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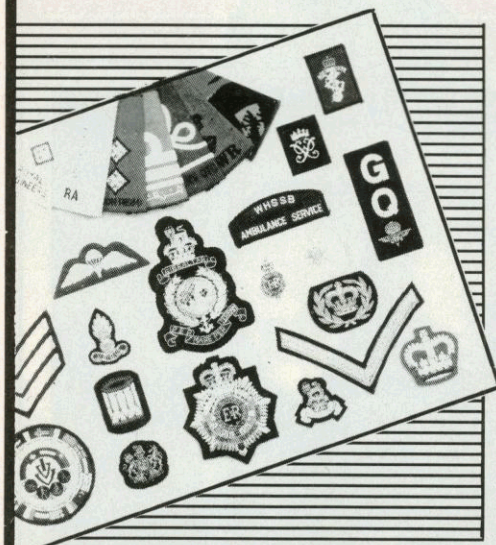


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Our LOA system is best so far

As a Service member of the MOD LOA team I should like to comment on Anne Armstrong's article "Time for a new look at LOA" (SOLDIER July 13) which contains some misconceptions and may add to the confusion which already surrounds this difficult subject.

In the first place, the ten items to which the press release referred were merely illustrative. As always the whole LOA budget was carefully repriced, and it does cover car insurance, as well as recognising the extra mileage travelled by Servicemen and Servicewomen based in Germany. It also includes provision for clothing, shoes, telephone charges, holidays and much more.

Secondly, while I agree, of course, that some people neither drink nor smoke, it is equally true, on the other hand, that some people do not own a motor car nor take holidays in hotels. There is provision in the LOA budget for both those items because it would be quite impossible to assess LOA on an individual basis and so it is based on the lifestyle of the average man.

However, I can assure your readers that, by survey and interview, a great deal of effort goes into the process of establishing the content of each budget.

Finally I must mention that while some matters that arise out of overseas service are outside the LOA system, the financial implications are not all one way. For example DHSS benefits are outside its scope, but so are tax free cars.

Over the years we have looked very hard at the system; changes will always be necessary to keep it up-to-date, but as yet we have not found a better arrangement to replace it - Lt Col T H English, MoD, Empress State Building, Lillie Road, London SW6 1TR.

Return of the steeple para...

Marines drum major went over the top!

I have been following the interesting correspondence on the staff drill of drum majors. It occurs to me that perhaps the main reason that drum majors in the Foot Guards do not twirl their staves is the inherent danger of a projectile whizzing round within inches of the bearskin cap, creating an undignified incident by knocking it askew!

Also of interest is throwing the staff. I recall during the Victory Parade in London after the last war the drum major of an Indian Army regiment

It can give you a nasty turn if you are not expecting it - a parachutist bumping against the weatherbeaten stones of the church tower.

The place: Ste Mère Église, Normandy. The soldier: a dummy hung there from time to time to commemorate the experience of a man known to millions through his portrayal by the actor Red Buttons in the film *The Longest Day*.

Pte John Steele, of the 505th Bn, 82nd US Airborne Division, ended up with his canopy hooked on one of the ornamental pinnacles of the ancient church when he floated down on the night of June 6, 1944.

He dangled helplessly, watching tracer bullets stream from the window alongside him as German machine-gunners fired on Americans running about the streets below. American bullets smacked about him as his comrades fired back.

Eventually the Germans hauled Steele to safety and took him prisoner.

throwing his staff high in the air and, three or four paces later, nonchalantly reaching up to catch it. Of course Indian regiments tended to use a lightweight form of staff, without the heavy top used in British regiments.

Many years ago as a drum major in the Royal Engineer Cadets we borrowed a very nice staff from the RE Territorials, which I decided one day on parade to throw. I missed, and it hit the ground like a V1 rocket. Not a pretty sight!

I was told that when the

Royal Marines were stationed at Chatham, and their band was marching out of barracks, the drum major would throw the staff over the gate and catch it on the other side.

A drum major nowadays can reach warrant rank. Before then, in line regiments, he was regarded as the senior sergeant on parade but in the mess he was always the junior sergeant. Can anyone confirm this? - A Easdown, (late 5th RI Dragoon Guards), 12 Christchurch Court, Luton, Chatham, Kent.

Goody for Nicky!

Congratulations to Nicky Goody! She is the latest winner of SOLDIER's HOAY competition, and receives the winner's cheque for £50. Nicky lives at The Shrubberies, Newmarket, Suffolk, the home of horse racing. See if you can pick yourself as a winner by entering the competition on Page 39.

Battery of the Bills

Regarding the letter Family War of J Farrelly (SOLDIER July 13), he is not unique. My father, the late Sgt J W Clarkson RA and I served in the 121st Field Regt RA and in the same battery - we were dubbed Young Bill and Old Bill.

My father rejoined the TA early in 1939 and served in the 8th Army in North America and Italy with the 121st Regt RA (the Leeds Gunners). The regiment came home in December 1943 for the Normandy landings.

I joined the Regulars in 1941. My father claimed me to his regiment in January 1944 and subsequently we took part in the invasion on D + 5 and served together until the surrender in 1945.

We received 15 medals between us, although three of mine came after the war. - J Clarkson, 10 Heights Way, Armley, Leeds LS12 3SN.

Reunions

● 163/55 LAA Regt RA will hold its 42nd annual dinner at The Royal Devon Yeomanry, The Drill Hall, Butts Road, Heavitree, Exeter on September 19. Details from Don Goodheart, 20A Burnthouse Lane, Exeter EX2 6BH (tel: 0392 73862).

● Sgt J Drummond, 90 Sqn RCT, Junior Leaders Regt RCT/RAOC, Colerne, nr Chippenham, Wilts SN14 8QY (Colerne Military 233) wants to hear from any of the 22 recruits of intake 507, C Sqn, The Depot Regt, June to July 1976 who are still serving.

● The 4th Bn Devonshire Regiment 1st RV OCA reunion dinner will be held on October 3 at ACF Drill Hall, Barrack Rd, Exeter, at 7pm. Details from secretary Mr S Handford, 14 Thornbury Ave, Exeter EX1 3HR (tel: 66816).

Call signs

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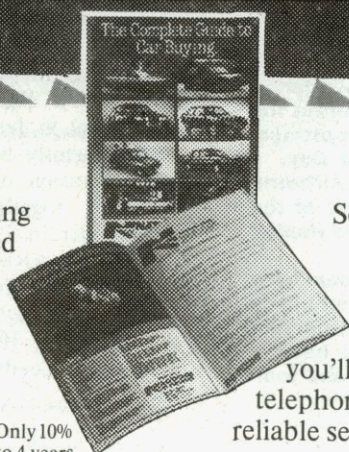
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Naafi to build prestige store on the site of Spandau Prison

NAAFI has promised to build one of its biggest and finest stores on the site of Spandau Prison in Berlin, following the death of Rudolph Hess, last surviving member of the Nazi leadership.

Plans for the 60,000 sq ft store on Wilhelmstrasse have been on the drawing board for five years. Facilities will include a food hall, gifts and durables department, butchery and preparation rooms, freezers and cold storage areas, trolley park, cafeteria, offices and other facilities.

It is expected to take two years to build

and the cost will be met by the Berlin Senate.

The Naafi complex will cater for Service customers from nearby Alexander, Wavell, Brooke and Smuts Barracks as well as RAF Gatow. It will replace existing Naafi facilities at Summit House.

A Naafi spokesman said: "We have been looking for ways to improve our facilities in Berlin for ten years. The offer of the Spandau site some five years ago provided the opportunity to plan ahead and we are delighted we can now proceed with those

improvements."

The sombre red brick Spandau, in which Hess has been the only inmate for many years; was constructed as a military prison in 1878 by French PoWs.

During its Nazi heyday it was used as a prison, as a transit centre for concentration camp inmates and as a place of execution.

About 1,200 people were guillotined there between 1933 and 1945. The Russians found the guillotine and block during the liberation of the city at the end of the war.

STOP PRESS: 35 Engr Regt and 3 Queens have won the 1986 Wilkinson Sword of Peace. Full story in the next issue.

Hong Kong faces new problem

SEEKING a better life beyond the bamboo curtain, China-based Vietnamese refugees have been flooding into Hong Kong in recent weeks.

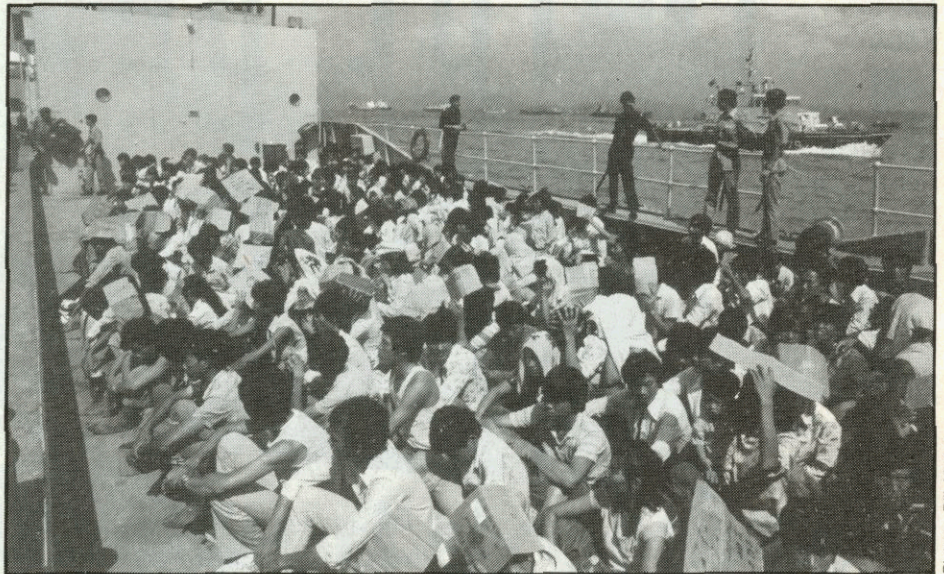
Getting together in groups and pouring their life savings into motorised sampans, the Vietnamese – mostly in their 20s and 30s – have braved the threat of typhoons to make the perilous journey along the west coast of China.

More than 8,000 Vietnamese – refugees from their homeland and many of them resident in China for ten years or more – made their way across the South China Sea during one month alone. Hong Kong Government authorities, backed up by the Royal Navy, have been working around the clock to pick them up.

The sudden influx has added to the problem of the already overcrowded colony and British troops have had their work cut out fencing and refurbishing former camps and barracks.

The landing craft of the Stonecutters Island based 415 Maritime Troop RCT have been busy ferrying the so-called illegal immigrants from holding points around Aberdeen harbour to the new refugee facilities.

The number of ex-China Vietnamese refugees currently making a bid for a new life in Hong Kong is already more than double the number for the whole of last year.



Vietnamese refugees from China detained in Hong Kong are ferried by 415 Maritime Troop RCT to temporary accommodation

Picture: Bill Moore

Cyprus ambush commendation

CPL John Bailey, 35, of 9 Signals Regiment, wounded in an ambush in Cyprus in April, is to receive the Queen's Commendation for brave conduct.

Coming under fire as he drove a Land Rover towing a horsebox, he sped along the road weaving from side to side to prevent the

gunmen's car from overtaking him.

Both Cpl Bailey and his passenger, Linda Wilkinson, 15, on her way to pick up a horse from Episkopi Saddle Club, were injured but not seriously. The trailer absorbed most of the attackers' fire.

New tank helmet issued

ISSUE of the Army's new tank helmet, Crewguard, which has taken over from Helmguard, is complete to the five BAOR-based Challenger tank regiments.

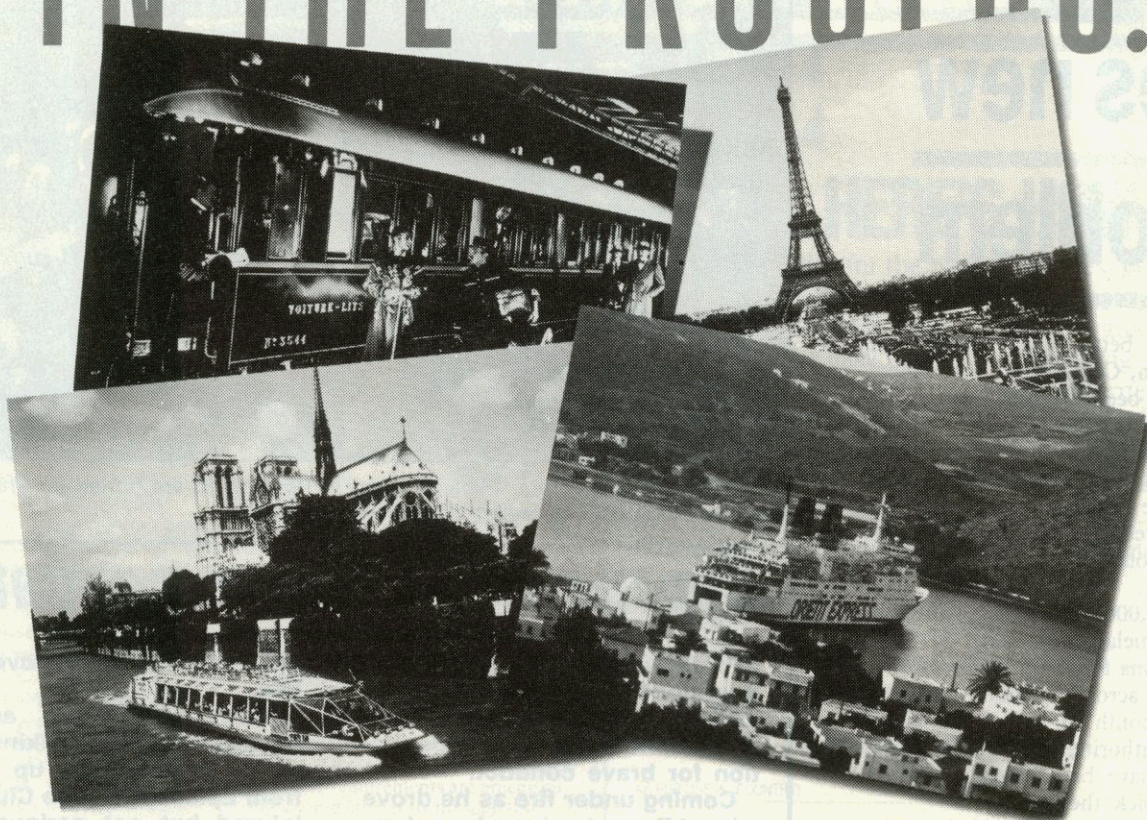
The helmet and headset, which costs about £230, is destined for the RAC Centre Bovington, the Gunnery School, training regiments, examiners and instructors. It is hoped that this will be completed by the

end of November. About 2,000 have already been distributed.

The new helmet, like the new Mark Six combat helmet, is made of Kevlar and is lighter than its predecessor. It comes in three sizes.

Helmguard helmets are being returned to Donnington for checking and are expected to be issued to TA units.

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Sapper leads China climb

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The soldiers are included in a team of mountaineers and scientists and will be joined by Chinese mountaineers.

Heading the Army team is Lt Col Henry Day, RE, who has climbed in the Himalayas about a dozen times – "I've lost count" – and was a member of the first

British assault on Annapurna 1 in 1970.

Lt Col Day was also active on the south col route of Everest through Nepal in 1976 as one of the load carriers to the 27,500ft high top camp.

Other Army climbers include Capt Duncan Francis, 7 RHA; Capt Johnny Garratt, Gren Gds; LCpl John House, 1 D and D; Cpl Luke Hughes, 21 (V) SAS; LCpl Jim Kimber, RCT; Lt John Vlasto, R Sigs; and Capt Nigel Williams, R Hamps.



CLIMB LEADER: Lt Col Day

Enfield to close

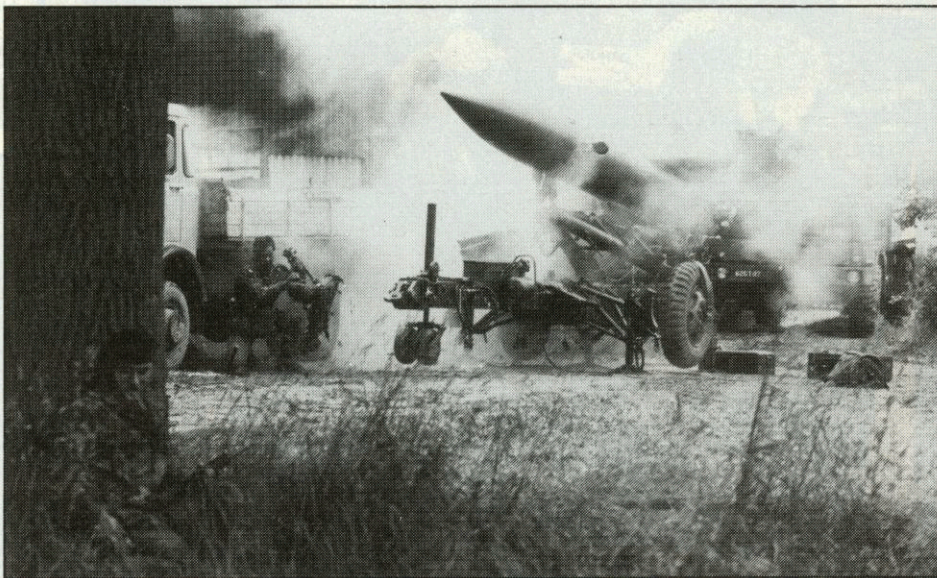
ALTHOUGH the Royal Ordnance Small Arms Factory at Enfield is due to close at the end of next year and manufacture of the Army's new SA 80 systems, the individual weapon and light support weapon will shift to Nottingham, deliveries are well under way of both weapon types.

To date, 17 infantry battalions, two Royal Marine Commandos and infantry training organisations have been issued with the weapon. Two battalions in Northern Ireland and districts within UKLF now have SA 80. Some have arrived in Cyprus and Hong Kong and a few are in service within BAOR.

Deliveries of 175,000 weapons started last summer in batches and the second tranche of 150,000 weapons in a contract worth £100 million will be delivered in 1989-90.

Cumbrian move

NEARLY 120 men and women from Corunna Company, 4th (V) Bn, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment based in Cumbria moved 2,000 miles south-east for their prestige exercise Lion Cub – all the way to sunny Cyprus.



Smoke rises as a German ambush team tries to catch Lance sections of 50 Missile Regt off guard during Summer Ghost 2

Spirited exercise for missile men

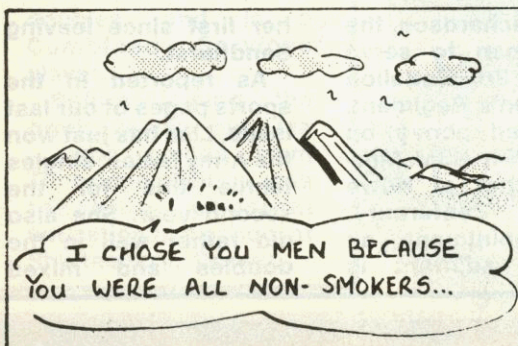
FIVE helicopters and five Rapier air defence systems joined men of 50 Missile Regiment, RA, from Menden and the German Army's 150 Rocket Battery from Wesel for a week-long joint exercise called Summer Ghost 2.

Three sections from 50 Missile Regt –

10, 15 and 36 Missile Batteries – were the main protagonists while men of 58 (Eyes) AD Bty, 12 AD Regt based at Dortmund fielded the Rapiers. A pair of Chinook helicopters from the RAF's 18 Sqn, two German CH 53s and a Gazelle from 664 Sqn, AAC, completed the line-up.

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by Mouse





BBC TV Look North presenter Wendy Gibson had a peep inside a turret of a Fox belonging to the Territorials of the Queen's Own Yeomanry when she visited the Great Yorkshire Show at Harrogate



JOHN Cowlshaw, a railway buff whose father served in the Sherwood Foresters, painted an oil of the engine *Sherwood Forester* three years ago – and is now serving with The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, successors to his father's old regiment.

A probation liaison officer at Derby Crown Court, Pte Cowlshaw served for nine years with 905 Coy RASC (TA). Now he's in F Company, Home Service Force, with the 3rd (V) Battn of the WFR.

He has loaned the *Sherwood Forester* painting to his unit for safe keeping, and is pictured presenting it to Capt P J Platt.

Engine oil...

This drill's kids' stuff!

GETTING felled in for Sgt Alan Morgan of the Junior Infantry Battalion Shorncliffe are a squad of very raw recruits. He took the baby soldiers under his wing on the "Join the Army" stand at the Dover Military Open Day.

The open day was a break from the traditional tattoo presented in front of historic Fort Burgoyne for the past five years. A less formal arrangement of static displays, performing military bands and arena events had to compete against some rather inclement summer weather which even threatened to make the Burgoyne Heights show ground unusable.



PEOPLE

Grand exit for ASM Cleary

AULD Lang Syne was still echoing across the empty Sandhurst square when a lone figure approached the saluting dais. After taking his 36th Sovereign's Parade at the RMA, Academy Sergeant Major Denis Cleary asked permission to march off "for the last time".



ASM CLEARY

Then he mounted the Grand Steps in slow time and disappeared from view.

ASM Cleary, an Irish Guardsman, is retiring from the Army next month after 32 years. The biggest difference he has seen in the pattern of Sandhurst parades? The inclusion of women – 38 WRAC cadets passed out in the latest.

RSM Mike Nesbitt, of the 1st Grenadier Guards takes over as ASM.



FIRST SERVICE!

LT Lisa Richardson, the first woman to serve with the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Regiment, is pictured above on parade with RSM Mervyn Butcher at Howe Barracks, Canterbury. Her appointment as assistant adjutant is

her first since leaving Sandhurst.

As reported in the sports pages of our last issue, Lisa has just won the Army ladies' singles tennis title for the second year. She also did rather well in the doubles and mixed

doubles, and is a Combined Services player.

Before joining the Army, 24-year-old Lisa – who comes from Tunbridge Wells – was teaching physical education in a school at Shaftesbury, Dorset.



He who dares laughs!

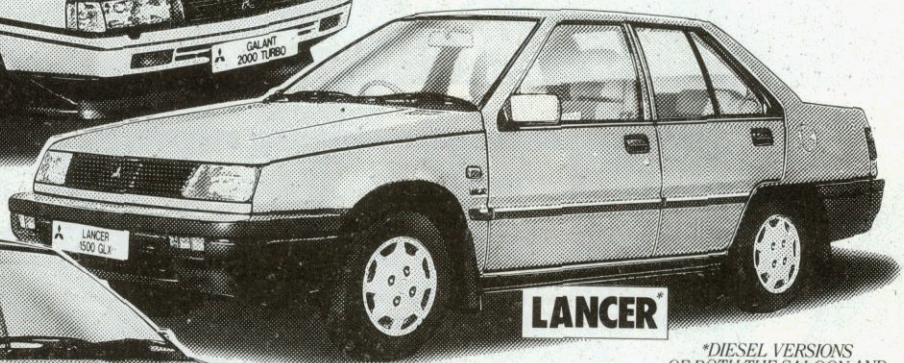
IT'S every soldier's dream to make a clown out of the RSM – and live to tell the tale! Cpl Peter Wilson of 2 Sqn 7th Sig Regt based at Herford, Germany did the next best thing by turning himself into a clown for RSM Andy Hickling's Monday morning parade. Peter's "dare" earned DM1,200 in sponsorship for charity. RSM Hickling no doubt had a suitable comment on the turn out!

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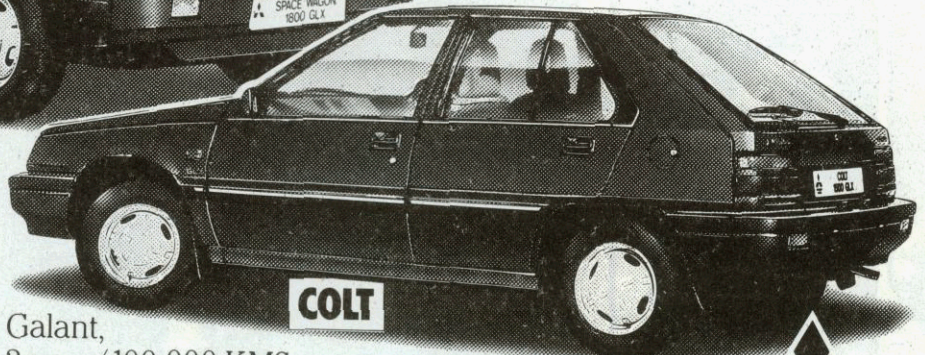


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An old soldier down on his luck

Some people seem to have all the bad luck . . .

One who has had more than his fair share is a sapper who, after serving in North Africa, Sicily and Italy during the Second World War, was seriously wounded on D-Day, evacuated home and invalided from the Army.

His marriage broke up in 1981 because of his wife's mental instability, and he had to move out into lodgings. After four years, he now has a one-room flat, but it's damp, in poor decorative condition, and under-furnished. His health is poor - he has had a minor stroke, has angina and arthritis.

One ray of sunshine in this old soldier's difficult life is that the Army Benevolent Fund and his corps benevolent fund have made grants to help him.

The sapper is one of 3,029 individuals - serving soldiers, dependants and former soldiers - who were helped financially by the ABF during the year 1986/87. The ABF disbursed £2,936,921 in all forms of relief work; the corps and regimental associations gave out another £2,380,528, a total of more than £5¼ million.

But each year, says the ABF annual report, the need for financial assistance increases.

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

SOLDIER to Soldier

Last Royal Berkshire retires from the DERR

The 1st Battalion The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire) has lost its last Royal Berkshireman.

DERR was formed in 1959 with the amalgamation of The Royal Berkshire Regiment (Princess Charlotte of Wales') and The Wiltshire Regiment (the Duke of Edinburgh's).

Among those who stayed on to serve with the new regiment was Maj (QM) Peter Stacey who had enlisted in The Royal Berkshire Regiment as a boy soldier in 1955. Now he, the last serving member of the regiment with the DERR, has retired.

The disbandment of the two



Maj (QM) Peter Stacey

former regiments was a sad time for those who had served with them. Many retired voluntarily. But Maj Stacey was just as proud to be a member of

the DERR as to have been a Royal Berkshireman. "It was an amalgamation of two very fine regiments and the result was super," he said.

Adapting the two regiments into one was not totally without incident though. Maj Stacey recalls that at first members of the two former regiments tried to get the upper hand in the WO's' and sergeants' messes.

The Berkshires obtained some new curtains for the mess in sage green, red and white, but when the RSM (himself a Royal Berkshire) recognised them as being the colours of his regiment, he personally ripped them down. After that the oneupmanship stopped!

Badge bonanza

Anyone want to buy a ton of regimental badges, buttons and buckles?

The Ministry of Defence Procurement Executive has them for sale and is inviting tenders.

How many are there? That presents a bit of a problem. They are advertised (in SOLDIER) as "a large quantity".

"There's certainly well in excess of a ton," said an official.

It's the first time, certainly in many years, that the Ministry

has sold off a large quantity of badges, buttons and buckles in good condition. Normally they have been sold only as scrap.

Some of them are from regiments now disbanded; some of them are brand new. All are contained, ten pounds weight at a time, in transparent plastic bags.

"I hope they are worth a lot of money," said the official. And he could well be right.

There's only one snag. The buyer has to take the whole one ton-plus. Amateur collectors might have a problem!

Spit and polish?

A First World War German field gun, which lay buried in a Bradford sewage works for 50 years, is now proudly on display in the Victorian park at Beamish in Co Durham.

The gun, a 1918 Krupp PM18 Kanone, which once stood in a Yorkshire park, not surprisingly needed restoration after it was rescued from its sewage works resting place and was given by the Yorkshire Water Authority to Beamish, which has won the title of European Museum of the Year 1987 for its open air museum.

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Early units were his to buy and sell

BRITISH regiments are rightly proud of their unique traditions and achievements, their military glories – and even disasters – on the world's battlefields. They revere honours bestowed on them by a grateful nation in recognition of military services rendered.

Today's Army is assured of its role in a peacetime world. Yet for more than three centuries after Charles II obtained approval from Parliament for his Standing Army of 1660, regiments were raised by monied individuals. They were bought and paid for, and regarded virtually as private property.

That was the genesis of the appointment *Colonel of the Regiment*. These were men with assets enough to buy their own private armies. The result was units with names such as the Earl of Plymouth's Horse (1685), Cunningham's Dragoons (1689), Elliott's Light Horse (1759), Wentworth's Foot Guards (1656), Sir John Hepburn's Regiment (1633), the Duke of Beaufort's Musketeers (1685) and Fielding's Invalids (1719).

The colonel of the regiment (the title of colonel was substituted for captain in 1588 to pinpoint the chief officer of a regiment)

attracted a salary of £1,000 a year and the appointment was usually given to a general on retirement.

Nowadays, the list of such appointees is studded with generals, lieutenant generals, major generals, brigadiers, colonels and even lieutenant colonels.

The Royal Armoured Corps, for instance, has 18 colonels of regiments – two generals, three lieutenant generals, eight major generals (including three colonel commandants), three brigadiers, one colonel and one lieutenant colonel.

By contrast, the Guards Division boasts

just five, made up of three dukes, one prince and a major general.

The first colonels of regiments were provided with funds from which to pay officers and equip men. Any shortfall was expected to come from their own pockets.

Officers bought their commissions and were free to sell them on retirement or transfer.

If, after kitting out his men the colonel had any change left, that was his profit.

But a profit was not always turned. In the 1790s, for instance, while the colonel of the 4th Dragoons was happily pocketing a

Sovereign approves each one

THERE are 178 colonels of regiments and colonels commandant, including one woman, the Colonel of the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Service.

"We are not sexist, you know!" quipped Mrs Carol Histed, of the Military Secretariat branch, Stanmore.

Her branch submits names of aspiring colonels of regiments and

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THE COLONEL

IT WAS not necessary for an officer to have served in the regiment to which he had been appointed colonel. Nor does it apply today. The appointment is in the Sovereign's gift on the advice of the Military Secretary and after consultation with the regiment concerned.

It is usual however, for the colonel to have served in the regiment, having commanded it at some stage of his career.

And he need not necessarily be senior in rank to take the appointment. He will be granted the honorary rank of colonel if his substantive rank was major or lieutenant colonel when he retired.

Some regiments prefer that candidates are on the retired list but many have colonels who are still serving.

How is the appointment made? In many regiments it is agreed by the regimental council which then informs the Military Secretary. He seeks the Queen's permission for the appointment.

If there is no regimental council the decision is made by the outgoing colonel with the agreement of the commanding officer after consultation with previous colonels and senior members of the regiment, serving and retired.

The appointment is usually for five years and is unpaid but there is a "small annual allowance".

The job entails fostering regimental spirit, advising the Ministry of Defence and battalion commanders on such matters

Our feature is based on research done by the 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers for the visit of their Colonel of the Regiment, Brig John Pownall, to the regiment at Herford, Germany

He's head of the regimental family

by
Graham
Smith

Secretary on a range of regimental subjects but has no executive authority nor any disciplinary powers unless he is still serving.

His function is to advise and to be available whenever needed. Selection of potential officers in some regiments is also very much the colonel's responsibility in the first place, though the CO has the final word.

The colonel is president of various regimental committees and is required to make decisions on the expenditure of funds associated with charities.

His staff officer is usually the regimental secretary.

Some colonels of regiments devote themselves to writing regimental histories or keeping regimental magazines going.

Some fight centuries-old battles all over again to acquire for their regiments battle honours which may have been overlooked.

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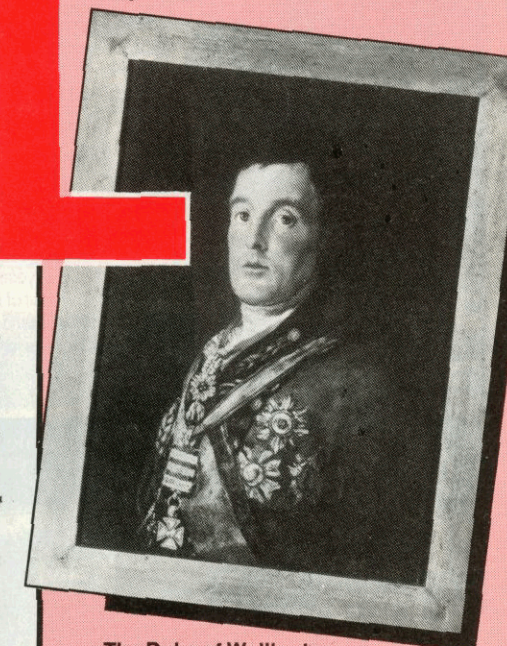
A gathering of colonels. Each regiment and corps was represented by its colonel when the Queen, the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and other members of the Royal Family dined with the Army at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea in 1956

He also attends reunions and parades.

So far as is known there are only two other armies in the world which have colonels of regiments – the Indian and Pakistani. Both were once British

commanded.

It is a curiously British arrangement – hard to defend logically, but one which works well in practice and costs the taxpayer virtually nothing.



The Duke of Wellington: seven regiments – See Page 38

colonels commandant for the Queen's approval, prepares the paperwork for entry into the *London Gazette*, and sends the letters to the individuals concerned.

No one has so far been turned down by the Queen said Mrs Histed. "The regiments putting up the names know the rules and regulations."

"They are not posts where incumbents are going to make money. Retired officers get £270 a year, serving officers are paid £140 plus travelling expenses. The ruling is for a ten-year cut-off point or reaching the age of 65 before relinquishing the post."

"Occasionally, they can extend year by year until the age of 68 but this is extremely rare."

About half the 178 honorary holders of office have retired.

The latest colonel of regiment to be appointed was in May when Brig James Rucker, managing director of Naafi, took up The Queen's Own Hussars colonelcy from Lt Gen Sir Robin Carnegie.



Brig James Rucker, the latest of 178 colonels and colonels commandant

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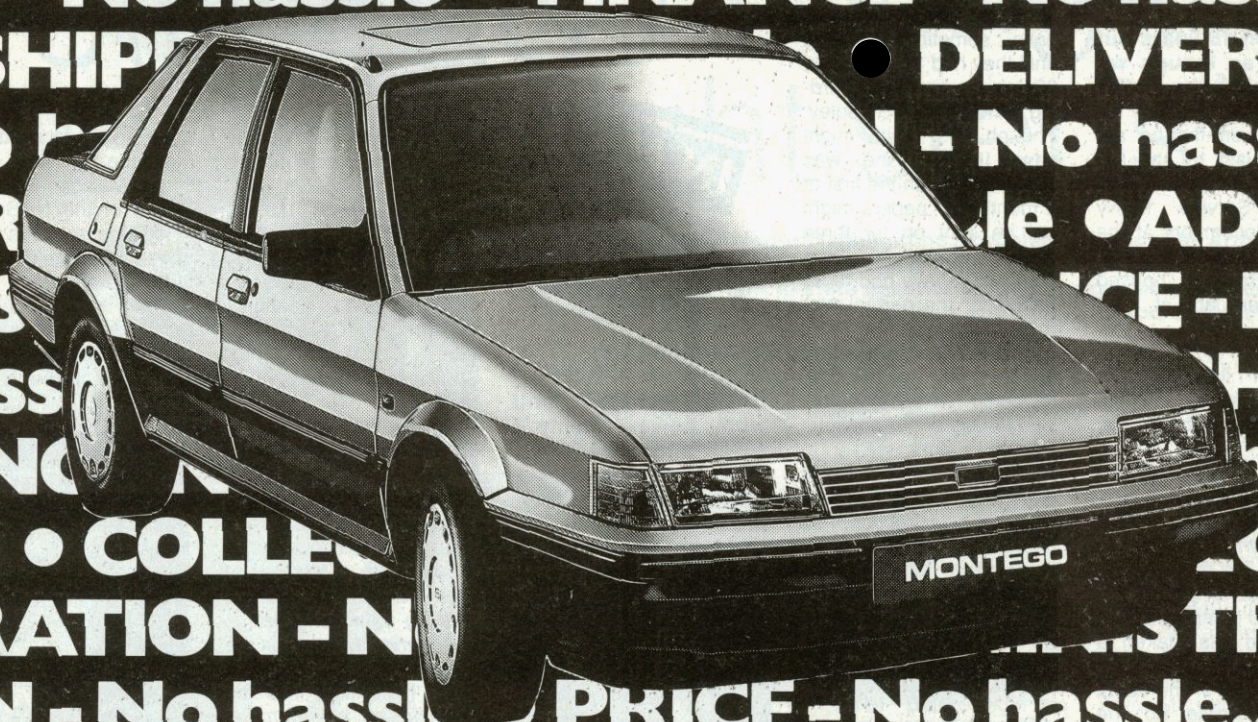
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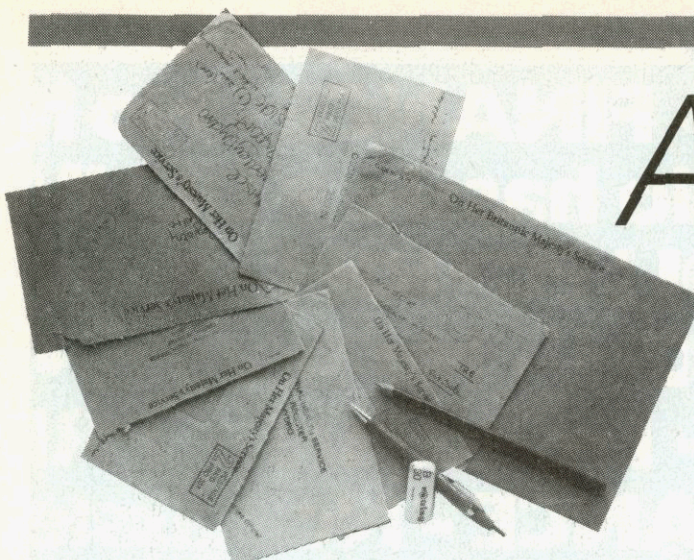
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IT'S taken 15 years but it looks as though we are winning the battle of Smedley Hydro.

The powers-that-be are acting at last to halt the growing mountain of unclaimed Service family medical documents at the National Health Service Central Register housed there. There are at least 100,000.

Back in 1979, seven years after I first raised the matter, I marched into the fine old Victorian building at Southport, to ask:

Why is it still taking so long for wives' and dependants' personal records to be transferred when their husbands are posted from, say, BAOR to the UK?

I took 50 complaints with me... and was shaken to discover that not one delay was the fault of the NHS. And even worse, no one from the Services had ever visited the place.

The trouble clearly lay with the way in which units handled documents and on

units sometimes waited until they had accumulated 20 or more before forwarding them to Smedley. Though Mrs Smith might have thought she was re-registering on the first of a month, her papers might not be sent on for three more weeks... and another 21 days had to be added for the normal turn round administration.

This meant that if a wife needed treatment her doctor could not easily obtain vital details of her previous medical history.

Hopefully this is going to change now. A new tri-Service instruction has been issued – Leaflet 0506 – detailing future procedures.

Units will have to check all F Med 264s before

forwarding them to Smedley.

The scheme will work, however, only if wives and dependants provide the necessary information.

Names are not enough – an amazing number of Smiths, Browns and Joneses with the same forenames were born in the same month of the same

year and even on the same day. The NHS number is a must.

Anyone who doesn't know their number should write to their previous doctor or, failing that, direct to the Service Dependants Section, NHS Central Register, Smedley Hydro, Southport, Merseyside PR8 2HH.

Delays may still occur. Family Practitioner Committees and GPs are sometimes slow to act, so units who feel they have done everything correctly should give Smedley at least 21 days before sending off a reminder.

If everyone pitches in the system can be made to work. It certainly has the blessing of the Surgeon General, Lt Gen Sir Cameron Moffat:

"This is a complex matter and it has inevitably taken time to sort out. I very much hope that the changes in procedure to be introduced forthwith will greatly simplify and speed up the transfer of important medical documents from

one doctor to another," he told me.

Mr Malcolm Pennington, head of the NHS Central Register, says the staff will be toasting the new system in cups of tea if it does speed up the operation.

The change should also help SSAFA which has 20,000 children's documents on its hands.



INTREPID TRIKER: Debbie Brennan

WHEN 3 BAD WOs' and Sergeants' Mess at Bracht near Rheindahlen provided plucky Debbie Brennan (8) with a disabled child's special tricycle she promptly completed a 10km sponsored trike trek to raise money for her Brownie pack at Wegburg Hospital, Germany, and for Childline.

Debbie's parents, Cpl Keith and Mrs Marie Brennan, are members of *Contact a Family*, the charity which supports parents of children who have special needs.

The charity has a new contact line in the south. Its address is *Contact a Family*, Floor 4, 16 Sturtton Ground, London SW1P 2HP (01-222 2695).

TRIKE TYKE!

You'll benefit by taking the right steps!

I'VE had a couple of letters highlighting a problem that faces all Army wives at some time in their lives and never seems to get easier: what to do about maintaining your right to state benefits when you move abroad. Don't groan. The subject may be boring you but if you ignore it you could miss out.

Let us start with the possibility of obtaining unemployment benefit in a European Community country or one which has a

reciprocal agreement with Britain.

If you are working at the moment and paying a full National Insurance contribution (deducted from your wages) you may be eligible for it, at least for three months.

The critical action is to establish your entitlement – or begin to – before you leave the UK. The procedure I suggest is as follows:

STEP ONE: Begin the great paper chase. When your husband receives his posting order collect two forms – one from the DHSS (FB5) and one from the unemployment benefit office (UBL 22).

STEP TWO: Tell your boss you are giving up your job to accompany your husband overseas and give notice according to the terms of your employment. Explain that although you normally get a month's warning, movement dates can be changed.

STEP THREE: More form collecting. Don't leave your job without your P45 which deals with your tax position and will be required by the unemployment benefit office later. Tell your boss he will be sent a UB85 to fill in and that in the space marked *Reason for leaving* he should write: "Service wife obliged to accompany husband on posting overseas."

STEP FOUR: The day after you leave work sign on at the local unemployment benefit office.

While at the office ask if they will put in motion procedures to obtain yet another form – E 303. This is really the key to the whole business and has to come from DHSS headquarters at Newcastle.

STEP FIVE: The day before you leave the UK hand in your attendance card (UB40) and ask for the E 303 at the unemployment benefit office. If they say they have not got it they will issue you with a special letter in English and German instead. **It is vital to leave your new address.**

STEP SIX: Within seven days of signing off in the UK you must have signed on in the EEC country to which your husband has been posted. If you are delayed let the DHSS HQ at Newcastle know immediately.

If after taking all the steps outlined you are refused unemployment benefit you have the right to appeal within three months.

Grounds for dismissal of a claim may be that you voluntarily gave up work "without just cause" or that you were "not available for work" until the last moment.

So don't say that you had to pack up your quarter as a just cause. If packing took up so much time it would also put your availability for work into question.

If you want the full picture write to me for a leaflet *Claiming Unemployment Benefit*.

For the record — The new tri-Service instruction is incorporated in the seventh edition of the *Royal Air Force Manual and Medical Administration* (API 269) as Leaflet 0506.

the failure of individuals to fill in the necessary form F Med 264 properly.

Smedley has a special Service Dependants Section but until now the difficulties it faced have been enormous. Sometimes parcels with up to 300 medical documents have arrived from a unit without any explanation of whether it was moving home or going abroad.

Medical cards were frequently wrongly stamped and eight out of ten wives did not enter their NHS number (many obviously didn't know it).

Even when wives did fill in F Med 264s properly

HONG KONG is a place all on its own when it comes to wives and state benefits. It may be run by the British (at least for the moment) but that does not mean that everything done automatically in the UK is also done there.

For example, any wife who has worked or is working in the UK and paying Class 1 National Insurance contributions is entitled to a state pension in her own right at the age of 60.

The contribution is deducted from a pay packet in the UK but not in Hong Kong.

If you have school-age children you will be covered by what is called Home Responsibility Protection. But if you have no children or they have left school you will need to pay Class 3 contributions to maintain your position. These come to £195 a year which you can pay by instalments.

If a wife expects to continue to have a family when she returns from Hong Kong to the UK, and wishes to retain her right to Statutory Sickness Pay or

Statutory Maternity Pay, she will have to pay Class 2 contributions while she is abroad. These come to £200 a year and may also be paid by instalments. But, once again, the claimant must have been paying Class 1 contributions before she left Britain.

There is an arrangement by which people can catch up on missed contributions.

The important thing to remember about Hong Kong is that if you take no measures to cover yourself you will be entitled to no

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ARMY Bird Watching Society members joined a group of soldiers from The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards stationed at Tidworth for an adventurous training expedition to the Twingness Bird Observatory on North Ronaldsay in the Orkney Islands.

They assisted with several current natural history projects such as the ringing of

the elusive black guillemot and other sea birds including Arctic terns.

Would-be ornithologists in the Army can contact the ABWS secretary, Lt Col C N Clayden at 3 Leatherhead Road, Chessington, Surrey KT9 2LU. Membership is open to serving and retired personnel, their dependants and civilian counterparts.



Sgt Karl Bates, Scots DG, carries a captured adult fulmar which is about to be ringed

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German paras unsure about 'trainasium'

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The Germans jumped from aircraft and balloons to earn the right to wear British para wings and also fired the new issue SA 80 rifle.

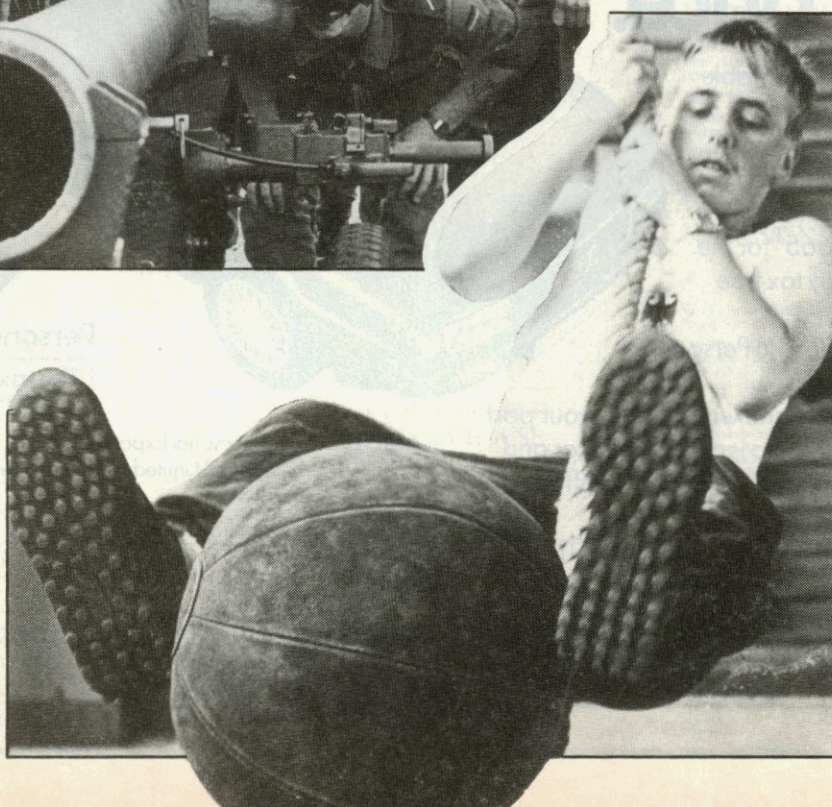
They expressed a variety of opinions on the "trainasium" – the paras' confidence course – with its catwalks and net jumps (das ist für dumkopfs!), but otherwise enjoyed themselves.

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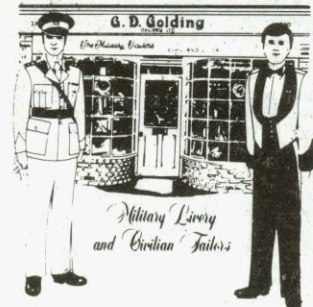


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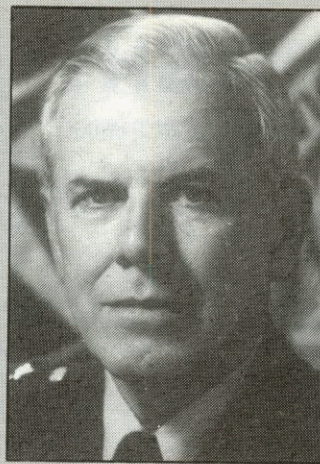
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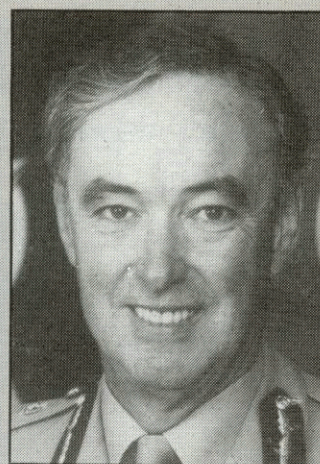
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Writer Graham Smith and photographer Terry Champion have been visiting British Army personnel serving in Nato's senior military headquarters in Belgium.



SACEUR: Gen John Galvin



DSACEUR: Gen Sir John Akehurst

Built on a foundation of history

TWENTY years ago Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) set up shop behind its impressive flag-decked portals in purpose-built premises three miles from historic Mons on the site of what was, in turn, a battlefield, a swamp and a Belgian Army cavalry training area.

It is a multi-national nerve centre where the official languages are English, French and, according to one wise-cracking British Army sergeant, "fluent American". It is office to 4,700 military and civilian personnel and the centre of a polyglot community of about 12,000.

Nato's senior military headquarters near the villages of Casteau and Maisières has 600 family housing units, nearly half of which are taken up by the British. SHAPE is a sprawling conurbation connected by 12 miles of roadway.

The headquarters moved to Belgium from Rocquencourt, near Paris, the city where it was formed in 1951.

SHAPE's first Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) was Gen Dwight Eisenhower. The ninth and latest incumbent of the post is

57-year-old Gen John Galvin.

It was Ike who activated Allied Command Europe (ACE), the military HQ of SHAPE, in a Champs Elysée hotel.

Today ACE, one of Nato's three major Commands, is headquartered at Casteau and acts as a deterrent to war on behalf of an estimated 320 million Europeans.

The Belgian complex took just six months to build. Foundations were laid on 500 acres of a disused Army camp and one-time swamp less than half a mile from where the opening shots of the First World War were fired.

SHAPE moved lock, stock and barrel into its new home in March 1967 a year after France announced its withdrawal from Nato.

In times of tension, SACEUR could call upon 29,000 Belgians, 495,000 Germans, 8,000 Dutch, 58,000 British (including BAOR and RAF Germany), 6,000 Canadians and 249,000 Americans.

Thirteen nations contribute forces to ACE and have representatives in the HQ. The French maintain a military mission.

KEEPERS OF THE PEACE

THE British military contribution to SHAPE — 302 Army personnel, including four WRAC and an RAMC lady doctor — is respected and valued for its professionalism and competence.

Looking after the needs of 586 UK tri-Service personnel and their dependants — about 20 per cent of the entire international SHAPE community — is the UK Support Unit (UKSU), 38 of whom are Army personnel.

It is a posting where it is boasted that if you are "up by 7am you can be in Oxford Street by 11am." Ferries leave from Belgium and a return trip to Victoria costs about £40.

Statistically, the British input into SHAPE is interesting. We share joint second place with the Germans behind the Americans.

There are 102 officers of lieutenant colonel rank and above (57 of them Army), 69 majors and below (28 Army) and 415 other ranks (217 Army and including 73 corporals).

Three dozen cap badges are represented.

UKSU has links with a dozen other organisations including BAOR and RAF Germany.

It handles discipline, pay (£500,000 a month), equipment, accommodation, feeding (a 120-seat RAF-run dining facility), medical (two doctors, a SSAFA sister and a dentist), education, training, and sports and social events.

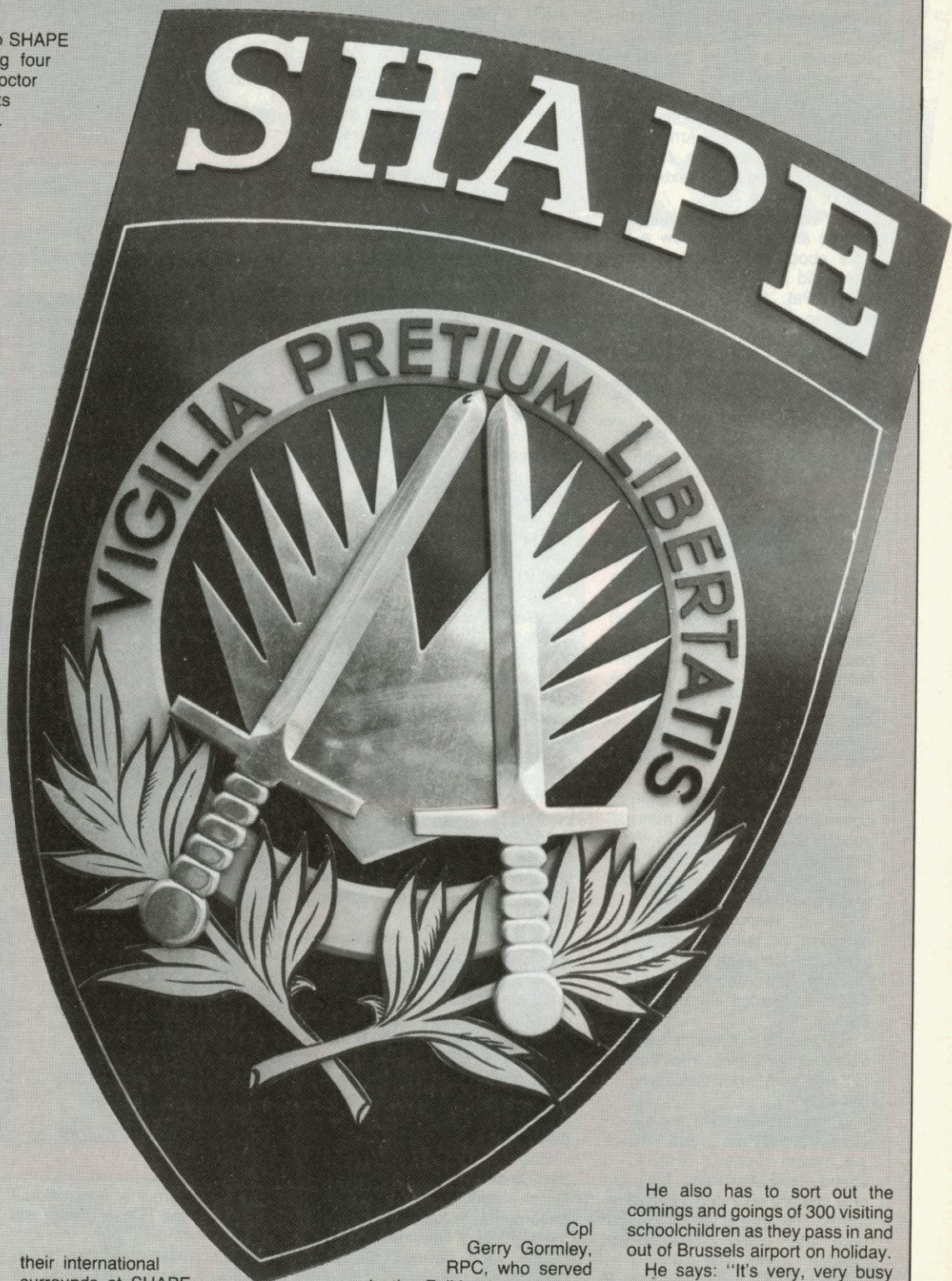
CO Lt Col Roger Hills, RE, explained: "It's an unusual posting. Everyone is an ambassador for Britain. The men are mature professionals at all rank levels and hand picked for their expertise."

This was echoed by education officer Maj Keith Abnett, RAEC, who described a slot at SHAPE as something of a "blue chip posting". The Serviceman is out of the UK yet close enough to home, and working in a setting divorced from similar Continental postings such as BAOR.

He added: "The calibre of British soldier here is fantastically high."

SHAPE has a population of 4,700 personnel, including 1,100 officers and 2,700 other ranks. Of these, about half work on the international staff, a complex quite separate from national support elements.

The British blend in well with



their international surrounds at SHAPE, nerve centre for Allied Command Europe (ACE) which is linked with its seven-nation mobile force — AMF(L) — through Heidelberg.

Cpl Gerry Gormley, RPC, who served in the Falklands, has been with UKSU for ten months. His duties include dealing with officers' documentation and their travel arrangements to subordinate command HQs within ACE.

He also has to sort out the comings and goings of 300 visiting schoolchildren as they pass in and out of Brussels airport on holiday.

He says: "It's very, very busy here. Non-stop you might say. We at national UK level within UKSU do a lot of jobs that our regimental colleagues on the international staff don't because of their specific duties."

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LCpl Paula Anson, WRAC, a clerk with word processing duties and one of four WRAC girls at SHAPE, has been at Casteau since March last year.

Previously she had worked at HQ 4 Armoured Division and with the public information office in the faraway Falklands. Socially and on the sporting scene she recommends a SHAPE posting to any single girl.

Cpl Lee Austin, RAOC, attached to the international HQ, is one of two British Army "full screws" who have the task of buying in spares for an extensive fleet of vehicles.

Formerly at CAD Kineton he grinned and said: "I know a lot more about vehicle spares now than I did in April of last year."

Sgt Pat O'Connor, RAOC, works in what he describes as a "discreet" setting in the international staff's military secretariat branch dealing with, among others, officers' confidential reports, honours and awards.

LCpl Harvey Reed, RAOC, formerly a supply clerk with 5 Airborne Bde works on filing and admin within the UK Military Representative cell.

He hopes to get a commission in The Royal Welch Fusiliers if he successfully graduates through Sandhurst.

His choice was influenced because that is the regiment of his boss, Brig Anthony Vivian, UK Military Representative, the link man between Ministry of Defence and SHAPE.

Already well travelled during 21 years' service and now renewing his knowledge of Europe and ACE's four major subordinate commands and eleven principal subordinate commands is WO1 Pete Huntley, RAOC, of the management information cell within the international staff.

He is responsible for the checking of publications, directives and forms on behalf of the Chief of Staff's secretariat branch which is headed by Brig Harry Brown.

His area of operations sweeps from Oslo to Naples, from Verona to Izmir and from Schleswig to Jutland.

"I am the resident expert on word processing and office automation within SHAPE. I attend computer trade fairs but only actually operated a computer for the first time when I came out here after being chief clerk at London District," he said.

WO2 (FoS) Vince Thomas, R Sigs, is another hand-picked expert in his field, that of evaluating, installing and inspecting the latest in Nato cryptographic equipment.

Sgt Dave Smith, another signaller, and the technical adviser to the seven-strong UK comcen within SHAPE has a cultural role outside the office. He is president of the 14-nation advisory board to an on-base sergeants' mess called the Top Graders Club.

WO1 (RSM) Don Holmes, R Sigs, besides his role of sergeant major to the tri-Service British personnel, also represents the senior NCOs on an international committee and is chairman of the British Junior Ranks Association (BJRA).

"You are very much a diplomat out here. The RAF and Royal Navy have different regulations and a completely differing outlook on discipline as a whole," he says. "The RSM post here has mostly been filled by my corps because the majority of the UK Army personnel are from it."

Sgt Bob Russell, RCT, a dispatcher with the seven-nation 130-vehicle motor pool has the onerous task of collecting and delivering about 50 generals at day's start and end. Sgt Russell also co-ordinates SHAPE's bus service.

"There is no language difficulty here," he said. "Everyone speaks English. Or near enough!"

The engineering branch is responsible for the upkeep and supply of technical expertise around the complex.

"The work ranges from fitting a light bulb to the extension of a building. Most of the engineering staff have clerk of works associations," said SSgt George Hunter, RE.

Also on base are 11 members of the Corps of Royal Military Police under Lt Col Maurice Squier who is the Deputy Provost Marshal and Chief of Provost Operations of a force numbering about 215.

One of his men teaches the SACEUR honour guard the intricacies of drill movements, another heads up a five-man close protection squad which has a list of 73 "clients" on its protocol list.

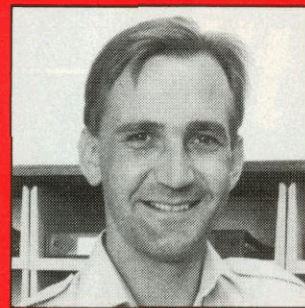
Others work closely with the base's gendarmerie. All of the RMPs have at least six years' experience in the rank.

Brig Harry Brown, secretary to the Chief of Staff, says of the British input: "What the other nations have found is that we have highly competent senior NCOs and warrant officers. Generally speaking, I get very fulsome praise about the British soldier wherever I go."

General Sir John Akehurst, one of two DSACEURS - the other is German - said: "It's the best



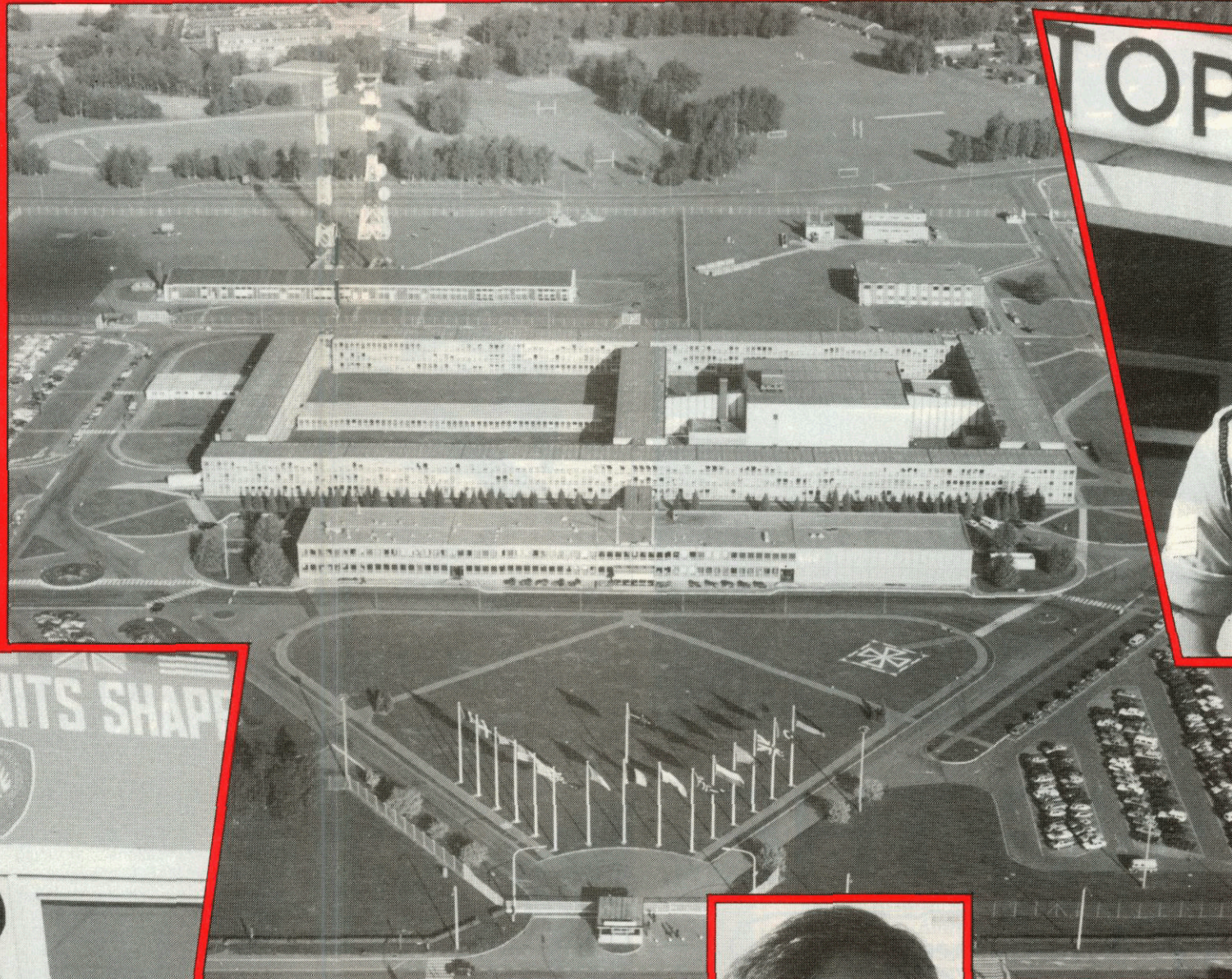
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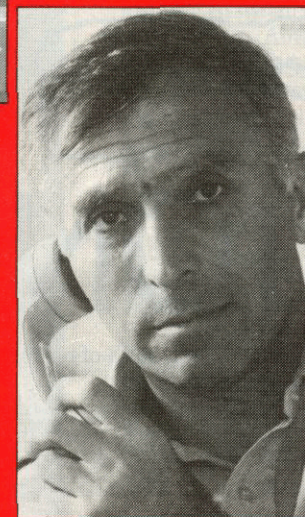
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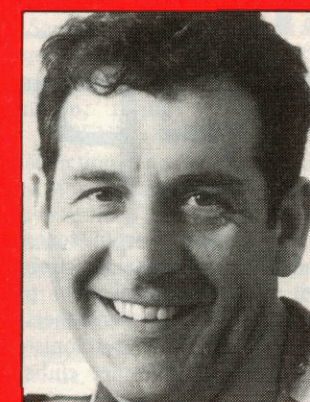
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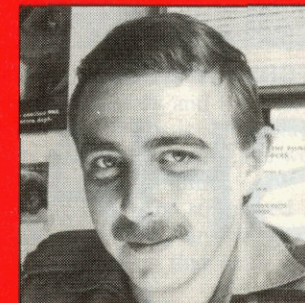
LCpl Harvey Reed (left) with SHAPE colleagues



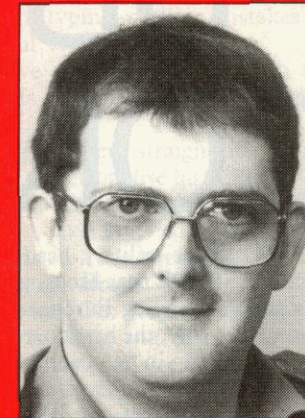
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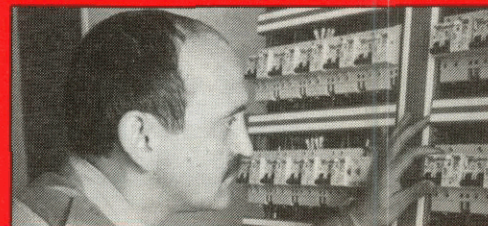
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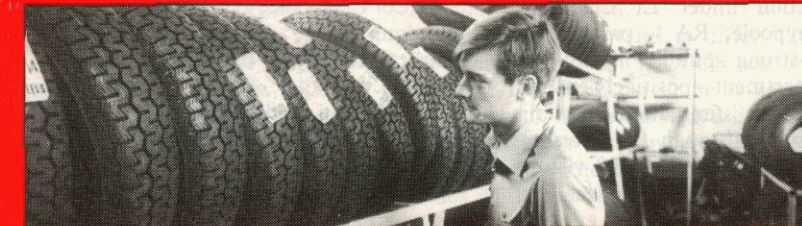
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Lt Col Claypoole, explained: "So long as we don't try to convert one another there is no problem."

He said that nuclear strategy and arms control were always popular issues for debate.

"I don't try to paint the Warsaw Pact as a great bear. I try to point out the latest trends in weaponry as well as

dispelling the myth of technical superiority by us.

"I tell my visitors we don't necessarily have to match them man for man, weapon for weapon. We just need to have a force capable of showing it is an effective deterrent.

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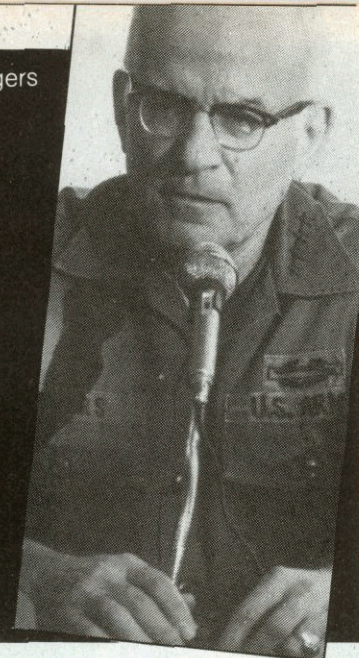
"The average civilian perhaps has a quaint idea of the military mentality. They find, instead, that we are quite reasonably thinking people."



SPEECHWRITER: Maj Arthur Merrick

He puts words into the mouths of generals!

STRAIGHT TALKING: Former SACEUR Gen Bernard Rogers



ROMAN emperors delivering vibrant oratory to toga-attired Senate members doubtless had recourse to the services of skilled speechwriting scribes.

Today's top Nato commander, Gen John Galvin, US Army, has three hand picked wordsmiths, one of them a British Royal Signals officer.

He is Maj Arthur Merrick, who has been in post since November 1985 and was formerly OC of Hong Kong-based 246 Gurkha Field Force Signal Squadron.

Before Gen Galvin's arrival he served the now retired Gen Bernard Rogers, a straight-speaking Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) who earned his share of media attention during eight years in office.

Maj Merrick is the second British officer to serve in the Analysis, Research and Co-ordination department. His predecessor was Maj Peter Harry, RRW.

The concept of having a SACEUR speechwriter – normally the preserve of a Military Assistant in British Army circles – is wholly an American one.

Maj Merrick estimates that he wrote a score of major speeches for his former chief. His new challenge for Gen Galvin will probably come in September during the American Reformer exercises in BAOR.

"We work to intuition, trying to understand what a SACEUR wants without too much instruction and by learning from experience of what has been done before. We also have to keep abreast of all developments within Europe which calls for masses of reading and research.

"Until now we have had to present drafts of proposed speeches up to six weeks in advance. Often, Gen Rogers would check them at home."

That wouldn't be easy for Maj Merrick, who has four young children!

"I do all of my work in the office," he chuckled. "If we get stuck we have a place called a 'crash room' where we can get complete quiet as we get to grips with a particularly complex speech.

"After a while you got to know what Gen Rogers was going to say and how he was going to say it, almost as if getting into his mind," said Maj Merrick. "He liked short, sharp sentences which are easy to deliver.

"Generals Rogers and Galvin are both great Anglophiles. 'Haigspeak' is well and truly out. Gen Galvin is a great respecter of the English language."

Maj Merrick was one of three candidates for the job of writing speeches for Nato's most powerful commander.

"As you can imagine I not only had to familiarise myself with Nato – not much, if anything is written about it in Hong Kong – but also Nato jargon.

"Usually we get a week to ten days to produce a first draft. Sometimes I have had to write one in 24 hours. If we get stuck the two Americans and I get together and brainstorm the problem. It usually works.

"I write the speeches in longhand, amend what it necessary and then dictate the results to a fantastic stenographic section here, the girls recording the words at about 200 words a minute.

"Our writing has to be structured in a series of ideas," he said, "and we have to be sensitive to frictions that exist within the Alliance."

He added: "Gen Rogers has a phenomenal memory and a very precise eye, spotting typing, spelling mistakes and grammatical errors very quickly.

"We have got time to learn with Gen Galvin. His approach, I understand, is different.

"Writing in a very straightforward way allows him to personalise his speeches. He has, after all, a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University, composes poetry and has written three books. A great man for the written word."

So, too, was Gen Rogers who was not averse to handing out what the team dubbed as "Master Blasters" rated on the scale of one to ten.

"I might have registered an eight, even the odd nine," said the modest Maj Merrick with a grin.

"Nato audiences tend to differ but all are interested in what SACEUR has to say. In the UK, for instance, he is received politely, back in the US with a little bit of razzmatazz. The Germans are interested in detail, the Netherlands in the nuclear issues while the Nato flank countries are interested in the specific problems of reinforcement and assistance. The most interesting area is Turkey."



LCpl Dave Powditch, RCT, reads the inscription recording the death of the last man to be killed in the First World War. Thirty yards behind him across the road is the monument marking the spot of the firing of the first shot of the war in 1914. Both locations are half a mile from HQ SHAPE

EVERE READY POWER

SOMEWHERE within the corridors of power at Nato HQ, Evere, five miles from the centre of Brussels and 40 from SHAPE, the British Army is represented by 25 personnel (18 officers and seven other ranks) serving in four main agencies.

Four are with the UK Military Representative branch, 15 are on the International Military Staff,

another four with the Nato Agency Communications and Information System (NACIS), and two more with the Military Agency for Standardisation (MAS).

Our picture shows four senior officers in key posts within the HQ. They are (back row) left, Lt Col Rupert Litherland, 10 GR, IMS and Col Paul Simm, King's, UKMILREP; and (front) Brig Allan Aistead, KOSB, a NATO Fellowship Winner and Brig Bob Cook, R Sigs, of the IMS.

German general: British speeches

FORTY miles up the road from Casteau and just five miles north-west of Brussels, another British officer writes speeches for a general at Nato's HQ.

Lt Col John Moore-Bick, RE, writes for a four-star German general, Gen Wolfgang Altenberg,

President of Nato's 15-strong military committee. And he writes the speeches in German.

Col Moore-Bick arrived at Nato HQ last autumn and is a graduate of the Hamburg based German staff college and of Oxford University where he gained an MA.

FIRST AND LAST

HALF a mile from SHAPE is a wall plaque commemorating the name of the unluckiest soldier of the First World War—a Canadian who was killed just two minutes before the 11am armistice on November 11, 1918.

Pte George Price of the 28th North-West Bn, 116th Canadian Infantry Div, was the last soldier to be killed in action.

And just 30 yards across the busy Route National 6 is a plaque recording the first shot fired in anger.

It marks the actual site of the first contact between the British Expeditionary Force and the First German Army at about 7am on August 22, 1914.

Men of C Sqn, 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards commanded by Maj Tom Bridges were on patrol on the road and in the nearby woods following reports of German cavalry sightings between Casteau and Soignes.

Capt Charles Hornby, second in command, was in the first of two troops when a group of German 4th Kuirassiers was spotted. Cpl Edward Thomas fired the first shot.



Military Council session. Fifth from left is Lt Col Moore-Bick, in the centre is Gen Altenberg, and on his left, Brig Cook. Former SACEUR Gen Rogers is seated

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TATTOO TIME!



RIFLEMEN – old, and new – are recalled here, as three soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, The Light Infantry, adopt a similar stance with their new SA 80 automatic rifles, to that adopted by their counterparts of yesteryear. The cut outs helped to make up the backdrop for some of the dramatised period battle sequences in the Cardiff Searchlight Tattoo.

From Bravo Company are (left to right) Ptes Poll Polley, Mark Sainsbury, and Pinky Powell.

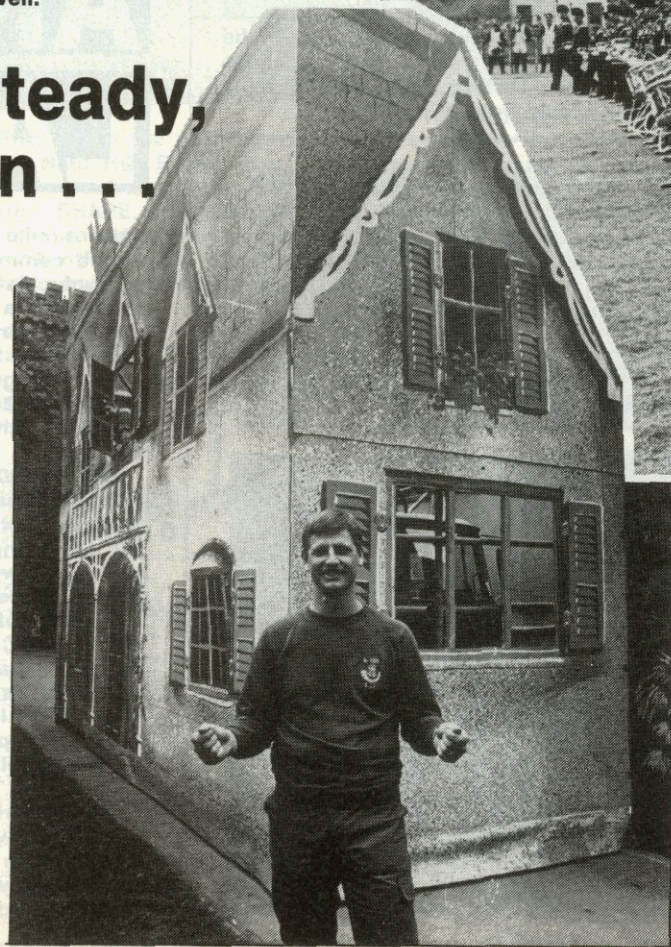
Slow and steady, that's Kevin . . .

DUBBED "The Snail" because he carries a house on his back at the Cardiff Searchlight Tattoo, LCpl Kevin Swindle of the Light Infantry has given a new significance to light removals.

Hidden from sight at the wheel of his Army four-ton Bedford lorry – which is completely enveloped by the 30ft high timber scenery structure – Kevin gingerly propelled the house in and out of the arena during the terrorist encounter mock battle sequence at the tattoo.

His reduced mobility is a far cry from the lightning 120 paces to the minute at which Light Infantrymen are used to travelling . . . hence the nickname given him by his pals in the 3rd Battalion, The Light Infantry.

Visible in the upstairs window is 3 LI's REME vehicle mechanic, Cpl Tom Pickup.



HIGH spot of the spectacular nine-day Cardiff Searchlight Tattoo in the shadow of Cardiff's ancient castle was the visit by the Duke and Duchess of York, who went directly to the Welsh capital after jetting in from their Canadian tour.

Thousands thronged the arena and adjacent city streets to catch a glimpse of the Royal couple, who were given a tremendous welcome when they made a circuit of the arena accompanied by the General Officer Commanding Wales, Maj Gen Peter de la Billiere.

It was a particularly proud moment for the general, coming at the culmination of his period of command in Wales. He first met Prince Andrew when both were

serving in the 1982 Falklands war.

There was an abundance of military music in the tattoo, with nine full military bands on parade, backing exciting performances by such acts as the Royal Signals White Helmets motor cycle display team, with equally spectacular enactments of an anti-terrorist battle scene, and a splendid musical fantasy, the Battle of Waterloo, supported by a colourful fireworks display.

One of the most impressive music and marching contributions came from the Pipes and Drums of the Scots College of Sydney, Australia. They also took part in the Waterloo tableau, as did all the main bands, including the Fan-

farekorp der Genie – the Military Engineers Band of the Royal Netherlands Army.

This band comes from 's-Hertogenbosch – a Dutch city with a particular fondness for the Welsh, since the 53rd Welsh Division liberated the city in October, 1944 after six days of fierce fighting with German rearguard units.

Nine military bands were joined by six Corps of Drums, and three Corps of Bugles . . . all under the direction of Maj Peter Hannam of the Welsh Guards.



The Duke and Duchess of York with Maj Gen de la Billiere

Youth was at the centre of a good deal of the thrills and excitement in the arena, particularly in the shape of the Joint Services cadets field gun competition, in which youngsters from the Air Training Corps, the Army Cadets and the Sea Cadets took part.

The tattoo culminated in a breathtaking finale, with the massed bands giving a rousing flourish to a spectacle of pageantry and music in which all 800 participants in the tattoo joined voices with thousands of spectators to sing the evening

hymn and the National Anthem.

Organising producer of the Cardiff Searchlight Tattoo was Maj Aubrey Jackman, who has produced 89 similar military events since he became involved in military showbusiness.

Administration and support fell to the 3rd Battalion, The Light Infantry, who also provided two arena displays. Music was provided by The Massed Bands of the Light Division, consisting of The Light Infantry Coronna Band; The Normandy Band of The Royal Greenjackets; the Bugles of the 3rd Battalion, The Light Infantry, and the Bugles of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Greenjackets.

Brave Ken and college sergeant major Alastair Saunders

You can't stop Aussie Ken from going on parade

PLUCKY Australian boy piper Ken Funnell had a private victory to celebrate every time he marched side by side with 95 other young New South Wales pipers and drummers at the Cardiff Searchlight Tattoo.

For Ken (13), who had a leg amputated to beat cancer, does not let this get in the way of his marching or musical career, and, with the help and guidance of his sergeant major, a former SAS man, he has proved he is unstoppable.

Ken joined the Scots College of Sydney, Australia, two years ago, and already he can hold his own in their highly successful and popular touring display. This year parents of the children – aged from 13 to 16 – paid about £1,000 for each child to visit Cardiff.

Mr Alastair Saunders, who brought them over from Australia, is their sergeant major at the college. A former SAS man who served with Maj Gen Peter de la Billiere, he praised Ken for his "true grit".

"At first, because of his disability, he was a bit apprehensive about the marching, but once he'd tried it, we couldn't stop him from going on parade," he said.



by Maj Gerry Nicholas

The massed bands take the arena – in a spectacular music and marching sequence from the tattoo

GOURMET GOAT!

VIGILANT about the diet of Dewi IV, the regimental goat of the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales, is the Goat Major, Cpl Colin Pryce, who feeds him on a special menu of animal oats, chestnut leaves and chestnuts, and a full range of fruit.

Colin is keen to ensure the goat does not suffer the same

fate as Sospan, the regimental goat of the 4th Bn RRW, which died from suspected cyanide poisoning, having eaten blossom from an oriental tree in the grounds of The Grange at Swansea.

"Dewi was one year old on May 10," said Cpl Pryce, and Sospan was a month younger than him.



Dewi IV and Cpl Colin Pryce

"He's in good shape at the moment," he said, as he made preparations to parade with the goat in the finale event of

the tattoo, "and I make sure I am aware of what trees and shrubs are growing around where I tether him."

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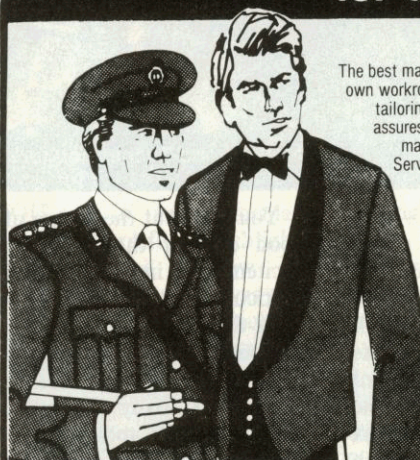
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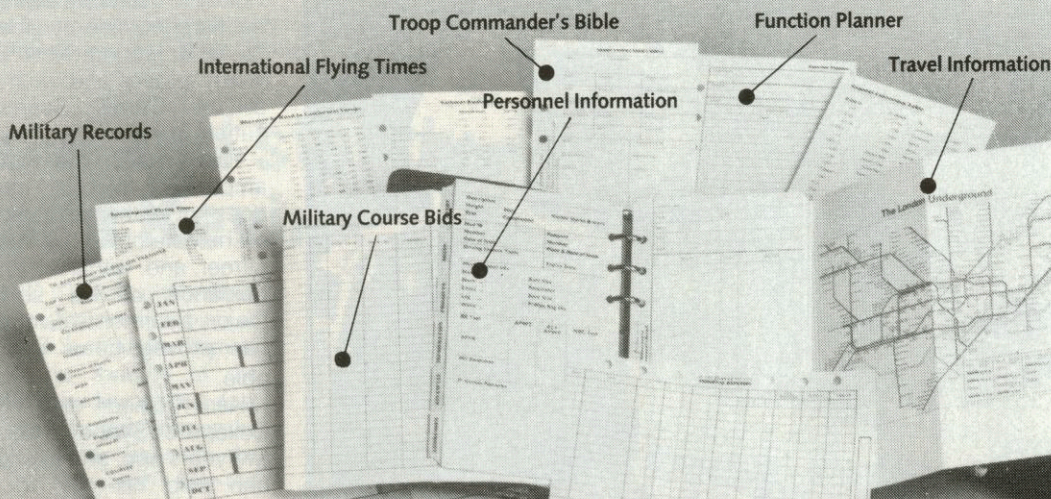
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This should fill the Militia gap

THE Militia has a recorded history that goes back to Saxon times but it was as a result of the Seven Years War that, in 1757, the "modern" Militia was formed with each county being liable to provide a set number of men when required. Before that date it was an individual landowner's obligation to provide men for national emergency.

The Militia of the 18th and early 19th centuries comprised infantry units, although some regiments had an artillery company equipped with the brass six-pounder field gun.

After Waterloo and the removal of the threat of a French invasion the Militia regiments of the British Army were disembodied and it was to be nearly 40 years before an organised Militia force was revived at the instigation of the

Duke of Wellington; again it was the threat of invasion from France that led the Duke to urge Parliament to raise a Militia of 150,000 men.

An Act was passed in 1852 and it was under this Act that County Corps of Militia Artillery were formed and trained to take over coastal defences and fortifications from the Regular Royal Artillery when necessary.

It is the lineage, organisation, uniform, insignia and badges of the Militia Artillery from 1852 to 1909, when the Territorial Army absorbed the Militia and Volunteer units, that comprise terms of reference for Norman E H Litchfield's book *The Militia Artillery 1852-1909*.

This is a book that will be welcomed by military histo-

rians and modellers, filling as it does a long felt gap in published literature on non-Regular forces.

The author gives separate treatment to each County Corps, detailing the formation and the location of the headquarters.

The book contains eight useful appendices with dates of formation, conversions and amalgamations, rates of pay, Corps which were embodied during the Crimean War, Indian Mutiny and South African War, and establishments. — BJ

The Militia Artillery 1852-1909 by Norman E H Litchfield, published by the author, £20 (excluding p and p). Available from N E H Litchfield, 18 Bakehouse Lane, Ockbrook, Derby DE7 3RH.

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THIS disc is partly the outcome of celebrations of the tercentenary of the Band of The Grenadier Guards and partly as a farewell gesture to Col Kimberley, who is now retired. Maj Rodney Parker, late of the Gurkhas, is the new Director of Music.

The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment has always laid claim to having the most regimental music, but on the evidence of this programme the Grenadiers must run them close. Two whole sides of it, but if you think you are letting yourself in for a monotonous string of regimental tub-thumping, all in march tempo, you are mistaken. The musical heritage is rich in examples from all centuries since the band was formed in 1685.

Grenadiers will find it a marvellous evocation of the time they spent with (to give it its full title) The First or Grenadier Regiment of Foot Guards.

The British Grenadiers and Handel's march *Scipio* (the official quick and slow regimental marches) are followed by a group of calls and marches written by Derek Kimberley and myself for special occasions during recent years. They are the 1st Bn call with *The Queen's Company* march, 2nd Bn call with *Nijmegen*, and the old 3rd Bn call with *The Inkerman March*, all of which are fairly self-descriptive.

Rule Britannia celebrates the 3rd Battalion's 17th century role as marines during naval battles against the Dutch. Nowadays of course the Dutch Grenadiers have close affiliations with the regiment, and this friendship is recognised in the performance of the *Grenadiers Mars* by Dunkler and the *Wagamer Grenadier Mars*.

The Grenadiers March, not to be confused with the regimental march, is played in slow time on every Queen's Birthday Parade during the actual trooping of the Colour, and in quick time on return to camp or barracks. *The Duke of York* march, *The Duke of Gloster's March*, and two old fife tunes played on the band – *Belle Isle* and *Portsmouth* – complete the music used more or less day by day as the band goes about its daily round and common task.

There remains a sequence which is played at funerals and memorial services of Grenadiers – Last Post, the Grenadiers March on muffled side-drum and fife, and

Reveille – collectively known as *The Grenadiers Return*, a quite harrowing experience I think for those who remain to hear it.

And finally comes Derek Kimberley's own tribute to his regiment and the band. Called *Musik Marziale* it is in effect a musical history of the regiment in the form of a theme (*The British Grenadiers*) with episodes over which the narrator (BBC's Colin Berry) guides you through the band's evolution, and variations for each section of the band in turn, ending in a fugal treatment of the tune for full band; a Young Soldier's Guide to His Regimental Band so to speak, with acknowledgements to Benjamin Britten.

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Dartsmen on target

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Mourning colonel kitted out his men in tiny black flags

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bonus of £4,597, the colonel of the 7th Dragoons had to offset a £983 debit.

Few colonels actually served with their regiments.

Some kitted out their men in traditional family livery. Many regiments donned their colonel's crests. One made his men wear ruffles on their shirts!

Another gave his regiment black facings with tiny black flags because he was mourning his mother at the time his regiment was raised.

Money, it seems, easily bought command. The Duke of Wellington, for example, manoeuvred his way through seven regiments in six years, rising from ensign to lieutenant colonel in 1793 at the age of 24.

In 1751 official dress regulations put an end to personal fads and around 1870 the purchase of commissions was abolished.

Soldiers were paid and equipped by the colonel's agent. He drew the money from the government, took his percentage cut (often fiddling muster rolls by including the names of those long dead) and the cash raised for the phoney pay-roll was sequestered by the colonel.

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Regiments could be expensive. Lord Cardigan paid more than £40,000 in the 1830s to acquire command of the 11th Light Dragoons.

It was not until after the Crimean War that the "clothing colonel" disappeared and provision for clothing was made by the government.

Colonels who had been receiving a regular £1,000 annual income – rather more in the Guards – did not lose this until senior officers' pensions were raised.

The rogues associated with the position finally ended in 1870 when Mr Cardwell was Secretary at War. Colonelcy of regiments became purely a mark of distinction conveyed by the monarch.

Widows visit husbands' graves for first time

THE Royal British Legion has just completed a successful pilgrimage through Holland, Denmark and Northern Germany to visit war graves under the Government War Widows Grant in Aid Scheme set up in 1985.

Climax of the tour was a memorial service conducted by Padre John Blackburn, the senior chaplain from 22 Armoured Brigade in Bergen-Hohne. Bands of The Royal Hussars and The Queen's Own Hussars provided a stirring musical programme.

Many of the mourners were visiting their fathers' or husbands' graves for the first time. Two widows had lost husbands in the same aircrew. Mrs Marie Blundell was only born a few hours before her father James Williams left England to fight in the last campaigns of the war, never to see his daughter.

After the service the pilgrims visited Hohn Garrison and had lunch in the WOs' and Sergeants' Mess of 40



Mrs May Letkey from London visits her late husband's grave at Becklingen between Hanover and Hamburg. Paying his tribute is Mr Stewart Fleming from Dublin

Field Regiment Royal Artillery, before leaving for Nijmegen in Holland.

In 1987 the Royal British Legion and government-sponsored pilgrimages are visiting 24 areas throughout the world, including many in Western Europe, and others in Hong Kong, Japan, Thailand, India, Israel, Egypt, Tunisia and Burma. Next year it is hoped to add Kenya,

Cyprus and Algeria to the itinerary.

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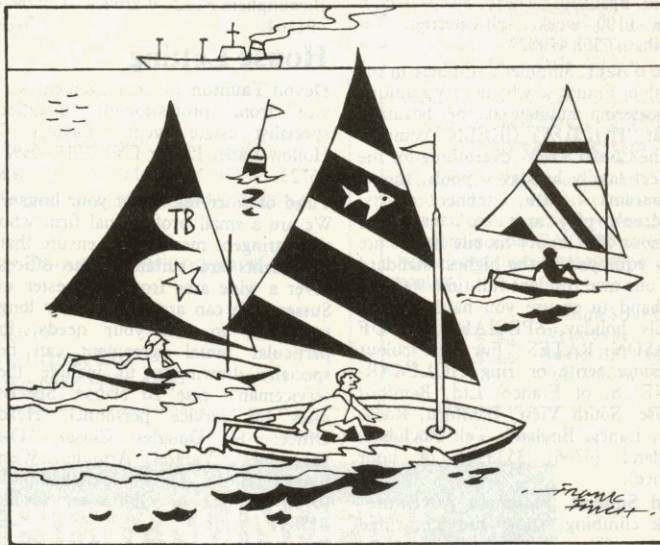
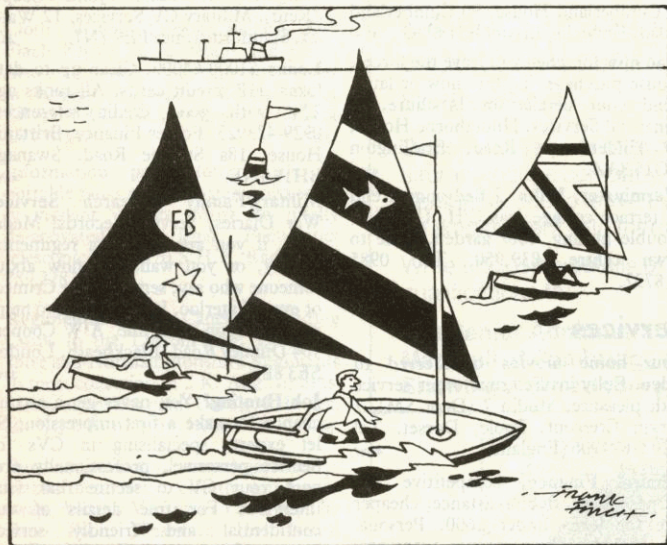
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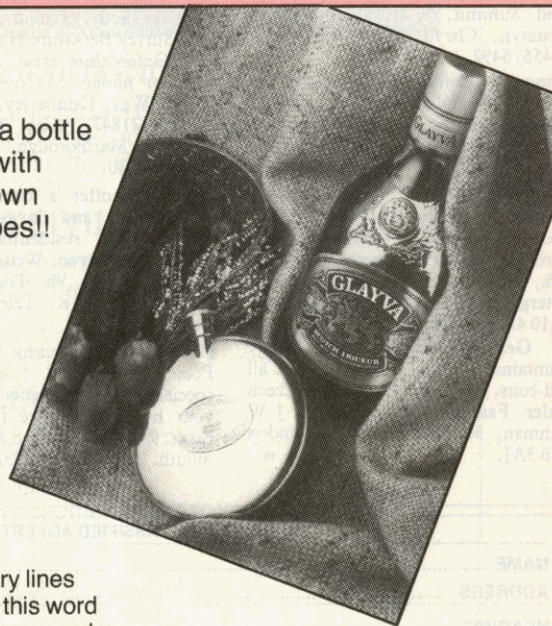
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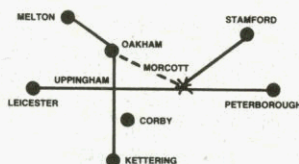
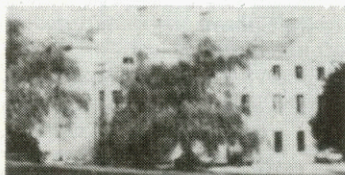
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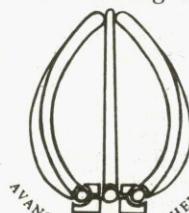
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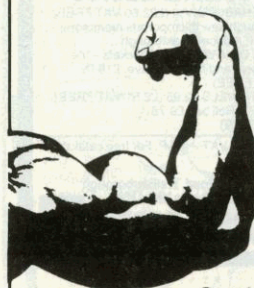
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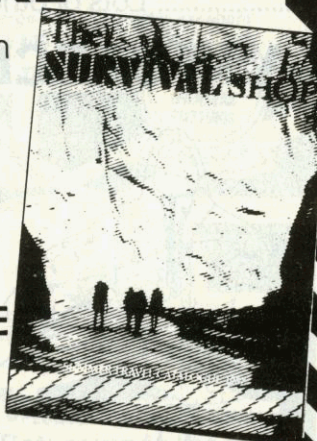
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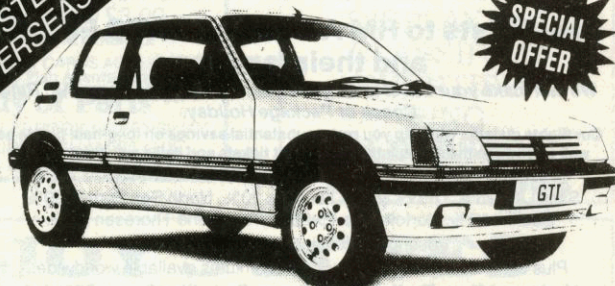
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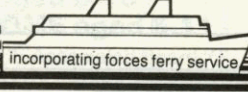
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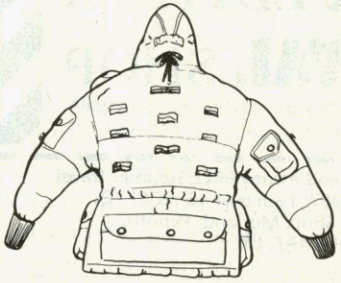
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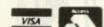
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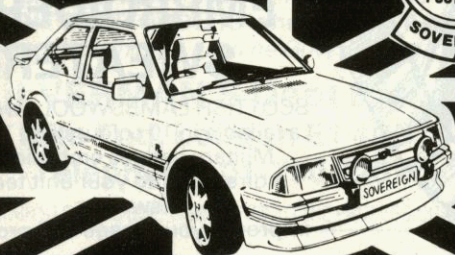


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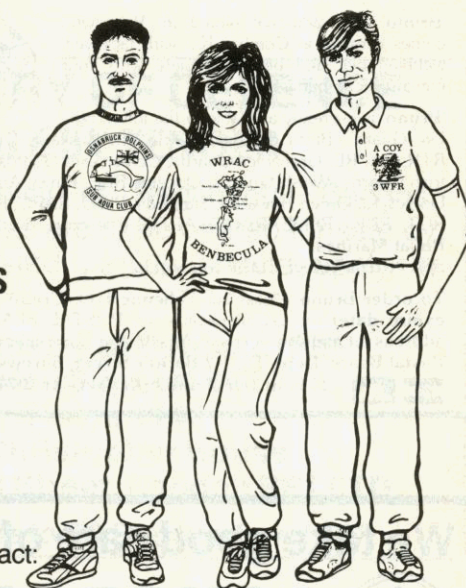
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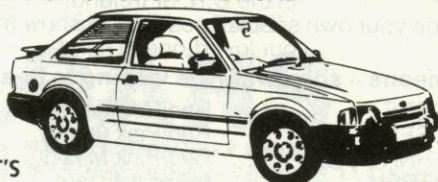
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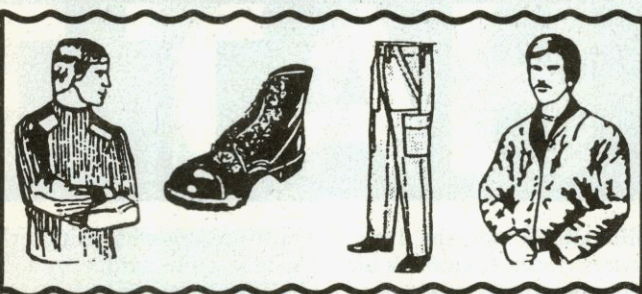
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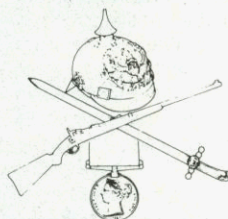
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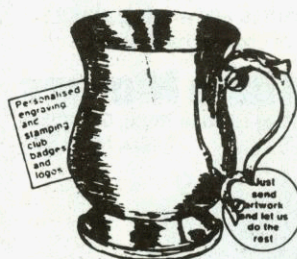
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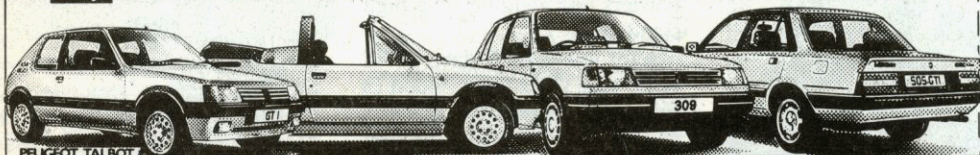
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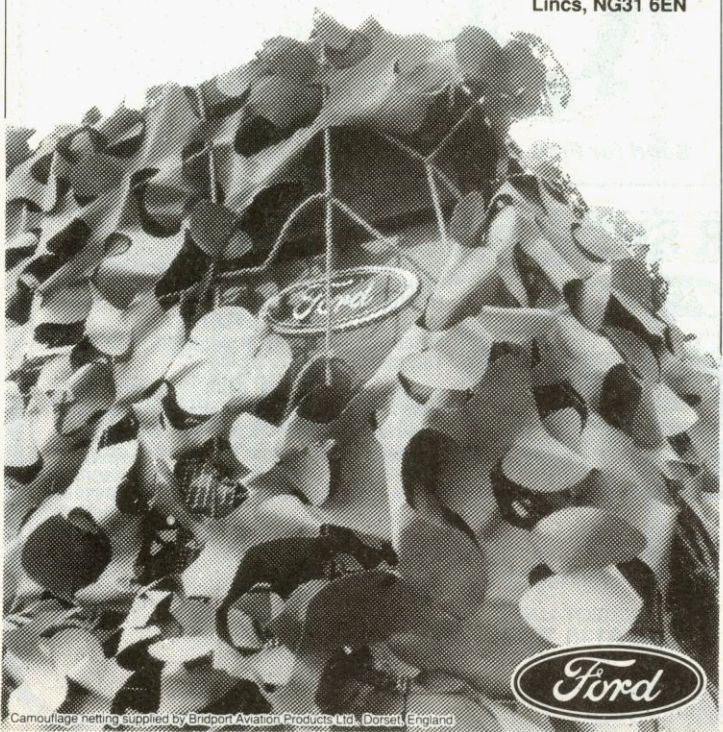


IT'S autograph time in Queen's Avenue, Aldershot as youngsters break off from soccer coaching during the Football Association fun week run by the Army FA to get the signatures of Watford manager Dave Bassett (left) and his players Mark Morris (centre) and Trevor Senior. All attendance records were broken as 212 children between the ages of eight and 14 turned up to do their stuff under Director of coaching QSMI Bobbie Duncan APTC and a squad of the Army's top coaches.

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Left - A near miss as Lt Peter Germain dives to intercept an edge from RAF skipper Fg Off Andy Spiller. Lt Matthew Fleming was the bowler and Lt Julian Barrett is at slip

Vine Lane action

Right - Lt Matthew Fleming bowling against the RAF at Vine Lane. His contribution to the Army victory included a fine undefeated innings of 59

HAT TRICK!

THE ARMY won the Inter-Services cricket festival for the third consecutive year when they beat both the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force by wide margins at Vine Lane, Uxbridge, writes Peter Salisbury.

On the first day of the festival the RAF beat the Navy by five wickets. The losers of that match had to face the Army the following day - and a profitless exercise that turned out for the Senior Service.

They were restricted to 133 for eight in their 55 overs with SSgt Neil Willis (1 KOB) returning the excellent figures of 2-17 in 15 overs. He was well supported by the other three bowlers and fielding of a high standard.

Capt Jonathan Willatt (45 Fd Regt) and WO1 Peter Wood (3 Fd Wksp) gave the Army a good start with 58 for the first wicket. Lts Julian Barrett (3 LI) and Matthew Fleming (2 RGJ) then shared an unbroken match winning stand for the third wicket.

With rain threatening they needed to reach 86 by the 35th over, that being the minimum number of overs required for a result under the rules of the competition. In the event the Army had reached 131 for two

in 35 overs by which time it was raining quite hard.

The Army therefore won very easily on a faster scoring rate and were only three runs short of winning by eight wickets with 20 overs to spare.

ROYAL NAVY

Lt Cdr D A H Wells c Barrett b Fleming	33
POA(AH) P Barsby b Willis	12
Lt R E C Hollington b Willis	0
Lt A J Izzard c Germain b Fleming	16
Lt C W P Hobson b Fleming	19
PO (Wtr) K Norwood run out	7
Lt Cdr R G Evans not out	20
L Sea R Learmouth run out	11
LWtr A Collier b Presland	3
CWEM K Brooks not out	1
Extras	11

Total (8 wks, 55 overs) 133
BOWLING: Cpl A W Taylor 13-5-37-0; Capt P J Presland 12-3-28-1; SSgt N A Willis 15-6-17-2; Lt M V Fleming 15-3-41-3.

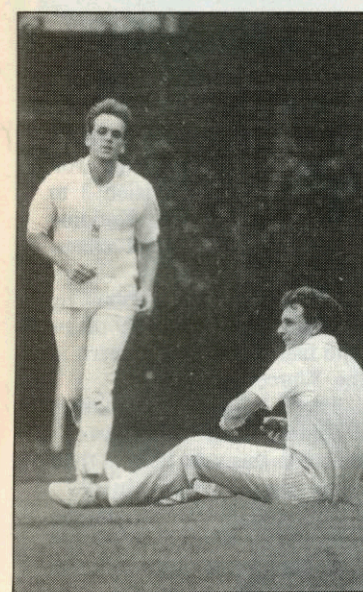
ARMY

Capt J M G Willatt b Chester	36
WO1 P Wood lbw b Izzard	22
Lt J P Barrett not out	41
Lt M V Fleming not out	31
Extras	1

Total (2 wks, 35 overs) 131
BOWLING: CWEM K Brooks 8-2-37-0; LWtr A Collier 12-2-46-0; Lt A J Izzard 9-3-22-1; POMEA A Chester 5-0-25-1; Lt C W P Hobson 1-0-1-0.

Rain stopped play. Army won on faster scoring rate.

Mercifully the rain held off on the final day of the festival for the decider between the Army and the RAF. The airmen were put in and restricted to 155 for nine in their 55 overs by some excellent



Cpl Andy Taylor walks over to congratulate Capt Gordon-Lennox who had just made a fine catch to dismiss Sqn Ldr Debenham of the RAF off Capt Paul Presland's bowling

bowling and fielding.

This time Capt Paul Presland (AAC Centre) produced the most impressive figures with 4-24 in 13 overs.

When the Army batted they too were tied down by tight bowling and with their reply at 77 for four wickets in the 31st

over the result was very much in the balance.

At this point Capt Edward Gordon-Lennox (Guards Depot) joined Fleming and 81 runs were scored off the next nine overs and three balls! The championship was won in some style.

RAF

Sgt G S Lumb c Fleming b Taylor	61
SAC A Ward b Taylor	3
Sqn Ldr B C Debenham c Gordon-Lennox b Presland	15
Cpl G J P Richards b Presland	3
Cpl S J Chapman c Germain b Willis	2
Fg Off A W J Spiller run out	26
SAC J Riddell c Germain b Presland	15
SAC J Kneale c Barrett b Presland	9
Flt Lt V E Thomas run out	1
Flt Lt R C Muse not out	2
Cpl M W Ings not out	4
Extras	14

Total (9 wks, 55 overs) 155
BOWLING: Cpl A W Taylor 13-1-48-2; Capt P J Presland 13-3-24-4; Lt M V Fleming 15-2-39-0; SSgt N A Willis 14-2-32-1.

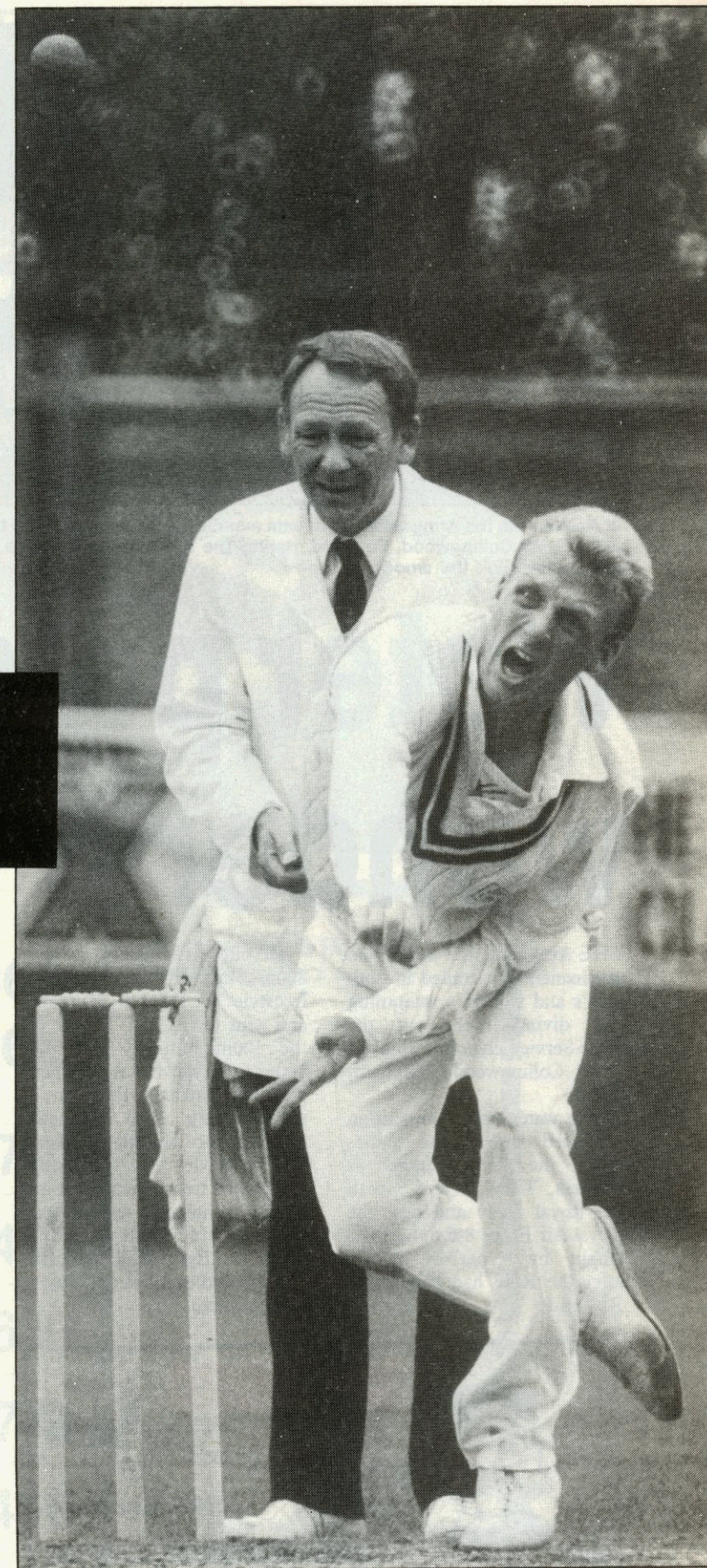
ARMY

Capt J M G Willatt c Thomas b Muse	20
WO1 P Wood c Lumb b Kneale	12
Lt J P Barrett c Richards b Muse	11
Lt M V Fleming not out	59
LCpl D C Gill b Spiller	8
Capt E C Gordon-Lennox not out	39
Extras	9

Total (4 wks, 40.2 overs) 158
BOWLING: Cpl M W Ings 13-3-27-0; SAC J Kneale 9-2-1-41-1; Flt Lt R C Muse 10-0-44-2; FG Off A W J Spiller 7-0-31-1; SAC A Ward 1-0-14-0.

Army won by 6 wickets.

Despite a nail biting one run defeat at the hands of the Club Cricket Conference Under 25s,



the Army finished the season with a much improved record over the previous summer.

They won seven of their 14 games, drew four and lost three. Of the wins, those against Northants 2nd XI and Surrey 2nd XI were the first

against county opposition at this level for four years. Three of the four draws ended with the Army well ahead on points and but for rain three other county second teams might have been on the Army's win sheet.



All smiles from the Army water polo team members after they had won the Inter-Service title held in HMS Collingwood, Fareham, Hants. The Royal Air Force were runners up and the Royal Navy took the wooden spoon

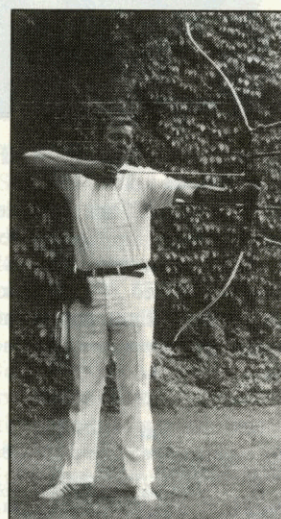
Water polo wonders!

THE Army won the water polo tournament but trailed in both men's and women's swimming and diving events at the Inter-Service championships at HMS Collingwood, Fareham, Hants.

The water polo competition produced three close games before the Army emerged as winners. They drew 5-5 with the Royal Navy and beat the Royal Air Force 8-6 to take the trophy by a narrow margin after the RAF had beaten the RN 10-6.

Despite first places in the 800m butterfly and 400m freestyle by LCpl S Morgan, and wins for LCpl J Walker in the 100m butterfly and the 100m freestyle, the Army men narrowly finished third in a tremendously close competition. By also winning the final 6x2 freestyle relay the Army swimmers took themselves to 72 points, just one behind their hosts and six behind the RAF.

Sgt L Eyre won the 5m springboard event in the diving competition.



Fred's double

SGT Fred Holmes (above) of 16 Tank Transporter Sqn RCT, the BAOR Archery Association secretary and last year's champion, has pulled off a remarkable double by taking the BAOR individual trophy for the second year running.

The BAOR AA championships were held at the Insbad Stadium, Paderborn, and Sgt Holmes now travels to the UK to represent BAOR at the Army championships in London.

Anglers step up national league

GOING UP! That's the Army's coarse anglers who have won promotion from Division 3 to Division 2 of the National Federation of Anglers championships.

They won promotion by finishing tenth out of 79 teams who fished the River Severn in the Worcester area.

There are five national divisions, and the Army's elevation this year follows their climb from Division 4 in 1985.

Preparations for the promotion match started with 131 coarse anglers taking part in the Army championships on the Severn. Then a squad of 19 fished a different stretch of the river under match conditions every day for a week.

Fishing on the day was poor but the Army tactic of targeting on small fish and making sure every member of the final 12-man team contributed to the catch worked well.

Leading the effort were AAA (Coarse) secretary Maj (QM) Alex Jagger ACC, team captain WO2 Barry Gregory RE and match secretary SSgt Billy Richards RAOC.



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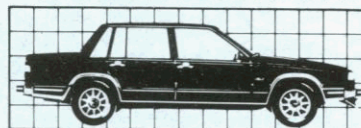
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