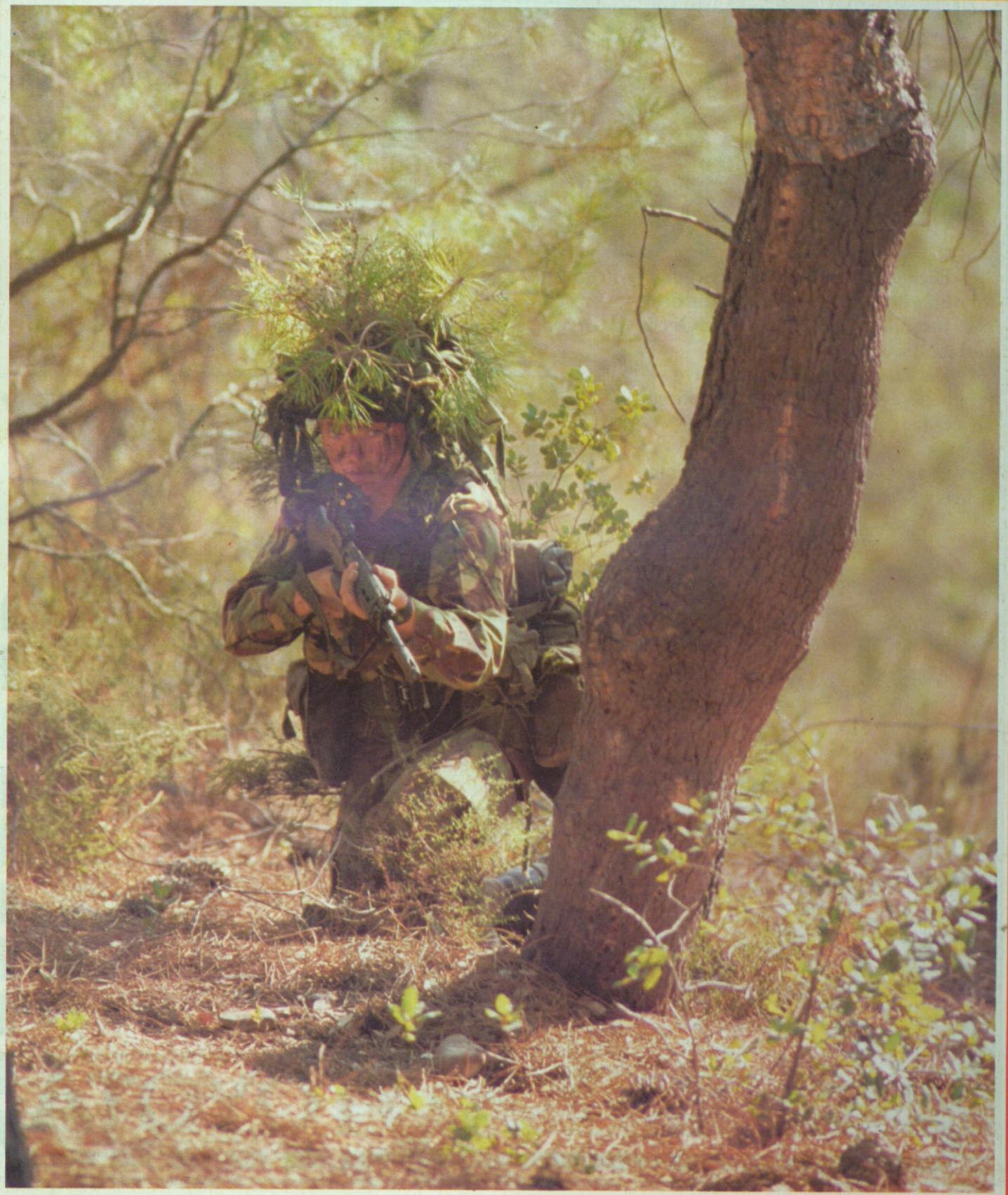
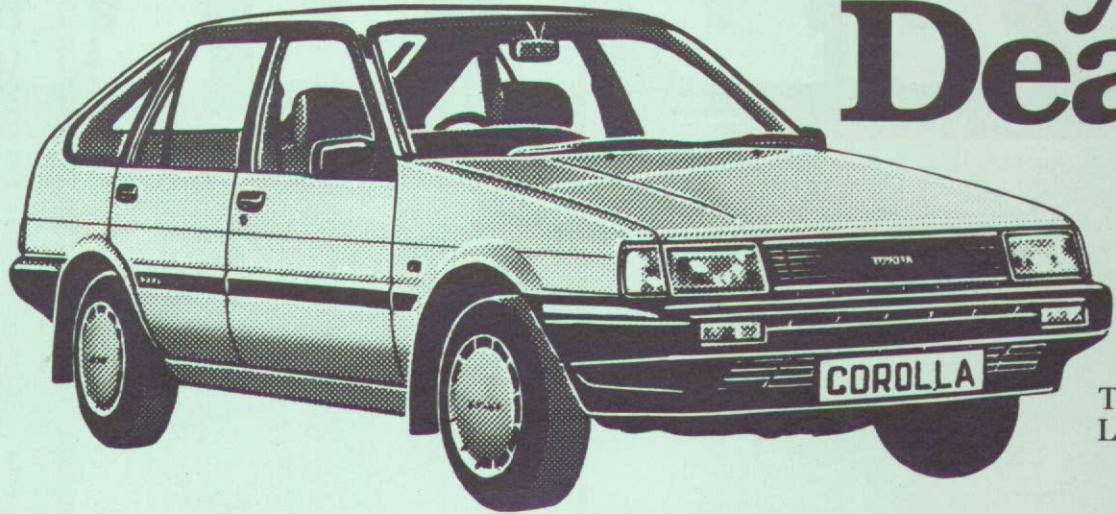


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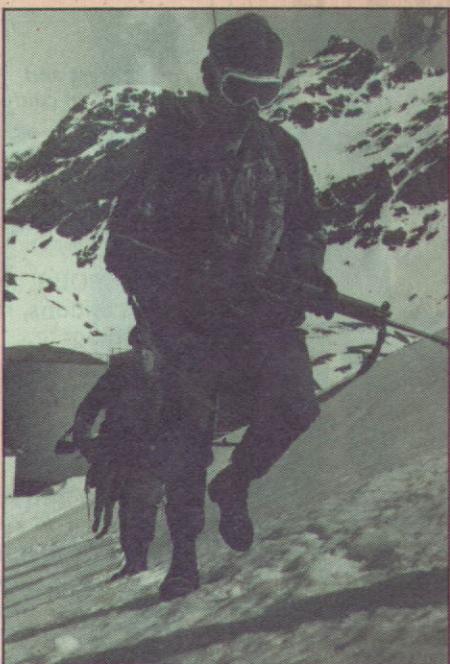
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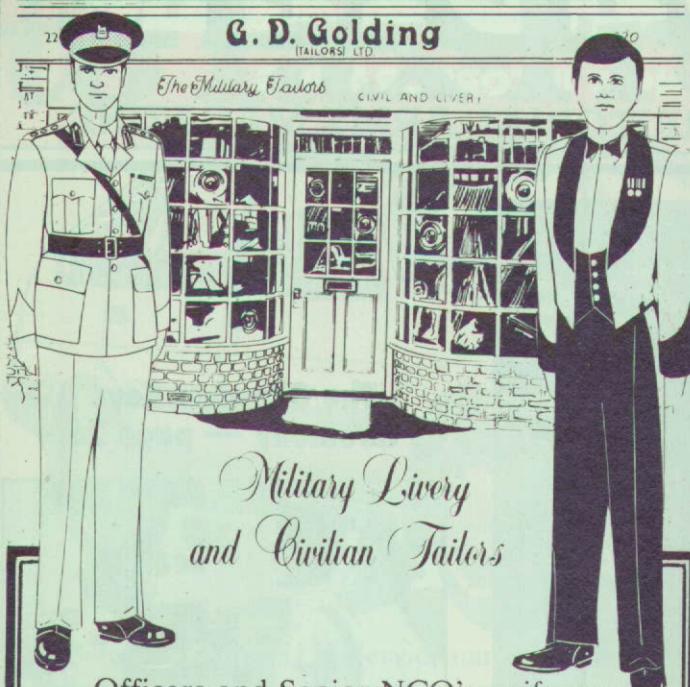
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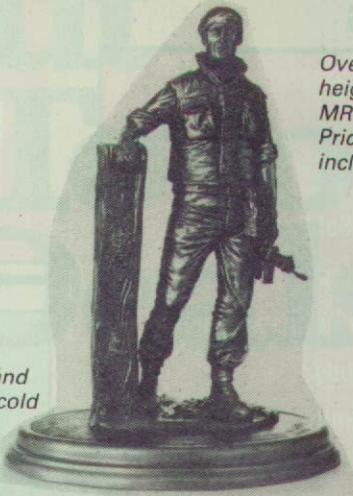
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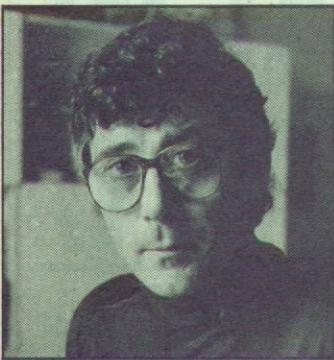
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Artist Michael Warren.

## ALL THE QUEEN'S HORSES

by Graham Smith

LONDON ARTIST, Michael Warren has spent six months amid the sights and smells of the Household Cavalry stables in barracks painting horses and men before they go on public duties. The result: a one-man, month-long exhibition of more than 50 offerings at the Montpelier Studio in Knightsbridge from November 24.

It is the first time since the Victorian era, it is said, that an artist has been allowed to work freely in Hyde Park Barracks, home of the Household Cavalry.

Mr Warren's watercolours and drawings offer a behind-the-scenes look at regimental life there showing soldiers preparing for ceremonial duty, the grooming and shoeing of the horses and the steeds during morning rehearsals before State occasions such as the Queen's Birthday parade and the opening of Parliament.

The military theme was pursued by Mr Warren after a series of London parks and military bands. "It's a world on its own," he said. "I found it very interesting although I have not painted many horses before. After this, I would like to carry on with horses, perhaps with the Royal Horse Artillery but a lot depends on the results of the exhibition. There is such a wealth of relationship between lots of men and lots of horses; something you don't see a lot of these days."

Lt-Col Christopher D-Oyly, CO, Household Cavalry Regiment, who opened the exhibition which lasts until December 22 — said: "I am no art critic but he gives an accurate impression of the life and activities in the barracks. His work is alive and full of movement."

# Fun tonic for the Falklands

by John Margetts

PLANS TO PROVIDE extra fun facilities for the lads and lasses based in the Falklands are being prepared. They include a new Naafi club, sports pitches, tennis and squash courts, gymnasiums, social clubs and messes.



MANY AND RICH were the tributes paid to Earl Mountbatten of Burma before his statue was unveiled by The Queen on Foreign Office Green, London.

The Queen said Lord Mountbatten would be remembered in many ways "but perhaps most widely for the part he played in altering the course of history, first in South East Asia during the war and afterwards as the last Viceroy of India".

The Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher described him as one of the great men of our time who had "a unique place in the history of the 20th century".

## WAR DEAD STILL BEING FOUND

THE COMMONWEALTH War Graves Commission says in its recent annual report that the remains have been found on the Somme of 51 soldiers from the First World War making the largest single discovery for several years.

Although no individual identification was possible it was confirmed that the soldiers came from five different British infantry regiments and included two from the German Army. It is thought they were all in an Ad-

vanced Dressing Station hit by gunfire. Their remains have now been permanently buried in the Terlincthun cemetery.

Another remarkable discovery were the graves of Indian soldiers in the Sudan 40 years after they died. With the help of the British Embassy in Khartoum and an Italian road construction company working in the area research found that the original markers still stood — mostly legible — and were those of 24 members of the 14th Punjab

The new fun move follows a Defence Committee report on the future of the South Atlantic islands.

In a follow-up report, Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine said these were "long-term requirements" and would be included in the scheme for the new strategic airport at Mount Pleasant.

The MoD reckons the airfield will be operational by April 1985 with all the facilities completed about a year later.

In his remarks on the Committee's report, Mr Heseltine said he accepted that conditions in the Falklands "are far from comfortable and that repeated tours may be unattractive to servicemen."

Without committing himself whether troops serving in the South Atlantic should get extra money, Mr Heseltine said that "allowances to compensate for the character of particular postings raises fundamental issues . . . which are for the Armed Forces Pay Review Body to resolve."

## Three injured

THREE TA soldiers were injured when their Saracen armoured vehicle crashed through a road barrier and plummeted 25ft down a railway embankment on the Bristol-Portsmouth line.

All three were from HQ Squadron, Royal Yeomanry, based in London, and were taking part in the unit's annual camp near Salisbury when the accident occurred.

Those injured were Lt Nicholas Stuart with cuts and bruises. Driver Tpr Keith Sandford and passenger Tpr Anthony Fisher both suffered broken legs.

## Minister's view

MINISTER for the Armed Forces Mr John Stanley spoke of the "pure professionalism" and "high morale" of the service units he met in the Falklands on a recent visit when he saw Port Stanley and the outlying areas — with the accent on personal chats with soldiers of every rank.

Regiment killed in January 1941 during the advance to re-take Kassala from the retreating Italian Army. Now their remains will be brought to the cemetery for final burial at Khartoum.

The report reminds of the construction of a site on behalf of the Government and the dedication of the cemetery and memorial at San Carlos in the Falklands commemorating 174 members of the Task Force who died at sea and the 14 who died during the land operations.

# HIGH SPEED TRAIN—FAST MOVING TROOPS!

by John Walton



Major General Barry Lane, Vice Quarter Master General and Colonel of The Light Infantry gives a champagne send off to the new power car. Pictures: Doug Pratt.

## ROYAL SIGNALS MILESTONES



THIRTEEN MAY be unlucky for some, but not for H Troop of the 13th Signal Regiment.

For the 48-strong unit — 46 soldiers and two officers — has been awarded this year's Wilkinson Sword of Peace. Presented (above) by Major General Brian Kenny to Captain Andrew Field.

The first Army unit in BAOR to win the award, they are also one of the smallest and one of the most isolated, being 75 kilometres from their nearest British Army neighbours at Munsterlager.

They have no Naafi or community centre and so rely on their own and local resources for sporting and social activities.

Because of their initiative they built up a special relationship with the local townspeople of Dannenberg.

Now they have been awarded the Peace Sword for their efforts. It was presented to Troop Commander Captain Andrew Field by Major General Brian Kenny, Commander 4 Armoured Division at a special parade.



THE TENTH anniversary of the granting of the Freedom of Lippstadt was celebrated jointly by the German Fernmeldebaatillon 7 and 22nd Signal Regiment. Both Lippstadt based units formed a partnership when the Freedom was first granted 10 years ago and the Anniversary of this unique occasion was marked by an impressive torch-light parade outside the Rathaus where troops representing both regiments participated. The picture shows Lieutenant P Gillespie bearing the freedom scroll flanked by Staff Sergeants R Thomson and G Hegarty.

The parade was inspected by the Burgermeister, Frau Dr Christ accompanied by the respective Commanding Officers, Oberstleutnant W Ulrich and Lieutenant Colonel P E A Chadwick.

THE FIRST British Rail High Speed Train power car to bear a regimental name has been officially launched along the track. The new engine bearing the name *The Light Infantry* was given its send-off at Durham station — home of the Durham Light Infantry, one of four light infantry regiments which formed the Light Infantry on amalgamation in 1968.

Watched by a posse of North-East mayors and local dignitaries, including four from Light Infantry freedom towns, Major-General Barry Lane, Vice-Quarter Master General and Colonel of the Regiment, unveiled the nameplate mounted below the hyphen in Inter-City on the side of the power car.

TA buglers from 7 Light Infantry (V) the TA unit from Durham sounded the regimental call, as the nameplate was revealed. They were led by one of the British Army's most famous faces, the bearded Bugle Major Colin Green.

He retired from the Army last year but after a few months was in the TA as bugle major to 7 LI — "I missed the Army so much" he told SOLDIER. He was resplendent in the uniform of the old 6th Durham Light Infantry.

For British Rail, Mr John Thomson, Divisional Manager, said the power car would be a moving tribute to the Regiment as it travelled the length and breadth of the land from Aberdeen to London and to Penzance. "What an ambassador for Inter-City 125 and what an ambassador for The Light Infantry."

Replies, General Lane quipped: "We as a regiment pride ourselves on getting there quicker, smoother and with less fuss



The new train flagged away by Brigadier Robert MacGregor-Oxford, Deputy Chief of Staff South East District and Deputy Colonel The Light Infantry.

but always on time. That's a challenge to you sir!"

The general pointed out that on its runs from King's Cross it would pass through two Light Infantry recruiting areas in South Yorkshire and Durham. Every time it went through it would be a reminder of the link with the old county regiments.

Brigadier Robert MacGregor-Oxford, Chief of Staff South East District and Deputy Colonel of the Light Infantry (Durham), then waved a green flag and blew a whistle as the train sped off on its maiden journey to Newcastle with General Lane on the footplate.

When the High Speed Train returned to Durham later that morning General Lane alighted and announced that the controls were easier than those of a tank.

## PM VISITS ARMY ESTATE



TAKING TIME off from politics, Mrs Thatcher spent an hour with servicemen and their families and to collect a cheque for £7000 for the Army Benevolent Fund.

The Prime Minister was visiting Sweets Way Army housing estate in her capacity as President of the North London Army Benevolent Fund Committee.

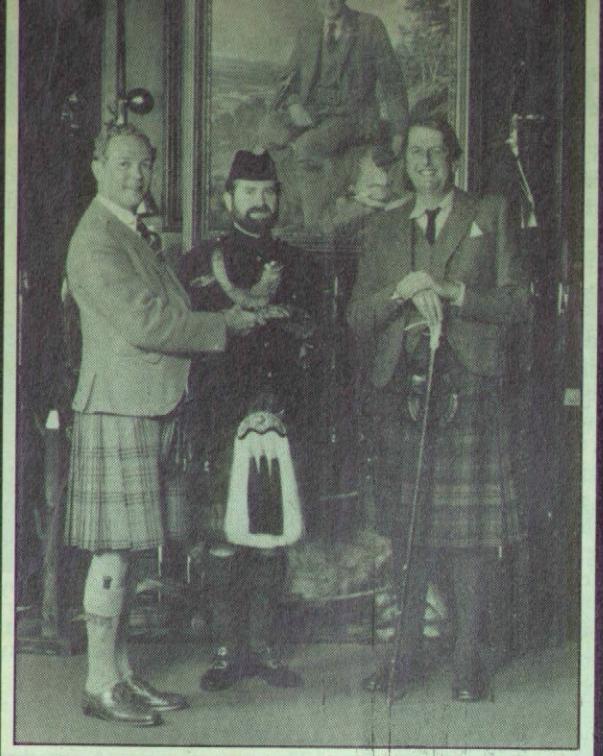
Mrs Thatcher was welcomed by Major R. A. J. Tyler, Housing and Welfare Commandant for North London and presented with a set of philatelic covers by Brigadier Ralph James, Director

of Postal and Courier Services Royal Engineers.

She then met representatives from all units living on the estate. Among those she met were Lance Sergeant 'Olly' Wilson (left) and his 18-year-old guardsman son Allan (centre) and Guardsman Ken Brown, all of whom served in the Falklands conflict with the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards. Also pictured are Ken Brown's wife and daughter.

A buffet tea was prepared and served by LCpls N Johns, K Woodward and D Johnson — all of the Army Catering Corps.

# NEWS VIEW



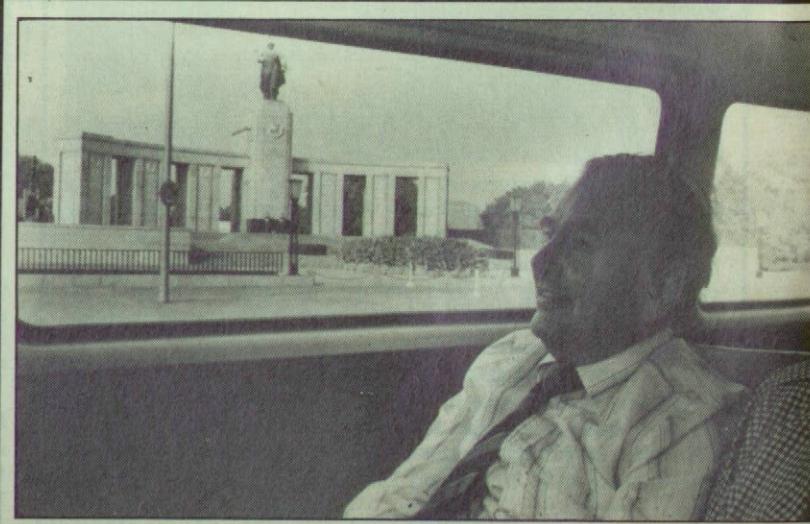
## PIPING HOT ▲

Pipe Major Gavin Stoddart has just notched up a treble by piping his way to one of the world's top pipe titles — the Grant's Whisky Championship. Gavin, 35 and a Royal Highland Fusilier currently serving in Ulster, is the son of a pipe major and wiped the board in a blow-out against ten other top pipers from all over the world. The contest took place at Blair Castle, home of the Duke of Atholl (right) who presented the prizes. On the left is Alan Denholm, a director of Grant's Whisky.



## ◀ LAYING THE DUST

If strength and fitness count for anything in the Royal Engineers, then 29 Field Squadron count themselves among the best. For they ran out winners of a two-month long race which involved man-handling a one-ton bar-mine layer round their BAOR camp circuit. They didn't say how long the course was, but their time of eight minutes four seconds on the penultimate day proved just too much for any of their challengers.



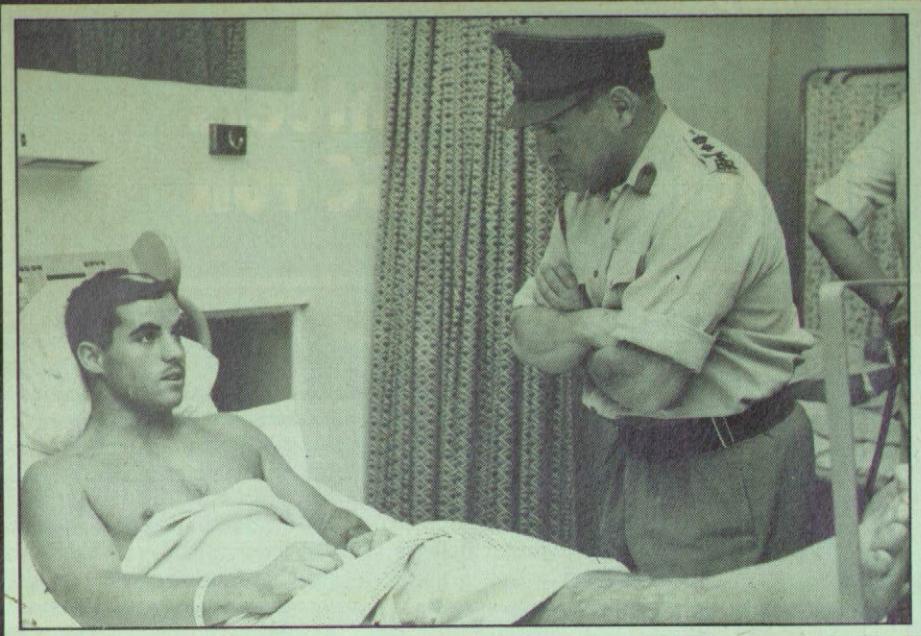
## BACK IN BERLIN ▶

When former L/Cpl Sidney Barton was last in Berlin 30 years ago, only a painted white line separated the East and West sectors. In those days Sidney was with 247 Provost Company of the RMP, but he was invalided out with multiple sclerosis and has been bedridden ever since. Now he has been back to the West German capital for a look at both the East and the West only to find it has changed out of all recognition. But the unit's role is much the same as it was in his day — border incidents, routine crime and special duties for big parades. "Some things never change," said Sidney.



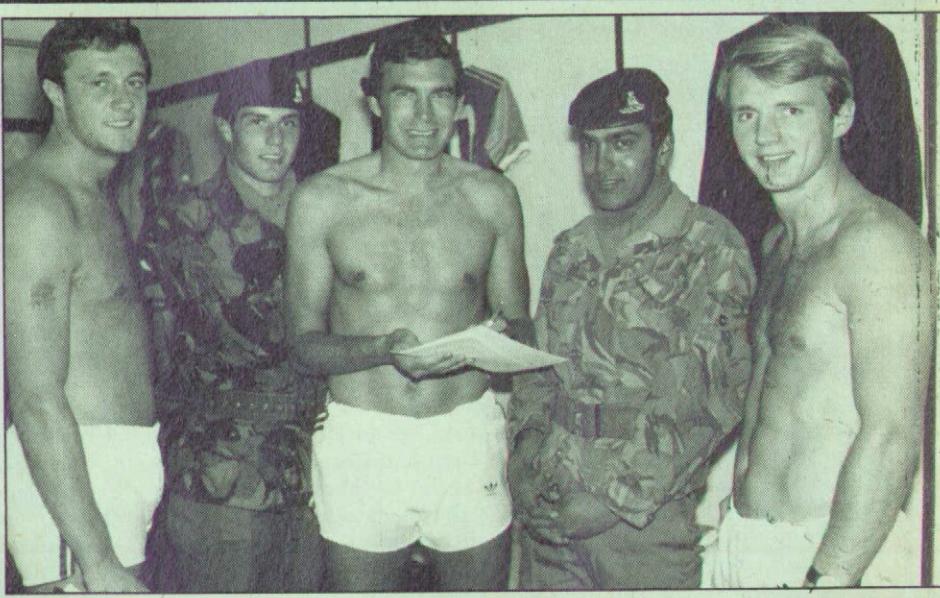
## WILY WALLY ▲

Do the unexpected and you'll win battles. . . Sergeant Major Wally Wittaker (hatless) of the 17th/21st Lancers — the Death or Glory boys — tells how he twice cut enemy communications in the BAOR exercise Atlantic Lion. Wily Wally's act helped them capture their final objective a day earlier than planned.



## SIGN PLEASE! ▶

England and West Ham player Trevor Brooking signs his autograph alongside those of Steve Whitton (left) and Paul Goddard. For the players it was no problem, but for Lance Bombardiers Nigel Pimm and Ali Chauhan of 2 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, it signalled the end of a successful task set by the RA crew commanders' course at Woolwich.



## ◀ RIGHT OF WAY? ▶

A British Chieftain of the 17th/21st Lancers is heavier than an M113 Armoured Personnel Carrier of the US 1/9 Cavalry Division, so it looks like a matter of "Heads I win, Tails you lose" during exercise Atlantic Lion near the Dutch border.

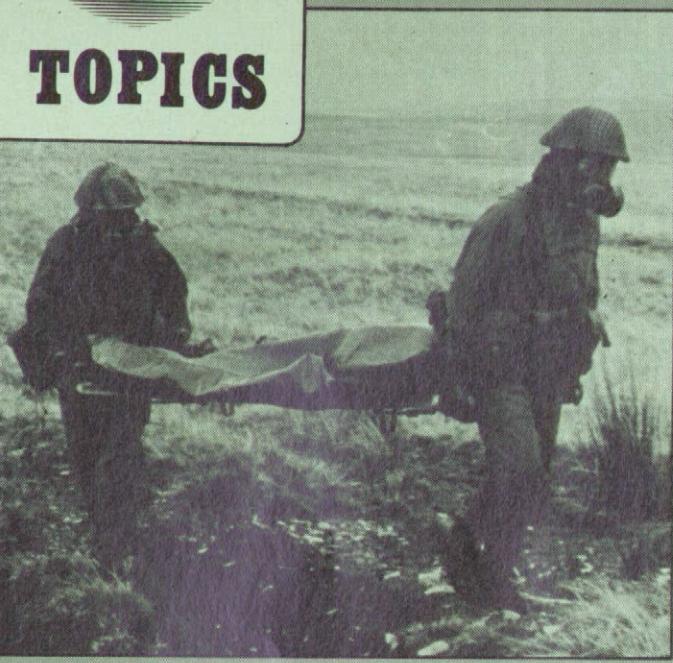
## ◀ VIP VISITOR

GENERAL SIR Frank Kitson, C-in-C UKLF, who went to Beirut to assess the situation visited 20 US Marine Corps casualties who were hurt in the recent bombing and were recovering in Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Hospital, Akrotiri, Cyprus.

He is seen here chatting to Corporal Samuel Parker, a team leader of 24 Marines Amphibious Unit based at Virginia.



## TOPICS



## Transport Volunteers initiate new NBC run

Almost like a scene from World War One! ▼

MEN from 151 (Greater London) Transport Regiment RCT (V) inaugurated the Sennybridge Training Area's brand new Porton-Style NBC battle-run.

The battle-run can provide progressive training at several skill levels, and is the brainchild of Mr Jack Jackson, until recently a senior civilian employee at Porton Down.

Now NBC foreman at Sennybridge, Mr Jackson's first task was to design and supervise construction of a platoon-sized Battle Run that could facilitate high-grade realistic NBC training for units of all types. It is hoped that it will be of particular use to TA units lacking the time and man-power to set up their own standing facilities.

As members of 240 (Herts) Squadron were to discover on the very first 'live' run simulation of airburst and delivery of various agents is extremely realistic. 151 Regiment were able to enhance the effect by enlisting the aid of assault Pioneer Lance Corporal Martin, Royal Regiment of Wales, who provided a demolition

charge pattern. On another exercise, which was dedicated to battle skills, sapper assistance from 36 Engineer Regiment gave soldiers the chance to experience a concentrated night artillery and mortar bombardment.

Major Roy Godwin, 151's EME and the Volunteer officer also responsible for Regimental NBC training, was highly pleased with the results from this new facility. "We all appreciated the added realism this run gives" he said "and it certainly tightened up NBC drills and general awareness."

And a final word from Mr Jackson: "I know 151 Regiment were keen to inaugurate the trainer, and they certainly seemed to benefit from it. It greatly helped me too, because I have been able to identify a few minor adjustments which could only come to light after practical use."

The better trained and more enthusiastic the unit is, the more it will be able to benefit — and I couldn't have had more enthusiastic 'guinea pigs'."

The 'travelling salesman' was ex Assistant Regimental Signals Officer and now Company Sergeant Major of X Company, WO2 Alan Wall who, never at a loss for words, became directly involved in the supervision and criticism of all training activities.

But, MILCON was not all work, as L/Cpl Kevin Murphy — a section commander from Alnwick — discovered when he was presented in the field with a 21st birthday cake by the Royal

company level infiltration attack and included live firing of Soviet weapons and those from other NATO armies.

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## ROYAL YEOMANRY'S VEHICLES GET A GOOD WORK-OUT

SOME 750 officers and men of the TA's Royal Yeomanry — it has more armoured vehicles than any other RAC unit in the Army — converged on Westdown Camp and Lulworth for an intensive fortnight's camp practising their basic skills in readiness for next year's Exercise Lionheart in BAOR.

The regiment, with an HQ element and four squadrons at Swindon and Trowbridge, Croydon, Nottingham, Belfast and Victoria, London, brought 80 wheeled Fox recce AFVs, 36 Saracens and 18 Ferrets with them during the manoeuvres held over 2,000 square kilometres of Salisbury Plain.

Traditionally, each squadron still retains its individual cap badges.

Captain Crispin Ellison, a Regular with 2 RTR and adjutant on attachment to the Royal Yeomanry said: "We are doing low level training this year to get the basics right and to polish up those basic skills for development in regimental and formation exercises."

Those who had gone before were not forgotten, either, when the regiment held a get-together for 65 members of the Old Comrades.

From the front... a Saracen of The Sherwood Rangers taking part in driving skills ▼ training on Salisbury Plain.

Words: Graham Smith  
Pictures: Les Wiggs

So popular is the unit that they are over-subscribed with 54 officers, 710 NCOs and soldiers, the whole complemented by nine Regular Army officers and 50 soldiers.

Comprising four Sabre squadrons, each equipped with 20 Fox, the regiment's role is reinforcement of BAOR in the rear areas.

Rear view of eager eyes watching the progress of a Sherwood Rangers Saracen moving between obstacles. ▶



## Fusiliers go west

THE ROYAL REGIMENT of Fusiliers has an affiliation with the Royal Westminster Regiment — a Canadian Reserve Forces unit — in Vancouver and although the Regular battalions have had the opportunity, after training at the British Army Training Unit Suffield, to visit the Westminsters, such a chance has not occurred for the Territorial Army battalions.

However, on the initiative of their Training Major, Major John Rice, six members of the 6th Battalion, which, as part of 15 Infantry Brigade is NATO-rolled and based in Northumberland, have recently returned from a memorable month in Western Canada.

The party flew by Tristar to Calgary and continued their final leg by Air Canada to Vancouver, arriving at 9.00 pm local time.

Their feet scarcely touched the ground for by 0500 hours the following morning, the six were on the road accompanying the Royal Westminster Regiment to their annual "MILCON" (Military Concentration) at Fort Lewis in Washington State, USA.

If the Fusiliers thought they were there only to observe, they were in for a surprise: each was allotted a key appointment for the period of MILCON and participated fully in all training activities which, in a very full programme, ranged from low level tactics through FIBUA to a com-

pany level infiltration attack and included live firing of Soviet weapons and those from other NATO armies.

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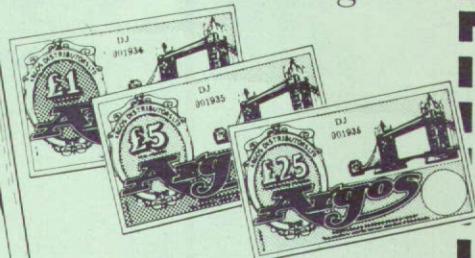


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# SOLDIER to Soldier

**S**OLDIER can understand the desire of everyone involved, and those interested, in determining battle honours for the Falklands as quickly as possible.

However, it is right that such distinctions, in common with awards for individual bravery, should be the subject of patient deliberation.

While the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force have been awarded South Atlantic battle honours, the Army is still to confirm which regiments will receive what award.

In a written answer to the House of Commons, Defence Secretary Mr Michael Heseltine said that, "the theatre honour 'Falkland Islands 1982' together with honours for the engagement at Goose Green, Mount Longdon, Tumbledown Mountain and Wireless Ridge have been approved for the Army.

"Those regiments which took part in the campaign will be entitled to claim these honours in accordance with normal practice in the Army.

"After these claims have been considered by the Army Board recommendations will be submitted for the Queen's approval," he said.

Because of this Mr Heseltine said he was unable to list which regiments will be honoured and will be making a further statement in the House.

In case anyone is wondering about other now-familiar locations, but not named, the Royal Marines do not have battle honours. Their Globe and Laurel device is their symbol of distinguished service.

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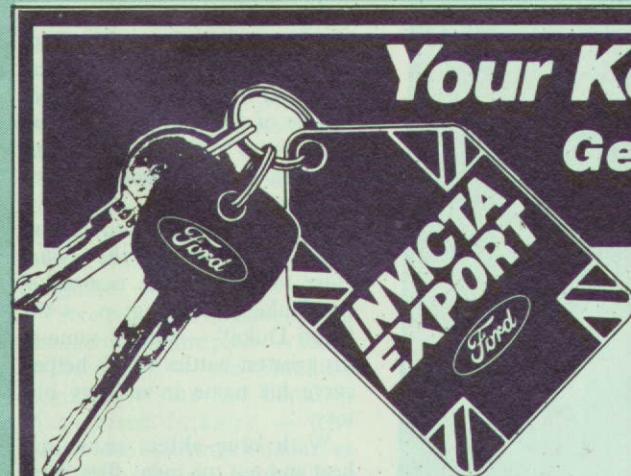
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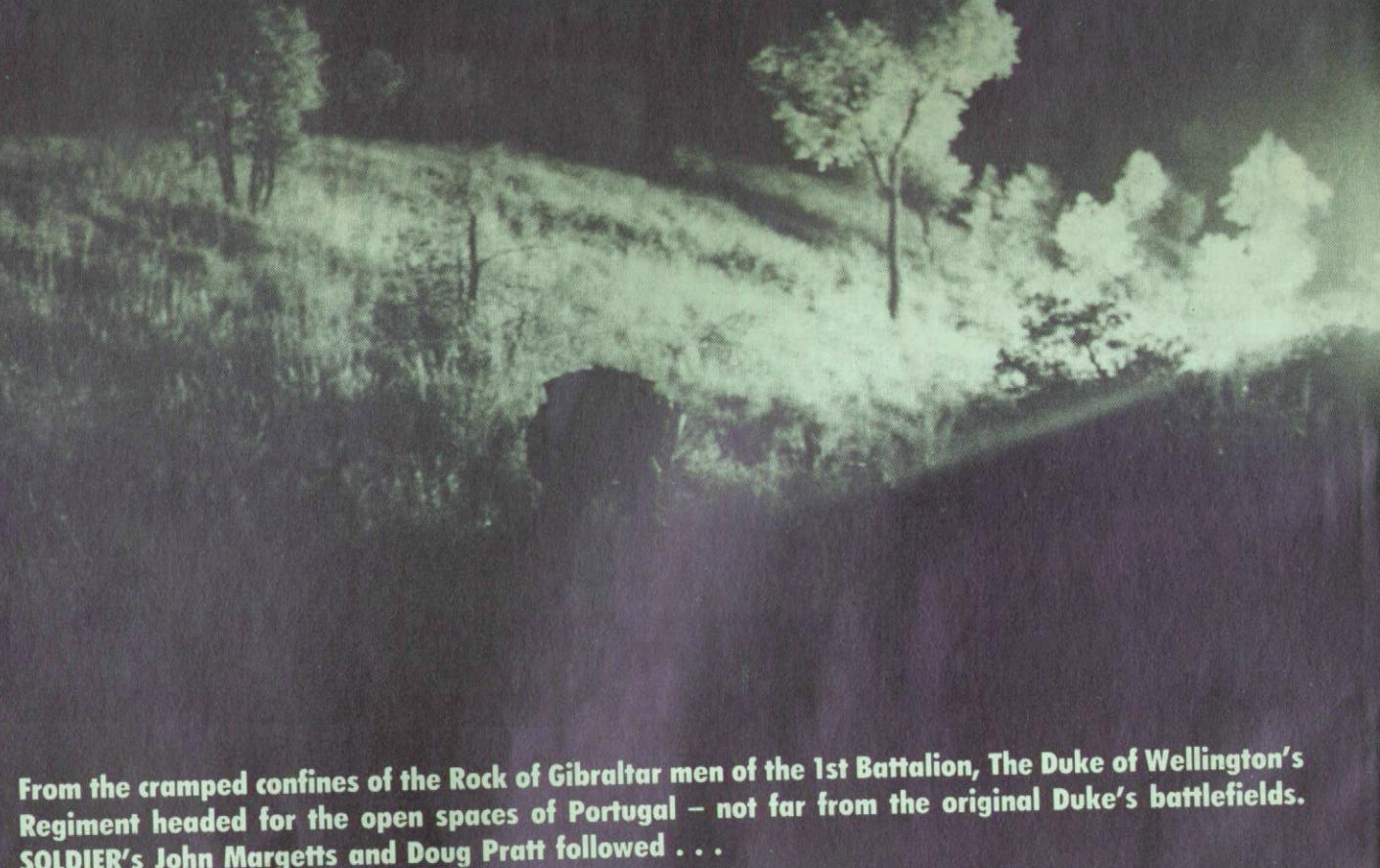
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**B**EING a fly on the wall can be fun as a SOLDIER team found when they went to Pirbright to watch their press colleagues being enrolled as 'war correspondents' for exercise 'Eternal Triangle.'

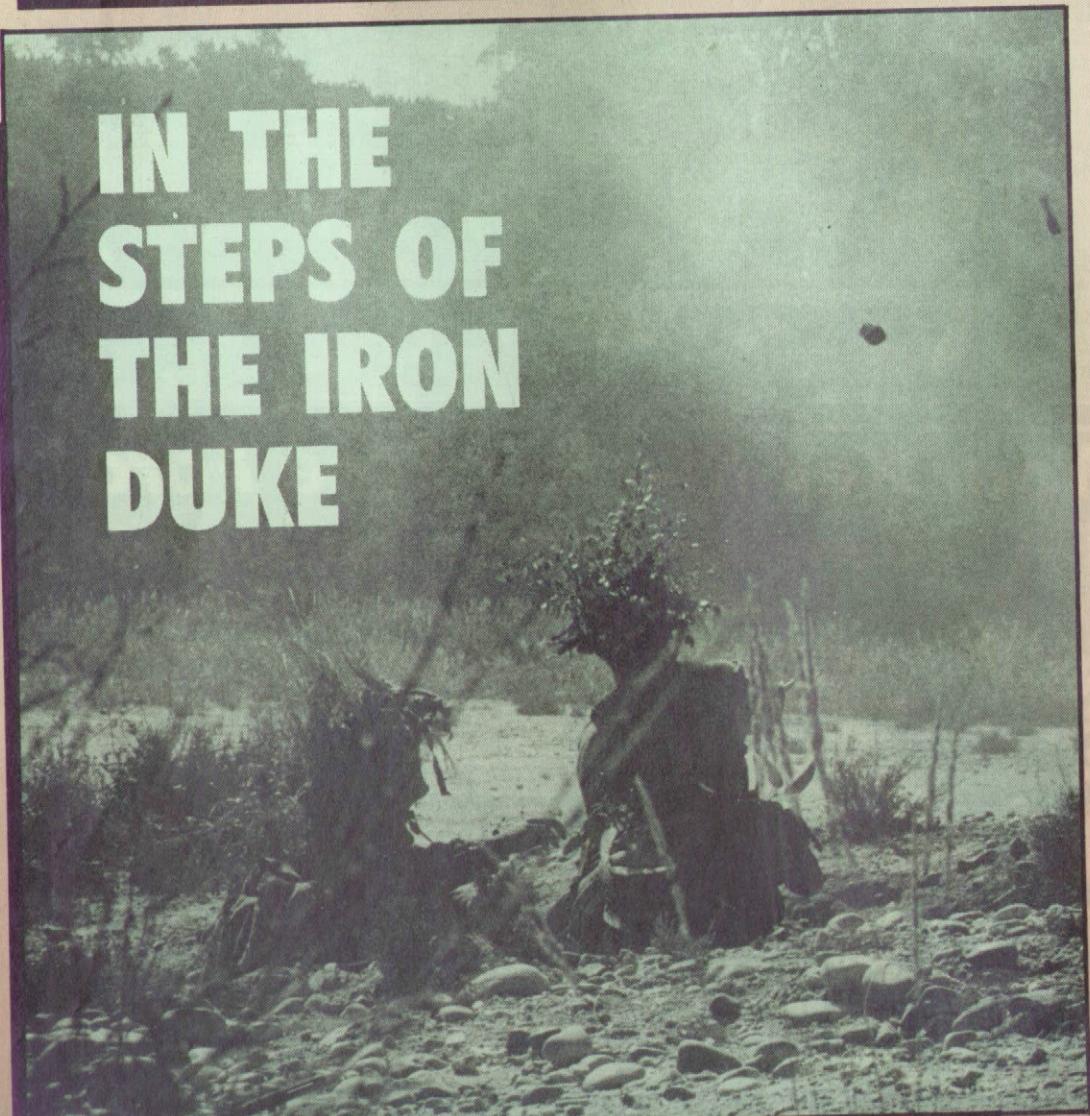
A good percentage of the journalists turned up in beards — only to be told that in the event of war they would have to shave them off. Chemical protection masks do not work for bearded persons.

Of course many of the newspapermen affected a cynical worldweariness. One wrote 'Pravda' on his name tag while another on hearing what the effects of chemical attack were likely to be quipped "that's what I felt like this morning!" Others showed a surprising keenness — including the scribe who brought the actual kit he used in the Falklands campaign.



From the cramped confines of the Rock of Gibraltar men of the 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment headed for the open spaces of Portugal — not far from the original Duke's battlefields. SOLDIER's John Margetts and Doug Pratt followed . . .

## IN THE STEPS OF THE IRON DUKE



**W**HEN the 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment flew to Portugal to hone up their training they took a small step back into their own history and a big step into space.

That's what it meant for the 'Duke's' when the Regiment's A, B and C companies each spent a three-week session at Santa Margarida, the Portuguese Army's equivalent of Salisbury Plain, 85 miles north-east of Lisbon. After the cramped confines of the Rock — the 'Duke's' are the resident battalion there — the wide open spaces of Santa Margarida gave them room to fire their guns and mortars and do some 'real soldiering.'

Their little step into history came with the fact they were close to where their namesake, the Duke of Wellington — the "Iron Duke" — fought some of his greatest battles which helped carve his name in military history.

With blue skies, sunshine, heat and not too many flies, Santa Margarida has a good deal in common with Gibraltar. But it has that one vital commodity the Rock lacks — room to move. "There is no substitute for space when it comes to training," said Major Chris Gilbert, Officer Live grenade stalk ends with grenade throwing at a range bunker.

Commanding A Company. "This is a great place for soldiering."

There for three weeks, A Company were the last of the 'Duke's' rifle companies to move to the Portuguese Army's training ground. The other two companies — B and C — had completed their relay stints and returned to the Rock.

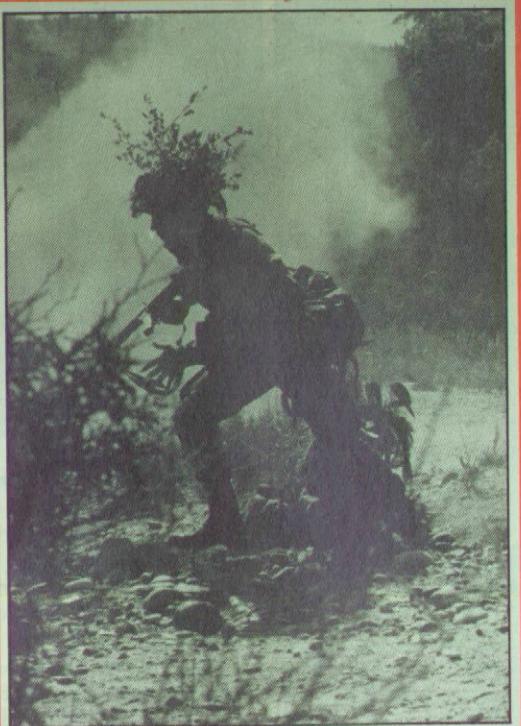
Now it was A Company's turn to use the 100-square miles of terrain varying from open plains to forests and hills. And there was a good chance of having the place all to themselves, since a mechanised infantry unit of the Portuguese Army had just completed a five-day exercise and gone on leave.

"All the signs are good," said Chris Gilbert. "All we need now is for the weather to hold. If it doesn't this place will become a quagmire."

"As a regiment we have a lot in common with this place. A locally-based unit — the Abrantes Regiment of the 2nd Battalion Mechanised Infantry — lists almost identical battle honours as the DWR. So in a sense it is a homecoming for us."

Homecoming or not, the lads of Company A seemed to settle in with zestful alacrity after a pep-talk from the OC on the Sunday night, followed by a ten-point

CPO Dave Arnold (right) teaches his protégé Pte Eddie Sawford how to take water samples.



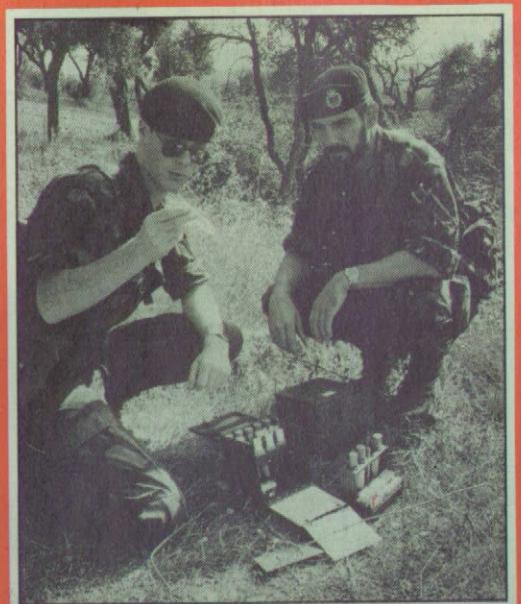
Troops withdraw after their grenade attack.



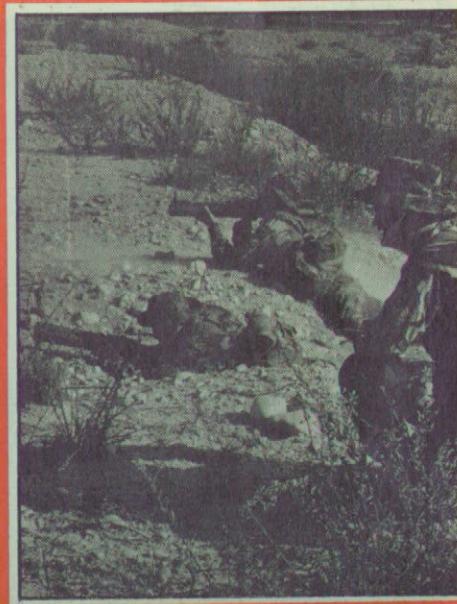
Sunrise over the assault course as Alma Company try it out.



It's stew on the menu as the 'Duke's' take a break from live firing. ▲



Live firing of LAW anti-tank weapon modified to fire small round. ▼





L/Cpl Martin Sutcliffe demonstrates how to blend into Portuguese countryside.

do-and-don't list from camp commandant Captain Bernie Coll and further disciplinary warnings from company sergeant major Warrant Officer 2 Pete Coates.

Ready to harness any religious fervour the 'Duke's' might display was Fr Noel Mullin, a Royal Navy padre based at HMS Rooke, Gibraltar, with tri-service responsibilities. And looking after the basic health was Navy health inspector Chief Petty Officer Dave Arnold, also based at Rooke. With Arnold was Private Eddie Sawford RAMC, from Fortress HQ Gibraltar, who was there to learn all about how to test water supplies for nerve gas; pest control; food hygiene; ventilation; lighting; accom-

modation; sewage and refuse disposal. "And that's just for starters" said Dave Arnold.

Snakes and scorpions, too, came under their umbrella and Sawford found a number of discarded snake skins which needed identification.

"We think they're from adders," said Eddie. "No probs, though — there's plenty of medication, should anyone get bitten, in the Portuguese military hospital."

He wasn't quite so confident about scorpions — "We'll have to look those up," he said.

Meanwhile, Major Gilbert and A Company got on with the job of following the CO's instructions.

"We have a three point programme," said Gilbert. "To sharpen up individual skills, battle procedures and command and control. While we have plenty of space in which to carry out the



Training on how to approach a 'dead' enemy.

with direct grenade hits thus running up 94 out of 100 marks. Unfortunately for them they slipped up on the mortar firing as they had a misfire which appeared to affect their field skills.

Meanwhile the behind-the-scenes men carried on with the daily chores of running the place for the 120-odd officers and men.

Captain Bernie Coll together with Staff Sergeant Geoff Hunter — both 'Duke's' — and RCT mover Sergeant Dave Tong, plus regimental and ACC cooks, prepared and arranged the daily programme with their Portuguese hosts.

Use of the training area and ranges had to be booked well in advance and Bernie Coll had developed close links with the army of our "oldest allies."

It was the first visit by the 'Duke's' to Portugal but it won't be their last for they are due to go to Santa Margarida again early in the New Year.

"Could be interesting," said Coll. "They tell me that when it rains here it just buckets down. Could be just the time for some real soldiering."

Off for their dawn run of five miles before the day's training begins.



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**Writer John Margetts and photographer Paul Haley watch a group of men — and one woman — trying accreditation as war correspondents for the first time since Suez. And John talked to the journalists on their return from Germany . . .**

## **THE VIEWS OF THE PRESS VARIED**



What comes next? The journalists gather and pensively 'tune-in'. ▲

Brigadier David Ramsbotham addresses the attentive media people. ▼



**C**RITICISM of how the Falklands' war news was handled led to a team of top TV and newspaper journalists 'volunteering' to 'join up' for a few days.

A joint operation by the Army and newspaper editors was the 50-strong group of newsmen — and one woman, Susan Douglas of the *Mail on Sunday* — reporting to the Welsh Guards at Pirbright for 'kitting out' prior to flying to BAOR for a 'trial' run on the Nato exercise Eternal Triangle.

Not since the invasion of Suez in 1956 have journalists been accredited as war correspondents.

But October 25 saw all that change when the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards issued each of the 50 with 21 items of brand new clothing and kit worth hundreds of pounds including metal identity tags complete with name and bloodgroup, following a signing-on session at MoD, London. It was the first step by Army Director of Public Relations Brigadier David Ramsbotham to familiarise the newsmen — "we were press-ganged," joked one — with Army life and give them a 'feel'

Kitted out in combat uniform — Susan Douglas of the *Mail on Sunday*.

for military style. His second step was to assure them there would be "no clash" about Press freedom — not on this exercise, anyway.

But he went on to suggest that in the event of "real" hostilities things could be different.

The Brigadier told the journalists that, while covering a war story gave them the "absolute right" to ask questions, the Army commander had the same right to refuse information if he considered it would help an enemy and endanger lives, providing an explanation was offered for that refusal. "We are not on a collision course," he said, "but anything that affects security affects lives."

"It's a question of trust," he said, adding that "the essence of successful warfare is secrecy, while the essence of successful journalism is publicity."

"Self-censorship is what we are trying to preach," he emphasised. This getting-to-know-you step is the latest by the Army to improve its image and relationship with the Press and fol-



Welsh Guards assistance for David Vincent, Ipswich Evening Standard.

lows parliamentary rows over the handling of the Press during the Falklands conflict. Since the 'signing on' of the 50 Pressmen was basically to help them do their jobs, the Brigadier told how his PR staff had been instructed to react to Press inquiries and pin-pointed truth, speed, accuracy, respect for exclusive stories plus the strict rule to avoid the use of the phrase no comment as "musts".

Three days later the journalists returned to Northolt and had a few comments to make: Susan Douglas of the Mail on Sunday, said: "This was my first time with the British Army and it was fine. I think we all learned some-

thing and I think the Army learned something about women. They're all chauvinists and insist on being ultra polite and opening doors and the like. "But after telling them I was capable of looking after myself, they went along with the equality bit.

"Wearing a uniform though is not the answer to the Press censorship problem. It affects your psychology. It's far better operating under your own steam."

Robert McGowan of the Daily Express and Murray Davis of the Daily Mirror both reported the Falklands' war for their papers and agreed the exercise was worthwhile and interesting, but pointed out that a number of



Sergeant Stan Cox, Welsh Guards helps to make sense of webbing and frames.

young reporters now believed they were capable of reporting a war, having seen something of Eternal Triangle. "Of course they couldn't," said McGowan, "not operating the way we did in BAOR."

Falklands veteran Jeremy Hands of ITN said he, too, enjoyed the exercise, but it was not worthwhile from a reporting point of view.

"The Army had no need to do this at all," he said. "It's the Navy that needs to get its PR right. This all stems from the Falklands and we had no trouble with the Army there."

Accompanied by official 'minder' Major Glyn Jones of the RAEC, Hands and his team spent time with the 14th/20th King's Hussars.

"There was not much need for me to be there, as ITN know their way around — specially the 14th/20th," said Major Jones, who went on to explain that in the event of war, Corps HQ would be as near to the front line that reporters would be allowed. I doubt they could survive if they were allowed closer," he said.

Disagreeing with this, Western Daily Press man John Forbes, who was with 3rd Royal Tank

Regiment throughout the exercise, said that being held back to Corps HQ was being "a bit cautious," but agreed it would be "unwise to go too near any front line activity."

Forbes' view of the help he got from 3 RTR was that they "were superb in every way. They were near-perfect for our team" which included Sunday Mirror photographer Geoffrey Wilkinson and official 'minder' Major John Holder RAEC, of the School of Infantry.

With the problems of reporting from the South Atlantic still fresh in his mind, Daily Telegraph reporter Charles Laurence said: "Fundamentally it was not worthwhile. The problem of censorship was not even considered.

"The Army are trying to establish a relationship which will supplant the MoD rules for Press correspondents.

"They are attempting to reach a gentleman's agreement with responsible journalists. It's a first-class idea, but they are being wildly over optimistic."

Laurence, who yomped with 45 Commando Royal Marines from Ajax Bay to Mount Kent, spoke with some feeling and added he didn't think much of the idea of camping out at Pirbright or anywhere else in a bid by the Army to make it realistic. "Who in his right mind is going to do that when accommodation is nearby?" he queried.

Glasgow Herald man Ian Bruce, too, spoke of "lots of problems" on the exercise and suggested that "they should rethink their censorship policy."

Minders, too, need to be more knowledgeable and aware of the needs of the Press, he said, "they (the MOD) have no choice but to give us complete freedom."

Last, but not least, was a hopeful note from BBC TV News man Nick Witchell who cheerfully proclaimed the whole thing to be "worthwhile, a lot of fun and extremely interesting."

"But if it ever happened for real it would probably develop into chaos. "Still, hopefully, we would all be working on the same lines," he said.



"It's quite simple really" . . . said a muffled voice inside the NBC mask.

# What the media went to report

On this page we present just some of the many photographs taken by BAOR Public Information photographers during the big exercise Eternal Triangle in Germany.

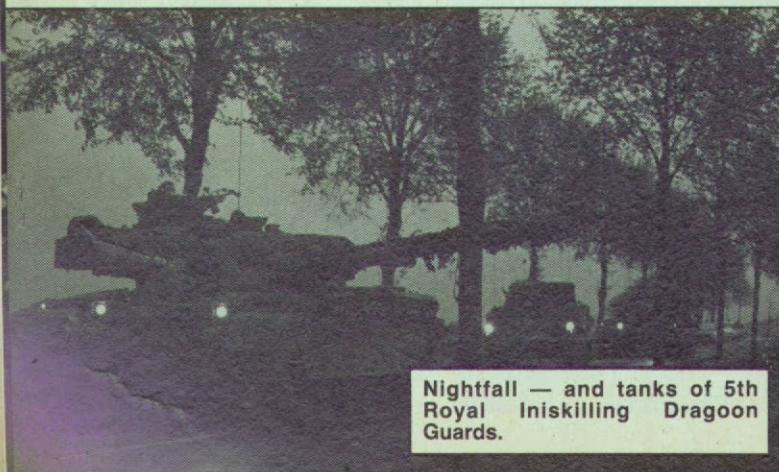
It was testing time for the troops — and an important experiment for the media representatives ...



▲ Conference in a cabbage patch — Major General Brian Kenny, left, Commander 1st Armoured Division reviews progress.



A 'digger' digs. Helping 7 Armoured Workshop right is Australian Sergeant Ken Smallacombe, on exchange. Left — Corporal Colin Hydes.



Nightfall — and tanks of 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.

"I see you as a football team training for a world match, hoping that you'll never have to play" said Lieutenant General Sir Martin Farndale, Commander 1st (British) Corps, as he welcomed the Press to the Exercise Press Information Centre at Holzminden.

"Your reporting role is vital if a crisis ever developed. The world will be watching closely. I believe we need journalists to portray what is happening.

"And this is especially important on an Exercise, which is deterrence in action — but only if the press report on it".

Before sending them out in a fleet of landrovers, with Royal Army Education Corps escorts, to join 17 units "in the field", General Farndale joked: "I shall look forward to hearing your opinion of how my Corps is doing on the Exercise".

**'We need journalists to portray what is happening'**

— (Corps Commander)

Traffic comes to a standstill as infantry and armour swing into action.



Stretcher races were part of the exercise. Marine Carl Brough comes down the easy way.

A jump completed. Left to right — Lance Corporal Bob Parker, Private Derek Brown and Lance Corporal Steve Renwick of 4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Parachute Regiment.



## Echoes from the charge

Some of the Army's latest equipment has been brought into action on Eternal Triangle, but for the historian the battlegroup manoeuvres of 7th Armoured Brigade on 25th October had an echo of bygone days.

The Chieftain tanks of the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, the Royal Hussars and the 17th/21st Lancers which have replaced the horses of their famous ancestors, the 4th and 8th Hussars, the 10th and 11th Hussars and the 17th Lancers, who took part in the Charge of the Light Brigade, came together in the same formation.

Brigadier Richard Swinburn, 7th Brigade Commander, is himself a former 17th/21st Lancer.



**John Walton  
meets  
Bob Sacco,  
a Royal Army  
Educational  
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Punch and  
Judy show . . .**

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SQUEALS OF DELIGHT echoed around the former Covent Garden fruit market, now London's weekend assembly point for street entertainers as well as the capital's trendies. From every corner came the shrill cries of the legendary Mr Punch as he continued the mayhem he began more than three centuries ago.

The occasion was the annual Festival of Punch and Judy organised by the Punch and Judy Fellowship, a professional body for exponents of the traditional puppet entertainment. More than 50 Punch and Judy booths, some from as far away as Italy where it all began, were thrilling young and old.

One of the founders and leaders of the Fellowship is 'Professor' John Alexander, a former Royal Army Educational Corps officer, who recently took his show to Berlin as part of The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment

of Yorkshire open day for people of the divided city.

John Alexander was in the Army about 30 years ago but a member of the same Corps today is rapidly achieving some standing in the Punch and Judy world. Captain Bob Sacco, a former Redcap and now an instructor in the English Language Wing at the RAEC, Beaconsfield, first entered the field five years ago.

"I have always been interested and involved in amateur theatre in the Army and I was looking for something that I could do on my own" he said. "Punch and Judy had always been in the back of my mind and I started researching it when I was stationed in Berlin in 1978.

"It's rather difficult to find out about it. Literature is very scarce and most of the tradition is handed down by word of mouth. I found out as much as I could from libraries and talking to people from Punch and Judy

shows."

Soon Bob was in touch with some of the leading 'professors' and had built his own booth and puppets. "I made them all myself but have now changed my Punch for a hand carved one by a man who studied under the world's most famous puppeteer."

The next step was to get accepted into the Fellowship. It exists to keep standards up and those who would change the traditional story are not accepted.

Says Bob: "Anybody can call himself a 'professor' but in order to get into the Fellowship they have to see your show. You also have to be able to swazzle."

The 'swazzle' is a device which is inserted into the mouth to create the unoiled door hinge which passes for Punch's voice. Members are pledged to secrecy as to just what it is and how it works.

"It is a trade secret" says Bob. "All I can say is it takes a lot of



practice to produce the sound and to tune one correctly. To give a sustained performance and to enunciate properly is very difficult. There is a knack to it."

In America there have been a lot of complaints from 'progressives' about Punch and Judy — because of its violence and sexism and some practitioners have changed the story. But Bob Sacco and his colleagues in the Fellowship feel that 300 years of the tradition speak for them-

selves.

"I don't think it does encourage violence. If you start to eat away at the characteristics it ceases to be a proper Punch and Judy show. There is no doubt that it is a violent show — but look at Tom and Jerry."

Bob puts on shows at Open Days, Fêtes and Garden Parties and entertains at children's parties on the 'patch' at Beaconsfield. Perhaps his most daunting experience was two years ago in the Centre's Officers' Mess when he was part of the Royal Wedding entertainment.

"There were only about two kids there, the officers were sitting in the audience and it was a bit embarrassing. But to my amazement they all joined in."

His wife Barbara had a nickname for Bob when they first married 25 years ago — Puncinello. "I used to say it was because of his big nose but I never dreamed that one day he would be a Punch and Judy man!"

Next year Bob leaves the Army after more than 30 years and may take up Punch and Judy professionally. "I am toying with the idea. Obviously I would prefer a good steady job but if the worst came to the worst I would do this rather than stand in the dole queue."

Punch and Judy badges designed by Bob for the Fellowship sold out at the Festival and the age old puppet show is as popular as ever. Says the language instructor-cum-puppeteer: "It's a difficult thing to explain the appeal. In the sixties and seventies it was waning but now there has been a big comeback. It has gone on for 300 years and there has always been a revival when the country has difficulties!" ■



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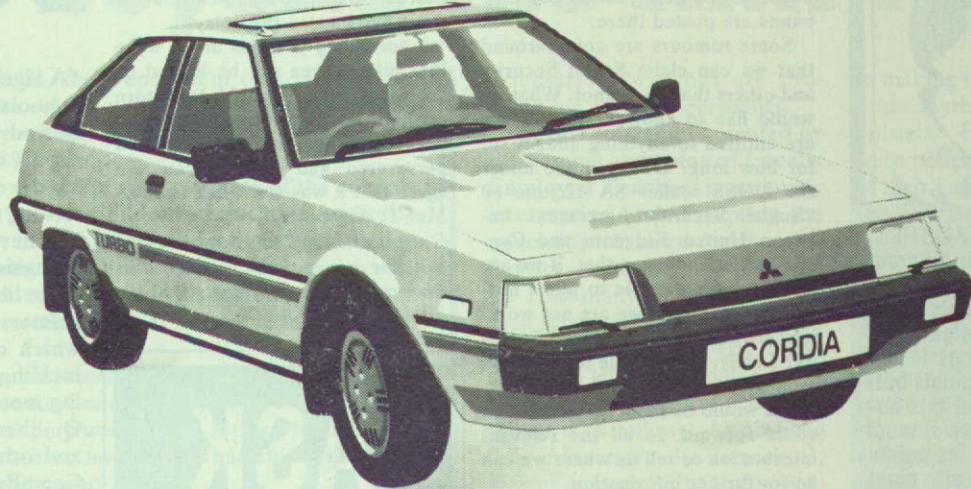
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REPORTS, LIKE STATISTICS, can be interpreted in different ways. The HMI report on the eight Dortmund schools highlighted a number of significant gaps and shortcomings in the running of Service schools but, inevitably, a report of this nature has to be general. It must be added that not all the points raised apply to all eight schools. Nor did any one school suffer from all the problems mentioned.

Two important aspects of education, for example, are pupil/teacher ratios and the spending per head on each child. On both these counts, Service schools were rated above the UK average.

BFES has a 15 per cent higher pupil/teacher ratio in its primary schools than the UK average (20.2 as against 21.8) and the same is true of children in secondary education (12.9 as against 16.3). The results of this are reflected in the high pass rate at 'O' and 'A' Level. Kings School had a 77 per cent pass rate among its 'O' Level pupils — higher than the 70 per cent that would have been expected as a result of the 12.9 pupil/teacher ratio — and 65 per cent at 'A' Level.

The Inner London Education Authority spends around £806 on each primary school child in comparison with the £1174 spent on each Service child overseas.

We as parents also have our duty to do when it is a question of our children's education. We could help ourselves and the school headteacher and staff by showing an interest and willingness to participate and help. It will help communication and discussion of any problems that are facing the school.

We can keep in touch through the Parent Teacher Association at the school or through the newly-formed Schools Advisory Committee. Find out who your representative is and offer your services.

If you are interested in reading the report yourself it is available free from the Department of Education and Science Publications Despatch Centre, Honeypot Lane, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 1AZ or from Service Children's Education Authority, Court Road, Eltham, London SE9 5NR.

*Anne Cerutwong*

We are a group of Army wives paying a full stamp here in the UK. We shall be moving to Cyprus at the beginning of next year as our husbands are posted there.

Some rumours are going around that we can claim Social Security and others that we cannot. What we would like to know is whether we are entitled to anything and, if so, for how long? Do we come under the DHSS leaflet SA 12/June 80 "Social Security Agreement between United Kingdom and Cyprus" which indicates that, if we are working, we are able to pay a normal stamp and, if we are not working, are able to claim Social Security? Lastly, are we able to claim tax rebates?

We would be most grateful if you could forward us all the relevant information or tell us where we can go for further information.

Mrs H, London.

I passed your letter to the DHSS, Mrs H, and they have replied as follows:

"I can confirm that there is an agreement on Social Security between the United Kingdom and Cyprus and that the main provisions are set out in our leaflet SA12.

"The effect of the provisions of the Agreement will vary if any of the wives are to be employed in Cyprus in continuation of their UK employment. If that is the case, the lady in question should write separately to the Overseas Branch for further advice.

"If, as I suspect, the majority will terminate their employment before leaving the UK, their position in Cyprus will be as follows:

"The benefits covered by the Agreement are listed in paragraph 9 of leaflet SA12. Further detailed information is provided at paragraph 10 for Unemployment Benefit, paragraph 11 for Sickness Benefit, paragraph 14 for Maternity Benefit and paragraph 16 onwards for pensions and other benefits. You should disregard paragraph 15 which is no longer applicable.

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"Finally, information on tax matters can be obtained from the Chief Inspector of Taxes, Inland Revenue Department, Stanley Precinct, Bootle, Merseyside L69 9BB."

That answer should help anyone who is about to depart for Cyprus on a posting as well as your particular group, Mrs H.

I had almost given up all hope of ever writing to you and letting you know that I had won my claim for unemployment benefit on my return to England, but I have now, in fact, received a cheque for £200 covering the three months in question.

Apparently, the fact that I had been drawing unemployment bene-

fit in Germany (having worked for a German firm for two years) and when we were posted to another part of Germany, I qualified for dole, had caused the delay.

I am telling you this in the hope that other wives will be helped by my experience. I could have torn my hair out many a time but you do have to be tolerant and patient. I persevered and I think you will agree that it was worth the agony. Mrs T, Aldershot.

Congratulations! I'm sure your letter will give encouragement to many others who are waiting for claims to be decided.

## ASK ANNE

Could you please tell me whether there is infant screening in Germany? We are due for a posting in three months' time and our son will then be four and a half years old. The Local Authority here do one but I may miss it so I should appreciate any help you can give about procedures in Germany.

Mrs L, Humberside.

Service Children's Education Authority launched a new policy in 1983 of progressive pupil assessment in Service schools which will come into effect on 1 January 1984.

Our children will be assessed at regular intervals as follows: Reception (5+), Top Infants (7+), Junior 2 (9+), Junior 4/Middle 2 (11+), and Middle 4/Secondary 2 (13+).

The SCEA scheme resulted from wide consultation with Local Education Authorities in UK and competent authorities in overseas commands. The tests used in the assessment procedure are, in the main, NFER ones together with the school's own internal evaluation and are designed to give an objective measure of a pupil's general ability at specified times during his/her school career and to identify children who are under-achieving.

Together with the results provided by GCE/CSE examinations, the new policy should provide detailed information on a child's attainments throughout the whole of a school career in SCEA schools.

The 5+ assessment test is similar to the Humberside one so Mrs L can be reassured that her child will be screened at the appropriate ages in schools in Germany and elsewhere overseas.

### Return to Korea

Thirty years ago former ambulance driver Sgt Bryan Wilkinson of 8 Regiment RCT in Germany, was fighting with the Glosters in Korea. Recently he returned to the battlefields where he was captured and interned for 18 months by the North Koreans, this time to be presented with the Korean Veterans' Medal.

# SCEA —

"A significant proportion of the schools visited revealed the renewed interest in using children's own language as a basis for developing early reading and writing skills. In many instances this development was occurring alongside the attempt to integrate library books with reading primers, a commendable effort which could lead to children's tackling more appropriate reading material at an earlier age."

Q. Should not school bookshops and other agencies such as the Good Book Guide be compulsory in every school? The access to and selection available at libraries, Naafi and YWCA bookshops is often limited.

Perhaps the Pre-School Playgroups Association could help in conjunction with the primary schools? Or Health Education Council projects such as 'My Body'?

A. There are in all primary schools extensive libraries organised on a class or section basis (ie Infant, Junior). MOD funding through the Services Central Book Depot is generous and can answer all the book requirements of primary schools. Some schools organise school bookshops in addition to their libraries and are encouraged to do so, but these should be regarded as a bonus provision and not as a compulsory requirement.

Since the schools already have the benefit of advisers with a specific responsibility for 5 to 9-year-olds who liaise extensively with pre-school playgroups, it is difficult to see what additional help the PPA could give in this area. It is suggested that SCEA provides a copy of the Health Education guidelines which were agreed for all Service schools some two years ago.

"All the schools visited concentrated on the consolidation and practice of fundamental mathematical skills and routines and achieved an acceptable level of success. Rarely was the right balance of other activities achieved and seldom were children given the chance to solve problems related to everyday life."

Q. Everyday life overseas is obviously not the same as it is in UK. Was the lack of investigational work due to the lack of opportunities?

A. Although HMI reported a paucity of investigational work in mathematics at the schools visited it was not due to the constraints of life in a German community. Service Children's

# going beyond the HMI report

**EARLIER THIS YEAR**, the Department of Education and Science published the report by HM Inspectors who visited eight Service primary schools in the Dortmund Garrison area during the Autumn 1982 term.

The findings were critical of the standards of the schools, which are run by the Service Children's Education Authority, and found much that they considered wrong in both curriculum and teaching methods. There were however some areas of improvement that attracted the Inspectors' commendation, although these seemed almost negligible in the light of the criticism.

I felt very strongly that, since the education of our children is so important, some further discussion of a number of the points raised in the report was vital. I invited the MOD to reply to my observations and hope that this will clarify various sections of the report.

Schools Primary Mathematics Guidelines strongly support such an approach and it is accepted that the attention paid to the consolidation and practice of fundamental skills and routines is not enough on its own to meet the needs of children growing up into a technological age.

The Cockcroft Report's findings in the document "Mathematics Counts" have been followed up in the Dortmund locality by Area Office staff and an Area mathematics working party has been set up.

**"By common consent among the schools themselves, the area of the curriculum causing most concern is that involving history and geography, frequently tackled through topics. In one or two schools, however, the topics being tackled during the Autumn term did not include any history or geography."**

Q. I find this most disturbing. How can a term pass without history or geography, especially when the children are in a foreign country?

A. An Integrated Studies or Topic Work approach to cover the traditionally accepted disciplines of history and geography is currently the subject of much re-appraisal in all the primary schools.

The danger of using an unstructured approach has been recognised and school-based discussion now takes place before and during 'topics'. Schools are developing subject checklists to ensure that the important skills are not missed and further work on the Schools Council project, "Developing Pupils' Thinking through Topic Work" (based at Nottingham University), is being undertaken. The use of the host nation environment is to be a major thrust at the annual Head-teacher Conference.

**"If the system cannot persuade more heads to remain for a**

**minimum of five years, and for deputy heads and senior staff to remain for three years, it will experience great difficulty, not only in raising standards, but in maintaining the present level."**

Q. What has been done to combat this problem?

A. The question of teachers' conditions of service is currently being discussed with MOD and we are investigating ways by which we can increase the time which headteachers spend in any one school. Currently the average time in one post for a primary Headteacher is approaching four years.

**"In a number of cases United Kingdom-based teachers may leave their posts before the completion of their first tour. Losses of this kind are difficult to prevent. Some improvement could be made by a more careful selection of candidates and a more thorough briefing about conditions of life and work in a garrison."**

Q. How many teachers left because of disenchantment, marriage, or health reasons? What steps have been taken to brief teachers about life and work in a garrison? Are they given an equivalent to the Wives' Guide or a Garrison Guide?

A. The number of teachers (UKB and LET) leaving Dortmund schools during the period Sep 80-Jul 83 was 112. Reasons for leaving are as follows: Return to UK on promotion, marriage, tourex etc 30, SCS promotion 22, SCS transfer 5, LET resigned for pregnancy or posting of husband etc 28, LET end of contract 26, death 1.

All teachers are briefed before leaving UK by SCEA staff, a representative from the receiving Command and from CM(S)4. This briefing includes general information about the Command and leaves the provision of detailed information to the receiving school. Garrison Guides and

orientation briefings are provided for all UKB personnel.

**"The staff instability created by the coming and going of Locally Employed Teachers is seriously interrupting and disrupting the education of large numbers of Service children."**

Q. How many LETs are there in each school and how many filled the gaps created by UK based staff who left the schools?

A. The breakdown of LETs by school is as follows: Alanbrooke 3.5, Alexandra 3, Victoria 3, Hemer 4, Iserlohn 1, Mohne 8.4, Talavera 1.5. We are unable to give the reasons for their appointment at present.

**"Music is a great weakness in some schools, especially those without a qualified musician and others depending almost entirely on broadcasts. Drama and expressive movement are almost non-existent. Art and craft claims a modest amount of time but the range of media is limited."**

Q. Surely LETs would be extremely useful in these areas of neglect as there are many wives with qualifications in ballet, drama or music for example? Are the station and local German facilities used for physical education and games?

A. Music specialists in the primary schools are difficult to recruit and have often been the subject of unfulfilled bids for UKB teachers. Where there have been shortfalls or where the size of the school does not allow the employment of a full-time specialist (eg Wetter, Central Area), unqualified teachers can be taken on as instructors but do not necessarily have the expertise or approach that HMI are seeking.

With regard to swimming, schools often use local German rather than Garrison pools and receive funding from MOD to do so. As far as other sports are concerned, local units are always extremely co-operative in allowing schools to use their pitches when military commitments permit.

**"A general weakness related to a large part of the curriculum is the lack of pace in much of the work. The large amount of individualised work using text books and work sheets means that children become isolated, performing repetitive tasks that offer very limited challenge."**

Q. Could this be due to the disturbance of Service life where postings mean an above average number of children joining and leaving the school during a term,

so making it difficult for children to do anything but work as individuals? How many children were suffering from the absence of their father perhaps on duty in the Falklands or Northern Ireland? Could this account for low motivation?

A. Group and individualised working are useful ways of dealing with classes where there is either a wide range of age/ability or where children join and leave the school frequently. However, a regular theme of HMI comment is teachers' excessive reliance on work sheets at all levels and it would be reading too much into the Dortmund report to link lack of pace directly with turbulence.

**"A problem arises as a result of reducing staff during the academic year. Given that schools are realistic in their assessment of numbers, it would reduce the instability of staff considerably if reductions in staff were made at the end, of the academic year."**

Q. Did Finance Branch demand that the cuts be made in the middle of an academic year or was it just done?

A. There is constant pressure from MOD to reduce the costs of Service schools and, within the total cost, manpower is by far the greatest element (70 per cent according to the latest MACS statistics). This meant that action to reduce overstaffing was necessary during the Autumn term of 1982 when the inspection took place and there had to be consequent reorganisation of classes.

**"The eight schools visited reflected similar differences to those in the UK which range from schools with a high proportion of children coming from affluent owner-occupied homes to those in areas of considerable deprivation."**

Q. Are the schools which cater for those children of "considerable deprivation" given extra resources?

A. As a result of SCS reorganisation, Area Officers with close local knowledge of schools are in a good position to assess relative priorities in their areas. When allocating funds for the purchase of books and equipment they are able to discriminate positively in favour of schools which have particular needs. Also in their deployment of the advisory teachers for science, music and remedial education, they can concentrate manpower resources on certain schools where the teachers need external support.

# 200 YEARS ON: KEYS TO THE ROCK STILL IN SAFE HANDS

Story: John Margetts/Pictures: Doug Pratt



EVEN IF the place resembles a bit of old Swiss cheese just full of holes, Gibraltar is still pretty secure — militarily speaking, that is.

The presence of the 'Duke's' — the 1st Battalion the Duke of Wellington's Regiment — ensures that and they back their efficacy with a daily colourful show of military ceremony. Even

Above: SSgt L. Llamas of the Gibraltar Regiment, receives from Admiral Sir David Williams, the Governor of Gibraltar, the keys to the fortress.

Left: The Band and Corps of Drums of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, resplendent in spiked helmets, white jackets and red striped trousers.

though the spit 'n' polish ritual of past years has declined it's still evident among the 'Duke's' when showing their paces to Gibraltarians and visitors.

Said the 'Duke's' CO, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Cumberlege: "While our priority here is the security of the Rock, the population likes to see and hear us around. They judge us on our drills, band and drums and compare us with past regiments.

"Ceremony here is all important. It helps cement community relations which is a vital factor in our links with the local people.

"Every Monday we have the Changing of the Guard, which attracts quite large numbers, and you can be certain that public

judgement is made every time."

Proof of this came when the 'Duke's' performed the twice-yearly Ceremony of the Keys in Casemates Square.

Led by their Band and Corps of Drums resplendent in spiked helmets, white jackets and red striped black trousers, they swung into the triangular-shaped 'square' to applause and cheers from a huge crowd of locals and holidaymakers before re-enacting the ancient ceremony dating from 1779 — the start of the four-year siege of the Rock.

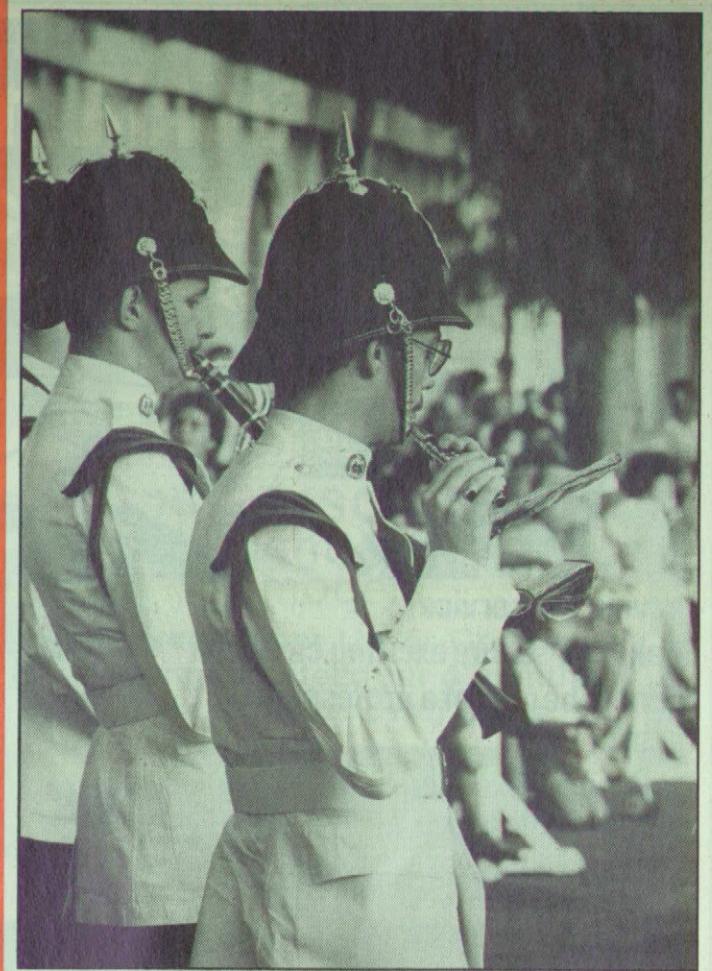
If it was reassurance the watchers were after the 'Duke's' certainly provided it with an impeccable show from their musicians and accompanying platoons

led by Lt Nick Borwell. To complete the picture the Sunset Gun fired precisely as bandmaster Warrant Officer I K Taylor lowered his arm for the last note.

Impressive it was. With perfect timing and precision and to the cheers of the crowd, which included Lieutenant Borwell's proud parents who came over specially to see him lead the parade the 'Duke's' marched off from another job well done.

That ceremony alone must have earned them full marks from the locals even if a young copper complained that it caused the police a lot of work with road closures and diversions.

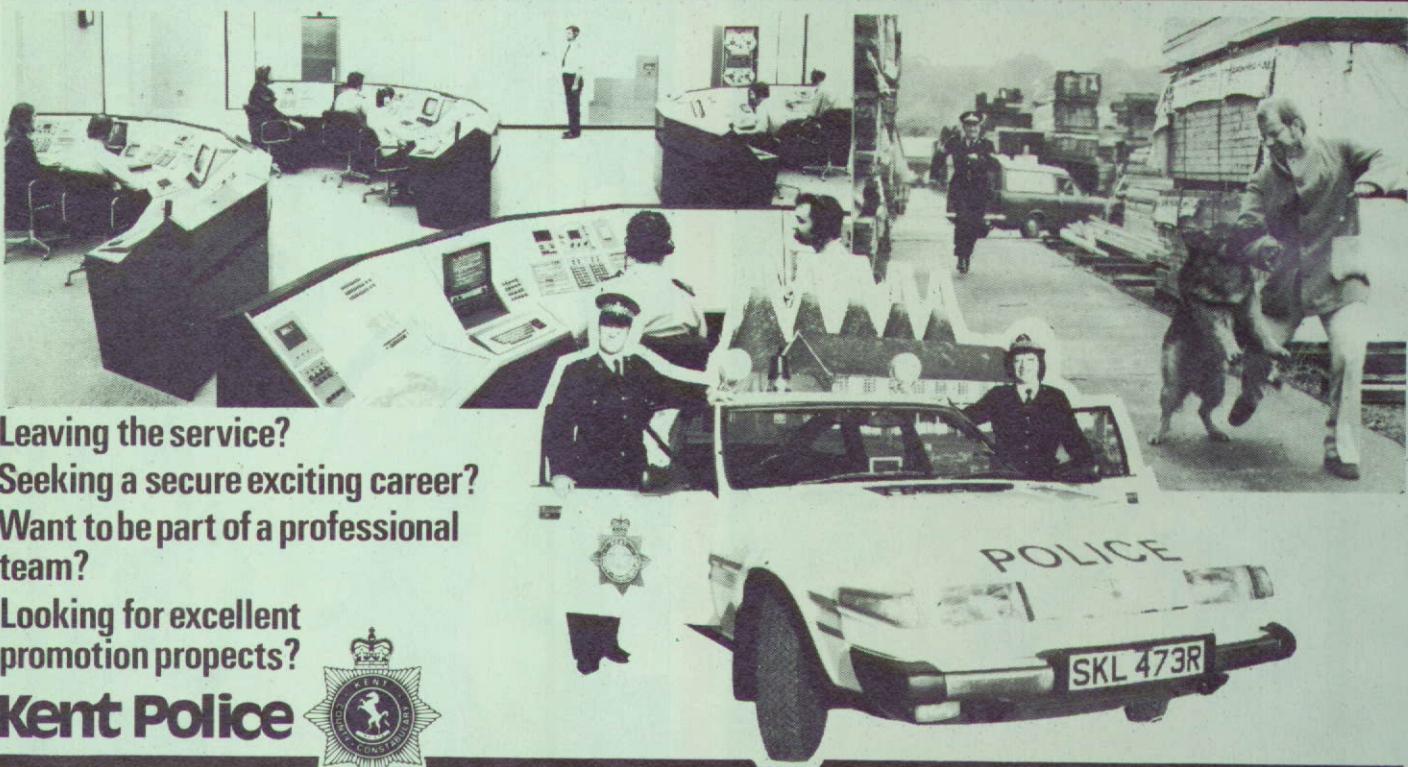
Ah well. You can't win 'em all. But the 'Duke's' sure came close.



Above: The Pipes of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Below: Mr and Mrs George Borwell with their son Nicholas, who commanded the Outpost Platoon throughout the half-hour Ceremony of the Keys.



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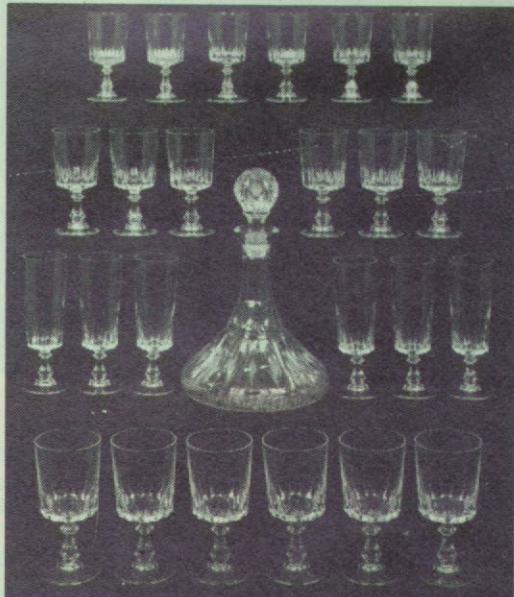
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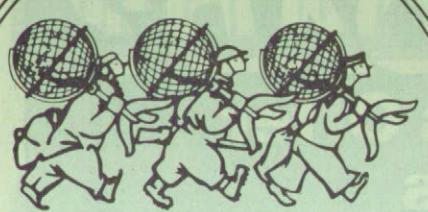
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"The unit which carries the world on its shoulders"

Writer Graham Smith and photographer Paul Haley meet a unique group of Royal Engineers based in the United States who are helping to determine the shape of the world, among other things. A nucleus of men who have

## THEIR FEET ON THE GROUND; THEIR EARS IN THE SKY

EVEN NOW they are still updating Captain Cook's naval charts of far-flung exotic islands once fixed so steadfastly by sextant and the stars. Many of them have been found to be as much as seven miles off their original plotting.

Today it's all being done by US Navy navigation satellites speeding 650 miles above the earth and ground-based sophisticated £30,000 portable receivers and antennae manned by small teams and spearheaded by three self-supporting Royal Engineer sappers and a REME staff sergeant who are serving in the United States but operate in some of the world's remotest locations. And they never leave their US "home" without their American Express cards!

The sappers are the lynch pins of a dozen-strong tri-Service technician and surveyor squad — 512 Specialist Team Royal Engineers (STRE) — working out tomorrow's world mapping challenges from their base 3000 miles from the UK in a 20-foot-square office "complex" within the five-storey, red brick US Defense Mapping Agency in Washington D.C. The unit is sponsored by the Directorate of Military Survey in London.

The polar-orbiting satellite calculations hurtling overhead at 17,000 miles-an-hour have become increasingly accurate since

the UK enclave set up business in the nation's capital 20 years ago last month.

The globe-trotting team has been set up in the United States to allow rapid access to the computer system in support of half-a-dozen US Naval navigation satellites which are used, in turn, by 512 STRE in their survey work.

Split into sections comprising one officer and three senior NCOs — they may be Royal Navy or Royal Air Force personnel, too — the team carries out Doppler surveys to provide exact fixes (plus or minus 1.5 metres) and mapping control points (plus or minus three metres). In the 11 years since 1972, the team has completed some 300 fixes and more than 70 locations have been visited worldwide in the past 20 years.

Thus, the small independent sections carry out their geodetic findings using Doppler satellite positioning supported by conventional gravity and field surveys. The results provide information of use to scientists in their studies on the shape and very composition of the earth. Theories advanced so far suggest the shape is that of an egg, a grapefruit, a pear, a sphere and even a potato.

Consequently, the Doppler point positioning is determined by using a 19-kilo portable satellite surveyor receiver and 30

metres of cable partnered by a seven-kilo antenna all located on the ground but tuned into the space-riding satellite.

The receiver makes use of Herr Doppler's theory ascertaining the precise second at which the satellite is at its closest point to the receiving antenna's location.

Self sufficient in equipment and funds — each man is issued with an American Express card to ease administration paperwork — the teams usually only require some logistic support from the local military or survey department sources such as vehicles, helicopters if necessary, local drivers and half-a-dozen labourers.

Currently, men from 512 STRE are active in the USA — Wichita Falls in Texas and Atlanta, Georgia — Cyprus, the Oman and the island of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

Major Iain Whittington, the unit's second-in-command explained: "By harnessing a modern navigation aid, the present Doppler technique has proved to be an economical method of point fixation, providing final authoritative geodetic data. In giving an absolute position to 1.5 metres in three dimensions, the system is free of the biases due to gravitational anomalies which have previously plagued surveyors. The system is being con-

tinually refined.

"My unit is a fast-moving, professional team with over a decade's experience in Doppler surveys.

The data it acquires adds to the international store of knowledge concerning the size and shape of the earth and gives a sound basis for the control of topographic mapping."

Turning to the military interest in gravity Major Whittington said the answer had to do with the effect that gravity had on inertial guidance systems or INS.

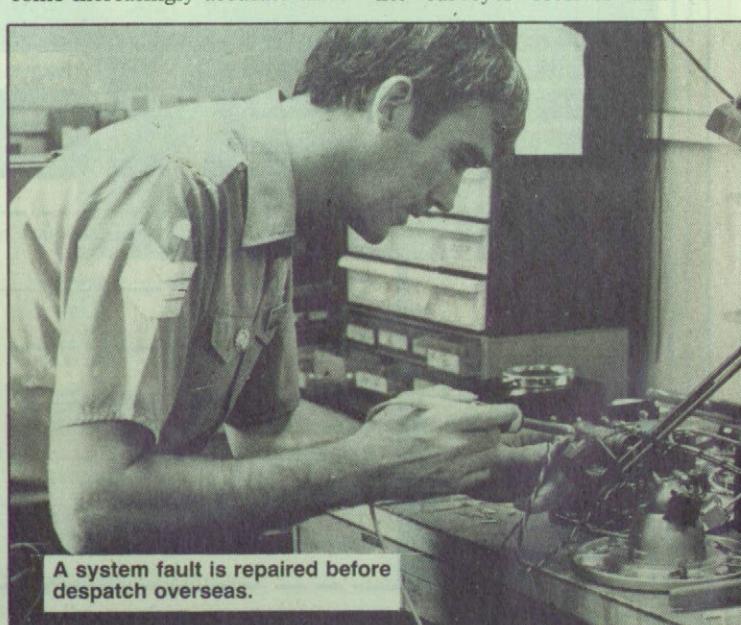
He added: "These have now reached such a degree of sophistication that they are so susceptible to minor changes in gravity — and the closer to the ground they are the greater their effect — that the resulting navigational error induced by these changes could make the difference between reaching or missing a target.

"Gravity surveys are a little known specialist ability of the Royal Engineers Field Surveyor. With the ever increasing demands for more accurate geographic information to support the modern advanced navigation systems, the military surveyor is once again in demand to undertake the necessary geodetic field work from which the digital data can be produced in the form that a weapon systems INS can understand."

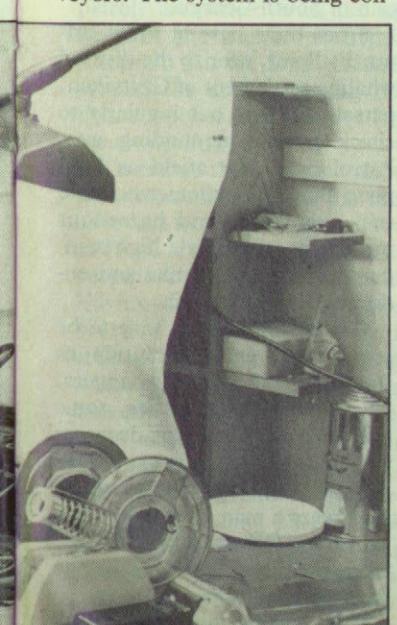
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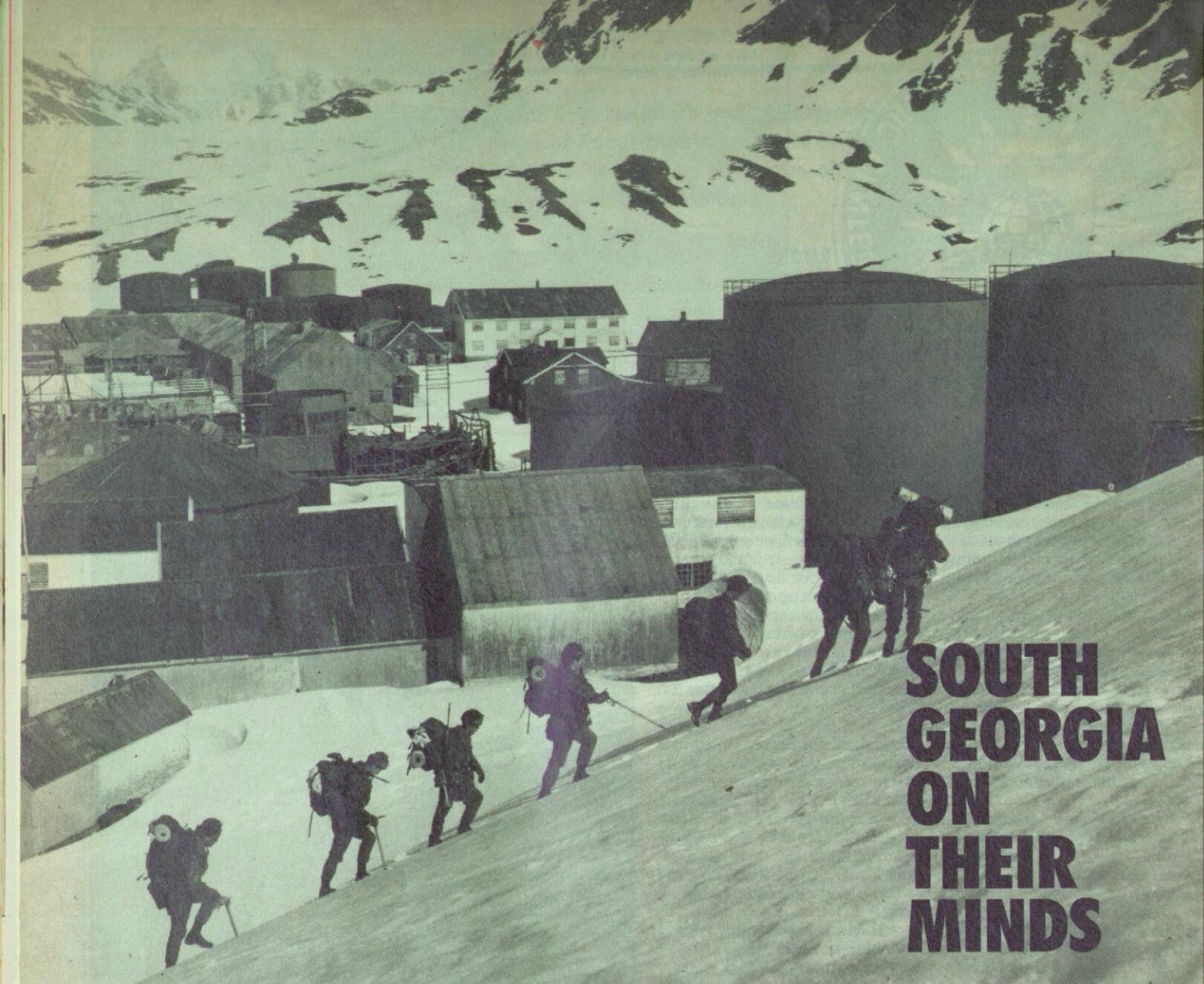
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## SOUTH GEORGIA ON THEIR MINDS

Story and Pictures:  
Bob Fousert

A patrol climbs away from Grytviken, above, and a soldier befriends a penguin!

NINE HUNDRED miles south east of the Falkland Islands, the men who make up the Recce Platoon of Somme Company, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment, near completion of a two-month stint of duty on the snow covered, mountainous terrain of South Georgia.

From their base at King Edward's Point, near to the disused whaling settlement of Grytviken, patrols are sent out regularly to check on the surrounding area. Patrolling as far afield as Harpoon Bay, a 20 kilometre round trip over snow and hazardous mountains, requires a high standard of fitness, stamina and endurance from the men.

Glaciers and rivers have to be crossed with extreme caution, as the snow hides many dangers. There are rifts in the ice, some over two hundred feet deep, or you could end up to your waist in fast flowing, icy waters, which can freeze a man in less than two minutes. Other dangers come from the swift changes in the weather conditions.

"We can be in bright, sunny



The harbour at Grytviken — and, below, a challenge from an elephant seal.

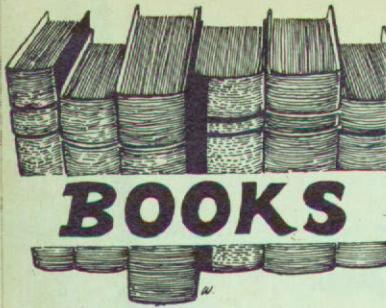
and calm conditions one minute," said Pte Carl Theobald. "And in less than ten minutes the weather will change completely, and we will find ourselves in gale force winds and 'white out' snow blizzards."

It is for this reason that the patrols are tasked with the upkeep of the numerous British Antarctic Survey huts scattered around the area, ensuring that their supply of emergency rations are always fully stocked.

To enable them to cope under the adverse conditions, the men have had to learn how to survive and look after themselves in their perpetual winter environment. Having had no previous 'Winter Warfare' training, the Nordic arts of cross-country skiing, walking on snow shoes, using ice axes and building snow holes had to be mastered quickly — right from the first day.

It may be strenuous and demanding, climbing up the snow and ice covered sides of the mountains, but coming down at high speeds is an exciting art that the patrols soon perfected.





# BOOKS

## The Uniforms of the British Yeomanry Force 1794-1914 No 5: 3rd County of London (Sharpshooters): L Barlow and R J Smith

Back in 1979 the Royal Ogilby Trust introduced a series of 16 page publications covering a hitherto neglected area in the recorded history of military uniform — that of the Yeomanry Force components of the British Army. The fact that this is only the fifth title in four years does not detract from the value of the enterprise, but some supporters of the programme are probably wondering if they are going to live long enough to collect the series. Regrettably, one of the authors, Leslie Barlow, died in 1977 and did not see the fruits of his labour.

The Sharpshooters were founded in 1899 out of the need for mounted marksmen during the war in South Africa. A committee, with an impressive array of titles and rank, was formed and met at the Carlton Club

under the chairmanship of the Earl of Dunraven and Montearl. Their original intention was to raise only one squadron of picked marksmen, but eventually three battalions were raised as 18th, 21st and 23rd Battalions of Imperial Yeomanry. In addition, a draft was sent out to South Africa in March 1901 which formed as a new 18th Battalion to replace the original 18th, shipped home in that year. The strength of the Sharpshooters in this early stage was about 1700, chosen from about three times that number of applicants. In South Africa they were engaged in the protection of lines of communication and took part in many small actions, mostly without decisive result; which would seem rather a waste of crack shots!

The title, 3rd County of London (Sharpshooters) IY, came with the Royal sanction, in 1901, to raise a new Home Service Imperial Yeomanry regiment. So began the lineage of what, since 1967, has become the Kent & County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters) Squadron of the Royal Yeomanry Regiment.

It is surprising how much information can be packed into 16 pages; all the developments in uniform are described, and a remarkable variety there has been in the comparatively short history.

The four previously published titles in this series are: *Sussex Yeomanry Cavalry*, *North Somerset Yeomanry*, *Yorkshire Hussars* and *Westmorland & Cumberland Yeomanry*, with promise of three more to come: *Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry*, *Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoons* and *Lothian & Border Dragoons*.

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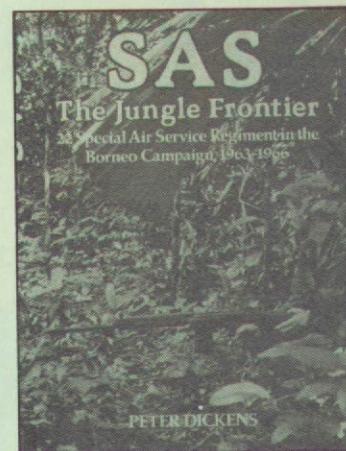
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### SAS The Jungle Frontier: Peter Dickens

It was at the request of the SAS that a sailor wrote this enthralling account of the exploits of 22 Special Air Service Regiment in the Borneo campaign of 1963-66, and a rattling good

yarn it is too.

What has been described as Britain's best camouflaged victory was notched up in 1966 after three years of jungle fighting. 'Dominate the Jungle' was, in fact, the simple, terse



directive issued to 22 SAS.

At first their task was to ensure the security of airfields threatened by Indonesian raids but they soon assumed the role of Britain's eyes and ears along the ill-defined 900-mile frontier of mountains, rivers and tropical forest.

To that end the SAS brought their own extraordinary skills for each man was master of at least one speciality that contributed to the effectiveness of his small team of three or four. We read of their adventures as they patrolled the border gaining not only the trust and friendship of jungle tribesmen but getting them to gather vital information. As the conflict escalated the SAS probed across the frontier into Indonesian territory disrupting potentially dangerous enemy positions, ambushing their patrols and sinking supply boats.

Although high adventure, self-sacrifice, incredible hardship and close combat feature strongly in this story of 22 SAS in Borneo, the underlying theme throughout is their pursuit of the highest possible degree of excellence in whatever they did.

Wisely, this book does not pretend to be a regimental history: instead the author concentrates on the activities of a comparatively few men in a campaign which demanded every ounce of their courage and cunning. In doing just that he has given us a book which once opened is difficult to put down.

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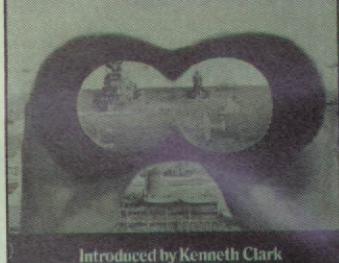
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### Colours of War: Alan Ross

Sub-titled "War Art 1939-45", herein are reproduced many of the artistic impressions of war artists. Some seem to be meaningless blobs and angles, others childish sketches. One wonders how future generations can possibly gain any mental appreciation of that horrific conflict of World War Two by studying some of these static angular impressions; or the almost black splodge of miners at a coalface, of wrecked aircraft shaped like breakers in a sullen sea; or indeed or "riveters at work" (but apparently not rivetting).

Some show great art and convey their own messages between artists and some are simple and dramatic

## Alan Ross COLOURS OF WAR



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enough to bring back memories to those who endured. Those portraying action must tell some story to the future but most will need Grandad (or Grandma, for she too endured) to explain the reasons and conjure the heat of battle. Alas, in a few years they will no longer be able.

Works pictured include those of Henry Moore, Graham Sutherland, Wyndham Lewis, John and Paul Nash, Henry Lamb, Eric Ravilious and many others. The story by Alan Ross includes selected poetry and letters by the artists to one another and to their Advisory Committee. These reveal much of their characters and of their attitudes to the war, of their part in it and of the conditions in which they were required to work.

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GRH

### The History of the Royal Armoured Corps and Its Predecessors, 1914 to 1975:

#### Major Kenneth Macksey MC, RTR

This is a story of a marriage of convenience which took place in 1939, after an affair which had lasted 25 years, between the newly created Royal Tank Corps (which had evolved from the Machine Gun Corps) and the Cavalry regiments; that it was never fully consummated was due to the reluctance of the latter to become fully integrated to the extent that thirty years later a non-RAC member of the Army Board commented, "the only thing about the RAC which makes sense is the RTR". Even the Korean War (1950-53) in which the only armoured regiment (8th Hussars) had to be reinforced from almost every other regiment in the RAC, could not bring this marriage to fruition.

This is also the story of the development of armoured fighting vehicles, from the machine guns mounted in motor cars manned by RNAs, in 1914 to the Chieftain tank of the 1960s armed as the DRAC had resolved in 1948 for all future tanks, with a gun capable of penetrating frontally the best enemy tank.

Major Macksey is to be congratulated on a fine piece of research and the recording of much new data from archives, especially the achievements by the Cavalry, the Royal Tank Regiment, the Infantry and the other Arms working in close harmony together.

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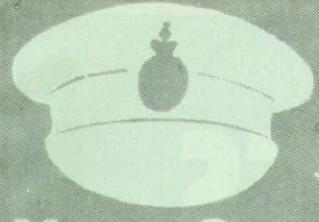
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the fact that the 2nd Goorkhas were the first "Native Infantry Regiment" to fight on the side of the British during the Mutiny.

In 1876 five regiments of the Indian Army were awarded a Royal Honour title in recognition for Mutiny service, among them this Regiment which became the 2nd Prince of Wales's Own Goorkhas (The Sirmoor Rifles), hence the adoption of the Prince's Plumes as a badge.

Alone among the units of the Brigade of Gurkhas the badge does not feature the traditional weapon of these fierce yet friendly and cheerful hillmen and is worn on the pill-box cap which has a diced band in the Scottish style.

The Regiment appears to have crammed as much fighting and active service into the past 168 years as any regiment of the British Army, and certainly more than most are recorded by the 58 Battle Honours.

On 1st January 1948 the Regiment, together with those of its fellow Gurkha Regiments transferred to the British Army, left India for Malaya to be engaged on yet more active service, this time against the Communist Terrorists during the Emergency.

A revolt in Brunei next claimed their attention to be followed by the Confrontation with Indonesia from 1963 until 1966. Since then they have served again in Brunei, Singapore, Hong Kong and in the United Kingdom where those native to these islands had a welcome opportunity to observe and meet these splendid soldiers and perhaps to understand the high regard their British officers have for their men.

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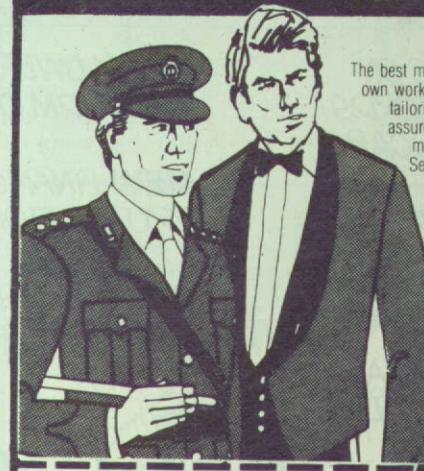


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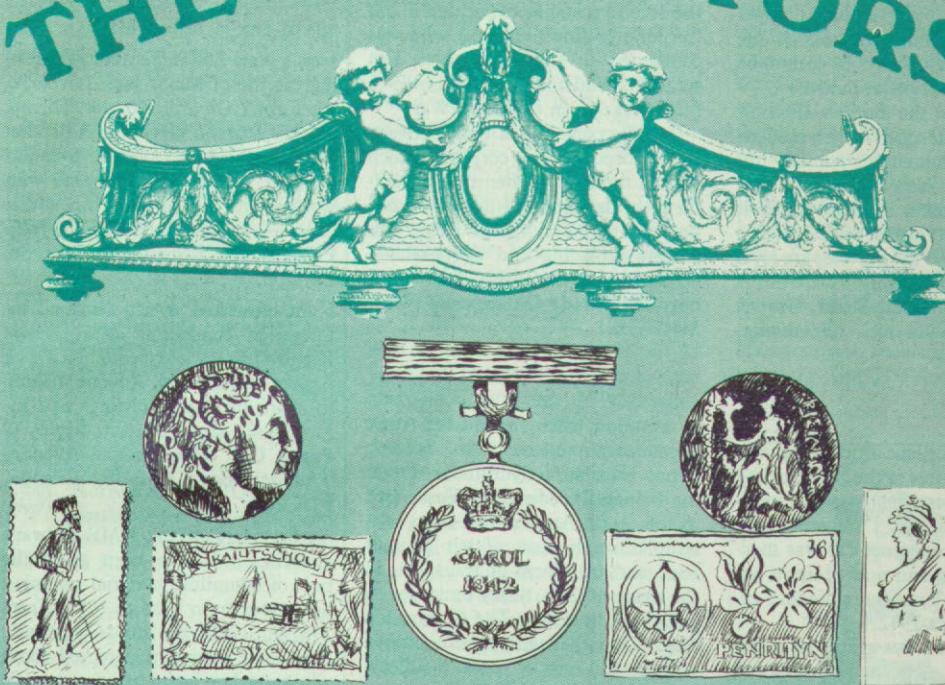
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# THE COLLECTORS

COMPETITION 330



**F**IVE collectors who live in Coventry, Edinburgh, London, Glasgow and York respectively — though not respectively as we go along — each collects a different series. That is, no two have the same type of collection.

One collects coins, one books, one postage stamps of the world, one cigarette cards and one medals . . . though not, as we have stated — respectively. To help you with your enquiries we would state that the names of the five collectors are: Smith, Brown, Jones, Chisholm and O'Rourke.

There, that's a great help! Especially if it is made clear that this is *not* respectively and more especially if we tell you that the medal collector lives further from Carlisle than does Chisholm or, for that matter, O'Rourke.

The only really professional collectors among the five are those who collect coins and books — the others are more or less hobbyists.

The collector from Glasgow had just written to Chisholm and O'Rourke and would soon be telephoning to London — the home of the book collector. Smith does not collect books except those relating to the coins of Ancient Greece to further his knowledge of his collection.

The stamp collector (who specialises in the stamps of the Australian States) is neither O'Rourke nor Smith and lives nearer to the coin collector than does any of the other collectors. Those who live furthest apart are the coin collector and Brown — which is a little further than the distance from Chisholm to Brown (who know each other

quite well and often look out for items for each other's collection.)

O'Rourke does not collect medals — nor, for that matter, does he collect ancient manuscripts, old maps, fossils or cap badges. So what does he collect? Who collects medals and where does he live?

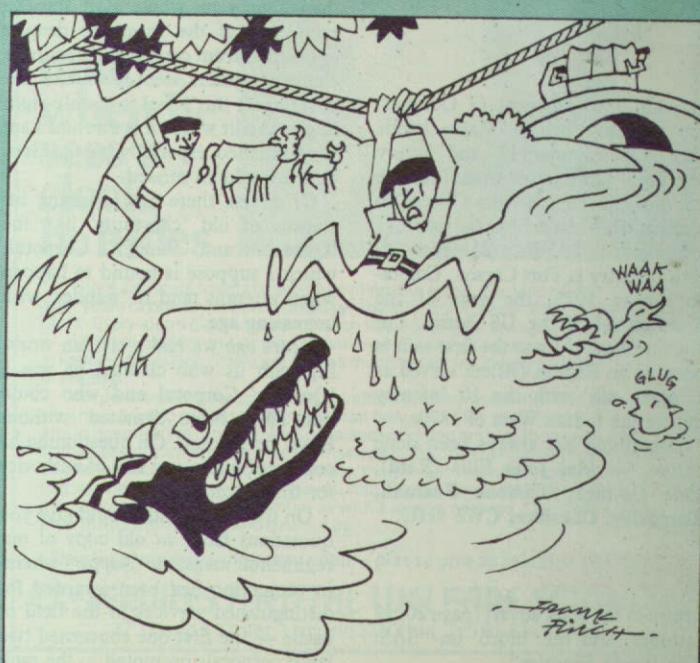
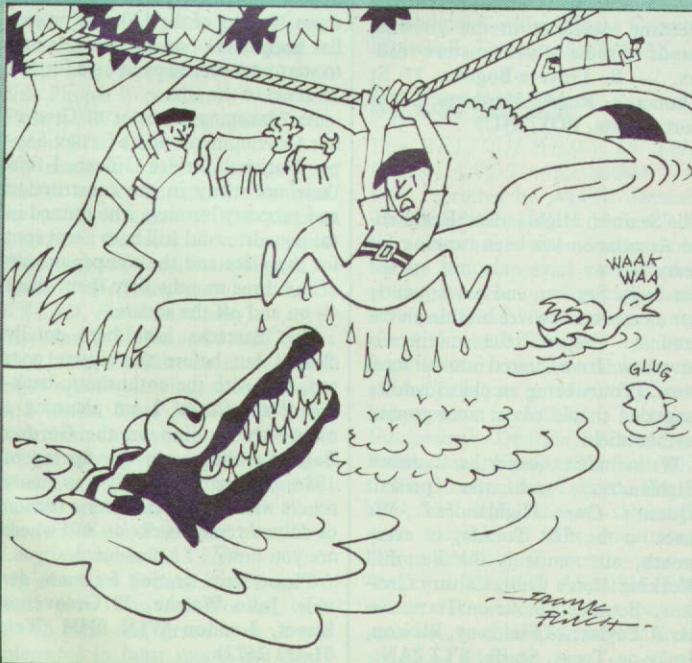
The competition is open to readers at home and overseas and the closing date is Friday 2 December. The answers and winners' names will appear in our issue of 9 January 1984. More than one entry may be submitted but each must be accompanied by a 'Competition 330' label. In the case of ties, winners will be drawn by lots. Send your answers in by postcard or letter with the 'Competition 330' label to Prize Competition, SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU.

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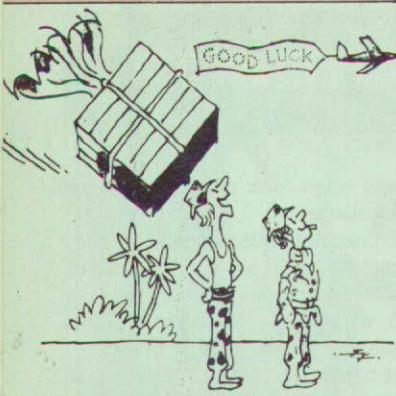
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## SOLDIERS FIRST

I was extremely concerned on reading your report on the 'Blustery Cambrian March' (3 October) that you infer that soldiers in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps are more used to stores and desks than actual 'soldiering', and that a big upset was created when a team from 6 Ordnance Bn RAOC beat the Infantry in winning the Cambrian March Patrol Competition.

The RAOC pride themselves not only on their technical ability, but on their ability to maintain a high standard of training and fitness which enables them to compete — and compete well — with all other Arms/Corps in the Army. It was perhaps rather sad that you were unable to identify the soldiers, or their Commanding Officer by name after such a stirring feat.

I fully understand that difficulties are experienced in reporting and that no slight on the RAOC is meant, but do remember that although some of us in RAOC may be clerks and storemen we are all first and foremost soldiers. — **Major R W Sider**, RAOC, MOD, Rm 418, Lansdowne House, Berkeley Square, London, W1X 6AA.

## NOT NEW

In your news snippets (3 October) you talk of "British Major hands back US Command" and query whether it was the first time. I fear he was not the first British Officer to command an American battalion. I commanded 1st Bn (Mechanised) 10th Infantry at Fort Carson, Colorado during 1975, the year of the Bicentennial of the US Army. I'm not sure even if I was the first as it is possible an English Officer served as a 'green tab' with the 10 Infantry during the Indian Wars of 1870s.

Everything has always been done before! — **Maj John Ellis (Retd)**, Vale Cottage, Tilstone Fearnall, Tarporley, Cheshire, CW6 9HU.

## POLITICAL

I refer to the book advert (page 20, 17 October) and the 'blurb' on "SAS: The Jungle Frontier".

Am I alone in taking offence at a political slant being included, especially in describing the role of the SAS which must always be seen to be untouched by political motive?

To describe the Borneo affair as "won under the auspices of a modern Labour Government" is not only unnecessary but rather stupid. Whenever Britain takes military action it makes sure it has a united nation behind it — and the Services are loyal to the Crown primarily. — **Lt Col A F Austen**, 1 Benham Road, Greens Norton, Towcester, Northants, NN12 8DB.

## A PRIVILEGE

Your truly excellent article — giving story and pictures of the 10th Gurkha Rifles (19 September) — was superb in all respects, and I sincerely congratulate all concerned. It was marvellous to read and now prompts me to submit my own thoughts and experiences, circa 1942.

At that time I was a Regular in the Indian Army — on manoeuvres and in strict training for Service that later became the Wingate Chindit Operations in Burma. My own personal involvement was as Brigade ATO (111 Ind Inf Bde) under Brig Gen J Lentaigne — who later succeeded to command on the death of General Wingate, circa April 1944.

At that time — and ever-after — I was truly akin to the Gurkha soldier for whom one has a life-long affection. I was privileged to have elements from 3/4 Gurkha Rifles as mule drivers, and they were superb at all times!

The esprit de corps as taught me then, still now serves this old 'Mowlewallah' to be proud to be British and to have once had the honour and privilege to have the Gurkha soldier under command! — **Maj Frank Turner (Retd)**, 16 The Woodlands, Salisbury Road, Downend, Bristol, BS16 5RJ.

## OLD CHESTNUT

Keep up the good work and many thanks to your whole staff for the excellence of the magazine despite opposition from certain anti-feminine elements (others seem jealous of TA coverings!) But I feel it is only right to give credit where it is due and I am very satisfied especially as the Sappers are seldom missed.

Of course there are recurring instances of old 'chestnuts' like the 'Queen's' and 'King's' Corporal, which I suppose is bound to happen when veterans tend to 'wander' with increasing age.

Years ago we had a civilian working with us who claimed he was a 'Queen's' Corporal and who could not have been demoted without Royal permission. On questioning he could not quote any sort of authority for that claim at all.

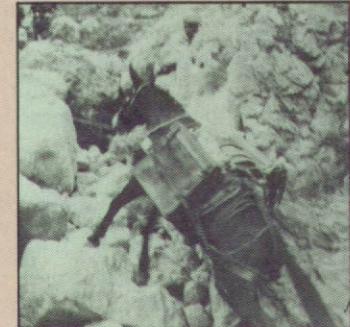
On the other hand I could give you quotations from an old copy of our regimental magazine (*Sapper*) wherein promotion had been awarded for distinguished services in the field of battle — the first one concerned two lance corporals promoted to the rank

of corporal in the South African War; the second instance concerned a 2nd Corporal (acting Sergeant) who was confirmed in that rank, also two sergeants who had been promoted to Staff Sergeant in the Great War.

2nd Corporal was a rank between lance corporal and corporal which existed until 1916 when the appointment of lance sergeant was introduced into the Corps of Royal Engineers replacing 2nd Corporal. — **Capt Henry W Corke**, 249 Marlborough Road, Gillingham, Kent, ME7 5HS.

## MULE FORCE

In a period when the British Army appears again to have 'found its feet', it has been strongly rumoured that the British Expeditionary Force sent to the South Atlantic had been contemplating the use of yet another tried and true form of transport, in the shape of the artillery mule, for its light/pack batteries. The Commando Regt RA, is believed to be equipped with a full set of pack saddlery. Whatever the truth of this last point, I'm enclosing a photograph (reproduced here with the kind permission of the donor) which recently became part of my collection depicting the Army in India between the Wars.



It shows an ammunition mule (belonging to that elite, the Mountain Batteries, Royal Artillery), complete with load, climbing very rocky Indian hill terrain. No doubt, this particular glimpse of what this astoundingly agile and altitudinously adept animal is capable of, will come as a revelation to many while also stirring pleasant memories in the knowing minds of some of your mature readers. — **R Travers-Bogusz**, 77 St Thomas's Road, Hardway, Gosport, Hants, PO12 4JU.

## HIGHLANDERS

The Seaforth Highlanders' Regimental Association has been running for years but we have only just started our Stoke Section, and consequently our members are a wee bit thin on the ground, despite the numerous adverts we have entered into our local press. (Yours being an old squaddies magazine should cover more ground further afield.)

We include ex-Seaforths, Cameron Highlanders, and the present 'Queen's Own Highlanders'. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month, our venue is the Berryhill Working Men's Club, Calvary Crescent, Bentilee, Stoke-on-Trent. — **Mr R Taylor**, 23 Fieldway, Burton, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, ST3 2AN.

## Can You Help?

I am a New Zealand author researching the life of Major Jack Lovelock, the former Olympic runner. During the last war he served at Aldershot and elsewhere as a doctor. I should be glad to hear from anyone who worked with him or knew him at this time. — **James McNeish**, c/o John Farquharson Ltd, 162 Regent St, London, W1R 5TB.

I am interested in acquiring all information concerning Mess Dress Kit of Officers and Senior NCOs of Armies of the world. Anyone wishing to share pictures, drawings and information, please contact: **Myles G Penny CD**, 97 Lawrence Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, P7A 6X7.

As Secretary of the HMS Bulwark Association I have been given the task of compiling material outlining her career from 1954 to 1981. From 1961 until 1981 she was a Commando Ship, and during this period those who served on board had the pleasure to welcome many members of various Army regiments, both UK and foreign. The UK regiments included the RUR, RIR, QLR, 29 Cdo Regt RA, 4/7 RDG, 13/18 Hussars; most of the Gurkha Regiments including 2nd/2nd and 1st/10th, plus the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, and during Borneo, countless others. I would welcome members of those regiments mentioned above and those I omitted, to contact me with any photos they may have when on board or on exercise. — **N E D Parkinson**, 15 Ridgeway Close, Paulsgrove, Portsmouth, PO6 4LT.

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The Barracks have been totally cleared but before the square goes too, and with the enthusiastic backing of the Corps, I am planning a once-only reunion on the Gordon Barracks square, in the Spring of 1984. I hope to re-enlist as many others who trained there for a session of do you remember? . . . and where are you now? . . . plus lunch.

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## Pen Pals

My name is Teresa and I am 15 years old. I am 5ft 4ins tall with brown hair and blue eyes. I enjoy music and dancing. I would like a pen pal aged 16-19 years old. Photos if possible. — Teresa Dobson, 7 Wains Way, Netheravon, Salisbury, Wilts.

We are two friends who would like penpals aged 17-19 years old. Our hobbies are dancing and music. — Alison Hopkins, Kinsham, Abberton Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex; Maree Boyles, 2 Blackheath, Colchester, Essex.

My name is Lorraine and I am 16 years old. I am 5ft 6ins tall with blonde hair and green eyes. I enjoy reading, badminton and music. I would like a pen pal aged 16-20 years old. Photos if possible. — Lorraine Turney, 8 Waleys Close, Marsh Farm, Luton, Beds, LU3 3SA.

My name is Alison and I and my friends are art students in Farnham. As we have a lot of free time at weekends we would like to correspond with any lonely servicemen. — Alison McConaghay, c/o SU, WSCAD, Farnham, Surrey.

My name is Helen and I am 27 years old. I am a children's nurse and I enjoy squash, dancing, country walks and books. I am 5ft 8ins tall with dark hair and eyes. I would like a penpal serving in the Falklands aged 25-37 years old. All letters answered. Photos appreciated. — Helen Bradshaw, 35 Festival Avenue, New Barn, Longfield, Kent, DA3 7HR.

My name is Yvonne and I am 16 years old. I am 5ft 4ins tall with brown hair and green eyes. I am interested in most sports and dancing.

Photos if possible. — Yvonne Young, 80 Cardinal St, Woodlands Estate, Crumpsall, Manchester, M8 7WP.

My name is Jean and I am 26 years old. I am 5ft 3ins tall with brown hair and eyes. I like travelling, horse-riding, swimming and music. I would like penpals in the Falklands and Northern Ireland. — Jean Hilton, 6 Gothic Road, Twickenham, Middx, TW2 5EH.

My name is Louise and I am 19 years old. I am 5ft tall with dark hair and blue eyes. I enjoy going to concerts and nightclubs and I like animals. — Louise Hayden, 16 Shakespeare Road, Birchington, Kent, CT7 9ES.

My name is Shirley and I am 38 years old. I am 5ft 2ins tall with dark hair and brown eyes. I like writing letters and would like to write to someone with a sense of humour. — Shirley Ann Pike, 19 Buckle Street, Peterborough, Cambs, PE1 5DY.

My name is Barbara and I am 5ft 2ins tall with auburn hair and hazel eyes. My hobbies are jigsaws and puzzles. I would like to write to someone in Northern Ireland or Germany. — Barbara Andrews, 149 Browning Drive, St Giles, Lincoln.

My name is Glenys and I am 26 years old. I have brown hair and eyes and would like a penpal in the Army. — Glenys Hewitt, 16 Tintern Drive, Whitemoor Estate, Nottingham.

My name is Rebecca and I am 17 years old. My hobbies are sport and travel. I would like a penpal aged 17-22 years old. — Rebecca Dawson, 5 Graham Grove, Leeds, LS4 2NF.

My name is Hazel and I am 19 years old. I would like a penpal in the Army. — Hazel Parfett, Penleap Bungalow, Poundstock, Bude, Cornwall, EX23 0EE.

## Souvenir

On 19 May 1983 Her Majesty The Queen Presented new Standards to regiments of the Household Cavalry on Horse Guards Parade. Copies of the Programme are now available to members of the Forces and the general public, price 66p (incl P&P). Cheques/Postal Orders to be made payable to 'OC Household Cavalry. — Superintending Clerk, RHQ Household Cavalry, Horse Guards, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2AX.

## Op Corporate

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## Competition

Our Competition 326 'Animal, Vegetable and Mineral' was hard, for some of the clues were quite obscure. We asked you to find the hidden, animal, vegetable and mineral in the three boxes but for those of you who couldn't get that far, here are the answers to all the clues. Box A 1 wallaby, 2 manatee, 3 gorilla, 4 opossum, 5 giraffe, 6 panther, 7 penguin — hidden vegetable: parsnip. Box B 1 honesty, 2 anemone, 3 lobelia, 4 cypress, 5 caraway, 6 hemlock, 7 burdock — hidden mineral: emerald. Box C 1 crystal, 2 shingle, 3 granite, 4 bismuth, 5 diamond, 6 arsenic, 7 igneous — hidden animal: chamois. Prizewinners were: 1st Cpl J Webster, Int/NBC, 9/12 L, BFPO 30, 2nd Mr G H Bendell, 199 Midanbury Lane, Southampton. 3rd Maj R O Nebel, 3 The Paddock, Church Hill, Helston, Cornwall. 4th Mr G A Gladman, 33 Victoria Road, Harborne, Birmingham. 5th Mr T M Brown, 17 Tennyson Ave, Gedling, Nottingham.

## How Observant Are You? (see page 37)

1 Top turn of rope round tree, 2 Bumper of lorry crossing bridge; 3 Big cow's left ear; 4 Soldier's belt buckle; 5 Number of crocodile's upper teeth; 6 Splash at left of crocodile's head; 7 Drop of water from fish's mouth; 8 Right ripple on river below bridge; 9 Shape of crocodile's chin; 10 Little cow's left hind leg.

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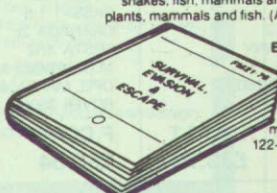
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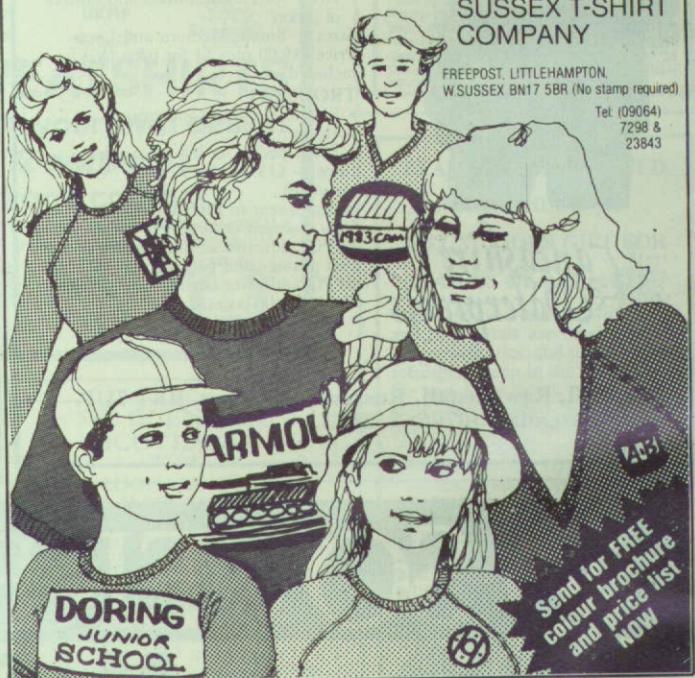
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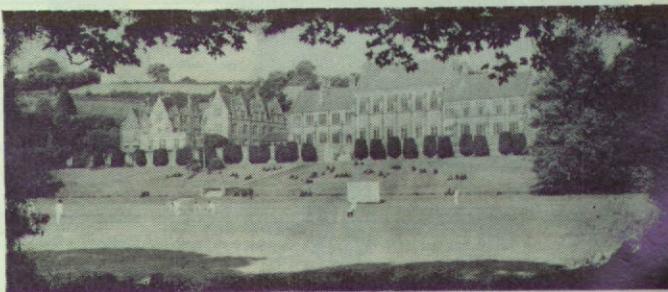
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The closing date for all applications for properties offered in Bulletin number 63 is 7 December 1983.

# NIGHT OWLS ON THE PLAIN

SOME PEOPLE like being up all night — others love driving. Put them together and you have first class raw material for car rallying — an activity now on the increase in the Army.

You have probably heard of Exercise Roadmaster (the Army Driving Championship) and Magnum Spirit, but what about Exercise Start Right? This is designed for those who might otherwise like a crack at Roadmaster, but lack the basic know-how. Aptly named, the exercise aims to instruct inexperienced navigators and drivers in route plotting and navigation, so that come Exercise Roadmaster, they supposedly know what they are doing.

The 1983 Start Right at Bulford attracted more than 80 volunteers willing to traverse the expanse of Salisbury Plain in draughty Land-Rovers and accept the risk of getting lost in the chill small hours of morning.

They came from all over, representing a wide variety of regiments and corps, both Regular and TA, including four girls attached to the 2nd Battalion, The Wessex Regiment.

After an hour's instruction the volunteers set about plotting their first route. This part of the exercise was non-competitive and designed merely to test whether they had grasped the basic principles.

At just after 9 pm the Land-Rovers moved out with their teams of two — one driver, one navigator — at one minute intervals. Their aim was to complete the course by way of the route specified and within a certain time limit. Lettered control boards — passage and secret controls (PCs and SCs) — were erected at various points along

the route so as to ensure the novices had indeed taken the right route and not skipped off down a short-cut.

This is not to say that taking short-cuts is prohibited; there might come a point where a team loses valuable time because they have got lost, and they opt to head straight for the next Time Control (TC) to make up time. The team will then still qualify as a course finisher, but will have lost points for not listing the PCs and SCs.

TC 1 was manned by two members of 2 Wessex and Corporal Kevin Algar, REME who has been a keen rallyer for some years. "It started off in Germany when a mate of mine got me involved," he said. "And I quickly became very interested. It's the challenge that's so fascinating. You're out in the middle of nowhere and it's just you, your Rover and the night. Somehow you've got to get back to base and you use your wits to do it."

Shortly after 1030 pm the teams began to arrive back at



Start Right winners Cfn Terry Braithwaite (left) and Sgt Dennis Watts who now go forward to Exercise Roadmaster.

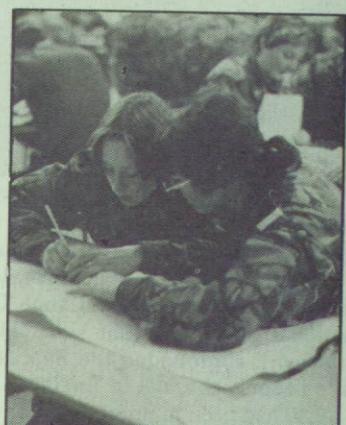
Story: Sally Daniell  
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camp. Faces glowing with excitement, they hustled in to the welcome of the tea bar and fish and chip van. Feverishly they fell into the unofficial post mortem: "What happened to you? We overtook you twice!" "An SC down that road off the roundabout? What SC? We didn't see one. Quick, let's go back!" Too late now lads.

"I didn't think it would be as much fun as this," said Lance-Corporal Rick Henderson, REME. "Or as difficult. I thought it was just a question of getting from A to B by the shortest possible route. I didn't expect all these checks — but then I suppose that is what makes it interesting. It certainly gives you a sort of buzz."

Just time to catch their breath and the "veterans" got down to planning the next route — the competitive part of the exercise. And this time it was a lot more difficult. Whereas before the route had taken them only over tarmac roads, this bit was largely cross-country over Salisbury Plain; sixty miles of criss-crossing the desolate terrain with hardly a landmark in sight. Also, not all tracks on the Plain are marked on the map; a tank may have been there just the day before and made a fresh one. Now the navigators really had to concentrate.

The time allowed for the exercise was three hours plus 30 minutes after the time each team was due in. Arriving later than that meant not finishing. Only 15 out of 38 finished and in first place were Craftsman Terry Braithwaite and Sergeant Dennis Watts from 1 Wessex. They win a free entry into Exercise Roadmaster.



O/Cdt Linda Moore (right) and L/Cpl Susan Ray plotting their route.

Teams from Training Regiment Workshop, REME and 66 Squadron, RCT came in second and third.

Arriving back at camp the second time was very different from the first; the long night was taking its toll. In the words of Major Phil Waterman, Clerk of the Course: "Everyone was on their chinstraps."

The prospect of Roadmaster now looked grim for some; but others, as they bundled into their Land-Rovers to go back to their units, had been bitten by the rally bug and its venom was taking hold.

"I think this has been a great success," said Major Waterman. "And I hope we'll be doing something similar again soon. There has been a resurgence in Army rallies recently. For a while we couldn't hold them in UK because of the moratorium, but now things are looking up."

"We get a lot of support from the Army because rallying is really military training rather than a sport. It's all about individual decision making. You see, it's no good just following the guy in front because he might be lost as well!"



WO 2 Peter Shotts checks off the time as each team finishes.

# Infantry unstick Engineers



Jennings for the Infantry (mid-picture) charges into the circle keeping the Sappers at bay.

**IN A WELL-MATCHED**, close-fought final, the Infantry beat the Royal Engineers by two goals to one in the 1983 Inter-Corps Hockey Tournament at Aldershot.

The Infantry, in green shirts, looked the favourites at the start having the advantage of Lance Corporal Ian Jennings, PARA, a national player on their side. Throughout the game, his nimble stickwork confounded the Sappers and contributed greatly to his side keeping the ball in Engineer territory.

Play had been in progress for a full five minutes with two penalty corners before the Sappers got the ball away from their goal and up the other end. They had a good chance of scoring with a direct flick at the goal off a penalty corner but the ball went high over the posts.

Gaining confidence the Sappers took more penalty corners

than their opponents but failed to turn them to advantage. Wresting the ball back, the Infantry put a stop to the all-square when Lieutenant Martin Davis eventually scored off a penalty corner after a frantic scramble at the goal mouth.

Subjected then to an attacking burst from the green shirts, Saps-

per morale was beginning to sink and it was hardly helped when one of their players was sent off for obstruction.

Starting the second half one goal down and at first still one man out, the Royal Engineers stepped up their attack. The equaliser came in the 17th minute when Captain Charlie Wood dribbled the ball in from the open play to the right of the goal, past two defenders and into the goal.

Five minutes later the Infantry scrambled ahead again when Second Lieutenant Peter Shuttleworth, LI scored from a penalty corner. Desperate once more to

equalise the RE team increased the pressure on the leaders, keeping play entirely in the Infantry half. With four penalty corners in a row they were unlucky in narrowly missing several goal attempts before surrendering the attacker's position.

The Infantry quickly brought the ball down to the Sapper end but despite some long corner opportunities failed to increase their lead and finished 2-1 up.

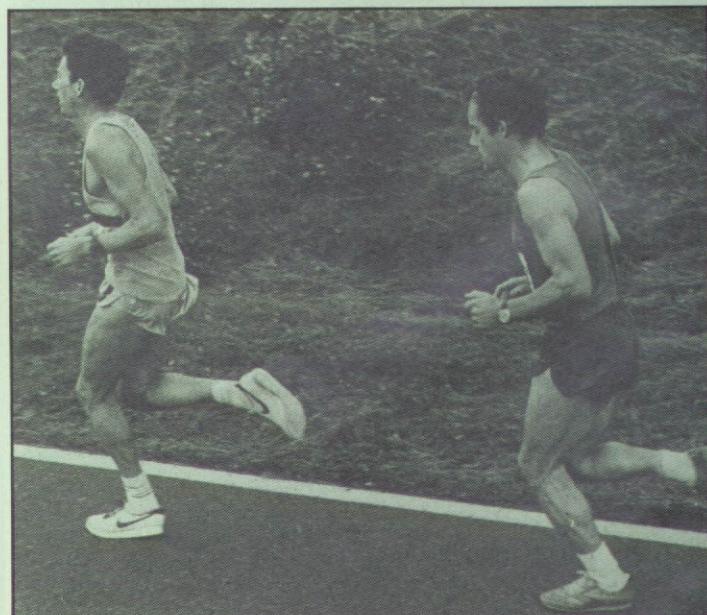
Not all was lost for the Royal Engineers, though. Saving their face when they played the Royal Signals in the final of the Indoor tournament, they beat them soundly by seven goals to three.

## VERDEN MARATHON

**STAFF SERGEANT** Steve Atkinson, R Signals won the Verden Garrison Royal Signals Marathon in a time of two hours and 33 minutes. Second was Captain Richard Hezlet, Royal Hussars. This was the second year the event has been run and it attracted more than 480 runners.

The race was run over a flat continuous loop, mainly on tarmac roads, in mild weather which provided good conditions for both runners and spectators.

Entries for the race had been received from Canada, Hong Kong, Australia, UK and all over BAOR. The ladies were well represented, too, producing fast times beating many of the male competitors. Celia Duncan, wife of WO 2 (QMSI) Bob Duncan, APTC romped home in just two hours and 56 minutes smashing the previous ladies record and completing an incredible string of personal records. Congratulations to all finishers!



Eventual 1st and 2nd battle it out.

# Colts kick-start new season

THE ARMY COLTS began a new season after a successful trials held recently at Aldershot. Sixty-three hopefuls turned up from which a squad of 25 plus four reserves were selected to represent the Army during the coming season.

Their new coach, Captain Graham Frobisher, REME expects a handful to go forward for Combined Services trials including Apprentice Corporal Ian Flowers from Princess Marina College, Arborfield, who looks good enough to stand for an England trial. Watch this space . . . !

"I am very pleased overall," said Captain Frobisher, "although I would like to see one or two more locks about and we are weak at prop. We could also do with a physiotherapist since our last one has now left us." Anyone fancy the job?

The Colts' first game was against Cheltenham from Oxfordshire whom they beat easily 32-



Team captain, Apprentice Tony Mitchell from AAC Chepstow leads his side to a convincing win over Cheltenham.

10. They will be in action shortly against St Austell and Plymouth and then against Cheltenham and the Harlequins at the beginning of December.

## Superstar

LANCE CORPORAL Gordon ('Ashy') Ashworth, REME, has won the second School of Electronic Engineering Superstar Competition to be held at Arborfield. He won five of the ten events gaining 125 points (max 150) finishing 11 points ahead of his nearest challenger — a difference which does not reflect the gritty struggle Ashworth had to keep on top. Will he make it a hat trick at the next competition to be held in April?

## SOCER ROUND-UP

*Metropolitan Police 5 Army 3*  
The Army lost, for the first time in many years, to the Metropolitan Police, a game which, at the interval break, they appeared to have under their complete control.

The Metropolitan Police made three errors in the opening half and, on each occasion, a sharp and decisive Army attack punished them. Cpl Mick Tracey, REME, fired home the first following some good work by L/Cpl Sandy Brown, R Signals, and Cpl Rudi Fleming, REME. Cfn Neil McGregor, REME, set up a chance for L/Cpl Steve Butler, REME, and the talented Butler slipped two defenders before planting a shot deep into the corner of the home net.

The third goal was a peach. Brown, faced with a wall of defenders, chipped a cross clear of the barrier and McGregor chested the ball down before flicking it wide of the Police 'keeper.

The Metropolitan Police scored three goals in six minutes, shortly after the restart, when they stretched the Army defence to breaking point and then tore

them apart. The Army rallied, and looked as though they might salvage the game. They came close to further goals through McGregor and Butler before the final push by the Met destroyed a bewildered back four, with two further goals.

### FA Counties Youth Cup

*Army 2 Essex 4*  
After a disastrous start in which the Army conceded two goals in four minutes, they were unlucky to lose the FA Counties Youth Cup tie with the visiting Essex. They fought back, after the interval break, with goals in the 68th and 74th minute, after the County side had increased their lead with a goal which looked distinctly off-side. As they pressed for an equaliser, the Army conceded that "killer" goal in the final minutes of an entertaining game.

*Army 4 Cambridge University 2  
An Army XI 2 Cambridge Falcons 4*

In conditions more fitted to aquaplaning than to football, the Army and Cambridge University fought out a double-header at Aldershot — the Falcons playing the Army 2nd XI and the University Senior XI taking on the Army.

The Army took the lead against the Falcons, after 13 minutes, when Gdsm Steve Reagan, SG, scored from close range but the Students raced into a 3-1 interval lead. The Army reduced the arrears, midway through the second half, when a shot from Reagan was deflected into the roof of the net.

In the afternoon, playing against driving rain the Army took an early lead against the University XI, through Ssgt Dick Parker, APTC. Cfn Neil McGregor, REME, scored a clever second goal, and Pte Darren Scott, 2RRF, and Sgt Mark Bowen took the tally to four.

## BFBS SPORTS PERSONALITY 1983

ONCE AGAIN BFBS TV and Radio are asking for your vote to help choose the British sportsman or woman who, in the opinion of the Services, has achieved most in 1983.

Would your choice be Steve Davis, Charlie Magri, Steve Cram, David Gower, Torvill and Dean, Jo Durie, Steve Ovett, Nick Faldo, Daley Thompson . . . ? They are a random selection just to jog your memory but you will certainly have your own particular favourite.

The personality voted winner by the Services will receive the Wilkinson Sword Trophy, a silver poignard, at a ceremony in the National Army Museum, Chelsea, which will be broadcast on BFBS Television and Radio around the world early in the New Year.

There may be something in it for you too. All the votes cast for the winning personality will be

entered in a special draw and prizes will be awarded to the handful of Service voters whose names are drawn out of the hat.

So make sure you put your name, rank and unit and military address on your nomination. You can use the entry form below, or write a postcard or letter, and send your vote to: BFBS Sporting Personality 1983, PO Box 1234, London SW1P 3HX or to your local BFBS station.

Only one nomination per individual can be accepted, but each member of a family may enter too. Send your vote as soon as possible, well before the Christmas postal rush starts, as entry closes on 31 December.

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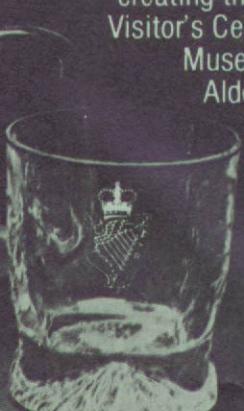
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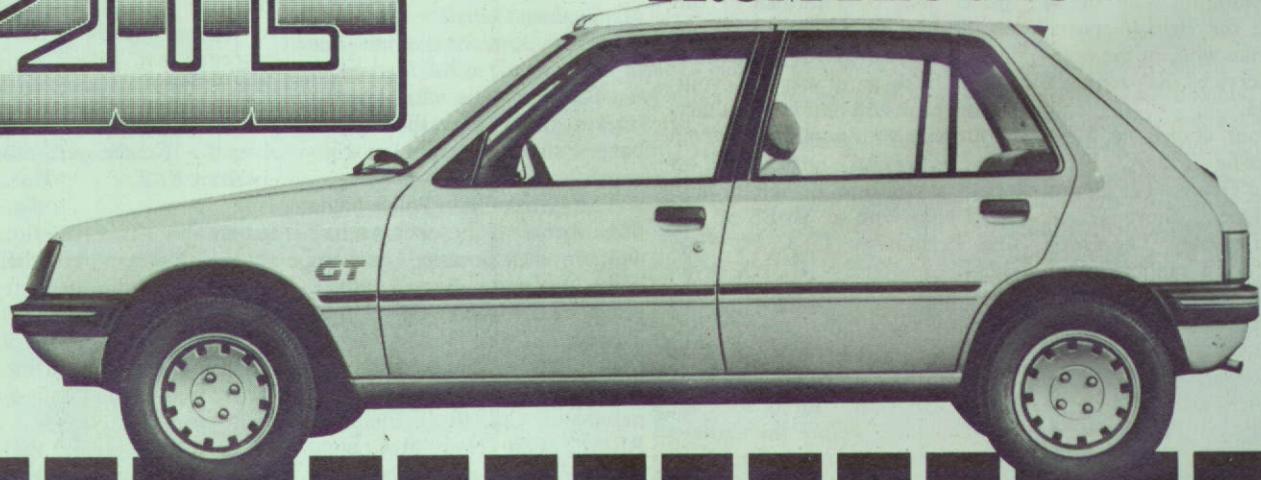
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