

# SOLDIER

JUNE 27 1988

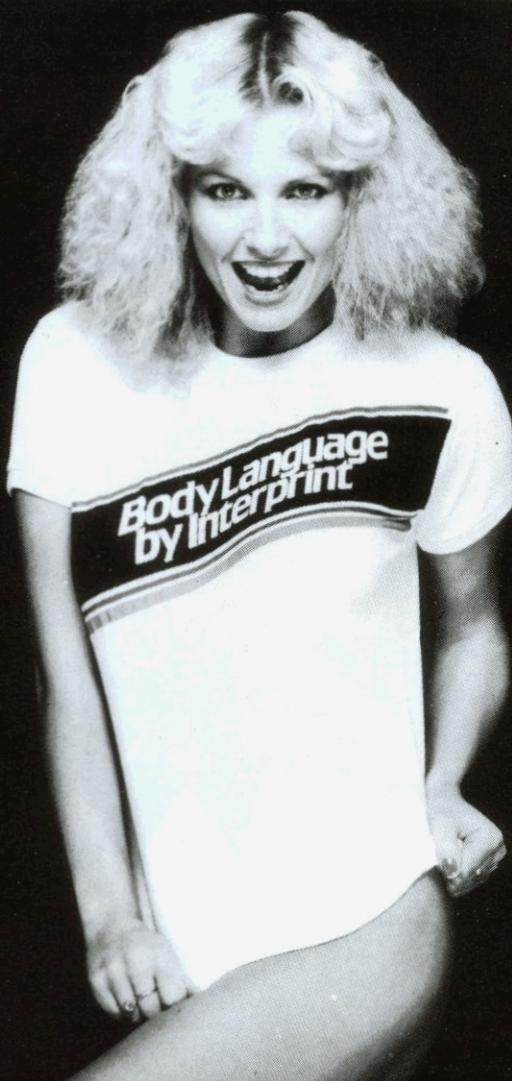
40 PENCE

**QDG AT THE  
SHARP END**

**GREEN HOWARDS  
IN LONDONDERRY**

**FREE  
DESIGN  
SERVICE**

**FREE  
CARRIAGE  
SERVICE**



**Ask us to reveal more  
about our top quality range**

**PERSONALISED PRINTED SPORTS & LEISUREWEAR**

**MINIMUM ORDER ONLY 12**

**T-Shirts Sweat Shirts Sports Shirts**

**Aprons, Tea Towels & Tote Bags, Ties, Hats,  
Lighters, Stickers, Metal & Sew-on Fabric Badges**

For your **FREE** colour brochure & **FREE** shirt voucher,  
phone now or write off today to

**Interprint**

**CAVEN ARMS, SHROPSHIRE SY7 9NY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

*free post*  
Dept SL 5

**TEL. (05882) 2703 - 3444 - 2502 & 3562**

VOL. 44/13

JUNE 27 1988

CONTENTS

- 4 Letters
- 7 News
- 10 People
- 13 SOLDIER to Soldier
- 14 Adventure on the Rock
- 18 Anne Armstrong
- 21 BAEE site prepared
- 23 OSEX 15
- 25 QDG special feature
- 33 QOH world trip
- 36 Green Howards
- 40 Book reviews
- 43 HOAY competition
- 45 SOLDIER Mart
- 52 Sport

**FRONT COVER:** The drums are Russian but not the bear. It was a gift from an Allied Canadian regiment. The drums were taken from the Czar's crack troops when the 19th Foot stormed a redoubt at the crossing of the Alma in the Crimean War. Behind are the regiment's Colours. See Page 37.

Picture: Mike Weston

Managing Editor  
Roland Thick Ext 2355

Editor  
John Elliott Ext 2356

Assistant Editors  
Mervyn Wynne Jones Ext 2362  
Bill Moore Ext 2361  
Laurie Manton Ext 2360

Art Editor  
Neil Armstrong Ext 2169

Picture Editor  
Terry Champion Ext 2357  
Photographers  
Mike Weston  
Mike Perring

Librarian  
Bill Stroud Ext 2351

Advertising/Promotions  
Lindsey Cleave Ext 2352

Accounts/Distribution  
Andrea Seager Ext 2353

# SOLDIER

THE MAGAZINE OF THE BRITISH ARMY  
incorporating the Territorial Army magazine

## Rock music!



**NEXT  
ISSUE**

Chamber music? The Band and Corps of Drums of the 1st Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment in concert in the dramatic setting of St Michael's Cave, Gibraltar. The Vikings, the Rock's resident battalion, and other units serving in Gibraltar, are featured in the next issue.

Subscriptions Annual (25 issues) - UK £14.05, BFPO £10.00, elsewhere £17.80. Send UK postal order or international money order expressed in sterling and made payable to Command Cashier UKLF, giving date when subscription is to start and name and address of recipient. Editorial, photographic, advertising and circulation enquiries should be addressed to the appropriate department at SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, ALDERSHOT, Hants GU11 2DU, phone Aldershot (0252) 24431, or military network Aldershot Military. SOLDIER is published by the Ministry of Defence and printed by Greenaway Harrison, Printing House Lane, Hayes, Middlesex. Phototypeset by RSB Typesetters, Worplesdon, Surrey. Crown copyright 1988.

## Reunions

• The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's) annual reunion dinner will be at Regimental HQ, Whittington Barracks, Lichfield, Staffs WS14 9PY on September 10 at 8pm. Tickets available £4.50 from the HQ.

• Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Southampton Water, Hants, reunion for ex staff and patients will be held during the week July 3-9. Details from Lt Col (Retd) D J Finlayson, c/o Royal Victoria Country Park, Netley Abbey, Southampton SO3 5GA (tel 0703 455157/452451).

# LETTERS

Write to:  
SOLDIER,  
Ordnance Road,  
Aldershot,  
Hants GU11 2DU.

## The smoke gets in your eyes!

"Ciggies" are poison and spell ruin for rifle shots. Much of the British Army's mediocre rifle shooting derives from this. Nothing (apart from hard drugs) undermines the nervous system, steadiness of hand, muscle control, and focusing so relentlessly.

I have done bags of variegated shooting and can swear to this. But, while a soldier, I fell into the disgusting habit of smoking and all my shooting skills went to "pot".

Yet in the desert we used to see Monty dishing out fags and, at the same time, rabbiting on

against alcohol. Actually a tot of liquor before a shoot often does you good - relaxes you and liberates you from excessive seriousness. Now where did I put that ashtray? - R J C Holmes, Flat 19, Haldane Court, Osborne Road, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne.

## RENAULT EXPORT FOR RAPID ACCELERATION THROUGH THE RANKS



### THE RENAULT 5 GT TURBO

The Renault 5 GT Turbo (already the fastest car in its sector) moves up to 120bhp and 128mph, delivering 0-60 in under 8 seconds.

This is a serious performance car, from its light alloy wheels, low-profile tyres and hi-tech dashboard with digital stereo radio/cassette, to its extraordinary Turbo engine.



PLEASE SEND INFORMATION ON THE RENAULT RANGE  
AND RAPID DELIVERY SERVICE

MODEL

5  9  11  21

SAVANNA  25  ESPACE

NAME/UNIT

ADDRESS

TEL. UNIT:

HOME:

DELIVERY DATE  
REQUIRED

DELIVERY  
PLACE (UK)

RENAULT UK EXPORT SALES  
WESTERN AVENUE, ACTON, LONDON W3 0RZ  
TELEPHONE: 01 992 3481

SMD

## Boot built to perform

Your anonymous correspondent in SOLDIER (May 16) on the subject of the Boot Combat High is clearly unaware of modern boot design when he claims that soldiers today do not lace up their boots properly. Indeed, if he were to examine the many advertisements carried by your own magazine for commercially available boots, he would see that the geometry is now very different from old-style boots.

The Infantry Trials and Development Unit has carried out a number of intensive trials on the Boot Combat High Mark II and the colour sergeant (photographed at the Chelsea Barracks demonstration) was

wearing them as they were designed to be worn.

However, it has to be appreciated that the fact that the two top edges of the uppers do not meet and consequently the sewn-in tongue is exposed does not imply that the boots are not fitting tightly.

Indeed the only way to close the lace holes would be for the wearer to select over-wide boots and this could lead to discomfort to the wearer and damage to the boot in the long term.

The zip insert referred to by your correspondent, like any other privately purchased equipment, does not have official approval, nor is it necessary. He should appreciate that military combat clothing and equipment is developed for high performance rather than appearance.

Of course for ceremonial use, troops of the Household Division still wear old style ankle boots, not BCH, and these can be laced up to close the gap for the sake of appearance.

All your military readers will know the problems of the Mark I and will be glad to hear that the unanimous verdict of ITDU is that the Mk II boot we have on trial is a vast improvement on anything we have ever had before. - Lt Col N S Hunter, Queens, Infantry Trials and Development Unit, The School of Infantry, Warminster, Wilts BA12 0DJ.

## Tank swaps in pipeline

I was very pleased to see my letter regarding the Josef Stalin tank in SOLDIER (May 16).

I was also pleased to see the report on the Priest and Ram delivered from Germany to the Tank Museum at Bovington, Dorset. Your continued coverage of the museum is much appreciated, and there are some interesting swaps in the pipeline even if not with the Soviet Union. - Peter Brown, Society of Friends of the Tank Museum, 10 Langley Avenue, Somercotes, Derbyshire DE55 4LT.

## PRIZE BONUS

It's first prize to the Army and runners-up prizes to civilians in SOLDIER's first three-prize HOAY competition (No 438). The £50 first prize goes to Pte Bailey of A/Tk Pl, Sp Coy, IRRW, BFPO 41.

Newly-introduced runners-up prizes of books go to Miss L Coates of Octavian Way, Brackley, Northants, and Mr C J Reeder, of Broome, Bungay, Suffolk. There are more prizes to be won in this issue's competition on Page 43.

## Where to go for advice

It is respectfully suggested that the answer to WO1 Carr (SOLDIER, May 2) will be found in the four page SOLDIER Special Supplement which accompanied SOLDIER May 30, in which it will be noted that serving personnel are catered for by their respective regimental paymasters, which has nothing to do with the DHSS who cater for the civilian population of this country.

To use WO1 Carr's own words it is a question of "they" and "us", for two distinct and separate bodies are concerned.

If, however, information is needed regarding the civilian population I would strongly recommend the purchase of a booklet entitled *Guide to the Social Services* published by the Family Welfare Association annually at Denison House, 296 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, SW1 - Capt Henry W Corke, 249 Marlborough Road, Gillingham, Kent ME7 5HS.

## East Surrey POW was militiaman

I was interested to read Mrs Hulin's letter, in SOLDIER (May 2), and your reply.

The question that comes to mind is how the late Mr Hulin came to be taken prisoner-of-war if he was at the time serving in the 3rd Bn, The East Surrey Regiment, as it was a militia battalion which served in the Dover Garrison throughout the First World War. One assumes he was posted or volunteered for service with a front line battalion.

Your reply is not directly correct, in that as a militia battalion the 3rd East Surreys was not reconstituted after the war, and was formally disbanded along with 86 other militia battalions by Army Order 47 of April 1953.

In the review of the book *The Three Star Blitz* by Charles Whiting, which appeared in SOLDIER (May 2), the reviewer implies that deliberate attacks on civilians and civilian property are "now universally acknowledged as a legitimate tool of offence". He also writes that "hardly a hair is turned by such horrors as the war of the cities in the prolonged Iraq-Iran conflict".

Fortunately, at least from an international legal point of view, the reviewer is wrong on both counts.

There has long been a prohibition in the law of war on attacks against the civilian population. This customary international law is reaffirmed in the 1977 First Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949. The same applies to deliberate attacks on civilian property, the prohibition on which the 1977 First Protocol also reaffirms.

During the South Atlantic Conflict both the United Kingdom and Argentina took care to respect the prohibition of attacks upon civilians, and

the requirement to distinguish between military and civilian targets.

Referring to the "war of the cities", both the United Nations Security Council and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) have issued public statements requesting both Iran and Iraq to cease military operations against civilian targets. — Michael A Meyer, Head, Legal and Committee Services Department, British Red Cross, 9 Grosvenor Crescent London SW1X 7EJ.

## HOME, AGAIN!

Your article in SOLDIER, May 16 says "The Cheshires (22nd Regiment) have arrived back in Chester where in 1689 they were raised as a regiment for service in Ireland. They have not been back since."

The 1st Battalion The Cheshire Regiment was stationed at Chester from September 1873 until July 1874. — James Peter Brooks, 310 Lewis Trust Estate, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, London.

## Suspended Cameronians

With reference to your item on Glencorse and the seven regiments in the Scottish Division (SOLDIER, May 16), you included my old regiment The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

Alas, how I wish that was

true. The regiment was placed in "suspended animation", a phase dreamt up by some Whitehall paper tiger no doubt. — R Cowgill, ex Sgt, 9th Bn, The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), Witherage Wood Lodge, Beaconsfield, Bucks.

## VOLVO FINANCE

### Gives you the car you want tomorrow ...TODAY!

Volvo Export, 28 Albemarle St, London W1X 3FA

Tel: 01-493 4954

From BAOR 0130 8100 10



## A secure career + management prospects

Retiring soon? Then this is your golden opportunity to start a new career that is not only extremely rewarding but offers excellent prospects for promotion to management level.

For the past 25 years part of our company has been devoted to the requirements of those in the Armed Forces, not only as clients, but also as staff. We can offer you security and an income which will allow you to maintain and improve your standard of living. Our planned programme of expansion could include you. We are represented in all parts of the UK and West Germany and can accommodate you wherever you choose to live. Regrettably, we must impose an age limit of 24-45 unless personally recommended.

Name .....

Address .....

Age ..... Due out .....



**Pioneer Mutual**  
Insurance Company Limited  
Pioneer House, Coltishall, Norwich, Norfolk NR12 7AG.  
Tel: 0603 737771.

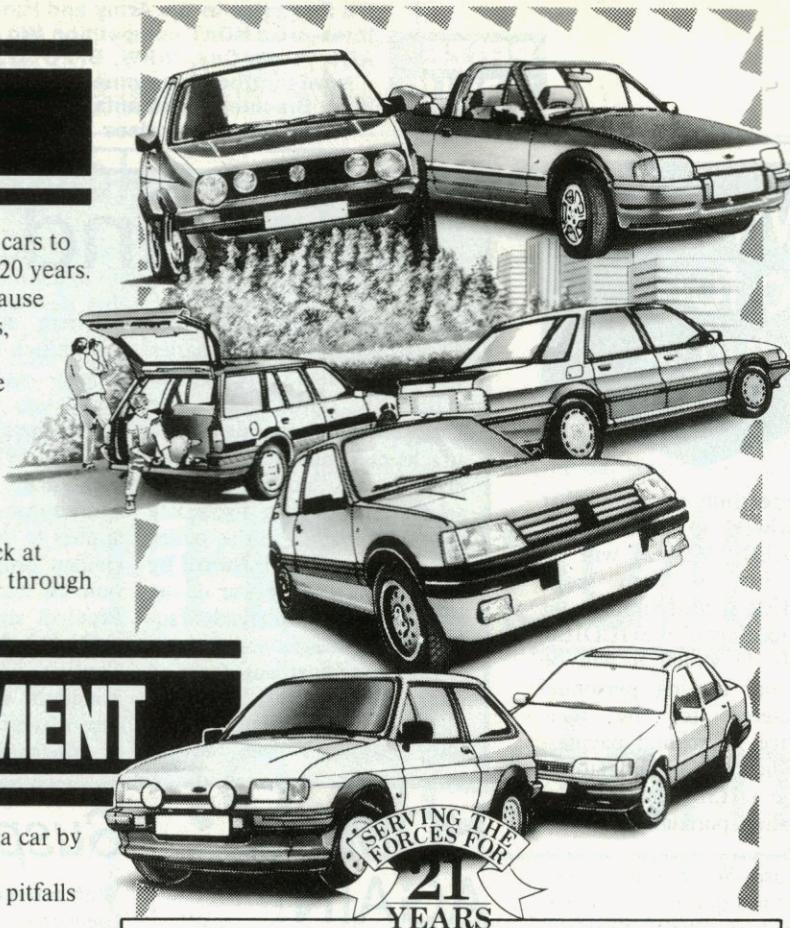
# THE RANGE

Natocars of Bridgwater have been supplying cars to servicemen and attached personnel for over 20 years.

We are the best company to deal with because our special range of services and lower prices, come as standard to all our customers.

We are a unique specialist Multi-Franchise operation — the only company with direct supplies of Ford, Audi, Volkswagen, Austin, Rover, Mercedes-Benz, Peugeot, Vauxhall, Opel, Volvo, Land Rover and Range Rover  
**ALL UNDER ONE ROOF.**

They are all available from our rolling stock at Bridgwater or built to your own specification through the factory.



## THE ARRANGEMENT

Nothing could be easier or safer than buying a car by post or phone from Natocars in Bridgwater.

We know your requirements, we know the pitfalls and we have the answers.

**LOWER PRICES** — Cars from Natocars are not just tax free, but specially discounted too. And current exchange rates mean some prices are lower than Continental factory prices.

**SPECIFICATION** — Cars from Natocars are better equipped giving better value than most continental or other right-hand drive cars supplied outside the U.K. Additionally, Natocars has a specialist team to fit superb quality accessories including body styling kits, sunshine roofs, stereos and lamps — all to make your car extra special.

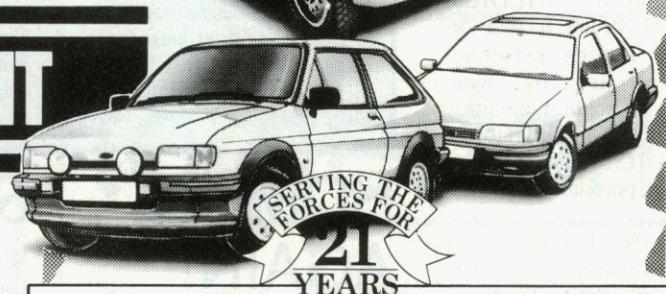
**NATOSAVE — 12% INTEREST** To help you save the deposit for your car we offer the unique NATOSAVE scheme. 12% interest (gross), which could be tax free, on your savings plus a flexible built-in withdrawal option.

**NATOTRADE — PART EXCHANGE** is welcomed by Natocars and good prices are paid. Wherever in the world you are based, you can use our valuable trade-in facility with a no obligation estimate by post.

**NATOLOAN** — Only 10% deposit and up to 4 years to pay. Natocars' unique personal loan scheme can be in sterling or the lower interest D.M. plan. Natoloan includes 3 FREE INSURANCES (worth over £300 in premiums on the average loan), FREE posting cancellation cover, FREE LOA income protection cover, FREE life cover.

**NATOSURE CAR INSURANCE** — Our specialist insurance department will obtain the best possible cover tailored to your posting. All car and personal insurance requirements are processed quickly and efficiently through this one office.

**FREE FERRY TICKETS** — If you're driving from Europe to collect your new car, Natocars will give you a FREE ferry ticket for you and the car. Additionally you enjoy a 20% discount off your return journeys, for your car and passengers.



FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION DIAL FREEPHONE TO UK

Germany/Berlin — 01 30 9806 (for local call cost — 20 pfennigs)

Holland — 0622 9806

Belgium — 114310

Other areas 0278 455555



Please send the Natocars' guide to car buying

RANK SURNAME INITIALS

PRESENT ADDRESS

TEL: WORK TEL: HOME

CAR FOR USE IN (COUNTRY)

DELIVERY DATE (REQUIRED)

I am interested in (please write model names)

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Ford       |  |
| Peugeot    |  |
| Audi       |  |
| Volkswagen |  |
| Volvo      |  |

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Mercedes-Benz    |  |
| Austin           |  |
| Rover            |  |
| Vauxhall/Opel    |  |
| Land/Range Rover |  |

I would like to consider (please tick boxes)

Tax Free  Tax Paid  Used Cars  Part Exchange  Nato-Save  Nato-Loan  Nato-Sure

NATOCARS LTD, WYLD'S ROAD, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET TA6 4DG  
TELEPHONE BRIDGWATER (0278) 455555 S/RAN/26



**NATOCARS  
OF BRIDGWATER** *No one looks after you better*

WYLD'S ROAD, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET TA6 4DG.  
Tel: Bridgwater (0278) 455555. Telex: 46285.

# 4 R Irish celebrate their coming of age

SPECIAL arrangements were made for as many former officers, soldiers and their families as possible to attend when the 4th Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers (the North Irish Militia) celebrated its 21st birthday by trooping the regimental Colour at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh.

The battalion was formed in 1967 from three former TA infantry battalions in the

province, the 5th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, the 6th Royal Ulster Rifles and the 5th Royal Irish Fusiliers. A further company was formed from the London Irish Rifles (TA).

The Colour, which has not been trooped since 1972, was trooped to music provided by the battalion's bugles, pipes and drums, accompanied by the Northern

Ireland TA Staff Band, with the soldiers on parade wearing their traditional caubeen bonnet and hackle.

The cloaks and saffron kilts of the pipers, the green, black and silver uniforms of the buglers, drummers and bandsmen, and the khaki jackets and green trousers of the men on the birthday parade made the occasion a particularly colourful event.

# Colour trooped in Berlin

THOUSANDS of spectators turned out at the 1936 Berlin Olympic Stadium to see the Princess Royal take the salute at the Queen's Birthday Parade and traditional Trooping the Colour, this year by the 1st Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers.

A total of 730 troops were on parade. On foot were men of the 1st Battalion, The King's Regiment; the 1st Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers and the 1st Battalion, The Black Watch.

Following were 14 Chieftains of the 14th/20th King's Hussars, 16 FV 432 APCs, 12 Fox ARVs and 49 Land Rovers. The tanks and APCs bore the unique black and white chequerboard camouflage devised by the British in Berlin, and highly effective in urban surroundings.

On her arrival at RAF Gatow the Princess Royal inspected a guard of honour formed by men of C Sqn, 14/20 H; 3 Sqn 13 Signal Regiment; and the Berlin HQ and Sigs Regt, drawn up under the command of Maj Stephen Andrews, OC 3 Sqn. The Princess Royal is Colonel in Chief of both 14/20 H and the Royal Signals. The welcoming line included the British Military Commander, Maj Gen Patrick Brooking, and Mrs Brooking.

After the salute, the Princess inspected the troops from the back of an open vehicle.

MOBB



Flying off to a new life is this Saladin, one of two belonging to B Sqn 17/21 Lancers, based in Cyprus. The 1950s armoured cars have been cannibalised of their useful parts and now have a new career as hard targets on the island. Lift off was by courtesy of a Chinook from 7 Sqn, RAF Odiham

A fly past included three Gazelle helicopters of 7 Flight AAC. Before leaving the Princess Royal asked Gen Brooking to pass on to the troops her appreciation of their smart turn out. She said she would make the Queen aware of how well the occasion had gone.

# TA forms new EOD regiment

A NEW Royal Engineers bomb disposal regiment, 101 (London) Engineer Regiment (EOD) (V), has been formed from the four Territorial Army squadrons which were part of 33 Engr Regt (EOD) based in the Medway towns, Dartford and Brighton.

The old 101 (London) Regiment was disbanded in 1967, and was one of the few volunteer units to serve in the Egyptian and South African wars, during 1882 and 1889. The name was resurrected in recognition of the work carried out by sapper bomb disposal units in London during the Second World War. Maj Gen Peter Campbell was the inspecting officer at the formation parade.

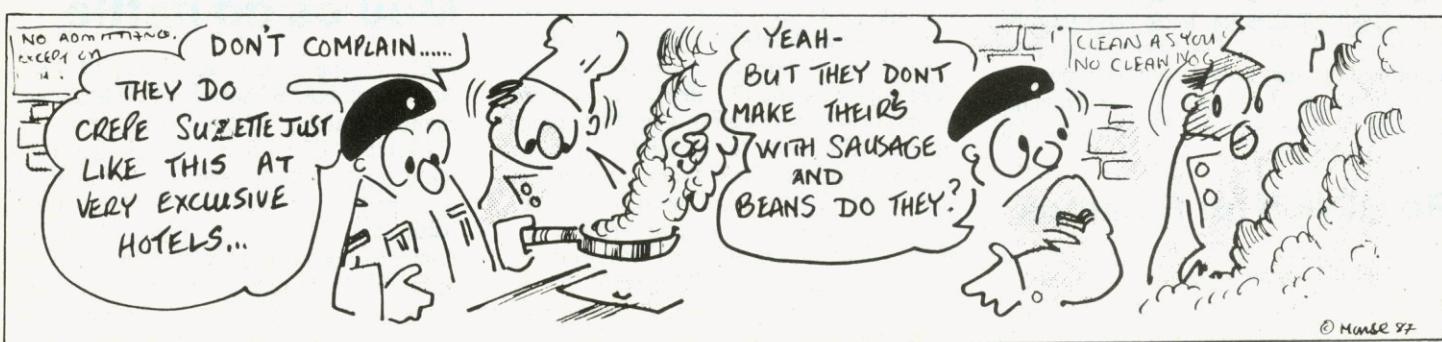
# Army numbers down by 1,600

REGULAR Forces manpower stood at 316,985 at the end of March, which was 3,000 lower than the beginning of the year. Army figures were down by 1,600 according to MoD statistics.

Officers numbers generally were up marginally with a small reduction in males affecting all Services except the Royal Marines, and offset by increases in females in the Army and the RAF.

Total officer outflow rose by 110 compared with 1986/87, but there were slight decreases for the Army. Army manpower at the end of the financial year was 158,105.

by Mouse





## Accident deaths up

ALREADY this year more people in the Army have died in road traffic accidents than for the whole of 1986/87. Worldwide Army statistics reveal there were 34 road accident fatalities in the year ending March 1987, the lowest on record.

But the latest figures show 57 deaths between April and October, of which 24 were in UKLF in privately-owned vehicles.

There was an overall increase of seven per cent in accidents representing an additional 649 for all types of vehicles. Casualty figures were down by eight per cent, but the accident rate per 100,000 miles has risen slightly over five years. The number where the Army Department driver was to blame has stayed almost constant over the three years records have been kept.

The number of accidents has risen from 7,588 in 1982/83 to 10,334 in 1986/87. There has been a drop in injury costs in both Army and private vehicles, probably reflecting the compulsory wearing of seat belts rather than improved driving, says the annual report on road safety in the Army by the Director General of Transport and Movements, Maj Gen David Colley.

## Royal visit for R Hamps

THE Princess of Wales, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Hampshire Regiment, visited the Regimental Headquarters at Searle's House, Winchester.

President Ronald Reagan inspects a guard of honour mounted by the Welsh Guards at the Foreign Office Quadrangle before meeting Prime Minister Mrs Margaret Thatcher for talks at 10 Downing Street during his London stop-over after the Moscow summit

## Sappers pave the way to Turtle Bay

CYPRUS has been invaded – but this seaborne assault was a welcome one. In mid May every year turtles swim inland to lay their eggs in the sands at Turtle Bay, part of a conservation area.

These annual Chelonian visitors attract thousands of tourists and naturalists who now have a lot to thank the British sapper for.

Turtle Bay is an unspoiled beauty spot and its original, pot-holed track was a motorists' nightmare. But now, thanks to a military and civil project, there is an excellent road for the seasonal pilgrimage.

62 (Cyprus) Support Squadron RE has been improving the 13-mile road from Ayios Yeoryios to Invicta Camp, a field fire range used by UK units for training.

Capt Mark Cox, Plant Troop commander, said: "The original track has disintegrated, and you couldn't get logistic vehicles in. We've been upgrading and restoring it, using materials quarried locally."

He said the benefits were double-edged. "The government would have to spend the

money on training anyway. The men are doing their training and getting a job done that is of immense benefit to the community. It also engenders a lot of goodwill, which we need to maintain the training ground."

The roadworks were certainly no soft option. It meant a 70-hour week with most soldiers simply "crashing out" when they got back to their temporary lodgings in a local hotel.

## Medics do battle

MEN of the Colchester based 19 Field Ambulance RAMC have been undergoing a rigorous training schedule on Cyprus.

Exercise Lion Sun was designed to improve the vital life-saving capabilities of the medics as well as teaching them battlecraft. Lt Col Tony Willman, Commanding Officer, said: "Our medical technicians have to be trained to survive on a battlefield as soldiers as well as being able to carry out their own job as medics."

# Battle of Normandy museum opened at Caen

DEFENCE Secretary George Younger was among international VIPs in Caen, France for the official opening of a new museum to commemorate the Battle of Normandy. His programme took him on a tour of the British

D Day beachheads, including the Ouistreham and beach memorials, and the Orne river bridges.

He also met veterans from The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, his own regiment,

and the 51st Highland Division, who took part in the landings, before laying a wreath at Ranville war cemetery. Mr Younger is chairman of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

# Massacre hero to get Royal citation

AN off duty soldier who had to dive for his life through a hedge when he came face to face with gunman Michael Ryan is one of eight heroes of the Hungerford massacre honoured by the Queen.

LCpl Carl Harries, 22, of the Royal Engineers, was visiting his parents in the town when Ryan, armed with a pistol, a Kalashnikov rifle and an M1 carbine, ran amok killing 15 people and wounding 31 others.

He followed Ryan as he shot wildly at anything in sight and tried to help one girl driver who had been hit. She was already dead. Then LCpl Harries warned oncoming motorists of the danger and helped another wounded driver. For 90 minutes he cradled the dying, comforted the wounded and covered those who were beyond help.

LCpl Harries's unit is 61 Field Support Squadron, RE at Maidstone, Kent.

During the inquest he was praised for trying to save the lives of four victims. He receives the Queen's Commendation for Bravery for giving emergency first aid.

LCpl Harries was delighted with the award, but also very surprised. "The Coroner commended me for my bravery and selflessness, saying I was a credit to myself and the corps I served in, and I really thought that was that," he said.

## HSF prepares for Nijmegen

WHAT is claimed to be the first Home Service Force team to enter for the Nijmegen Marches is now in training.

Ten men from 15 (Badger) Platoon of E Company the 2nd Battalion The Wessex Regiment (V) have clocked up more than 2,500 miles in preparation.

Average age of the team is 45. The marches take place from July 19 to 22.



Picture: Mike Aron, Daily Telegraph

The Prince of Wales is pictured with soldiers of the 1st Battalion The Cheshire Regiment based at the new showpiece Dale Barracks in Chester. The Prince is their Colonel-in-Chief and it was his

second visit since the battalion returned from Hong Kong in 1986. Prince Charles watched a communications training session, was briefed on the battalion, and met families of the battalion

## Manx landings

THIRTY Territorial Army soldiers from the Bolton based battery of 103 Air Defence Regiment made a beach landing near Jurby on the Isle of Man to practise troop deployment in a rare joint exercise with part time sailors.

They arrived on the minesweeper HMS Ribble and, after defending an RAF bombing range from "attack", marched 19 miles to Douglas, from where they returned to the ship by inflatable dinghy.

## Piked retreat

MEN of 9 Troop, 77 Armoured Engineer Squadron, 32 Armoured Engineer Regiment held the ground at the regiment's Beating Retreat in Dennis Barracks, Munsterlager, West Germany. The troop wore blues and carried pikes.

During their tour of BAOR the Band of the Corps of Royal Engineers, one of the senior staff bands in the British Army, played both in the Stadt Munster and at the Beating Retreat in the barracks.



# **VOLVO EXPORT, LONDON ANNOUNCE!...**

**A NEW AND UNIQUELY  
FLEXIBLE FINANCE SCHEME  
for British Military in Germany  
only available from Volvo Export, London**

**VOLVO**

Please mail me details of the UNIQUE FINANCE SCHEME  please tick

Please mail Volvo Tax Free Information Pack

I am interested in the Volvo

300 Series  240 Series  740 Series  760 Series  480 Series

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Volvo Export, 28 Albemarle Street London W1X 3FA Tel. 01-493 4954  
Calling from Germany (RAFG or BAOR) 0130 8100 10

# Horse Guards in bad way

Behind the impressive facade of Horse Guards in London's Whitehall all is not well.

Little do the tens of thousands of tourists who rubberneck there every year at the splendidly attired guardsmen and their elegant mounts, or the hoards of commuters who scurry past on their way to the office realise that Horse Guards is in a sad state of decay. In fact, one end of the building is nearly falling down.

But help is on the way. The rambling building from where Maj Gen Christopher Airy commands both London District and the Household Division in a room used by the royal family to watch the annual Trooping the Colour ceremony, is to be completely renovated inside and out.

The cost of the work, which will not start until after the Trooping the Colour parade next year, will run into millions of pounds, paid for by English Heritage - the building is listed - and the Ministry of Defence.

## Now it's the best!

A junior ranks club once officially described as "one of the worst in the UK" has just been renovated at a cost of £21,000.

The JRC at Waterbeach, Cambridge, now presumably one of the best in the country, was transformed in a joint

operation by 39 Engineer Regiment, Naafi and the PSA.

Naafi put up £7,000, Army and corps welfare funds stumped up £9,500 and the regiment agreed to find the balance.

Young off duty sappers at Waterbeach now have a social facility quite unrecognisable from the club officially described a year ago as one of the worst in the country.

## Oxford plaque

A plaque has been unveiled at St Hugh's College, Oxford to commemorate the requisition of the college by the War Office during the Second World War.

It became the Military Hospital for Head Injuries from 1939 until 1945.

The plaque also commemorates Professor Sir Hugh Cairns who was in charge of the hospital, his staff, and the 13,000 patients treated there.

Two women judges are reported to have ruled that a Norwegian soldier could wear earrings on parade, contrary to military regulations. They said it would be sexual discrimination to order the private to take off the earrings. A male judge disagreed!

# SOLDIER to Soldier



Mr and Mrs Ian Hamilton with the plaque and Capt John Shipp's headstone

## Tribute paid to Army's first vet

A war and weather battered headstone has been resited and dedicated in the grounds of the RAVC Support Group and HQ DAVRS in Aldershot. It was discovered in West Hackney Parish Church several years ago and marked the grave of Capt John Shipp (1763-1834), the first veterinary surgeon to join the British Army.

John Shipp joined the 11th Light Dragoons in June 1796 and served at the Battle of Bergen. He was present at Waterloo.

The headstone, badly damaged during the Second World War, was discovered through the efforts of Dr Ernest Gray,

author of Shipp's biography, *The Trumpet of Glory*.

A plaque marking the occasion was unveiled by Mr Ian Hamilton, a nephew of Dr Gray.

In a second ceremony the headquarters building was named after Lt Gen Sir Frederick Fitzwygram who qualified as a vet in 1854 while serving in the 6th Dragoons. He became Inspector General of Cavalry and President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, and was responsible for a number of reforms.

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

# TAX FREE FORDS!

INVICTA EXPORT is a part of the Ramsgate Division of Invicta Motors Ltd., the largest Ford Main Dealers in East Kent, established for 60 years. Nobody is better qualified to give you help and guidance in choosing your new Ford - specialising makes the difference.

- Situated conveniently on the South-East coast, 5 mins. from Ramsgate Ferry Terminal and 40 mins. from Dover.
- No hidden charges.
- Part-exchange welcome.
- Finance and insurance arranged on request.

\*Written details available on request.



## INVICTA EXPORT

BOUNDARY ROAD, RAMSGATE, KENT  
TEL: 0843 593784



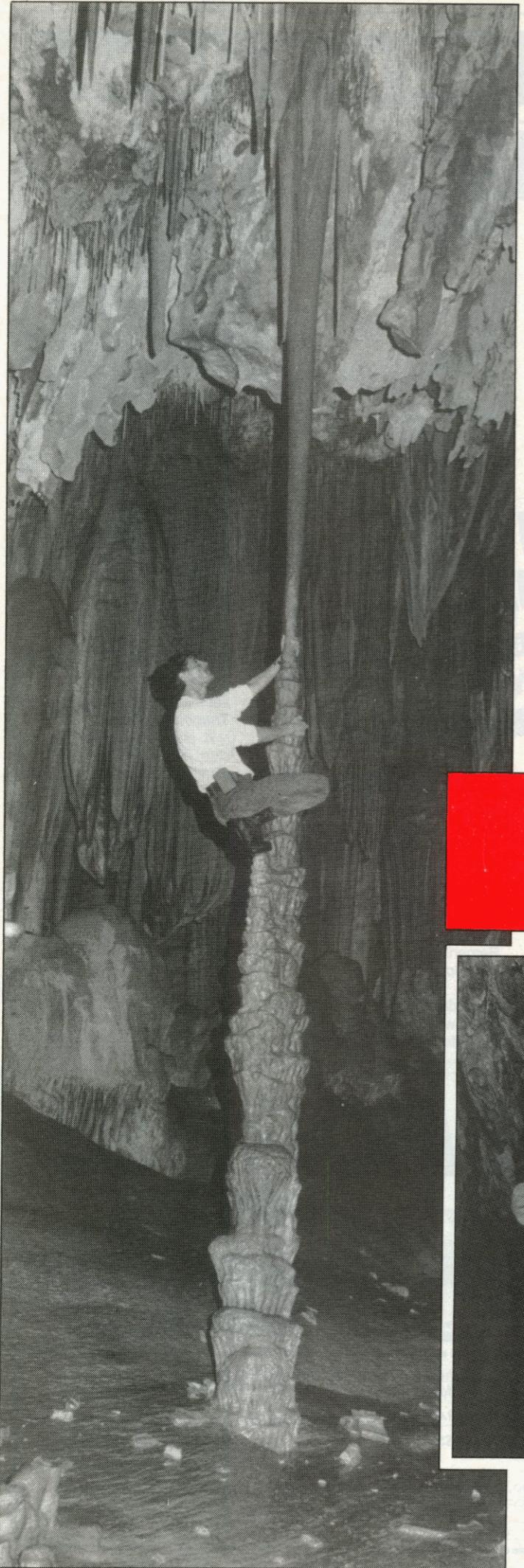
Return the coupon for free Information Pack to  
Invicta Motors Ltd., Boundary Road, Ramsgate, Kent.

NAME/RANK.....

ADDRESS.....

Tel..... (Home)..... (Work).....

Tick items of main interest: FIESTA  ESCORT/ORION  SIERRA   
GRANADA



## Sapper Ian socks it to an octopus

DID you hear the one about the sapper and the octopus? No, neither had **SOLDIER** before meeting Spr Ian Grant, snorkeller extraordinaire!

Never one to waste his time in idleness, Spr Grant donned mask and flippers on arriving at Gibraltar and took to the murky waters around the Europa Point sewerage outlet.

Not the most obvious place to take a dip, but one that evidently had its attractions for 27-year-old Ian of Ripon based 15 Squadron, 38 Engineer Regiment.

Lo and behold, he found an octopus – but no ordinary octopus!

"They usually swim away when you try to grab hold of them but this one swung round and caught my arm.

"Quick as lightning it shot

up my arm and wrapped a couple of tentacles round my neck so I started punching it to make it let go.

"I leapt out of the water with this thing hanging round my throat and eventually tore it off and killed it," said Spr Grant.

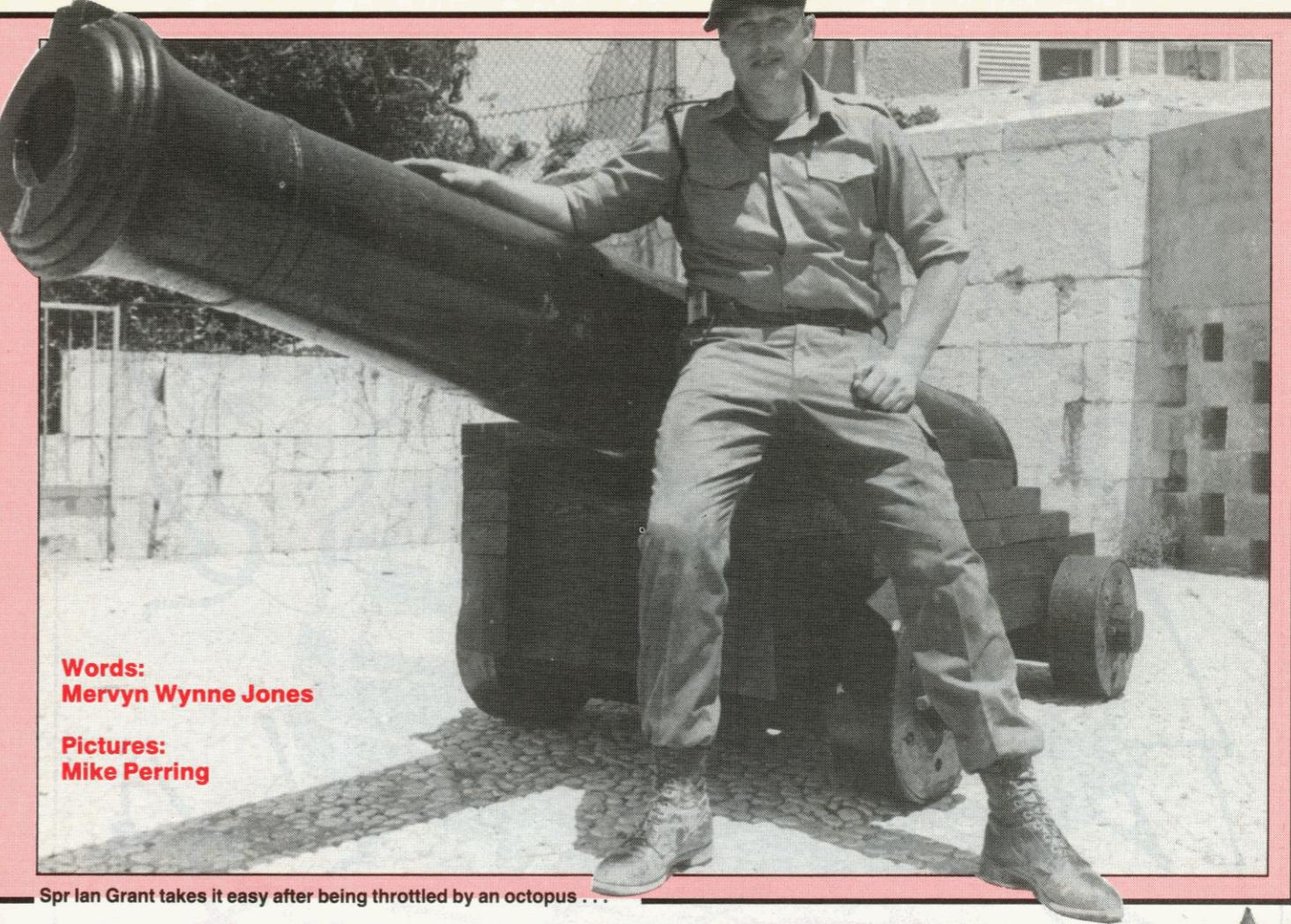
Undeterred by the experience, he returned to the water to earn himself celebrity status among local historians by discovering, nearby, a previously unrecorded naval gun barrel dumped unceremoniously off the edge of the cliff.

Leaving no stone unturned, he went on to find two hitherto unknown Sherman tanks of Second World War vintage on the sea bed before reluctantly handing back his flippers and returning to Yorkshire.

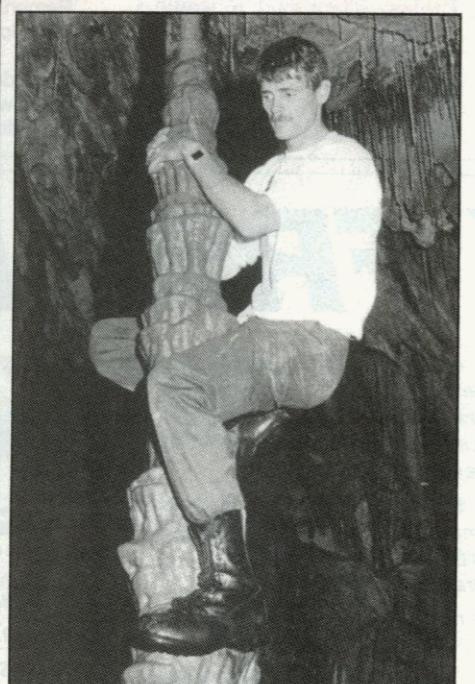
**Words:**  
**Mervyn Wynne Jones**

**Pictures:**  
**Mike Perring**

Spr Ian Grant takes it easy after being throttled by an octopus ...



## ROCK ON TOMMY!



Cpl Taff Boshein RE (above and left) shins up one of the dramatic rock formations deep inside Lower St Michael's Cave, popular with Army pot-holing enthusiasts

POPULARLY known as "beach bums", the instructors at the Gibraltar Adventurous Training Centre are quick to point out that their hours are longer than those of the rest of the battalion!

Drawn from the resident infantry battalion – currently 1 R Anglian – they volunteered for a two year stint at the centre while coming to the end of their tour in Northern Ireland ... a decision they do not regret.

Gibraltar, they tell you, is a sportsman's paradise. It is ideal for all manner of disciplines, from pot-holing and climbing to sailing and diving.

Each of the 17 staff has his own speciality and passes on his skills to a mainly Army clientele, both Regular and TA, at the new centre built around a converted dry dock.

The waters of Gibraltar are teeming with wildlife and shipwrecks, making them ideal for sub-aqua diving, whereas the Rock itself is honeycombed with caves which make it a mecca for pot-holers.



You name it, they'll arrange it! Men of 1 R Anglian teach various watersports at the GATC

A shark scare drove windsurfers into neighbouring safety boats but the monster turned out to be a harmless, plankton-eating basking shark.

Dolphins and turtles frequently accompany windsurfers and sailors offshore, and personalities such as Frank Bruno, Terry Marsh and Bob Geldof have accompanied



Army pot-holers deep inside the Rock to see the dramatic underground rock formations.

Trained to some extent before arriving at Gibraltar, the instructors are now experts in their fields.

Pte Joe Ward-Wilkinson said: "Gibraltar is marvellous for all manner of sports and especially for pot-holing. The

Rock is riddled with cave systems and I have been down 48 of different sizes so far.

"It is like another world down there and it never fails to give me a buzz every time I take a party underground."

They may be working longer hours during the summer, but Gibraltar has its compensations.

Find out what 15 Sqn, 38 Engr Regt were doing on the Rock in the next edition of **SOLDIER**. Read too about the work of other sappers on Gibraltar and what a two year posting holds in store for men of the 1st Bn, The Royal Anglian Regiment, the Royal Artillery Surveillance Detachment and 642 Signal Troop. We will also be featuring in a forthcoming issue the locally recruited Gibraltar Regiment who are about to celebrate their 50th anniversary

# We're not only friendly...



**A**t Naafi, we can help you make the most of your money.

Our credit terms over a wide range of goods are highly competitive and we also offer a range of services to make life easier for our customers.

Why hunt around in the High Street when you can:

- Send flowers to your nearest and dearest through Interflora and Flowers by Post – at Naafi.
- Get your photographs developed and printed – through Naafi.
- Obtain Jewellery by Post for your engagement, wedding, or other special occasion – through Naafi.

- Get help buying that new car, caravan, boat, or other large item you've wanted on terms you'll find difficult to beat.

- Seek help with insurance or other financial matters, including mortgages – all through Naafi.

Naafi offers much more in its shops and clubs than you might realise. Try us and see – you'll be pleasantly surprised.

**Naafi**

College House, Upper College Street,  
Nottingham NG1 5EU. Tel: Nottingham (0602) 411991.

**We're always at your service.**



## Buy your GTI in Germany, and you may miss out on a few things.

Of course, we're not saying you won't get wheels.

But will they be the ones you wanted?

At Baker Street, you're dealing directly with Volkswagen.

Which means all our cars are equipped to the latest UK specification.

No GTI leaves us without steel sliding sunroof, height adjustable drivers seat and

four speaker stereo radio/cassette.

Not forgetting the wide sports wheels.

In fact, buying your GTI elsewhere could mean you'll end up with less than a real GTI.

Call us on 01-486 8411.\*

Or return the coupon to Personal Export Sales, 95 Baker Street, London W1M 1FB.

That way, you'll be sure not to miss out.

|                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Name _____                      |                        |
| Rank _____                      |                        |
| Address _____                   |                        |
| Tel: _____                      |                        |
| Unit/Regiment _____             |                        |
| Car/Model Required _____        |                        |
| Military Tel No: _____ Ex _____ |                        |
| S 27/06                         | Personal Export Sales. |



\*FROM GERMANY, YOU CAN CALL US DIRECT FOR THE COST OF A LOCAL CALL ON 0130 4476. NO CODES TO ADD. JUST ALLOW 30 SECONDS FOR CONNECTION.

# Brigadier among the Catterick babes . . .

THE picture right poses an obvious question: "Are you sitting comfortably?"

The man about to begin to read a story is Brig Alan Eastburn, joining in the spirit of the occasion after officially opening Playgroup North Catterick Garrison following its rescue and modernisation.

The playgroup was located in a group of buildings not maintained by the PSA. Cost of repairs was met by local funds after it was opened in 1974 but by the winter of 1986 it became obvious that major works were needed.

Roofs, toilet facilities and heating all required attention.

Work on one building was paid for out of garrison funds, and White Rose Community Centre and local Thrift Shop donations.

To complete the job and carry out repairs to a second building it was necessary to apply to Army Central Funds for a grant.

More than £9,000 was made available via the Services Sound and Vision Corporation.

The playgroup is now going as strong as ever catering for up to 100 children between two and a half and five years old who live in the north of the garrison which Brig Eastburn commands.

## WELFARE WISE UP

A RESIDENTIAL course "Social Welfare of Servicemen and Families" will be held at Birmingham University from October 9 to 14.

It is excellent value for officers, SNCOs and wives who have responsibilities in personnel management and welfare. Food and accommodation are provided.

If you are interested ask for details from your Education Centre.

The Review Body on Armed Forces Pay, Seventeenth Report 1988, is available from HMSO, price £5.30. I hope it will become available in garrison libraries and that efforts will be made to publicise its whereabouts.



# FALL IN FOR PLAY PARADE

IN THE long summer evenings and summer holidays ahead many children will make for playgrounds on married quarters estates, local authorities' grounds and seaside parks.

They ought to be able to find places which are stimulating but at the same time safe and attractive. Parents should be able to meet, and enjoy the time spent by the children at play.

Sadly such playgrounds are few. Many are sterile, bleak places with tarmac and concrete underfoot.

It is estimated that there were 150,000 playground accidents last year.

One way parents can help to reduce this appalling figure is to check their local playground for potential dangers. They should be aware that no equipment should be more than eight feet high, they ought to look out for missing bolts, rust, rotten wood, jagged edges or gaps in platforms and sides.

The slide should be of one piece with no joins and should face away from the sun so that it does not get too hot. Handgrips and rails

should be slim enough for a child to hold on to firmly and the guard rails should be vertical and solid so that children cannot climb up or over.

Action ought to be taken if those responsible are caught.

The biggest cause of playground injury is a serious fall – brain damage can result from a fall of less than a foot on to a hard surface such as concrete or tarmac.

Parents can press for safer, impact-absorbing surfaces and even raise the money to have it laid.

In a *Which* report, seven out of ten slides, climbing frames and swings which were inspected were mounted over unsuitable surfaces – grass, tarmac or concrete.

Now checking has been made easy by the new publication *Playing Safe*.

It is a free checklist for assessing children's playgrounds and is produced by the National Playing Fields Association and the Consumers' Association.

All that is required for 90 per cent of the questions is a tick but there is also space for comment.

It also advises how to complain, who to go to and the right way to rectify problems.

Useful addresses complete this comprehensive and most useful checklist.

A task which could be very useful to raise the

standard of our married quarters playgrounds is for a volunteer parent to complete one check list for each playground throughout the UK and overseas.

Action ought to be taken if those responsible are caught.

We would then have a comprehensive and uniform assessment of our playgrounds.

Parents can request a follow up report. "No finance" will be given as a reason for some failures to carry out repairs but they should press for details of the maintenance contract and, if need be, perhaps raise money needed.

If parents are lucky enough to be due to have a refurbished playground then keep a watching brief.

Not long ago all the paths were relaid around a swing park on a married quarters estate but the broken, cracked and dangerous surface beneath the swings remained.

Even grass is unsuitable because it becomes slippery when wet, frozen in very cold weather, or baked hard in the heat.

*Which* also said that larger playgrounds had badly placed equipment and this can apply to new as well as old.

All playgrounds should have notices to tell you who is responsible for maintenance and they should be checked to see how often the maintenance is carried

out. Parents too can help to keep down vandalism especially on playgrounds on estates.

Action ought to be taken if those responsible are caught.

We would then have a comprehensive and uniform assessment of our playgrounds.

Parents can request a follow up report. "No finance" will be given as a reason for some failures to carry out repairs but they should press for details of the maintenance contract and, if need be, perhaps raise money needed.

If parents are lucky enough to be due to have a refurbished playground then keep a watching brief.

Not long ago all the paths were relaid around a swing park on a married quarters estate but the broken, cracked and dangerous surface beneath the swings remained.

Even grass is unsuitable because it becomes slippery when wet, frozen in very cold weather, or baked hard in the heat.

*Which* also said that larger playgrounds had badly placed equipment and this can apply to new as well as old.

All playgrounds should have notices to tell you who is responsible for maintenance and they should be checked to see how often the maintenance is carried



# WITH FAMILIES IN MIND

# Anne Armstrong

Home telephone:  
Camberley 29653

## TRAVEL DEALS ON THE CARDS

Good news:  
concessions  
to remain

ONE or two items I have not yet reported from the Adjutant General's Conference will be of interest to readers, especially with the holiday season approaching.

I asked Major General Patrick Stone, the new Director of Personal Services whether travel concessions to and from Europe would be continued during the summer period.

"Contact Line" is not a crisis or counselling service but a link-up facility for families, statutory and voluntary organisations.

Using computers it is establishing a bank of information covering local self-help groups, people suffering from rare forms of handicap, information on specific topics and fact sheets.

Trained volunteers will man the line which will be open from noon to 6 pm.

The number is 01 (outside London) 222 2211. The address: 16 Stratton Ground, London SW1P 2HP.

The present offer means a 15 per cent concession from UK to BAOR, 30 per

cent from BAOR to UK and 25 per cent between Northern Ireland and the mainland.

The card will be similar to the existing British Rail Card which it is hoped to continue.

What had the outcome of discussions been?

There was some good news.

Maj Gen Stone: "The Army on behalf of the other Services have negotiated a travel card with the operator Sealink as part of the parcel of measures we are trying to put into place to make travel cheaper for Servicemen... I would be delighted if other offers were also forthcoming."

He said there were never going to be any public funds for a savings scheme.

The Army agents, Naafi and other firms had been asked to look at alternatives.

The Home Owners' package would help second time buyers to

move when posted, and would hopefully help with buying, letting and managing.

The Assisted House Purchase, Resettlement and 50 Plus Assisted House Purchase schemes have been available since September 30, 1984, but from October 1, 1988 the loan will be increased from £3,500 to £5,000 but the scheme will be phased out by autumn 1994.

This new scheme will alter many people's views on house purchase.

In future issues I will be looking at these schemes as well as the Boarding School Allowance which has now reverted to the concept for which it was originally intended.

The changes will make a difference to those seeking BSA for the first time and subsequent decisions will have to be made at posting time.

This subject I will also cover in future editions when the difficulties, if any, have been assessed by families.

The Home Owners' package would help second time buyers to

move when posted, and would hopefully help with buying, letting and managing.

The overseas Citizens Advice Bureau has leaflets.

Check Inland Revenue rules carefully.

The Department of the Environment publishes a leaflet also, "Letting under Case 20, section 11 and 12."

The overseas Citizens Advice Bureau has leaflets.

# It doesn't advertise how fast it is.

Prestigious and potent, the Orion Ghia injection gets its mile-eating performance from Ford's widely acclaimed 1.6i engine. Tested by Ford engineers, this luxurious sports saloon sprinted from 0-60 mph in just 9.3 seconds\* and went on to reach 115mph.\* Key features include:

- Alloy wheels.
- Exhilarating performance optimised by five-speed gearbox.
- Sports steering wheel.
- Tinted glass and electronically operated front windows.
- Tilt-or-slide screened glass sunroof.
- Electronic sound system (ECU2) with power amplifiers and six speakers.

Orion models are right hand drive and

have full U.K. type approval and extra equipment to meet BFG legal requirements at no extra cost.

Remember, too, that there are special discounts available to members of H.M. Forces. For full details, race on down to your local Ford U.K. Dealer, Naafi car showrooms, Germany, Naafi of Nottingham, Natocars of Bridgwater, Somerset or S & G Colocassides, Nicosia, Cyprus. Wherever you go two things remain the same. Great cars at great

\*Ford test figures.



Ford Personal Import Export Ltd.



# ORION GHIA i



# It'll be all right on the day!



Sappers from 11 Field Squadron RE take a break from the mammoth task of preparing the Long Valley site for the exhibition

A JOINT force of sappers and civilians has been involved in the massive task of converting a large and barren piece of Hampshire countryside into a glittering, multi-million pound arms and armaments showcase, writes Laurie Manton.

When the curtain goes up on the biennial British Army Equipment Exhibition not even the next door neighbours could recognise Pegasus Village – or

the barren stretch of nearby Long Valley which has been transformed into an impressive vehicle demonstration area.

Flattened, turfed and landscaped, Pegasus Village has become a fitting stage on which international military equipment transactions worth hundreds of millions of pounds can take place.

Drained and dug over, Long Valley's lunar landscape has

been fitted with a large array of tank traps, ditches and other obstacles designed to show off vehicles at full stretch.

In charge of Pegasus Village and its 47 outside areas is Site Officer Lt Col Conrad de Planta RE, and his deputy Maj George Small, who between them have co-ordinated the operation to produce the showpiece arena.

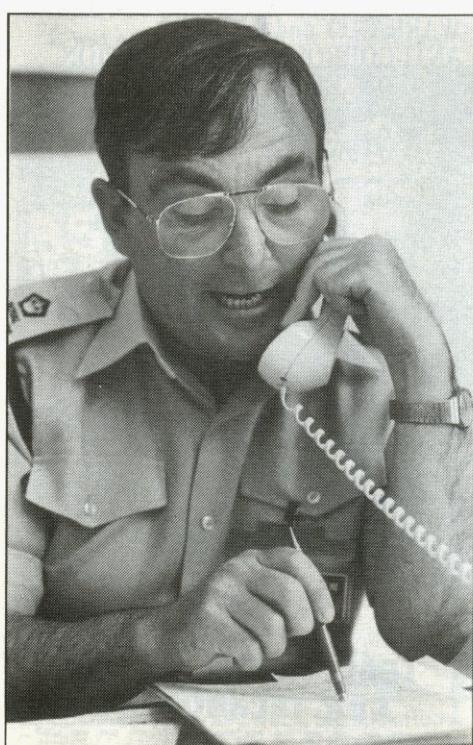
Said Col de Planta: "The

total area of Pegasus Village is about 37,000 square metres, of which some 25,000 are covered by a huge tent – that's roughly equivalent to four full-sized soccer pitches!"

The £2.4 million exhibition, organised by the MoD's Defence Export Services Organisation, will house more than 200 exhibitors representing 365 British firms, all eager to display their wares.

More than 25,000 visitors are expected to visit BAEE 88 including ministers, senior military staff, civil servants and industrialists from 86 different countries. It is not open to the public.

**Left – A frequent sight during the run-up to BAEE 88. Maj George Small RE, the deputy site officer, answers another call from one of the many exhibitors seeking advice on the layout**



Dwarfing the bystanders, an RE grader flattens the site at Pegasus Village



# THE MITSUBISHI LANCERS.

**(also recommended for Dragoons, Cavalry, Hussars...)**

Everyone loves a Lancer.

Well turned out, smart, efficient and comfortable to the point of cossetting.

And fully equipped for luxury motoring.

For example, the 1500 GLX features reclining front seats with driver's height adjustment. Head restraints. Fully carpeted. Remote-controlled mirrors. Electric windows. Central locking. Alloy wheels. And a radio/stereo cassette unit.

All in an eight model line-up that meets every requirement.

A 1200 GL manual, plus a 1500 GLX manual and automatic in addition to three versions of the Lancer Estate – featuring a raised roof profile for extra load capacity, asymmetrically-split, fold-down rear seats and, with the Diamond Option Pack, two glass sunroofs.

Lancer leads the way in value too. As 'Autocar' magazine said of the Lancer 1500 GLX, 'one of the most competent and reliable cars we have ever encountered.'

No wonder the Mitsubishi Lancer range has such an army of admirers.

Every 1988 Mitsubishi car comes with a FREE\* 3-YEAR 100,000 Kms. WARRANTY and 6-YEAR ANTI-CORROSION PERFORATION GUARANTEE.

**\*MAJOR MECHANICAL  
COMPONENTS. PLEASE ASK  
FOR FULL DETAILS.**

S 04/04/88

Please rush me details of the Mitsubishi range of tax free cars.  
To: The Colt Car Company Ltd, Watermoor, Cirencester, Glos GL7 1LF.  
Tel: (0285) 5777



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
Regiment/Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No.

# LEADING THE WAY IN CAR TECHNOLOGY.

# FAST TALKING GUYS!

THE air waves fairly rattled during Exercise OSEX 15 in Wales. Not only were up to 150 air strike sorties flown by jets each day, but Royal Signals communications teams were kept busy handling the large volume of signals traffic generated by the exercise, writes Laurie Manton.

The aim of the Offensive Support Exercise, sponsored by HQ 1 Gp RAF, was to practise the tasking of fast jets to support ground forces, and for the aircraft to practise supporting ground forces through forward air controllers.

This year's exercise took place in and around the Brecon Beacons with 244 Signal Squadron (Air Support) and three RAF detachments, providing comms support.

Maj Robert Symonds R Signals, in command of 244's crack communicators, said the exercise was very important from the squadron's point of view.

"If we get the communications wrong a lot of money is wasted as it is very expensive to put a jet up. There is no room for error."

Comms provided included a brigade headquarters forward to the target areas; comms to aircraft using VHF and, via radio, rebroadcast stations; safety comms to Sennybridge during live firing attacks; and access into the worldwide teleprinter networks at Brecon and Shrewsbury.

It was a lonely time for the FAC teams of



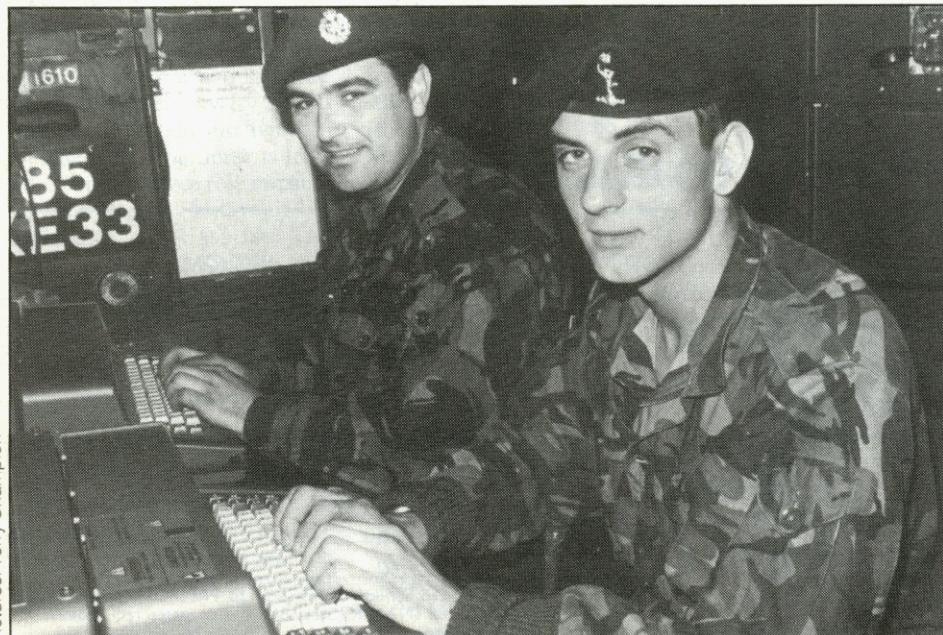
## OSEX 15 operators talk in the air strikes

5 Airborne Brigade who were located tactically on high ground overlooking enemy forces. After locating enemy positions they prepared target briefs for transmission to brigade HQ so that air strike missions could be launched.

As the aircraft - Harriers, Tornadoes, Jaguars and American A-10s - approached the target they were talked in by the well hidden FACs.

The week before OSEX 15, Exercise Highland Cardinal was held in the same area to train FACs using fast jets on pre-planned tasks.

Forward air controllers Flight Lt Tristram Carter RAF (left) and Maj Richard Jones US Air Force observe the effectiveness of the air strikes. Flight Lt Carter, attached to HQ 5 AB Bde, is no stranger to Army operations. He served for a number of years in the Scots Guards, leaving as a lance sergeant, before gaining a commission in the Royal Air Force.



Co-operation is the key word. Sig Mick Rutherford 244 Sig Sqn (right) and Cpl Tam Connolly RAF operate the busy teleprinter link during OSEX 15

Pictures: Terry Champion

## TAX FREE EXPORT CARS

Buy from CARFORCE for a superb saving, RHD and UK specification, type approved cars, delivery UK or overseas, part exchange facilities, finance, insurance and all documentation expertly taken care of.

With over 10 years experience in supplying most makes of Tax Free cars to HM Forces this adds up to a GREAT DEAL.

**YOU WILL SAVE MORE  
THAN JUST THE TAX**

**CAR FORCE**  
INTERNATIONAL Military Overseas Diplomatic Sales

CARFORCE International  
82 Newland Road, Worthing,  
Sussex BN11 1LB England

Tel: (0903) 821188 Telex: 877529 SLIPAY G

# Hate the bother of buying a tax-free car?



## Here's how to cut it out.

The easiest, fastest and most efficient way of buying a tax-free car. That's Services Car Exports Limited.

The only Austin Rover tax-free specialist in the UK exclusively appointed to handle the needs of Service personnel.

In fact, no matter where in the world you're posted we'll offer advice on every aspect of buying one of Austin Rover's superb cars.

From arranging a finance package which suits you, to ironing out the paperwork and arranging delivery wherever you want it, we'll take care of everything.

We can even arrange a part exchange deal on

your old car. And of course, every car arrives with Supercare and Supercover – the most comprehensive warranties available.

Simply cut out the coupon or give us a call right now and you could soon be on the road in a new Austin Rover car.

It's all as simple as that.

**AUSTIN ROVER**  
**SERVICES**  
**CAR EXPORTS LTD**

Please rush me details on: (please tick)

Montego  Maestro  Metro  Mini  Rover  
For use in \_\_\_\_\_  
(country)

Date req'd \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tel No. (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Eve) \_\_\_\_\_

Post to: Services Car Exports Ltd., FREEPOST, Faringdon, Oxon SN7 5BR, Great Britain. (No stamp required, if mailed in UK or BFPO.) Tel: (24 hour hotline) 0367 21225.



■ A special report  
on the 1st The  
Queen's Dragoon  
Guards based  
at Wolfenbuttel

■ Words:  
Laurie Manton  
■ Pictures:  
Mike Weston

Scimitars parked on a woodland track awaiting the call to action

# FRONTIER FORCE

THERE has always been a requirement in war for reconnaissance troops, a role traditionally performed by the cavalry – particularly the light cavalry.

It was their task to put a screen in front of the main forces to prevent enemy patrols from approaching, thus denying them information while penetrating their cavalry screen in order to obtain intelligence.

The day of the horse is long gone, but the recce role remains a vital one. Today it is regiments such as 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards who carry out the task.

Based in Wolfenbuttel, West Germany the QDG is an armoured reconnaissance regiment whose main task in time of conflict is to obtain quick and accurate information about enemy and terrain.

QDG is the senior of the 14 regiments that make up the Royal Armoured Corps and the man in charge is Lt Col Michael Boissard.

He told SOLDIER the regiment is able to send out patrols that have the ability,

viewing devices and communications to enable them to pass information quickly from the "front of the front" back to the commanders who could then make an appreciation of what is happening and formulate their plans accordingly.

"It is not really part of a reconnaissance unit's job to get too involved in the main battle – the clash of battle groups, brigades and divisions – which is clearly a dangerous place to be! We are not equipped in the same way as tanks are to withstand that kind of fire, so we operate around the periphery of that clash and gather information," he said.

To suit them to their task, QDG is made up from specially selected soldiers trained to use their initiative and work on their own.

They normally operate in



The Commanding Officer,  
Lt Col Michael Boissard

pairs of Scimitars with three men to a crew.

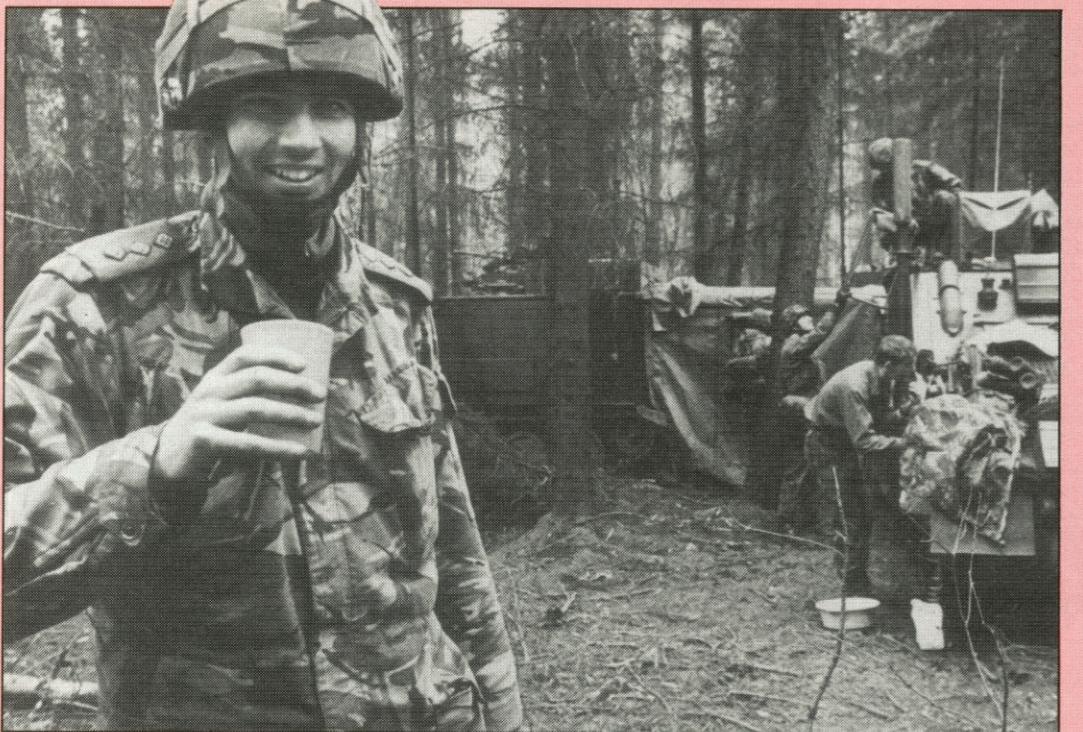
These highly trained teams work a long way from their senior commanders.

The fact that the regiment

could be spread over a very large area, working in small groups and relying on each other to do their jobs properly, makes its operations very different to that of most battle groups where infantry companies and tank squadrons tend to work in concentrations under the watchful eye of their company commanders or squadron leaders.

"An infantry commander can probably see all the area covered by his company, a tank commander probably the same, whereas our squadron leaders work at a long distance, on the radio, from our troops who are doing the work."

"That's not to say our commanders don't go forward from time to time, but they have to be placed where they can best receive this information," said Col Boissard.



While his men prepare themselves for the day's action, Capt Alistair Roxburgh, troop leader of RHQ Troop, takes time out for a cuppa

## THE VITAL LINK

CAPTAIN Alistair Roxburgh is the regimental signals officer and troop leader of RHQ Troop which communicates back to brigade and divisional headquarters. The troop is a vital link in the comms chain so necessary in action.

The troop is equipped with a number of vehicles including three Sultan armoured command vehicles, which carry the radios, and four Ferret scout cars.

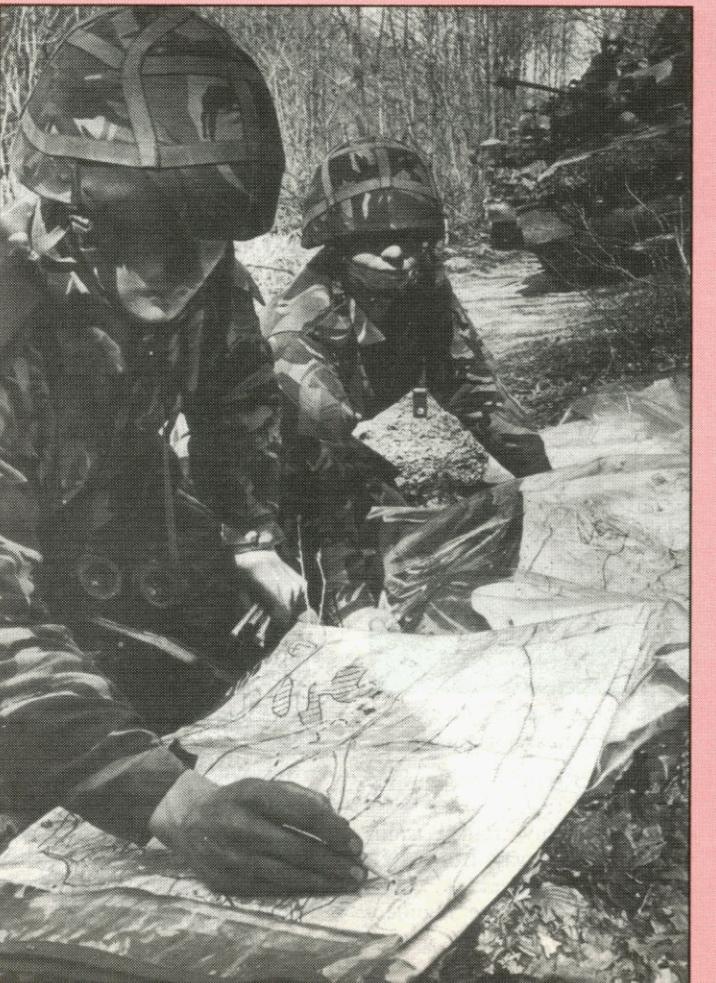
The rank structure of the troop is somewhat unusual – it has a handful of Indians and a lot of

chiefs! Because of the importance of its role, it attracts the more experienced soldier. Often junior lance corporals can be found doing a trooper's job.

Said Capt Roxburgh: "Out of 22 men we only have three troopers. That's a lot of chiefs above them but it works out all right.

"We tend to pick the more mature and professional soldier who can get on with his job independently without being told what to do all the time."

Left – X marks the spot! 2nd Lt Edward Barham consults his map while Sgt Stev Davis looks on



### A2 Echelon spares no effort...

EVERY mechanised regiment needs spares and repair support. Without it they could not operate at peak efficiency. In QDG, the A2 Echelon performs the vital job of keeping the regiment operating on top form.

Maj Mike Harris, in charge of A2 Echelon, said: "Our job is to supply, resupply and support the regiment through all phases of working in the field. We sit here like an enormous shop and the regiment just feeds off us."



Maj Mike Harris QDG, in charge of A2 Echelon – the repair and supply specialists

"We've got REME specialists, POL wagons and all manner of spare parts and equipment on hand, so we can just about repair or replace anything. We mend them and send them on their way."

## Front is just down the road

1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards is the only British regiment based in Wolfenbuttel, a West German town designated as a posting for armoured reconnaissance regiments because, to quote the commanding officer: "Just down the road is likely to be the front of the front if anything goes badly wrong!"

Relations with the town are very good. The QDGs have been stationed in the town since last year, and get on very well with the townsfolk.

Said Lt Col Michael Boisard: "I think the advantages for a regiment like ours being in a station like this are worth mentioning.

"Although in some ways we would benefit from being in one of the big garrison towns we get much closer contact with our German allies here because we are on our own."

The fact that the regiment is stationed close to the Inner German Border tends to concentrate the soldiers' minds on the task in hand.

"We don't have to work very hard to explain to the men what we are here for. They know why, and it puts a lot of realism into all the training we have to do," he said.



Above – Observing the enemy from high ground. From left to right are LCpl Clive Williams, Sgt Stev Davis and 2nd Lt Edward Barham. Stealth and patience are very much part of the recce job

Below – Out on the high road! A QDG Scimitar on patrol in the flat farmlands typical of this part of Germany



# DRESS TO THRILL.



Two-tone bodywork (for the use of)  
 Colour coded front grille & door handles  Glass sunroof, slide and tilt  Slick, five-speed gearbox  Electronic stereo radio/cassette, 4 speakers  The new Montego 1.6L  Tax free, it's dressed for action.

Please despatch by return of post my copy of the new Austin Rover brochure and Tax Free price list; and information on your Military sales and service programme.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

RANK \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS/UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

SOL27/6

TEL NO. (DAY) \_\_\_\_\_

(EVENING) \_\_\_\_\_

Post to: UK: Austin Rover Tax Free Sales, PO Box 395, Longbridge, Birmingham B31 2TB.  
Or: Austin Rover Deutschland GMBH, Military Sales, Am Fuchsberg 1, Postfach 100361, 4040 Neuss 1.  
Or telephone now: UK: Services Car Exports Ltd. (Exclusive Hotline): 0367 21225; Natocars Ltd.: 0278 455555.  
Germany: Austin Rover Deutschland Military Sales: 02101 381 310/317 or 293.

**MILITARY SALES**



Sgt Phil Thomas, the regiment's gunnery sergeant and guided weapons expert. He is much in demand as the regiment is equipped with Striker, the anti tank guided weapons vehicle that packs a punch. Each carries ten Swingfire missiles

Left - Another of the QDG's many roles - stopping the enemy bringing up supplies by rail. Members of C Squadron's 5th Support Troop prepare to blow up a portion of railway track. From left to right are LCpl Dave Evan, Sgt Howard Smith and Tpr Paul Thomas

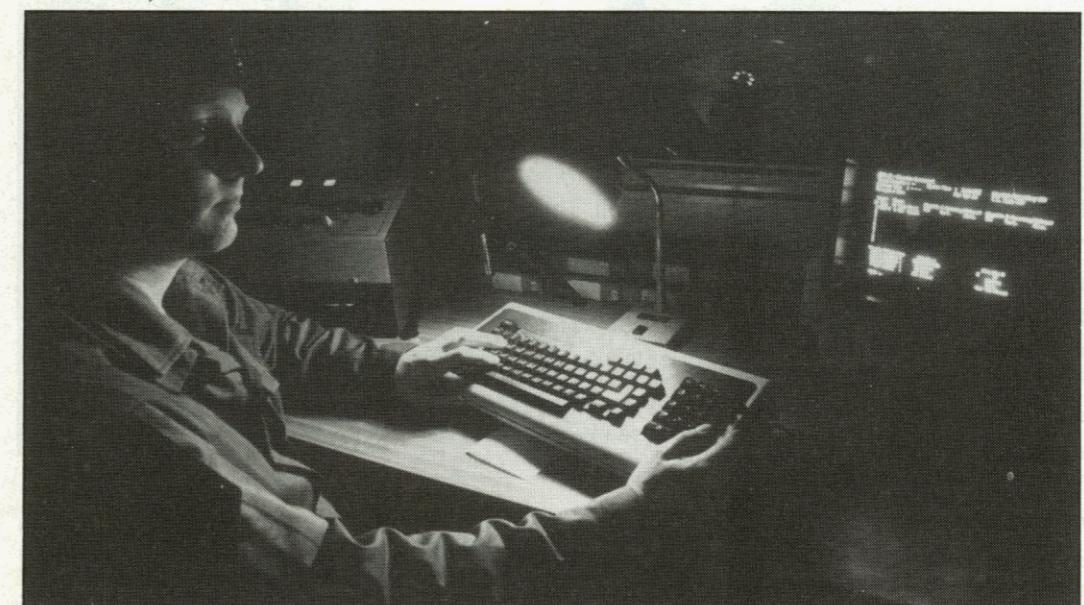
Below - Making themselves at home. The winners of the RHQ Troop "build a shelter" competition. Left to right are LCpl Chris Dyer, Cpl Peter Williams and LCpl Andrew Robinson



2nd Lt Tim Dobson making a point on map reading



A2 Echelon's field kitchen supplies meals to the hungry warriors. Sgt David Donkin (left) and Cpl Tommy Cornwall, both ACC, look on



Into the space age! Sgt Phil Thomas, the regiment's gunnery sergeant, at the console of SWATT - the Swingfire Anti-Tank Trainer

## Beyond the front line

SECOND Lt Tim Dobson of A Squadron leads some of the men who would operate in advance of the front line. He has four Scimitars and 12 highly professional young soldiers under his command. They practise their role as often as possible.

Like all members of the regiment, Lt Dobson's men work hard at moulding themselves into a finely tuned fighting unit in which every man knows his job backwards and appreciates the meaning of teamwork.

Everyone is required to learn a multiplicity of skills including escape and evasion techniques.

Lt Dobson has just returned from such a survival course and is eager to pass on this newly acquired knowledge to his men.

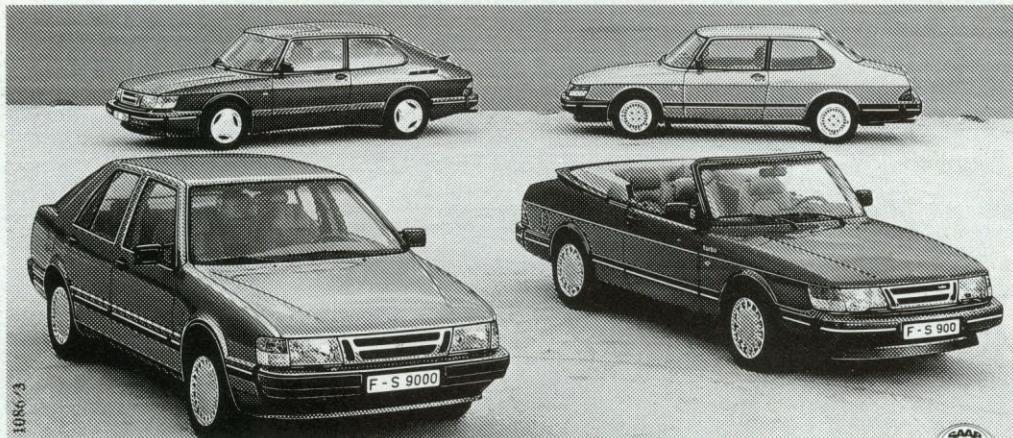
"It's vital because there could come a time when you get separated from your vehicle, have no weapon or equipment and have to survive in the wild evading capture by the enemy," he said.

It is demanding work for the crews because theirs is a very specialised job. But this high-morale regiment knows that, should their services ever be called upon, they will be able to carry out their duty as the eyes and ears of 1st British Corps.

## Home ground

NORTHAMPTON Barracks, home of the QDG, was originally built in 1936 for an air defence regiment of the Wehrmacht. It is known as a "Hitler" barracks. That is not as sinister as it seems for the term is generic - a camp built when the German leader was in power. Older ones are known as "Kaiser" barracks.

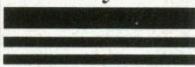
# SAAB



1086/3

**SAAB**

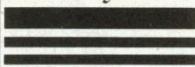
Military Sales



SAAB Military Sales (BFG)  
Sales & Information centre  
Tempelhoferweg 113  
1000 BERLIN 47  
Tel: 030 606 6083  
606 7207

**SAAB**

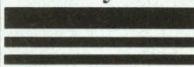
Military Sales



SAAB Military Sales (BFG)  
Lübecker Strasse 5  
3014 LAATZEN 3 (HANNOVER)  
Tel: 05102 832 John Collett  
located on the B6 Rethen-Nord  
Showrooms open at weekends  
Sat: 10.00-13.00 Sun: 13.00-17.00

**SAAB**

Military Sales



SAAB Military Sales (BFG)  
Sales & Information centre  
Otto Hahn Strasse 1  
4790 SENNELAGER  
(opposite Naafi)  
Tel: 05254 86298



**POSTED TO BFG?**

Thinking about a new  
**SAAB** car?

If the answer is yes, then contact us. We are **SAAB Military Sales BFG**. The official factory outlet to supply you with your new **SAAB (UK/BFG)** specification, at factory prices you can afford.

Servicing provided by SAAB Germany with over 300 workshops available here in BFG. Contact us now for that extra special **SAAB MILITARY SALES VIP** treatment.

6f3

# If your bank manager were suddenly conscripted, where would he put his pay?

Until recently, a soldier's main pay would be automatically credited to his bank account.

What wasn't spent simply sat there. Making money for the bank and nothing for you.

Now, there's a more interesting alternative. And it's Army approved. The National & Provincial Instant Access account.

From the moment your pay goes in, it starts earning. And, as your balance grows to £500, £5,000 and so on, you receive a higher rate of interest on the whole sum.

You can withdraw up to £1,000 cash or £20,000 cheque instantly, at any branch. (Even more with a few days' notice.)

Standing orders will take care of all your regular bills. Without hassle and without charges.

And, with a Money Manager card, you can withdraw up to £250 a day at over 900 cash machines, many of which are open round the clock.

Simply return the coupon for more information. Then, ask your bank manager what he'd do in your boots.

To: Roger Lee, National & Provincial Building Society, FREEPOST, Bradford BD1 1BR.

I'd like to know more about National & Provincial's Instant Access account.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

SOL 2

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

**National & Provincial**

# Around the world in 41 days!

EIGHT members of D Squadron, The Queen's Own Hussars from Hohne, West Germany have just been around the world in half the time it took Phineas Fogg.

Like him, they fitted in a lot of adventure (in the form of adventurous training) on their travels.

From Germany they flew to Hong Kong, stopping over briefly before journeying on south via Singapore to the Army Training Group at Waiouru, New Zealand.

They spent the next 20 days there as the guests of the Queen Alexandra's Squadron, at one time affiliated to the QOH.

The party of officers and soldiers aged from 18 to 27 was able to indulge in every adventurous training activity possible on the North and South Islands of New Zealand. These included white water rafting and canoeing, hill climbing, trekking, diving and even some sheep drafting.

On the return journey they flew with the Royal New Zealand Air Force to Melbourne for five days which included an opportunity for kangaroo spotting in the bush.

Next stop was Sydney, courtesy of the Royal Australian Air Force, before continuing across the Pacific Ocean to Honolulu where the Hussars stayed at an American Forces R and R centre and got in some sea canoeing.

Two days later they flew to San Francisco and then on to Washington DC, finally completing their 42,000 mile trip with the RAAF to Brize Norton and the RAF to Guttersloh.

## Appealing music

● MORE than £1,000 was raised for the Army Benevolent Fund when massed bands and Regular and TA soldiers and cadets took part in "Dorset on Parade" at Weymouth.



White water rafting in the Devil's Cauldron on the Shotover River, New Zealand are members of D Sqn, QOH. They are Capt George Medlicott Goodwin, 2nd Lt Simon Rigby, LCpl Paul Greves, LCpl Gary Pollard, Tpr Adrian Fleetwood and Tpr Neil Coker

## THE NEW 1988 3 SERIES AVAILABLE FROM



## PARK LANE EXPORT

56 Park Lane, London W1Y 3DA. **LONDON 629 9277**

CALL OUR 24 HOUR SERVICE 01303456\* AT LOCAL RATES  
OR COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS COUPON.

\*For use only by those resident in Germany. This is a complete number, do not add any codes. Please allow at least 30 seconds connecting time.

|  |                      |                             |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| NAME _____                             | RANK _____           | POST TO<br>PARK LANE EXPORT |
| ADDRESS _____                          |                      | 56 PARK LANE                |
| BMW CAR/MOTORCYCLE INTERESTED IN _____ |                      | LONDON W1Y 3DA              |
| HOME PHONE No. _____                   | DUTY PHONE No. _____ | ENGLAND                     |



# ofb FORCES LOAN PLAN

£1,000 TO £5,000 UNSECURED

If you're a serving member of H.M. Forces, you can now take advantage of our new Forces loan plan – even if you're not a homeowner. We provide economic loans to service personnel at favourable rates for any purpose. Substantial savings on repayment costs when you use one of our loans to pay off H.P. arrangements, credit card debts, etc.

Ask for a written quotation.

## STANDARD CAPITAL FINANCE

128-132 Norfolk Street, King's Lynn,  
Norfolk PE30 1AP.

Licensed Credit Broker No. 2590.

### UNITED KINGDOM

Simply phone this number  
between 9.00am and 8.00pm  
(weekdays) or send coupon.

**0553  
760051**

### B.A.O.R.

Send coupon below or phone  
between 8.00am and 7.00pm  
(weekdays).

**0044-553  
760051**

To: Standard Capital Finance, 128-132 Norfolk Street, King's Lynn,  
Norfolk PE30 1AP

I have a U.K. Bank Account. Please quote me for a loan of: £\_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RANK: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT/REGT: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ SOL 27/06



### THE NEW PEUGEOT 405



## We'll take your breath away

Even before its launch, the brand new, British-built Peugeot 405 saloon won the title "Car of the Year, 1988". But that's hardly surprising.

The beautifully sleek 4-door body, wrapover doors and flush-fit windscreen all conspire to provide a class-leading drag factor. And 5-seater luxury comes as standard.

The new Peugeot 405 family saloons. From just £5,363\*, even the price will take your breath away.

\*Price excludes Road Tax, Number Plates and Delivery.



PHONE  
FOR AN  
INFORMATION  
PACK TODAY

Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Car for use in (country) \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery date required \_\_\_\_\_

FREE POST 3H EXPORT DEPT  
132 WEYHILL ROAD ANDOVER HANTS SP10 3YZ

**3H motors Export**

THE LION GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

# G.D. Golding Tailors Ltd.

Military Livery and Civilian Tailors

**G.D. Golding**



We are pleased to be regimental tailors by appointment to:

**The Household Cavalry.  
The Lifeguards.  
The Blues and Royals.**

**1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards.  
The Royal Regiment of Artillery.  
The Corps of Royal Engineers.  
The Royal Corps of Signals.  
The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.  
The Light Infantry.**

**The Royal Irish Rangers.**

**The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment.  
The 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.**

**The Royal Army Chaplain's Department.  
The Royal Corps of Transport.  
The Royal Army Medical Corps.  
The Royal Army Ordnance Corps.  
The Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.**

**The Corps of Royal Military Police.  
The Royal Army Pay Corps.  
The Small Arms School Corps.  
The Royal Army Educational Corps.  
The Royal Army Dental Corps.  
The Royal Pioneer Corps.  
The Army Physical Training Corps.  
The Inns of Court and City Yeomanry.**

Exclusively cut and tailored in our own workrooms by experienced craftsmen, under the personal supervision of Mr. Golding.

We offer top quality service using the finest Barathea and Superfine materials, with competitive prices and credit.

Our special fast service is available at no extra charge.

We can also supply: military ties, blazer badges, badges of rank, Marcella shirts, miniature medals, Sam Browne belts, spurs, George boots, Mess wellingtons and khaki shirts.

Full-sized and miniature medals remounted. Service dress hats, side hats and Blues hats supplied.

**Our Representative will call at your request.** Ring (0727) 41321 or write for details to: 220 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 4LW.

Name .....

Address .....

..... Tel .....

Please state your particular requirements below:

# JOIN THE ARMY FOR 10 MINUTES



AT  
THE  
ROYAL TOURNAMENT  
1988  
JULY 13-30

616



# MESS DRESS £139

Rock bottom price for  
Sgts/WO's Mess Dress in  
superfine cloths, quality  
tailored in our London  
workrooms.

Only £139 (or DM445) for  
most standard mess dress  
(jacket, waistcoat and trousers)  
with roll collar.

Chevrons or WO's badge £5 (DM16).

*Postage and packing free.*

No VAT to pay (except to a UK  
address).

Complete order form below and send  
to us with £25 (or DM80). Balance  
payable when goods ready for  
despatch in 4/6 weeks (we will advise).  
Or enclose full amount with order.

Please supply Mess Dress for \_\_\_\_\_ State Corps or Regt.

I enclose remittance of \_\_\_\_\_ and will pay balance as above.

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Chest (measured over shirt) \_\_\_\_\_

Inside Leg \_\_\_\_\_ Trousers waist \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

616 **Crossbow Clothing Ltd.** Unit 8, 13 Long St.,  
London EC2 8HN

**BRITANNIA  
RESCUE**

## YOUR COMMAND WILL RECEIVE OUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

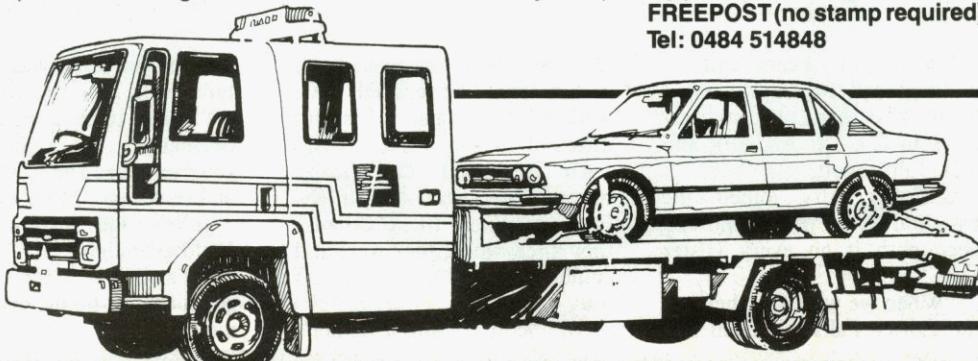
*... to provide you with a fast, efficient  
service from friendly, caring experts.*

- Roadside Assistance • Recovery to home or destination • Assistance given after theft or vandalism of vehicles • Caravans/Trailers automatically included
- Free call (Linkline) facility when help is required
- 24 Hour Service • Every day of the year • A National Control Centre • Relief driver (illness or injury during journey) • Housecall (optional extra).

Britannia Rescue use the resources of local professionals (look for our badge on vehicles of the better recovery firms)

— this means we cover Great Britain, Northern Ireland and even the most remote parts of the country, including Isle of Man, Orkney, etc. When you need help, we respond immediately wherever you are, motorway, highway or by-way, day or night every day of the year. And it takes only one FREE CALL — Linkline, to summon our aid! Note that we cover the vehicle registered with us, whoever the driver, and all for a sensible and attractive price.

Why not find out more? Enquiries to Britannia Rescue, FREEPOST (no stamp required) Huddersfield HD1 1WP.  
Tel: 0484 514848



**SUBSCRIPTION  
RATES FOR THE  
ARMY START  
FROM ONLY  
£28.50**

# Why Hon Charles's men turned Green

REGIMENTS often took the name of their Colonel in the old days, but a slight difficulty arose when the Hon Charles Howard, second son of the Earl of Carlisle, took a colonelcy.

There was already a regiment under another Col Howard.

To distinguish between them they were called after the colour of the facings on their scarlet uniforms, one becoming the Buff Howards the other the Green.

The present official title is The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment).

The badge (pictured below) bears the cypher of Alexandra (later Queen of

Edward VII), Princess of Wales, interlaced with the Dannebrog, or Danish cross, surmounted by her coronet. Beneath it are the Roman numerals of the regiment and the honour scroll.

It seems that the Christian Danes were in a tight spot while fighting the heathen Estonians not long after Hastings, but the miraculous appearance of a white cross in the sky inspired one of the Princess's ancestors to save the day.

The cap badge was designed by the Princess and carries the date 1875, the year in which she presented Colours to replace those the 19th Foot had carried through the Crimean War. A sketch indicates that

the ceremony took place at "The Farm, Sheffield".

The regiment had been associated with the North Riding of Yorkshire in 1782 and the Depot was established at Richmond, Yorks, in 1873.

The link with the Danish Royal House was renewed in 1942 when Queen Alexandra's son-in-law, King Haakon of Norway, who had previously been Prince Carl of Denmark, became Colonel in Chief. Today her grandson, King Olav, holds the appointment.

Though 85 this year the king has made arrangements to attend the 300th anniversary celebrations.



In our second report on the Green Howards in Londonderry writer **Bill Moore** and photographer **Mike Weston** look behind the scenes at the Families Office, some of the battalion treasures and, on Page 39, the important work of the medical team

## Next stop Greenland for this brand new Fellow

EBRINGTON Barracks is full of surprises. When SOLDIER called at the Families Office the officer in charge was celebrating the fact that he had just been made a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

Capt David Johnson, who comes from York, transferred to the regiment more than three years ago from the RAMC.

He was busy organising an expedition to Greenland to climb a mountain called Richmond (RHQ is at Richmond, Yorks, which can be almost as cold!) as part of the tercentenary celebration.

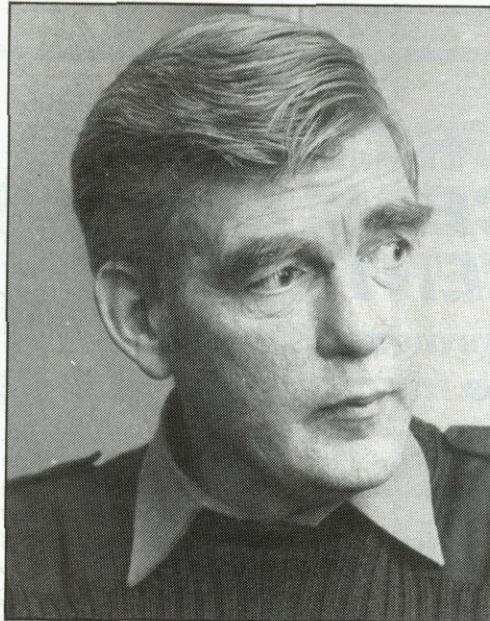
Two officers, a warrant officer, a colour sergeant and four junior ranks will set up a base camp beside a gravel airstrip where there is a tiny Danish settlement.

"It will be an exercise in self-reliance," he said. "There can be no immediate relief in case of trouble."

The exercise will include the collection of moss and lichen for scientific purposes.

Capt Johnson has been training prospective candidates in the Mourne mountains.

They should be in good hands. Among other achievements he has climbed the north face of the Eiger.



Col Sgt Alf Alty – Lancashireman in a Yorkshire regiment



Mrs Julie Scott. She likes the place better than Germany

Standing in for him while he is away will be Capt Crispin Scott who has two stalwart aides in Col Sgt Alf Alty and Mrs Julie Scott.

Col Sgt Alty joined the battalion "way back" and has been with it on every Ulster tour.

"When we were first here on the Lower Falls a section had

three men with rifles and three with batons," he recalled. "We were only playing at it. It's a lot different now."

He reckoned that many wives on two-year tours in the Province liked them because they knew where they were and could plan for leave and off duty time.

Mrs Scott, 23 and a soldier's

wife for six years, was quick to agree with Col Sgt Alty.

"I like it here better than Germany," she said. "Mind you I have a job and I think that makes a big difference."

Julie's dad runs a pub at Middlesbrough.

"It's nice to know you can get a flight home every four months," she said.

# SNUFF OF THAT!



Above - Pte Harry Crichton, ten years a Green Howard and now mess silverman, polishes the silver statuette of the Princess of Wales (later Queen Alexandra) presented when the regiment received its Colours from her in 1875

Right - Col Sgt Jimmy Foster keeps a firm grip in more ways than one on the snuff box that Napoleon presented to Marshal Ney. One of three believed to have survived, its gold scroll surrounds a miniature of the Emperor by the great painter David. Col Sgt Foster, 24 years a Green Howard, keeps the box under lock and key and on mess nights follows its progress round the officers' mess table with hawk-like attention



ANY outfit that travels the world for 300 years is bound to pick up a few souvenirs.

Enter the mess of the 1st Battalion The Green Howards at Ebrington Barracks and you will find yourself staring a savage looking bear in the eye - a pelt presented by the Rocky Mountain Rangers of Canada (an Allied regiment).

The skin is one of those items which junior officers find irresistible on a mess night and if that bear could talk . . .

Currently it is draped over a stand of drums captured from the Russians when the 19th Foot stormed a redoubt at the battle of the Alma during the Crimean War.

The drums are carried each year on the anniversary of the battle.

Locked away in Col Sgt Jimmy Foster's safe is another precious relic - a gold snuff box decorated with Napoleon's portrait. It is passed round on mess nights (though snuff takers are few and far between these days), and is usually referred to as "the Napoleon snuff box".

The question is - how did it come into the possession of a regiment which served in Ceylon and India between 1796

## Why Jimmy keeps his eye on old Boney

and 1820, thus never setting foot in Portugal, Spain or France?

The explanation is that it belonged to Marshal Ney (it seems the Emperor gave one to all his marshals) and was "liberated" by a Guards officer who found the fiery Frenchman's coach abandoned after Waterloo.

The officer had a son who joined the 19th Foot and it was bought for the regiment when his effects were auctioned (according to the custom of the time) after his death in India.

Officially it is the property of the 2nd Green Howards which was not disbanded but went into "suspended animation" in 1956.

It used to be held at the Depot, Richmond, but since 1961 has been on loan to 1 Green Howards.

"There's something about a **SOLDIER**"

## T-SHIRTS and SWEATSHIRTS

for all the family – available in red, white or navy



### T-SHIRTS

£3.40 (child)  
24", 26/28", 30"  
£4.20 S, M, L  
£4.49 Ex L

### SWEATSHIRTS

£7.00 child (sizes as above) navy only  
£8.99 S, M, L  
£9.65 Ex L

SEND YOUR ORDER, STATING SIZE, COLOUR AND QUANTITY REQUIRED, TOGETHER WITH CHEQUE/PO PAYABLE TO "COMMAND CASHIER UKLF" TO: **SOLDIER MAGAZINE, PARSONS HOUSE, ORDNANCE ROAD, ALDERSHOT, HANTS GU11 2DU.**

Please allow 28 days for delivery.

5/26

## Ford FOR Forces MILITARY Tax-Free SALES

The complete service with attention to detail

**ENDEAVOUR MOTOR COMPANY**  
**EXPORT OFFICE TEL: 0044 273 550211**



RANK:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TEL:

FORD MODEL:

PLEASE POST TO:

ENDEAVOUR MOTOR COMPANY  
90 PRESTON ROAD, BRIGHTON BN1 8AT TEL 0044 273 550211

# CHOOSE CULVERHOUSE FOR ALL YOUR MILITARY KIT

If your stepping out for the first time or updating your existing equipment, here's 3 steps you should consider before you go.



### CHOOSE CULVERHOUSE MAIL ORDER

An ideal method of buying a superb range of products from the comfort of your armchair! Culverhouse offer a range of outdoor pursuits equipment to suit all pockets, each item carefully chosen and presented in colour in an attractive easy to use catalogue. Culverhouse give you the confidence to order knowing that you will pay the lowest prices in the UK plus no delivery charges to the UK and most BFPO Numbers. Choose from your armchair and save £££s. ☎ 0923-52805



### CHOOSE CULVERHOUSE RETAIL

Customers travel many miles to view our extensive range of **OUTDOOR PURSUITS EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING**. Our Retail showroom is situated in Watford Town Centre and probably holds the largest stocks of its kind on two floors under one roof. Great stock of high performance outdoor equipment with good advice from well trained staff. Don't forget whilst visiting us you may pick up a surprise bargain from our clearance lines! "ONLY POSSIBLE IF YOU VISIT CULVERHOUSE RETAIL" 96 The Parade, Watford, Herts. 0923-244100



### CHOOSE CULVERHOUSE CONTRACT

As a person concerned with purchasing equipment whether it be for yourself or on behalf of your group you must naturally want to obtain the best equipment you can at the **MOST COMPETITIVE PRICES**. We understand this only too well, cheaper prices will of course mean you are able to purchase more equipment with the money you have available. Therefore we offer you "**CULVERHOUSE CONTRACT**" ☎ 0923 243454

# CULVERHOUSE

**Send for new  
80 page colour  
catalogue  
or 'phone  
(0923) 52805**



COMPLETE AND SEND TO:



CULVERHOUSE  
Warehouse & Offices  
Unit 3  
Fishers Industrial Estate  
Wiggenhall Road  
Watford WD1 8AN

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

POSTCODE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SEND SPECIAL CONTRACT TERMS

Please state any particular interest in Outdoor Pursuits

Please tick

S

The medical centre team rehearse for a situation that is bound to arise again during their tour. They are (from left) LCpl Geordie Imerson, Capt Claudine Horrocks, Pte Terry Tansley, LCpl Paul Jacklin and Pte Andrew Tunney

# Putting a patch on the scars of Londonderry

QUITE a number of Green Howards will leave Londonderry with unwelcome mementoes of their tour.

In addition to the handful who have suffered injuries in bomb blasts many more have the scars inflicted by stones, bricks and assorted missiles.

When they look at them they will have no difficulty in recalling who stitched them up – in nearly every case a pale, determined RAMC woman doctor.

In 18 months Capt

Claudine Horrocks has put in more than 700 stitches. She is bent on seeing that any damage done is repaired as neatly as possible.

Capt Horrocks trained at Guys and later worked as a houseman at Woolwich and Blackburn.

It is her first appointment as a regimental medical officer and it began even before the battalion arrived. She got to Londonderry ahead of them and spent a



short time with the Royal Anglian battalion they relieved.

The severe injuries that can be inflicted by a brick, especially if it catches a soldier with his visor raised, perhaps to shout a warning to a companion,

are seldom seen by the public in general.

The size of the stones thrown has to be seen to be believed. In one case half a manhole cover was dropped from a bridge on to a soldier's head.

"Had it not been for his helmet it would have killed him," said Capt Horrocks. "As it is he was concussed and badly shaken."

The staff at the medical centre reflect the dedication of their boss.

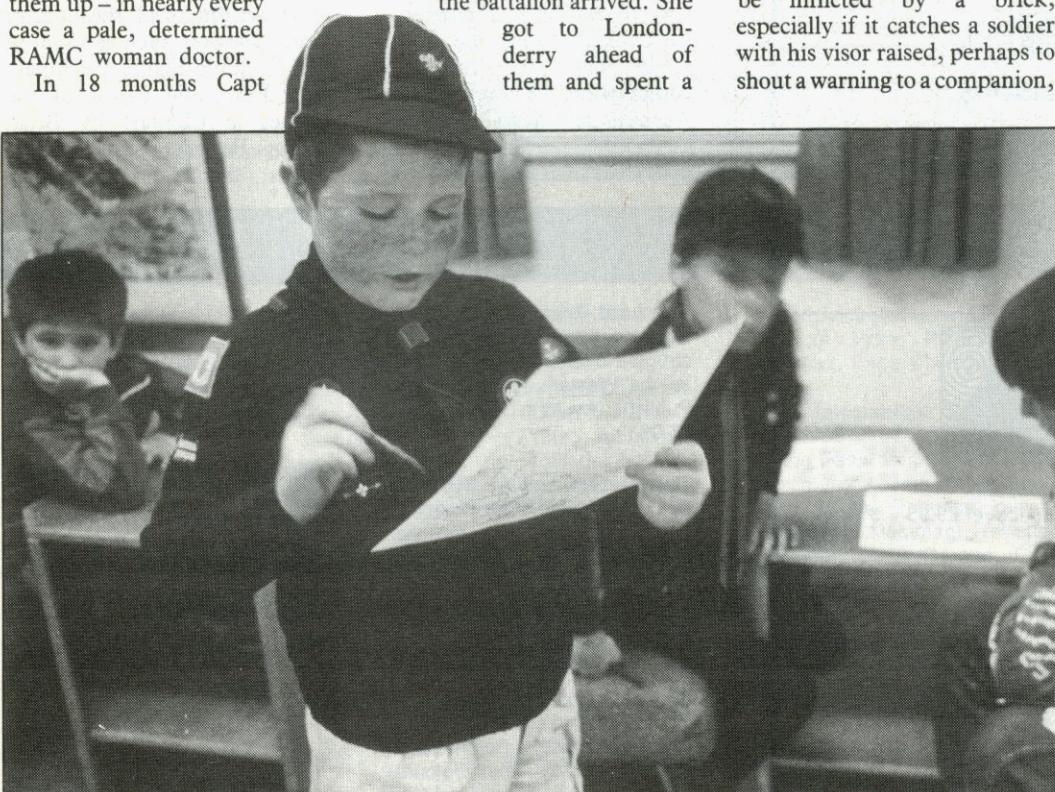
They set to willingly to demonstrate to SOLDIER just how they handled casualties and quickly produced a bloody victim in the shape of Pte Terry Tansley from Sheffield.

The type of vicious gash on his forehead is something they have to deal with too often in reality.

Capt Horrocks is going to be missed when she is posted to the British Military Hospital, Munster, later this year.

Though she is no relation of the celebrated Sir Brian she has a lot of that old warrior's knack of understanding the ordinary soldier.

★ COMBAT kit is not the only uniform to be seen at Ebrington Barracks. There is also a flourishing pack of Cubs looked after by Mrs Nicola Danie who started them up after her husband was posted to Northern Ireland from Hong Kong. He is a PSI with 211 Ambulance Squadron RCT.



Pack activity time for Nicola Danie's Cubs at Ebrington Barracks

## NEW FROM BRASSEY'S LAND WARFARE SERIES

Executive Editor: Colonel R G Lee  
Editor-in-Chief: Professor Frank Hartley

The most up-to-date information and analysis on military systems and technology and their influence on land warfare will be presented in this comprehensive series.

### GUIDED WEAPONS

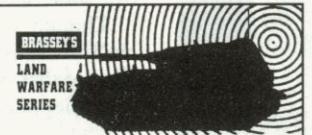
Col R G Lee et al  
200pp approx 0 08 035828 4 (H) 0 08 035827 6 (F)  
June 1988

### NOISE IN THE MILITARY ENVIRONMENT

R F Powell & M R Forrest  
200pp approx 0 08 035830 6 (H) 0 08 035831 4 (F)  
June 1988

Forthcoming topics in the series include:

- EXPLOSIVES, PROPELLANTS & PYROTECHNICS
- AMMUNITION
- AMMOURED VEHICLES
- GUNS, MORTARS & ROCKETS
- NUCLEAR WEAPONS
- SMALL ARMS & CANNONS
- COMMAND CONTROL & COMMUNICATIONS
- SURVEILLANCE & TARGET ACQUISITION
- MILITARY BALLISTICS
- MILITARY HELICOPTERS
- CHEMICAL & BIOLOGICAL WARFARE
- MILITARY DATA PROCESSING & MICROCOMPUTING



Prices (subject to change without notice)  
Hardcover £18.95 \$29.95 Flexicover £9.95 \$14.95

From bookshops or by post from:  
(UK and Rest of the World) **Brassey's**, Headington Hill  
Hall, Oxford, OX3 0BW, UK (0865) 64881  
(Americas) **Pergamon-Brassey's**, Maxwell House,  
Fairview Park, Elmsford, NY 10523, USA (914) 592-7700  
Please quote Ref. No. BRA 722

**BRASSEY'S DEFENCE PUBLISHERS**  
(A Member of Maxwell Pergamon Publishing Corporation plc)

# The complete book of Irish soldiers

An Irish Ranger prepares to go on patrol in Cyprus during a tour of duty in the mid Seventies. The Irish soldier has played his part in military history all over the world



IRISH soldiery has a truly amazing history with its roots in the dim past of legend and mysterious names like Briothao-Maoil and Nuada. To the latter's reign belong The Three Sorrowful Tales of Erin.

It was against the Norse invasions and occupations that really began the recorded history of warfare in Ireland, and it is this period to the era of King John in Ireland that forms the opening chapter in a remarkably detailed book, *A History of the Irish Soldier*.

In 566 pages Brig A E C Bredin presents a unique chronology of Irish involvement in war, not only in defence of the homeland but the considerable part played in the service of the British Crown, and as mercenaries in the armies of France and Spain.

He tells of the Irish commanders of the Imperial Austrian and Russian armies, and of the Irishmen who provided such a patent influ-

ence in both sides during the American Civil War.

Gen Sir John Hackett pays his compliment to the author in a foreword: "I was enthralled to learn so much more about my own regiment (which was also my grandfathers') than I ever knew before and I am sure every officer of an Irish regiment will have, when he reads this book, as he must, a similar experience."

It is not light entertainment, and the reader when he opens the book must be prepared to be informed. It is of such depth, detail and diversity as to be impossible to review adequately within the limitations of this space.

It can best be illustrated by using Brig Bredin's own words:

"One thinks of the ancient Irish Warriors such as Conn of the Hundred Fights, Cuchulain and Finn; the defeat of the Danes at Clontarf by Brian Boru; Patrick Sarsfield's exploits; and those of the

O'Neills; the 18th Royal Irish Regiment at Nama; the Irish Brigade winning the battle for the French at Fontenoy; the Connaught Rangers on many occasions in the Peninsular War and the Royal Irish Fusiliers especially at Barrosa; the raising of the Irish Guards as a tribute to the gallantry of the Irish Regiments in the Boer War; the outstanding rearguard action of the Royal Munster Fusiliers at Etreux, during the retreat from Mons; the valour of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers and the Royal Munster Fusiliers on V Beach at Gallipoli . . ."

The publishers believe the book to be the first attempted history of the Irish soldier. It is certainly one that would be extremely hard to follow. – BJ

**A History of the Irish Soldier**  
by Brig A E C Bredin. Published by Century Books, price £25 (post free to SOLDIER readers from The Universities Press Ltd, Alanbrooke Road, Belfast BT6 9HF).

## BOOKS IN BRIEF

**The Last Great Battle of the Somme** by G Y Cheyne. The struggle over Beaumont Hamel on the Western Front in 1916. Published by John Donald. Price £6.95.

**Complete Book of Survival** by Eddie McGee. How to survive in all climates and terrains. Published by Stanley Paul. Price £9.95.

**Sgt Bristow Remembers** by W H Bristow. In-pensioner Bristow of the Royal Hospital Chelsea recalls his adventurous life. He went to sea at 16, joined the West Yorkshire Regiment for 22 years with The Colours, owned a transport cafe, was bank messenger, stores supervisor, commissionaire, records clerk, salesman, department

supervisor, security man and (in Australia) a memorial plot salesman. Published by Virgin Press. Price £5.50 hardback, £2.75 paperback.

**Malta, The Triumphant Years 1940-43** by George Hogan. "The truth about Malta's glorious story" by former deputy editor of SOLDIER, who rose from bandboy to major in The Royal Hampshire Regiment and later became Editor-in-Chief of the Sunday Times of Malta. Reissued in paperback by Progress Press, Malta.

**The Weary Road** by Charles Douie. The war memoirs of Douie who served on the Western Front in the First World War with the 1st Dorset

Regiment and in Italy with the Royal Munster Fusiliers. Republished by The Strong Oak Press and Tom Donovan Publishing. Price £11.95.

**World War Two through German Eyes** by James Lucas. The view from the other side, with detailed explanation of the peculiar social, economic and military phenomena of the Nazi regime. Published by Arms and Armour Press. Price £14.95.

**The Day Thou Gavest!** by A E Taplin. Humorous and adventurous stories of war and peace which the author experienced or saw. Published by Merlin. Price £5.95.

**Service Handguns** by Klaus-Peter Konig and Martin Hugo. Survey of more than 200 pistols and revolvers which have been introduced into military and police service in Europe since 1850. A collectors' guide.

Published by Batsford. Price £14.95.

**Redcoat** by Bernard Cornwell. Fiction story about the British Redcoats v the rebellious colonists in Philadelphia in 1777. Paperback published by Sphere. Price £3.50.

**A Life on the Line** by Ashton Wade. The author's memoirs which include more than half his working life in the Army, joining the Royal Signal Corps at its initiation, and serving through two world wars, the Malayan

Emergency and the nationalisation of India. Published by Costello. Price £14.95.

**The Impossible Victory** by Brian Harpur. Events leading up to the Battle for the River Po, in which the author was a junior officer in the Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment. Reissued in paperback by Coronet. Price £2.95.

**Thirteen Letters from a Scottish Soldier** by W S Brownlie. Eighteen pages of 13 letters written by Pte Mathew Orr, 92nd Regiment The Gordon Highlanders, about his brief but tragic military career 1913-15. Published by Half-Century Press, 58 John St, Penicuik, Midlothian EH26 8NE. Price £7.50.

## Dietrich: Ordinary man or monster?

FOR well over 50 years SS General Sepp Dietrich maintained a notorious reputation for being a devotee of Naziism. Dietrich had a military career that began in 1911 with enlistment in the Bavarian army, interrupted when he fell heavily from a horse and resumed with the outbreak of war in 1914.

But it is as leader of Adolf Hitler's personal bodyguard in the early 1930s and the formation of the SS Leibstandarte, which he initiated, that first gave him a prominent place in military history.

His part in the infamous Night of the Long Knives of 1934, for which he stood trial as late as 1957, is a prime reason for his notoriety.

More than all other reasons, however, his reputation was gained because of accusations of numerous war crimes.

Dietrich has been described as an "ordinary man" – a surprising tag for one with associations with such horrendous acts.

Now, in a first biography, *Hitler's Gladiator*, Charles Messenger attempts to explain the paradox.

He explored archives in Germany, Britain and the USA, and interviewed survivors who knew the man. The result is an enlightening portrait of both Dietrich and his Germany.

As the war progressed he attracted a mounting reputation for atrocities but only one resulted in a postwar war crimes trial. This was the Malmedy massacre of December 1944, a detailed study of which can be found in Leo Kessler's *SS Peiper* (Leo Cooper/Secker & Warburg), a good companion for this latest biography of Dietrich. – BJ

**Hitler's Gladiator: The Life and Times of Obergruppenfuehrer and Panzergeneral-Oberst Der Waffen-SS Sepp Dietrich** by Charles Messenger. Published by Brassey's Defence Publishers. Price £14.95.

# CLASSIFIED

# CLASSIFIED

# CLASSIFIED

**SOLDIER MAGAZINE** - MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR COPY REGULARLY - ONLY £14.05 FOR A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION UK, £10.00 BFPO, ELSEWHERE £17.80 OVERSEAS (SURFACE MAIL), SOLDIER MAGAZINE, SUBSCRIPTIONS DEPT, ORDNANCE ROAD, ALDERSHOT, HANTS GU11 2DU. (Cheques to Command Cashier UKLF).

## Cars

**Urgently wanted** low mileage left and right hand drive Citroen, Peugeot, Honda, Renault, all models, especially Diesels. High instant cash. Ring Brian 01-441 3046 or 0860 627554. 31/88

## For Sale

**Military Postcards:** King's Division (7pc) £2.50, Yeomanry Cavalry (set 1) £2.20, Yeomanry Cavalry (set 2) £2.20, alternatively SAE for sample. Geoff White, 19 Rushmoor Lane, Backwell BS19 3JA. 39/88

**US Elite Insignia**, compare these prices: cloth patches - 101st Airborne col/sbd £1.95, 101st Airborne Vietnam col £2.25, Special Forces col £2.25, Air Cav Vietnam col/sbd £3.50, Air Cav Sniper col/sbd £3.50, 82nd Airborne col/sbd £2.25, SOCOM col/sbd £2.75, 1st Inf Vietnam £3.50, Son Tay Raider £3.50, MACV-SOG £3.50, 5th SF Gr beret flash £2.00, Airborne Command £1.75. Metal items: SF crest £3.50, basic para wings £3.00, helicopter gunship wings £4.95, unit crests 82nd Abn, 101st Abn £2.95, Special Warfare Centre crest £3.50, SOCOM crest £3.75. All US insignia prices definitely lowest in UK. Fully illustrated 22 page catalogue costs £1 (refundable) and contains many relevant facts concerning insignia. ONLY catalogue around that does this - a welcome change from just lists of for sale items I think you will agree. Mike Lapworth, 109 Reedley Road, Bristol BS9 1BE. 31/88

**Complete Pipe Band Equipment**, Embroidered Badges, Banners, Lanyards, etc., write for free catalogue to Geoffrey Enterprises, Railway Road, Sialkot - 51310, (Pakistan). A35/88

**Bundeswehr**, illustrated Catalogue, Army, Airforce, Navy. Cap, arm, rank. Trade badges, divisional signs. SAE plus 3 x 18p stamps to D Hallgate, Nachtral Strassen 60, 4900 Herford, W. Deutschland. 41/88

**Miniature Medals and clasps**. 4 Queen's Silver Jubilee Medals, £3.75 each. Borneo, Palestine, Radfan, Malay Peninsula, and South Arabia Miniature Clasps, £1.00 each. PRI Shop, IA and SH Roman Barracks, Colchester, Essex CO2 9NT. 27/88

**Why not start collecting**, coronation, jubilee, school, sports, masonic, buffs, religious, Red Cross, hospital, nurses and miscellaneous medals, lapel badges, etc. Send first class stamp for free list and free gift offer to: 18 Hollybank Road, Birkenhead L41 2SY. 29/88

**Cap badges**, Regimental ties, Blazer badges, Medals, Insignia. SAE for free list, Cairncross (Dept S) 31 Bellevue St, Filey, North Yorks. 36/88

**Born 1890-1980?** Order your genuine original London 'Times' Newspaper in attractive presentation wallet, for Birthdays, anniversaries, retirements etc. £13.95 each inc p&p Any 3 dates £36.00 (overseas postage extra). Access/Visa/cheques. Free details: Bygone News, 56 Hill Road, Weston-Super-Mare, Avon. Tel: 0934 412844. 24 hrs. 33/88

**Gloucester Medal/Militaria Fair**. Bowden Hall Hotel, Upton St., Leonards, Gloucester, Sunday 17th July (10.00am-5.00pm). Many leading dealers exhibiting. Excellent parking/refreshments. Signposted. Enquiries: 0753 34777. 29/88

**Free lists:** Genuine Militaria (list 2) largest in UK; Medals and World Ribbons (list 1); Military Photographs and Books (list 4); Mess dress badges, new miniature medals, presentation glassware with regt. badge (list 3). Money back guarantee. Send 20p SAE. Sunset Militaria, Dinedor Cross, Herefordshire HR2 6PF. 29/88

**Diamond Brooches**. R.A.M.C. brooch set, with half carat of diamonds, 9 ct gold £390. Direct from manufacturer. Others available. Details from J. M. Bickerton, Manufacturing Jewellers, 13 Vyse Street, Birmingham B18 6LE. 021-551 7366. 31/88

**Medal Frame/Cases handmade**, deluxe hardwood style. 3-6 medals on bar £12.50, 1-2 £11.50 inc p&p UK/EEC. Details and payment to J. Cannon, 49 Dunmere Road, Torquay TQ1 1LR. 35/88

**British Formation signs**, titles, trade badges, cap badges, buttons. Send SAE for DEC list. Morris, West View, Little Crakenhall, Bedale, N Yorks DL8 1JD. 29/88

**The Collectors Market**. London Bridge main line station. On the concourse every Saturday. Various Militaria dealers buying and selling, including badges, medals, equipment and bayonets. Also martial music recordings. Enquiries 01-620 0462. Evenings 01-398 1689. 27/88

**Watches**, genuine issue quartz, guaranteed six months £23 including p&p. Fronwern Ltd, Selsley Rd, Stroud, Gloucester. 33/88

**Original cap badges**, helmet plates, shoulder titles, etc. bought and also British, German and European medals and militaria. Telephone or write to: Steven Bosley, Coldstream Military Antiques, 55a High Street, Marlow, Bucks. Tel: 0628 822503. 49/88

**Ever wanted a title?** (With use of remote Lochside Retreat) Become a Scottish Highland 'Laird' for only £10.00. Souvenir Land Plots now available in Historic Highlands. Handsome personalised Land Title-Deed bestowing the Title 'Laird' on owner. A unique gift idea. Full details from S.A. Survival (Land), 5 Gayfield, Arbroath, Angus, Scotland DD11 1QJ. 31/88

**Military Books**: German WW II, 1200+ books, Uniforms, Waffen SS, Photo Histories. American Military 750+ books, Vietnam, Korea, Civil War, WW II, send 50p each, (stamps acceptable) to Historybooks, Broadway, London N11 3DU. 26/88

**Cap badges** - collector breaking collection of cap badges, medals etc. Large SAE for lists. Also American cloth and metal items. S. Tagg, 43 Brompton Farm Road, Strood, Kent ME2 3QX. 27/88

**Genuine British Military Badges**, shoulder titles, collar "dogs" and overseas badges for sale and wanted. Large SAE for lists - C. L. Heys (Antiques) Ltd, PO Box 615, Sutton Coldfield B74 2XL. 36/88

**'Soldiers Do It Better'** Rubber stamp. Ideal for stamping envelopes, letters etc. only £3.50 each from S.A. Survival, 5 Gayfield, Arbroath, Angus, Scotland DD11 1QJ. 31/88

**Original Watercolours**. British soldiers in watercolour, you choose the regiment and period. Information from the artist: Brian Fraser-Harrison, Mouldsworth House, Mouldsworth, Chester CH3 8AP. 33/88

**Aldershot Medal/Militaria Fair**. Royal Aldershot Officers' Club, Farnborough Road, Aldershot (A325 between Farnborough/Farnham). Sunday 31st July, 10.30am-4.30pm. Many leading dealers exhibiting. Enquiries: 0753 34777. 31/88

**Watches**, imitation watches in the style of a leading Swiss watch manufacturer, featuring day, magnified date £45. Ferrari sunglasses £4.99 to Oyster Products, Surcon House, Copson Street, Withington, Manchester M20 9HE. (SAE for full brochure.) 30/88

**Posted overseas?** Don't miss out on your copy of SOLDIER - all BFPO SUBSCRIPTIONS POSTAGE FREE - so take out a subscription now - send your cheque for £10.00 payable to 'Command Cashier UKLF' to Soldier Magazine, Subscription Dept, Parsons House, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU. 31/88

**Heavy duty boot zips**. These have been specifically designed for use with the British Army High Leg Combat Boot but can be used with other boots. Black 9 hole . . . only £6.50 a pair, post 50p. This is one of 100's of items available, see our main ad in Soldier Mart, and send SAE for free 1988 Surplus Catalogue. Dept. S, Joe's Surplus, Ashgrove Farm, Ardley, Bicester, Oxon OX6 9PJ. 33/88

**Regimental Wall Shields & Plaques**. Leaders in manufacture & design. Traditional & New Design minimum order (50) @ £7.50. Regimental Coasters, Place Mats, Clocks, Gold & Silver engraved giftware and tableware. Military Marketing, 37 Avonside, Stratford upon Avon CV37 6BJ. Tel: 0789 293048/0533 774038. Send for full colour brochure and receive the service of a manufacturer. 29/88

**Military Posters and Prints**, large selection, British, SAS, US, Foreign, Aircraft, Ships, Tanks, Para's, Mercenaries, Foreign Legion, Vietnam, Rhodesia, also military watches, US patches + videos. Large SAE. Military Collector Service, 51-53 London Road, Croydon, Surrey CR0 2RF. 31/88

**Army green penholder bazzards**, with flap for rank £3.40, DPM style £3.60. V. Henderson, 6 Thames Crescent, Melksham, Wilts SN12 8BH. 27/88

**Major Models International**. Terrains, AFV's Aircraft, Ships, Figures for recognition, tactical training presentations, displays. A4 SAE details from 23 Falconers Road, Luton, Beds LU2 9ET. 31/88

**Military Books** for sale, out of print biographies, campaigns, unit histories, militaria and weapon books. Send SAE for list to Derek Hayles Military Books, 35 St Mark's Road, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 6DJ. 31/88

**Try out these** successful betting techniques on the racetracks and casinos, large SAE for details to Nico Books, 27 Lytton Road, Oxford. 27/88

**Attract women**. With 'The Equaliser' the high concentrate 'Pheromone' spray that gives You the edge. It's so effective that you'll need the free gift that we supply with each 'Equaliser' spray. Only £9.85 each from: S. A. Survival, Brothock Bridge, Arbroath, Scotland DD11 1QJ. 27/88

**Army Dog Tags with Chain**. Punched with name, D.O.B., blood group, allergies, organisation, rank, number, etc. as applicable. State requirements. Up to forty letters. Send now only £3.50 plus p&p 20p. Cheques/PO to Saracen Surplus, 153 Forres Drive, Glenrothes, Fife, Scotland KY6 2JY. 33/88

**British Military Badges**, old and modern. Special forces, American, Foreign badges, including cloth insignia. Regular comprehensive lists £1.00. Victor Young, (Soldier), 31 London Road, Dover. 37/88

**Staybright cap badges**, send SAE for list. Also many rare badges for sale and regimental histories. Bruntlett, 68 Pinfold Lane, Methley, W Yorks. Tel Castleford 515811. 27/88

**War Medals bought and sold**, SAE for sample sales list. Efficient friendly service. Mark Carter, PO Box 470, Slough SL3 6RR. 0753 34777. 35/88

**Rhodesian and South African militaria**, badges and videos. SAE for lists to GWW, BCM 8191, London WC1N 3XX. 37/88

**Kipling's Soldiers** are the subject of Set 11 in our series of coloured postcards reproduced from original paintings by Bryan Fosten. Each of the six cards depict soldiers from various regiments in settings relevant to six of Kipling's Barrack Room Ballads. Included with the postcards is a broadsheet with the full text of "Tommy"; "Gunga Din"; "Mandalay"; "Fuzzy-Wuzzy"; "Gentlemen-Rankers" and "The Young British Soldier". They cost £2.25 per set from: The Pompadour Gallery, Fairview Parade, Mawney Road, Romford, Essex RM7 7HH. 27/88

**There's Something About a Soldier**. Sweatshirts and T-Shirts, available in red, white or navy, sizes 24", 26/28", 30" (children's), small, medium, large, X-large (adults). Children's - T-Shirts £3.40, sweatshirts £7.00, Adults - T-Shirts £4.20 (S,M,L), £4.49 (XL), sweatshirts £8.99 (S,M,L), £9.65 (XL). Send your order with cheque/PO payable to Command Cashier UKLF, stating first and second colour choice, to Soldier Magazine, Parsons House, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU. Allow 21 days for delivery. 29/88

**Genuine British Commonwealth metal cloth badges**, div signs, cap, collar badges. Metal clothes/titles spares, taking exchange, part exchange. 2 x 18p stamps, list ready late June/July. Kelk, Sweenchgate Cotts., Broad Oak, Canterbury, Kent. 27/88

**Direct Military Supplies (UK)** now offer an expanding range of top quality NEW only products. Military clothing and equipment. Boots, pace sticks, white gloves and belts, Military bergens and much more. Write or ring today for our free brochure. Direct Military Supplies (UK), PO Box 94, Chippenham, Wilts SN15 3HR. Telephone 0249 65813. 43/88

**Volunteers Pocket Books** help make efficient soldiers - ideal for the TA & HSF, 190 pages packed with useful training information & illustrations. Space for personal info & training records, skill at arms, SLR, LMG, GPMG & all training tests, action in emergency First Aid, map reading, orienteering, NBC, Fieldcraft - all aspects, arduous training, health & hygiene, military law, pay & allowances, method of instruction, signals procedure, AFV & Aircraft recognition. Supplied with plastic wallet cover. Get one from your PSAC or send name, number, unit and address with £3.25 to Military Pocket Books, PO Box 28, Leven, Beverley, N Humberside HU17 5LA. 43/88

## Holidays

**Plymouth**. Comfortable guest home close to Hoe and all amenities. H & C. Families welcome. T.V.s in all rooms. Open all year. Deva House, 16 Radford Road, West Hoe, Plymouth PL1 3BY. Tel: 0752 662999. 29/88

**Richmond**, family run guest house. Licensed, television, H & C, teasemades all rooms. Ex-services owned. Gordon Park, Pottersgate Guest House, 4 Pottersgate, Richmond, North Yorks DL10 4AB. (0748) 3826. 30/88

**Newquay, Cornwall**. The Arethusa Guest House, B&B from £49, evening meal optional. Colour televisions, tea making facilities. 14 Springfield Road, Newquay. Ring 0637 878982 for free brochure. 35/88

# HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

COMPETITION  
441

The pictures below differ in ten details. Find them and you could be £50 richer or win a new book. Just circle the differences in the right hand picture, cut out the whole panel, add your name and address and send to HOAY 441, SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, Aldershot GU11 2DU by July 15. Do not include anything else in your envelope.

More than one entry can be submitted but photocopies cannot be accepted.

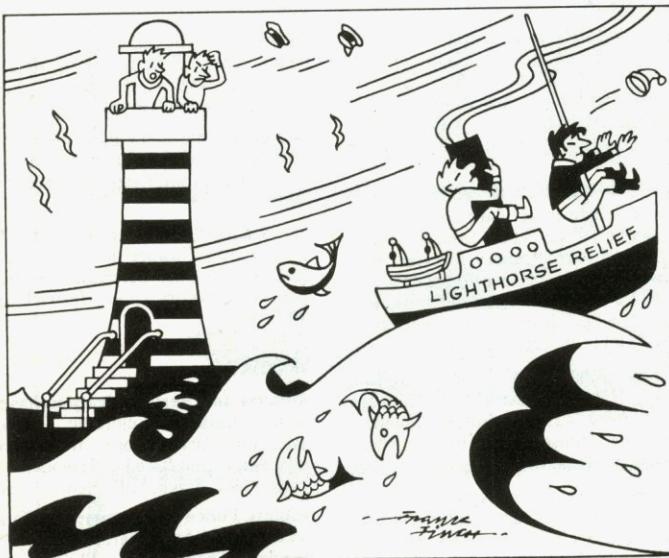
The first correct entries drawn will be the winners. No correspondence can be entered into.

The names of the winner of the £50 first prize and two runners-up will be announced in the August 8 issue.

Name: (Give rank or title)

Address:

WIN  
£50



## BEST FOR YOU?

DPM KIT KARRY SMOCK



DPM SASS SPECIAL SMOCK

These, plus 44 pages of other military kit are in SASS MAG 5.

For your FREE copy send large SAE with 24p stamp to:

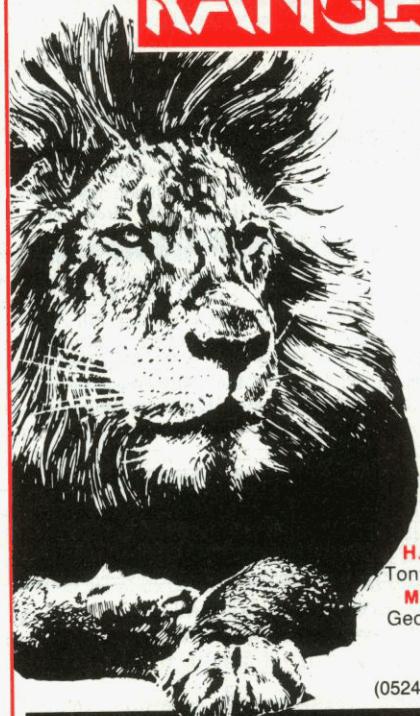
**SPECIAL AIR SEA SERVICES**  
**SAINT GEORGE'S WORKS**  
**SAINT GEORGE'S QUAY**  
**LANCASTER, LANCS.**  
**TEL: (0524) 64204**

515

**RANGERS**



**TAX  
FREE**



H.Q. (0980) 53434/53427  
Tony Whale or Jackie Rhodes  
MIDLANDS/EAST ANGLIA  
George Loving (0255) 476525  
24 hr Answerphone  
**BFG AGENT**  
(05241) 47253 Evenings/Weekends

**POST THIS COUPON FOR YOUR LION'S SHARE**

Name: ..... Rank: .....

Address: ..... Tel: .....

TO **RANGERS TALBOT MILITARY SALES LTD.**,  
**FREEPOST** SP4 8BR  
DURRINGTON, SALISBURY

ENCLOSE IN ENVELOPE FOR SECURITY

**PEUGEOT  
REQUIRED**

|     |                          |
|-----|--------------------------|
| 205 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 309 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 305 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 405 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 505 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

# CLASSIFIED ..... CLASSIFIED ..... CLASSIFIED

**The French Riviera** with Holimartine. Self cater motoring holidays in luxury mobile homes on the 4 star Holiday Green complex at Frejus. For free colour brochure ring or write to: Holimartine (S of France) Ltd, FREEPOST, Rochdale, Lancs OL11 5BR, England. Tel: (0706) 353330 A.B.T.A. member. 27/88

**Cyprus.** Unbeatable bargains from CY£91.50 P.P.P. week (flight extra). 3 Star family hotel. Includes unlimited mileage hirecar, air conditioning and half-board accommodation. Large child discounts. For information, ring David 051-722 3708 (anytime) or, write Sunworld Travel, 65 Dudlow Lane, Liverpool 18. 37/88

**St Ives, Cornwall.** The Toby Jug Guest House, B&B from £7.50, EM opt., all rooms have sea views and colour TV's, all amenities, run by qualified chef and wife, open all the year. Phone Bill or Margaret for brochure 0736 794250. 27/88

A/51/88

## Houselets

**Medway Towns.** Worry free letting - full management service. Houses urgently required for waiting clients. Section 20 included. For further information contact Homemaker Property Management, 139-147 New Road, Chatham, Kent. Telephone 0634 400233. 29/88

**Profit from your property** with Belvedene Property Management Specialists for HM Forces worldwide. Homeowner? Posted and worried? Let good tenants pay your mortgage while you are away! We provide a complete, comprehensive, reliable and guaranteed Property Rental and Management Service tailored for the special needs of our HM Forces clients from the longest established fully professional specialist Agency. Full coverage all areas England and Wales. Most of the staff are ex-service themselves and understand your problems completely, including the special Rent Act provisions to protect you as Homeowners abroad. \*Find out about our full range of services\* Send now for full details and brochure to: Belvedene Property Management, Sundown House, Rectory Lane, Woodmansterne, Surrey SM7 3PP. Tel Downland (07375) 51273 Telex 8956867 SUNGRP G. 25/89

**North Yorkshire.** Let Property Management Services take care of your letting and your property. Family firm offers complete package tailored to your requirements. Free advice. No obligation. Moderate fees. PMS, 25 Falcon Close, Scotton, Catterick Garrison, N. Yorks. Phone Richmond (0748) 834147. 37/88

**Exeter/Taunton/Newton Abbot** - Professional Management - Bayleys, 7 Hollow Lane, Exeter EX1 3PH. (0392) 66723. 25/88

**The Servicemen's House Letting and Caretaking Agency** provides a property management service which is second to none. Designed by servicemen specifically for house-owning servicemen in the Surrey/Berkshire/Hampshire/Wiltshire/Oxfordshire/Dorset areas. For brochure write or 'phone: SLCA, "Wild Woods", 12 Lime Ave, Camberley, Surrey. Tel: (0276) 21847. Also SLCA, "Brae House", Marlborough, Wilts. Tel: (0672) 54380. Also SLCA, 65 Dorchester Road, Oakdale, Poole, Dorset. Tel: (0202) 680073. 38/88

**Dorset area**, including Bournemouth, Poole, New Forest. Long established specialist letting agents now with rental guaranteed insurance. Brochure from Michael Scott, 745 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. Phone (0202) 37321 - see our main ad in Soldier Mart. T/C

**Surrey, Sussex, East Hampshire and London** for landlord/tenant enquiries: Christopher St James Rentals PLC, 12 The Broadway, Wimbledon, London SW19 1RF. 01-879 7622. 27/88

**Being posted!** Thinking of letting your house/flat? In the North/Midlands - then you will need to know about this: Just listen. 24 hours, Abacus (0472) 241055 - direct line (0472) 358537. 27/88

**Houselets** offer a complete letting and management service for residential properties, throughout Devon and most of Somerset. Details from Houselets, 98 Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4RR. Telephone (0392) 34403. 9/89

## Information wanted

**Land Rovers.** Did you serve in Korea, Malaya, Oman, Aden, Africa, Cyprus, Lebanon or the Falklands? Author of book and specialist magazine series on the military Land Rover needs original photos and/or interesting and humorous stories of service Land Rovers from 1948 to present. Morrison, 40 Oak Tree Park, Sticklath, Okehampton, Devon. 27/88

**6th Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers.** If you served in this Battalion 1943/45 would you contact me as I am compiling a list of all survivors. Possible reunion and circulation of a news-letter. Harry Holder, 100 Moss Lane, Sale, Cheshire M33 5BZ. 27/88

**1958-1959 Christmas Island Task Force Grapple.** Would any men who served with 94 Coy RCT (Christmas Island) please contact Bill Sievwright (Sgt retd) 54 West St, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 2UH. I am trying to trace any of the cards issued to us on our return to UK stating that we had served in a Nuclear Zone. 27/88

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

HEADING .....

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

If you need more space, please use a sheet of plain paper and attach firmly to this form

COST: 10p PER WORD, MINIMUM CHARGE £2.00. VAT AT 15% MUST BE ADDED.

ALL CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS MUST BE PREPAID AND WILL BE INSERTED IN THE FIRST AVAILABLE ISSUE.

WORDS AT 10p £.....  
TOTAL COST PER INSERTION £.....  
X NUMBER OF INSERTIONS £.....  
VAT (at 15%) £.....  
BOX NUMBER IF REQUIRED £2.00 PER THREE INSERTIONS

AMOUNT  
ENCLOSED £.....  
CHEQUE/PO No .....  
(Made payable to Command Cashier UKLF)

## Miscellaneous

**Leaving Forces?** Qualified skippers, Crews required. UK\* Europe\* Med\* Atlantic\* Pacific. Must have appropriate sailing experience. S.A.E. and CV to CYS Ltd., Hoo Marina, Vicarage Lane, Hoo ME3 9LE. 27/88

Filofax binders and refill packs, posted UK, worldwide, VAT free export. Mail order dept., Thanet Business Supplies, 2/3 Orange Street, Canterbury CT1 2JA. Fax 0227 60548. 43/88

43/88

## Reunions

**The Queen's Regiment** Grand Reunion 10th July 1988, at Bassingbourne Barracks, Royston, Herts starting at 12 o'clock - Enquiries to Major R Waite on Canterbury (0227) 763434 extension 4254. 27/88

02/89

## Services

**Printing** Draw tickets, numbered and perforated, minimum 3,000, £30.00, extra 1000s £6.00. Raised ink "at home" cards, invitations, mess, unit and personal stationery. 0256 475078 Servisprint, Freepost, Basingstoke RG22 4BR. 31/88

43/88

**Buy a house** in UK whilst abroad. Sarum Properties are expert in arranging all the details from searching to letting your property for you. Buy now as a home or investment. Call or write for our details: Sarum Properties, The Beeches, Broadchalke, Salisbury, Wilts SP5 5DI. Tel: 0722 780783. 41/88

33/88

**Loans £1000-£4000.** Clear up to date loans, HP, credit cards. All ranks age 21+. 0929 423925. Forces Finance, Britannic House, 18a Strete Road, Swanage BH19 1NF. 29/88

29/88

**Dynamic CVs.** We are specialists in CV preparation and can greatly enhance your future job opportunities, and help you establish a career in Civilian life. Discounts for all Forces personnel, so do contact: Dynamic CVs, 32 Orkney Close, Nuneaton, Warwickshire CV10 7LB. Telephone 0203-326426. 27/88

29/88

**'Harcos'** traditional Officer's shoe, finest leather, veldtschoen style upper steel toecap, lightweight moulded polyurethane sole, water and oil resistant £29.50 incl. p&p. Harco Ltd, Ashton-sub-Edge, Chipping Campden, Glos GL55 6QA. Tel. 0386 840776. 29/88

11/89

**Horse Transportation.** UK/BAOR. Regular round trips, all customs documentation included. Special forces rates. Most bookings required 8 weeks prior to travel date. Capt M R Brown, The Blues and Royals, BFPO 16. 27/88

37/88

**Attenshun!** Can this C.V. service be different? You bet! Codeword Quality means Value for Money, Fast Turnaround, Pertinent Content, Type-set-quality Text. Telephone or write Sue (0786) 78469, 15 Kenningknowes Road, Stirling FK7 9JF. 33/88

41/85

**Filofax binders** and refill packs, posted UK, worldwide, VAT free export. Mail order dept., Thanet Business Supplies, 2/3 Orange Street, Canterbury CT1 2JA. Fax 0227 60548. 43/88

43/88

**Stamp collectors join Dusstamps.** Your club which operates worldwide from BFPO 1 to BFPO 666 and Australia to Zimbabwe. Monthly newsletter and postal auction. For details contact Jim Morris, 56 Moss Lane, Sale, Cheshire M33 5AR. 061-973 3458. 02/89

02/89

**Your home movies transferred to video.** Fully insured mail order service with pleasure. Studio 7 (Dept SM), 7 Pergine Crescent, Poole, Dorset. Tel (0202) 674906 (England). 43/88

43/88

**Film to tape**, Super 8mm, Std 8mm, 35mm slides. Transferred to Beta or VHS tape. SAE P. Harding, 11 Hare Crescent, Watford, Herts WD2 7EE. 5/89

5/89

**Mortgages.** Salisbury Plain area. Ring 0980 862908. Call on us or we can call on you. Ring John Barrett and see if we can help. 43/88

43/88

**Loans £300-£2000.** Personal loans for any purpose. Cheaper than your Credit Card. Forces only personnel. Admiral Finance, 1 Baldry Close, Ipswich IP3 3RF. 33/88

33/88

## Wanted

**Militaria and Aeronautica purchased.** Books, magazines, clothing, badges, plastic kits (Airfix, Frog), toys (Dinky), collections purchased. Rivendell 2b Kings Road, Biggin Hill, Kent. 29/88

29/88

**Military Police and Regimental Police** items wanted by private collector, eg. Armbands, badges, caps. Phone 01-521 6273, 9am-9pm or write to Parkers Shoe Repairs, 1 Coppermill Lane, Walthamstow, London E17 7HA. 31/88

31/88

**Militaria wanted:** Medals, Badges, Insignia, Books, etc. Major D A Tresham CD, Box 7150 Vanier, Ontario, Canada K1L 8E3. 11/89

11/89

## Situations Vacant

**Earn as you learn:** Coldcasting with bronze; for fullest details of this extremely profitable home business, plus sample valuable coin reproduction please send £1 to: Coldcast Reproductions (S.M.), 4 Brothock Bridge, Arbroath, Scotland DD1 1NG (prop. J. Henderson). 37/88

37/88

**DISPLAY** advertising rates are available on request. SOLDIER reserves the right to decline or cancel any advertisement without explanation, accepts no responsibility for printing errors, and accepts no liability or responsibility for the contents of advertisements. 41/85

41/85

NEXT

SCHOOL POOL

FEATURE

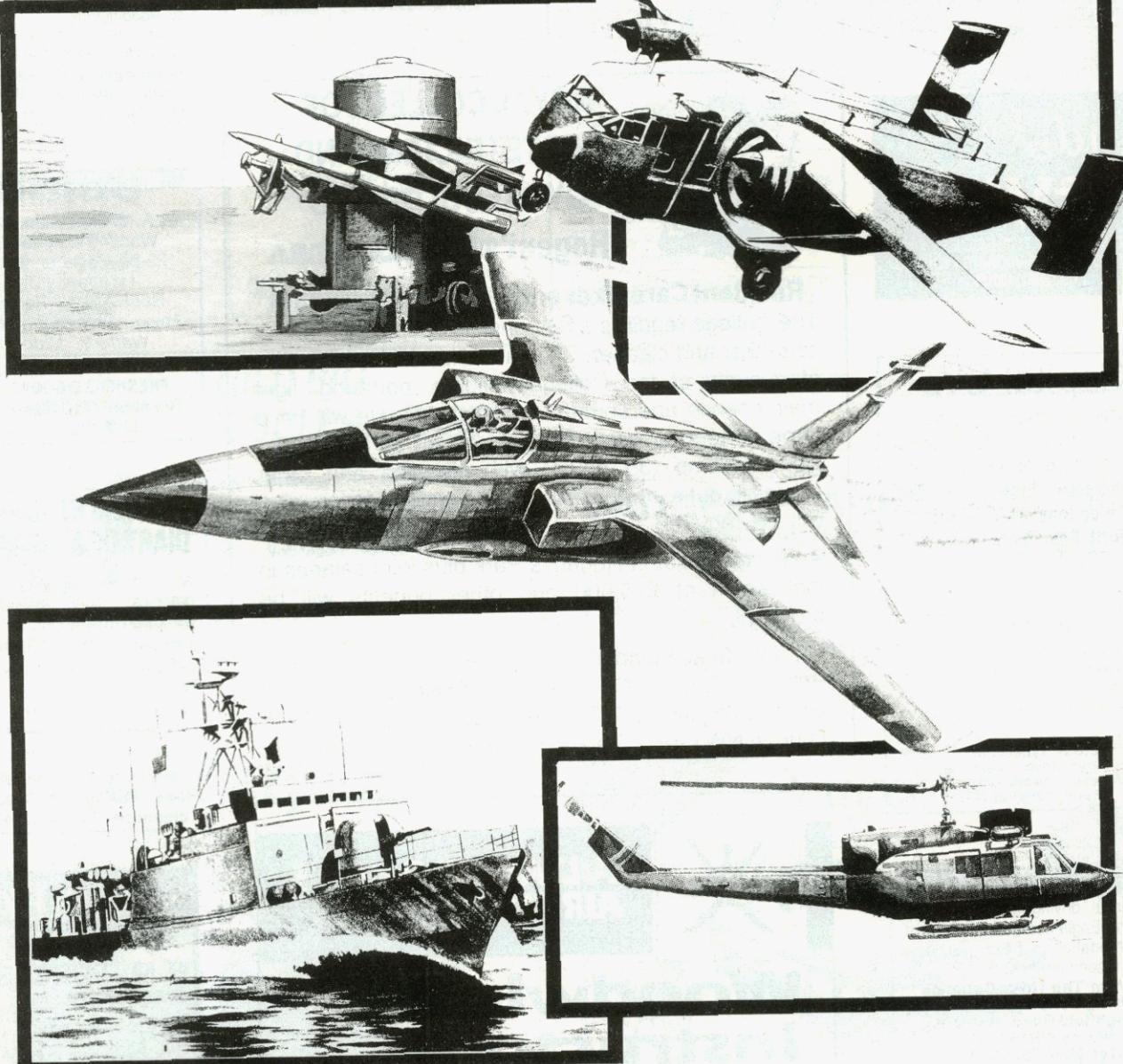
appears on

July 11th

DON'T MISS IT!

11/89

# Airwork



**If you enjoy  
the work,  
why leave  
it behind?**

You've spent years acquiring, developing and perfecting your expertise. So, if you're about to leave the Service, make sure you join an organisation which will encourage you to make full use of your skills and qualifications.

An organisation like Airwork - leaders in military support technology and training to British and overseas Governments. With a 3,000 strong workforce primarily composed of ex-Service officers and technicians, we are the most experienced organisation of our kind in the world. Our client list is prestigious, our resources, high calibre technicians and our varied openings offer responsibility, involvement and job satisfaction.

If you're interested, please write (no stamp required), enclosing CV, to Mr D Milne, Airwork Ltd, FREEPOST, Hurn, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 6BR.



**Airwork**  
Limited

## ALL THE BEST MANAGERS NEED A GOOD CV

and writing that good CV is much simpler than you think. Our step by step guide will give you all the necessary information, including easy to follow examples.

£3.95 (incl P + P). Only from  
Premier Publications, 40 Montague Street,  
York YO2 1JB.

5129

## image... CV's

GIVES YOU THE EDGE...  
FORTYFOOT HOUSE, BRIDLINGTON YO16 5SQ.  
TEL: (0262) 400153.

611

## Capital CVs

We offer a high quality curriculum vitae preparation service. Whatever your current position, we can express convincingly what you have to offer.

Telephone: 01-607 7905  
41 North Road, London N7 9DP

## FORCES CVs

Have your CV professionally laid out in a smart presentation folder. It could make all the difference.

Up to 50% discount for forces personnel.  
Write to:

C.D.E. Typescript,  
13 St Marys Road, Great Bentley,  
Colchester, Essex CO7 8ML.  
Phone (0206) 251019

213

## DRIVING COURSES and TEST

Residential driving courses in the heart of England. Good food and accommodation. Easy access. Highly recommended.

Brochure: The Three Counties  
Driving School, Highfield,  
3 Highfield Road, Malvern,  
Worcester WR14 1HR.  
Tel. 0684 892640/1.

512

## TREAT YOURSELF

Leaving the Service? Take the sting out of job hunting. Have your skills and accomplishments translated into civvy language the easy way. Fast service and competitive rates. Applications treated in confidence. Write for free details.

KELVON CV SERVICES  
PO BOX 842, Rustington, Littlehampton,  
West Sussex BN16 3BN.

611

## LEAVING THE SERVICES?

Let a professionally written and produced C.V. offer your experience and skills to a prospective employer. For details of our C.V. writing, job hunting and placement services contact:

PMS

14 High Street  
Wendover  
Bucks HP22 6EA  
Tel: 0296 625411

215

## NEED A CV?

For free details contact the specialists in CV production.

(Forces Dept.)  
PO Box 573  
Sutton Coldfield  
West Midlands.  
B73 6PA  
021-355 2187

412

**CV SERVICES**

## LEAVING THE SERVICE?

A PROFESSIONALLY PREPARED  
C.V. IMPROVES JOB PROSPECTS  
DRAMATICALLY

CV PLUS, (Dept S), The Stores, The Street,  
Worth, near Deal, Kent CT14 0DG.  
Tel: (0304) 614078

413

## SCHOOL CLOTHING NAMETAPES

Mailed in 28 days after receipt.

3 doz (same name) £5.60

6 doz (same name) £6.15

12 doz (same name) £7.70

Please enclose cheque/PO payable to Boddingtons.

Write name in block letters stating red/blue/black lettering.

Boddingtons, Doodles, Cannons Lane, Hatfield Broad Oak, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

1115



## ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS Regent's Park, London

### Resident Caretaker and Domestic Assistant

The College requires a responsible couple as resident caretaker and cleaner. The caretaker will be in charge of security of the College building, portering, light maintenance and some cleaning duties. He will have three porters to assist. The spouse will be required to work full-time (35 hours) with cleaning and other domestic duties. Either evening or early morning work will be required.

An excellent flat in Regent's Park plus joint salaries in the region of £15,000 and other benefits will be provided.

For full details please write or telephone Miss Judy Brittan, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RG. Telephone: (01) 262-5425 ext 228.



## SULTAN OF OMAN'S AIR FORCE

## Woodwind Instructor

(F.Sgt.)

To teach clarinet and saxophone techniques to Omani trainees. Applicants must be former SNCO instrumentalists.

This is a uniformed contract appointment for two years, unaccompanied. Pay, in Omani Rials, is equivalent to £11,350 p.a. at the new fixed rate of exchange plus an end-of-contract gratuity of approx. £4,000. Pay and gratuity are tax-free normally, and fully remittable. Mess accommodation and services are provided free of charge and three periods of 20 days U.K. leave are granted annually with air passages paid.

Suitably qualified applicants should write with brief details of qualifications and experience and quote Ref. No. 29D to:- **Personnel Officer (M.R.), Airwork Limited, Bournemouth International Airport, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 6EB.**

## UBIQUE

By A. M. Cheetham. 226 pages.

Wartime experiences of a 25-pounder gunner with the 1st Infantry Division.

North Africa – Pantellaria – Anzio – Gothic Line – Mountain Warfare – Middle East.

To order send £5.50 (inc p&p) to:-  
**FRESHFIELD BOOKS (Dept S)**  
**80 FRESHFIELD ROAD, FORMBY,**  
**LIVERPOOL L37 7BQ.**

5126

## "ANZIO BEACHHEAD. DIARY OF A SIGNALLER"

An Artillery signaller's autobiographical story of the Italian campaign from Reggio di Calabria to Lake Garda, with emphasis on Anzio. 148 pages with illustrations, by Tom Roe.

Foreword by Sir Harry Secombe CBE. Printed by Higham Press. Price £5.50, including postage and pkg.

Available from: T. Roe, 96 Station Road, Pilsley, Nr Chesterfield. Telephone Ripley 872435.

512

## SOVEREIGN

INSURANCE  
SERVICES

### H.M. FORCES SPECIALISTS

MOTOR – B.F.G.  
U.K. &  
OVERSEAS  
KIT COVER  
HOUSEHOLD  
LIFE  
HOLIDAY  
HORSE COVER

LET US  
GIVE YOU  
A  
FREE  
QUOTE

Sovereign Insurance Services,  
Station Road, Tidworth, Hants SP9 7NR  
Telephone (0980) 42644

## ARE YOU OUT OF STEP?

OR ARE YOU ONE OF THE  
ESTIMATED 125,000 PEOPLE  
WHO READ EACH ISSUE OF  
**SOLDIER**?

MAKE SURE YOU ARE NOT  
THE ODD ONE OUT. TAKE  
OUT AN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION  
OR ORDER **SOLDIER**  
EVERY FORTNIGHT.

DO IT NOW!

5126



## MICHAEL SCOTT

RESIDENTIAL LETTING AGENTS  
ATTENTIVE MANAGEMENT

Specialists in Letting  
Houses/Flats/Bungalows  
(within 15 mile radius of  
Bournemouth)

745 Christchurch Road,  
Boscombe, Bournemouth,  
Hants BH7 6AN.  
Tel: Bournemouth  
(0202) 37321

## SOLDIER ADVERTISERS GET RESULTS

FOR DETAILS  
OF DISPLAY  
and  
CLASSIFIED  
ADVERTISING  
RING

**ALDERSHOT**  
**24431 ext 2352**

Please mention  
**SOLDIER**

when replying to  
advertisements

## BUILD BIG MUSCLES...FAST!

Fastest, easiest way of building muscles and strength without weights! Scientifically proven. Just 15 minutes daily will build an amazing physique. **Noticeable results in 21 days, guaranteed.**

Send for **free** information to:

**POWERHEALTH (Dept S)**, 1 Elystan Place, London SW3 3LA.

(A stamp for reply appreciated)

Send for comprehensive Catalogue to the  
Medal Specialists (18p stamp appreciated).

**MINIATURE MEDALS (SM)**  
30 COVENTRY ROAD, BURBAGE,  
LEICESTERSHIRE LE10 2HP.  
Telephone: (0455) 39262.

2115

## SCALEMEAD 1988 CATALOGUE

**HUGE SPRING SALE NOW ON.  
2 FOR PRICE OF ONE ETC.**



**NOW AVAILABLE!**

Britain's largest stocklist of survival items and equipment, blank firers and clothing. 36 pages in full colour. Free of charge.

Send me your 1988 Catalogue. Post to Scalemead, 3 Medway Buildings, Lower Road, Forest Row, Sussex RH18 5HE.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET \_\_\_\_\_  
TOWN \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_  
POST CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
(BLOCK CAPS PLEASE)

## Joe's Surplus

**"Changing The Face Of Government Surplus"**  
WE SPECIALISE IN GENUINE ISSUE BRITISH ARMY KIT AND  
OTHER ESSENTIAL COMBAT ITEMS.

### DIAGONAL ZIP GORE-TEX BIVI BAG



After repeated requests for a Gore-Tex bivi bag we can now offer one, at one of the lowest prices in the country. These are not an issue item, but it is recognised as one of the most essential items for the modern Soldier, offering complete protection from the elements in a breathable bag - keeping the rain out - without condensation inside.

#### FEATURES

Olive drab colour. All seams hot air sealed. Large hood for clothing and equipment. Double slider zip for ventilation control. Touch fastening flap over zip. Easy access - diagonal zip allows one hand to open bag, from left ear to right hip.

**THESE ARE BRAND NEW AND AT THESE LOW PRICES:-  
NORMAL £79.99 - EXTRA LONG £84.99**

#### DPM SAS SMOCKS

Again after much demand we are able to offer the SAS smock - an exact reproduction of the original with every detail included and made especially for JOE'S SURPLUS.

Type A - SAS windproof smock. MoD approved Gaberdine, windproof, breathable and showerproof. Features four bellows pockets (button flaps), left arm shoulder pocket and double lined hood. Tie waist and hem drawcords, double lined shoulders and elbows. Inside breast pocket. Tagged full length front zip with velcro storm flap. Sizes: S.M.L and XL. Brand new DPM £59.99

Type B - A thicker and harder wearing smock made in the standard combat jacket material. MoD approved. Identical to the above.

Sizes: S.M.L and XL. Brand new DPM £49.99

Please note both smocks are made from MoD windproof and standard combat jacket material, and not reproduction material. This makes our windproof smock almost identical to the issue ones.

We also sell 100's of general issue combat items. British, US, German and other armies. Just some of the items in our new 1988 free surplus catalogue are: DPM Para smocks, Tropical combat, Waterproof suits, NI Gloves and waterproofs, Scrivens scarfs, DPM Arctic mitts and Gore-Tex cutters. High combat boots, GS Bergens, etc, etc. Send an SAE for your free copy.

We also have large stocks of 37, 44 and 58 webbing.  
Please state your sizes when ordering. Send cheques or PO's payable to "Joe's Surplus". £1.90 p&p per entire order.

Money back guarantee.

**DEPT SM, JOE'S SURPLUS, ASHGROVE FARM, ARDLEY,  
BICESTER, OXON OX6 9PJ.**

WE ARE A MAIL ORDER ONLY COMPANY.



5112

## MINIATURE MEDALS

Return of Post Service

Example of Prices:-

CB: £32; CBE: £12; MC/DCM/MM/ QGM: £8; OBE/MBE/BEM: £6; MSM: £5; LS & GC: £4.50; Coronation/Jubilee Medal: £5; UN Cyprus: £5; S/Atlantic + rosette: £4.25; GSM GVIR with clasp: £6; GSM/CSM with clasp: £4.50; Second War Stars: £1.75 each; Defence/War Medals: £3 each. Miniature Mounting Bars for D.I.Y. Mounting: 1 Medal 60p; 2-70p; 3-75p; 4-85p; 5-95p; 6-£1.05p; and 7-£1.15p. plus 15% V.A.T. and 50p postage.

\* 7-day medal mounting service for full-size and miniatures in both 'ordinary' and 'court' style.

\* Full size medals supplied.  
\* Wire Blazer Badges \* Mess Kit Badges  
\* Display cases, medal ribbon, mounting bars, ribbon bars, etc.

*Competitive Prices. First-class quality and delivery guaranteed.*

Send for comprehensive Catalogue to the  
Medal Specialists (18p stamp appreciated).

#### MINIATURE MEDALS (SM)

30 COVENTRY ROAD, BURBAGE,  
LEICESTERSHIRE LE10 2HP.  
Telephone: (0455) 39262.

2115

## BADGES, PLAQUES AND TIES

**PRICES INCLUDE VAT AND POSTAGE CHARGES**

We produce HAND MADE BLAZER BADGES IN FINE WIRES AND SILKS at £9.95 each. Also attractive WALL PLAQUES at £13.50 and CAR BADGES at £13.00 each. REGIMENTAL TIES (striped design) at £4.97 each (RA FLASH £5.88). Crested designs £6.50. Send SAE for Services Price List.

**D. J. Parkinson, HM Services Hand Embroiderers (Dept S), 124 Valley Drive, Brighton BN1 5FF. Telephone Brighton (0273) 501213 during mornings only.**

1122

## Peugeot 405



### The Car of the Year 1988

ON SPECIAL OFFER RIGHT NOW  
from **ADVANCED CAR EXPORTS**.

Contact us now for the  
LOWEST PRICES ON TAX-FREE

### PEUGEOTS & FORDS

Delivery through selected Main Dealers in  
LONDON, SURREY, HAMPSHIRE & MIDDLESEX

Finance and insurance available

**NAAFI • UK BANK LOANS • DM LOANS**

Post coupon today for full details and FREE colour brochure to:

**Advanced Car Exports** 15 Clarence Court,  
The Broadway, London NW7 4RP. Telephone: 01-906 2978

NAME AND RANK \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TEL: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in a new (make and model) \_\_\_\_\_

For use in (country) \_\_\_\_\_

Requested delivery date \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe  
Part exchange  
separately

*Cut out coupon  
- and post  
NOW!*



## EMBROIDERED SWEATERS

CHOOSE FROM LAMBSWOOL, ACRYLIC, CHEVIOT WOOL & Wolsey LAMBSWOOL & BOTANY. ALSO SWEATSHIRTS & SPORTS SHIRTS SUPPLIED.

WE GUARANTEE  
THE MOST COMPETITIVE PRICES

**FREE COLOUR CATALOGUE**

alpa sports Dept. S

EMBLEM HOUSE · CHURCH ST · HECKMONDWIKE · W. YORKS WF16 0LF · TEL 0924-404566

MINIMUM ORDER  
1 GARMENT  
BIG QUANTITY DISCOUNTS

FROM  
£5.95



### TAX FREE MOTOR-CYCLES

All makes supplied. Finance and part exchange arranged. Worldwide export service. Tax free spares and accessories catalogue £1.99 post free.

INTERNATIONAL MOTOR-CYCLES  
24A Lower Road, Chorleywood, Herts WD3 5LH.  
Tel: 09278 2338

### SCHOOL OF SURVIVAL

HEREFORD

Learn with the experts  
Send S.A.E. for details of survival  
courses:

LOFTY WISEMAN  
22 Langland Drive,  
Hereford HR4 0QG.

2110



"Make  
someone  
happy"

### SEND THEM A BEAR

Just send us £4 and we will send a small little bear to the person of your choice in a bright yellow package with a card saying:

"SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE, THINKS YOU'RE  
RATHER CUDLILY"

Write now to:

POSTAL BEARS, Dept. E, 1-2 Barker St.,  
Shrewsbury, SY1 1SB. Tel: (0743) 241962

BEERSTEINS, bavarian type,  
1/2 litre with crest fired-on made  
to order, ask for samples

60 pieces (min)  
DM11.30 per piece  
90 and more  
DM10.50 per piece  
120 and more  
DM9.80 per piece  
all costs included, ex  
works, add local taxes

ANDRESEN, Zur Rosenau 1  
6258 Runkel-Hofen. Tel: 06482-2344.  
Telex: 48 48 88 print d

412



## glass by david

### 14" MILITARY STYLE DAGGER

Made in glass, let us engrave your Regimental crest or a message on the dagger blade, just send us your Regimental crest (headed paper) or message required, and we will reproduce it onto the dagger. Plain daggers £34.00 inc VAT + p&p £1.50. Engraving cost for crest £5.00. For message, price on application. This dagger makes a superb sports trophy.

26/28 MASON'S AVENUE, WEALDSTONE,  
HARROW, MIDDX HA3 5AP. Tel: 01-863 6918.



## TAX FREE CARS

THE COMPANY THAT SERVES THE  
SERVICES FOR YOUR TAX FREE  
\* FORD \* AUDI \* VW \* FIAT \* PEUGEOT \*  
\* AUSTIN \* ROVER \* VAUXHALL \* SAAB \*



### CHECK OUT OUR:

- Special NATO Forces Prices
- Low Deposit - Low Cost Finance
- UK Bank Loans - NAAFI - D. Mark Loans
- Insurance - UK & W. Europe - Arranged
- Part Exchange Welcome

C.I.C. Have the Complete Package with  
The Five Star Service for you.

**Tel: 0206 560805**

Cut out the coupon and post today



To: CAR INFORMATION CENTRE LTD

FREEPOST, Colchester CO3 2BR

Rank & Name.....

Address.....

Tel: .....

I would like details on .....

Delivery Date req'd .....

I have a ..... for part exchange



## TRADEWINDS

OUTDOOR AND MILITARY



|   |           |             |
|---|-----------|-------------|
| 85 Litre Ecuador in DPM, Olive or Black | UK £34.69 | BAOR £30.43 |
| 70 Litre Grenadier                      | £31.99    | £28.08      |
| 65 Litre Ecuador                        | £29.95    | £26.32      |
| 55 Litre Ecuador                        | £28.74    | £25.25      |
| 45 Litre Ecuador                        | £25.99    | £22.86      |
| 35 Litre Ecuador                        | £15.50    | £13.74      |
| 31 Litre Rannock                        | £14.59    | £12.95      |

Designed as a Patrol sack

|   |           |             |
|---|-----------|-------------|
| Buffalo Allweather sleeping bag, 4 Season outer + 3 season inner + Compressor + Stuff sack. Smaller sizes cheaper from catalogue. | UK £75.92 | BAOR £66.28 |
| Norwegian Army Shirts   | £13.98    | £12.42      |
| Combat Gloves,  | £13.50    | £11.87      |

Minimum UK order £7.50. Signed delivery service + 30p. BFPO no lower limit. No signed delivery. All prices include P&P. Large orders even cheaper from catalogue - send SAE to:

**TRADEWINDS, 13 Knox Road,  
Wellingborough, Northants NN1 1HW.**

Telephone orders: 0933 76632 Chris Kemp.



511

## BRUNO THE MILITARY BEAR



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

'Bruno' is currently available in the following:- Life Guards, Blues & Royals, 14th/20th Hussars, 17th/21st Lancers, RTR, RA, RE, Grenadier Guards, Coldstream Guards, Scots Guards, Irish Guards, Welsh Guards, Queens, RRF, Kings, Anglians, Devon & Dorset, LI, Green Howards, Staffords, PWO, RAPC, RMP, Para, RGJ, RCT, RRW, REME, RAOC, APTC, Cheshire, 16/5th Lancers and Royal Marines. QARANC, AAC, SIGNALS, ACC, QLR, RAMC, 13/18th Hussars, WFR, INT Corps. WRAC, UDR, Vet Corps, Dental Corps, RWF, Pioneers, QDG, SAS, Glos, RMAS. Specify which Regt/Corps you require!

To order Bruno: Please send cheque/P.O./Credit Card No. (incl. expiry date) for £24.50 payable to 'POSTAL BEARS', name and address of person to receive bear and your special message to: Postal Bears, Dept. D, 1-2 Barker Street, Shrewsbury SY1 1SB. 24 hour telephone order service (0743) 241962.

**VISTA SPORTS**

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

**VISTA SPORTS LTD.**  
Vista House, 28 High Street, Merstham, Surrey RH1 3EA. Tel: 07374 5113/4/5/6

## Able-LABELS

NAME, ADDRESS, TEL. No. or any words you need up to 6 Lines  
1000 Self Adhesive Labels 19 x 40mm  
Black on White Send Black on Gold  
**£3.25** Payment with Order **£4.00**  
TODAY!  
... or Phone - Write for Leaflets & Samples

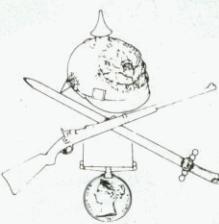
## Able-WOVEN

72 Black on White Tapes **£3.50**  
Name Tapes only

100% Polyester Wash-Dry Clean  
One line only up to 30 woven letters/spaces  
For School, Uniforms, Workwear etc.  
Order in CLEAR BLOCK CAPITALS  
with payment TODAY! Del. 21 Days.  
Steepprint Ltd. Dept S0 · Earle Barton  
NORTHAMPTON NN6 0LS · Tel 0604 810781

## JEREMY TENNISWOOD

International Specialist Militaria Dealer



Firearms Antique and modern, for shooters and collectors

Swords Modern dress and collectors of all types

Bayonets World selection, Comprehensive stock. Trade lines and occasional lists!

Medals British and Commonwealth, full size and miniature. Regular lists

Medal Ribbon British, Commonwealth and foreign; listed possibly Britain's most comprehensive!

Cap Badges and Helmet Plates British and Commonwealth, military, fire and police. Occasional list

Cloth Insignia LIST. Mostly British, some Commonwealth.

SAE or \$1.00 Bill US; for reply

28 Gordon Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 1ND

Tel: 0252 319791

## GET PROMOTION!

T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Hooded Tops, Ties. Embroidered Sweaters and Sew-on Badges, Pennants, Singlets, Hats, Scarves, Sports Bags and Holdalls  
For brochure and price list contact:

**A S PROMOTIONS**  
Room 32, 94 Blackhorse Lane  
London E17 6AA  
Telephone 01-523 3283

## FREE BASQUE, SUSPENDERS & STOCKINGS

WITH EVERY COPY OF OUR STUNNING FULL COLOUR LINGERIE CATALOGUE - OVER 200 BREATHTAKING PHOTOGRAPHS OF TOP MODELS IN EROTIC LINGERIE

SEND ONLY £2.95 (P&P) REFUNDABLE

TO: LADY OF PARIS  
YAGO LTD.  
ROMAN WAY,  
COLESFIELD,  
BIRMINGHAM B46 1RL

CREDIT CARD ORDERS  
(0675) 62528  
24 HOURS

RETURN AD OR QUOTE DEPT NR FOR  
**FREE BASQUE**  
CALLERS & TRADE ENQUIRIES WELCOME



# WANTED!

## LEFT HAND DRIVE CARS

Most Makes and Models required

**BEST PRICES PAID**

**CARYATID MOTORS (OVERSEAS) LIMITED**  
2-6 DURHAM ROAD - LONDON N7 7DR.

Telephone: 01-281 1234

4113

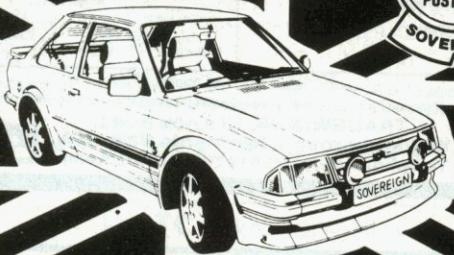
We take good care of you at



## SOVEREIGN

Small enough to care, large enough to offer excellent service and value.

**TAX FREE TAX FREE TAX FREE TAX FREE**



• FORD • NISSAN • V.W. • AUSTIN/ROVER • PEUGEOT • VOLVO • VAUXHALL •  
**Buying a Tax Free Car      Returning to the UK?**

Sovereign offers the most comprehensive service around, including  
 ★ PART EXCHANGE - Best Prices Paid      ★ QUICK DELIVERY  
 ★ FINANCE - Overseas Loans Available      ★ INSURANCE - For UK and Overseas  
 ★ LOW DEPOSIT PAYMENTS      ★ PERSONAL SERVICE & ADVICE  
 ★ MOST MAKES SUPPLIED - Local Representation ★

**For your Sovereign Guide to Tax Free Cars**

Please return this coupon to:

Sovereign FREEPOST, Station Road, Tidworth, Hants. SP9 7BR. Tel: (0980) 42643/4/5

NAME AND RANK .....

ADDRESS .....

TEL:

DEL. REQ. BY .....

UNIT .....

I am interested in .....

Part exchange details .....

Country of use .....

Cut out coupon  
and post  
NOW!

## EMBROIDERED SWEATERS



SCOTTISH LAMBSWOOL sweaters; available in 10 colours and 7 sizes. Military badges embroidered directly onto your unit/team sweater improves your image and promotes the unit.

DELIVERY 28 days.

Free brochure and FREE HOLIDAY with every order of 24 sweaters.

ALSO, ACRYLIC SWEATERS, SPORT SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, BODYWARMERS, SATIN JACKETS, etc

# Ensign MOTIFS

Portkil Bay, Kilcreggan  
Dunbartonshire  
Tel: Kilcreggan (0436 84) 2581/2716  
Telex: 778251



## GENUINE GOVT ISSUE KIT

"BRITAIN'S LEADING SUPPLIERS OF KIT TO THE PROFESSIONALS"



Phone 01-790 5257 for free catalogue

Phone 01-7-900-900 for Credit Card orders

Phone 01-790 5585 for INFO

Almost anything in genuine Gov't surplus

**SILVERMAN'S**  
(Dept SMAG)  
LONDON E1 4PS

Personal callers  
Mon-Fri & Sunday 10-1pm

"Britain's leading suppliers of Kit to the Professionals"

Visit Laurence Corner for finest selection

## GOVERNMENT SURPLUS CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Keen prices — large stocks

62/64 Hampstead Road, London NW1, nr Warren St/Euston

## The Firing Line



NEW

ACTION BOOKS!

1000's of titles on: Survival, Special Forces, Martial Arts, Ninja, Knife World, Firearms, Living off the Land, Hunting, Personal Success Library, Outdoor Sports, Health & Fitness. Complete set of catalogues — £1.00.

THE OUTDOORSMAN'S BOOKSTORE DEPT. S  
Llangorse, Brecon, Powys LD3 7UE. Telephone: Llangorse (0874) 841660



## T-SHIRTS and SWEATSHIRTS

JOG-SUITS, SPORTS-SHIRTS, VESTS

### SILK SCREEN PRINTED TO YOUR OWN DESIGN

(min. order 20 shirts)

### FROM THE UK's LEADING SUPPLIER TO H.M. FORCES

- ★ Top Quality Shirts
- ★ Fast, Efficient Service
- ★ Free Proof Garment
- ★ Free Design Service
- ★ UK/Worldwide Delivery

For free information package contact:

**SPRINTPRINT**

Printing House, Savernake Street, Swindon  
SN1 3LZ, Wiltshire. Telephone (0793) 695766



### Dartmoor Survival and Safety School

1988 COURSES INCLUDE

- Survival at all levels
- Tracking and Trapping
- Outdoor safety
- Navigation/First Aid
- Equipment trials bush craft
- Self defence at all levels
- Abseiling/seashore survival
- High moor survival

Send now for FREE brochure

Dartmoor Survival and Safety School,  
FREEPOST (Dept SR), Plymouth PL3 4BB.  
Tel: (0752) 605380/364657/662407. 4122

# ELFORDS Export

mazda

mazda

## TAX FREE CAR SALES

• Caring for Customers for over 100 years.

• Special NATO Forces prices. • European Insurance.

• Low Deposits. • Low Cost Finance. • U.K./DM Loans.

• No Hidden Charges. • Part Exchange Allowance.

• Collection U.K. or Germany. • Personal Service and Advice.

Post coupon to:

### ELFORDS TAX FREE SALES

FREEPOST, BOURNEMOUTH BH6 3BR

TEL: 0202 417402

In Germany return the coupon to:

Eickmeyer + Köster,  
Boschstrasse 15, 4900 Herford,  
Diebrock, West Germany Tel: 05221 3958



I require further information for Tax Free Export Cars

RANK NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

WORK TEL. \_\_\_\_\_ EXT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ HOME TEL. \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_

POSTING DATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_

| GENUINE KIT<br>NEW AND UNISSUED                |        |
|--|--------|
| CAMOUFLAGE PARA SMOCK. New                     | £57.95 |
| COMBAT SMOCK. New                              | £34.95 |
| ARCTIC WINDPROOF SMOCK. New                    | £86.00 |
| (Please Ring)                                  |        |
| NORWEGIAN SHIRTS. 100% Cotton. High            | £13.99 |
| Zipped Neck. Olive Green                       | £13.99 |
| NORTHERN IRELAND ACTION GLOVES. Plain          | £16.99 |
| Black. Black Leather. New                      | £16.99 |
| NORTHERN IRELAND ACTION GLOVES. Padded         | £17.99 |
| Knuckles. Black. Leather. New                  | £17.99 |
| D.P.M. ARCTIC COMBAT MITTS. D.P.M. Outer.      | £17.99 |
| Trigger Finger. Polar Olive Fleece Lined.      | £17.99 |
| Elasticated Wrists                             | £11.99 |
| D.P.M. BRASSARDS. Fits over jacket, pen pocket | £4.99  |
| with velcro flap                               | £4.99  |
| AQUAVOGUE. Waterproof note book                | £6.99  |
| HEADOVERS. 100% Wool                           | £4.99  |
| £7.99  | £7.99  |
| 58 WEBB BELT                                   | £3.99  |
| 58 WATER BOTTLES. Black                        | £18.50 |
| COMBAT PULLOVERS. 100% wool, elbow and         | £18.50 |
| shoulder patches                               | £18.50 |
| THE GREAT GERMAN ARMY ARCTIC SLEEPING          | £23.50 |
| BAG (Converts into a Parka). Grade I.          | £23.50 |
| GERMAN PARA BOOTS. Light, easy to wear. black. | £21.95 |
| New  | £21.95 |
| GERMAN PARA BOOTS. Metal lace clips. black.    | £19.50 |
| Grade I  | £19.50 |
| ALL PRICES INCLUDE P & P                       |        |
| Satisfaction/Money Back Guarantee              |        |
| Send Cheque or P.O. to: <b>TAYLORS</b>         |        |
| (Dept. S), 10 CARR BANK TOP, OTLEY, W. YORKS.  |        |
| LS21 2AE. Tel: 0934-461229 or 463519 or 465115 |        |

# KENT BOWLERS SNATCH VICTORY FROM JAWS OF DEFEAT

BOTH the Army senior and under 25 sides had their opening matches of the season, with the former playing Kent 2nd XI in what should have been a two day game at Chatham and the under 25s playing two games at Aldershot at the weekend.

After the first day against Kent had been rained off, a one day 55 over game was played.

## 4 Regt pips the sappers

THE 4 Armd Division swimming championships were held at the SudBad, Hameln, West Germany and sponsored by 28 Amp Engr Regt.

In the major units' competition 4 Regt AAC beat 28 Regt by one place in the last race with 35 Engr Regt third.

In the water polo 5 Innis DG went through undefeated with 35 Engrs again just missing the top honours.

## Hermitage triathlon

MORE than 110 supremely fit sportsmen and women gathered at 42 Survey Engineer Group's Denison Barracks in Hermitage, Berks to take part in the third annual Survey spring triathlon. Competitors came from as far afield as Dusseldorf in Germany.

Winning team was RAF Halton, CIOR were second, RMAS Permanent Staff third and the TA soldiers of Royal Monmouthshire RE fourth. Overall winner was Lt Chris Maund of CIOR with Capt Mike Dunford RE, third.

The Army bowled and fielded extremely well to dismiss Kent for 121 in 52 overs. Lt Charlie Redmayne (1 IG) made the initial breakthrough and finished with three for 12 in nine overs.

Lts Tom Thicknesse and Julian Barrett (both Light Div Depot) each took two wickets as did 2nd Lt Edward Thesiger (RGJ/Nottingham University)

who made a most promising debut.

The most economical figures, however, were achieved by skipper Lt Matthew Fleming (2 RGJ) who took one for 13 in his 11 overs.

Capt Jonathan Willatt (17 Trg Regt and Depot RA) and Lt Alistair Lamb (1 RWF) gave the Army a sound start. Fleming was top scorer with 37

and at 86 for four the Army appeared to be coasting home.

At this stage Fleming was out and the last six wickets fell disappointingly for 26 runs to give Kent victory by nine runs with seven overs and one ball still remaining.

The first under 25 match was against a strong Army President's XI containing two current and a number of former

Army players. The Army under 25s batted first and were all out for 196. Lt Peter Germain (1 PWO) was top scorer with a well struck 55, Cpl Graham Summersgill (1 DWR) who opened made 40 and Fleming 32.

The bulk of the President's bowling was done by Cpl Andy Taylor (17 Port Regiment), five for 83 in 22 overs and Charles

Rowe, formerly of Kent and Glamorgan, two for 65 in 26 overs.

When the President's XI batted Willatt settled in but wickets fell at regular intervals at the other end. With the score at 106 for six the odds were in favour of the under 25s. At this stage the President's skipper, Lt Col Peter Salisbury (CDE Porton), joined Willatt and no

further wickets fell.

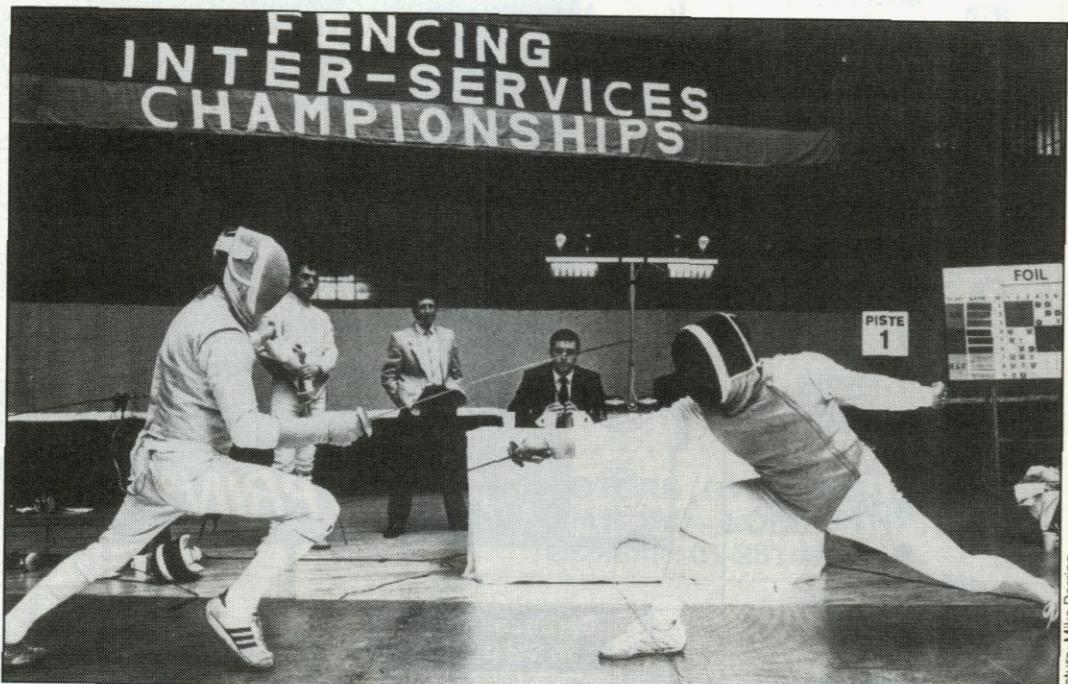
The final score was 172 for six with Willatt completing a well earned century in the last over.

Next day opposition was provided by the Southern League Under 25. The visitors batted first and were restricted to 184 for nine in their 55 overs. The fielding was good, with Summersgill outstanding, and

four of the opposition were run out.

Fleming (40) and Germain (39) were again leading scorers when the Army batted and there were other useful contributions from batsmen down the order.

In a thrilling finish the Army were all out for 182 to lose by two runs with only four balls remaining.



Picture: Mike Perring

Lt Cdr John Gay (left) of the Royal Navy in action against Maj Neil Sutherland RE during the foil match at the Inter-Services team fencing championships at ASPT, Aldershot



LANCE Sgt Tom Wilson, 1st Battalion Scots Guards, has smashed a 26-year-old record at the British Army Golf Club at Hohne, West Germany.

Tom, a seven handicap golfer, was playing in the Pearson Trophy and went round the Hohne course in 69 shots. His round included six birdies and a seven!

What makes this round remarkable is that in the 26 years that the golf course has been open, no one has ever broken 70 in a competition round. This includes visiting professionals.

His only previous victory of note was the UKLF scratch championship at Little Aston in 1984.

## Barrett leads way against young pros

THE ARMY achieved a superb win over MCC Young Professionals on the Nursery Ground at Lords. MCC, who included West Indian test off spinner Roger Harper, batted first on an excellent batting wicket, writes Peter Salisbury.

Opener Julian Wood carried his bat for 130 out of 282 for three declared with Neil Maxwell (101) also completing a century. Army skipper, Lt Matthew Fleming (2 RGJ), took all three wickets for 61 in 15 overs, including that of Harper who was out for nought.

The Army's assault on this large total was led by Lt Julian Barrett (Light Div Depot) who scored the third century of the match with 119. Capt Jonathan Willatt (17 Trg Regt and Depot RA) put on 53 with Barrett for the second wicket. When he was run out Lt Tom Thicknesse (Light Div Depot) was sent in as "tea watchman", and his third wicket stand with Barrett realised 115.

Fleming (29) and Cpl Graham Summersgill (1 DWR) (11) made brisk contributions before Capt Edward Gordon-Lennox (2 Gren Gds) and Lt Peter Germain (1 PWO) led the final assault, 37 runs being needed off the last seven overs.

They were made in style with Gordon-Lennox finishing with five sixes, four of them off Harper, in his 37 not out.

Following this excellent victory the Army were soundly defeated by a strong Middlesex 2nd XI four days later at Aldershot. The Army started well enough, Capt Paul Presland (AAC Centre) dismis-

sing both Middlesex openers without scoring in a match reduced to 46 overs by rain. In the last eight overs, thanks largely to a magnificent undefeated half century by Clive Radley, Middlesex added a further 67 runs.

Willatt and Lt Alistair Lamb (JIB Shorncliffe), who went on

## PWO are top shots



CATTERICK Garrison's top guns, the shooting team of 1 Bn The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, weighed down by silver and pewter after winning top prize - the major units' championship at the North East District Skill at Arms Meeting - on Catterick's ranges. It was the first time the regiment had been able to compete in a NEDSAM as they have never served in their native shire before.

They also used the new

5.56mm SA 80 rifle, the first time it has been seen at the annual meeting. The match wins which took them to the title were rifle, machine gun, moving target and falling plates. They were also runners up in the section match.

Back row (left to right) are Ptes Steve Bingley, Richard Sawtell, Capt Ron Bradley, LCpl Barry Wilson, Pte Andrew Lavelle; and, Front row - Cpl Michael Shelton, Sgt Neil Clark, Col Sgt Brian Kelly, and LCpl Martin Armstrong.

## Foiled again!

DESPITE fielding its strongest possible team in the hope of regaining the Inter-Services team fencing championship at Aldershot, the Army were

beaten into second place by the Royal Air Force, with the Royal Navy some way behind in third.

The airmen pipped the Army 5-4 in a very close foil competition before the soldiers took their expected revenge in the epee match where internationals Lt Dominic Mahony, Cpl Peter Hart and COH Ian Margan were responsible for a 6-3 victory.

After the foil and epee the Army and RAF were level on two points each. In the sabre match the RAF beat the Navy 8-1 and the Army 6-3 to retain their Inter-Services title.

The Navy finished pointless and have not got the strength in depth to be serious contenders.

But they did fight extremely hard throughout the day and had their best result in the sabre, running the Army close before losing 4-5.

The RAF achieved 38 individual victories to 33 by the Army and ten by the Navy.

In the women's competition the WRAF continued to dominate with a convincing 12-4 victory over the WRAC and a hard-fought 10-6 win against the WRNS.

Despite the absence of two regular members of the team, the WRAF put up a spirited performance before trailing home in third place with eight victories to 22 by the champions, the WRAF, and 18 by the WRNS.

## VOLVO FINANCE

The Volvo you want.... at a monthly rate you won't believe!



Volvo Export, 28 Albemarle St, London W1X 3FA  
Tel: 01-493 4954  
From BAOR 0130 810010

# There's no rest for Britain's soldier skiers

MOST of us probably imagine that, once the snow has gone, military skiers return to the daily routine of regimental life. Not so for the soldiers in Great Britain's biathlon team.

Their training continues unabated throughout the summer months, and includes roller skiing, running, cycling, swimming, shooting and weight training.

Members of the team have just spent a week at the Army School of Physical Training in Aldershot. They underwent physiological testing at the Army Personnel Research Establishment and listened to lectures from doctors, physiotherapist, nutrition experts and public relations specialists.

They were also interviewed by a sports psychologist and now begin a lengthy programme of mental training aimed at achieving medal winning results in the 1992 Winter Olympics.



Picture: Terry Champion

Olympic biathlon team members (from left) LCpl Ed Nicoll (35 Engr Regt), Gnr Ben Rex (19 Fd Regt) and Cpl Michael Dixon (35 Engr Regt) skate towards the camera as LCpl Ian Woods (26 Engr Regt) brings up the rear on a bicycle during a team training week at Aldershot

# Signals' cup hopes dashed

ARMY soccer champions the School of Signals, Blandford, Dorset, saw the Naafi Jubilee Cup slip from their grasp in a thrilling final match of the competition sponsored by Webster's Yorkshire Bitter.

The Army side, who beat RAF soccer champions RAF Locking 1-0 and top Royal Navy side HMS Sultan 2-0 could only watch from the spectator stand as Sultan beat Locking 4-0 to take the

tri-Service trophy, decided on goals scored.

Locking floundered under relentless pressure from the kick-off as Sultan pushed forward to get the four goals which could give them victory. The first came after 13 minutes when veteran POPT Lee Tongue won a goalmouth scramble. Three minutes later a shot from LMEM Shelly Sheldon found the back of the net. A third came after a scramble in the six-yard box won by Lt Neil Bennett.

Play was more even in the second half, but, 12 minutes from time LMEM Sheldon lobbed the ball over a stranded defence to give Sultan their fourth goal and victory in the Naafi Jubilee Cup competition.

That left the Army champions to pick-up commemorative engraved glass tankards from Chris Nicholl, manager of Southampton Football Club and former Northern Ireland international.

School of Signals captain, Sgt Sandy Brown said he was disappointed to have beaten both Sultan and Locking and still lost the Naafi Jubilee Cup.

"If only Locking had been able to get into the final, things might have been different. As it was Sultan played well."



Pte Paul Evans takes on Pontypool star Mark Brown (hoops) during the visit of the Welsh champions to 1 Bn The Royal Regiment of Wales at Lemgo, West Germany. Pontypool, who included legendary prop Graham Price and international scrum half David Bishop, won by 66 points to 30. In support are Pte Neil Dudsun and Sgt Kevin Ahearne who scored four tries for 1 RRW

# THE NEW PEUGEOT 405. TAKES YOUR BREATH AWAY.



Hardly surprising, when you check out that sleek body style. No car in its class has a lower drag factor.

The combination of wrap-over doors, flush-fit bonded windscreens and rear window all conspire to reduce wind-noise and improve aerodynamics. (Thus affording excellent fuel economy.)

Look closer and you'll find that we've mounted the windscreens washer jets on the wiper arms. Incorporated a tilt adjustable steering column. Remote control rear-view mirrors. Height adjustable front seat belts. And a lights-on warning buzzer.

But of course, to fully appreciate the 405, you really must get behind the wheel and drive it. For when it comes to handling and performance, we've virtually cornered the market.

The all aluminium alloy, ohc engine, allied to a five speed box and the much praised Peugeot suspension proves to be a potent combination.

While off the road the 405 is designed to spend an absolute minimum of time in the service bay.

There are 8 models to choose from, with various levels of specification, culminating in the top of the range, 124mph GTI Injection.

Heralding a new era in car production, the 405 has just been voted "European Car of the Year," by a jury of respected journalists.

Obviously it took their breath away.

For details on tax-free sales please contact the Peugeot appointed export specialists listed below.

Please rush details of your Peugeot Talbot tax free package. I'm interested in running a 205  305  309  405  505  in the following country

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Peugeot Talbot Piccadilly**

3027/8

NATOCARS, WYLOPS ESTATE, BRISTOL ROAD, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET TA6 4BH. TEL: 02784 555 55. LOCAL COST CALL FROM GERMANY 01309806. RANGERS TALBOT MILITARY SALES, THE CORNER GARAGE, BULFORD ROAD, DURRINGTON, WILTSHIRE SP4 8LD. TEL: 0980 52246. LOCAL COST CALL FROM GERMANY 01307775. ROOTES (MAIDSTONE), MILL STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT ME15 6YD. TEL: 0622 533 33. 3H MOTORS (ANDOVER) LTD, TAX FREE SALES, 132 WEYHILL ROAD, ANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE SP10 3BD. TEL: 0264 332826. CHARTERS OF ALDERSHOT LTD, ARTHUR STREET, ALDERSHOT HAMPSHIRE GU11 1HL. TEL: 0252 212 46. WALTER HAGEN AND CO, 4150 KREFELD, PESTALOZZI STRASSE 25. TEL: 02151 895338. ELIM GARAGE, LLANFACHRAETH, GWYNEDD LL65 4UP. TEL: 021 61 551030. THE OVAL MOTOR CO LTD, 601/2 WARMINSTER ROAD, WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE BA13 3PL. TEL: 0373 822262. PETER DURRANT LTD, FLEET AUTOPONT, READING ROAD, SOUTH CHURCH, CROOKHAM, FLEET HAMPSHIRE GU19 0AA. TEL: 0252 613113. AUTO MARKOTTER SALES & SERVICE, DAMMSTRASSE 41, 4830 GUTTERSLOHN. TEL: 05241 58222. TAD AUTO SALES, 205 REGENTS PARK ROAD, LONDON N3 3LN. TEL: 01-349 3600. CANTERBURY MOTOR CO LTD, THE PAVILION, CANTERBURY. TEL: 0227 451791. BRISTOL ST. MOTORS, SOUTHAM ROAD, BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE. TEL: 01-460 9101.



How is this for a superbly timed photograph? It was taken by Sgt. Ian Stagg who was photographing colleagues from Mortar Line A of 3 (Essex) Coy, 5 Bn The Royal Anglian Regiment during a rare exposure to live ammunition at Sennybridge. The TA unit is based at Chelmsford, Essex. The picture shows the platoon firing an 81mm mortar during a locating exercise.