI – Near East Forces Ski – championships and to visit local units. Our next issue will include stories about 3 RTR handing over to the 17th/21st Lancers, 62 Cyprus Sp Sqn, 2 Coldm Gds, 48 Wksp REME, the Adventurous Training Centre and others.

● **POD** is the Potential Officer Development course through which soldiers become subalterns. We have been to the RAEC Centre at Beaconsfield to see how the Army is tackling the growing problem of meeting officer targets.

LETTERS

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Opinions expressed by former RSM John Kelly on the subject of working Army wives (SOLDIER, February 22) have brought a swift response from both Army wives and Army husbands. Some of them are printed below, beginning with Capt K F Draycott's contribution which wins him our star letter book prize.

IN DEFENCE OF A MODERN WIFE

I must say a few words in defence of the aspirations of the modern Army wife. I have served in the Army since 1960 in all ranks up to captain. For two years I was employed as Families Officer of my battalion in BAOR and was on the receiving end of all the wives' complaints to which Mr Kelly refers – and more.

Whether we like it or not the Army is a reflection of modern society from which, after all, we recruit our soldiers and obtain our wives. Many wives like to work for reasons other than financial hardship.

An infantry soldier in BAOR today is likely to spend six months each year away from barracks, in Northern Ireland, Canada, on exercises and training. A wife with a full time job finds this separation much easier to cope with.

Most complaints about unemployment pay and sickness benefits refer specifically to the

situation in BAOR. As Anne Armstrong frequently points out, BAOR is in many cases forgotten by the DHSS and Social Services and this comes as a great shock to many wives on arrival.

Add to this the much lower availability of jobs here and their sense of frustration can be understood only too easily.

If Mr Kelly were to meet a selection of Army wives today I am sure he would find they still have the basic qualities of British Army wives throughout history, but in addition the wholly praiseworthy aspirations of modern womanhood. – Capt K F Draycott, 1st Bn The Royal Regiment of Wales, Stornoway Barracks, BFPO 41.

PRIZE
LETTER

Freedom to work

Does ex RSM John Kelly forget what we fought for? It was called freedom. Freedom of choice for women also.

Army wives work through necessity. Young soldiers with families are struggling to live just like any other families.

I am a serving WO and my wife works as well as looking after the family, although we share the chores. The advantage of my wife working is that it gives us those extra pennies to better our standard of living.

So, Mr Kelly and Mr Worley, come out of the dark ages, talk to young soldiers as I have and see their problems. – WO2 D G Morrison, PSI, 251 Sqn RCT (V), Corsehill Mount Road, Dreghorn, Irvine KA11 4JZ.



Arnhem image

Going for a song . . .

Can anyone let me know the words of the First World War song "Only a piece of Khaki your Daddy wore at Mons"? I was stationed for a time at Bordon, Hants and near Guildford in Surrey. – William Hook, Apt 203, 2537 Lakeshore Boulevard W, Toronto M8V IE8, Ontario, Canada.

Maj Gen John Frost, commander of 2 Para at Arnhem, receives on behalf of the Airborne Forces Museum the campaign stars and medals of ex Sgt James Barnbrook (left) who was wounded and captured during Operation Market Garden. The frame includes a portrait of Mr Barnbrook, painted in watercolours manufactured from brick dust and soil inside Stalag Luft IVb, by a Dutch prisoner of war

Wives brigade on the march!

Is Mr Kelly really living in London? As F D Downie of Antwerpen rightly points out this is 1988, not the 1930s.

As a married soldier, I wish to stand up for my Army wife and let it be known that never before have I read such nonsense spouted about the Army wife. Does he not know that women of today are much more career minded?

Are we still living in the age where women are brought into

this world to bear children and keep a home tidy and running smoothly? My wife has worked since she left school; since marriage she has carried on working and also keeping the home clean and tidy.

I help my wife in her marital chores as do most men.

Take cover Mr Kelly, the rolling pin brigade are on the march! – SSgt Harvey Maule, 3 Spinney Gardens, Hythe, Southampton SO4 6JB.

Another view of Northern Ireland

I would like to pass a few remarks on the article headed "Soldier's Views of Life in Northern Ireland" (SOLDIER, February 8). I do not wish to sound endearing or unpatriotic, but I was amazed to read the remarks of some serving men.

My further advice would be to tell them to read more on the

subject, and curse the memory of our forefathers who caused it all. I doubt if any of them are aware of the fact that the British Army was formed (the first Regular Army) for the suppression of the Irish and the defence of the Protestant religion. – J Whalley, 14 Warden Court, Templar Street, Dover CT17 1EQ.

BFPO
HOAY!

Latest winner of SOLDIER's HOAY competition (No 431) is Barry Canes, c/o 4 Sqn RCT, 1 ADTR, BFPO 46. Congratulations Barry, a cheque for £50 is on its way to you. This issue's competition is on page 43.

Money isn't only reason for a career

We find Mr Kelly's attitude thoughtless and insensitive.

The arguments in favour of the working army wife put forward by F D Downie from Antwerp are entirely valid. However, financial consideration is not the only point at issue.

Many Army wives are well educated and qualified. It can be distressing to find that by marrying "into the Army" they are unable to follow the careers for which they have worked so hard.

Just as members of HM Forces take pride in their careers, so their wives gain confidence and self esteem by pursuing a rewarding career outside the home.

Remuneration is certainly a consideration but it may not be purely financial. Indeed, many wives find fulfilment in doing voluntary work. Such recently established schemes as Hive and Homestart demonstrate this.

For an intelligent and self motivated married woman, awareness of the world around her may not be enough – she needs a personal involvement in it, and should not be blamed for that.

We would not dream of censuring wives from the era of which Mr Kelly speaks for wanting to stay at home, but

times have changed. To expect an educated Western European woman to demand nothing more (in spite of her husband's frequent and prolonged absences) is living in the past (or Cloud Cuckoo Land!).

We write as two working wives in BAOR, one a qualified social services instructor, and the other a Montessori teacher and secretary. We were lucky enough to obtain jobs we enjoy in Germany, though both are outside our original fields of work.

We take pride in housekeeping and both enjoy cooking for our families and entertaining.

While respecting the ideals of motherhood and family life, BAOR should not become a "baby factory" through lack of other opportunities. – Mrs Vanessa Morgan and Mrs Sarah Allen, The Royal Hussars (PWO), Lumsden Barracks, BFPO 38.

REUNIONS and more
letters in Page 35

Calling . . .

● Jim Butler who served at RAOC Bicester with 16 Bn F Coy from 1953-54. Mr F A Tyler, 56 Ellgreave St, Burslem, Stoke on Trent ST6 4DH (tel 0782 85465) asks you to contact him.

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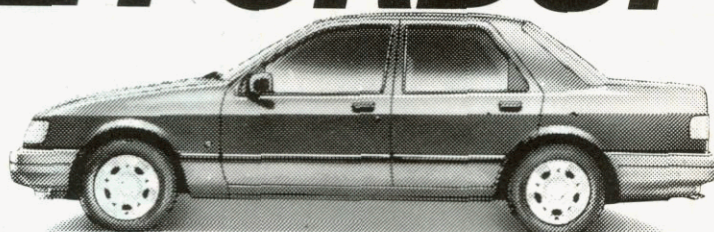
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Gordons go with gift of Freedom

WITH the advance party already at Fort George near Inverness, The 1st Battalion The Gordon Highlanders are set to leave BAOR where they have been stationed at Hemer since 1983.

At a special ceremony in the town, the Gordons were granted the Freedom of Hemer and presented with a new pipe banner.

The town commissioned the black and yellow banner which has the Hemer cypher emblazoned upon it. Afterwards the battalion exercised their newly granted Freedom by marching through the streets of Hemer with Colours flying, swords drawn and bayonets fixed.

In BAOR the Gordons operated as mechanised infantry until November 1983 when they became one of two battalions who operated in an air mobile role as part of 6 Air Mobile Brigade.

French drop in

OLD ties were re-established when 140 young officers from the Saint-Cyr Special Military School - France's Sandhurst - parachuted into Britain to visit Ribbesford Manor, Worcestershire, where Free French Army Officers were trained during the Second World War.

SIR JOHN TO TAKE OVER IN SEPTEMBER

GENERAL Sir John Chapple (pictured right), who has been appointed Chief of the General Staff with effect from September 1988 to succeed Gen Sir Nigel Bagnall, joined the King's Royal Rifle Corps as a National Serviceman in 1949 and was commissioned the following year.

After many years service with the Brigade of Gurkhas, he was in 1984 made Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Programmes and Personnel), responsible for military aspects of the long term defence programme, and for personnel matters such as pay and conditions of service affecting all three Services. In 1987 he became Commander-in-Chief United Kingdom Land Forces.

Gen Chapple is a Life Fellow of the Zoological Society and Chairman of the Society for Army Historical Research.



Dragon steps ashore

The Colours of the 1st Bn The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire) are carried ashore at Hong Kong's garrison headquarters from HMS Swift to mark the return of the dragon battalion to the Far East and commemorate the regiment's long association with the Royal Navy. The dragon in the battalion's cap badge was awarded for service in China during the opium wars (1840-42).

Stretch(er)ing a record . . .

TWO four-man teams from 3 Sqn of 9 Sig Regt (Radio) based in Cyprus stretched a point to create a new world record. More precisely, they stretchered a point.

They carried a stretcher with a dead weight of 10 stone a distance of 130 miles in 45 hours and five minutes, beating the seven year old American held record of 127 miles. The Cyprus effort was lead by LCpl Duncan Boyd who already holds the junior world record for the event, ratified by the Guinness Book of Records.

MoD reviews Waldheim evidence

FOLLOWING a report by a group of international historians into the circumstances surrounding the fate of British Servicemen captured in the Aegean and the involvement, if any, of the then Lt Waldheim, now President of Austria, the Ministry of Defence is appealing for evidence for its own review.

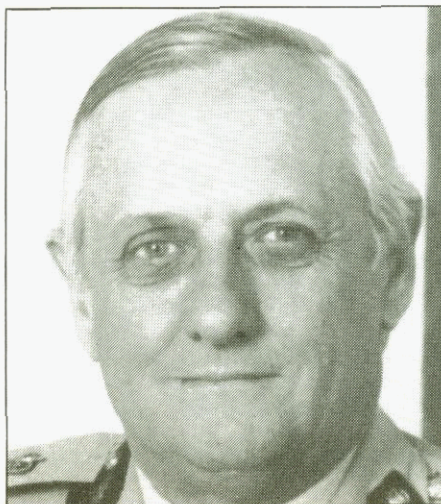
Anyone with relevant concrete evidence is urged to submit it to the MoD as soon as possible. In a written answer to the House of Commons Armed Forces Minister Mr Ian Stewart said: "I very much hope that anyone who has information to give will do so without delay so that the review can be completed as soon as possible."

Climber meets Everest team

ANOTHER piece of preparation for the Joint Services attempt on Everest this spring was conducted in Tokyo, when expedition deputy leader Lt Col Henry Day met members of the Japanese team who were the latest to attempt the West Ridge route.

Leader of the Defence Academy team, Tahashi Kawakami told Col Day how winds of 70 to 100 knots and a temperature as low as -30°C beat them back when they were ready to strike for the summit last October.

Col Day had met the team in Tibet last November when he was returning from Jade Venture, an expedition that narrowly failed to reach the summit of Xixabangma (8,027m), another of the world's giant peaks.



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ARMY MAKES SMART MOVE

MISERABLE days spent on wet, windy ranges could be a thing of the past if the Army gets SMART!

It has just bought two SMART systems – a computer-based Small Arms Rifle Trainer – for trial purposes. They are to be used to carry out concept evaluation to gather data on this type of trainer. Recruits at the Guards Depot Pirbright will use SMART this summer to see if their training is enhanced by the system and trained soldiers in Berlin Brigade will use one to see if marksmanship standards can be maintained.

SMART is based on computer-generated target displays and light pen technology, enabling soldiers to learn to shoot in a classroom – a new approach that is safer, cheaper and more practical for basic weapon training than a conventional range.

SMART-trained soldiers will be able to make better use of the limited opportunities for live firing available today.

Developed by Ferranti, the system consists of a central instructor console and up to ten firing positions. It provides comprehensive small arms training with realistic weapon recoil and shot reports.

Individual analysis and diagnosis of trainees' performances are also included as a coaching aid.

SMART uses an in-service rifle modified to contain light pen, pneumatic recoil and jump simulator, and function sensors. The



Dame Vera Lynn visited the 2nd Bn The Coldstream Guards while on holiday in Cyprus. Dame Vera, still very much the Forces' Sweetheart, called in on the Coldstream at Episkopi where they

have just taken up duties as resident battalion. Pictured with Dame Vera are members of 14 Platoon of 4 Coy. A feature on the 2 Bn in Cyprus will be appearing in SOLDIER.

Global travellers

JOIN the Army and see the world! A team from The Queen's Own Hussars based at Hohn, West Germany called in at Hong Kong and Singapore on their way to a six week adventurous training exercise in New Zealand. They plan to return via Sydney, Hawaii, San Francisco and Washington – so completing a round the world trip.

high resolution 20 inch monitor is positioned about 70cms from the rifle muzzle and can show many different types of target/range scenario. With certain software the system can even produce a battle scenario.

The instructor controls training from a central console with trainees receiving instructions through ear defenders which also simulate shot reports and enemy fire.

The Army's system will be based on the new SA 80 rifle.

Fusiliers exercise in Norway

MEN of the 2nd Bn The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers have been operating in a new and unusual role lately. The battalion, which until recently was stationed in Caterick, is now providing infantry support for the Allied Command Europe (ACE) Mobile Force.

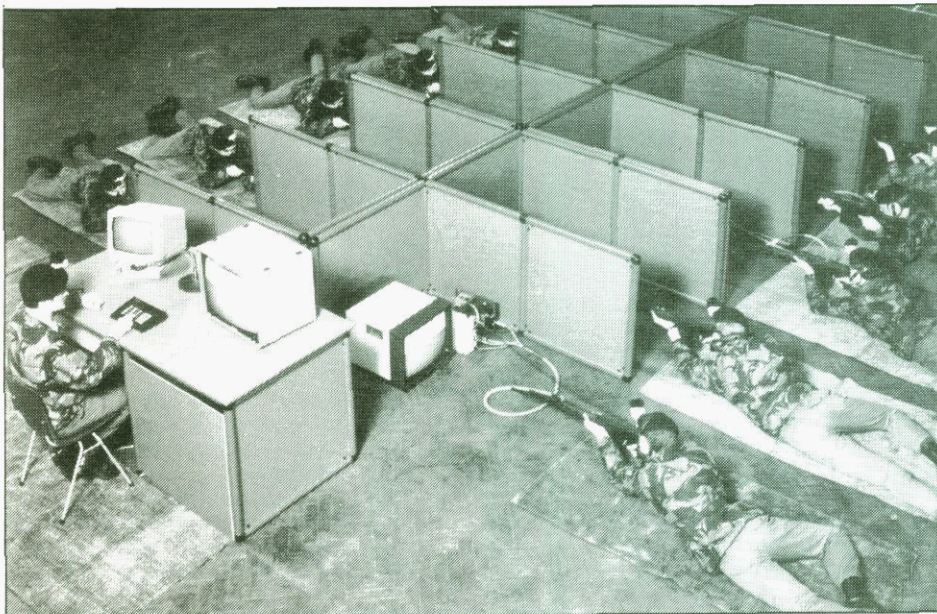
This multinational force made up of elite troops from eight nations is designed, trained and equipped to deter aggression all along the flanks of Nato.

The fusiliers are currently in Norway undergoing Arctic survival and warfare training in the mountains east of Bergen, before taking part in the Nato exercise Hardfall North, alongside the rest of the 1,600 strong British contingent.

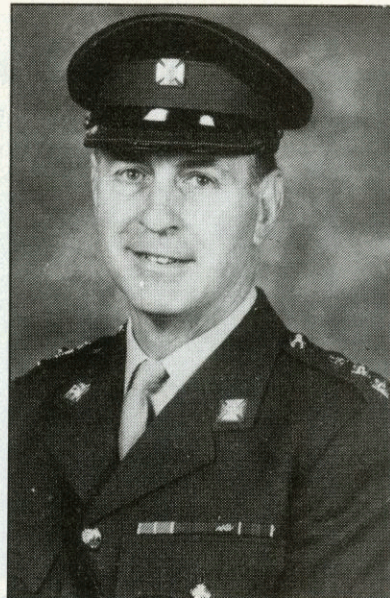
Rock bomb plot foiled

AN IRA bomb gang died when plans to explode a device during a military parade on Gibraltar were foiled by security forces. Soldiers shot dead two men and a woman after they had parked a car containing the bomb next to a petrol station not far from the Governor's residence.

Their target would have been men of the 1st Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment who arrived at Gibraltar last year after a tour in Northern Ireland.



Ten soldiers take aim on the SMART range



NEW Colonel of The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment is Brig Bill Turner (pictured above), who was commissioned into The Wiltshire Regiment in 1954 and was the first adjutant when the Wiltshires amalgamated with The Royal Berkshire Regiment to form the DERR in 1959.



Shirley goes for a record

BLOCKBUSTER BLANKET: Shirley crochets on

SHIRLEY Price is aiming to pull the wool over her own eyes! In fact she's got so much of the stuff she could pull it over quite a few others at the same time.

Shirley, whose husband Dvr Keith Price is a barman in the sergeants' mess of 54 Eng Sp and Amb Sqn RCT at Lubbecke, Germany, is attempting to crochet the

world's biggest blanket. She is half way towards her target of a single 50ft by 50ft square.

With three young children to look after as well, Shirley's certainly got her hands full.

Sponsorship money – so far she's raised DM1,300 – will go to a Service charity, while the blockbuster blanket will eventually be cut up and given to Help the Aged.



PAUL'S PARTING CUT

YOUNG sapper Paul Scoble was given his first haircut in man's service at 1 Tg Regt RE, Malvern by barber Bert Turner. Now, exactly 39 years later, Lt Col Paul Scoble has received his last trim in the Army – from the very same Bert Turner! Col Scoble reported for his final haircut before retiring as quartermaster of the Junior Leaders' Regiment RE at Dover, where Bert is now the regimental barber. But Paul is not quitting the Army completely. He is going to be the civilian TQM at 7 Regt AAC.



TOGETHER: Alfred, wife Jacqueline and Norman

LONG Service and Good Conduct Medals awarded to WO2 Alfred Meades and Cpl Norman Taylor of 3 Bn The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers have given the two friends another link in common. They trained as recruits of the Queen's Division Depot, Basingstoke, during which time Norman married Alf's sister, Yvonne.

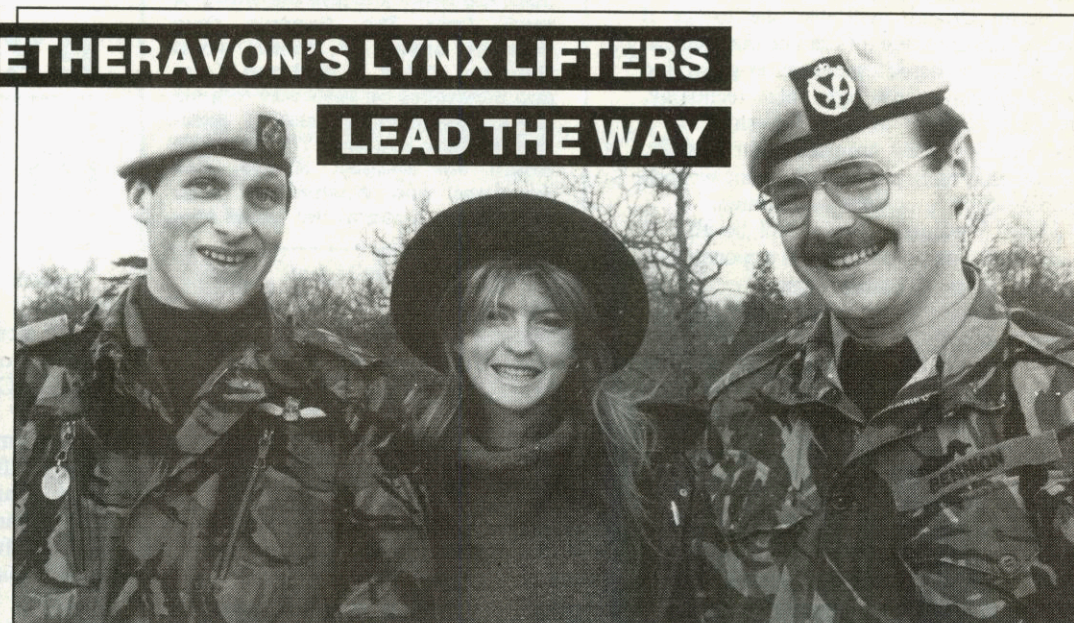
Medal mates

Yvonne could not get to Alma Barracks, Catterick Garrison for the medal presentation but Mrs Jacqueline Meades was there to support her husband and Norman.



NETHERAVON'S LYNX LIFTERS

LEAD THE WAY



ROOFING PARTY: Lt Fergusson (left) and Sgt Bennion with Blue Peter presenter Caron Keating

Cheshire double

CAPT Ron Goodwin was doubly proud to be on ceremonial guard duty with 1 Bn The Cheshire Regiment at Buckingham Palace – his son, also named Ron, was on guard with him. Young Ron is a corporal in the battalion which is returning to Dale Barracks, Chester, after a two year tour of ceremonial duties in London.

Ron senior has rejoined the regiment after two years as adjutant of the Belize Garrison.



Who's a lucky corporal?

LCPL Steve Maggs displays the Riddell Cup after being named 1 Bn The Queen's Lancashire Regiment's "Corporal of the Year". Steve, whose father John was a sergeant in 1 QLR, also won a colour TV and video recorder in the corporals' mess Christmas draw at the regiment's Paderborn, West Germany base. With luck like that his mates reckon he should soon be battalion RSM!

A LYNX helicopter of 656 Sqn AAC from Netheravon solved a weighty problem during repair work at Hammerwood House near East Grinstead, Sussex. In front of BBC TV's Blue Peter cameras pilot Lt Adam Fergusson and his team carefully lifted three huge rolls of lead on to the roof of the house, which was built in 1792 by Benjamin Latrobe who subsequently emigrated to America and designed Washington's Capitol building and the White House porticos.

Other members of the Lynx team were co-pilot Sgt Michael Galston, Sgt Shaun Bennion, LBdr Gary Fraser and Air Tpr Neil Turney.

PEOPLE

Kiwi takes over

AWARD FOR CITIZEN GENERAL

BERLIN's British Commandant, Maj Gen Patrick Brooking (pictured above), received a new honour when he became the first recipient of Wilmsdorf's "citizen's medal". The borough, which lies within the divided city's British Sector, has a close relationship with the British military. The award marks outstanding contributions to local people in the fields of sport and social concern.



KIWI EXCHANGE: Maj Warren Whiting and tiger skin

NEW commanding officer of 34 (Serangapatam) Battery of 14 Field Regiment RA is Maj Warren Whiting of the Royal Regiment of New Zealand Artillery.

Warren, who has served in such exotic locations as Fiji and Hawaii as well as New Zealand and Australia as both pilot and artillery officer, will be in command of the battery at Larkhill, Wilts on a two year exchange visit.

He is pictured in front of the battery's Serangapatam Tiger skin.



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Drum role of history

A unique assembly of historic drums and associated equipment is to go on display at the National Army Museum in London.

One item with a fascinating history will be a side drum of Guise's Regiment - later the Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers - which was lost when two companies of the regiment were cut to pieces by Bonnie Prince Charlie's highlanders at the battle of Prestonpans in 1745. It was found in a highland croft in 1905.

Another, of a more ghoulish nature, will be a Tibetan drum made from two human skulls, acquired by the Younghusband expedition at the beginning of this century.

The gathering - of drums (from June 16 until September) will complement the 1988 Royal Tournament which has the drum as its theme, and it will examine the varied roles of the drummer in the British Army - among others as signaller, regimental timekeeper, message carrier, and the man who administered floggings.

Tapto to tattoo?

SOLDIER's article on the Hong Kong military tattoo (SOLDIER Dec 14) prompted Mr E R Baxter of Breadsall, Derby, to send in his programme for the searchlight tattoo there in 1934. He took part in the tattoo while stationed in Kowloon with the 1st Bn Lincolnshire Regiment.

It was the sixth tattoo in the colony, and the programme recalls that the holding of such events spread "to all parts of the Empire" after the first Aldershot Tattoo was organised to raise funds for military charities.

Not that tattoos started at that time. The beating of tattoo, the programme records, originated with Marlborough's troops in the early 18th century when troops were billeted in towns and villages.

When the soldiers had to return to their billets, drummers sounded the First Post,

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

SOLDIER to Soldier

Fit Reserve officers wanted

Reserve officers are being asked to volunteer for what must class as the Olympics of military competitions. To ensure that the professional competence of Nato reserve forces is up to that of the Regulars, a military competition is held annually between Reserve teams from all Nato countries. This year it will take place at Sandhurst in July and team selection weekends are already being held.

Reserve officers who can still run their BFT in under 20 minutes, swim 50 metres in 35 seconds and complete a 12k orienteering march in full kit, should contact Maj Tony Martin in Caerphilly on 0222-865749.

The competition forms part of the Interallied Congress of Reserve Officers to be held in London, while a young officers' symposium takes place at Sandhurst.

and all the inns' taps had to be turned to - "hence the word Tapto which eventually became Tattoo."

Country cousins

Just where does the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment get its nickname "The Janners"?

Attempts to obtain a definitive explanation have been unsuccessful so far.

The most likely suggestion is that just as some Devonians used to refer to Cornishmen as

"Cousin Jacker", the term "Cousin Janner" was used in return. Jan is the West Country for "John" - hence Jan Stewer, of Widecombe Fair fame, and

Jan Ridd of the Lorna Doone novel.

Anyone able to throw any more light on the subject?

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IWM friends get together

The Duke of York retraced his grandfather's footsteps when he visited the Imperial War Museum in London for the first anniversary event of the museum's "Friends" organisation.

It was in 1936 that the then Duke of York opened the present buildings of the museum; five months later he was to become King George VI.

The present Duke is one of the first two honorary members of the Friends of the Imperial War Museum - the other is Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester - which now has about 1,000 members.

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This year the Army Football Association is marking its centenary. **Bill Moore** takes a look at the events and personalities that have shaped the AFA's history.

Custodian of the Cup!

Can anyone solve this mystery? The Cup is the original Army FA Challenge Trophy... but who is the mournful-looking gentleman? Alan Dobson, current secretary of the Army FA, wishes to make it clear that it is not him. The only clue is that the photo seems to have been taken about the turn of the century by Gale and Polden and published with the caption "The Custodian of the Cup".

Donations paid for £240 trophy

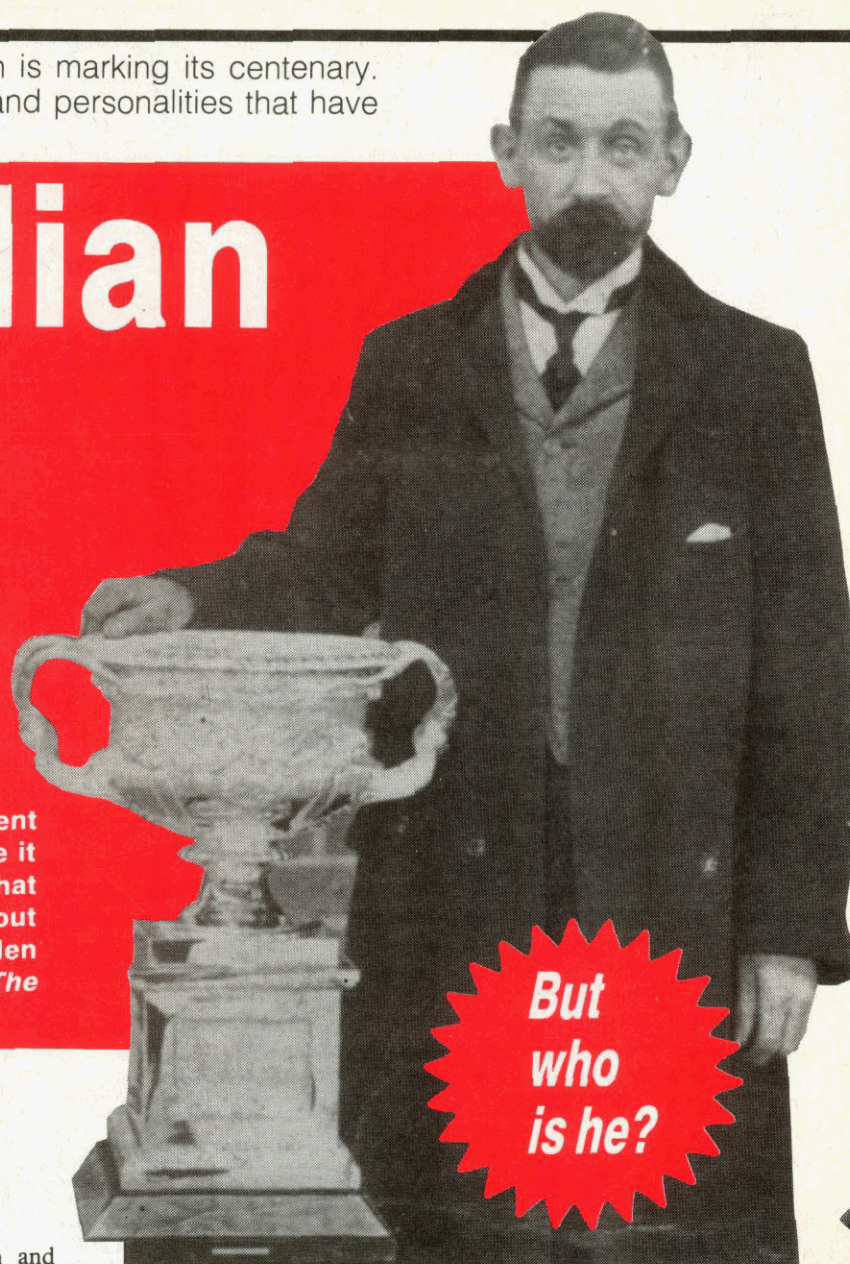
THE Army Challenge Cup was made by Carrington's, the London jewellers.

It was described at the time as "a smaller reproduction of the famous Warwick Vase found in the River Tiber and now in the possession of the Earl of Warwick."

It is 20 inches high and stands on a silver pedestal.

The cash for it was raised by subscription and after spending £239 2s 6d on cup and medals there was still a handsome sum remaining - £46 18s 3d.

The cup was slightly



But who is he?

damaged in 1932 in a fire - while in the possession of the 1st Sherwood Foresters (five times winners before they were amalgamated).

In 1962 the first miniature of the cup was presented to the winning team.

When managers never had it so good

FOOTBALL managers have probably never had it so good as in the immediate post war years.

The Services, and the Army in particular, became a happy hunting ground for talent.

The Crown fed and clothed the young hopefuls and kept them fit, trotting them out every now and again for inspection.

Call-up boys provided a harvest ripe for the reaping.

Little Billy Steel, who couldn't make Leicester City reserves before he was enlisted, was spotted while playing in BAOR, chosen for Scotland v England at Wembley in 1947 and was later signed by Derby County for a then record transfer fee of £15,000.

Eddie Bailey, later a legend

at Spurs, was also noted while playing in Germany against a West Ham touring side.

With the introduction of National Service at the end of 1948 a splendid era dawned for corps and regimental teams.

Though Service officials strongly denied any collusion with sporting clubs they agreed there was close "liaison" with them.

It was uncanny how promising footballing youngsters (and boxers) seemed to opt for the Army while cricketers and tennis hopefuls plumped for the RAF.

The Royal Navy, well endowed with ships in those days, was not so attractive to sportsmen who might have to

Nailed by the Argylls

ANY football manager worth his salt must be interested in a team which averages more than five goals a match in 16 consecutive games and concedes only 12. Especially against London clubs.

Alas, such strikers as Roy, O'Neill, Fleming, M'Lafferty and Young are beyond the temptations of a cheque book, resting soundly under the turf instead of treading it.

They were the forward line of the 2nd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders when they set out determined to win the brand new Challenge Cup instituted by the Army Football Association when it was formed 100 years ago.

Soccer had seized the imagination of the country and two junior officers, Lieut H McCalmont, Scots Guards, and Capt F E Lawrence, Rifle Brigade, circularised regiments stationed near London asking them if they would like to form their own association.



The very first Challenge Cup winners were the 2nd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

An enthusiastic response was followed by talks with the President of the English FA, Maj Francis Marindin, a retired sapper, and the new organisation was launched.

Soccer was considered so important that no less a person than Field Marshal George, Duke of Cambridge, the Commander-in-Chief, became President of the Army FA.

As he was also Earl of Tipperary and Baron Culloden he could hardly be accused of showing national bias (though

his baronial title might not have been considered in the best taste).

Apart from being Queen Victoria's favourite cousin (he was a Hanoverian by birth) the Duke was all powerful in the Army. With HRH in charge things had to move!

Fixtures began that November and the final took place at Kennington Oval the following March when the 2nd Argylls met the 2nd South Staffordshires.

The Argylls protested on this occasion

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Members of the Army squad warm up at Aldershot with a celebratory centenary leap. Mitre supplied the balls for our picture

Those were the days

IN the 1870s the Army used to compete for the English FA Cup. Under Capt (later Sir Francis) Marindin, later a great power among the organisers of modern soccer, a sapper team reached the final in three years out of four, ultimately winning. It is the only time the Army has won the FA Cup.

After a Scots unit's team was suspended for habitual foul language and rough play a rule was introduced that an officer should always be present with a regimental team.

During the Boer War a shell landed on a pitch where the 2nd Gordon Highlanders were playing while besieged in Ladysmith. They filled in the hole and carried on.

In 1906 at the meeting preceding the Army Challenge Cup Final a rule was introduced making nets behind goals compulsory and requiring linesmen to use white flags instead of handkerchiefs.

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HRH wasn't amused by football indiscipline

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because their opponents were wearing nails (studs?) in their boots. The nails were removed and the Scots won 2-0.

The Duke, who was then 69, arrived at half time after a good lunch, saw the thing through and presented the trophy and medals.

Having served in the Crimea, where the 2nd Argylls (93rd Foot) had formed the Thin Red Line Tipped With Steel, his speech went on longer than usual.

Henceforth all Royalty took a deep interest in the game.

General the Duke of Connaught, Queen Victoria's third son, commanding at Aldershot towards the end of the century, was so concerned about robust play, that he complained:

"There has been considerable difficulty in dealing with some rather serious . . . offences against military discipline which have been committed on the football field.

"HRH cannot for an instant admit that any relaxation of military discipline can be

sanctioned because a soldier is playing football, or any other game . . ."

A compromise was worked out which entailed publishing the Duke's views in an Army Order.

The Duke himself took over as Army FA President when the Duke of Cambridge died in 1904.

Soon afterwards Edward VII became Patron and Army soccer began to develop an aura all of its own.

In 1905 the King and the Prince of Wales were both present when the Army and Royal Navy played the first official inter-Service match (won by the Army 2-0).

A few months before the outbreak of the First World War, George V, who had succeeded his father as Patron of the Army FA, the Prince of Wales (later Edward VII) and Prince Albert (later George VI), plus Queen Mary and the Princess Royal, attended the Cup Final between the Hampshires and the Army Service Corps, Woolwich. A crowd of 15,000 packed the Aldershot Army stadium.

By the time the next football season began there was no competition, no final, and many of the players and spectators were dead or wounded.

The King, Queen and members of the Royal Family were present at the first Army Cup match after the war when the Hampshires were once again finalists, losing 1-0 to the RAMC.

Army soccer flourished throughout the '20s and '30s, George VI eventually replacing his father as Patron. The Duke of Connaught remained as President until his death in 1942.

By then all Britain's footballers were in uniform, and a representative Army team which toured Northern Ireland included such stars as Frank Swift, Stan Cullis, Joe Mercer, Tommy Lawton, Denis Compton and Joe Hagan, all sergeant instructors in the Army Physical Training Corps, and LCpl Wilf Mannion, Green Howards, and Pte Tommy Walker, R Signals.

When they were demobbed no one dreamed that Army soccer's greatest era was about to dawn.

DAYS OF PLENTY

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Sigs and Manchester United; Peter Swan, R Sigs and Sheffield United, Stan Anderson, RTR and Sunderland; Cliff Jones, Royal Horse Guards and Swansea; Maurice Setters, RHA and West Bromwich; Jimmy Melia, R Sigs and Liverpool, and Ian Crawford, Cameron Highs and Hearts.

The final score in what seems to have been an exciting match was three goals all.

The big corps, with training battalions in the south and ready access to London were particularly attractive to the protégés of League clubs.

The RAOC could field, at one time, LCpls Duncan Edwards and Bobby Charlton. Edwards, killed in the Munich air disaster, appeared in five internationals – against Scotland, Brazil, Sweden, Finland and Germany – during one year of his service.

They seem to have missed out on Billy Foulkes who gained his England cap as a driver in the RASC.

And on LCpl Jimmy Armfield, a lance corporal in



National Service soldier Bobby Charlton with short back and sides

the King's Own who was to become an almost automatic choice for the England defence for many years.

The infantry missed out generally on the goodies that were available and the victory of the 2nd DLI in 1955 was the first by an infantry battalion for 20 years. The Durhams had been in the 1939 final beaten by a gunner side.

Corps teams were still dominant in this period and in 1961 the RASC fielded both teams in the Challenge Cup Final. The 2nd Training Battalion according to one report "enjoyed bursts of



National Service soldier Duncan Edwards who died in the Munich air disaster

all-round superiority" over the 6th "largely through their scheming inside right, Scottish international Pte Alex Young, who cost Everton £25,000 when he moved from Hearts."

The Golden Age died with the end of National Service in 1962. By then the Army, seeing the inevitable consequences, was developing youth coaching schemes – and the English FA was providing the coaches free.

In the first final since 1939 in which all players were Regular soldiers (the 10th Hussars beat the 1st Sherwood Foresters 2-1) the attendance was noticeably poor.

The most tragic final

TWO players, one from each team, were killed, and the referee, three other players and a number of spectators injured when the ground was struck by lightning during the 1948 Army Challenge Cup Final.

The match was between the Royal Armoured Corps, Bovington, and 121 Training Regiment, Royal Artillery.

The game was abandoned and it was later decided that as the score at the close was 0-0, both teams were declared joint holders for the 1947/8 season.

Was the National Service period a good thing for Army sport? Superficially yes. It did improve incalculably the standard and perhaps inspired others.

Probably it was best of all for the country as a whole in producing a breed of footballers on whom some of the good things of Service life rubbed off and became evident on the field.

It was some time before the kissing started . . .

DISMYTH!

Exit a legend that costs wives jobs

A MYTH about the employment of Service families abroad has been killed at last.

For years it was accepted that somewhere it had been laid down that a maximum of 14 per cent was to be followed as far as jobs for dependent wives in West Germany were concerned.

In 1980 I went specially to Nato HQ, Mons, to read the Status of Forces Agreement. There was no mention of the 14 per cent.

I informed HQ BAOR and later Col Mike Gaffney who endorsed my finding.

It was therefore with some elation that I heard the myth finally dispelled by Sir Clive Whitmore, Permanent Under Secretary, at a session of the Public Accounts Committee. He acknowledged there was no ceiling, only an understanding with the Germans.

Mr Robert Sheldon, chairman of the committee, was questioning Sir Clive on the National Audit Office report "Costs and Control of British Forces Germany".

The object of the report was to find ways of not only ensuring value for money but also ways and means to cut costs.

Sir Clive was asked whether accompanied or unaccompanied service was better for the Forces.

He explained that the Ministry of Defence had no intention of changing its policy of accompanied tours; if wives had to remain at home it would require more married quarters to be found in Britain and more barracks to be built for husbands and single soldiers in Germany. The extra cost would be enormous.

He was also asked why it seemed to be policy not to employ more than a small percentage of Service dependants, especially when it cost more than twice as much to employ a German — and when German absence rates were much higher than that of dependants.

The National Audit Office had identified 5,000 extra jobs which might be done (bringing the total up to 11,600).

So why were we so far behind the Americans who since 1972 have increased the ratio of dependants in employment so that now 30 per cent of the 27,000 places available are filled by them?

British figures quoted showed that in 1980 the percentage of British dependants in jobs had increased from 17.7 per cent to 19.13 per cent. In other words a 1½ per cent increase in seven years.

In my view . . .

Sir Clive said that efforts were made to keep the host nation happy, that it was difficult to match dependants with jobs, that they did not stay long in any one place and that fluent German was often required.

He cited Wegberg Hospital where 21 of 42 places available had been filled by Britons.

The reason he gave for the shortfall was that dependants did not always want domestic jobs with awkward hours and low pay.

I didn't hear any positive suggestions of how the problem of employment in Germany could be solved — only explanations of why it was so difficult.

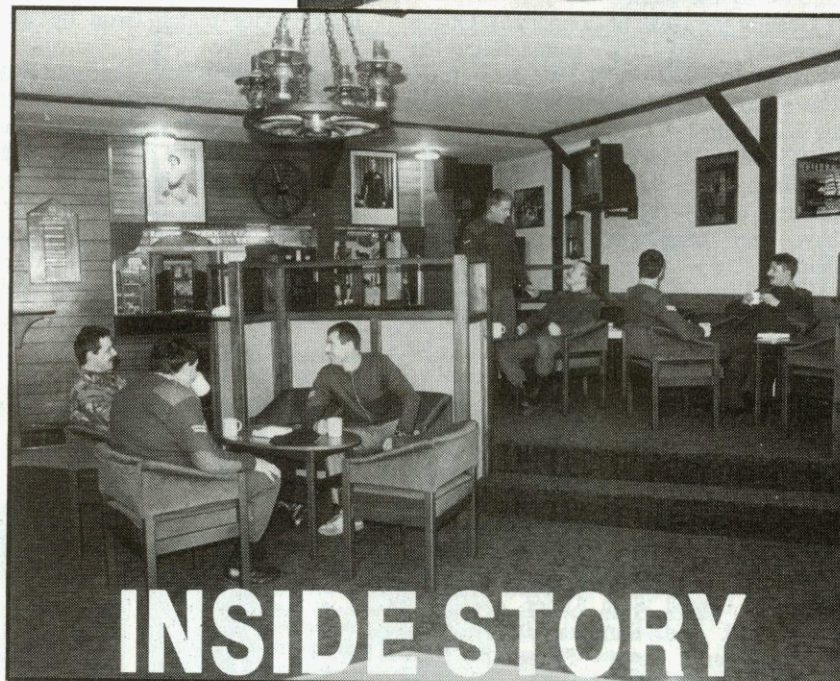
So what is going to happen in view of the possibility of longer tours on some stations and, after what we were told at the Federation of Army Wives' conference, three-year tours likely to be the norm?

If the turbulence factor is to be diminished it cannot be held up as a major argument against employing more British dependants.

Since 1982 there has been no concerted effort to match jobs and dependants. A far greater advertising campaign is required.

When SSAFA advertised for midwives they managed to fill every vacant post.

The jobs which the NAO identified as suitable for dependants underestimated the calibre of the



INSIDE STORY

— of brighter look at Buller

wife of 1988. Why were no jobs identified in the professions? Some wives actually are doctors, nursing sisters, lawyers and civil servants.

Why no mention of the computer and word processing fields?

How come they were mainly for chamber maids, typists and kitchen staff?

In a technological age matching wives with jobs could be done world wide.

At present a training and employment register scheme is being piloted by the Federation of Army Wives. Two hundred studies have been undertaken but few of the suggestions have been acted on.

The NAO report was undoubtedly needed.

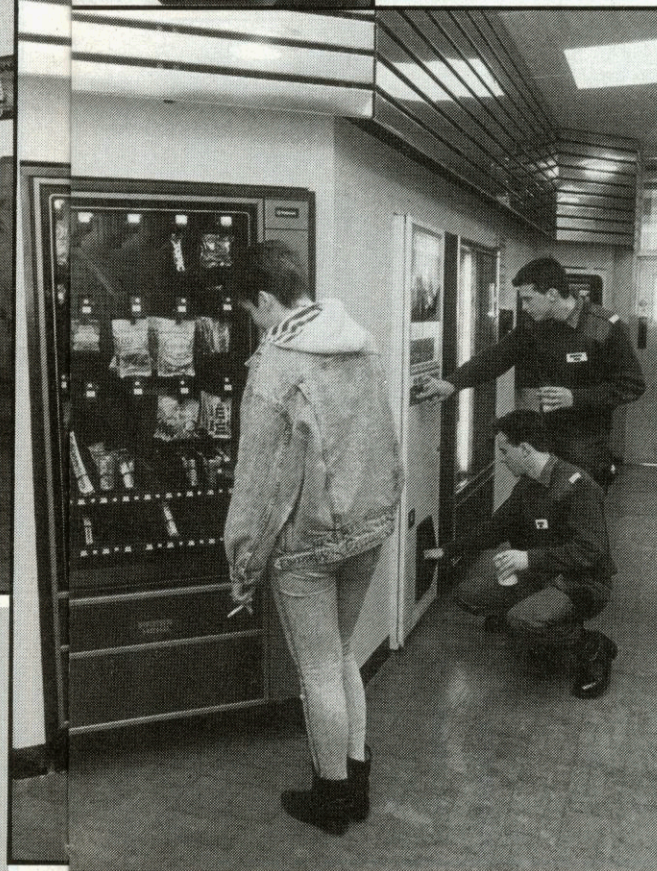
But I sincerely hope it will not take until the year 2000 to reach the target figure of 11,600 at a rate of an increase of 1½ per cent every six years.

WHAT else would you expect from the Royal Corps of Transport when faced with the challenge of finding the money to refurbish the shabby 20-year-old clubs used by the corporals and junior ranks at Buller Barracks, for long the home of the corps? Drive, of course.

And drive there was — plus ingenuity to raise the £42,000 needed, a sum which could not be provided from public funds.

Some of the results can be seen on this page: (top) Army wife Mrs Lillian Oloman, who has been with Naafi for 15 years, adds a cheerful smile to the service; (above) the smart decor in the Coach Inn and (right) the latest vending machines attract customers including a young wife.

The cash was raised as follows: from the Naafi £10,000; the regimental PRI £8,000; Cpls' Club funds £5,000; RCT Amenities (Clayton) Trust £4,000; RCT (Aldershot) Rebate Trust £2,000; Aldershot Church of England Services Trust £7,500; HQ South East District Fund £500; British Airways £1,000; Canteen Improvement Fund £4,000.



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WITH FAMILIES IN MIND

Little Red Book relaxes...a little

FOLLOWING my questioning of the cost of replacing cookers, according to the rules laid down in the Property Services Agency's "little red book" (see SOLDIER November 30) changes have been made.

Under the old system a wife who had to replace a cooker (four plates) because, say, she had damaged it, was charged £344.74 without option.



Holiday chance of break for Mum

IF YOUR husband is away on exercise or duty this summer the prospect of keeping youngsters occupied may be daunting, so perhaps a summer school could be part of the answer.

This year's guide published by the Independent Schools Information Service lists hundreds of activities from music and drama and theatre to sport and art in all its forms.

Many courses are residential and costs start around £34. Others are on a daily basis.

The guide is free from ISIS Summer Schools, 56 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6AG (enclose two first class stamps).

Yet in the High Street cheaper cookers were available.

PSA now tell me that if a wife has to replace a cooker it may be done with the following restraints:

● In conjunction with the estate warden.

● For other ranks' quarters the cooker must be a Thorn EMI Viscount; for officers Thorn EMI Marquis or President.

● The occupant must pay the installation fee.

● The full amount must be paid before the quarter is vacated.

● PSA reserves the right to check the cooker and installation for safety reasons.

● No second-hand cookers are allowed as replacements (safety reasons).

NOTE: If a family has its own cooker it is possible to put it into a quarter provided the estate warden/housing commandant is warned in advance and arrangements are made to store the issue cooker.

The issue cooker must be kept in good condition while in store and replaced and reconnected for the handover.

New look at fire menace

THE recent fire deaths attributed to fumes from foam filling in furniture have caused some concern in married quarters.

In fact the MoD furniture provided by the Crown Suppliers is generally of a higher standard than required by present legislation.

When the new regulations come into effect next year the Crown Suppliers will ensure that it complies with them.

NASH, the National Association for Safety in the Home, is campaigning for increasing the number of smoke detectors.

Just one in ten homes in Britain have them compared with seven in ten in the US. Fitting a smoke alarm costs between £10 and £20.

You can get advice from NASH, St David's, 70 Wray Park Road, Reigate, Surrey.

NAAFI PAYS OUT £17m DIVIDEND

NAAFI has returned a rebate of £11.4 million to its customers after a very profitable year, said James Rucker, Managing Director, at the Army's annual Naafi meeting, though it had to be borne in mind that exchange rates were not so favourable.

However, with £5 million being paid into unit funds from gaming machines,

£800,000 added to club improvements, coupled with a special bonus, the final total returned by the Naafi was £17 million.

Of this, slightly more than £800,000 was given to Army central funds and I asked for a breakdown of how the money was distributed.

Maj Gen David Pank, who chaired the meeting,

said he would look into the matter.

Wives representing all districts, BAOR, Northern Ireland and Gibraltar, attended the meeting and saw a new video "Naafi and the Army".

Another video, "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" should make units and club chairmen decide in which category their own

club belongs.

It was also revealed that a personal financial adviser had been established at Catterick and that two more will be operating in the Plymouth area by the end of the current financial year.

Naafi's new warehouses in Kempen, Germany and Gibraltar should improve services and distribution

with longer opening hours in the shops run by the Naafi.

Naafi's five-year plan has started but unless the organisation is supported a £17 million refund is unlikely.

Without this return, life in units and garrisons will be drastically affected as well as the pound in your pocket.

Gough answered the call in another war



GENERAL Sir Hubert de la Poer Gough came from an Irish military family, his father and uncle having won VCs in the Indian Mutiny. His brother won a VC in Somaliland in 1903.

Gough joined the 16th Lancers in 1889 and made a name for himself as a cavalry leader in the Boer War when he was severely wounded, captured and escaped.

He commanded 3rd Cavalry Brigade at the Curragh in 1914 and was at the centre of the famous "Mutiny". He began the First World War as a brigade commander, had a cavalry division before the end of 1914, and an infantry division, the 7th, in 1915. He commanded the 1st Corps at Loos in September 1915 and was placed in command of the Reserve Army meant to

exploit the breakthrough which did not materialise on the Somme in 1916.

He brought off a surprise victory with the (renamed) Fifth Army in November 1916 (Beaumont Hamel), and commanded it during the Third Battle of Ypres which he suggested should be called off after an unpromising start in August 1917.

After his dismissal in 1918

Gough was eventually sent as an adviser to an Allied mission on the Baltic.

Shortly before the Second World War he was given the GCB personally by King George V "... as a recognition of the gratitude of your country".

Churchill appointed him to command the London Home Guard when threatened with invasion in 1940.

THE BITTER END

OLD men are supposed to forget but around March 21, without fail, a notice appears in the *In Memoriam* columns of a national daily recalling a battle fought by "Gough's" Fifth Army in 1918.

Why should the Fifth alone of the five armies which fought in France in the First World War be remembered 70 years later?

Especially as its troops were virtually accused of having run away.

The very name of the Fifth Army vanished from communiqués for a time, and its leader was sent home in disgrace.

In spring 1918, the British and French on the Western Front were exhausted after two years of fruitless attacks on the German line.

Units were under strength and made up of weary veterans and half-trained youngsters. British infantry brigades were reduced from four to three

Bill Moore, whose books include *See how they ran: The British retreat of 1918*, argues that the slur on Gough's Fifth Army was undeserved — as was his sacking

battalions in February.

From Ypres in the north to St Quentin in the south, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig held 90 miles of front with (in line) the Second, First, Third and Fifth Armies (the Fourth's staff was temporarily stood down).

Rightly fearful for the Channel ports Haig concentrated his strength in Flanders and as the trenches ran south their garrisons grew thinner.

The British were stretched to their limit in the sector of General Sir Hubert Gough's

Fifth Army which consisted of 11 infantry divisions holding 42 miles of front, part of which had been handed over by the French in February and was weakly fortified.

Gough had one infantry and three cavalry divisions in reserve.

By comparison the Third Army, under Sir Julian Byng, on his left had 14 divisions to hold 28 miles of line, larger reserves and more artillery.

Though the Germans — who had received massive reinforcements on the collapse of Russia — meant to seize the Channel ports ultimately and defeat the British in the field, they began the Kaiserschlacht (Kaiser's Battle) with a heavy blow against the entire Fifth Army front and part of the Third Army which covered Arras.

The blow fell on the morning of March 21 after a short but crushing bombardment. Storm troops penetrated between

Gough's strongpoints and overran batteries in thick fog. Many isolated troops fought to the end.

As units were consumed the Fifth Army fell back but maintained its shrinking line.

The Third Army, less affected by fog on the 21st, put up a stubborn defence but its commander, despite Haig's instructions to the contrary, clung to the Flesquières salient at the junction of the two armies.

The position was the sole remaining trophy of the unfortunate Cambrai offensive a few months



earlier when most British gains were lost in a counter attack.

Finally Byng had to abandon Flesquières and his divisions fell back in confusion to avoid being cut off. Gough's men on the flank faced envelopment.

Had the Germans stuck to their original plan and marked time in the south while concentrating against the British further north before the French could come to their aid, history might have taken a different turn.

Instead they continued to disperse their effort and became bogged down on the old Somme battlefield.

The Allies were frightened into concentrating their operations under one commander, General Ferdinand Foch.

Reserves, including strong Australian divisions which still had four battalions to a brigade, plugged the gaps.

By this time the Fifth Army's divisions had been reduced to almost battalion strength. Along the whole front 90,000 British were taken prisoner.

Gough, who never ceased to direct operations and maintained a high morale, was relieved by Sir Henry Rawlinson and the Fourth Army staff on March 28. He was sent

Above — A German official photograph shows British prisoners in St Quentin probably on March 21. Some are cheerful, some resentful. Many are mere boys — like their German captor in the foreground

Left — Walking wounded (possibly from the 51st Highland Division) make their way to the rear. The picture was taken in April when the German offensive was renewed

Right — "I cannot understand why the Fifth Army has gone back so far without making some kind of stand," the C-in-C, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig wrote in his diary. Many, in fact, fought to the bitter end and were interred in mass graves like this one at Peronne

home on half pay soon afterwards.

Why pick on him?

If there had to be a culprit why not Byng, whose obstinate and disobedient defence of the Flesquières salient resulted in the dam bursting?

● Can it have been that Gough's name was already associated with the costly Passchendaele offensive of the previous year (though by the time it sank into the mud he had had only a minor part to play)?

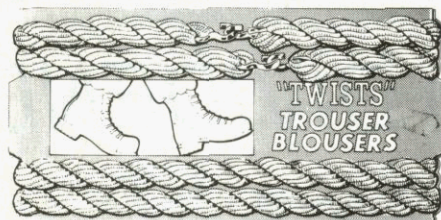
● Can it have been because the politicians had not forgotten he had been in the forefront of the Irish officers who threatened to resign rather than force Home Rule on Ireland in 1914?

● Or would the sacking of Byng have proved what Haig and the War Office had previously denied — that he was incompetent and that his bungling had been responsible for the Cambrai fiasco?

Take your pick.

Until Gough died in 1963 (aged 93), the unique Fifth Army Association of all ranks met annually on the anniversary of the March Offensive.

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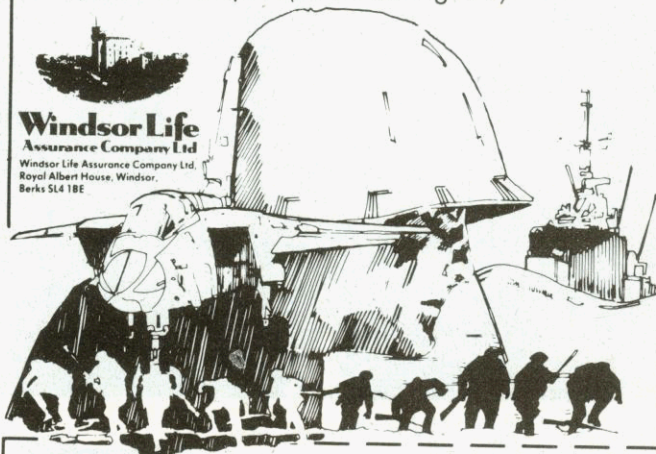
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Left – Barrel change for the GMPG in the air defence role. Right – Milan platoon on Salisbury Plain

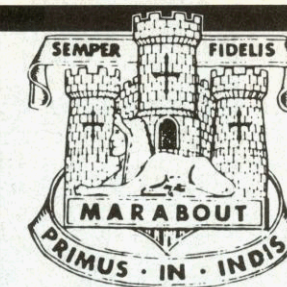
Brothers in battle

WHEN paying compliments to each other, regiments are apt to dwell on fighting side by side. In the case of the D and D the record is remarkable and true.

During the First World War the 1st Devons charged through swirling chlorine fumes to the aid of the 1st Dorsets in the front line at Ypres in 1915.

May 1 became a memorable day because it was the first time the Germans had attempted a gas attack and failed to advance.

In the Second World War the 1st Dorsets and 2nd Devons (alongside the 1st Hampshire) served in the 231st Infantry Brigade and made assault landings in Sicily, Italy and Normandy.



SPHINX AND CASTLE

ANYONE who doubts the importance of a cap badge should try making a rude remark about one to the soldier who is wearing it.

When the Devons lost their star and Exeter Castle and the Dorsets gave up their Sphinx and Dorchester Castle, it was a wrench.

It was small consolation for the Powers that Be to point out that the collar dog incorporated the characteristics of both badges.

The Wyvern which was worn on caps and berets did not have the same longstanding significance though it had been worn as the shoulder flash of the celebrated 43rd (Wessex) Division from Normandy to the Baltic.

Eleven years later when the D and D were authorised to wear another badge they chose a larger version of the collar dog.

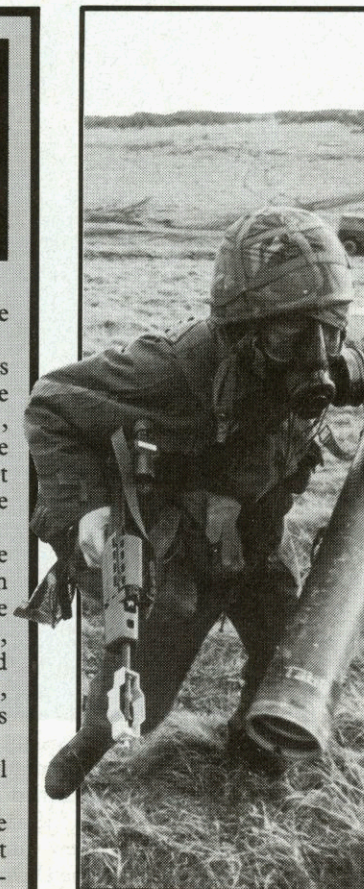
All three parent regiments are represented on it.

Exeter Castle with its inseparable *Semper Fidelis* (apparently the College of Heraldry said you can't have one without the other) represents the 11th Foot (later the Devonshires).

The *Primus in Indis* motto was awarded to the 39th Foot (1st Dorset) who were the only Crown regiment to fight at Plassey in Clive's crucial victory in India in 1757.

Marabout was the name of a Fort outside Alexandria captured by the 54th Foot (2nd Dorset) in 1801 – and unique to them. Hence also the Sphinx.

The green backing to the D and D badge commemorates the green facings worn by both Devons and Dorsets.



Wearing the latest model respirator a member of Support Company advances to set up Milan

D AND D DAY

GETTING old sweats from two regimental backgrounds to agree is hard; to attempt it when three are concerned can be plain presumptions. But it's just been done. Handsomely.

When it was put to the old comrades of the Devons, the Dorsets and the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment that there should be one association instead of three there was not one vote against the idea.

Better still it was decided to formalise the union at a ceremony to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the merging of the two old West Country regiments.

On Saturday May 14 veterans will form up separately on the square at Kiwi Barracks, Bulford Camp, Wilts, where the 1st D and D are stationed.

At a command they will break ranks and merge to become one regimental association.

The Duke of Kent, Colonel in Chief of the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment will be present.

As Bulford is within easy coach distance of both counties a large turn out of old comrades and families is expected.

"Branches will keep their own standards and remain the same," said Col Edward

Tremlett, at regimental headquarters, "but the union should lead to improved administration and simply bring the family closer together."

Vesting Day as it is called will symbolise the success of the merger of the 1st Devonshire and 1st Dorsets at Elizabeth Barracks, Minden, Germany, on May 17, 1958.

SOLDIER's headline at the time was "Two old friends unite" and the reporter, who got carried away somewhat when he wrote of Darby and Joan, recorded:

"As the newly-born regiment marched in review order . . . the rain stopped and the sun began to shine."

The battalion has seen plenty of sun and

showers since then – sweltering in the Troodos mountains during operations in Cyprus in the 1950s and saturated during various Northern Ireland tours.

At the moment the soldiers are sampling the delights of Salisbury Plain and a company has just returned from jungle duty in Belize.

When the Old Comrades roll up on May 14 to look over their successors they are unlikely to miss the weatherbeaten sign hanging outside the Bulford Garrison pub on the doorstep of Kiwi Barracks, a hostel not unknown to the rifle platoons.

"The Saxon Warrior" it says.

The old soldiers couldn't have a better cue, could they?

Volunteers join family occasion

VESTING Day being a family affair, the D and D's newest members will play a full part. The 4th Battalion TA, formed on October 12 last year, now has more than 200 attested soldiers of whom about one in four had relatives in the regiment previously.

The battalion is proud of the fact that it is a direct successor to The 1st Rifle Volunteers, a corps formed at Axminster, Devon, in 1852. They were raised by a local medical man, Dr John Bucknill.

"They were the very first in the country, never mind Devon," said Maj Colin Pape, the training major, who, like the CO, Lt Col Robert Steptoe, is a Regular D and D officer.

The connection is recorded in the title of the unit – the 4th Battalion The Devonshire and

Dorset Regiment (The 1st Rifle Volunteers).

So far the battalion consists mainly of Devon men who have joined companies at Plymouth, Paignton, and Exeter (where Bn HQ is located). The Dorset connection has yet to be developed.

"What has been remarkable is the number of women volunteers who have come forward," said the adjutant, Capt Bill Sharpe. "We need girls for jobs as drivers, clerks, cooks and in the signals section."

What would Dr Bucknill have made of that?

The 4th Bn has a home defence role but that has not prevented volunteers accompanying the company of 1 D and D for four weeks during their recent stint in Belize.

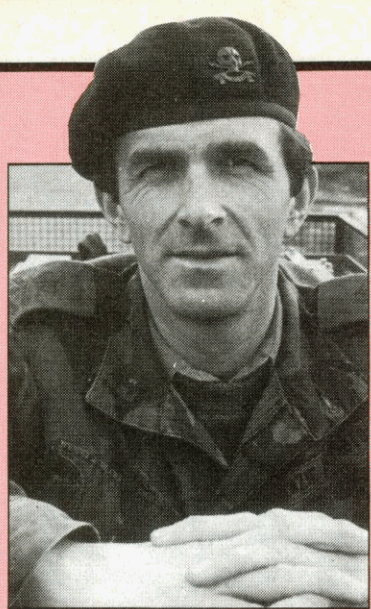


All for one

Ready for inspection . . . a picture taken at the amalgamation parade of the Devonshires and Dorsets at Minden, Wednesday May 21 1958. Best battle-dress, best boots and gaiters, was the order of dress. Rifles – Lee-Enfield Mk IV. Badge – a Wyvern, denoting the Wessex Brigade

Words: Bill Moore

Pictures: Mike Perring



A Lancer in the D and D lines

VISITORS to 1 D and D take a second look at the beret of Maj Robert Mackenzie Johnston.

It bears a Death's Head and the Motto "Or Glory" on a green backing.

The reason: Maj Mackenzie Johnston is on a year's tour from the 17/21st Lancers in Germany.

An infantryman - Maj

Geoff Silk of the Woofers - has taken over his C Sqn.

In Germany the Lancer is commanding Challengers. With the D and D he is working up a company of soldiers on Saxon... "and having the time of my life".

As a good, albeit temporary, foot soldier Maj Mackenzie Johnston has darkened the famous Death's Head motto.

A tough trickle on H Jones patrol

DURING one of the bleakest weeks of the year the entire battalion took part through a trickle system in the H Jones Competition held in Wales.

Patrols of ten men had to make their way from the Elan Valley to finish up in the Sennybridge training area - a distance of about 60 kilometres - staying out for three nights.

Each man was carrying from 60 to 70lbs of kit.

H Jones, who was awarded a posthumous VC for gallantry in the Falklands, joined the D and D in 1960 and was an officer in the regiment until his transfer to command 2 Para.

Left - Milan team at action stations - SOLDIER photographer in their sights!

Below - A rare picture of flame at the muzzle of an 81 mm mortar tube during live firing



Flash marks sacrifice on Aisne

THE green and red shoulder flash worn by all ranks of the D and D (the new 4th Battalion also has this privilege) represents the ribbon of the Croix de Guerre with Palm awarded to the 2nd Devons who fought to a finish on the Aisne on May 27, 1918.

They held out in a wood, the Bois des Buttes, after the Germans had launched a massive offensive which overwhelmed exhausted British divisions in a sector of the French line where they had been sent to recuperate after heavy fighting.

A Special Order by the British Corps commander, stated:

"They were in a position where they were entirely without hope of help, but were fighting on grimly. There is no doubt that this battalion perished en masse. It refused to surrender and fought to the last."



The Order was signed by Major (acting) Bernard Law Montgomery!

Casualties returned for the action were 23 officers and 528 men killed, wounded or missing. Few unwounded prisoners were taken as the Devons used the bayonet after their ammunition ran out.

The anniversary is celebrated every year by the D and D.

Another is "Sarah Sands" Day which

recalls the heroism of the 54th Foot when their troopship caught fire on the way to India.

As flames threatened the magazine the crew took to the boats leaving the soldiers and their families aboard.

Then they watched shamefaced (one hopes) as the 54th threw the powder kegs overboard, getting rid of 88 before the ship was safe.



The Corps of Drums of the D and D, outside battalion HQ, Bulford. In the centre is the Ladysmith gun. This 7-pounder "quick firer" made by Vickers was captured by the Boers during the Jameson raid of 1896.

It was retaken by the 1st Devons

THE GUN FROM LADYSMITH

during the siege of Ladysmith in which they played a distinguished part. The Devons probably saved the town by a

bayonet charge, made in a blinding rainstorm, in which officer casualties were particularly severe.

WOs and NCOs took their place and every year the officers entertain the sergeants' mess on Wagon Hill Day. The WO's stay on to dinner.

Lt John Masterson was awarded the VC during the battle for carrying messages over bullet swept ground.

He was hit in both thighs in one of the bloodiest encounters of the war. Two other VCs were injured in the same action.

Sound judge

Lt Col David Shaw (left), CO 1 D and D, among the bugle judges. The silver bugle on the table in front of him is awarded each year to the CO's bugler



Green puggaree avoids pith helmet confusion

TO ANYONE who has seen the impressive turnout of the Band (under WO2 Douglas Reid) and the Corps of Drums of the D and D, the irritation of the Royal Marines will be understandable.

The helmets (this is going back some time) were identical... white pith helmets with spikes recalling the time when the 39th Foot (later 1st Dorsets) served aboard warships.

The helmets are still white, still pith, but today they are

dressed with a green puggaree so there can be no doubts about who is playing.

After all, does any soldier want to be mistaken for a Royal Marine!

The scarlet tunics and helmets were on parade recently when on a mercifully fine day four officers sat at separate tables at one end of the square while at the other a succession of soldiers sounded a variety of calls - "Officers' dinner call", "Half an hour's dress...", "Last Post...".

The battalion still preserves this traditional form of giving orders and a competition is held each year to choose the CO's bugler.

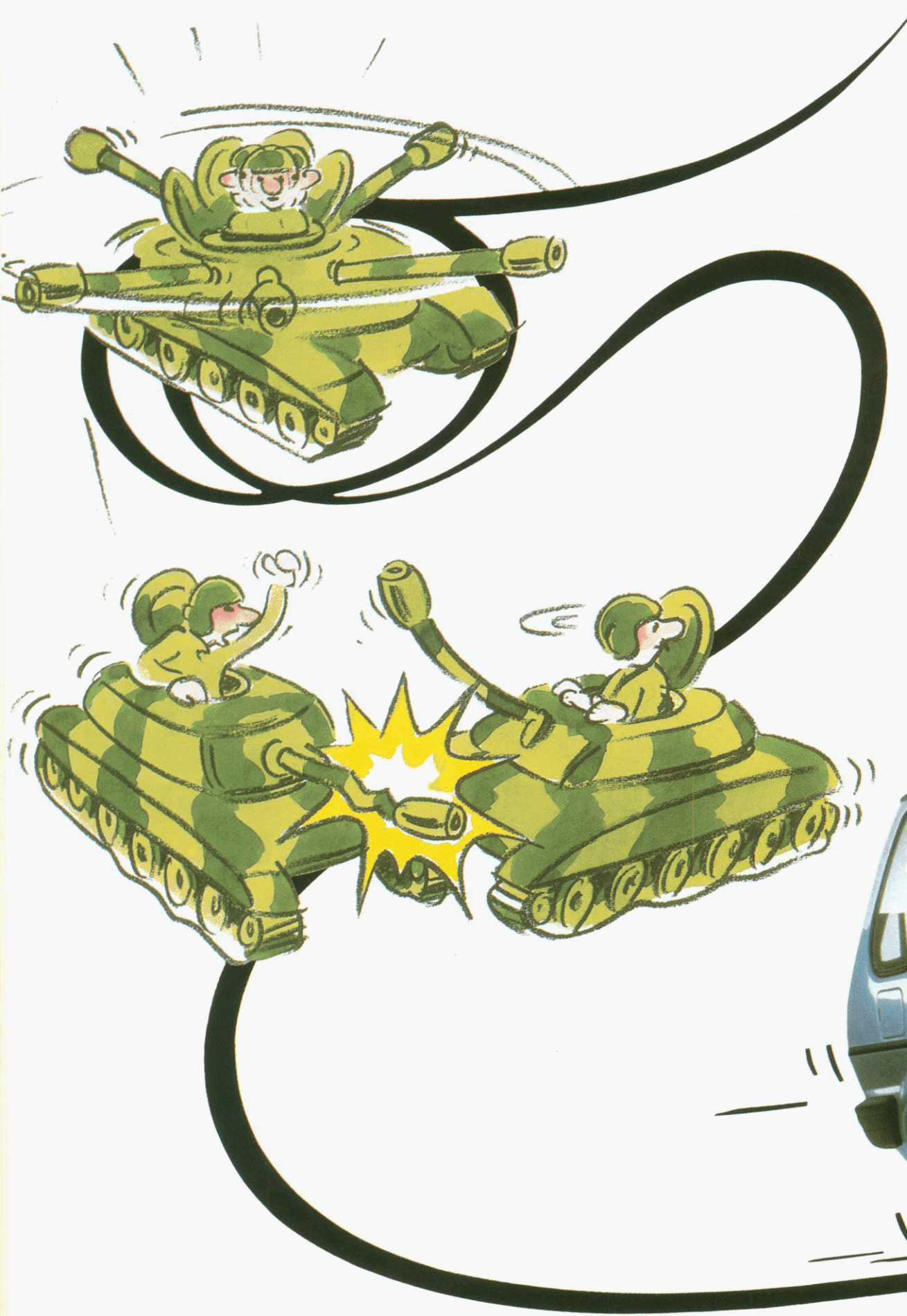
The winner this year was LCpl Kevin Hellings (a Plymouth man) with Pte Simon Durston (another Plymouthian) becoming Adjutant's Bugler.

"The Drums" of the D and D have always led the battalion on parade since the days when boys beat the Redcoats into battle and fell before the first volleys.

Today it is the Drums who do the shooting. Under Lt "Toffer" Beattie and Drum Major Ian Morris (of Dorchester) they form the machine gun platoon in Maj David Stevenson's support company, manning nine general purpose machine guns.

Later this year the platoon is off to Ascension Island to trial the SA 80 in a hot dry climate.

They've already done the hard bit - testing it at Warcop, Warminster and on Salisbury Plain.



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Kay and Mandy in the medals

WCPL Kay Lawton and WPte Mandy Gannon of the WRAC who were awarded a gold medal for their entry in the Inter-Services cook and serve championship at Hotelympia 88 had double cause to celebrate their London success.

The two girls also won the prestigious Madam Prunier Challenge Trophy for the most outstanding Service performance or entry in the practical and display competition of the senior section of the *Salon Culinaire*.

Kay who is serving with the Junior Leaders Regt, RAC at Bovington, has the distinction of being the first WRAC cook ever to reach an Army Cook of the Year final which she achieved in 1985. Mandy, who has only been in the Army since August, is a stewardess with the PCDRE at Mill Hill. This was her first attempt at any form of catering competition.

Sgt Moy (67) served 22 years with the Royal Norfolk Regiment, RASC and Army Catering Corps.

During the Second World War, he was wounded in France and evacuated through Dunkirk on the last hospital ship to leave.



GOLDEN GIRLS: WCpl Kay Lawton (left) and WPte Mandy Gannon with Chelsea Pensioner Sgt Robert Moy

ACC scoops Hotelympia awards

THE Army Catering Corps is flushed with success following its success in Hotelympia 88 – the International Hotel and Catering Exhibition held at Olympia in London.

ACC entrants scooped 94 awards in what is Britain's largest hotel and catering

exhibition and the most comprehensive and authoritative show for the industry.

The practical part of the exhibition is the *Salon Culinaire Internationale de Londres* which attracts entries from chefs, cooks and students from all over the world.

In the autumn the Home Service Force will be embarking on another round of exercises in the UK. **Bob Peedle**, a major in the RMP(V) argues that while the HSF might not have been in business very long its ranks contain men of incomparable experience...



FACE OF EXPERIENCE: Tpr Peter Hills of the Home Service Force, a 43 year old aircraft engineer with the MoD, was a Regular with REME

Everyone starts again in the HSF

THE Home Service Force is a great leveller because whatever the past experience of the "new" recruit his rank on enlistment is that of private. Everyone starts on the bottom rung including officers who join as lieutenants however elevated their previous rank.

HSF units are liable for call out only within the UK, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. And then only in a national emergency.

Minimum age for recruits is 20, maximum 50 although RARO pensioners can be recruited to 55. In line with the rest of the TA, personnel are expected to sign on for at least three years and pass a medical on enlistment.

Category C of the TA – under which the HSF falls – has the lowest training commitment. A minimum of six days a year is required, normally at weekends. Voluntary training one evening a month is available and after each successful year's service a tax free bounty is paid.

The current TA rate of pay for the rank is paid for each day of HSF duty.

Brave Defender gave the HSF its first chance to prove its capability, an impression reinforced by many district exercises such as Fiery Wyvern in the South West last autumn.

That was master minded by Brig Charles Barnes and the staff of 43 Infantry Brigade based in Exeter.

HSF soldiers were confronted by enthusiastic anti-military demonstrators, persistent newsmen and an exercise enemy. The first two elements of the "attack" were certainly novel to most personnel perhaps ramming home the vital role that the HSF would play in defence of the country and emphasising their need to have the support and understanding of the population at large.

They get another chance this autumn when another round of major annual HSF exercises is due to take place.

P Coy makes the heart beat faster...

P COMPANY!, the abbreviated title by which the Pre Parachute Selection Course is known – is a course that makes the hearts of even the boldest would-be para beat a little faster, writes Laurie Manton.

It forms just part of the training undergone by troops who want to earn the right to wear the coveted red beret.

From battle march to steeple chase, log race to stretcher race, plus the nerve-shattering confidence test and the milling (a no holds barred version of boxing), these are all tests of fitness and courage that have to be passed during the three week course.

Strain

Consider the strain on the face of Pte Arthur Waldorf, the para recruit pictured on our front cover. He had just completed the log race – a trial designed to test stamina and competitive spirit.

Eight to ten-man teams carry a heavy wooden log as they race round a 1½ mile hilly course. After just a few yards, the mud grips at their boots, slowing them down and making life difficult.

If they make the grade, and there are many who don't, they pass on to the next phase of training – the jumping!

SOLDIER will be following a squad of volunteers through their P Company training in the summer, finding out what qualities are needed to make a para.

We're Super Dads Army!

ASKED about the *Dads Army* image of the Home Service Force, a company commander up to his knees in exercise mud gave way to mild irritation.

"Hell, no! In my company I have represented every military action from Aden and Korea to the Falklands. I doubt if any other type of unit in this or any other Army has such a range of experience."

There were echoes of that answer when an HSF veteran told a dubious reporter covering Exercise Brave Defender – on which the force was first blooded – "We're Super Dads Army!"

Another volunteer admitted he might not be able to run as far or as fast as when he was younger, but that any enemy would have a job to pass him and his mates. Any ambiguity in his choice of words was more than compensated for by the determination in his voice.

The Home Service Force is an integral part of the Territorial Army, created in 1980 specifically to defend key installations in the UK and so release Regular and some TA units for duties elsewhere.

Expansion of the HSF to a force of 5,000 men began three years ago and today the Army is

well on the way to achieving its target of 47 HSF companies in 1990.

Col Mike Taylor, Colonel for HSF, says what impresses him on exercise is the absence of shouting.

"They don't need to. They all know what to do instinctively and get down to it."

The colonel never ceases to be pleasantly surprised by retired Regular officers who had held senior rank but are now happily serving in junior positions. The same is true of former warrant officers and senior NCOs now mucking in with at most the single stripe of

a lance corporal.

The first four HSF companies formed in the pilot scheme of 1982 were affiliated to 1/51st Highland Volunteers, 6 R Anglian, 2 Wessex and 2 Mercian. Since then many other corps and regiments have formed HSF companies.

Other cap badges now include the Cheshires, Queens, RGJ, LI, R Wx Y, RWF, RRW, WFR, DLOY, RA, Kings Own Border, Kings, 52 Lowland, HAC, Para, Inns of Court and City Y, RCT, D and D and R Signals.

The only similarity with the old Home Guard is that the



KEY MEMBERS: Maj Robin Wilson (right) consults Sgt Derek Carrick during the HSF Exercise Fiery Wyvern. On the phone is SSgt Shepherd

HSF is able to recruit the more mature soldier. Recruits must have had at least two years of experience in the Regular or reserve forces, as officers or

instructors in the cadet forces, or as MoD policemen.

Regulars need to have a character assessment of not less than "good" on discharge.

A key element in new plans to beat the Army bullies is an increase in the number of Women's Royal Voluntary Service members available to work with young soldiers. Laurie Manton looks at two aspects of the WRVS role – junior soldiers and Northern Ireland

THEY'RE THE JOAN'S BOYS!

A VITAL element in the £23 million Sir John Moore Barracks of the Light Division Depot at Flowerdown near Winchester is the WRVS Club run by Mrs Joan Keane, with 19 years service behind her the longest serving member in the Services welfare section.

The widow of an officer, Mrs Keane found she had time on her hands and looked around for a worthwhile job. Her initial contract was for 18 months.

That was in 1969 and since then she has served in Fallingbommel, Cyprus and Iserlohn. Mrs Keane worked at the Guards Depot before joining the Light Division Depot at Shrewsbury, moving later to Flowerdown.

Her club is equipped with snooker tables, table tennis, pool table and darts board. The homely lounge has a wide variety of books and magazines and a selection of board games available.

Mrs Keane told SOLDIER that WRVS ladies have got to be flexible and able to adapt to the needs of the Services. When a young man enlists, homesickness is usually the first problem to be faced and it is women such as Mrs Keane who work through the problem with them. The youngsters can also seek confidential advice and get things off their chests rather

than bottle up their problems.

Mrs Keane is a keen photographer and often takes pictures of her young men on adventurous training such as canoeing and climbing.

"Spending time in the field helps them to get to know me and I them. It's also good to see them at work so I can understand what is going on and what they are talking about.

"It helps to build up a good working relationship."

She can often be seen at parades snapping away with her camera.

During her time with the Light Division Mrs Keane has seen hundreds of youngsters join as boys and leave as men.

She still has a sense of pride when she sees her "boys" pass out.

She explains: "Training has to be hard. Some fall by the wayside but the end result is the best organised army in the world!"

If the WRVS continues to recruit ladies of Joan Keane's calibre then the Army won't go far wrong in employing more of them in the role of Services welfare.



LUCKY BREAK: Junior soldiers at Sir

John Moore Barracks who have the use of a WRVS Club pictured with long serving Mrs Joan Keane

WRVS service overseas began after Montgomery's Chiefs of Staff decided that the fighting men needed – "to see and talk to English women who must be good looking, happy and compassionate people... who knew how to behave and would not get too friendly with the men."

Picture: Mike Perring

WOMEN IN GREEN

THERE can scarcely be a soldier who has not, at one time or other, had cause to thank the "women in green" – the ladies of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service who have done so much for Services welfare.

Ever ready to dispense a cup of warming char and a friendly word, members of the WRVS are set to celebrate their golden jubilee. What of their origins?

In 1938 the Home Secretary invited the Dowager Marchioness of Reading to form an organisation for women to help in home defence against enemy air attack. It was to be known as WVS for ARP (Air Raid Precautions).

By the outbreak of war, it had a membership of 165,000 which rapidly expanded to more than a million members, most of them housewives working on a part-time basis. The name was changed to WVS for Civil Defence.

During the war WVS undertook countless jobs, organising billeting, clothing evacuees and running emergency feeding centres.

When the blitz was over, 241 members had been killed in action.

After Dunkirk, the WVS



The Britannia Club Singapore circa 1961! WRVS girls Marie Lachlan and

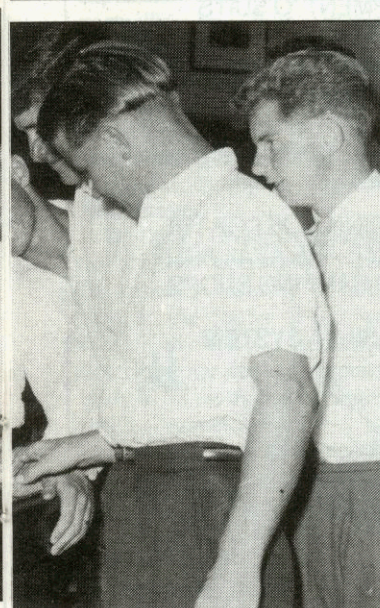
became more involved with Services welfare. They helped troops at ports and railway stations, provided tea and food, washed weary feet and wrote and telephoned messages to anxious relatives.

When the units were reformed, they went to camps and sewed thousands and thousands of flashes and

ribbons on new uniforms.

Before D-Day, the WVS was called out to provide food for convoys, to take mobile canteens to the men loading landing craft on the beaches and to feed marching troops en route to the embarkation points.

In February 1944, the first WVS volunteers went overseas to join the Allied Forces



Judy Franklin help young soldiers

in North Africa. The WVS also opened clubs in France.

WVS personnel accompanied Servicemen into the grim war-shattered industrial areas of the Rhine cities, along the Kiel Canal and in the Tyrol, Vienna and other stations in Austria. Here, in the early post war years, they were to combat a new enemy – the boredom and frustration



"Jolly good idea getting your wife to apply for the job of WRVS lady, RSM!"

of troops not fully occupied and longing to return to their homes and families.

In July 1948, when the Berlin blockade began, WVS, who were already stationed in the city, opened a club in a large tent on the airstrip which they manned throughout the emergency.

The Army of Occupation in Japan made new demands

upon WVS who ran leave centres for the men stationed in Korea. Around this time, they acquired London and Green Line buses, which were shipped out on aircraft carriers to the leave centres in Japan and Malaya so that the men could get out and about.

After the Korean War, WVS members helped in the

Honour roll

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rehabilitation of 900 POWs. With the words "for Civil Defence" dropped from their title, the WVS served all over the world.

At its peacetime peak there were 300 members serving with the Forces. In 1966, the Royal prefix was added to the title and since then it has been known as the Women's Royal Voluntary Service.

Cutbacks in funding in 1977 led to withdrawal from overseas service.

There are currently 18 women serving with units of the British Army, mostly with junior soldier units and one post in Belize – a situation that looks set to change with the news that the Army is considering increasing the number of WRVS staff employed in Services welfare.

The WRVS role in Northern Ireland

WRVS pay under scrutiny

With the proposal to increase WRVS involvement in Services welfare currently being considered, the question of pay is just one item being put under scrutiny by the Ministry of Defence.

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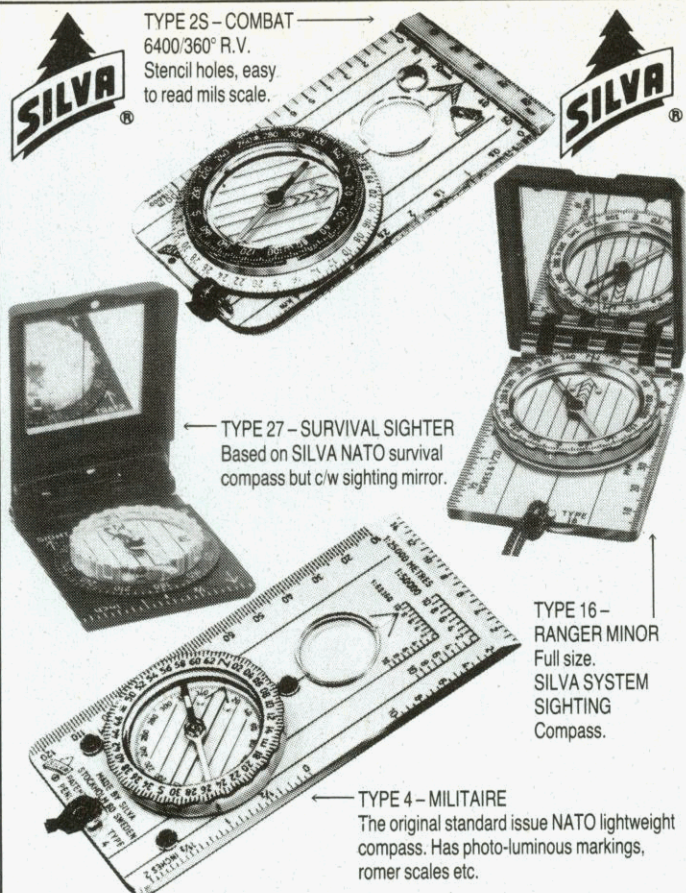
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Time to smile: Thea and Hilda from Northern Ireland

Jelly babies are high on Hilda's list

IN complete contrast to its normal tours of duty with junior soldier establishments and the one overseas facility at Airport Camp, Belize, the WRVS has maintained a presence in an area that has seen more than its fair share of trouble, Northern Ireland.

The co-ordinator of the WRVS Central Welfare Agency at HQ Northern Ireland has been speaking about its work, writes Laurie Manton.

"Thea", as she is known, explained that there would normally be four women stationed with units – herself at headquarters and three others attached to resident battalions at Omagh, Londonderry and Ballykinler. A fifth office is expected to open soon at Aldergrove.

Of these, Omagh is perhaps the busiest operational area. Its office is run by "Hilda" who, in the matter of fact way typical of WRVS personnel, described her area of responsibility as "a particularly naughty patch – sometimes!"

Thea told SOLDIER: "The tour of duty is two years and, apart from providing the normal WRVS service to the battalions, our main role is visiting the troops in the forward operating areas. Where the soldiers are, we are allowed to go.

"Obviously we have to be careful where we go and when we go. We do wear a uniform but it is purely for identification purposes. We don't carry arms or actually patrol the streets, we are there when they come in from patrol.

"It might be psychological but the troops do appreciate the

service we provide and look out for us. We take orders for shopping, talk to them and try to reassure them if they have had a particularly difficult time on patrol."

Besides ordering greetings cards and flowers for the wives, mums and girlfriends of the troops, there are often unusual items on the shopping list. There is a high demand for jelly babies from men serving in certain battalions!

"After all, if a soldier is busy patrolling the streets of Newry, why shouldn't he be able to send flowers to his loved ones!" commented Hilda.

Because of the security problem, WRVS personnel can't organise trips out for the troops.

Said Thea: "You can't expect to do a 40-hour week in this job. If one of our boys is wounded, we are called out to visit the hospital and that doesn't necessarily have to happen between 9 and 5. It could be midnight and if you're needed – you go!"

"We visit casualties in hospital and try to help them get over their experience and if they need to be casevaced home, the WRVS are there to visit them in Woolwich."

Unlike some organisations, the WRVS get no extra allowance for serving in the province.

As one woman explained: "Obviously, we would all like a little extra but we don't volunteer for the posts just for money – the job satisfaction is tremendous. If you could see the young soldiers coming in off patrol, then you would understand why we do it!"

LETTERS EXTRA

Slope arms looks wrong

The "slope arms" position being used by the R Hamps (SOLDIER, Jan 25) looks completely wrong.

It suited the longer, slim Lee Enfield but not the short, stubby SA80.

The only neat way to carry the new rifle is at the "shoulder arms" position, not perched on the shoulder like a parrot. – G. Nash (ex-Gren Gds), 73 Bourne Road, Pangbourne, Reading, Berks RG8 7JJ.

The last...

With reference to the letter concerning military tattoos from Donald Macleod (SOLDIER, Feb 8), Cardiff City Council has been staging full tattoos biennially for about 20 years, the last in August 1987. However, it is very likely that 1987 will be the last full tattoo.

Cost estimates for a similar style of tattoo to be staged in 1989 are approaching £1m pounds, making a full blooded tattoo virtually impossible without substantial sponsorship and local authority subsidy. – Colin A Rendell, 5 The Crescent, Barry, South Glamorgan CF6 8LY.

...Tattoo?

Mr Macleod (SOLDIER, Feb 8) makes a good point concerning the decrease of "military" activities in military tattoos and shows, but probably does not appreciate the increased pressure on Regular soldiers and musicians in the current financial climate.

Sadly, our political masters deem that tattoos detract from the *raison d'être* of the Services and have accordingly reduced the pool of available manpower to support them. With the smaller number of military bands available, there will obviously be less "jam" around to be spread on the tattoo "butter".

Mr Macleod will be pleased to hear that the Chichester Military Tattoo on June 11 this year will have a massed band comprising The Quebec Band and The Territorial Band (of

The Queen's Regiment) and the Sussex ACF Band, with displays from the Royal Military Police Mounted troop, the Flying Dragons freefall team and 6/7 Queens (V).

As the tattoo is 100 per cent in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund, we hope to welcome Mr Macleod and many others to witness this worthwhile show. – D B Rendell, Producer, West Street House, West Street, Selsey, West Sussex.

Monitor fund

I read with interest your short account of the foetal monitor being purchased from funds raised by the Service community of RAF Akrotiri (SOLDIER, Dec 14).

All the UKBCs and the Service community from all over Cyprus were involved in raising funds for the monitor, which just happens to be located in the hospital at RAF Akrotiri. – Mrs Anne Clay, 9th Signal Regt, BFPO 58.

Reunions

● The 69th annual reunion dinner of the 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars Regimental Association will be held in the Strand Palace Hotel, London on May 7. Details from Major (Retd) J F Walls, Regimental Secretary, 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars Regimental Association, Fenham Barracks, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4NP. Tel Tyneside (091) 261 1046 ext 3140/3141.

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Peppered with interviews with Servicemen and their wives (and ex-wives), it looks at unaccompanied service, house ownership, working wives, and the Services' higher divorce rate, and calls for the "us and them" attitude which the Services adopt towards the rest of society to be abandoned, together with the paternalistic view of responsibility towards Service families.

The "Crown property" mentality espoused by the military

must give way to a more sensitive and respectful approach to individuals, she declares.

"The military has so much to offer, but it has always been a conservative institution, resistant to change and especially to social change.

"The Services should work out new policies to adapt to today's circumstances. If they insist on standing, Canute-like, on the shore, trying to turn back the tide of social change, they may find themselves suddenly in deep water, floundering," she warns. — AT

Military Man, Family Man: Crown Property? by Ruth Jolly, published by Brassey's. Price £14.05.

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IT TAKES a courageous author to attempt comparative assessment of military commanders. Could it not be by *their works we shall know them?* We accept artists and musicians — even politicians — by their deeds, not by their character or morality, so why should we not judge war lords by other standards?

John Keegan's latest studious work *The Mask of Command* provides much food for thought on how generals should be perspective-viewed. For instance, Keegan says: "Theatricality was at the very heart of Alexander's leadership, as it perhaps must be of any leadership style."

Not much to take issue with there, but it is, nonetheless, a disturbing book in that he gives us a glimpse of what it takes for a leader not only to lead but to be seen to lead in the context of prevailing social and political climates.

The formula for leadership is only a secondary aim of this book, the remarkable aspect of which is that the author is able to make all the points he needs by citing in detail only four commanders: Alexander the Great (the epitome of heroic leadership), Wellington (the anti-hero), Grant (a surprising choice, but an example of 'unheroic' leadership), and Hitler (false hero).

Alexander is cited as the exemplar of heroic leadership, setting the standard that survived until the stabilizing of the modern concept of frontiered states. If Napoleon was the last of the heroic leaders, then Wellington must have been an anti-hero as the author contends, conducting war under constitutional monarchy.

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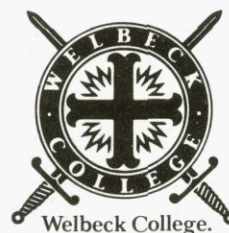
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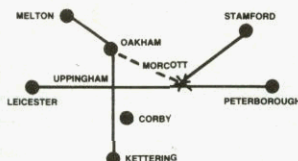
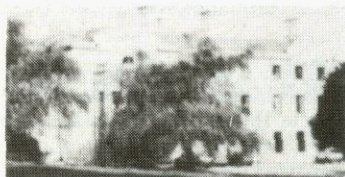
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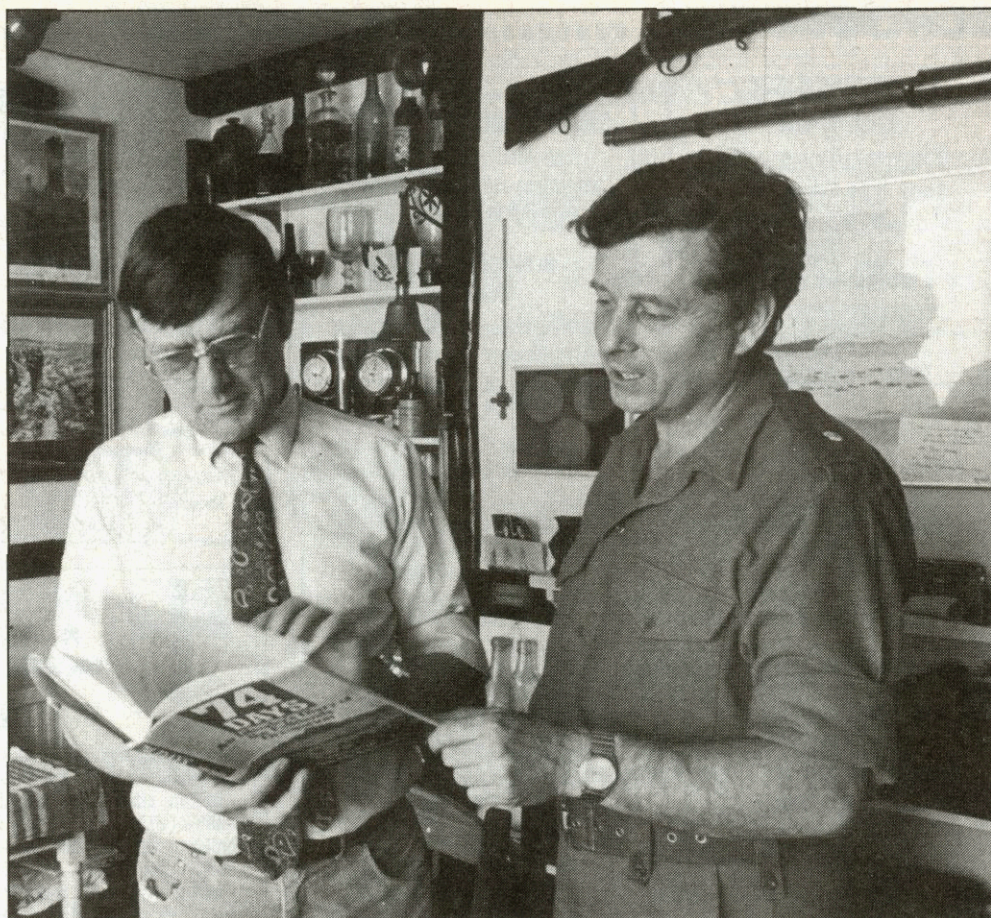
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Local historian Mr John Smith told SOLDIER: "Their moving away was quite sad. We are now in the situation of not knowing which units are here looking after us and they of not knowing who they are looking after."

Maj Edgar said: "I see a large part of my job as simply going round and meeting as many islanders as possible. If anyone wants to contact the military they can let me know and I will introduce them to the appropriate person.

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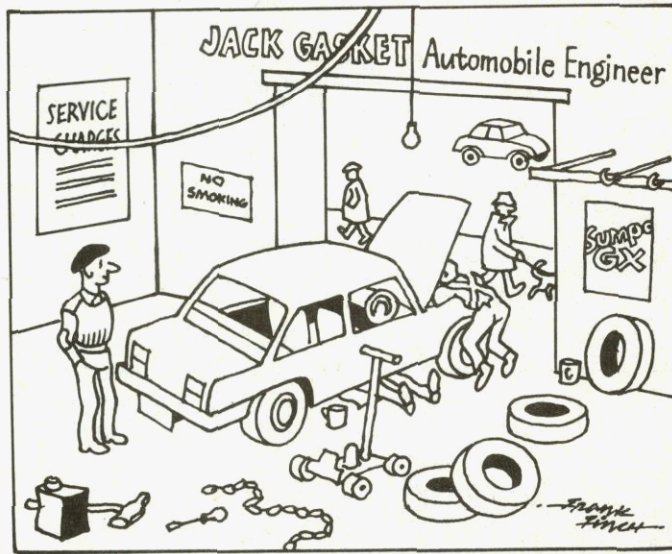
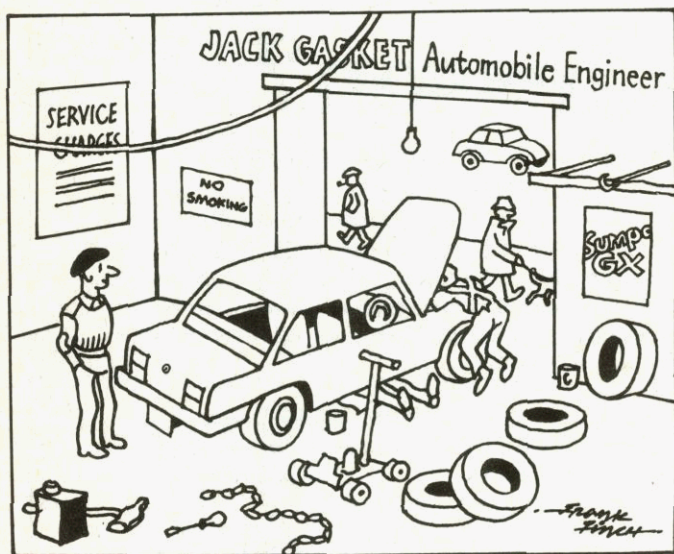
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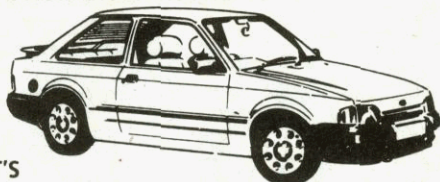
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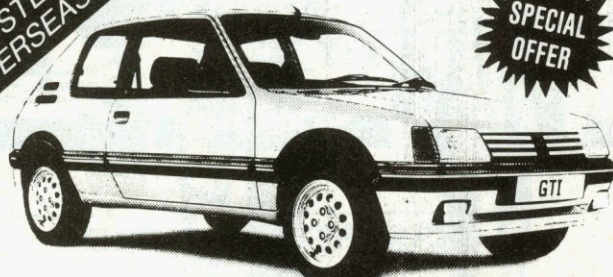
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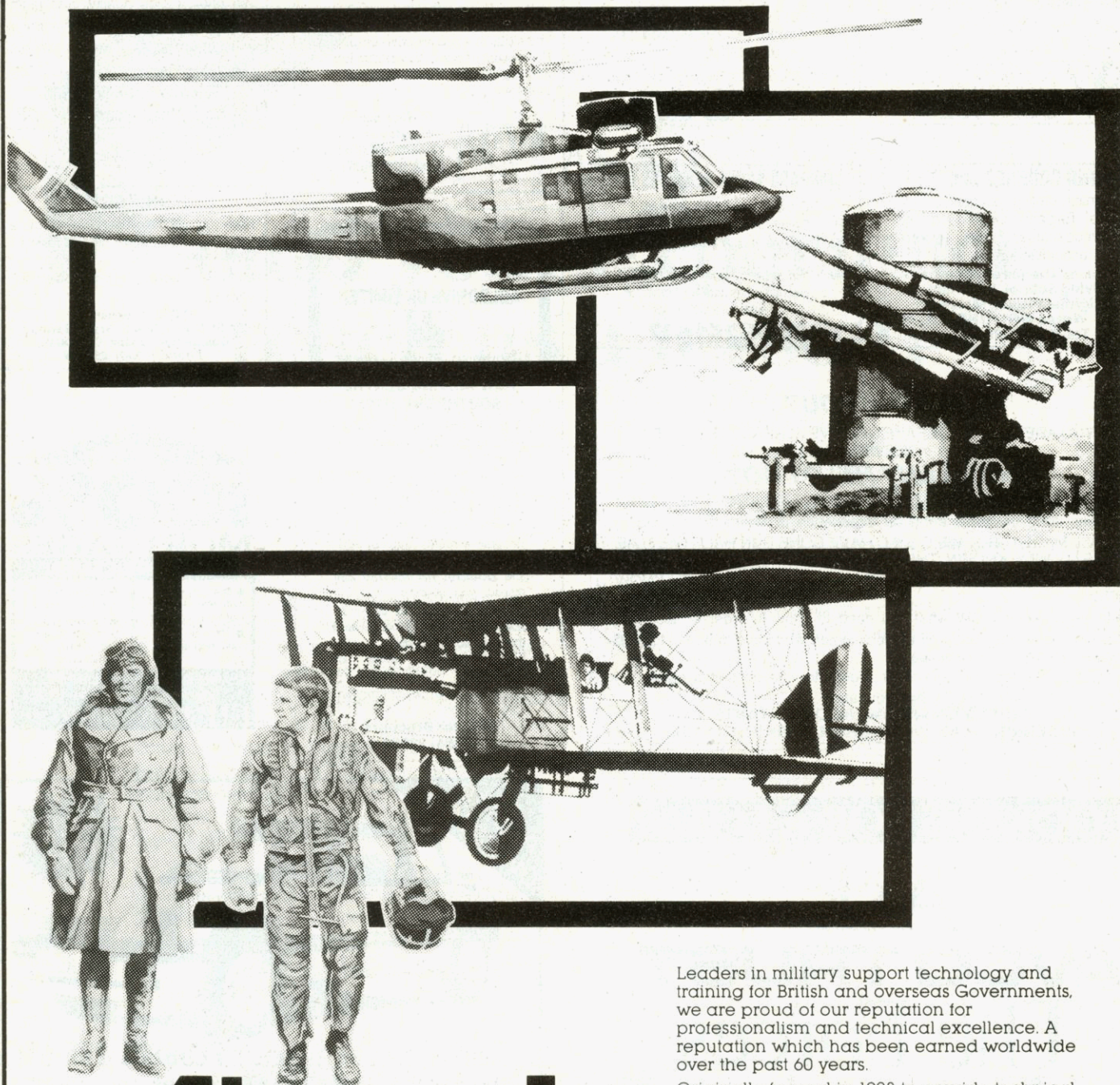
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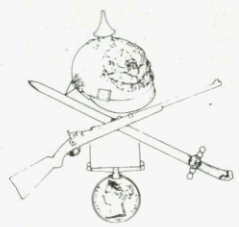


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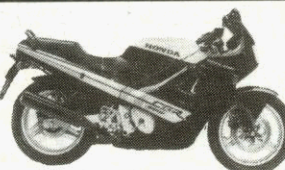
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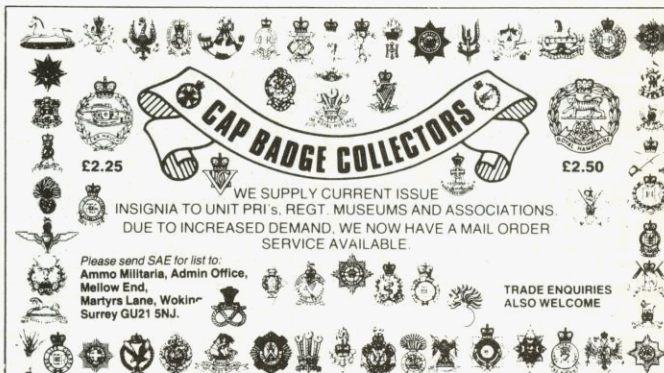
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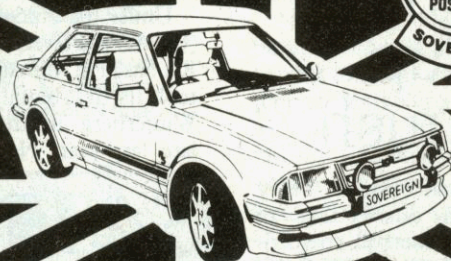


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The pair are no strangers to success, Fil took the novice navigator prize in last year's BAMA championship, while Graham, before joining up, was Scottish men's senior squash coach for their world and European championship teams.

R Irish in TA Cup goal rush

THERE was some heavy scoring in the quarter finals of the TA Cup football competition, with C Coy, 4(V) Royal Irish Rangers slamming 13 past B Coy 4 RGJ, the London champions.

D Coy 2 Bn Yorkshire Volunteers did nearly as well, brushing E Coy 3 WFR aside by nine goals to nil.

The other quarter finals were closer, B (RWY) Sqn, Royal Wessex Yeomanry beating 198 Engr Pk Sqn, CVHQ RE 3-2 and Commando Coy 15 Para Bn (V) from Scotland beating A Coy 4 Coy 4 Para Bn (V) 2-1.

The semi-finals, scheduled for March 20, will match Commando Coy 15 Para against 2 Yorks and 4 R Irish against the R Wx Y.



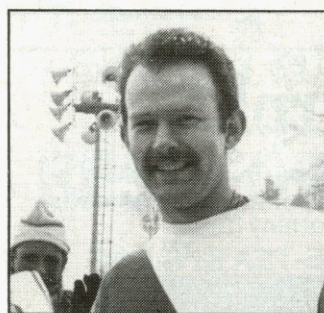
Cpl Graham Stephens (left) at the wheel with Sgt Fil Matthews

Anyone for luge?

ARMY interest in the luge has trailed some distance behind that shown in bobsledding in which the Service was well represented by Cpl Stan Tout and company in the Winter Olympics at Calgary.

But with the recruiting of a special squad from units across BAOR, efforts are being made to put the Army on the luge map.

Under the guidance of WO2 (QSMI) Jim Evans of 2 Fd Regt RA based in Munster the squad took its first tentative slides at Winterberg in the Sauerland late last year. Next came the



LCpl Ian Whitehead

UK novice championships at Igls in Austria and 11 - plus 21 beginners - have just taken part in the first BAOR luge championships at Winterberg.

LCpl Ian Whitehead of 110 Provost Coy at Munster completed the four competition slides five seconds faster than anyone else to become the first BAOR champion.

Luge is not a form of transport for the faint hearted. You lie flat on your back just inches from the ice and even modest speeds can appear alarmingly quick. Nevertheless, Jim Evans is hoping that his squad will have progressed enough by 1992 to compete for British team places at the Albertville Winter Olympics in France.

SABRE GIRLS BEAT MALE SERVICES CREW TO SYDNEY

HMSTY SABRE, in Australia for the Bicentenary celebrations and crewed by an all female tri-Service team, beat her sister yacht Adventure in the 620 mile Tall Ships Cutty Sark Race from Hobart Tasmania to Sydney.

It was the first time that one of the Joint Services Association Sail Training Centre's Nicholson 55s had been crewed entirely by women. The fact that they beat their male counterparts on Adventure was

a real turn up for the books.

Maj Cherry Lewis-Taylor WRAC, the skipper of Sabre said: "I think the women worked better than any other crews that I have ever had. If you have a mixed crew and some women get seasick, they tend to retire into the background and the men take over but here they had to do everything."

Sabre finished in 32nd position overall (third in her class) with Adventure finishing

47th overall out of a starting fleet of 174 yachts.

On board Sabre were four Army women selected from more than 60 applicants: Maj Cherry Lewis-Taylor WRAC, WO2 Sharon Hope WRAC, LCpl Bernadette Thomas WRAC and Maj Diane Quarington-Wilson QARANC.

The idea to enter an all female crew was Major Lewis-Taylor's, the only female major voyage expedition skipper in the British Services.

BOWLERS TOIL IN HONG KONG AS BATS PROSPER

HIGHLIGHT of the Army cricket team's two week tour of Hong Kong, during which seven out of eight matches were won, was a superb victory over the Colony representative side, writes Peter Salisbury.

The Army bowled and fielded superbly to dismiss Hong Kong for 167. A magnificent 94 not out by skipper Lt Matthew Fleming (2 RGJ) was largely responsible

for the Army coasting home by five wickets.

The first four matches of the tour were convincingly won. The Royal Hong Kong Police were defeated by 66 runs, Hong Kong Cricket Club by nine wickets, British Forces Hong Kong by 73 runs and British Forces Hong Kong Chairman's XI on faster scoring rate in a match which finished six overs early due to bad light, with the

opposition still requiring 73.

In all these limited over matches, the Army made big scores but a disappointing feature was their inability to bowl out the opposition.

Three of the matches were played on artificial wickets and the bowlers seemed to have more trouble adapting than the batsmen.

Following the Colony match, the fifth of the tour, the Army

chalked up two enormous wins, against Kowloon Cricket Club by 136 runs and against Combined Forces (Services and Police) by 180 runs.

This brought the Army to its final match against a strong Hong Kong Cricket Association XI, which included several Colony players.

The Army's bowling was by now somewhat depleted by injury. Fleming and Lt Tom Thicknesse (Light Div Depot) were unable to play, while LCpl Simon Gill (414 Tk Tptr Unit) damaged his shoulder diving in the field and was unable to bowl.

It was, however, the fielding rather than the bowling which let the Army down. Five catches were dropped, and the opposition were allowed to get 258 for six in their 50 overs.

This was a tall order but thanks to a magnificent 70 in 61 balls by Cpl David Gill (1 Armd Div Tpt Regt), well supported by Cpl Graham Summersgill (1 DWR) with 30 in 22 balls, the Army got very close.

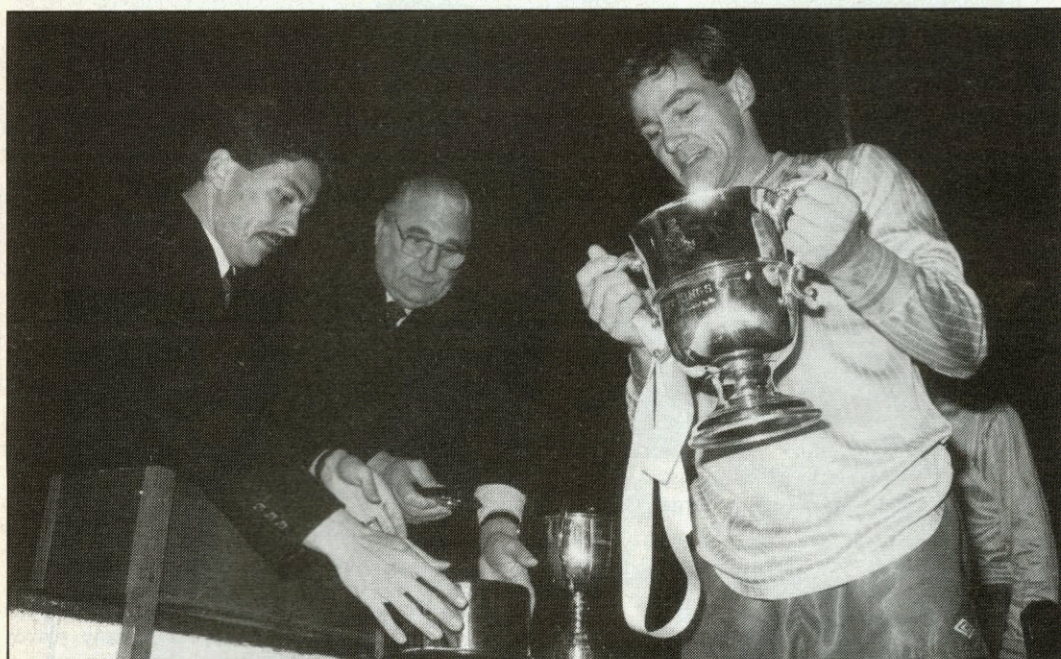
The lower order were unable to keep the momentum going, however, and the last six wickets went down for 41 runs to leave the Army 14 short with seven balls still to go.

Nearly all the leading batsmen did well, with Fleming scoring the most runs (320) and topping the batting averages at 64. He also hit the highest individual score of the tour, 98 against the Police. Cpl David Gill, who hit two other fifties, and Lt Julian Barrett (3 LI) also averaged over 40.

Leading wicket takers were Cpl Andy Taylor (17 Port Regt) with 11 and Barrett with ten.

UKLF judo

WINNERS in the UKLF intermediate judo championships were: Under 60kg, Sgt Miller (42 Svy Engr Gp); under 65kg, Gnr Airlie (94 Loc Regt RA); under 71kg, Pte Martin (23 Gp RPC); under 78kg, App Lewis (AA Coll ACC); under 86kg, Pte Blaylock (23 Gp RPC); under 95kg, Pte Dorset (23 Gp RPC) over 95kg, LCpl Brown (1 WFR).



Picture: Mike Perring

School of Signals skipper Cpl Sandy Brown holds the cup after his team from Blandford had beaten SEME Bordon 3-1 in the Army (UK) Challenge Cup final at Aldershot. Arsenal and England defender Kenny Sansom (left) presented the trophy and medals, assisted by AFA secretary Maj Alan Dobson (centre). Cpl Mick Cheetham, twice, and Brown scored for the signallers. Sgt Peter MacFarlane replied for SEME. On April 13 at Aldershot the School of Signals meet the winners of the BAOR final between 28 Sig Regt from Krefeld and 28 Amp Engr Regt RE

Strikers on fire!

Army 5, BFS 4

A **STRONG** and bitterly cold wind made life extremely difficult for defenders in the match between the Army and the English Fire Services at Aldershot, writes Pat Massey.

But the goal scorers warmed to their task and the Army shaded home by the odd goal in nine.

LCpl Guy Whittingham (SEME) opened the account before LCpl Mick Cheetham (R Signals) struck twice to give the Army a three goal lead.

After the interval goalkeeper Cpl Chris Lomas (RE) was

involved in a defensive blunder that allowed the firemen to pull one back, and they quickly scored again.

Two goals in a minute – the first a Cpl Sandy Brown penalty, the second a Whittingham header – restored the lead, only for the Fire Services to fight back with two more before the final whistle.

London U 3, Army B 3

Two up at half time against London University, an inexperienced Army B team looked much the better side at Motspur Park. But errors in

defence cost them dear and for the last quarter they looked like losing.

However, LCpl Sean Gilman (RAOC) crowned a battling performance with a fine equaliser and nudged himself into senior squad contention.

Gilman also scored the Army's first goal from the penalty spot and played a part in the second which was put away by SSI Gary Kilsby (APTC).

Army coach QMSI Derek Old (APTC) shuffled the pack in the second half to give more of his squad a taste of representative football.

COLTS TAKE CHARGE

FOLLOWING their biggest ever win against county opposition when they beat Durham County by 43 points to three at Harrogate, the Army's rugby colts have gone from strength to strength,

writes Peter Salisbury.

At Aldershot they chalked up their first ever win against Boys Clubs of Wales in a fascinating game of cut and thrust. The scores were level at half time, the Army having scored two

tries, one of which was converted, to one try and two penalties by the Boys Clubs of Wales.

The Army took the lead in the second half only to be overtaken by the Welsh. With

15 minutes to go the scores were level again at 18-18. The Welsh took the lead with what appeared to be the winning try but with two minutes remaining the Army drew level again with a try which Spr David Robinson (24 Fd Sqn) converted to win the match. Try scorers for the Army were AT Jonathon Murley (PMC Arborfield) with two and Sig Wayne Dunbar (30 Sig Regt), ASgt Paul Browning (AAC Harrogate) and Fus Julian Davies (IRWF) one each. Robinson converted twice.

Browning had an outstanding game in the centre and the pick of the forwards was No 8 AT Chris Rushworth (PMC Arborfield).

A fortnight later London Irish cried off on the Friday

Army's ABA hopes dented

JUST three titles from the CSBA individual championships staged at Aldershot were a poor return for the Army squad, particularly after they had clinched their fifth successive Inter-Services team championship, writes John Elliott.

Ironically, both the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force ended up with more individual titles at four apiece.

Through to the George Wimpey ABA quarter finals against Western Counties go the Army's three classiest performers - ABA flyweight finalist LCpl John McLean (26 Engr Regt), England bantamweight Sgt Keith Howlett (39 Eng Regt) and former ABA light middleweight champion LCpl Tony Velinor (4 RGJ).

Saddest exits were those of light welter LCpl Keith Mason (10 Corps Tpt Regt RCT) from Bielefeld and middleweight Pte Ian Strudwick (3 R Anglian) from Minden. Both had looked

capable of making progress on the tough ABA trail.

Both boxed well only to drop unanimous points decisions. Mason fought a close, hard contest with Mne Billy Draper, while Strudwick had his moments against the very good Mne Mark Edwards but could not quite match the Marine's more accurate punching.

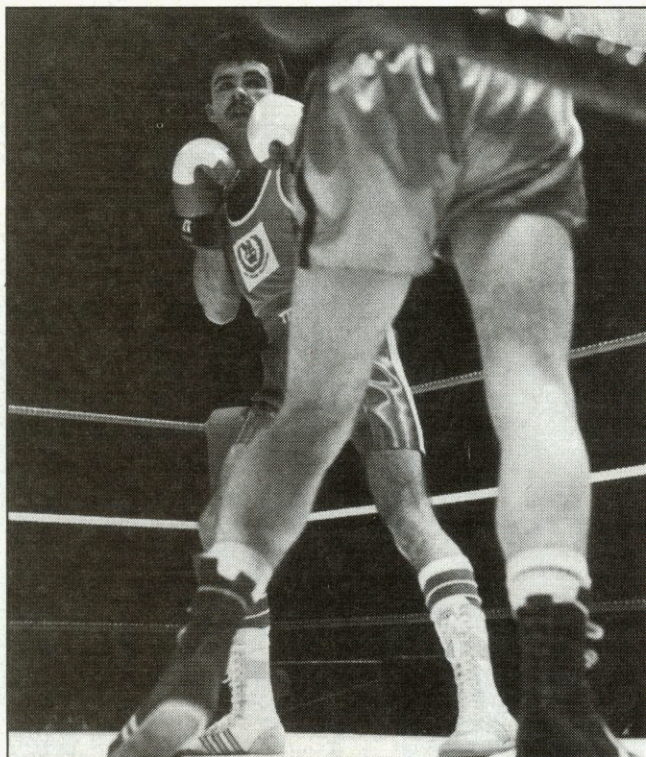
Spr Darren Sowden (22 Engr Regt) from Tidworth lost to the

RAF's hugely experienced Cpl Steve Snagg at lightweight, LCpl Danny Coyle (1 RWF) was beaten by boxer of the night Mne Steve Fulthorpe at light heavy, and Detmold based Cfn Steve Bursford (4 Armd Wksp REME) lost on points to RAF heavyweight Cpl Andrew Brown.

McLean, who at the end of the evening received the I-S team trophy from CSBA President Gen Sir David Mostyn, began the proceedings with a unanimous points decision over the strong and determined SAC Colin McCauley. The little sapper's skill under pressure kept him in firm control, ultimately reducing McCauley to a frustrated spoiler.

Howlett won on a walkover and Velinor easily outpointed Mne Billy Reid.

Alarming off balance and out of range at the start of the contest, the close cropped Velinor eventually found the target so effectively and often that Reid was forced to take standing counts in two rounds.



LCpl John McLean eyes up the target, Colin McCauley of the RAF

Picture: Mike Perring

● The Army senior XV beat the Royal Navy by a record 35 points to three at Twickenham as SOLDIER was going to press. Report and pictures in next issue.

night and alternative opponents were arranged at very short notice.

Twickenham colts agreed to play and were defeated 68-0, a record victory for the Army colts against any opposition. While Twickenham were not very strong the Army played well after a slow start.

They ran in 15 tries in a magnificent display of open rugby. Rushworth had another outstanding game scoring four and Cfn Graham Adams (SEE Arborfield), making his debut on the left wing, scored three.

Others were scored by Cfn Nick Gould (39 Engr Regt) 2, Pte Darren Short (1 RWF), Sig Peter Clements (30 Sig Regt), Cfn Paul Jinks (SEME Bordon), App Adam Newstead (AAC ACC), Robinson and Browning. Robinson converted three and Davies one.

Late starters

IN spite of a rich rugby tradition it has taken almost 20 years for a team representing the sergeants' mess of 1 RRW to take the field. But the long wait to turn the idea into deeds was worth it because they won their first match, beating a younger Sennelager Training Centre XV by ten points to six.



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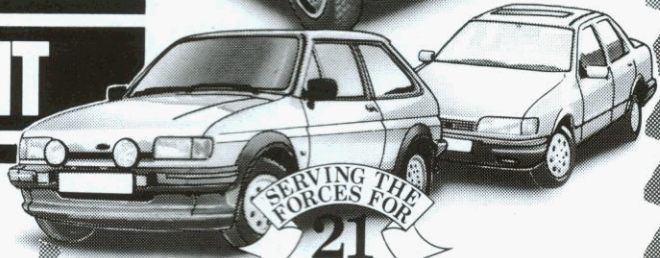
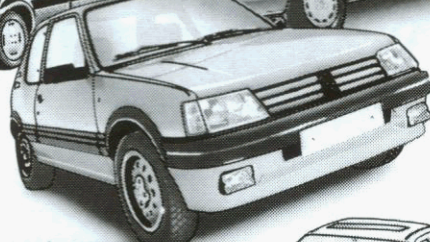
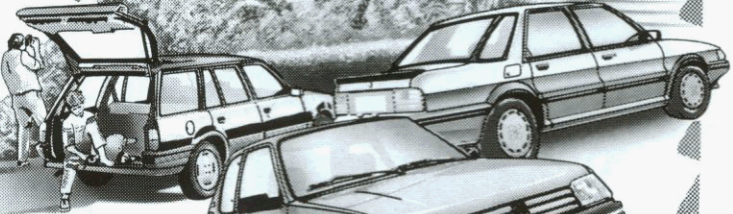
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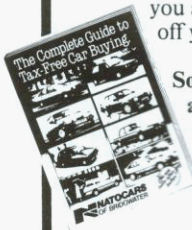
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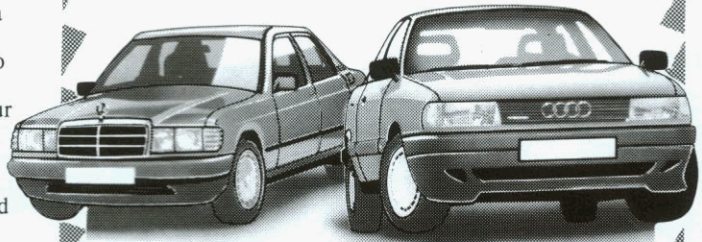
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The Drums Platoon of the 1st Battalion The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment parade at the end of a contest to choose the CO's bugler. Years ago they used to lead the Redcoats into battle. Today they man nine machine guns when they deploy for action. See Pages 24-27.

Picture: Mike Perring