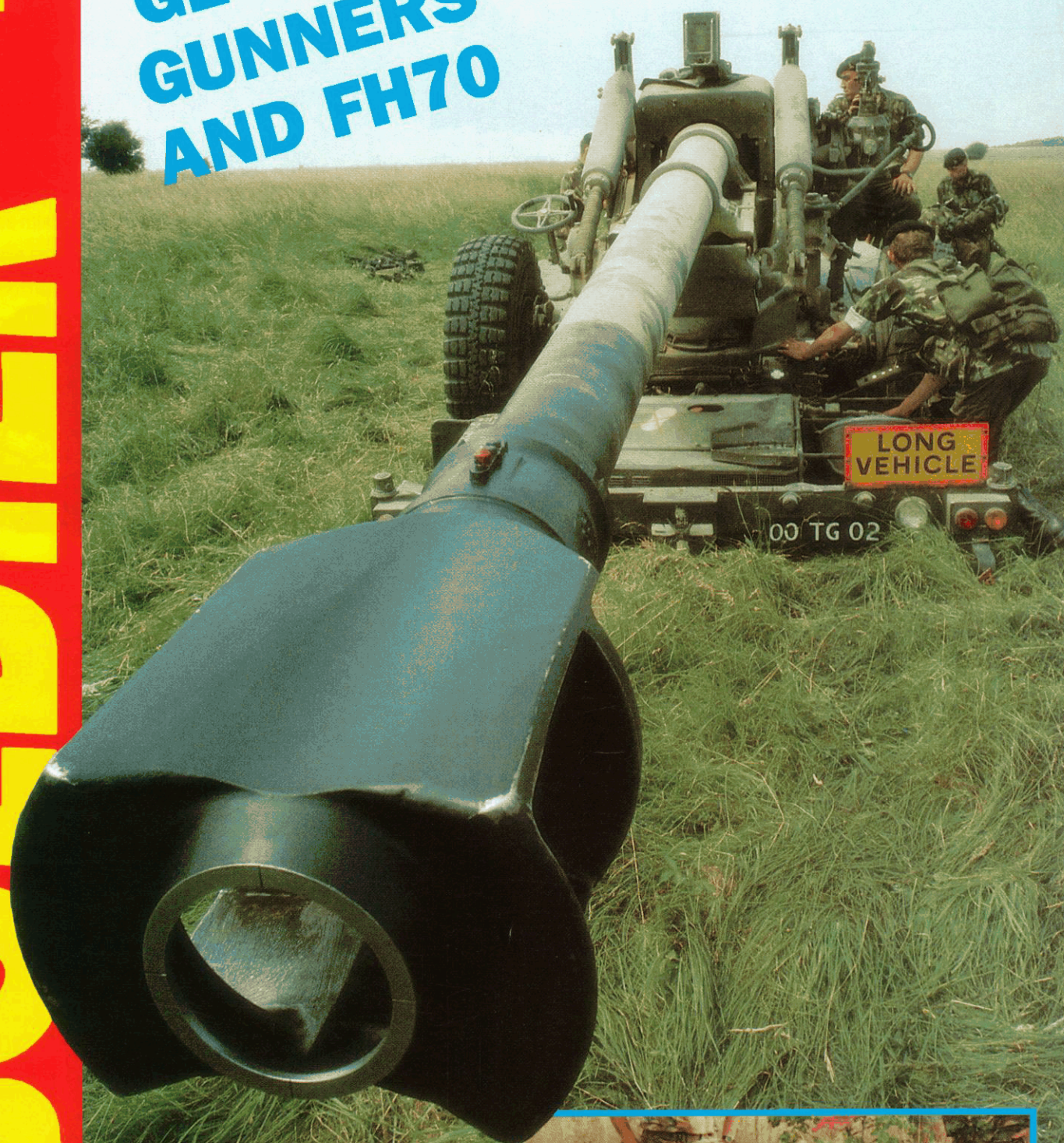


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The Black Watch in Hawaii. Above – B Company ploughs through the Pacific surf to lead an assault on Bellows Beach. Right – A high-flying B Company HQ section dangles 800ft above the Pacific from a SPIE (Special Patrol Insertion and Extraction) rigging. Below (from left) – Pte Billy Easton, WO2 George Jamieson and Pte Gavin Laurenson are coached on the Mk 19 40mm machine gun by LCpl Daryl Morgan from Kentucky. Story and more pictures in Pages 18–19.

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Duke takes his leave of Irish Hussars



The Duke of Edinburgh and commanding officer Lt Col Andrew Bellamy break ranks during a formal photograph to mark Prince Philip's farewell visit to The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars at Wessex Barracks, Fallingbowl. The Irish Hussars are to amalgamate with The Queen's Own Hussars in September. The Duke, Colonel-in-Chief of the QRIH, attended a barbecue on the

square, meeting and speaking to many Hussars and their families.

He has been a regular visitor to the regiment since its formation in 1958 and presented its first Guidon. Following the amalgamation the Duke will hand over as Colonel-in-Chief to the Queen Mother, becoming Deputy Colonel-in-Chief.

Infantry to go to Shorncliffe

Proposals for single centre training sites

SHORNCLIFFE Barracks, which had been earmarked for disposal, is now to be used as a permanent infantry base following the decision earlier this year to retain an additional two battalions.

Location of a second barracks to house the extra infantry is still to be decided, Armed Forces Minister Jeremy Hanley said on July 22.

Sir John Moore Barracks, Shorncliffe, was to have been disposed of after Infantry Junior Leaders Training ended there.

Mr Hanley also detailed proposals for restructuring the Army's training organisation, following last December's announcement of the principles of such changes and for improving provision for special to arm and service and career training.

"It is our intention, where possible," he said, "that such training will be concentrated in single centres with any further training done at the minimum number of wings.

"This part of the review is nearly complete and we now need to begin detailed planning."

The proposals for restructuring training are:

Royal Armoured Corps: Should be concentrated at Bovington, although gunnery training would continue to be carried out at Lulworth and Castlemartin.

Royal Artillery: Concen-

trated at Larkhill, with firing training at Manorbier and Hebrides ranges as now.

Royal Engineers: Concentrated at Chatham, with a wing at Minley and some minor facilities at Chattenden.

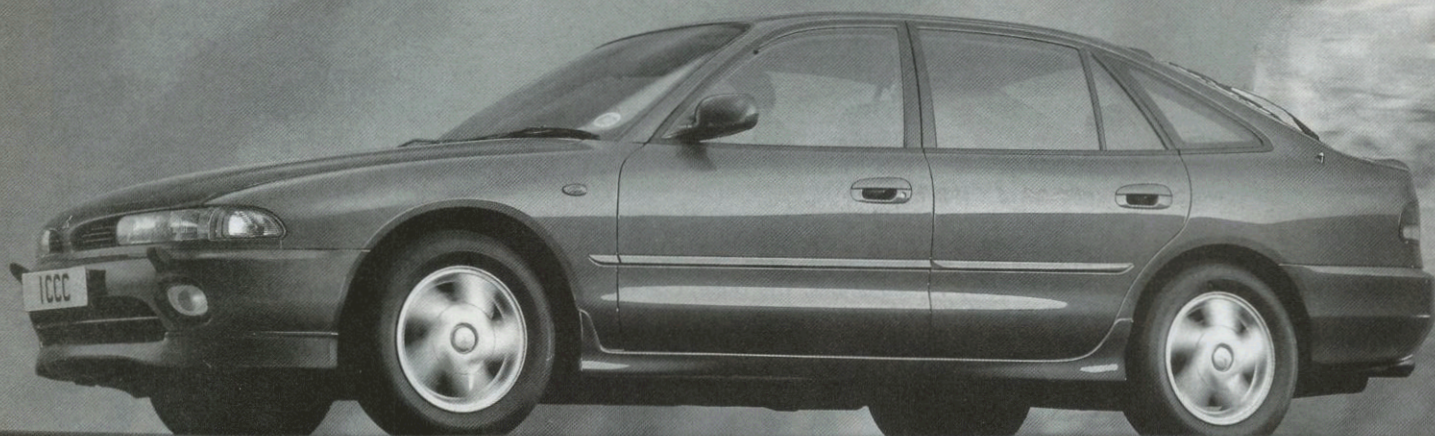
Royal Signals: Concentrated at Blandford, as announced. The operational Signals regiment now located there would transfer to Bramcote and the Defence Automatic Data Processing Training Centre would move in the short term to the Royal College of Military Science at Shrivenham.

Transfer of the Royal Signals from Catterick would allow the infantry to concentrate special-to-arm training there, with subsequent career and instructor training being carried out at both Warminster and Brecon.

FRONT COVER: (Main picture) Geordie Gunners bring the FH70 into action during 101 (Northumbrian) Field Regiment's best gun competition on Salisbury Plain. Story and more pictures in Pages 22-23. (Picture: Terry Champion.) **Inset:** Rhino rescuers Capt Nick Moody and Lt Col Robert Martin at work deep in the Zimbabwe bush. Full story in Pages 12-13.

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Decision time on Tournament

DISCUSSIONS are under way in the Ministry of Defence about the future of the Royal Tournament.

Armed Forces Minister Jeremy Hanley told SOLDIER that next year's event will definitely go ahead, with Nato as the main theme - "which should be a most impressive celebration".

But a decision on the tournament's future after that will not be made until 1993 attendance

figures are assessed and other factors, such as recruitment value and the charity fundraising potential, are taken into account.

"I think it is a magnificent showcase for the professionalism of the men and women in all three Forces and I have high hopes for its future," said Mr Hanley, "but obviously no decision can be taken until we have seen this year's results."

"It was originally intended,

after all, to raise money for Forces charities and if it makes a large loss each year then one clearly has to make decisions as to whether it is effective in its original intention."

● As SOLDIER went to press it was announced that 234,511 people had attended the event during the 12-day run ending on July 31, with many performances sold out.

According to ticket agency Firstcall, it was the second best

selling event they had dealt with in July, beaten only by the film *Jurassic Park*.

Col Iain Ferguson, Tournament director, said: "We are delighted with the result. Many congratulations must go to the case of 21,000 Service men and women who put so much into their performances. They were truly magnificent."

Next year's event will take place at Earls Court from July 19-30. ● See pages 26-27

AIRMOBILE DIVISION ON TARGET

THE AIRMOBILE element of Nato's Rapid Reaction Corps, which was trialled during Exercise Certain Shield in 1991, will be fully operational by April next year.

Four brigades provided by Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany and the United Kingdom will make up the Multinational Division Central (Airmobile).

The division, commanded by Maj Gen Pieter Huysman, will be formed by the Dutch 11 Airmobile Brigade based at Arnhem, the German 31 Airborne Brigade at Oldenburg and the Belgian Para Commando Brigade at Everberg. The UK contribution will be 24 Airmobile Brigade, stationed at Colchester.

The four contributing nations will also provide combat and logistic support units to the division.

Role of the MND(C) will be to react very quickly to any crisis within the Allied Forces Europe area of responsibility.

It could be deployed to demonstrate a capability and willingness to take collective action with the aim of deterring possible hostile acts or, in war, to contain a crisis until a situation could be defused or until main defensive forces are deployed.

The divisional insignia is a black-edged green shield, dominated by the Nato symbol and surrounded by the flags of



Maj Gen Huysman presents a Nijmegen marching medal to Lt Richard Deans, R Signals, of 24 Airmobile Brigade. Top: The Multinational Division Central (Airmobile) insignia

the four contributing nations. The base contains a representation of an attack helicopter above the letters MND. It has been reproduced as a metalised insignia on a leather base and as a cloth formation badge.

The new division, whose headquarters will be based at Rheindahlen, has adopted the motto - "Four Nations - One

Purpose" to demonstrate the aim of the contributing nations to work as one on behalf of the Nato Alliance.

First duty for the new division was participation in the four-day Nijmegen Marches in which more than 100 MND(C) soldiers led by Gen Huysman completed the 160km route.

Soldier wounded in Bosnia

THE COMMANDER of a British Warrior was shot on August 6 while patrolling through Gornji Vakuf, the scene of heavy fighting between Muslim and Croat forces.

The wounded soldier, who had not been named as SOLDIER went to press, was flown back to UK and was said to be in a stable condition in the Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital at Woolwich.

In an earlier incident Sappers from 1st Field Squadron RE came under heavy fire in Bosnia while collecting road-marking material at a quarry.

An 11-strong Army medical team from Zagreb-based 5 Armoured Field ambulance was sent to help more than 200 mental patients left to fend for themselves after a battle at Fojnica, outside Sarajevo.

The Chief of the General Staff, Gen Sir Peter Inge, said during a fact-finding mission to the region that there are no plans to increase the number of British troops serving in Bosnia.

"The 2,000 British soldiers in the region are enough to protect delivery of humanitarian aid, their role assigned by the United Nations," he said.

Defence Secretary Malcolm Rifkind visited British bases in Bosnia, including Vitez, where he went on a patrol in a Warrior with Lt Col Alastair Duncan, commander of the British Battalion Group.

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Queen inspects QOY guard



The Queen pauses to speak to Sgt Colin Cowley during an inspection of the guard of honour formed by Territorial soldiers of D (Northumberland Hussars) Squadron, The Queen's Own Yeomanry, when she opened new law courts at Bedlington, Northumberland

Soldier Prince!

A REGAL double first was notched up by the Light Dragoons on July 29 when the Princess of Wales and younger son, Prince Harry, visited Hohne to see the regiment at work and meet soldiers and their families.

Not only was it the first visit by their Colonel-in-Chief since the Light Dragoons were formed following an amalgamation in December last year, but they found themselves

hosting the first official overseas engagement by the eight-year-old prince.

He and his mother were met by commanding officer Lt Col Alan Stewart and accompanied by the regiment's colonel, Col Robert French-Blake.

The Light Dragoons, to present the only armoured reconnaissance regiment in Germany, are tasked to support the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps.

After a joint inspection of the guard of honour, the princess and her son went their separate ways, she to sign the Golden Book of Bergen, he to regimental headquarters.

There, a special gift was presented to him: a complete set of working dress, including beret and regimental stable belt.

Suitably kitted out, the prince then jumped aboard a Scimitar armoured reconnais-

sance vehicle, driven by LCpl "Maj" Major, and, together with its commander, Lt David Chubb, headed towards the tank park.

The princess talked to, among others, wives of Light Dragoons serving in Bosnia, where the regiment has about 100 troops escorting UNHCR humanitarian aid convoys.

'B' Squadron, working out of Vitez and Tuzla under the command of Maj Marcus Browell, left Hohne in April to relieve the 9th/12th Lancers and provide essential reconnaissance for British troops based in the former Yugoslavia.

Back in Germany, some of their colleagues were showing Prince Harry how to operate a LAW 80 weapon, as well as letting him tackle a huge Army crane mounted on a recovery vehicle, where he carefully manoeuvred a water-filled bucket.

And there was a surprise lined up for the other half of the royal duo, before she and her offspring had lunch and, later, further informal talks with regiment and families.

A Scimitar recce vehicle carrying a camouflage-streaked Prince Harry sped through a blanket of coloured smoke and screeched to a halt in the tank park in front of his mother's waiting limousine.

Mock-up frees Hercules

The days of practising loading and unloading troops and vehicles on or near landing strips, using real aircraft, with the accompanying expense and affects on flying time, could be numbered.

A new ground-based mock-up of the internal features of a Hercules military aircraft - the Hercules C-130 military training module, made by Southampton firm Gilt-pack Engineering and shown in current trials at 5 Airborne Brigade, Aldershot - will mean that troops can take part in tactical air landing operational training as often as they need to, leaving the actual aircraft themselves free for other duties.



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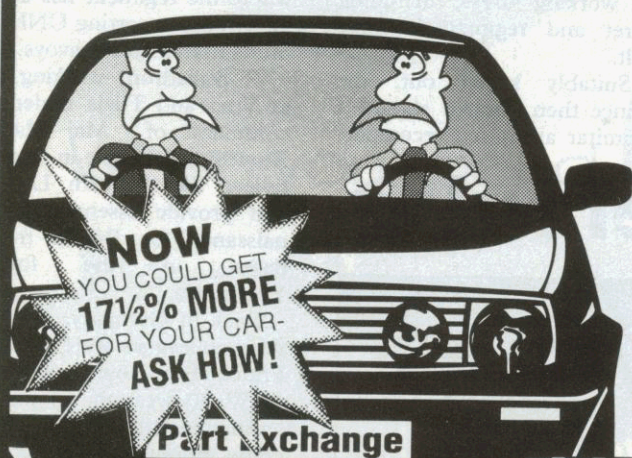
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These British officers have just returned from the third six-month Minurso tour in the Western Sahara. They were part of the 350-strong United Nations force which is maintaining a 1,700km cease-fire line between the Royal Moroccan Army and freedom fighters of the Frente Polisario.

By monitoring the activities of both sides through constant land and air patrols in the desert, Op Minurso – the UN's Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara – has prevented a shot being fired since September 1991. In all, 27 countries are contributing forces to the operation.

The British contingent consists of 14 officer observers drawn from all three

Minurso team returns from vigil in Sahara

Services, and provides the Deputy Force Commander and Chief of Staff – Col Peter Rogers on Minurso Three. The fourth British contingent, now in position in the Western Sahara, is led by Royal Marine Col Arthur Wray. Pictured, back row (left to right), are Capt Ian Whiteley KOSB, Capt Ian Pilcher, Kings, Lt David Shiner RN, Capt

Andrew Bond RDG, Sub Lt Tom Lee RN, Maj Simon Lang KRH, Capt Matthew Wells, Gordons, Col Peter Rogers RHG/D, Flt Lt Ian Kinrade RAF, Lt Chris Houndsfield LD, Flt Lt Gareth Nicholson RAF, Flt Lt Dan Parry RAF and Lt Gareth Chapman RM; (kneeling) Lt Christopher Wotton RN and Flt Lt Mike Garrett RAF.

Training Centres

● From Page 3

Royal Logistic Corps: Mainly at Deepcut, with apprentice and catering training at Aldershot. Driver training would be concentrated at Leconfield.

Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers: Concentrated at Arborfield with a wing at Bordon. Relocation of the School of Aeronautical Training from Middle Wallop to Arborfield.

Army Medical Services: Training would be carried out at Mytchett.

Proposed training locations for the **Adjutant General's Corps** and for **Adventurous Training** are still to be finalised. Further work was in hand on identifying sites, said the minister.

"Changes resulting from earlier measures to rationalise Army training at a smaller

number of centres, thus reducing overheads, are already under way and we propose that this next phase should begin in early 1994," said Mr Hanley.

"It is planned that some barracks affected by these proposals would pass to the Field Army, but the training facilities at Harrogate, Ouston, Strensall and Church Crookham and parts of Chattenden, Netheravon and Deepcut would no longer be required.

"We will be examining the potential for alternative defence uses for these establishments.

"It is not therefore possible at this stage to say what the detailed implications for civilian staff might be.

"Full consultation with the trades unions on the above proposals will take place in the normal way before final decisions are taken."

Gurkhas fly in

MEMBERS OF the Queen's Gurkha Engineers, from the Hong Kong Garrison, flew to Nepal to help in disaster relief operations following widespread flood damage in the Kingdom. The 100-strong party, deployed at the request of the Overseas Development Agency, worked alongside the Royal Nepalese Army and other organisations.

All four cap badges of The London Regiment were prominent at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, on August 1 for a parade to mark the formation of the new Territorial Army regiment.

It is unique in being the only unit to retain four regimental badges serving together under normal conditions and retaining their titles, the PWRR,

IN BRIEF

RRF, London Scottish and London Irish Rifles.

Oxford University Officers Training Corps provided instructors and team leaders for more than ten civilians from 16 companies who took part in the annual Eastern Wessex TAVRA Executive Stretch exercise at Lulworth.

Present at the commissioning of HMS Unicorn, latest affiliated ship of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, at Cammell Laird Shipbuilders in Birkenhead were Brig Mike Constantine (a Deputy Colonel of the regiment) and two buglers from the Canterbury-based 2nd Battalion.



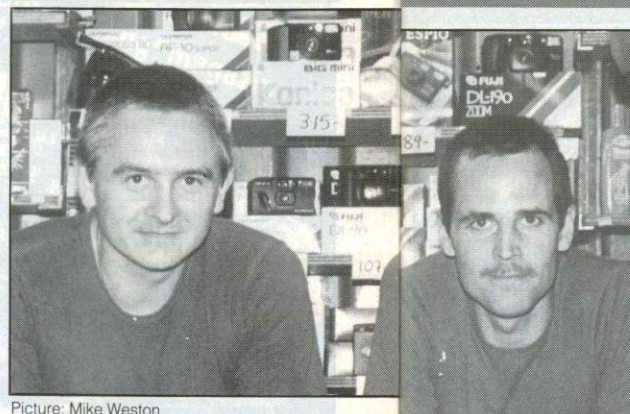
A rare distinction was achieved by WO2 (RQMS) "Ribbs" Kane (second from left) at a double presentation in Sennelager when he was presented with the bar to the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Ribbs, who is due to leave the Army in October after 34 years' service, is believed to be only the second soldier in the history of The Black Watch to have achieved this award.

Also receiving an award – the LS and GC Medal – was WO2 Pete Sangster, R Irish

Ribbs tickled pink!

(pictured with wife Lynda), who, after serving in a variety of infantry and communication posts, is joining the regiment's general service battalion in Cyprus as CSM of C Company. Both men are currently members of Security Operations Training Advisory Team (Germany).

On the left is Brig Alistair Irwin, Commander 39 Infantry Brigade.



Picture: Mike Weston

Open all hours

Cpls Bill Kelly and Pete Shaw are members of Naafi's uniformed branch serving the needs of soldiers stationed in the former Yugoslavia. Part of the Royal Logistic Corps' Expeditionary Forces Institutes, the two NCOs are based at Split. Naafi shops and stores in the region have sold more than £1.6m cans of beer, 500,000 bars of chocolate and 160,000 bags of crisps in the past year.

Mayor Tim steps down



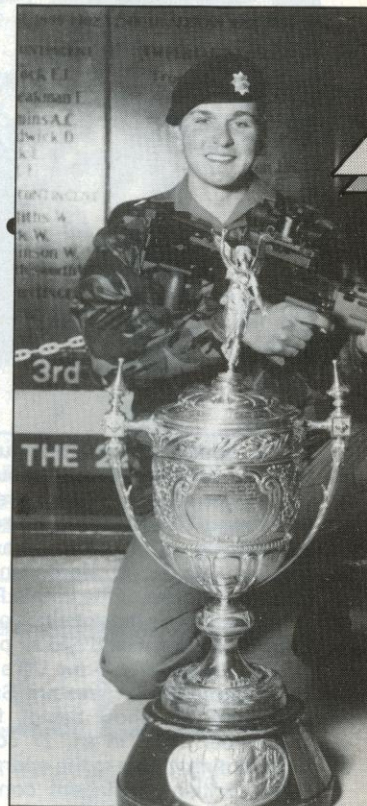
Handing over his "chain of office" to his successor, Capt Mark Peters (right) after a lengthy stint as "Mayor of Hameln" is Maj Tim Wakefield, 2iC 28 Engineer Regiment. Since the British Garrison was granted the Freedom of the town in 1977, the English community has been invited annually to perform an English version of the Pied Piper play.

This year's Pied Piper was Capt Ian Mercer, Hameln's Dental Officer. For Capt Bill Spooner of 35 Engineer Regiment it was a family affair, with wife Janet, daughters Sheryl and Zoe, and three-year-old son David taking part.

PEOPLE

Hot shot

Achieving his aim at Bisley was Pte Peter O'Toole, pictured with the trophy for the champion LSW (Light Support Weapon) shot of the TA skill at arms meeting at Bisley. Peter, from the 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment, scored 161 out of a possible 170 – a total which would have placed him in the first five of the Regular Army meeting first stage. The battalion's five-man team, which included Peter, also did well. They finished second overall and Peter, Lt Tony Angel, Cpl Mike Keeling, LCpl Joey Spain and Pte Ian Pearson were the only team to have all five firers in the coveted top 50 of the second stage of the TA rifle championships for the Queen's Medal.



Big trouble

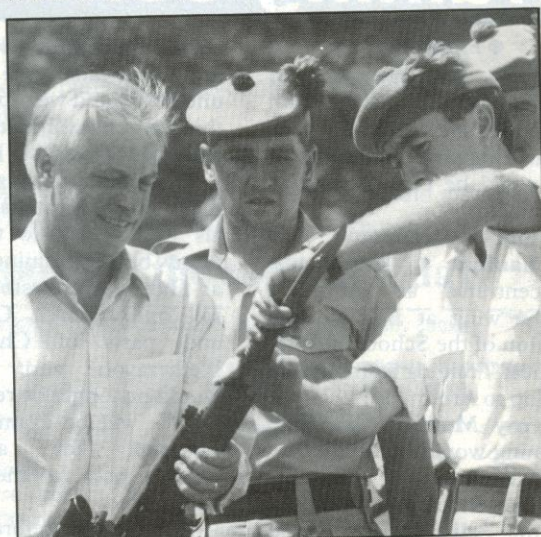
Two guys with a weight on their minds are LCpls Chris Smith (left) and Paul Corney, who were taking part in a mock Sumo wrestling night held by the junior ranks at the Naafi club at RMA Sandhurst. Giving them a helping hand with their huge latex suits at the event – organised by LCpl Julian "Taff" Evans – are the club's Jane Ganderton (left) and Karen Kilburn.



PILGRIMS IN ARMS

A lawyer from Galway and a parish priest from Aberdare – Commandant Sean O'Donnell and Maj Ray O'Shea respectively – continued their friendship of 40 years when they took part in this year's 35th international military pilgrimage to Lourdes. Sean (left) is with the military police unit of the Forca Cosanta Aitiuil (the Irish equivalent of the Territorial Army) and Ray is the Roman Catholic chaplain of 203(W) General Hospital RAMC(V), the Welsh TA Medics.

This year's pilgrimage – open to all serving members of the Armed Services – attracted 30,000 from 25 countries.



Governor of Hong Kong, Chris Patten, has the finer points of the SA 80 bayonet drill explained to him by OC A Coy Maj Angus MacDonald, with Sgt Maj McEwan looking on, during his visit to The Black Watch at Stanley Fort. Mr Patten presented a Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to Cpl Kirk Jose and watched demonstrations of martial arts, bayonet practice and mortar drill.

Point taken

In the money!

Capt Steve Thatcher AGC (SPS) has good reason to smile. Within a week of arriving in Bosnia, the regimental admin officer of the 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire received news that he had won £16,000 in a national competition. Steve, who was commissioned into the Adjutant General's Corps last year after serving 21 years as an RAOC staff clerk, will spend his R and R break in London where, joined by wife Sheila, he will be presented with his cheque.



TOP JOB

Camp Commandant Lt Col Martin Somervell tops out the Junior Servicemen's mess at Dering Lines, Brecon. The £4m development, which includes an indoor training centre, is due to open in December and will be welcomed by troops carrying out endurance training in the Brecons.



BLUEY FROM HOME

Two soldiers serving in Bosnia catch up with family news in a Forces' air mail letter. Maj Tony Swift RLC is a supply officer with the British Forces HQ at Split, while son Matthew (left) is a lance corporal in the 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire at Vitez. He had a lucky escape when he was in the vehicle behind the commanding officer's Warrior when it hit a mine.





Above – Zimbabwe National Parks vet Mark Atkinson dehorns a rhino drugged after being darted

Left – A downed rhino is inspected by Capt Simon Downey QLR, Capt Gerhard Wheeler RWF and Capt Chris Taxis RA

Nick Connor of the Sebakwe conservation group registers horns recovered during Rhino Rescue 2. They would be worth about US\$350,000 (about £239,316) on the black market

Operation Rhino Rescue

MEMBERS of the Mozambique Training Team (MTT), part of the British Military Advisory and Training Team based in Nyanga in the Eastern Highlands of Zimbabwe, gave up weekends to help in two unusual rescue operations.

The first, at Lake Kyle National Park, was to save eight wide-mouthed rhino trapped by the rising waters of the lake. Seriously under threat from poachers seeking their valuable horns, the rhino had to be tracked in thick bush, darted, dehorned, crated and moved by road back into the safety of the park.

Work started before dawn and continued until well after dark. Capt Gerhard Wheeler RWF moved with the trackers, keeping everyone informed by radio of the whereabouts of the lumbering giants, while the CO, Lt Col Robert Martin RGJ,

Zimbabwe team saves endangered juggernauts from lake, poachers

accompanied the vets and co-ordinated the operation.

Several members of the team, led by Capt Marcus Hinde, Green Howards, and Capt Peter Rafferty, Kings, manned cut-off vehicles to prevent the drugged rhino careering into the lake and



Tug of war: MTT members haul a rhino into a crate

drowning while crates were brought up in four-tonners by REME Sgts Dave Towson and Sandy Brown.

When the huge beasts went down in thick bush, Capt Giles Nevill, QO Hldrs, proved a dab hand on the power saw, while Capt Nick

Moody RE and SSgt Chas Longstaff RA arranged the lifting gear.

By sunset on the first day only three of the eight rhino had been moved so an even earlier start was required next morning. The QM, Maj Richard Whiteford, Kings



The crate is manoeuvred into position by crane, operated by Sgt Joe Walker REME

Own Border, and Master Chef Terry Grantham ACC, prepared breakfast well before dawn.

By the time the team had to leave for Nyanga four more rhino had been crated and number eight was darted and down near a road.

It had proved a thoroughly rewarding, if exhausting, experience for all concerned.

A few weeks later a second request for help was received, this time from a British-backed conservation group working near the Sebakwe National Park in the Mid-

lands region of Zimbabwe. Operation Rhino Rescue 2 was mounted.

This time the locating and darting was done by light aircraft and helicopter, with the MTT co-ordinating and manning the follow-up dehorning, crating and

moving operation. Two white and seven black rhino were transported to a safer area.

Raoul du Toit, the National Parks warden in charge of the operation, said: "We are most grateful. Without the help of the MTT we simply could not have achieved so much in such a short time."

He estimated that from a total of more than 2,000 rhino in Zimbabwe in 1990, a mere 600 remain, 250 white and 350 black. MTT personnel have been able to secure 17, or nearly three per cent of those.

Lt Col Martin said: "It provided the members of the MTT a unique opportunity to assist in saving one of the world's most endangered species."

"All of us who took part in the operations found it a fascinating and thoroughly rewarding experience, and very much hope to be able to help again in the future."



Capt Scotty Phillips chooses nails in a Travnik hardware shop



LCpl Don Ridley checks out a trailer-mounted wood saw which has been taken into service by 1st Field Squadron



A sapper Spartan crew about to depart on a "shopping" trip to Travnik. From left to right are Spr Pete Beck, Sgt Ken Saxon, Capt Scotty Phillips and Spr Kevin Gallager

Shotgun shopping to bridge the gaps

A SIMPLE shopping trip requires the reassuring presence of two Spartan combat vehicles and a number of heavily armed soldiers riding shotgun. It is part of the nightmare routine of daily life in embattled central Bosnia.

In the event, the journey turned out to be a routine one for Vitez-based sappers of the 1st Field Squadron, Royal Engineers, who regularly buy urgently-needed nails and timber from the area's last functioning hardware shop at Travnik.

The materials were needed to repair wooden bridges on convoy routes and for the construction of hardened shelters at the British base.

Where possible, items are purchased locally to save time. It takes up to a fortnight to get funding from the United Nations at Zagreb, and another two weeks to buy the goods in Split and get them on a Vitez-bound convoy.

Based at Vitez with the British Battalion Group, the squadron's northern group maintains separate combat support and mechanised field troops, a four-man EOD section and an echelon resources park. A southern group based at Tomislavgrad is respon-

sible for keeping open the mountain road of Route Diamond to Prozor.

Group commander Capt Alastair Fox explained that his men maintained and improved the British base and were also responsible for engineering

**Words: Laurie Manton
Pictures: Mike Weston**

tasks on the routes from Prozor to Vitez and north to Tuzla.

"We have recced dozens of small bridges along the route, some of which will require rebuilding. Unfortunately a number of bridging tasks have

had to be put on hold because of heavy fighting."

The sappers are the first to cross roads closed by fighting to check they are free of mines and damage. They clear the way for convoys of heavy lorries to resume carrying humanitarian aid to areas of need.

The sappers are also hardening up defences around buildings in the British base, formerly a school. The area is occasionally hit by small arms fire and swept by shrapnel from shells and rockets exploding nearby.

"We are protecting the offices with bastion walling. It is really excellent and saves so much time," said Capt Fox.

"It consists of a cage with a plastic insert which can be filled with anything. In the winter it was filled with snow and worked; now we fill it with stone from a local quarry."

The Royal Engineers have also constructed huge collective shelters which offer protection to troops against artillery barrage. Similar shelters have been constructed at the Army's workshop and bulk fuel installation in the town.

Most of the sappers have been under fire, but none has been luckier than the squadron's Canadian ex-

change officer, Lt Craig Braden, who commands Support Troop. He was on the road to Busovaca when a bullet hit his hard-top Land Rover. If the vehicle had been a soft-top version, the round would have passed through the canvas and hit him in the head.

"We've had Spartans engaged by small arms fire. It's not like Northern Ireland where, if someone fires at you, you know they are trying to kill

you. Here, they often fire over your head. We tend to be a bit complacent and watch instead of taking cover," said Capt Fox.

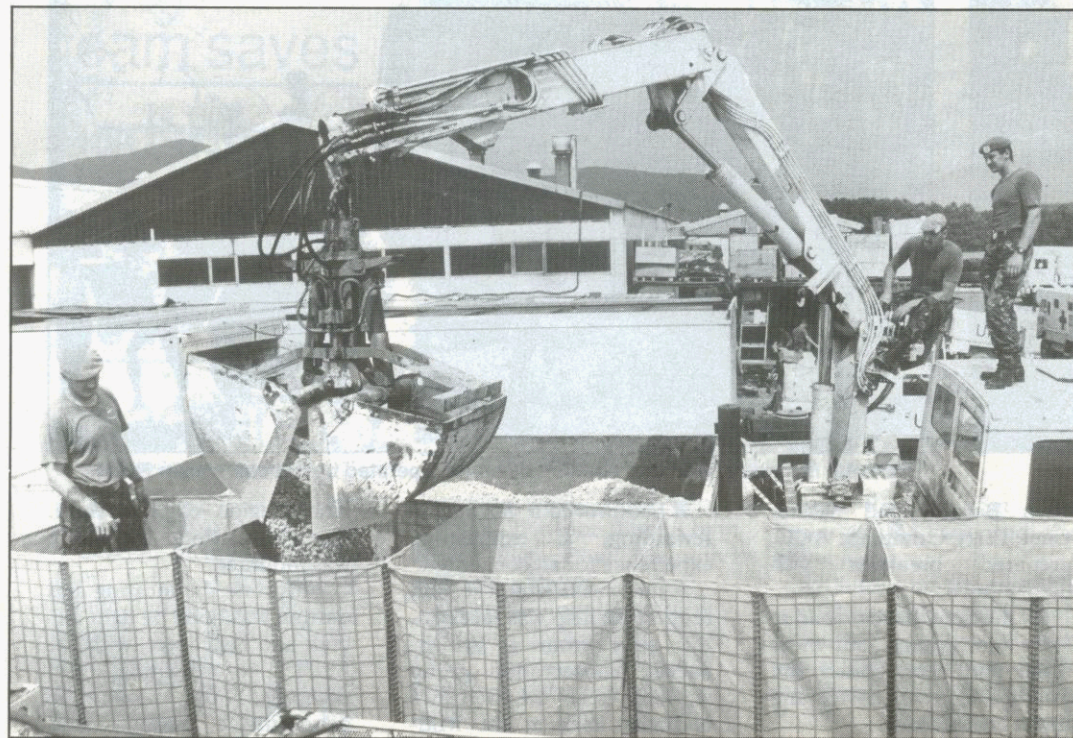
Several British armoured vehicles have had tracks blown off by anti-tank mines and the EOD teams and field sections have had to clear safe routes up to the disabled vehicles to enable REME recovery teams to move in.

According to Capt Fox, the

sappers' only unpleasant task so far took place in Ahnici following a massacre. EOD operators and other engineers cleared a passage to the wrecked houses to allow bodies to be recovered for burial.

"Because the bodies had been there such a long time and the place was mostly rubble, we had to make sure there were no booby traps or mines. We couldn't afford to

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Bastion walling is filled by dump truck operator Gordon Holderness, watched by Cpl John Moores (left) and Cpl Dean Guy



EOD team members Spr Andy Young, Cpl Charlie Thurston and Capt Russell Webb with some of the shells and weaponry they have made safe



Will this rickety wooden bridge bear the 30-ton weight of a Warrior infantry fighting vehicle and its ten-man crew? The sappers must decide

On recce patrol with Warriors of 1 PWO

WORKING alongside The Light Dragoons in some of the more accessible parts of northern Bosnia are infantry soldiers from the 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire which heads the British Battalion Group.

The Yorkies' heavily-armed Warrior infantry fighting vehicles prove an ideal complement to the Dragoons' lighter Scimitar combat reconnaissance vehicles. Both are armed with 30mm Rarden cannons.

A number of Warriors and their crews are based at Tuzla. SOLDIER joined a reconnaissance patrol operating in an area north-east of the town.

The operation was designed to familiarise Lts John Reeve and Jason Medley and their crews with areas in which War-

rior can operate. Some tracks and bridges in the region are too small for the 30-ton vehicles to negotiate.

Individual soldiers are equipped with SA 80 rifles and light support weapons and have access to anti-tank weapons, although the latter were not used when a Bosnian Serb T72 attacked a Warrior near Tuzla recently.

The soldiers were shocked to see the results of ethnic cleansing as they passed through one abandoned village.

Several dozen houses had been burnt out, their owners long fled or murdered. Last year's crop of sweetcorn stood in the fields, flowers bloomed



The background is a blur as top cover sentry, LCpl Lee Schofield looks back from the rear of a moving Warrior

in the gardens, and the graves of several generations of villagers lay untended.

After fording a river the patrol halted to allow the two officers to visit an observation point.

Following a friendly greeting from the occupants of a farmhouse, Lt Reeve and Lt Medley walked round the building to the edge of a vegetable patch in the back garden. From there they had a panoramic view across the valley, enabling them to make a detailed study of front-line positions.

Mission accomplished, the Warriors turned for home. Several checkpoints had to be negotiated during the return to Tuzla, and the patrol passed BiH mortar positions and the occasional armoured car along the way.

Headquarters for the 1 PWO Group and its commanding officer, Lt Col Alastair Duncan, is an old school house at Vitez where the bulk of the Yorkies' Warrior force is sta-

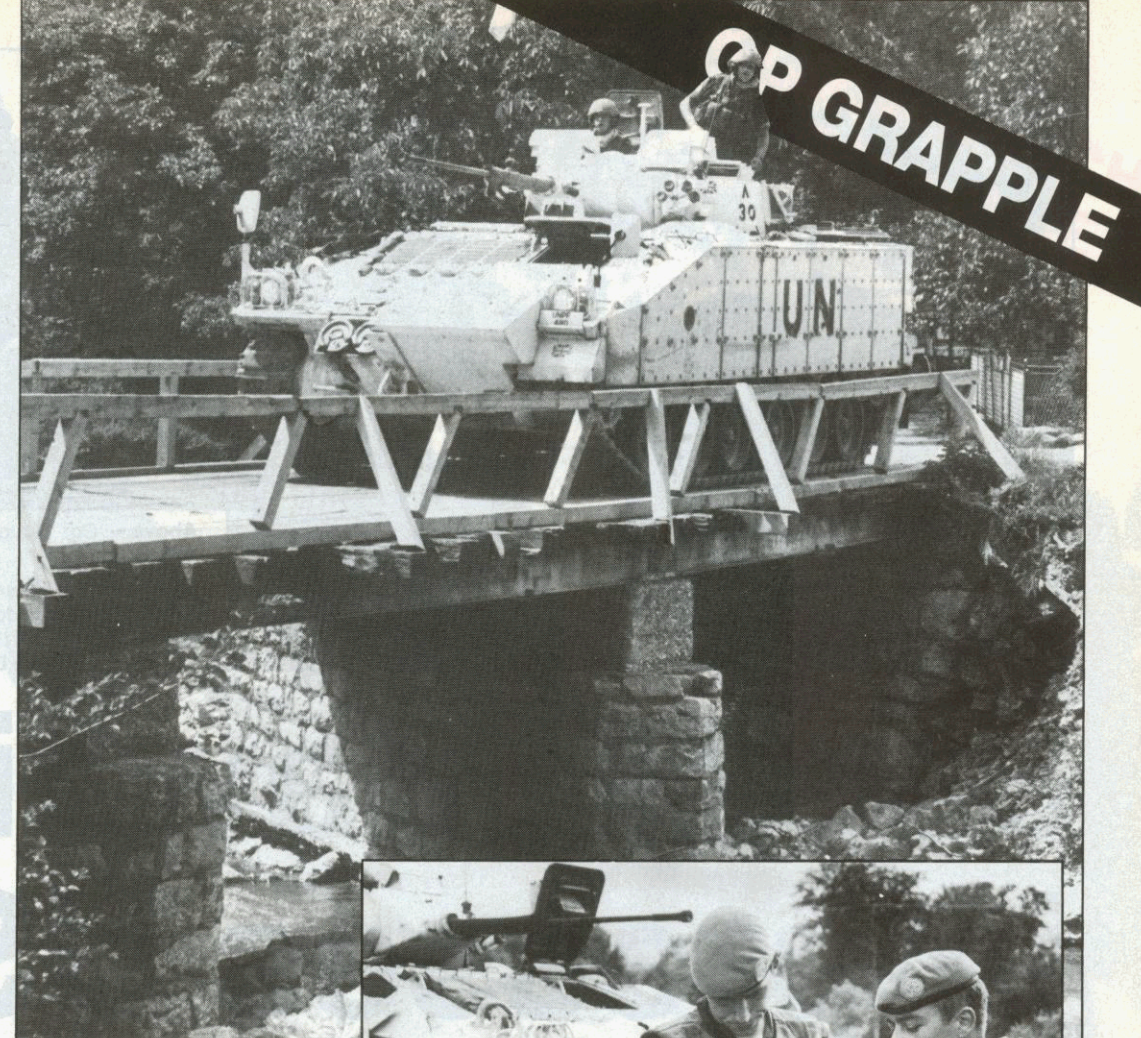
tioned. 1 PWO and Light Dragoons' soldiers are also based at Gornji Vakuf, from where Warriors and Scimitars are sent out daily to escort convoys through some of the more dangerous parts of Route Diamond.

The armoured vehicles are also deployed as static sentry posts.

British Army supply and UNHCR aid convoys have to pass through Gornji Vakuf, where there has been an upsurge of violence since Muslims and Croats began fighting for control of the town.

A patrolling Warrior was attacked recently and several shots hit a sangar at the base. Troops returned fire and no injuries were reported.

For the duration of Operation Grapple, 1 PWO have been supplemented by more than 30 troops each from The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, The Gordon Highlanders, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment.



Above - A Warrior trundles over a wooden bridge that has been restored by British Army sappers



Right - Lt John Reeve and Lt Jason Medley check positions on the map



This NBC 6 water purification unit is providing washing and drinking water for the British base at Vitez. Checking its chlorination levels are Sprs Harry Chapman, Dutch Holland and Brian Girdwood

Sappers

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take chances so we cleared a line up to the cellars to allow teams to shovel up the bodies," he said.

Several different types of mines, mostly of Yugoslavian origin, have been neutralised by the EOD team.

"Our policy is that, if mines are not in the way or causing problems, we leave them. If they are, we try to get local commanders or people to move them.

"If the mine situation were to get really bad, we can draw on a number of armoured personnel carriers which have been fitted with a scatterable mine clearance device."

When the mains water supply at the British base dried up, sappers saved the day by pumping water from a nearby river through an NBC purification plant.

The NBC 6 unit, which only recently entered service with the British Army, is designed to remove nuclear, biological and chemical warfare contaminants from water.

It filters and chlorinates river

water before pushing it into main tanks from which the camp is supplied, and has proved much easier to use than older equipment which required the setting up of a number of towers and tanks connected with pumps and filters.

Said Capt Fox: "The unit produces up to 180,000 litres a day. It is excellent.

"This is the first time my men have used it, but we had no problems. The water is used for showers and drinking, and four pillow tanks, each holding 40,000 litres, give us a good reserve."



Above - Seven platoon, C Company top cover sentries (left to right): Cpl Martin Field and Ptes Michael Colley, Pte Darren Cunningham and David Wilson

Left - Call sign "One-Two" drives through a Bosnian village. Commander, driver and gunner are Sgt Phillip Huskison, Pte Jason Boldness and Pte Jason Cotterill



Above – Sgt Dougie Graham takes command of a USMC Amtrac

Left – The commander 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade, Brig Philip Trousdell, accompanied by B Coy commander, Maj Rupert Forrest, chats to USMC Lima Commander Capt Dave Erwin

**BLACK WATCH
IN PARADISE**

Jocks' Hawaii assault impresses US Marines

THE PUBLIC address system hummed, "Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade, United States Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

"You are about to witness an amphibious assault using some of the Marine specialist equipment here on Bellows Beach. Following an attack by US Marine F-18 fighters a team of Marines will jump from a CH-46 helicopter, swim ashore and mark the beach.

"The main assault will follow in boats and armoured Amtracs. This will be led by B Company, 1st Battalion, The Black Watch who are currently training with the 1st MEB here in Hawaii."

The men of B Coy, 1 Black Watch did indeed lead the assault on Bellows Beach in the culmination of a two-week training package which they spent attached to the 3rd Battalion of the 3rd Regiment USMC in Kaneohe.

The Hong Kong-based company was in Hawaii on Exercise Union Pacific, an annual six-week training detachment to the United States Marines and Army in the Hawaiian islands – and a heaven-sent opportunity for units serving in Hong Kong to forsake restricted training areas in the Territory for the considerable facilities laid on

by the US Pacific Command.

As Marines are experts in all things concerned with water this element was a major factor in most aspects of the training package. The adage that knowledge dispels fear was aptly illustrated by the way the Jocks performed in front of a live audience of politicians, local dignitaries and the media.

The easy confidence they displayed when handling beach

landings through Hawaiian surf was in marked contrast to the anxious looks in week one, when they were introduced to "heli-casting" – abseiling (rappelling to the USMC) from helicopters, covert Insertion from small boats and the outrageous SPIE (Special Patrol Insertion and Extraction) rigging technique; all of which became second nature to the versatile Jocks.

Training did not stop at spe-

cialist skills. The US Marines are superbly fit with excellent upper body strength. The Jocks, however, had little difficulty in keeping up with them when out on their interminable runs. They were taught unarmed combat, introduced to an array of new weapons and equipment, and given demonstrations of Marine capability.

With a brigade of two infantry regiments, supported by a 155mm artillery battalion, engineers, and combat services units, plus four squadrons of CH-46 helicopters and a CH-53 heavy lift squadron, three squadrons of F-18 fighters with the necessary supporting elements, such as an aviation engineer squadron, there was no shortage of things to play with.

Their American hosts were also impressed. Brig Gen Coleman Kuhn, commander of 1 MEB, said: "Since their arrival the Black Watch have stepped out smartly and come on strong and in some aspects we are getting more out of it than we give."

The commanding officer of the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Lt Col Lee Freund, said that the Black Watch had arrived with a reputation of being a top-notch organisation and he was very impressed with their professionalism, discipline and approach to training.

**Words: Paddy Hartigan
Pictures: Matt Wellings**



B Coy Jocks gather around an M47 missile launcher for instruction by LCpl Caaleb Livermore from Arizona



Above – B Coy 1 BW storms ashore through the Pacific surf, leading the assault on Bellows Beach, Hawaii

Right – B Coy learns the art of "heli-casting" (a CH-46 flies low over the water and the Jocks run off the ramp at the back!)

Below – B Coy Sgt Maj George Jamieson



Capt Dave Erwin, commanding Lima Coy, 3/3 Marines, who were the host company, said it was a privilege and a pleasure to work with such men. He said his slightly younger Marines had benefited from the attachment and learned a great deal.

Maj Rupert Forrest, commanding B Coy, was delighted to have the opportunity to train in Hawaii, both with the Marines and latterly with the US Army.

"We are here for six weeks

and intend to get the best out of all the facilities and opportunities available to us. We have a stimulating and challenging training programme and we will also be offering the Jocks a variety of adventurous training pursuits. And there is a little time put aside for R and R!"

The company brought three members of the Pipes and Drums, and their skills were in demand from the moment they arrived. The daily piping of Reveille impressed the Marines and the musicians were

promptly invited to participate in the July 4 celebrations and parade.

As in every remote corner of the globe – and Hawaii is one of the remotest, more than 2,000 miles from anywhere – there is always a colony of Scots. The Islands were no exception and the interest and offers of hospitality outweighed the time and Jocks available.

With the hospitality of the US Forces coupled with the traditional friendliness of the

Polynesian people and the expat Scots, the few good men of The Black Watch had an unforgettable overseas exercise.

Exercises in Hawaii for British soldiers are few and far between, and even for those serving in Hong Kong. With the battalion being short-toured – it is due to return to the United Kingdom next August – and not be replaced, this could well be the last time a UK-based unit exercises in Hawaii. Gurkha battalions may continue to train there.



Army's Nuffield Marina is the latest legacy of a great philanthropist

Living memorial to man in a million

SOLDIERS who fancy themselves as potential America's Cup competitors – or who just like messing about in boats – now have a sparkling new facility.

And what is more, it won't cost their corps and regimental yacht clubs the earth.

Opened last month, the Army Sailing Association's £250,000 Nuffield Marina at Clarence Yard in Gosport, Hampshire, has been built with the intention of providing affordable berths for ASA yachts.

Funding for the project comes as a direct result of the philanthropy and foresight of one man – Lord Nuffield – who died 30 years ago this week.

In 1939, anxious to make "some personal contribution towards the comfort and well-being of those who were giving up, however temporarily . . . their home surroundings in the service of our country", he set up the Nuffield Trust for the Forces of the Crown.

This remarkable man then donated one million Morris Motor shares – valued at the time at £1.5m – to the trustees.

Today, these have a market value of more than £16m.

"The object of the trust was, and still is, to make grants for the provision of facilities and equipment of a recreational or welfare nature for the benefit of all three Services," said trust

secretary Brig Richard Elliott.

"Previously, in the relatively small pre-war Services, the well-being of the men could be left to the individual care of officers, but that arrangement was inadequate for the much larger forces which the Second World War necessitated and which continued during the Cold War."

Lord Nuffield's vision arguably provided the foundation stone for today's comprehensive "welfare" system covering all those serving in any of the three Services worldwide.

Facilities provided by the trust over the years have covered an immense range, Brig Elliott explained.

During the Second World War, for example, one of the first things the trust did was to distribute thousands of radio sets to the British Expeditionary Force on the basis of "a radio in every trench".

Its leave schemes were another unique feature of the trust's work in the early days.

More recently, minibuses have traditionally been one of the main items requested and, among items of sporting equipment, yachts.

Over the years, the brigadier said, the trust has also invested in "fixed assets".

The name of Nuffield is probably best known through a number of clubs which were sponsored and managed directly by the trust.

Largest and probably the most famous was the Nuffield Centre, a recreational club in London for all Servicemen and women. Others included the Nuffield Officers' Club in London and the Nuffield United Services Officers' Club in Portsmouth.

"All the clubs had proved to be a great success but by 1980, with a falling membership that reflected the dwindling welfare requirement for the clubs in peace-time, all of them had been closed and the money raised by the sales re-invested."

At the same time, Brig Elliott pointed out, the trust's funds were growing steadily following the Services' withdrawal from several overseas theatres, and more money was therefore available for distribution.

"The trustees felt that there was a danger of frittering away these large sums on sporting equipment and relatively small projects.

"Consequently it was decided to initiate a scheme whereby a 'Super Grant' would be allocated each year to the individual Services in rotation, in addition to the normal major

Bunting flies from the rigging as participants get down to business on opening day

and minor grants."

It was intended that the Super Grant would be spent on large and worthwhile projects in the UK where security of tenure was assured.

The sum allocated, which has been increased over the years, now stands at £250,000.

One of two recently completed projects, the new marina has been funded by one of the Super Grants, whose past

Army beneficiaries have included a swimming pool at Bordon and improvements to the Union Jack Club in London.

Both the income and the capital derived from Lord Nuffield's original gift in 1939 have increased "most satisfactorily", according to the trust, with the capital sum invested having risen to some £16m.

This year, the total allocations by the trust since its inception will have exceeded £18m and the grants during the year will exceed £1m – a huge increase on the distribution from the first year of the trust's life which stood at £87,000.

"The Army and the other Services continue to benefit in many and varied ways from Lord Nuffield's generous and imaginative benevolence which has so successfully filled the gap between things

that are provided from official sources and extras which make living conditions more comfortable, or recreation more enjoyable," said the brigadier.

In this context, he added, at no time can this have been more appreciated than by those serving under arduous conditions in the numerous operational post-war deployments in which the Army has

lives on.

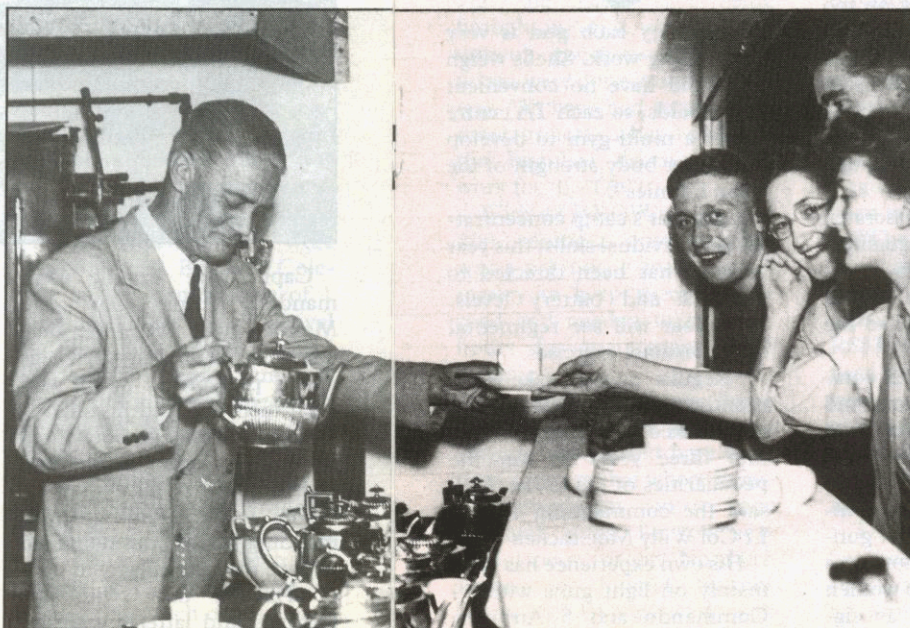
● Corps and regimental yacht clubs requiring details of the new marina and of Army Sailing Association membership, should write to: The Secretary, ASA, MoD Army Sport Control Board, Clayton Barracks, Thornhill Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2HS.

Words: Phil Wilcox



Opening shot: pictured on the day the new marina took its bow are (left to right) project director Maj Gen Roland Notley; Lord Stokes (Nuffield Trust); Lady Wilsey; Gen Sir John Wilsey (Admiral, ASA); Captain E M Hackett, Queen's Harbourmaster, Portsmouth.

"The marina (described by Gen Wilsey as a long-time aspiration of the association, and a most important project) is going to all ranks of the Services: everyone can have a go," said Lord Stokes. "It is something that will be here permanently for people to use in the years to come."



Lord Nuffield, generous benefactor, dispenses tea in the 1940s at the London centre which bears his name

Picture: Mike Perring

Picture: Terry Champion

London's Union Jack Club: past recipient of Nuffield Trust Super Grant, for improvements

been involved.

These included Malaya, Korea, Borneo, Aden, Cyprus, Belize, Northern Ireland, the Falkland Islands, the Gulf and, most recently, the former Yugoslavia.

Writing to the Secretary of State for War in 1939, Lord Nuffield said: "I intend this gift to be a permanent memorial to the spirit which animates us today."

At Gosport – and at Bulford, where work is scheduled to start on a covered sports centre as a Super Grant project – his legacy



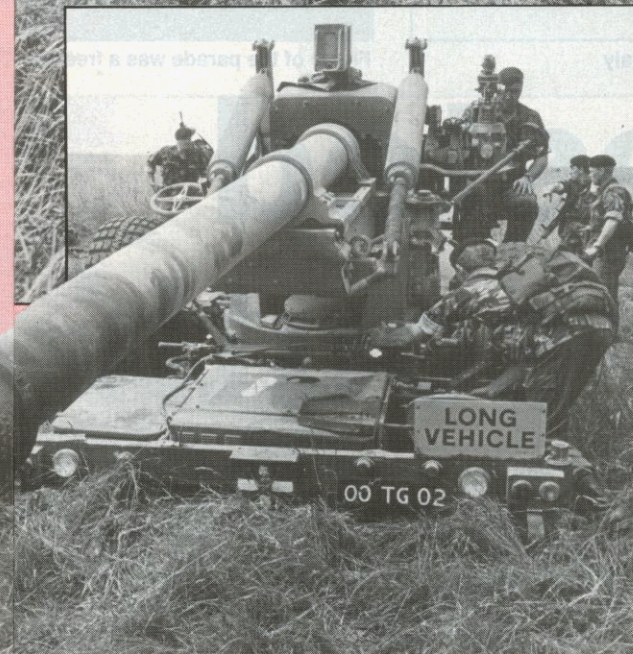
Command post officer 2nd Lt Marie Fowle has a way with words



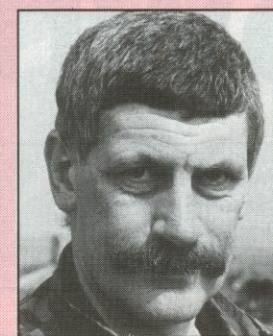
Gunner Jacqui Sexton and WO2 Paul Perry, sad to leave his Royal Artillery cap badge after 18 years, with the best gun trophy



The Tyneside Scottish fire FH70



Bringing the FH70 into action was part of the best gun competition



Above - Lt Col Willy McCracken, commanding officer



Right - AQMS Mick Weightman and Cpl Glen Miller of the Workshop are on hand for repairs

Plain speaking from the Geordie Gunners

THERE is something about the way 2nd Lt Marie Fowle communicates with the Geordie Gunners which makes them take notice. She bawls at them.

It is not exactly ladylike, but there is no mistaking her peremptory tone. And there is no argument.

Perhaps it had more to do with her being one of the command post officers who controlled the firing of the 155mm field howitzers of 101 (Northumbrian) Field Regi-

**Words: Gordon Skilling
Pictures: Terry Champion**

ment RA (V) during its annual camp on Salisbury Plain.

After five years with Northumbrian University Officers Training Corps' gun troop before joining the regiment 15 months ago, 2nd Lt Fowle is used to shouting commands. "OTC command posts were always manned by women because our voices are a lot clearer than men's," she said.

Nearly 30 women have joined 101 Fd Regt since recruiting started two years ago when it changed roles from the 105mm light gun to the FH70 in the general support role to 1(UK) Division of the Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corps.

The regiment comprises three gun batteries which each fielded three guns on the Plain: 203 (Elswick) Battery based in Blyth, which also houses the workshop; 204 (Tyne-side Scottish) Battery with its distinctive

Black Watch hackle, based in Walker, Newcastle; and 205 (3rd Durham Volunteer Artillery) Battery at South Shields.

HQ Battery is based in Gosforth and recently resurrected the title of Tynemouth Volunteer Artillery.

The regiment is half way through its conversion and the camp went a long way to calming the many doubters who felt that the TA was taking on too much. Training Major John Tulloch could proudly reflect on the regiment's achievement as he watched the batteries moving independently and having a regimental firing day after only two years.

"After starting from scratch we now have 64 qualified Foden drivers, and when you consider we only do this at weekends it should make the Regulars look up."

FH70 is very complex compared with the light gun and imposed a huge training load on the unit. Almost everybody had to be re-trained, whether gun fitters, mechanics, command post staff or actual gunners. It also requires a lot more heavy physical work, so women are usually recruited as signallers, clerks and drivers.

Manhandling the 41 shells

required by each gun is very demanding work. Shells weigh 96lb and have no convenient hand-holds, so each TA centre needs a multi-gym to develop the upper body strength of the "gun bunnies".

Last year's camp concentrated on individual skills; this year training has been directed to sub-unit and battery levels. Next year will see regimental and divisional exercises.

"Regular courses take three months, but we have nipped and tucked the same process into three years to suit the peculiarities of life in the TA," said the commanding officer, Lt Col Willy McCracken.

His own experience has been mainly on light guns with 29 Commando and 5 Airborne Brigade so he went to the new gun with a fresh approach, as

did his Geordies.

"The size of the beast and scale of its support was striking," he said. "Not being brought up on it, we could ask difficult questions about why things were done in a particular way. We have had to stop and think because what works for the Regulars doesn't always work for the TA."

With 48 DROPS trucks and 200 vehicles, driver-training was a priority; it took a lot of money to keep them on the road and needed many man-hours for maintenance and training.

The Territorials are doing everything with the gun that a Regular unit would have been doing, except that where Regulars periodically convert back to light guns for overseas deployment, or on Northern Ireland or United Nations tours, the TA can work with the gun continuously.

"When we are a couple of

years down the line and have a bit of depth, we will probably have more experience than any Regular regiment," said the CO.

It is, however, maintenance intensive, and additional Non Regular Permanent Staff have been taken on to cope.

"The Permanent Staff and I have been run off our feet channelling the TA's enthusiasm in the right direction," said RSM Neil Thompson. "In the past, PSIs were in their last two years of service, but we are trying to change that to bring in people who are climbing the ladder, so that the TA get a lot more out of their PSIs."

The Light Aid Detachment has been expanded to Workshop-size. It made a good start by winning Eastern District's Warcop Trophy for REME.

"We could get away with

fewer people in the Light Aid Detachment with the light gun," said AQMS Mick Weightman REME, "but this takes an enormous amount of maintenance. For us, training means breaking."

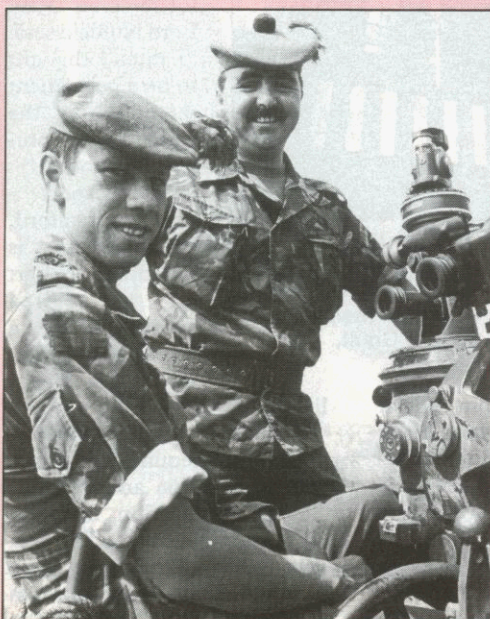
Camp included three days of dry training, three days' live firing and a two-day CO's exercise, followed by the Queen's Cup national artillery competition and regimental firing.

A best gun competition was also run to give the Number Ones a chance to show their mettle by bringing their guns into action and solving problems. The nine-man crews had to run nearly a mile and face a battle shock tactical situation.

The Geordie Gunners are keeping up their high standards. The radar troop holds UKLF's Cymbeline Cup, and the Tyneside Scottish Pipe Band was best quartet in the TAVRA pipe band contest.

The fact that 101 Fd Regt is a tightly-knit unit has been a strength as Lt Col McCracken could interchange officers and senior NCOs more easily and so spread talent evenly.

Before his posting to Newcastle he thought football was just a game. Now he knows differently! And though he has not yet learned to speak Geordie or acquired a taste for Newcastle Brown, his tour as CO has been a rewarding one.



Gunner Dennis Hannon and Sgt Robert Gregg - on his last day in the Army after 17 years



Soldier from the Italian contingent march on the AMF(L) parade at Lecce in southern Italy



Finale of the parade was a free-fall display



AMF(L)
IN ITALY

Loggies tested way down south

THE RAIN and sticky mud of the range was more akin to Salisbury Plain than a summer's day deep in the heel of Italy. However, the soldiers of the Allied Command Europe Mobile Force (Land) had more important things on their minds as they were given their battle orders under the close scrutiny of visiting VIPs during Exercise Arena Exchange.

More than 3,000 troops from the UK, Germany, Belgium, the USA and Italy, who were joined for the first time by soldiers from a Spanish airborne battalion, took part in Arena Express as training for Nato's Immediate Reaction Forces.

Words:
Sarah Shepherd
Pictures:
LCpl Paul Brownbridge

It was the first time that the AMF had exercised in southern Italy, which, being little more than 100 miles from former Yugoslavia, created a certain amount of interest among the media.

"The area where we exercise is chosen by the host nation. For this exercise the Italians decided that the south would provide the best training area," said Brig David Innes, commander of the UK detachment of the AMF(L).

"The primary role of the AMF(L) is to show potential aggressors that an attack or attempt to annex any part of Nato territory would be resisted by all members of the Alliance," explained Maj Paddy Bangham, who works in the AMF Headquarters at Heidelberg, Germany.

"On arrival in theatre the AMF(L) undertakes high profile deterrent displays such as that seen on the Observers' Day, a multinational parade and a display of fighting vehicles and weapons".

One of the highlights of the exercise was the parade at Lecce, 30 miles south of Brin-

disi. It was carefully timed to begin after the siesta, which resulted in a good turnout from local people.

RSM Les Carruthers of the Logistic Support Battalion had, in his words, "a challenging time" to co-ordinate all the different drill movements of the Italians, Belgians, Spanish, Germans and Americans on parade. The visiting Bersaglieri of the Italian Light Infantry, with their double march, added a colourful touch.

In the parade finale, Belgian and German soldiers abseiled from helicopters on to the square, followed by a free-fall parachutist display.

"Arena Exchange is not a full deployment exercise, but one of its main objectives is to test the system of deployment and logistics," explained Lt Liz Bennett of the Bulford-based Logistic Support Battalion.

The loggies provide the entire force with services such as fresh and packed rations, spares, POL, vehicle workshops, ammunition, general stores and a field bakery.

As part of the AMF(L), soldiers from 94 Locating Regiment, (minus their guns) were also on the exercise.

"One of the important



US troops on combat patrol

aspects of the AMF is that all the nationalities work together", said Lt Col Chris Coats. To this effect a cross training day had been organised and the soldiers were able to test out each others' weapons, including the German Lafetiel MG3 and the American M60. The soldiers were given the opportunity to try out various NBC and first aid equipment of the different nationalities. They also had the chance to sample foreign rations during a tasting session.



RSM Les Carruthers, who co-ordinated the parade drill of several nations

"The scoff isn't bad," was the verdict of Gnr "Bunny" Todd. "The Italians go in for a lot of pasta in tins, the American Meals Ready to Eat are passable, but I'm glad we have nothing like the Spanish squid in olive oil in our compo."

Preparations are already in hand for the next AMF(L) exercise, Action Express, which will be a full deployment exercise involving more than 10,000 troops in Denmark next month.

US Army armoured personnel carriers withdraw after an attack during the exercise



The Bersaglieri of the Italian Light Infantry during the parade



Maj Gen Jozef Schoups, commander of the Allied Command Europe Mobile Force (Land) making a speech during the parade at Lecce



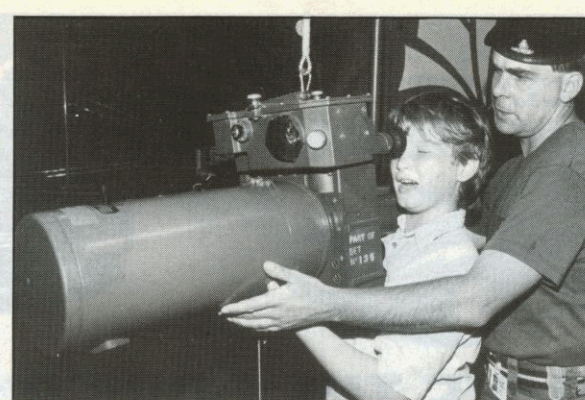
Above – LCpls Lee Crawley, Life Guards, and Darren Caile, Blues and Royals, give Gareth and Geraint Meek a privileged seat on their armoured vehicle



Kingsman Robby Mallon conducts a security check



One of the spectacular turns was the Royal Signals' White Helmets



Above – LBdr Derek Winter, 10 Bty 47 Regt, shows Joe Betham the Javelin trainer



Right – LCpl Phillip Hills, 6/7 PWRR helps four-year-old Angus Graham through the "jungle gym" on the Army stand in the Tournament exhibition area



Above – LCpl Ollie Ollerhead shows Andrea Morely a vintage machinegun

Right – Sgt Mark Yates and Cpl Colin Deegan help producer Maj Michael Parker



The King's Regiment Arena Team set up the dogs' assault course for the RAVC handlers

Gordon Skilling reports from the Royal Tournament. Pictures by Mike Perring

KINGS OF ENTERTAINMENT

KINGSMEN can claim to have helped the Royal Navy win the Battle of Trafalgar, with a little extra help from the Russian Navy.

Their battlefield was actually London's Earls Court arena, where the 1st Battalion, The King's Regiment, provided the support unit for the Royal Tournament and "shifted the scenery" for many of the acts, including the grand finale recreating the famous battle.

The arena party also rolled out the blue carpet for some spectacular dancing by the Russian Navy, whose Central Band appeared for the first

time. Another Tournament debut was the Royal Army Veterinary Corps' dog display team. Their humorous performance was well received, as were standard spectaculars such as the Musical Drive by the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, and the display by the White Helmets motor cycle team.

The Kingsmen themselves had an interesting time, either as shadowy figures scurrying about to set up and remove props, or as the unobtrusive layered security screen discreetly watching everything.

They were given the job of supporting the Tournament at

very short notice when the 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment was suddenly withdrawn for special training.

Life has been varied for the Kings in recent months, particularly for B Company, which enjoyed excellent training in the Falklands until March, went on public duties for two months, switched to the Tournament for a month and then changed back to public duties after some leave. An exercise in Jordan is on the cards, and the battalion is scheduled for Spearhead training.

This variety was welcomed

by commanding officer Lt Col Robin Hodges, who saw the Tournament as a mini-tour and each performance a separate operation. He effectively closed the regiment's barracks in Hounslow and moved in at Earls Court.

Security had to be no less tight than at Ballykelly, where the battalion completed a residential tour before taking up public duties last year.

Changing Earls Court into the world's largest stage, complete with 900-tons of topsoil is a mammoth task. Soldiers worked from dawn to dusk and fatigue parties often until

11pm, said 2nd Lt Jago Packer.

LCpl Corky Cork of the drums platoon had not appreciated what was involved. "We set up the accommodation for more than 2,000 Servicemen and women – beds, lockers, chairs and stores – plus the stalls and messes," he explained.

Coping with 1,000 personnel a day gave catering staff and messes little respite. They had hardly taken stock since receiving new Colours from the Colonel-in-Chief, the Queen Mother.

Many members of the regiment are Liverpudlians, who

excel at interacting with the public.

Past master at this was LCpl Ollie Ollerhead, a natural entertainer who recently won a karaoke competition and was off to the Caribbean shortly after the Tournament. "This is what it's all about," he grinned as, dressed as a Vietnam "War Dog", he coaxed youngsters to have their pictures taken in Kingsman's uniform in front of a sentry box.

He did not need his prowess as Combined Services light heavyweight boxing champion to hold the attention of a large crowd in the soldiers' bar long

after the last performance.

"Our greatest asset is our men," said Lt Col Hodges. "I stayed up to watch Cpl Ollerhead and he had us all spell-bound as he described enlisting in the Army. It was the funniest thing I've ever heard."

The soldiers' forte as stand-up comedians and their sharp senses of humour restored morale when anything went wrong, said Maj Chris Owen, deputy camp commandant.

"They see the funny side of everything, however dire," he said.

Cpl Colin Deegan of the MT platoon hoped his wife saw

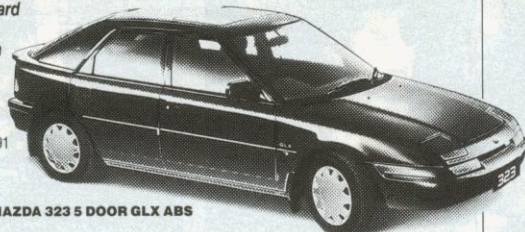
the funny side of his returning from a four-week course to receive a letter telling him to pack for three weeks at the Royal Tournament.

As assistant to the producer, Maj Michael Parker, he had his finger on every pulse in the tournament.

Supporting the Royal Tournament was hard work, but many Kingsmen who had never been able to make the journey to London to see it themselves greatly enjoyed the experience, as did relatives and friends who enjoyed complimentary tickets to a marvellous show.

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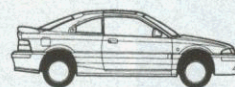
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Apprentice mountaineer

REACHING the snow-dome summit of Pisang Peak (6,092m) in the vastness of the Himalayas with the sun rising above the horizon beyond, members of Exercise Nepal Thrust were able to reflect with satisfaction on the effort that had gone into getting there.

For 17-year-old Junior Spr Adrian Parker and 18-year-old App Tradesman Joe Hogan, raw novices a week earlier, the experience was a far cry from life at the Army Apprentices College in Chepstow where they are training.

Led by Cpl Ian Roberts, an instructor at the college's External Leadership Wing in Crickhowell, the expedition was first discussed at the 1991 annual meeting of the Royal Engineers Mountain and Exploration Club (REMEC) when Pisang Peak was chosen as a destination.

An added dimension was the 150-mile trek around the Annapurna Circuit through some of the finest mountain scenery in Nepal.

Final selection and confirmation proved time-consuming because the club's members are spread across Europe. It was not until February this year that the expedition members finally got together for the first pre-expedition training.

Team effort proved a byword during training and the intricate planning fell to expedition 2iC Capt Ian Redwood, whose humour was sorely tested during the freighting of



Apprentice Joe Hogan on Pisang Peak, almost at the top of the world

equipment to Nepal and his dealings with the agents there. Kathmandu was the launch point for the project.

The expedition included a team of 22 porters, a cook and a sirdar, the latter co-ordinating the carriage of heavy climbing stores to the Pisang base camp, is a seven-day trek from the road and a day's climb above the village of Pisang.

The porters were a constant

source of amazement with the loads they were capable of bearing. Cpl Dave Bunting attempted to carry one such burden and was quite unable to move.

The climb itself was both technical and exhausting, with sections of steep snow and ice and pitches involving exciting climbing over a mixture of rocks glazed with a thin layer of ice and hard snow known as

neve. Sight of the summit filled all the team members with strength and their arrival at the top was an emotional moment.

The five days on the peak had changed everyone in some small way, and App Hogan confessed – voicing the feelings of many on the climb – that he had never before pushed himself so hard.

The expedition was successful in placing all 11 team members on the summit – no easy feat. In addition, they navigated and crossed the Mesokanto Pass via Tilicho Lake on their return, before returning to Kathmandu.

Other team members were Maj Peter Aldwinckle, Capt Andy Bilous, Capt Andy Marsh, WO2 Alan Richards, SSgt Sam Woodger and Cpl Chris Collett.

A major feature of the expedition was the goodwill and support encountered throughout, particularly from the Army Apprentices College at Chepstow.

Among the sponsors was outdoors wear company Pit-tards, who provided Scarpa boots which were later recalled (after the team were given new pairs!) for laboratory research on the effects of expedition wear.

RLC trekkers see Canada – on foot

Sign of the times for Lt Jenny Whitticase, who spent three weeks trekking in Canada's national parks. With her were 2nd Lt Allie Lloyd-Spencer and Ptes Matt Barton, Mark Bingham, Gareth Brown, Paula D'Silva and Tony Shearan of the Bielefeld-based Support Battalion Headquarters Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corps, and Sgt John Dempsey of 6 Supply Regiment.

All eight are members of the Royal Logistic Corps.



FOR FAMILIES

How the sweet life

WHEN SSgt Rod Harpham left the Army after 22 years' service he appeared to have everything going for him – a trade, a job, a home and a loving family. But the transition to civilian life was to have a dramatic effect on him and those closest to him.

This is his story:

"On July 15, 1990 I completed 22 years' service in the REME, reaching the rank of SSgt Electrician, the top of the tree in this particular trade. During that period I spent a lot of time away from home, as well as being at sea for seven years.

I took my resettlement leave and my four weeks' resettlement course as a block and started with an international machinery company with a main UK dealership.

My job as a field service engineer/electrician was well within my capabilities.

I would like to relate what happened to me, mainly for the benefit of others embarking on a new life in civvy street after a long Service career.

For the first couple of weeks I accompanied another field service electrician on his jobs to get to know the equipment and the customers.

Eventually I would only have to work on fork trucks and he on earthmoving equipment, but there would be times when we would

have to help each other out.

The faults we were called to were fairly minor but the size of the quarry machinery was frightening, like nothing I had ever seen before.

After a couple of days I became unsure of myself; the confidence I had always had was leaving me. By the end of the first week I was very nervous and worried about coping with the job and the paper work on my own. I also worried whether I could do the job until I retired, or if I even wanted to. I wished I was back doing something I knew.

At the beginning of the second week I got my own service van. Unfortunately, this just gave me something else to worry about. Why? I did not know.

By day ten I had become a nervous wreck. I could not eat or sleep properly and was starting to get the shivers. My wife and I discussed how I was feeling, my fears and my thoughts. We came to the conclusion, rightly, that it was caused by my starting a new job, a new life at home, and my retirement from the Army, a life I had lived for the past 20-odd years.

Understanding that, I thought, would enable me to control myself. It did not.

The end of the week came and the "shivers" turned to "shakes". I was starting to have panic attacks. Although I tried to keep control during work

hours, there were times when I had to sneak away to the toilet to get myself under control.

Things like simply filling my vehicle with fuel at a service station and completing the related paper work became a major worry.

One of my colleagues was ex-RAF, so I spoke to him at some length. He seemed to understand how I felt as he too had had trouble adjusting. It was reassuring to know it was not just me, but did nothing to help get it under control.

On the Saturday I had had enough and was about to call the manager and quit but was stopped by my wife.

One minute I had been a SNCO in a major workshop and before that, the chief electrician on an HMAV. Now I could not face filling my van with diesel!

My wife and I talked all that day about my changing life style, job and even the mid-life crisis. I had to understand that I had completed one career and was embarking on a new one, with new people around me, a new way of life and a strange new job.

I had lived and breathed the Army. I knew it inside out – all the wrinkles – now that was all gone. I was alone, and had to start by taking one day at a time.

I arranged an interview with my manager who was very understanding and put things into perspective. He



At the top of the tree: Former SSgt Rod Harpham in his Army days, renewing a navigation light on the mast of HMAV Ardennes. Descent was to follow, in more ways than one ...

told me not to worry about being the expert on site; there would always be times when we would not be able to fix the faults without help. Help would always be at hand.

Most of all, I must

remember that I was being sent out because the operator was unable to do the job himself. Although it was nothing I had not been told already, I felt better hearing it from the boss. While it helped me understand the

turned sour

job, it did nothing to help me over my mental state. I would have to cope with that myself. I left his office to find I was to go on a job alone. Despite an initial mild panic, once I found out what the problem was, I completed the job with ease. It gave me a little boost, but on the way back the trepidations returned. I only felt calm when my mind was occupied with work.

These are basically the symptoms, but not the cause of what was happening to me. Every time I started to look ahead I started to panic and feel sick.

With each job I completed my confidence grew, but I still endured long periods of depression. At home I would sit staring into space, feeling lonely even though my family was around me.

I would be irritable and flash up at the slightest thing. My wife and I talked about how I felt each night and I kept a diary of how each day went. Naturally the job got easier as time went on, but the moods of feeling "lost" and not "fitting" stayed with me for six to eight months.

It is very difficult to describe just how I felt over that period. It seemed that everything lumped together at once had caused me to go into overload.

I have been out of the Army three years now, and no longer have pangs of hunger for the military life. Although not fully readjust-

ed, I have had time to reflect. What happened to me was not unique. Traveling around as I did, I came across many ex-Servicemen who had experienced similar resettlement problems.

One 16-year man related to me that he had really gone to pieces, lost his wife, his family and his home and ended up living in a dosshouse. Had it not been for a friend contacting SSAFA he does not know how low he would have sunk.

Naturally, not all retiring Servicemen and women will experience problems during this readjustment period, but I feel that within the resettlement process, time should be made to make personnel aware of just what can happen.

For many like me it is not just starting a new job but starting a new way of life, being at home all the time, the loss of comrades to talk to and confide in. The mid-forties is a difficult time to change your way of life.

This period of readjustment is also stressful for the family, who have to get used to a new member in their midst. This can take time: one man told me it took him and his family three years – and he had not completed a pensionable engagement.

Had I had some sort of understanding of what could happen, it surely would have helped me cope. A short seminar with

speakers who have been through the trauma must be worth more than the months of anguish my family and I, and others like me, had to suffer.'

The Director of Resettlement offers this advice:

Starting a new life, particularly for long service personnel, can be traumatic, and throughout the resettlement process course tutors and resettlement officers do emphasise that the civilian world does not offer the same level of support as the Services.

To help prepare themselves, Service leavers should attend a range of resettlement briefings. The Second Careers Advice and the Job Search Skills briefings provide particularly useful guidance on routes into civilian employment.

A familiarisation attachment, if one can be arranged, is also very valuable for getting the feel of working outside the Services environment.

Those eligible should also consider the option of a civilian attachment which provides the opportunity of up to four weeks' work experience with a civilian firm in lieu of resettlement training.

Organisations such as SSAFA, the Royal British Legion, Regular Forces Employment Association and the Officers Association are available to assist with problems once you have left the Services.

Foundation funds study of Forces welfare

JUDITH Dugdale, whose research into housing ex-Service families was welcomed by the Ministry of Defence earlier this year, has now turned her attention to the provision of welfare in the Forces.

Her latest project is being carried out with a grant from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, which funded her housing research.

The charitable trust has stipulated that the grant should be used to prepare a report to parallel a tri-Service welfare review being conducted by the MoD this summer.

A small team led by Brig Adrian Naughten has been undertaking a busy programme including visits to major Army, Royal Navy, Royal Marines and RAF centres. Part of its task is to arrive at an agreed definition of welfare, an assessment of how it is supplied, and at what cost.

Judith's work includes research into part of a huge documentary archive left by Anne Armstrong, the SOLDIER columnist, who died in May. Anne played a key role in initiating the housing project.

"Anne was always adamant that Service people should get the same welfare provision as anyone in civilian life," Judith said.

"Welfare is crucial to morale and I am concerned, as she would have been, that any review might mean a cost-cutting exercise. I will be keen to emphasise that future provision should be as comprehensive as possible."

Among Anne Armstrong's areas of concern which Judith will be studying are housing; working wives and welfare benefits; lone parents; bullying; youth work, including counselling and support; pensions; and consistency among the Services in the treatment of those seeking welfare support.

Judith said: "I shall be asking questions such as: Is the provision in all three Services for marital advice and counselling as good as the best, and are services for children and young people adequate?"

"I hope my report will make a contribution to the debate on the future provision of welfare services. I shall publish my findings in time to be considered by the MoD and all other interested parties, including politicians, in the autumn."

● Judith is keen to gather readers' objective comments on the future of welfare provision. They should be addressed to her, c/o SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU.

Anne tribute

DONATIONS to the Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society in tribute to Mrs Jacqueline Mayo (Anne Armstrong), who died in May, have now reached £5,000.

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SOLDIER readers can get half-price tickets (a saving of £3) for the fourth National Self-Build Homes Show at Alexandra Palace on September 16-19.

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More exhibitors than

ever are taking part in the show, a reflection of the growing interest in self-build. It is estimated that last year about 25,000 homes were constructed in this way, while at the same time there was a distinct drop in the number of detached houses and bungalows put up "on spec" by developers.

Most self-builders reckoned to save up to 30 per cent on the cost of building their new homes by negotiating on the price of land, labour and materials, and by cutting out the developer's profit margin and overheads.

In addition, self-builders have more control over design, quality and finish so get more house for their money.

Last year's show attracted more than 30,000 visitors.

This year about 150 exhibitors will be represented, ranging from house kit and materials suppliers to financial advice on special mortgage packages for self-builders.

A decorated, fully furnished oak-framed showhouse with three bedrooms will be one of the main attractions.

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Veterans sought for stress study

EXPERTS investigating the long-term psychological consequences of Second World War service have called for more combat veterans to come forward.

Psychologists Ian Robbins and Nigel Hunt, of Plymouth University, who have already questioned scores of men who took part in combat up to 50 years ago, are also widening their survey to the effects of war on civilians of both sexes.

Initial findings, they say, show that symptoms in elderly war veterans are similar to those found in those who suffered trauma in more recent conflicts, such as the Gulf War and the Falklands.

Now, in turning their attention also to those who did not fight in the armed forces, they are looking for those who have not yet experienced any problems as well as those who have.

Before joining the university, Ian Robbins was involved in specialist MoD research into the psychological factors which predict battlefield performance. He was also part of a field psychiatric team assigned to offer help to those affected by the stresses of battle during the Gulf War.

Volunteers to complete a questionnaire on their wartime experience and subsequent health are asked to write to Ian Robbins or Nigel Hunt at the University of Plymouth, Clinical Teaching Unit, 4/5 Rowe Street, Plymouth PL4 8AA, or leave an answerphone message on 0752 233164.

What a good suggestion!

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Castle (and palace) views

A NUMBER of watercolours depicting the Horse and Foot Guards on public duties will be among 35 in a London exhibition by New Zealand artist John Castle.

Castle was given permission by the Queen to record scenes inside the royal palaces in London and Windsor, and the works on display at the Park Walk Gallery in Chelsea from October 12-30 include the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace.

Badges of honour

A rather special presentation was made to the Enfield branch of The Middlesex Regiment by branch member and Korean veteran Bob Clarke (left) when he handed over a case containing original cap badges of all the infantry regiments which took part in the Korean War, during which the Middlesex was awarded seven battle honours. With Bob are branch chairman Capt Alan McManus and founder/secretary Jack Warner.

Carol service early warning

ONLY 108 carolling days to Christmas! A carol service, the first of its kind, is to be held in aid of SSAFA in the Royal Military Chapel (The Guards' Chapel), at Wellington Barracks, London, on December 8.

The Band of The Life Guards, 1992 choirgirl of the year Fiona Wright, and the HM Treasury Singers will be performing before an audience including Princess Michael of Kent, Madam Speaker Betty Boothroyd MP, Richard Baker and other celebrities.

Party rates are available on request, and seats (£15, £10 and £5 payable to "SSAFA") may be booked by writing to Carol Concert, SSAFA Central London, Duke of York's Headquarters, King's Road, Chelsea, London SW3 or telephoning 081-673 7280, 081-539 4114, or 071-735 1597.

from besieged Mafeking, and the revolver used by Lt Digby Jones when winning his posthumous Victoria Cross.

Needlework cap badges

CAP BADGE enthusiasts will be intrigued by a display with a difference now open near Hexham in Northumberland. The badges, more than 80 of them and all in regimental colours, are in needlework.

They are open to the public at The Lodge, Allenheads Hall, Allenheads, Hexham, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and bank holidays, and at other times by appointment with the owner, Charlie Williamson.

Also on show are hundreds of rank and trade badges, prints and other militaria.

APPOINTMENTS

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REUNIONS

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● **6/36 (Arcot 1751) Battery RA:** 250th anniversary dinner, parade and open day at Hohne on September 16-17. Former members of 6 Battery and 36 Battery, serving and retired welcome. Contact Capt R M Lee RA, 6/36 Bty RA, 40 Regt RA, BFPO 30 (tel: Hohne Mil 465; civil (05051) 18 465).

● **1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards:** Annual Cardiff dinner at the Angel Hotel, Cardiff on October 22. Details from Regimental Secretary, Home HQ, QDG, Maindy Barracks, Whitechurch Road, Cardiff CF4 3YE (tel: 0222 227611 ext 8213).

● **Duke of Wellington's Regiment Old Comrades:** Annual dinner and dance takes place at Pennine Hilton, Huddersfield on October 9. Details from Headquarters, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding), Wellesley Park, Halifax, W Yorks HX2 0BA.

● **First and Eighth Army veterans (Egypt, North Africa and Italy):** Southern reunion at King Alfred Centre, Hove on October 23. Tickets and details from Ken Buckle on 0273 608637 or Bill Ash on 0273 506405.

● **5 Kings/No 2 T Force Unit:** AGM to be held in Stoke-on-Trent on October 30. Details from Hon Treasurer, 15 Wedgwood Road, Barlaston Park, Stoke-on-Trent ST12 9BB.

● **Regimental Band Fifth**

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SEPTEMBER

5: AAC Wallop Challenge and Air Display, AAC Centre, Middle Wallop, Wiltshire

NOVEMBER

4-6: BAOR Arts and Crafts Society exhibition, Ripon Hall, Bielefeld.

14: Remembrance Day service and parade at the Cenotaph.

DECEMBER

8: First SSAFA Central London Christmas carol concert at Royal Military Chapel (The Guards' Chapel), Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London, 7.30pm. Tickets: 081-673 7280, 081-539 4114 or 071-735 1597.

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

conference and reunion weekend, Bridlington, June 17-19, 1994. Details from Mags Whittlesea, 6 Springfield Ave, Bridlington YO15 3AA.

● **Frontline Britain 94 reunion and commemorative medal:** 50th anniversary reunion for those who served in East Kent District, South East Kent Command area 1939-45. A commemorative medal is to be struck for these veterans and application form and further details will be sent on receipt of sae. Send to Frontline Britain 94, 107 Mongeham Road, Deal, Kent CT16 9LJ.

Fusiliers: The inaugural reunion of the Fifth Fusiliers Band is planned for late October/early November. Details from WO1 J A Robinson (tel: 0752 669881) or WO2 D Birch (tel: 091-232 7238).

● **South Notts Hussars Association:** Reunion dinner to be held in Nottingham on November 13. Contact R J Sainsbury, 35 Metro Avenue, Newton, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 5UF (tel: 0773 873347).

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● **Combined Ex-Services Associations of Bridlington:** Annual

SEARCHLINE

● **Bridging Troop, 17 RSME Sqn, 12 RSME Regt:** Pete and Sue Mayall of 2 Great Brooms Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9DE (tel: 0892 544376) are hoping to organise a reunion of Bridging Troop, based at Chattenden Barracks, Kent 1975-76, in early October. Also involved are Brian (Scouse) Kelly and Ken (Andy) Anderson.

● **Harrogate - Penny Pot:** Col C J Walters (Commandant, College Headquarters, Army Apprentices College, Harrogate, N Yorks HG3 2SE (tel: 0423 503024 ext 4230) is compiling a history of Uniacke and Hildebrand Barracks and would be grateful for recollections from anyone who served there since 1939, especially before 1955, and from the following units: 9 Fd Trg Regt RA, NCO Trg Regt, R Signals, No 3 Int School, HQ East and West Riding Area, Army Apprentices' School.

● **Angela Taylor:** Mrs Anne Beal (46 Cavendish Road, Worksop, Notts S80 2SS) wishes to trace her friend Angela Taylor, with whom she lost contact in 1977. Angela's husband was an NCO in the RRF. They lived in Essex before a posting to Germany.

● **Peter Cole** wants to hear from anyone he served with with a view to a reunion - Junior Leaders RA, Ramsey Troop 1958-61; 26 Regt RA Svy Tp 1961-64 (Malaya), and Shoburness/Cyprus 1964-66. Especially Paddy Miller, B Collis, C Hughes, Hobo Turner and Floyd Pattison. Replies to 1 Rosewood Close, Westborough Way, Anlaby Common, Hull, E Yorks (tel: 0482 507321).

● **14817167 WO2 Charles McKay:** Would relatives of the late Charles McKay, last known address Larkhill, please contact K Henderson, 3 Douglas Brown's Walk, Larkhill, Salisbury, Wilts SP4 8PL (tel: 0980 53658) who

has information concerning relatives abroad.

● **Arnhem/Oosterbeek AMS:** Author of proposed publication on Army Medical Services during the battle of Arnhem/Oosterbeek seeks members of AMS present during battle. Publication planned to coincide with 50th anniversary. Replies to Capt P H Starling RAMC, 225 (Highland) Field Ambulance RAMC(V), Block 5, Oliver Barracks, Dalkeith Road, Dundee, Tayside DD4 7DL (tel: 0382 456602 ext 4766).

● **Ex-Dvr C T Miles** wishes to contact any RASC National Servicemen who served with 112 Coy RASC, Verden and 12 Coy RASC, Liebenau 1960-62 for reunion. Replies to 97 Sundridge Drive, Walderslade, Chatham, Kent ME5 8JE.

● **Geordie and Sue Strachan (RCT):** Best friends of Geordie (Ian) and Sue Strachan wish to re-establish contact. Write to Julie Hagerty (née Long), 4074 Larchview Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio Oh 45236, USA.

MILITARIA

● **The Victorian Military Society** is holding a recruiting day at Bisley Ranges, Surrey, on September 18 for its re-enactment group, which aims to re-create a detachment of the Middlesex Regiment of 1890. Further details from Dan Allen, 20 Priory Road, Newbury, Berks RG14 7QN (tel: 0635 48628).

● **Nationals Wargames Championships** organised by Pinner Wargames Club and sponsored by Osprey Military Books will take place at the Byron Halls, Harrow Leisure Centre, NW London, over the weekend October 2-3. Details from Graham Evans, 4 Boleyn Drive, Eastcote, Middx HA4 9QN (tel: 081-433 2333, daytime).

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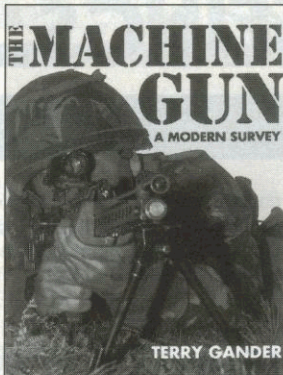
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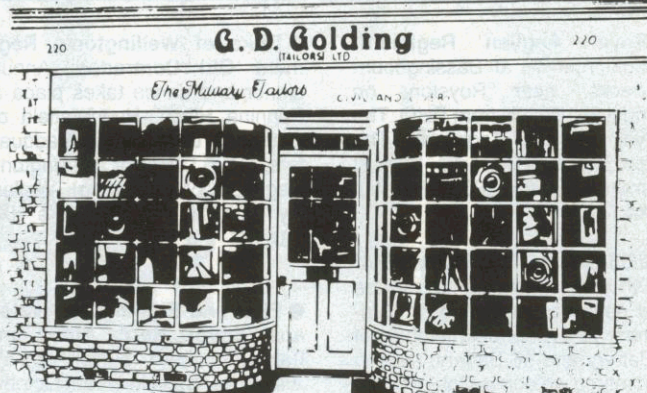
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'No smoke without fire' in county title swaps

MAY I comment on the very interesting letters headed "Regimental musical chairs" and "Regiment's West Riding links" (July 12).

Richard Doherty appears to doubt the authenticity of my comments about the county title exchanges between the 14th, 15th and 16th Foot regiments because he cannot find them in his records.

However, there is no smoke without fire and my observation was based on the information in chapter two of *Battle Honours of the British and Commonwealth Armies*, a very detailed and well-researched book by Anthony Baker (Ian Allen Ltd 1986). I have also read the information in other books over the years.

Two acquaintances of mine, ex-CSgt J Baggeridge (16th Foot, Beds and Herts and 3 RAR) and WO1 (RSM) Bensen (1 PWO), both of whom are well versed in their respective regimental histories, also support my observation.

However, I must concede that Col Bruen (PWO) had not heard of the information but found it "plausible and interesting".

Mr Doherty also appears to assume that I am not conversant with "duplicated titles" within a county at the same time, but this is not the case. I mentioned this in my original letter to *SOLDIER*, only half of which was published.

The point I made was that the 16th Foot (Bedfordshire) Regiment's other component post-1919 - Hertfordshire - had two Regular regiments, prior to the 1881 reshuffle, the 36th and 49th (Hertfordshire) Foot Regiments.

Post-1881 the 36th became 2nd Bn Worcestershire Regt,

whereas the 49th became 1st Bn Berkshire Regt - thereby leaving Hertfordshire with no county foot regiment, although the 10th Hussars recruited within its boundaries.

Both the 14th Foot and the 16th Foot incidentally had no original connections with either Bedfordshire or Buckinghamshire, as the 16th was raised upon a cadre of 1 Royal Scots at Reading, Berkshire in 1688, whereas the 14th Foot was originally raised in Kent in 1685, recruiting in the Canterbury and Sittingbourne area.

Finally may I apologise to Lt Col Walter Robins, Regimental Secretary DWR, for the gaffe relating to that fine regiment. Suffice to say I never did really know the difference between West Yorkshire and the West Riding of Yorkshire. - **Peter de Wood, Schwalmthal 41366, Dulkenerstrasse 61, Germany.**

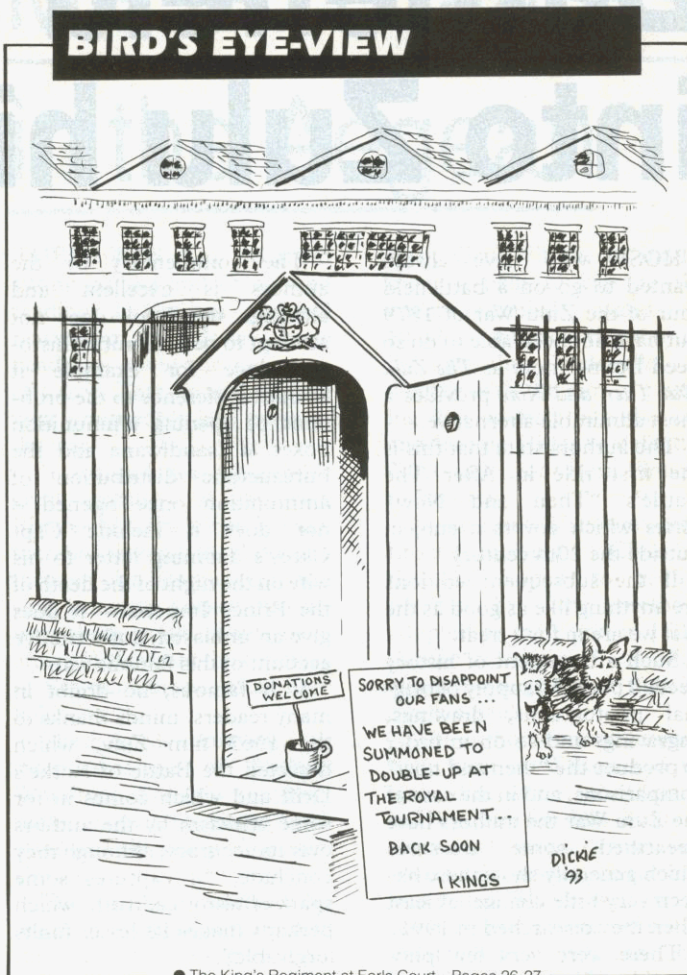
● *This letter illustrates the difficulties inherent in having to edit for space reasons, particularly when lengthy correspondence contains so much detail. As always, the plea to correspondents is to be as brief as possible in making your point.*

*Incidentally, a new history of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding) 1702-1992 will be reviewed in a forthcoming edition of *SOLDIER*. - Editor*

Did they dodge the elite?

THE D-Day Dodgers' sales pitch for their commemorative medallion (*SOLDIER*, July 26) tells of "a famous band of fighting men... engaging the cream of the German Army away from the scene of the Normandy landings".

Let us look at the facts.



● The King's Regiment at Earls Court - Pages 26-27

Green Howard is 42 not out

YOUR article on Capt Tony Jewell's 39 years' TA and National Service (June 28) stated that "after signing on as 22841992 with 3/4 County of London Yeomanry Sharpshooters in November 1954 and being promoted to captain in 1967, he believes he was the Army's senior captain... as well as being the last serving National Serviceman".

Not wanting to take anything away from his long and successful career, can I just

"throw a spanner in the works" on the subject of the last serving National Serviceman.

I was called up on July 26, 1951 into the REME at No 1 Trg Bn, Blandford and I am still serving, without a break, as NRPS REME with 4/5 Green Howards.

For the record I still have my original number, 22506633. - **SSgt D S Burton, HQ Coy, 4th/5th Bn The Green Howards, Hollis VC Armoury, Middlesbrough.**

In June 1944 there were 59 German divisions in France and 25 in Italy (Chester Wilmot, *The Struggle for Europe*).

"Most of the German troops in Italy were line formations: only very limited numbers came from elite units. Yet in

France the Allies would meet the SS P2 divisions, the most fanatical and effective battle-field forces of the Second World War" (Max Hastings, *Overlord*).

Let us not get carried away, please. - **F McLellan, War-rington.**

Battlefield step into Zulu history

THOSE who have always wanted to go on a battlefield tour of the Zulu War of 1879 but have not been able to do so need fret no more as *The Zulu War Then and Now* provides a most admirable alternative.

The authors state that this is the first title in After The Battle's "Then and Now" series which covers a subject outside the 20th century.

If the subsequent editions are anything like as good as the first we are in for a treat.

Such a treatment of history needs a plentiful supply of original photographs, drawings, engravings and so on in order to produce the "then and now" comparisons, and in the case of the Zulu War the authors have unearthed some treasures which generally show there has been very little change, at least when they researched in 1991.

There were very few photographs of actions because of the nature of the equipment but the authors have found two, as well as three surviving dramatic photographs by Frederick Lloyd of Durban of the battlefield of Isandlwana, taken in May 1879.

In addition to the excellent illustrations which testify to the training of officers and journalists of the period, there are many letters, reports and documents from eye-witnesses which provide a living story which enhances the feeling of being taken on a personally-conducted battlefield tour by the survivors.

The commentary by the authors is excellent and although this book does not attempt to be a definitive history, since for example it excludes reference to the problems of opening ammunition boxes at Isandlwana and the bureaucratic distribution of ammunition once opened – nor does it include Capt Carey's damning letter to his wife on the night of the death of the Prince Imperial – it does give an unbiased, authoritative account of this famous war.

It is famous, no doubt in many readers' minds thanks to the 1963 film *Zulu*, which depicted the Battle of Rorke's Drift and which comes in for some criticism by the authors over its accuracy, although they conclude, "it captures some spark of historical truth, which perhaps makes its lesser faults forgivable".

There is a section on relics and where to find them, the majority being in the SWB Museum in Brecon, but there is no mention of Capt Carey's (the officer blamed for the death of the Prince Imperial) watch, which your reviewer found in a saleroom in 1976 and which is now in the 98th Regimental Museum (Staffordshire Regiment) in Lichfield.

Throughout this war one is impressed by the bravery of the Zulu warriors and Sgt Jervis of the 90th Light Infantry paid this tribute: "I confess that I do not think that a braver lot of

men than our enemies in point of disregard for life, and for their bravery under fire, could be found anywhere."

The authors should have the last word: "A visit to Zululand's historic sites is no longer just a celebration of Redcoat history, but the first step into the proud past of an extraordinary people." – PSN

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ACTIONS IN QUESTION

OLD soldiers are asked some odd questions about their wartime experiences. Take some of those listed by Geoffrey Picot in *Accidental Warrior*, in which he tells of his time with the 1st Hampshire Regiment from D-Day plus two through to his demob in 1946.

1. Did he see and kill Germans face to face? 2. How many did he kill? 3. Was he sorry? 4. Has he had nightmares? 5. Did it do any good? 6. Was he frightened? 7. Was everybody frightened? 8. Did many run away? 9. Did he carry on fighting in the rain? 10. Did fear cause men to lose control of their bowels?

His answers to those questions are: 1. Not really. 2. Possibly hundreds (since he commanded a mortar platoon). 3. No. 4. No. 5. Yes. 6. Very (at times). 7. Ditto. 8. About 7,000 throughout the campaign. 9. Yes. 10. No, he says, he's never heard of this happening.

He says he underwent no physical hardship except for a few near misses – "par for the course" – and going without sleep.

He lists many other questions put to him about his war including: "What makes a good soldier?" He answers: "Anybody can be a good sol-

dier except those who instinctively object to being regimented, to having to obey orders that may be given without rhyme or reason."

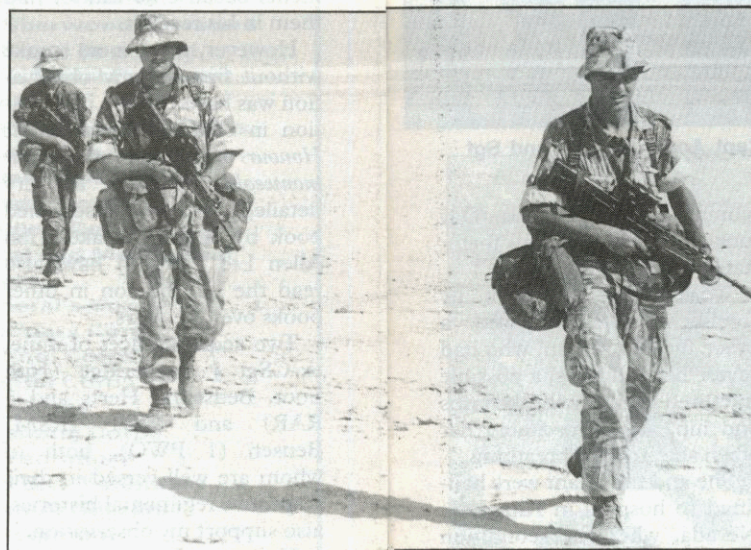
Sounds reasonable. But today's soldier needs a little extra – such as fitness and technical skills.

With the 50th anniversary of D-Day next year, there is likely to be a flood of books recalling that great event.

If they all turn out to be as readable as this one then we're in for a feast of military history and heroism. – JM

Accidental Warrior by Geoffrey Picot. The Book Guild Ltd., £14.95.

Cinderella of the Army



Men of 518 Pioneer Company RPC on patrol in Saudi Arabia in the Gulf War

"THE Royal Pioneer Corps came into being very quietly on 17 October 1939 and it ended its comparatively short life of 54 years in a similar fashion.

"By virtue of its 'support' role within the British Army it had not attracted the full glare of the limelight of publicity that came the way of the more prominent arms and services.

"Few people, including many senior officers within the ranks of the Army, were aware of the myriad tasks undertaken, and the changing role of the corps, throughout the years."

So writes Maj Bill Elliott in *Royal Pioneers 1945-1993*, a book which is a natural successor to Maj E H Rhodes-Wood's *A War History of the Royal Pioneer Corps*, now out of print.

Of course this new history has to begin with the early years of the corps since it was formed as the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps in less than auspicious circumstances and with an unfortunate title.

The wartime period, however, gave the corps opportunities of proving itself as a full and efficient military formation, taking part in the landings in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Normandy.

In regard to the latter assault: "On D-Day, 6 June 1944, 13 Pioneer Companies landed with the first tide and a further ten companies with the second, making about 6,700

men ashore by the end of the day...

"Later, men of this company formed a chain and localised what might have been a major disaster, when an aircraft crashed on a petrol dump and started a fire which spread to an ammunition depot. Two of the party were decorated with the George Medal for their part in the task."

By 1945, what was then called the Pioneer Corps (dropping the "Auxiliary" and "Military" parts of the title) consisted of 12,000 officers commanding a labour force of 1,743,000 men, both military and civilian. As a corps it had as an important role the provi-

sion of "smoke companies" for screening numerous operations, including the Rhine crossing.

In the immediate post-war period, what was then probably the largest British Army corps was reduced to the smallest, and it was not until 1950 that it was decided that the Pioneers should become a permanent element of the Army.

On November 28, 1946 an Army Order announced that the corps should enjoy the distinction of "Royal".

The corps had some unusual wartime roles. For instance, "During the summer of 1948 the last eleven Pioneers employed in the Royal House-

holds returned to 516 Company.

"Although technically employed as General Dutymen, one Pioneer was actually employed as an assistant wine steward..."

Clearing of firing ranges on the Yorkshire Moors continued throughout the 1950s. It is to these long days of patient work by the men of 260 Company, in arduous and dangerous circumstances, that the public now owes its freedom to walk in safety over what are now designated areas of outstanding natural beauty.

Even more important was the making safe of the Maralinga nuclear test area in 1967. It was a task scheduled to take a year but was completed in little over three months.

On April 5, 1993 the Royal Pioneer Corps became part of the newly-formed Royal Logistic Corps, which also incorporates the Royal Corps of Transport, the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, the Army Catering Corps, and the Postal and Courier Service of the Royal Engineers.

Future historians of this new corps will have the benefit of a good and comprehensive account of what is sometimes considered to be the Cinderella of the Army. – BJ

Royal Pioneers 1945-1993 by Maj E R Elliott. S P A, hardback, £24.

BOOK REVIEWS Missed chances in the Aegean

THERE WAS "an SS guard sitting on the end of my bed reading a German national newspaper, and I saw huge headlines about the recapture of Leros. That, to me, was the next unutterably low point of the war.

"I realised that Churchill's great ambition of capturing Rhodes and the other islands, thereby opening up the route through the Dardanelles and thus bringing Turkey into the war which would enable us to attack Hitler from the soft belly of Eastern Europe, must have failed."

These words summarise the main message of Michael Woodbine Parish's autobiography, *Aegean Adventures 1940-1943 and the end of Churchill's Dream*.

The author started his wartime overseas service with the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry in Palestine, where the unit suffered the unusual indignity of losing its horses.

The battle of Crete was Woodbine Parish's first encounter with the enemy, and the first of what becomes something of a listing of his condemnations, blaming Gen Bernard Freyburg for losing the island because he did not secure Maleme airport.

Despite injuries, there followed four months of evading the Germans in the Cretan mountains and an escape across the Aegean to Turkey where he inaugurated the MI 9 escape route from Greece, using caiques to liberate some 2,000 Allied Servicemen.

Immediately after the surrender of the Italian forces on September 8, 1943, Michael Woodbine Parish, with two colleagues, audaciously took the capitulation of 20,000 Italian troops on Samos and Leros without a single shot being fired.

"Looking back through history I am unable to find another occasion when so much had been gained for so little, or when the course of world history could have been so strategically changed for the better."

At this time Churchill was pressing the C-in-C Middle

East, Gen Wilson, to implement a plan to capture the enemy-occupied island of Rhodes – thus securing a route through the Dardanelles to Turkey with the aim of bringing that country into the war and forcing Hitler to defend a 3,000 mile front from Finland to Istanbul.

In the event, Wilson procrastinated, replying to Churchill that he hoped to reduce Rhodes by "the methods adopted by the Turks in 1522, though in less time" – in other words by siege rather than by direct assault.

The author is uncompromisingly hard on Wilson and his 'gabardine swine' subordinates at HQ Cairo for their failure to carry out Churchill's plan, but, objectively, it has to be remembered that Wilson was greatly handicapped by the refusal of President Roosevelt and Generals Marshall and Eisenhower to commit US forces to the Aegean.

On September 18, 1943, together with colleagues, Michael Woodbine Parish was betrayed by the Italian captain on board a small motor vessel and seriously wounded.

As a prisoner of war of the Germans the author was to spend six months in a Belgrade hospital recovering from wounds and a further six months in prison camps before being repatriated on exchange in September 1944.

This is not only a book about the war and missed opportunities, it is an autobiography by an author who seems to have known, or at least, have met, everyone of importance.

Some readers may find it interesting to know of "Fatty" Hambro's cheating methods of passing the Cambridge entrance examination in the 1930s, but more will appreciate the accounts of the author's wartime experiences and forthright views on political and military affairs. – BJ

Aegean Adventures 1940-1943 and the end of Churchill's Dream by Michael Woodbine Parish, published by The Book Guild Ltd, hardback, £14.95.



Lt Col Andy Forster (centre), CO of 2 Signal Regiment, presents cheques totalling more than £9,000 to six York-based children's charities. The money was raised during the 1993 Race the Sun multi-sport relay which starts from Imphal Barracks, York, at sunrise and returns at sunset

Crazy Cockneys' canyon caper coins in cash

FALKLANDS WAR veteran Simon Weston and a Royal Logistics Corps team hope to get the Royal Star and Garter Home into hot water by completing their 820-mile "Crazy Cockney Canyon Tour" cycle ride through the Grand Canyon and Canyonlands.

They managed the gruelling trip in 46 hours and 50 minutes with the goal of raising sufficient money to pay for a new hot water and central heating system at the Richmond home for disabled Servicemen and women.

Money is also needed to



Simon Weston

provide more single rooms, bathroom and toilets for the 200 Royal Star and Garter residents.

The RLC cyclists, led by Capt Andy Jackson and PTI Sgt Brad Braddock, whose idea it was, combined adventurous training with fund-raising. They trained and acclimatised for two weeks before riding in relays from Moab, Utah, to the Hoover Dam in Nevada.

Simon and Andy laid

wreaths at the Boulder City veterans' cemetery after the team had been given a civic welcome by the town's mayor.

On the last leg of the ride, Sgt Braddock's group came across a young woman and her baby whose car had overturned. App Stewart McDonald (17) from Army App Coll Aldershot rode on to get help while Brad and App Jamie Webb-Fryer assisted the



Canyon cyclists: Capt Andy Jackson and Sgt Brad Braddock

woman and LCpl Liz Day looked after the baby, fortunately uninjured.

Working in the dark by torchlight, Brad devised a brace for the woman, who had severe head injuries, a possible fractured neck, and broken ribs and hip, and resuscitated her when she stopped breathing.

She and the infant were heli-lifted to hospital in Kingman, Nevada, where her condition was stabilised.

The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (FSID) is more than £1,500 better off thanks to the 1st Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets rugby team.

Although serving in Northern Ireland, they found time to take on (and beat) 4 R Irish, who helped with the money-raising following the cot death of the three-year-old daughter of a member of the 1 RGJ team. The battalion has raised in all about £2,400 for the Foundation.

Tragically, Lt Mike Whitley DWR, who captained the 4 R Irish team, died in a road

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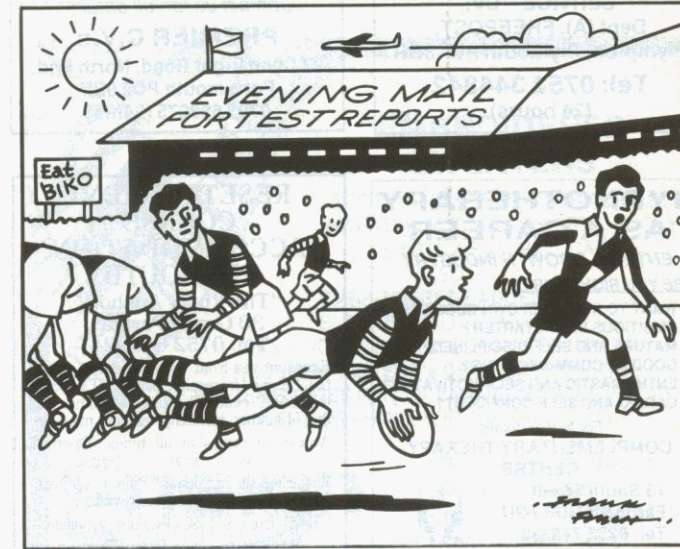
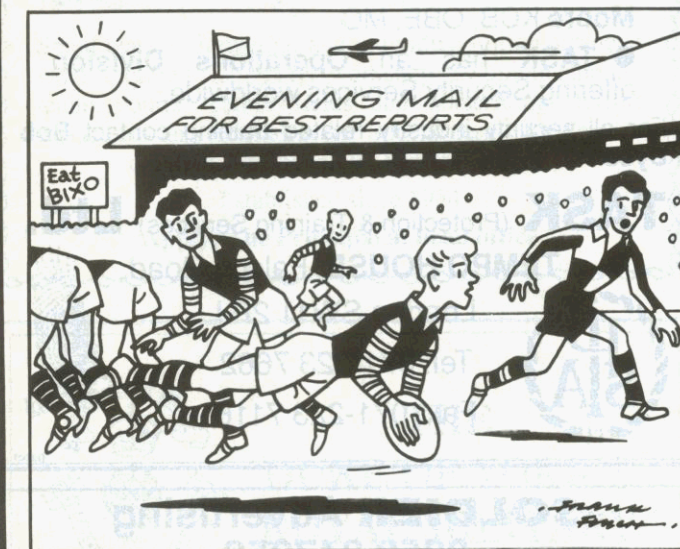
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COMPETITION 569

Competition No 566: Congratulations to Mr J McCoyd, of Maida Vale, London, who wins £50. Book prizes go to runners-up Mr L Morgan, of The Forces Help Society, London, and Miss S R Parker, of Cardiff.



Holding a cheque for £3,000 raised for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund are (from left) SSgt "Strings" Stringer, OC Capt Fred Paget and Sgt "Chilli" Chilcott of Aldershot-based 216 Parachute Signal Regiment. Men from the unit marched 216 miles from Chatham to Portsmouth during a KAPE (Keeping the Army in the Public Eye) tour of the south, and presented the cheque to the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth on July 22.



Soldiers of 22 Field Hospital RAMC at Aldershot host disadvantaged children from Kent and Essex at an "It's a Knockout" competition arranged by the Royal Variety Club. The medics hope to turn it into a regular event

accident while on a rugby tour in America.

Senior NCOs of 25 Field Squadron RE, part of Islerlohn-based 26 Engr Regt, set a blistering pace in the heat of

Belize to raise about £2,000 in sponsorship for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

The senior sappers ran in relays from Baldy Beacon ranges to Airport Camp, a distance of 168km. The run generated a lot of interest and



Cot death research cheques: Mrs Glenda Kerruish, Anne Diamond, Angela Perry and Lt Col Peter Kerruish with the 1 RRW donations

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Cot death research, in the form of the Anne Diamond Appeal and the FSID, was also the beneficiary of fund-raising by the 1st Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales while it was stationed in Hong Kong.

Initiated by Mrs Glenda Kerruish, wife of the CO, Lt Col Peter Kerruish, as a result of a cot death suffered by

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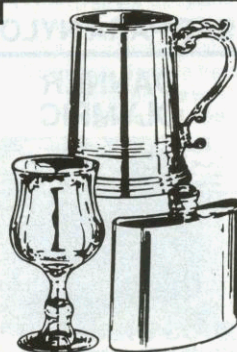
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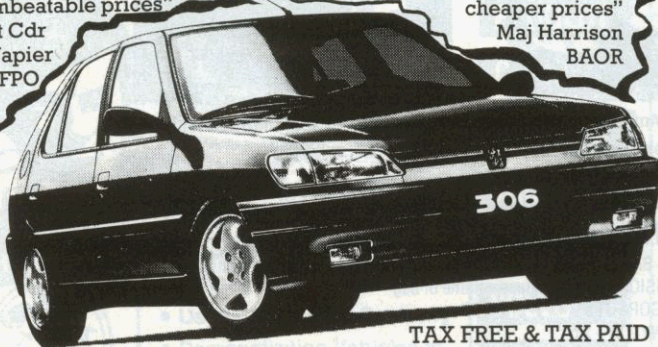
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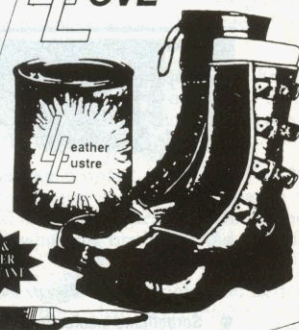
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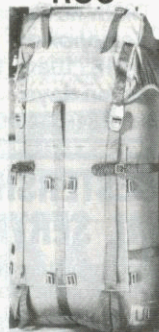
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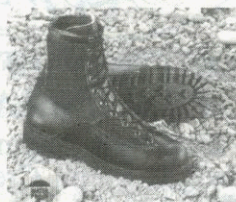
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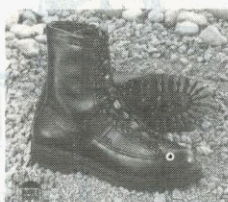
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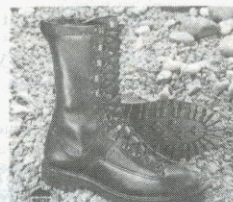
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Mike steps aside for youngsters

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Kempson, serving with 5 TA Trg Regt RLC at Grantham, made no secret of the fact that he wanted to win another Army 3m springboard title at this year's championships, knowing that his ambition would spur the youngsters in his squad to greater effort.

The tactic paid off so effectively that Kempson had to

settle for fourth place behind 2nd Lt Christiaan Munro (2 RTR), ATpr Neil Wilson (4 AAC) and Sgt (SI) Amos Greenfield (Comms and Sig).

Munro took the title with 289.95 points, 35 more than he scored last year. Wilson's hard work and dedication earned him a place in the Army team for the Inter-Services at HMS Temeraire, Portsmouth, this month.

The standard of senior and intermediate diving in the Army championships, staged in the new multi-million pound leisure centre at Guildford on July 21, bettered what proved last year to be one of the best competitions for years.

There were some notable absentees, although whether this was because the extremely high standard set by the Army's top divers had frightened off challengers from the intermediate level, both male and female, was hard to say.

After the excitement of the 3m springboard, there was even more drama in a first class 5m highboard competition in which all the senior men performed dives with very high



WO2 Mike Kempson

Army orienteers outpace RAF

THE ARMY comfortably beat the Royal Air Force in the orienteering challenge match staged with the Scottish championships in forests and open moorland west of Melrose.

Some of the Army's top orienteers took part, outpacing the RAF and civilian opposition over the M21 course on the first day of competition.

The four Army runners took the first four places, with Maj Duncan Francis winning in a championship time of 77min 9sec. He was followed by Capt Chris Sanderson (80:15), Maj Charles Bromley Gardner (80:16) and Sgt Calvin Routledge (81:56).

In the M35 class, SSgt Roger Hawkins was 14th while Capt

Peter Blomquist was a creditable third in the M40.

Capt Beverly Walters-Davies was second in the women's W21 event in a time of 66min 40sec, Capt Wendy Allen fifth in 74:45. Both finished well ahead of the RAF competitors.

Venue for the relays on the second day was the Eildon Hills, dominated by three peaks and with heather making the going underfoot difficult. The forested lower slopes and a heavy mist well into the morning also made for interesting orienteering.

Two Army male teams of three achieved good results in the very competitive open event. Routledge put his team in first place with a brilliant



Sgt Clarence Callender of 2 Sig Regt on his way to a sprint double at the Inter-Unit team championships

degrees of difficulty. Scores of seven and eight were commonplace on most dives.

Amos Greenfield won back the title he last held two years ago, increasing his points total from 226.20 to 281.10.

Having announced his retirement, the pressure was off old man Kempson, who responded with a splendid series to finish second. Having made the decision to concentrate on coaching, he will make way for third-place Munro to

compete at Temeraire.

The two intermediate championships were well supported, with six competitors completing four dives from springboard and highboard. Winner of both was Gnr Arron Greenfield (22 AD Regt RA), brother of Amos.

Sig Duncan Smith (237 Sig Sqn) was second in the springboard, with British Olympic mogul skier Capt Hugh Hutchison (3 RSME Regt RE)

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Second: Capt Beverly Walters-Davies

first leg of 46:34, Hawkins (58:13) dropped back to 12th, and Blomquist (51:17) held on to that position.

Bromley Gardner (48:03)

put his team in seventh place, Sanderson (47:12) improved to second behind the East Penins Club, but Francis (51:07) dropped back slightly on the final leg to bring the team in eighth. The RAF teams were 14th and 22nd.

Beverly Walters-Davies ran her leg in 50:29 to hand over to Wendy Allen in tenth place. She maintained that position in 50:58 although the lack of a third runner meant the Army women could not finish the race.

Nevertheless, the Scottish championships proved again that the Army's depth of potential elite male and female orienteers is increasing season by season.



Above - Sgt Stef Paul, winner of the women's high jump competition. Left - Sgt Betty Gash (CMETS) pushes for the line in winning the 3,000m

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2 Sig Regt run away with title

ONE of the most convincing victories in the history of Army athletics was scored by 2 Signal Regiment in the Major Units Team Championships, writes Peter Marsh.

An opening hammer throw

of 53 metres by Cpl Sean Jones got his team off to a magnificent start in the championships, sponsored by Bain Clarkson International Insurance Brokers PAX+.

From then on the Signallers never looked back and by lunchtime they had established a solid lead over their rivals, dropping only six points from a possible 112.

With the afternoon session continuing in the same vein, 2 Sig Regt finished clear winners, 63½ points ahead of second-placed 1 Royal Anglian.

Although not confirmed as a record at the time of writing, it is safe to assume that this win will be classed as one of the most outstanding ever achieved.

The Minor Units competition proved to be a very entertaining match which was once again decided on the final relay.

This year's honours went to BAD Kineton, who forced last year's winners, 14 Sup Regt (formerly FOD Dulmen) into third place.

It was a great success for competing team manager Capt Clive Osborne, who has now won these championships with three different teams - the previous two being 6 Ord Bn (1988), FOD Dulmen (1992).

The young talent emerging within RMA Sandhurst were rewarded with a first championship win for the Academy in the Women's event.

In addition to collecting the Major Units team trophy, 2 Sig Regt also lifted the 1500 metres Carrington Cup, and both the Track Events and Field Events cups. The Bisset Cup for runners-up went to 1 R Anglian.

At the conclusion of a very successful and entertaining day's athletics the prizes were presented by the Army Athletics chairman, Maj Gen Hew Pike, with Ms L Gray representing the sponsors.

Inter-Unit Team Athletics Results

Men, Major Units (first string winners): 100m/200m Sgt Callender (2 Sig Regt). 400m/400m H/triple jump Cpl Richardson (2 Sig). 800m/1,500m LCpl Smith (2 Sig). 3,000m SC/5,000m Cpl Marshall (1 R Anglian). 110m H LCpl Tomkinson (2 Sig).

High/long jumps Cpl McSweeney (2 Sig). Pole vault Pte Hannington (1 R Anglian). Shot LCpl Bold (1 R Anglian). Discus Cpl Dobson (2 Sig). Javelin SSgt Mullen (5 Regt RA). Hammer Cpl Jones (2 Sig).

4x100m relay - 1, 2 Sig Regt, 43.55sec; 2, 94 Regt RA, 44.36; 3, 1 (UK) ADSR, 44.73; 4, 1 R Anglian; 5, 7 Para RHA; 6, 5 Regt RA. 4x400m relay 1, 2 Sig Regt; 2, 1 R Anglian; 3, 7 Para RHA.

Teams - 1, 2 Sig Regt, 245.5 points (also winners of Carrington Cup (1,500m), Track and Field Events Cups, (Major Units Shield); 2, 1 R Anglian, 181 (Bissett Cup); 3, 1 (UK) ADSR, 147.5;

4, 5 Regt RA, 135; 5, 94 Regt RA, 122; 6, 7 Para RHA, 118; 7, RMAS Cadets 108.

Men, Minor Units

100m/long jump Gnr Harvey (12 Bty RA). 200m Sgt Tyler (9 Fd Wksp). 400m Pte Arliss (BAD Kineton). 800m/1,500m Pte Wadsworth (LS Sig Regt). 5,000m LCpl Shepherd (23 PFA). High jump LCpl Pearce (BAD Kineton). Javelin Pte Oliver (14 SP Regt RLC). Discus Capt Gyorffy (9 Fd Wksp). Shot Cpl Wright (23 PFA). 4x400m relay - 1, BAD Kineton; 2, 9 Fd Wksp; 3, LS Sig Regt.

Teams - 1, BAD Kineton, 69; 2, 12 Bty RA, 65; 3, 24 SP Regt RLC, 62; 4, 23 PFA, 54; 5, LS Sig Regt, 52; 6, 9 Fd Wksp REME, 51; 7, ATR Bassingbourn, 40.

Women
100m LCpl Jones (RSU(A)). 200m/400m Cpl Holmes (CMETS).

800m Cpl Bradbury (WS NI). 1,500/3,000m Sgt Gash (CMETS). 100m H/high jump Sgt Paul (Camp Comdts (AD)). Long jump OCdt Swain (RMAS). Javelin Cpl Lofthouse (WS NI). Shot/discus Capt Osterburg (WS NI). 4x400m relay - 1, CMETS; 2, RMAS; 3, RSU(A).

Teams - 1, RMAS Cadets, 70; 2, CMETS, 57 (greater number of first places); 3, WS NI, 57; 4, RSU(A), 50; 5, Comms and Sy Gp (UK), 47; 6, Paderborn Garrison, 45; 7, Camp Comdts (AD), 37.

Under 23 Inter-Units (men) - 1, 1 R Anglian, 78; 2, Princess Marina College 61; 3, Army App Coll Harrogate, 56; 4, 3 RSME Regt, 52; 5, Army App Coll Aldershot, 31.

Junior Cup Princess Marina College. 4x100m Relay Cup Harrogate.

Women - 1, Army App Coll Harrogate, 26; 2, Army App Coll Aldershot, 13.

Australians thrashed in double whammy

WHAT ENGLAND have failed conspicuously to achieve this summer came easily to the Army at Aldershot last month – they stuffed the Australian tourists twice in a week.

To be fair to Graham Gooch, the Antipodean cricketers hosted by the Army were not Mervyn Hughes's lot, but they still took some beating.

Sydney side Old Cranbrookians were comprehensively thrashed in a 55-over match, and a few days later the touring Australian Combined Services suffered the same fate, beaten comfortably by seven wickets.

Set to get a stiff 260 to win, Old Cranbrookians, who hosted the 1989 British Combined Services in Australia, were shot out for 194 in the 48th over, with the Army bowlers sharing the wickets.

The home side's big total was built round a fourth wicket

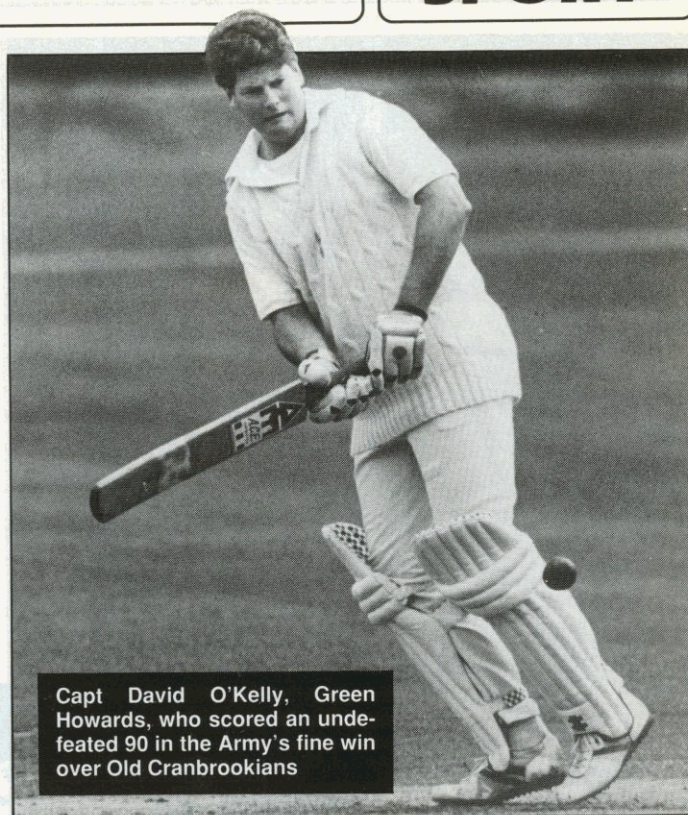
partnership of 161 between Cpl Nick Palmer (106) and Capt David O'Kelly (90).

Army 259-4 (Palmer 106, O'Kelly 90 no). **Old Cranbrookians** 194 (Walton 79; Houldsworth 2-43, Bush 2-41, Willis 2-24, Cotterill 2-31). Army won by 65 runs.

A middle order collapse by Australian Combined Services cost them dear at Aldershot. After reaching 44 before losing their first wicket, they lost another five for the addition of 73 and eventually had to settle for a 55-over total of 181.

An opening stand of 80 by Capt Richard Greator (45) and Capt Jim Cotterill (39) put the Army in the driving seat, and solid contributions from David O'Kelly and Nick Palmer saw them home with an over and a half to spare.

Australian CS 181-8 (Jones 60; Cotterill 2-37). **Army** 182-3 (Greator 45, Cotterill 39, O'Kelly 28, Palmer 39). Army won by 7 wickets.



Capt David O'Kelly, Green Howards, who scored an undefeated 90 in the Army's fine win over Old Cranbrookians

Picture: Mike Weston

But the tourists did take considerable satisfaction from beating the British Combined Services at Burnaby Road, Portsmouth.

A fighting 81 by opener Capt Ian Fielding (Kings) was not enough to prevent the home side losing by 19 runs after the Australians had posted 217 for eight in their 55 overs.

Australian CS 217-8 (Young 60, Bloom 53 n o). **British CS** 198 (Fielding 81, Cotterill 13, Palmer 20). Australian CS won by 19 runs.

Kent 2nd XI beat the Army off the last ball of a rain-affected 40-over match at Woolwich. Form batsman David O'Kelly scored 80 in the

Army's 148 for eight, a target reduced by rain to 131 in 36 overs.

Capt Rupert Harvey (WG) took three for 22 as Kent scraped home.

The following day Essex 2nd XI had a easier passage, beating the Army by 138 runs in a 55-over match.

Consistent batting by the professionals produced a total of 252 for seven, with O'Kelly and Pte David Matthews (RLC) picking up a couple of wickets each.

But the Servicemen struggled in reply, O'Kelly's 35 being the top score by some distance.

The Army just failed to beat Free Foresters in their annual one-day match at Aldershot. Set 250 to win, the visitors were struggling at 199 for eight when stumps were drawn.

Cotterill, Greator and Fielding all scored half centuries for the Army, and 2nd Lt Chris St George 41 after the Army had been invited to bat first.

Capt Rob Thomson (2 RGJ) guested for the Foresters and made an important 47 after they had been reduced to 95 for six. Capt James Illingworth (AAC) also played for the Foresters. Army skipper Greator finished with figures of 3-63.

Army 249-6 (51 overs) (Cotterill 72, St George 41, Greator 59, Fielding 53 n o). **Free Foresters** 199-8 (Illingworth 47, Elstone 55 n o; Greator 3-63; Willis 2-41). Match drawn.

DIVING

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third. In the highboard, LCpl Laurence Summers (24 Fd Amb) was second, followed by Spr Lee Davis (32 AER).

Only two divers took part in the poorly supported women's championship, Cpl Amanda Davies (9 Sig Regt) beating Lt Susan Griffin (3 AEC) off both boards.

Army divers, men and women, have won the Inter-Services on 28 out of the previous 33 occasions. The squad is always looking for new talent, and anyone wishing to take up the sport should contact WO2 Kempson by calling the Army Swimming Union on Aldershot Military 3581.

'Mr ATHLETICS'

A NUMBER of the Army's top athletes, including Cpl Kelly Holmes, Sgt Clarence Callender, Maj Glen Grant, Sgt Jackie Gilchrist, WO2 Geoff Wade and Sgt Mel Bradley, joined administrators and coaches at a farewell dinner in Aldershot to mark the retirement of Maj Morris Murch, secretary of the Army Athletics Association for the past nine years.

AAA president Gen Sir John Learmont described Maj Murch as the Army's "Mr Athletics", and paid tribute to him for his superb organisation over the past decade.

The new secretary of the

Army AA is former Great Britain pole vaulter Maj Peter Lyons APTC.

The Major Units team swimming championships staged at RMA Sandhurst and Guildford were won by 22 Engineer Regiment, with 7 Para RHA second and 71 A/C Wksp REME third.

The Minor Units competition was won by 12 Bty RA, followed by 22 Fd Hosp RAMC and 7 Armd Bde HQ and Sig Regt, while 16 Sig Regt took the women's title, with Bulford Area HQ and Camp Comdt (AD) in the minor placings.

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A Warrior infantry fighting vehicle of the 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire speeds across open ground in northern Bosnia where the regiment has been supporting B Squadron, The Light Dragoons at Tuzla. Story and more pictures in Pages 16-17.

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