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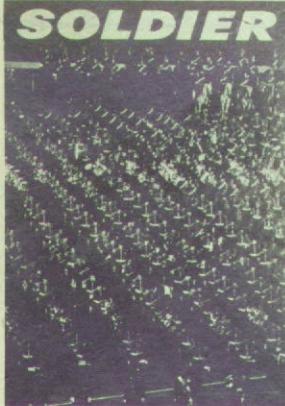
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An impression of the colour, the precision and the vast scale of it all, comes from this picture of just a section of the grand finale at this year's—the third—military musical pageant held in Wembley Stadium in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund.

Picture by Leslie Wiggs



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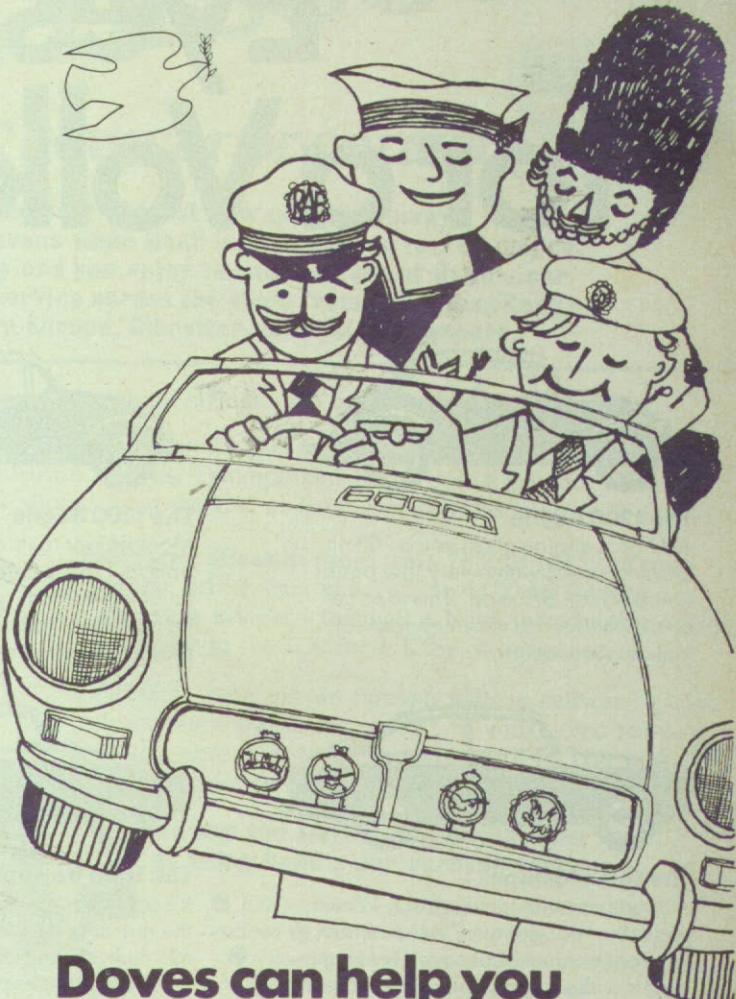
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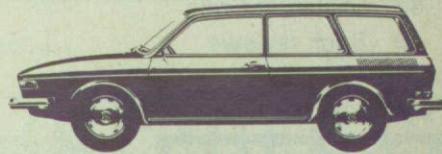
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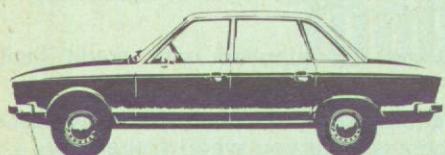
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## SEPTEMBER 1973

- 12 Kneller Hall grand (band) final concert.
- 13 Cambrian March, (13-16 September).
- 13 Kendal Gathering (band) 13-15 September.
- 15 Welwyn Garden City Water Festival (band).
- 15 Ringwood (Hampshire) Carnival (RA motorcyclists).
- 15 Open Day, Royal School of Military Engineering, Chatham (15-16 September).
- 16 Arms and Militaria Fair, Miami Bowl, Morecambe.
- 22 Scottish Military Collectors' Society Militaria Fair, Appleton Tower, Edinburgh (22-23 September).
- 23 Paignton Army Display (RCT, RAC) (23-25 September).

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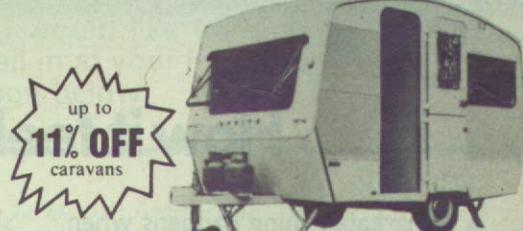
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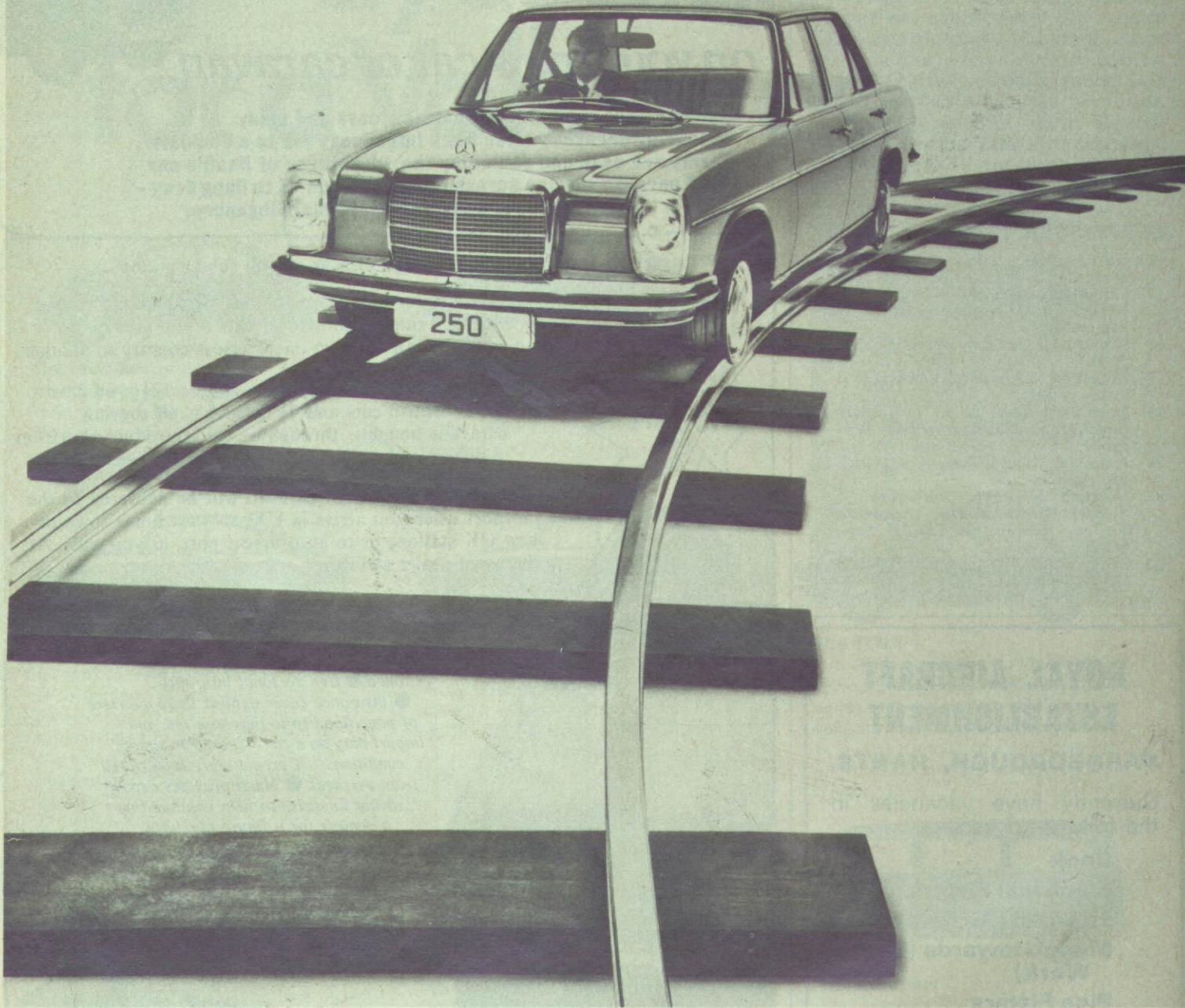
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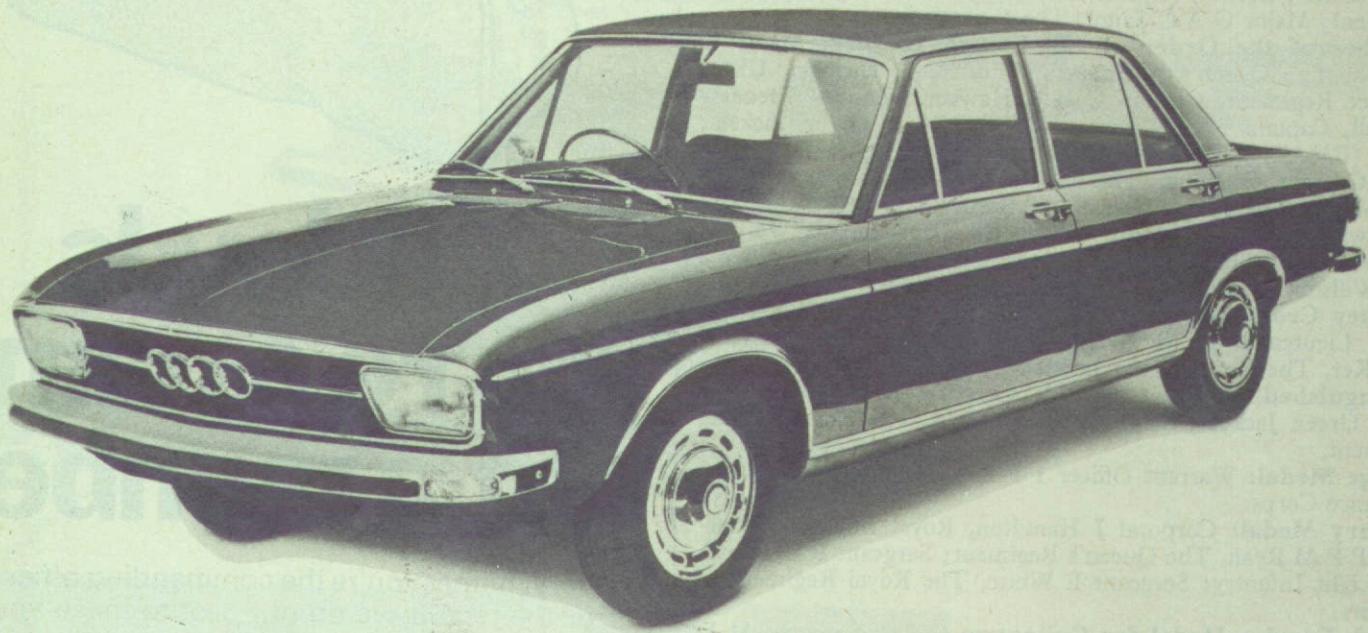
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But to maintain the high quality of SOLDIER's colour covers, the outer pages will still be printed by the sheet offset process.

To fit in with existing schedules at Southend, SOLDIER's publication date will change to the third Tuesday in the month. Publication of the next issue will therefore be 16 October in the United Kingdom and Rhine Army.

This issue will be October/November SOLDIER. The December number will be published 20 November and subsequent issues will similarly be published in advance.

All subscriptions which include the October/November issue will automatically be extended by one month. The bound volume for 1973 will comprise 11 issues instead of 12.

Later press dates for certain pages will enable the inclusion of information more up to date than has been possible. It is hoped to apply this particularly to SOLDIER News which will remain in its current form as a pull-out supplement. If it proves practicable, SOLDIER News will be expanded when the material available justifies this.

Army sport, which SOLDIER promised would come back into the magazine as soon as a new printing contract was negotiated, will indeed make a reappearance and meet a demand expressed by many readers. Coverage of sport will be at Army level and limited by availability of editorial and photographic staffs which have remained the same in number although their commitment is now almost a regular 56 pages instead of the standard 40-page issues of the past.

During the next three months it is hoped to shorten further the production schedule and achieve a quicker distribution, particularly to overseas theatres, so that the magazine's topicality is further improved.

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The note in the August SOLDIER to Soldier on bound volumes of the magazine unfortunately included the wrong prices — just when we thought we had come to terms with all the implications of value added tax and the complexities of worldwide postage! The bound volumes for the years 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1969 in fact cost £2.80 each and those for 1970, 1971 and 1972 are £3.80 each, both figures inclusive of postage and packing worldwide.

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## Military Museums 9

# The Welsh Brigade

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Conveniently situated about two miles from Crickhowell, Breconshire, on the main road to Abergavenny, it attracts some 10,000



The museum building with its "butterfly" roof on glass to give maximum lighting.

visitors a year and is becoming increasingly popular as an outing for weekend motorists and parties on public holidays.

The exhibits, relating to all three regiments, are arranged in chronological order around the walls of one large single room with an unusual tent-like wooden ceiling. Early regimental relics, mostly 18th century, occupy the first two cases. There are historical documents, a good collection of Welch Regiment campaign medals and a well preserved pre-Waterloo officer's coatee.

A curved sword belonging to the Duke of Wellington, who served for a very short time as a young officer in the 41st Foot, now The Welch Regiment, has a place of honour and nearby is a telescope, once owned by Colonel Charles Morice, of the 69th Regiment of Foot (2nd Battalion, Welch Regiment), who was killed while using it at Waterloo.

A foot-high Royal Welch Fusiliers flash in silver commemorates the 250th anniversary of the raising of that regiment in 1689 and an item of special local interest is the drum-major's sash worn by eight successive drum-majors of The Welsh

Brigade Depot from 1959 to 1972. Rorke's Drift and Isandlwana are recalled by relics of the Zulu War of 1877-79—a warrior's spear and necklace and personal accoutrements including the belt and despatch pouch of Lieutenant Coghill, who died with his brother officer, Lieutenant Melville, while saving the Queen's Colour of The South Wales Borderers at Isandlwana. Both officers were awarded the Victoria Cross for their gallantry.

There is a good pair of Waterloo-period epaulettes, a valuable Royal Welch Fusilier bearskin plate and a rare set of officer's buttons inscribed E VIII R. Among World War One relics is the flag of 9th Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers, which was personally brought back to the regiment by the former German officer, Herr Leo Ritter, who had originally taken it from a dead fusilier on a Flanders battlefield.

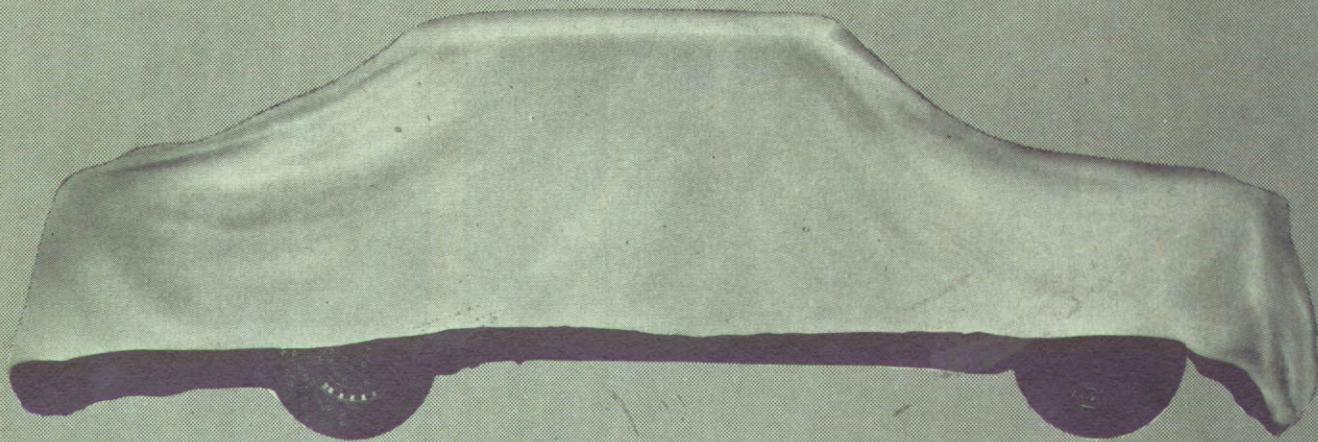
Items in the World War Two case include the white flag of surrender which was nailed to the flagstaff of the old fort in the centre of Reggio di Calabria after the garrison decamped on 3 September 1943 when Eighth Army made its first landing on the mainland of Europe still dominated by the German-Italian axis.

The museum's oldest exhibit is the King's Colour issued to the "Invalides" (41st Regiment) in 1773 and, as an example of what treasures can still be found hidden away in a loft or even under a trader's stall, there is a 113-year-old bass drum which once beat sonorously for the 8th Usk Company, Monmouthshire Rifle Volunteers. It was recently found, lying neglected in Abergavenny's public market, by a museum official.

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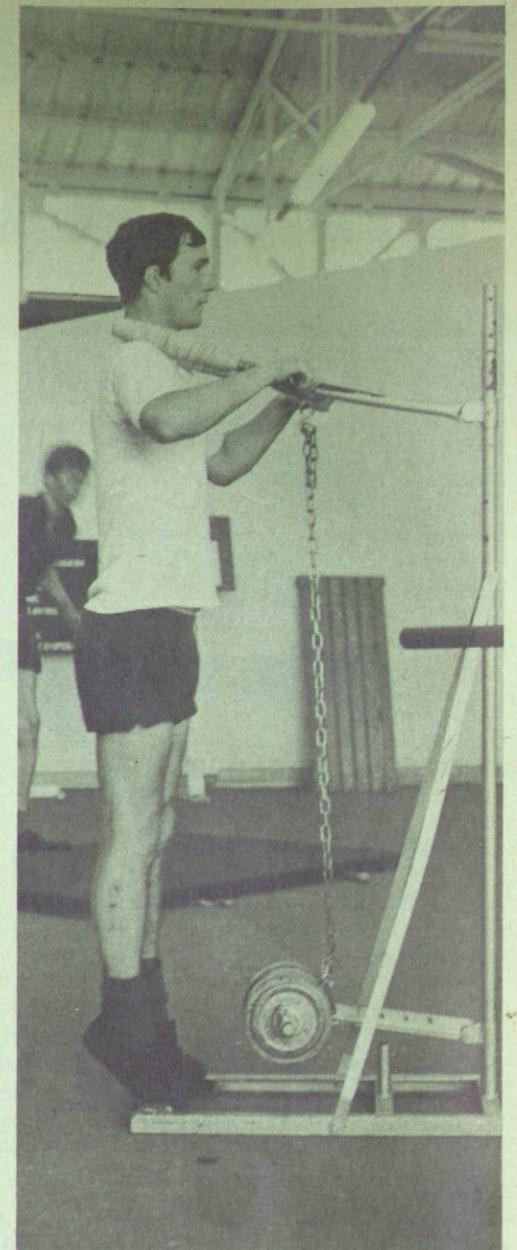
Determination shows in their faces as, with encouragement and instruction, these casualties set about the business of re-learning to walk.



When patients at the Joint Medical Rehabilitation Unit are at the stage of going up the scrambling net with their old confidence and dexterity, they're about fit again.

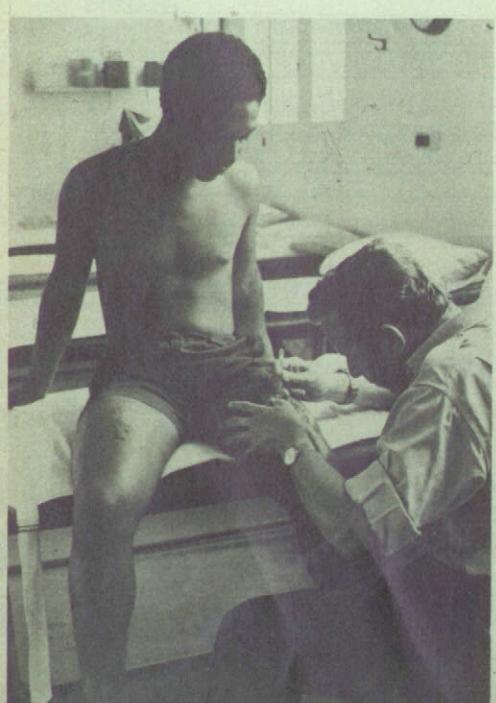
Below: Tending a rifle wound. Both medical and therapeutic care are of a high order.

Below: Weightlifting with the feet—more muscle development under close supervision.



An exercise circuit in one of the gymnasias, here concentrating on lifting of weights.

Below: Private Helen Falconer, WRAC (with a broken ankle), riding briskly to nowhere.



THE injury can come suddenly and out of the blue. It can be caused by an assassin's bullet, a booby trap bomb, a burst tyre at speed, a crunching rugby tackle or a thousand and one other things. The victim is whisked off to hospital, to skilled surgery and medical attention. He is discharged but is still not fit to return to his normal job. What happens then?

For civilians the answer can be a long and tedious round of visits to hospitals, doctors and therapists as the patient waits for his injuries to heal. But for the serviceman there is a specially equipped and staffed centre which will return him more quickly to his unit and at the same time combat the boredom of convalescence.

The Joint Services Medical Rehabilitation Unit was established five years ago at a Royal Air Force station. Last year it dealt with more than 1400 patients of whom about 70 per cent were soldiers. Nine out of every ten eventually return to their units. All are corporals or below—another unit exists for officers and senior non-commissioned officers.

Surprisingly enough, Northern Ireland operations provide only about seven per

cent of the patients, although these are often the more serious cases. Most are road traffic accident victims followed closely by sporting and gymnasium injuries.

Wing-Commander Chris Evans, senior medical officer of the unit, says that even if Northern Ireland operations ended tomorrow the centre would still be fully subscribed. He describes its task as bridging the gap between hospital treatment and return to duty or, if that is not possible, providing the best possible resettlement in civilian life.

About 40 patients at any one time are severely handicapped either by severe injuries or from wasting diseases such as multiple sclerosis. This small number of patients provides the greatest workload.

Morale is a great factor in aiding recovery and at the rehabilitation unit the emphasis is on self and mutual help. Most patients are allowed home each weekend and they are also permitted to go out in the evenings.

Says Wing-Commander Evans: "We have to try to open new prospects for them with what is still there rather than by dwelling on what is lost. In the case of patients who are not able to return to duty

we try to get them as fit as possible and to get their families to accept the disability. We make sure that where they are going to live is suitable for their disabilities and try to get as much workshop training done as possible so that they have a grounding in particular skills. In some cases when they are retrained their earnings potential can go up rather than down."

While the 90 per cent return-to-duty figure has remained fairly constant over the years, the unit is now dealing with many more seriously injured patients, some of whom would not have survived a few years ago. Of course not all can return to the same job—but merely to be back with their unit in any capacity is the ambition of most. And when they eventually leave the Army their position on the labour market is better than for those discharged on medical grounds.

The medical staff comprises mainly Royal Air Force personnel with some from the Army and 16 highly skilled civilian therapists. The secret of the latter's success is that each patient gets therapy each day and not just once or twice a week as might be the case outside.

When a patient arrives at the unit he has

a medical and physical assessment to decide just which classes he needs. There are seven gymnasias each allocated to specific groups. Leg and knee injuries and spine injuries are divided in the early and intermediate stages and combine only for the late stage.

Captain Jimmy Loane, Army Physical Training Corps, who heads the team of remedial gymnasts, says the graduation system has distinct advantages. "When a man moves from early to intermediate or from intermediate to late stage he goes to a different gymnasium with a different therapist. He then knows that he is making progress and this acts as a spur."

Each morning patients begin their gymnasium work with a musical warm-up to pop records. They then move on to exercises and games designed to help their particular disability. Competition within the games sessions is fierce and there are some unusual pastimes. For instance croquet is played by patients with spine injuries, as it is good for posture, and another favourite is non-stop cricket where the next batsman has to be in position by the time the ball is returned to the bowler.

Jimmy Loane: "These are young active men and have to be treated as such. They are not cripples but people who for one moment in time have had one of their limbs impaired."

For the staff there is tremendous job satisfaction in seeing patients improve and eventually return to full fitness. Captain Loane sums it up as "Stimulating. You don't consciously say 'I feel good today

because he's got better' but basically we are here because we like to help people to get better."

The man who is about to return to his unit is often fitter than at any time in his Service career. His final week at the centre is spent on circuit training and on the assault course. He has, of course, been in the hands of experts for within the centre is a remedial gymnast training school. Experienced physical training instructors of senior non-commissioned officer rank are trained there for two years and at the end of that time they take a civilian examination to qualify for state registration.

In the occupational therapy block a glass tank and a few cages contain a selection of small pets, goldfish, hamsters, budgerigars and so on. Their role is not merely ornamental. Doctors have found that patients suffering from severe brain damage and unable to communicate tend to respond to pets. Brain injuries affect only a few of the patients but the work of helping them is complex. Two speech therapists spend hours every day with patients who can often understand every word spoken to them but are unable to reply.

One of these therapists, Miss Philippa Collinson, explained that this type of patient was much more difficult to treat than those whose speech problems were caused by actual damage to the muscles controlling speech. "When it is damage to the speech-controlling muscles you can usually get over it quite well but some have damage to the brain cells which will not recover. They may be able only to under-

stand or they may not be able to find the specific words they need. We have to try to find a way round their problems.

"With severe damage like this you have to set your standards realistically and mine is that they are able to communicate adequately with the people they are with. A lot have spontaneous recoveries where they make sudden improvements. This is because they have suffered bruising of the brain rather than permanent damage."

The fully equipped workshops within the unit have a dual role. Patients, particularly those who are likely to leave the Services, can learn trades such as welding, metalwork, machine and lathe work, engines, paint spraying and finishing, and making and repairing radios. In addition many different appliances for the disabled—splints, calipers, braces and so on—are produced. Patients are trained to make these aids themselves and to do around 30 per cent of the repair work. Patients also make all the road signs on the station.

The centre has a high reputation for the quality of its aids and patients from military and civilian hospitals often come for fittings. Occupational therapists from many hospitals are taught how to make a particular splint perfected at the centre.

One novel training aid is a Provost piston aircraft in a nearby hangar. Aircraft fitters and helicopter crewmen from the Army Air Corps are able to work within the confines of the aircraft to see how their injury stands up to working in a cramped space and at difficult angles.

Hand and spine patients and most with



With leg injury handicaps most ball games would seem to be ruled out. Not true—you can still play, sitting on the gym floor!

head injuries also go to the occupational therapy department where there is a staff of five skilled therapists and a carpenter. Each activity is designed specifically to help a certain disability and they include woodwork and printing with the type set by hand.

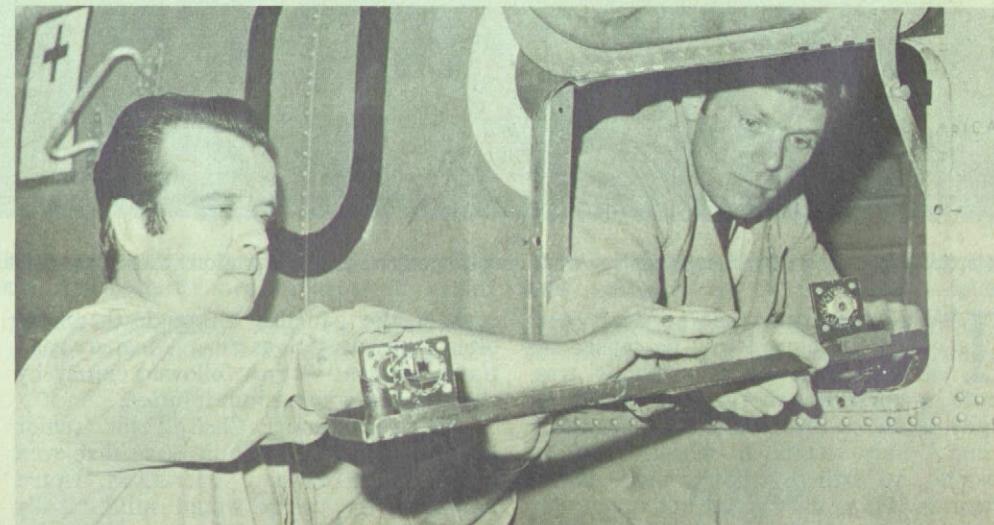
Education is not neglected. The education officer, Squadron Leader Paul Vivash, says that the main idea is to stimulate the patient mentally. In head injury cases he gets a copy of the mental assessment made when the patient joined up and is able by tests to ascertain if the patient has slipped back or not.

The education centre helps to prepare patients for training if they are leaving the Service and also continues educational progress they may have made while hospitalised. Young soldiers who are injured need have no fear of falling behind their colleagues—the material for continuing their education is forwarded to the rehabilitation unit.

The atmosphere is cheerful and relaxed. Staff are at pains to point out that everyone gains from the work carried out there. The patients are brought back to full fitness in a shorter time which means the Services lose far fewer man-hours.



British javelin champion Dave Travers receives ultrasonic vibration treatment in the centre's physiotherapy section. Dave was due to compete in an international competition a few days later and wanted to have full confidence in his Achilles tendon, which had been giving him trouble. He told SOLDIER: "In Britain, places where we can get treatment like this are few and far between." Other prominent British athletes have also been treated at the centre including Chelsea's luckless football star, Ian Hutchinson, out of the game for more than two years with a succession of leg injuries.



Above: Inside a Provost aircraft a patient is being tested for his working tolerance to see if he can carry on at his old trade.

Above left: Private George Collins, Argylls, doing woodwork as an occupational therapy.

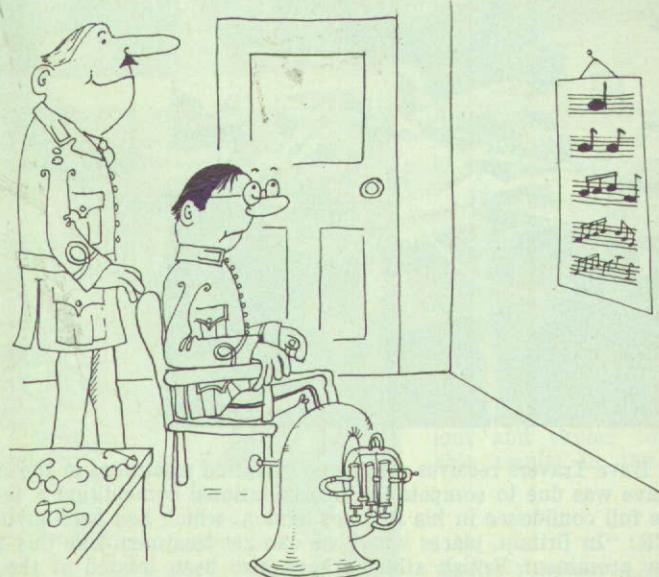
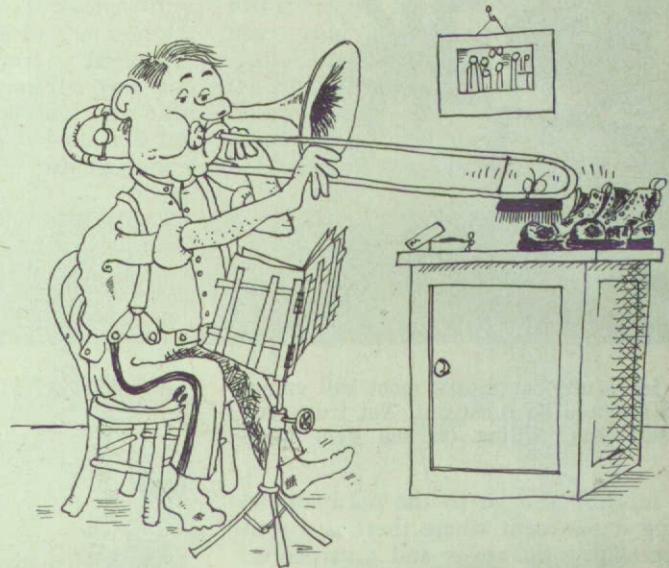
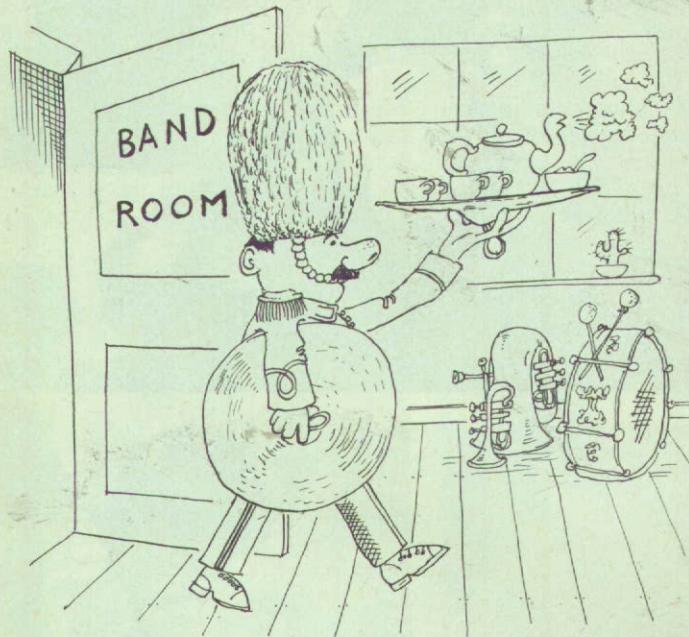
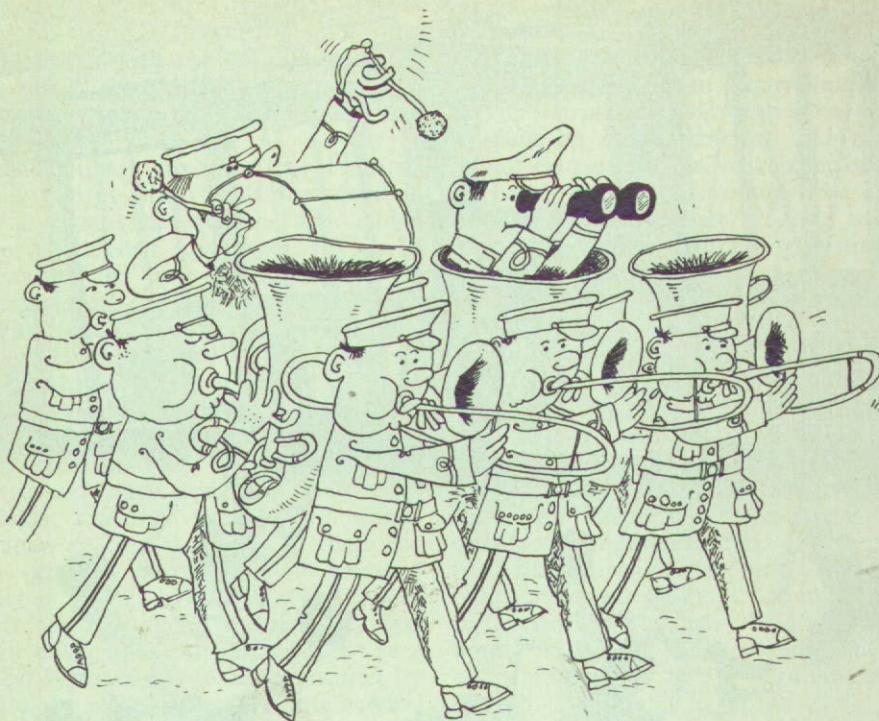
Left: The metalwork shop, where again patient and skilled tuition produce remarkable results in this occupational therapy.

Right: Tackling technical drawing from his wheelchair is Marine T Rivenberg who lost both legs when serving in Northern Ireland.



# Banned Practices

by PHLONCE





# Friday is Joining Up day

EVERY Friday morning at Lyemun Barracks in Hong Kong upwards of 20 young Chinese men turn up to follow what has become a tradition in the colony—all want to join the Hong Kong Military Service Corps, one of the last of the

locally enlisted units which used to support the British Army throughout the Empire.

The Friday morning interviews, which grew by custom rather than design, attract recruits mainly by word of mouth and partly by newspaper advertisements. The

corps is a tradition in many families, membership passing from father to son and from brother to brother.

On arrival the applicants are interviewed by the Chinese executive officer, Mr Chan Kam Yeun, and an assessment is made. Require-

ments are British citizenship (thus ruling out recent immigrants), intelligence and some knowledge of English. A medical examination follows in which recruits are automatically rejected if they are less than five feet tall, have a chest measurement of less than 30 inches or weigh less than 100 lbs.

Because of the diverse backgrounds of the teeming millions of Hong Kong, strict security vetting takes some time to check possible Communist or other extremist links or membership of a secret society.

Once a Chinese lad is accepted he is told when his intake is forming (they are every 20 weeks). Between the eighth and fourteenth week of training a recruit can opt out but thereafter must apply to purchase his discharge. Few do.



Above: Three-man team receives instructions before an orienteering exercise is started.



Executive officer Mr Chan Kam Yeun has the job of making the first assessment of potential recruits to the Hong Kong Military Service Corps. He has worked for the British Army since 1941 and was a civilian clerk with the Hong Kong Chinese Regiment at the outbreak of World War Two. During the war he was forcibly employed by the Japanese as an office worker but in 1944 was arrested, interrogated and tortured as an underground worker for the British. As soon as Britain returned to Hong Kong he took up employment with the Army again.

Says Major Ted Morrat, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, who is training company commander: "Their discipline is remarkable. In the barracks for recruits we have no non-commissioned officers and yet after they are told what is required each evening it is done by the next day. If we left British soldiers on their own at that early stage of training I hate to think what would happen."

Inspector of the corps is Lieutenant-Colonel George Hodgkinson, The Royal Hussars. He, too, has a high opinion of his men, who, he feels have a tremendous potential still not fully tapped. "I find they have roughly the same proportion of really good soldiers as in Britain. They accept discipline, are hard-working and have a very good team spirit."

During their training, recruits tend to put on weight and most grow taller. The training introduces them to a variety of equipment and a night on sparsely populated Lantau is a frightening yet stimulating experience for many of them who have spent their childhood in neon-lit Kowloon or on Hong Kong island.

Teams on a recent orienteering exercise in Lantau never gave up. After a disappointing morning run, which ruled them out of the competition, one team came in with excellent results in the afternoon session.

Cheerful yet determined, the Chinese boys behave like any other soldiers. Yet at times their manners are impeccably Eastern. Even the "wooden spoonists" in the orienteering were applauded by their fellow competitors when the results were announced.

ced—and it was not meant to be sarcastic. And when the helicopter arrived to whisk Lieutenant-Colonel Hodgkinson back to Lyemun every man spontaneously waved as it went away!

The 1200 Chinese soldiers in the corps today serve with all 33 units of the British Army in Hong Kong.

Most of them are in 415 Marine Troop, Royal Corps of Transport (marine engineers, navigators and seamen); 414 Pack Transport Troop, Royal Corps of Transport (mule handlers); British Military Hospital (medical assistants and storemen); Hong Kong Dog Company, Royal Military Police (dog handlers); 31 Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport (drivers); HQ Land Forces and HQ 51st Infantry Brigade (defence platoon and general duties); and the

Composite Ordnance Depot (storemen and guards.)

When posting a soldier at the end of his training an attempt is made to give him his choice. Because of transport difficulties he is usually based near his home although many single men live in barracks. Many of the units in which they serve are wholly Chinese with just a small supervisory British element while in others they are completely integrated with British troops. The corps boasts 13 warrant officers, 20 staff-sergeants and 61 sergeants.

Regimental sergeant-major is Warrant Officer I Cheung Kwok Tong, a veteran of nearly 20 years' service. He has twice been to Britain on courses—one with the Royal Military Police at Woking and the other at the Guards Depot, Pirbright. He is

chairman of the Hong Kong Soldiers' Association, an organisation designed to help both former and serving soldiers. It has 837 members and can give financial assistance to members and their families.

Within the corps are to be found the only sergeants of the Royal Army Educational Corps. Their job is to teach English to other corps members, mainly the recruits. Like many of the other instructors they attend courses in Britain.

During the 1967 riots in Hong Kong, members of the Hong Kong Military Service Corps proved their worth once again—their loyalty was outstanding. What the future holds for the corps depends on a lot of factors but its contribution to the British military presence in the colony has been and will be inestimable.



Opposite: A craft from 415 Maritime Troop, Royal Corps of Transport, comes in to land.

Above: Recruits enjoy their training with a mock infantry attack on Lantau island.

The history of the Hong Kong Military Service Corps can be traced back to the 1st Chinese Regiment formed around the turn of the century. During World War One, Chinese labour battalions went to the Western Front, where they were employed on base and lines of communications duties.

Before World War Two the four main units in which Chinese soldiers served were the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, the Royal Engineers, the Hong Kong and Singapore Coast Artillery Regiment and the Hong Kong Chinese Regiment.

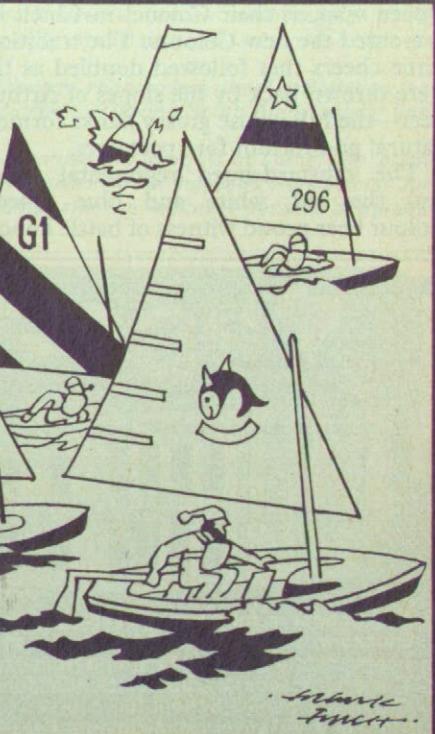
In the short battle for Hong Kong they acquitted themselves well until ordered by the British to shed their uniforms and disperse. Many then made their way to the Chinese interior and joined the British Army Aid Group. They later formed the Hong Kong Volunteer Company and saw service in Burma.

In November 1945 the Hong Kong Pioneer Company was organised and this later became the Hong Kong Chinese Cadre Company and was used for guarding important buildings.

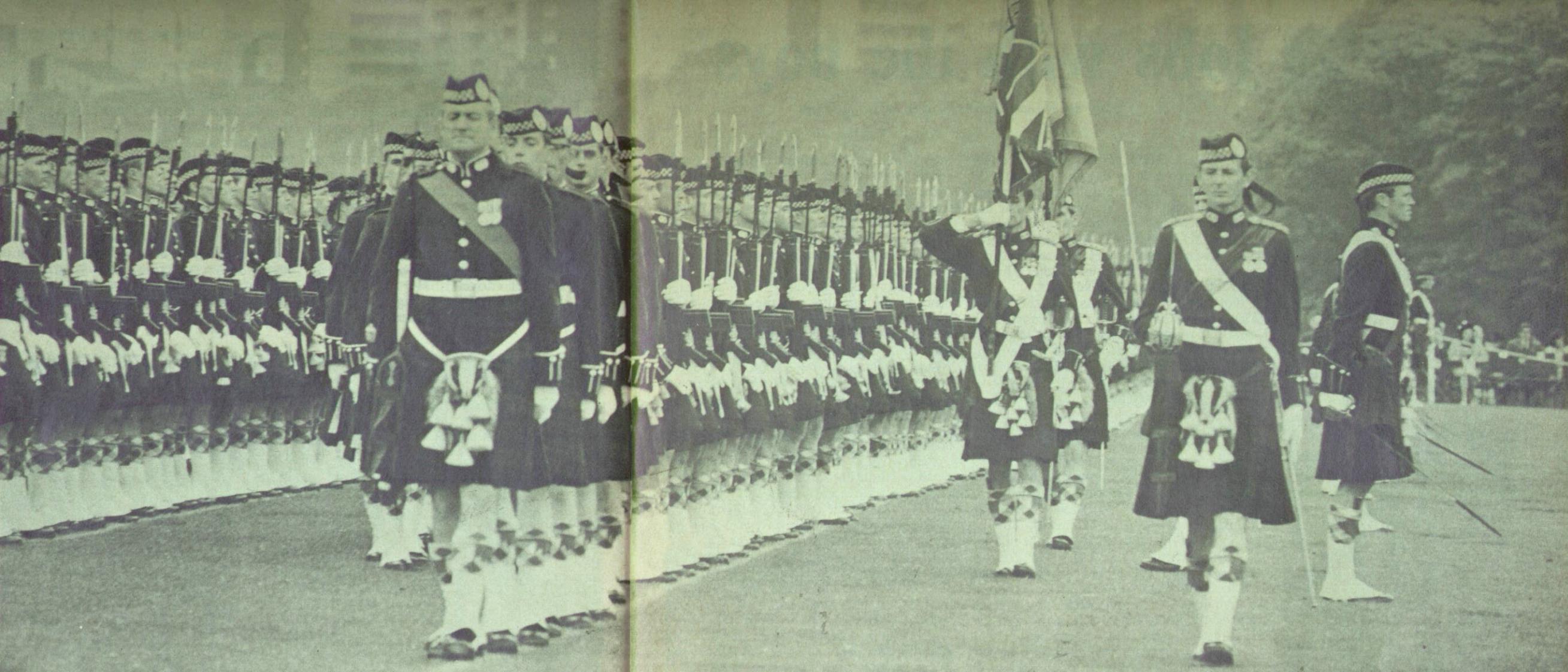
In January 1948 it was decided to use locally enlisted soldiers to fill manpower shortages in various corps in the colony's garrison and so the Hong Kong Chinese Training Unit was formed. The present title was adopted in 1962.

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# NEW COLOURS FOR THE ARGYLLS



THE order for the General Salute echoed from the crags overlooking Edinburgh's royal palace of Holyrood House. As if in answer, the breeze stiffened across the parade ground to unfurl the new Colours of 1st Battalion, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Some 480 men of the battalion advanced in review order to give a royal salute to the Queen who, as their Colonel-in-Chief, had presented the new Colours. The traditional three cheers that followed doubled as they were thrown back by the slopes of Arthur's Seat—the hill whose grassy flanks formed a natural auditorium for spectators.

The mustard-hued regimental Colour and the red, white and blue Queen's Colour bear proud witness of battle honours

that have spanned the globe and Britain's part in shaping its history.

But one battle is absent from the embroidered cloth—the battalion's fight for survival won in recent years by the efforts of the Argylls themselves and by pressure of public opinion.

Shortly after distinguished service in Aden in 1967, the shadow of disbandment loomed.

But a representative unit—Balaklava Company—was kept and restored to battalion strength last year.

The old Colours, marched off parade and later laid up in the regimental museum in Stirling Castle, were presented by the Queen shortly after her coronation in 1953. On them then were the recently emblazoned

battle honours of Pakchon and Korea. In 1967 those Colours were kept in the battalion's headquarters in Aden's Crater district and on one occasion terrorist mortar fire came within feet of the room where they were housed.

After presenting the new Colours, the Queen told the parade:

"Twenty years ago I presented to you the Colours which were carried today for the last time. Much has happened during those 20 years, but the confidence in the battalion which I expressed then has been amply justified by your record of active service around the world in British Guiana, Port Said, Cyprus, Singapore, Borneo and Aden.

"Few units have equalled either your

fighting record or the fierce pride in which you are held in your own country.

"When the battalion was reduced in strength and I spoke to the Balaklava Company at Stirling Castle I said that it was a day of hope. That hope, too, has been fulfilled. The performance of the Balaklava Company ensured that your reputation shone undiminished.

"Now, with your return to full strength and with recent distinguished periods of service in Northern Ireland behind you, it can be seen that all your traditions have been safely preserved and strengthened... you are the inheritors of high standards and of a proud tradition and I am sure that the good name of the Argylls will be safe in your hands."

A fond farewell to the old Colours as they are trooped for the last time. Far left: The Queen inspects the battalion at the beginning of the ceremony.

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's Own) were born of a marriage in 1881 of the 91st Argyllshire Highlanders and 93rd Sutherland Highlanders. The 91st was raised in 1794 by Duncan Campbell of Lochneill at the direction of the Duke of Argyll. Although only about one-third were true Highlanders, a regiment of more than 1000 men was raised in three months. It was formally embodied at Stirling, still the home of the regiment.

The 93rd, raised in 1799 by General Wemyss, a nephew of the Duke of Sutherland, made a name as the original "Thin red line" at Balaklava in 1854 when it faced a Russian cavalry charge in line rather than the conventional square. The Russians made only one charge and, swerving to left and right, fled in disarray.

After amalgamation and forming of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the 1st Battalion was sent to South Africa—the regiment claims the unique distinction of having South Africa appear three times in its battle honours.

In 1871, Princess Louise—a daughter of Queen Victoria—married the Marquis of Lorne, son of the Duke of Argyll, and showed great interest in the regiment raised by her husband's ancestors. Just before World War One she was appointed Colonel-in-Chief and the regiment became designated "Princess Louise's."



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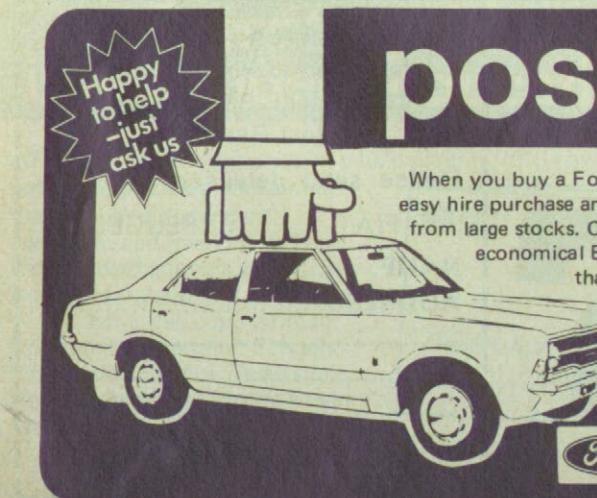
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# Jobs with the boys

Story by Michael Starke/Pictures by Leslie Wiggs

THROUGHOUT the country, school playgrounds by day and drill huts by night resound to military commands as uniformed youngsters train in what has been described as "the Army's youth club"—the cadet forces. On hand to give constant help and expert advice are cadet training teams of Regular soldiers hand-picked for their tact and stamina.

No two training teams are the same. They differ not only in the contrasting areas in which they work but in the individual styles of the self-reliant men chosen for the job. With the vast three-county area of Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire as their "parish," the four men of 16 Cadet Training Team based at Bicester claim their area is one of the biggest.

The team leader is Major Alan Blackmore. His Army service has included duty in Korea, Malaya and Sarawak (where he was mentioned in despatches) and he served in Berlin during the airlift. But the challenge of his present posting seems by no means tame by comparison. "I enjoy this work very much," he says. "The main attraction is that with correct presentation of instruction to young people you can see their enthusiasm grow both in the military training and other outside activities."

The team's basic responsibility to the Army Cadet Force county organisations is to train the adult staff who officer the detachments. They also adjudicate some of the cadet exams and help out when asked with training the boys. In the case of the Combined Cadet Force, the Army contingents in schools are tested for their proficiency certificates by the team which also plays a large part in cadet training. Summer camps and annual inspections add to the team's workload.

Each of the three counties is covered by one of the three team members with Major Blackmore ranging over the whole area. All four meet daily at their Bicester base for day-to-day administration, debriefing on the previous day's work and preparation for future tasks. They have to keep an eye on some 50 Army Cadet Force detach-

ments and 18 Combined Cadet Force contingents which together account for some 3500 cadets. This means a lot of travelling and each team member covers between 800 to 1000 miles a week.

Battery Sergeant-Major A H Curran, on a two-year posting from 24 Missile Regiment, Royal Artillery, in Germany, described a typical day: "We see each other in the morning and then no more all day. In this respect we are our own commanders. It's a full-time job. I may start out from Bicester at 11.30 and go to a Reading school. From 2 to 4 pm I might have to be somewhere else and then out in the evening from 7.30 to 9.30. I could get home between 11.30 and midnight. And this is not just for one day . . . it's week after week."

"But I find it a very rewarding job, entirely different from what I've been doing before. If you really put your back into it, you can see results coming through. We're geared up to help in every way and we bend over backwards to do so."

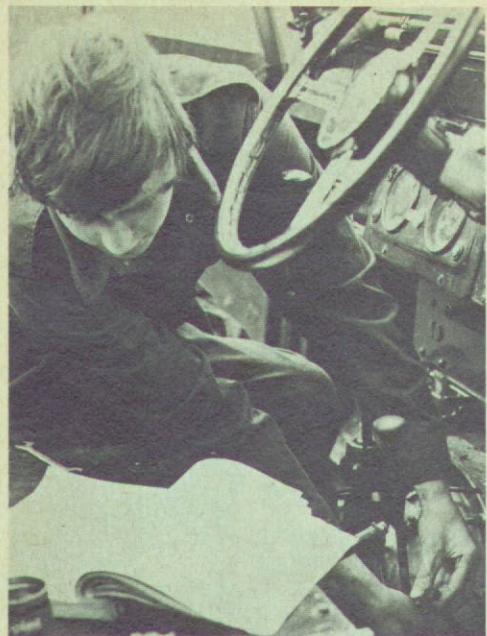
BSM Curran specialises in map reading and orienteering. His colleague, Sergeant W J Gibson, of The Royal Hussars, is the drill expert and has been with the team since it started. Does he enjoy the work?

... "Put it this way," he replied, "I've been here six years and I've got a few years to go . . . that speaks for itself, I think."

The youngest member, at 29, is Sergeant C Bamford, The Royal Green Jackets. His infantry training fits him perfectly for teaching battlecraft and weapon training.

As well as establishing a working relationship with cadets, the team has to liaise constantly with school staff and county cadet officers. BSM Curran said: "My first reaction to this posting was 'Cadet training team . . . what the hell's this?' But I found out it's a posting with a high priority. You can't just send anyone. You go to colleges, grammar schools and so on, meeting a wide variety of people. It requires a calibre above the norm. You must be very tactful all the time. You've got to be able to deal with both boys and men."

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Sergeant Bamford lending a hand during the evening weapon training with an ACF unit.

Top: A Radley College cadet tackles a real REME task repairing a Land-Rover's engine.

Far right: Equipment for the CCF at Radley is exceptional—here cadets take to water.

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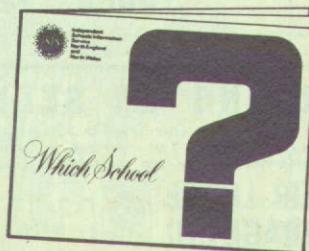
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## Jobs with the boys *continued*

Mr G Treglown, a chemistry teacher at Radley College near Oxford commands the college's CCF Army contingent as a major. "We divide the training up and rely on the team to teach what we can't. We rely on them for military matters." Facilities at Radley are particularly good for cadets. During SOLDIER's visit, Sergeant Gibson drilled cadets on a playground while Mr Treglown supervised young mechanics at work on a military Land-Rover the college had bought. On the nearby river, watercraft was being taught to cadets in two assault boats.

The playing fields of Radley are a far cry from the little Army Cadet Force hut, in the heart of Cowley's industrial area, where one of Oxfordshire's 16 detachments

holds drill nights. Cadet County Executive Officer Ian Milne, a retired major, said: "We run on a mutual basis with the training team. I work hand-in-glove with Major Blackmore." "He's autonomous," Major Blackmore interjected, "I've got to gain his confidence and he mine."

Although a percentage of cadets goes on to join the Regular Army, some with distinction—one of Sergeant Gibson's ex-cadets was recently awarded the Military Medal in Northern Ireland—the cadet forces are not recruiting organisations.

As Major Milne said: "We're the Army's youth club—a youth club with an Army background. The whole object of us being here is to make good citizens out of young boys." Cadet training teams are at the heart of that effort.

Above: Radley's cadet RSM, Mr J Pettifar, emphasises the importance of neatness and (below) gives tips on making a tidy job of a tent.



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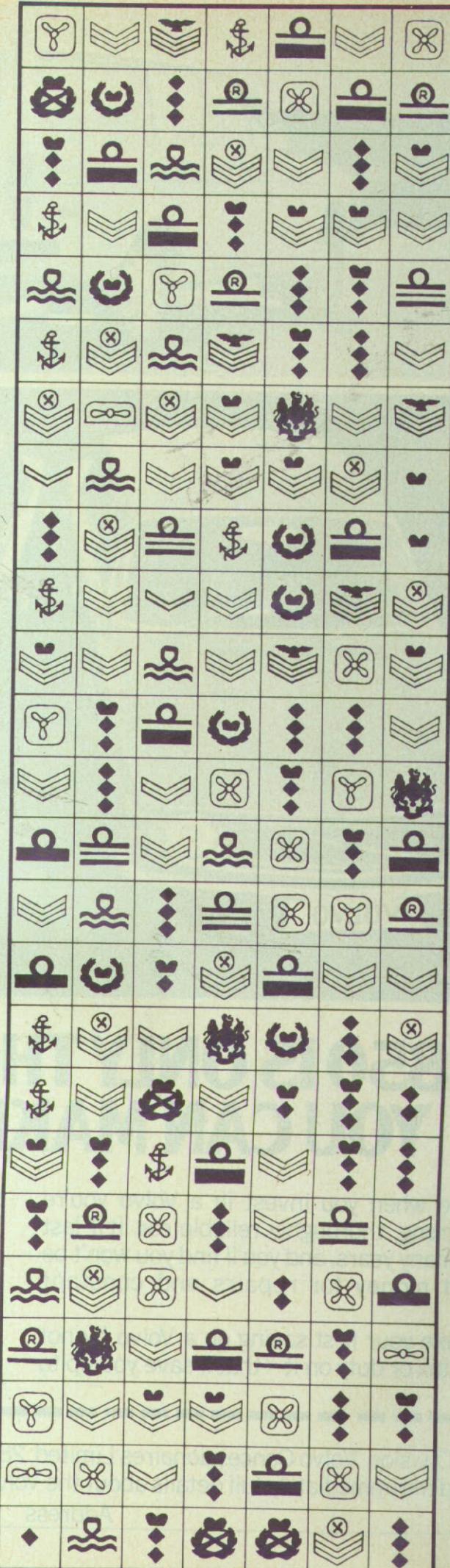
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# NEWS

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## ARMY DEPENDANTS ASSURANCE TRUST

ADAT is the latest Army abbreviation. It stands for Army Dependents Assurance Trust, a new fund to provide an income for dependents of officers and soldiers who die or are killed on duty or off duty.

If you are serving in the Regular Army, including the Women's Royal Army Corps and Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, you are eligible to join ADAT. Membership is voluntary. Contributions will be deducted from your pay and will rank for income tax relief.

Benefits to dependents will be over and above any other benefits to which the dependents might have a right.

ADAT starts next month. Details of the scheme are being sent to all units (you join through your unit pay office) and will also be given in a Defence Council Instruction and in next month's SOLDIER News. (DPS)

## NEW SELF-PROPELLED HOWITZER

The British, German and Italian governments have agreed on the joint development, evaluation and production of a 155mm self-propelled howitzer intended for use in the close and general support role in Europe. It will have a range of 24 kilometres—30 kilometres with an extended range projectile. The gun will have a higher rate of fire and killing power than existing artillery it is scheduled to replace. It will be able to fire the same ammunition as the 155mm towed gun which is also being developed by the three countries. (DPR)

## IN PARLIAMENT

In a Parliamentary debate on defence the Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the Army, Mr Peter Blaker, told the House he was full of praise for today's soldiers he had seen on tours to various theatres of operation.

He said: "It was natural that very early on I should visit the troops in Northern Ireland. Seldom can the Army have stood higher in public esteem than it does today for its efforts in Northern Ireland, and quite rightly so."

Mr Blaker described as "especially important" his visit to Rhine Army where nearly one-third of the Army is stationed at any one time. He summed up the vital role of this commitment by saying: "The true importance of the British Army of the Rhine can be understood only in the context of our strategy of deterrence and, if deterrence fails, of flexible response—the policy evolved when the Labour Party was in power. "For this we must have the necessary conventional forces to respond properly to all levels of aggression. They must be able to cope with a limited action perhaps designed



*"I now have much pleasure in introducing our candidate, Mr Fell, who, as you know, has an Army background..."*

## IN PARLIAMENT

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to present NATO with a *fait accompli* and defend effectively against a full-scale aggression, to give us time to bring the aggressor to his senses before we have to initiate the use of nuclear weapons, to restore the credibility of our deterrent.

"In this context Rhine Army, together with the RAF Germany, represents Britain's most vital defence commitment—the security of Western Europe.

"We must see to it therefore that in BAOR the Army is properly equipped in every sense within available resources to fulfil this role.

"Following my visit, I am utterly confident that we have the calibre of men for the task. Everywhere I have been greatly impressed by the enthusiasm, alertness and high morale of our troops.

"I have been struck by the way in which the reductions in the total size of the Forces, coupled with concentration on our primary European role, make it ever more important to have sophisticated weapons and equipment. The pace of technological development is not slackening.

"This means that the demands for skill on officers and men are increasing. I have been impressed by the high standard of professionalism in all arms and corps. I have been particularly struck by their ability to communicate freely at all levels. This is something new to me in the Army. My Army experience goes back a long way, but I have found this very striking to all who come in contact with the Army at present."

On the topic of recruiting, Mr Blaker said that in overall numbers the Army is up to strength at present. But he admitted "there are shortages and imbalances in certain areas." There was still room for more young officers in the "teeth" arms and major services.

He had a special word of praise for the part being played by the Women's Royal Army Corps in Northern Ireland. "Some 200 girls are now serving there where they carry out important administrative duties and assist in the task of searching at check points. Their contribution in this latter role is particularly valuable at a time when the IRA is making more use of women both to smuggle arms and ammunition within Northern Ireland and as active terrorists."

Finally, Mr Blaker turned his attention to the welfare of the families of soldiers of the Seventies. "If we are to attract recruits and encourage as many men as possible to stay on in the Army we must ensure that their conditions of service are the best that we can provide. A good deal has been done in this field during the past two years or so and many of the improvements have been set out in successive statements on defence estimates. But I would like to say a word about the welfare of families. This is particularly important when so many families are separated as a result of the situation in Northern Ireland.

"The Army has a deservedly high reputation in the manner in which it looks after Service families. All infantry and many other 'teeth' arm units have a unit families officer, and in this activity we receive an invaluable contribution from welfare workers of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association. But we are not complacent and are looking for ways to improve our arrangements."

The lengthy debate which followed concentrated on the problems faced by the Army in Northern Ireland and Mr Blaker wound up the discussion on this question. He said: "In Northern Ireland the Army has an important job to do and the Government intends to make sure that it has the means and support necessary to enable it to do it. This does not mean we are seeking a purely military solution. In the long run the solution can only be a political one.

"For a political solution to work, the Army must master the terrorists and help create conditions in which reason can prevail among reasonable men. We cannot tell how long this will take, although in recent months there have been encouraging signs. The necessary troops will be provided and we must do all we can to maintain their morale and give them a wider understanding of the job they are doing. We shall not let them down, and I am sure that they will not let the nation down."

### Units in Northern Ireland

At an earlier written answer session in the House of Commons, Mr Blaker gave a full list of all the units which have served in Northern Ireland since August 1969. Second only to the infantry with its 49 units comes the Royal Engineers which has sent 29 squadrons and regiments to the strife-torn province. Twenty-three Royal Artillery units have served there in a basically infantry role and five squadrons of the RAF Regiment are on the list. The Royal Marine commandos account for four of the total units involved. The duration of service varies, but the maximum amounts to 28 months in the case of a unit which has completed an accompanied tour.

### Defence land

The question of Ministry of Defence land holdings was raised by Bedford's MP, Mr T H H Skeet (Conservative), in a written question asking how much land is owned or held on lease by defence establishments including national parks and areas of outstanding natural beauty. Mr Blaker replied that 606,784 acres were owned or leased of which some 81,000 acres were in national parks and 28,000 acres in areas of outstanding natural beauty.

**TAVR officers**

The Government plans to increase the vacancies at Sandhurst for Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve officers to cut down the present six- to nine-month delay created by the demand for places. Questions expressing concern about the commission courses for TAVR officer cadets came from Mr Iain Sproat (Conservative, Aberdeen South) and were put to Mr Blaker who gave the reassurance that the Government was "taking steps to increase the number of vacancies from 160 to 200 for the courses to be held in the first half of next year." He added: "We are also examining means of fitting in at least one TAVR commission course during the autumn each year from 1975 onwards.

"There is currently a delay of between six and nine months but we expect that the changes I have just described will meet the demand."

**Defence costs**

Prices are watched by MPs on both sides of the House of Commons as closely as by housewives in the High Street. Defence costs come under particularly close scrutiny from the nation's leaders. Two comparatively small items came under recent scrutiny at question times. One revealed that some £3.97 million was spent last year on advertising schemes for recruiting into the Armed Forces. Another showed that price rises have even hit the royal yacht, Britannia, which cost £775,700 to maintain in 1970-71. The current estimate is for £1,607,600—an increase of more than 100 per cent in the two-year period.

**TRANSFER TO ARMY AIR CORPS**

Starting next month the Army Air Corps is to be allowed to recruit its own soldiers to man its regiments, squadrons and independent flights. The corps is to be expanded gradually over the next six years to enable it to fill all the non-technical ground-crew and observer posts, half the air-gunner posts and the majority of pilot posts. A number of pilots and air-gunner will continue to be found from other arms and services on the present single-tour basis. The aim of these measures is to improve the operational efficiency of army aviation as a whole by putting the Army Air Corps on to a more normal basis.

Four employments are open to soldiers in the corps: Ground-crewman, observer, air gunner and pilot. The ground-crewman employment includes driver/signallers, drivers and clerks. Observers fly as the second aircrew of reconnaissance helicopters



and soldiers with the necessary aptitude can train and qualify to operate the anti-tank guided weapon systems of armed helicopters (SOLDIER, April 1973). Given the aptitude, a soldier can ultimately attend the Army pilot course at Middle Wallop and become a helicopter or fixed-wing aircraft pilot. Opportunities for promotion in both ground-crew and aircrew employments are excellent for those who gain the right qualifications and who prove themselves on merit.

The junior rank in the Army Air Corps equating to private is to be airtrooper. Entry into the corps will be both by direct recruiting and by transfer from other arms and services. For those contemplating a transfer, previous service with an Army aviation unit is not essential. All transfers will be on a provisional basis for the first six months to allow soldiers to qualify in an Army Air Corps employment.

## TRANSFER TO ARMY AIR CORPS

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Applications for transfer may now be submitted and full details are to be found in Defence Council Instructions (Army) S26, S27 and S28. Further information on the corps may be obtained from any Army Air Corps unit or the Army Air Corps Centre, Middle Wallop, Stockbridge, Hampshire, SO20 8DY.

A number of immediate vacancies also exists for soldiers from other arms and services to be trained as air gunners with the corps. They, too, will be eligible to apply for transfer to the corps after 18 months in a unit. (DAAC)

## REGULAR COMMISSIONS FOR TAVR OFFICERS

Regular service for Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve officers has been introduced this summer under the name Short Service Volunteer Commission. The scheme opens service in the Regular Army to TAVR officers. Those who join will serve on regimental duties worldwide. They can elect to serve for periods from six to 18 months. Initially the 60 vacancies allotted to arms and services are for a pilot scheme only. If, as is hoped, the response is good, it is expected that this scheme will become permanent. Its main aim is to promote a steady flow of officers back to the TAVR with Regular Army experience. So a TAVR officer who joins will be guaranteed a place in his TAVR unit on return from the Regular Army. If he is due for promotion while he is with the Regular Army the SSVC officer will be promoted into a vacancy in his TAVR unit and will assume the higher rank while serving with the Regular Army. Regular Army rates of pay are to apply and most allowances will be admissible under the same conditions applicable to the Regular Army. The SSVC officer will continue to wear his TAVR uniform but will be given assistance where a change is necessary. Some form of uniform maintenance is planned. (DM(A))

## APPOINTMENTS

This month Mr Donald Moss becomes Director of Studies at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. He was previously head of the Department of Sciences there. Mr Moss joined the staff at Sandhurst in 1947 after eight—mostly wartime—years in the Army which included service with Royal Engineer bomb disposal units, with the Royal Artillery of 6th Airborne Division and as a warrant officer in the Royal Army Educational Corps.

Brigadier J E Miller is to be the Director of Medical Services at Headquarters, United Kingdom Land Forces, in the rank of major-general, in December. He will take over from Major-General R J Gray who is retiring. Brigadier Miller joined the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1940 after graduating from St Bartholomew's. He served mainly with airborne troops in North Africa, Italy, Holland and Germany. He was awarded the Military Cross in 1943. He is at present Deputy Director of Medical Services at HQ UKLF and previously held a similar post at HQ Scotland.

Major-General R W T Britten, Deputy Quartermaster-General, is to be General Officer Commanding West Midland District from next month in succession to Major-General J H S Majury. Commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1941, General Britten saw war service in India and Burma. His postwar appointments have included a tour with the British Joint Services Staff Mission, Washington, and a post on the staff of the Joint Services Staff College, Latimer. He has commanded a Regular Royal Engineer regiment and, as a brigadier, commanded a Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve engineer brigade from early 1967 to December 1968. He took up his present post after attending the Imperial Defence College.

Major-General V H J Carpenter, Transport Officer-in-Chief (Army), is to succeed Major-General W Bate as Director of Movements (Army) next month. General Carpenter began his Army career in 1936, when he joined up as a Royal Artillery apprentice artificer. He was commissioned into the Royal Army Service Corps in 1939. During the war he took part in both the Dunkirk evacuation and the D-Day landings. Post-war appointments have ranged from service in Korea and Aden to company commander at Sandhurst. In 1967 he was promoted brigadier and appointed Inspector Royal Corps of Transport and Deputy Transport Officer-in-Chief (Army). He became Chief Transport and Movement Officer, HQ British Army of the Rhine, in 1969 and took up his present post in August 1971.

Brigadier P J N Ward is to be General Officer Commanding London District and Major-General Commanding The Household Division in succession to Major-General F J C Bowes-Lyon. Brigadier Ward was commissioned into the Welsh Guards in 1943 and saw war service in North-West Europe. He commanded 1st Battalion, Welsh Guards, from 1965 to 1968. After a staff appointment with the Ministry of Defence he was promoted brigadier and appointed Commander Land Forces Gulf. In December 1971 he took up an appointment with the Royal College of Defence Studies.

Brigadier J M Gow is to be General Officer Commanding 4th Division in Germany in the rank of major-general in succession to Major-General A H Farrar-Hockley. Brigadier Gow saw war service in North-West Europe after being commissioned into the Scots Guards in 1943. His postwar appointments include command of 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards, and of 4th Guards Brigade. He attended the Imperial Defence College in 1970 after which he took up his present appointment. (PR)

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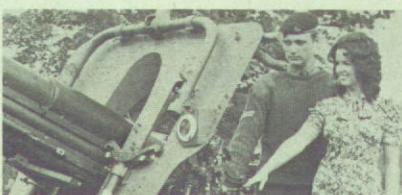
## MEET INGE...

Away to a flying start on the European fashion scene is **Inge Eccles**, wife of **Major Richard Eccles** who commands 652 Squadron, Army Aviation, at Bunde, Germany. Inge won the Osnabrück area final of the "Nadel Prinzess 73" contest and was selected at the West German finals to go forward to the European finals at Baden Baden. Competitors had to design, make and model their own gowns. Inge's stunning creation was in royal-blue velvet trimmed with 6084 beads, pearls, crystal drops and sequins each sewn on by hand.



## ...AND ANNE

**Lieutenant Aidan Mompalao de Piro**, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, and his wife **Anne**, who both gained degrees at the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham. His was a second-class, hers a first-class honours.



## ...AND PAT

Brightening the military scene are (above) **Miss Pat Wheeldon**, a 24-year-old Midlands beauty queen who holds a number of titles, and (below) 23-year-old **Miss Joanne Webster** who is Miss Derby County and Miss Ashbourne. Pat was taking a look at 47 Light Regiment's 105mm howitzer during a recruiting display in Derby. Joanne was "down the road" at Ashbourne investigating a Ferret scout car of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers.



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# THE SEA'S THE SERGEANT-MAJOR

Story by Michael Starke

THIS month a group of soldiers sets off to race round the world in the yacht British Soldier—Chay Blyth's "westabout" circumnavigation record-maker, British Steel, refitted and renamed.

The Army's entry in the Whitbread Round-the-World race represents the crest of a wave of effort and enthusiasm that has swept along Army sailing in recent years. From a hobby run by corps and regimental clubs it has now become recognised as an adventurous training pursuit. A soldier at sea quickly finds a keen sense of responsibility and discipline—or he sinks. It is this fact that prompted the Army Sailing Association's Rear Commodore (Offshore), Lieutenant-Colonel James Myatt, to declare: "The sea is the sergeant-major."

Colonel Myatt is one of the four skippers who will lead the separate nine-man crews on each of the four legs of the round-the-world race. Ashore, he commands the

Junior Tradesmen's Regiment at Troon. The selection of the crews for the 27,500-mile journey, scheduled to take some eight months, is critical. There are special qualities to look out for in men who will have to live close to each other on a small yacht for months on end surrounded by seemingly endless sea.

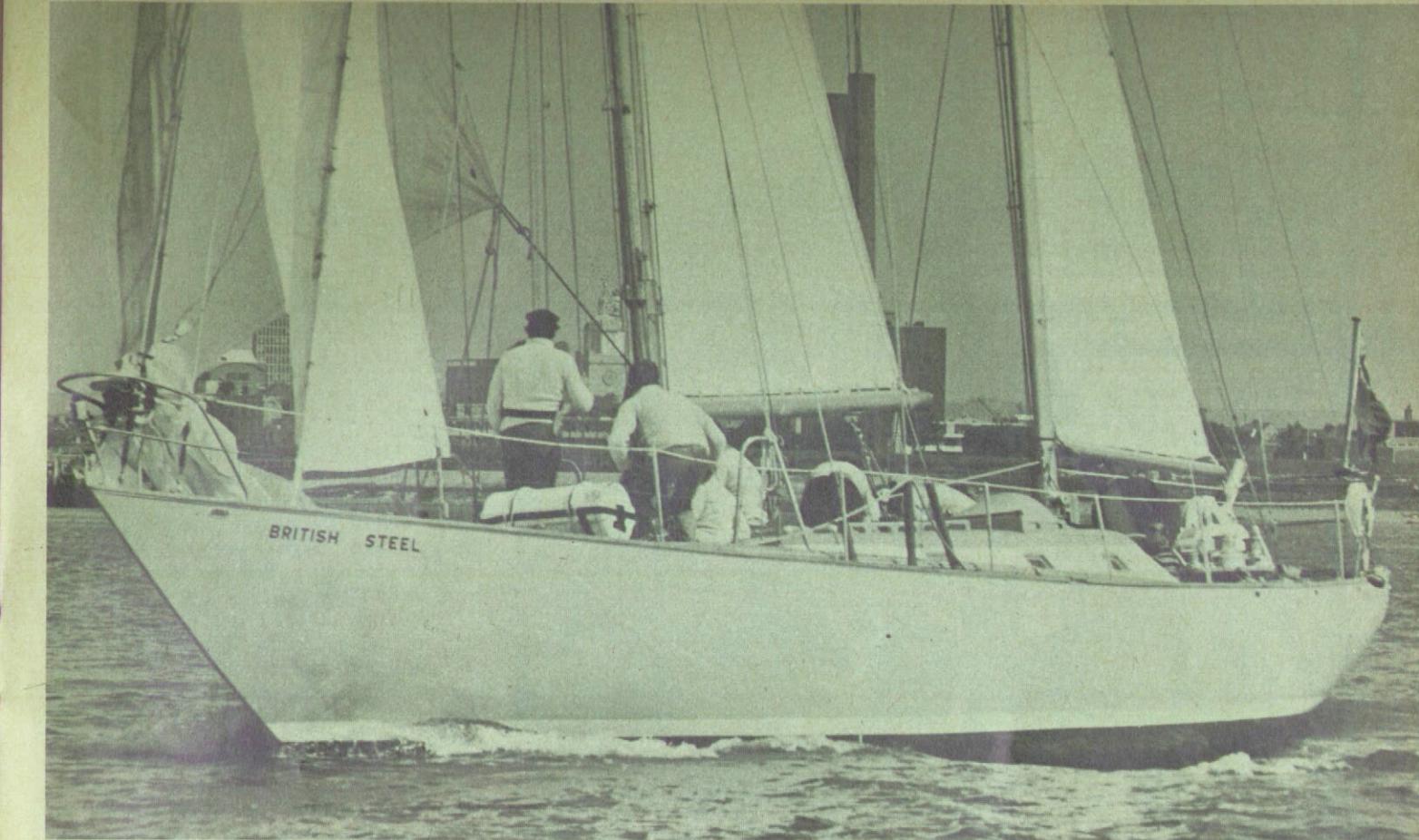
"At sea, seven-eighths of the battle is for crews to get on together," explained Lieutenant-Colonel Myatt. "You can get what I call '15-day-itis'—after about that time little things about another bloke you're sailing with can really get on your nerves if you're not careful."

Major Neil Carlier, Royal Engineers, is manager of the official Army entry. Chay Blyth, who loaned his yacht for the race, is skippering another entry, of men from The Parachute Regiment.

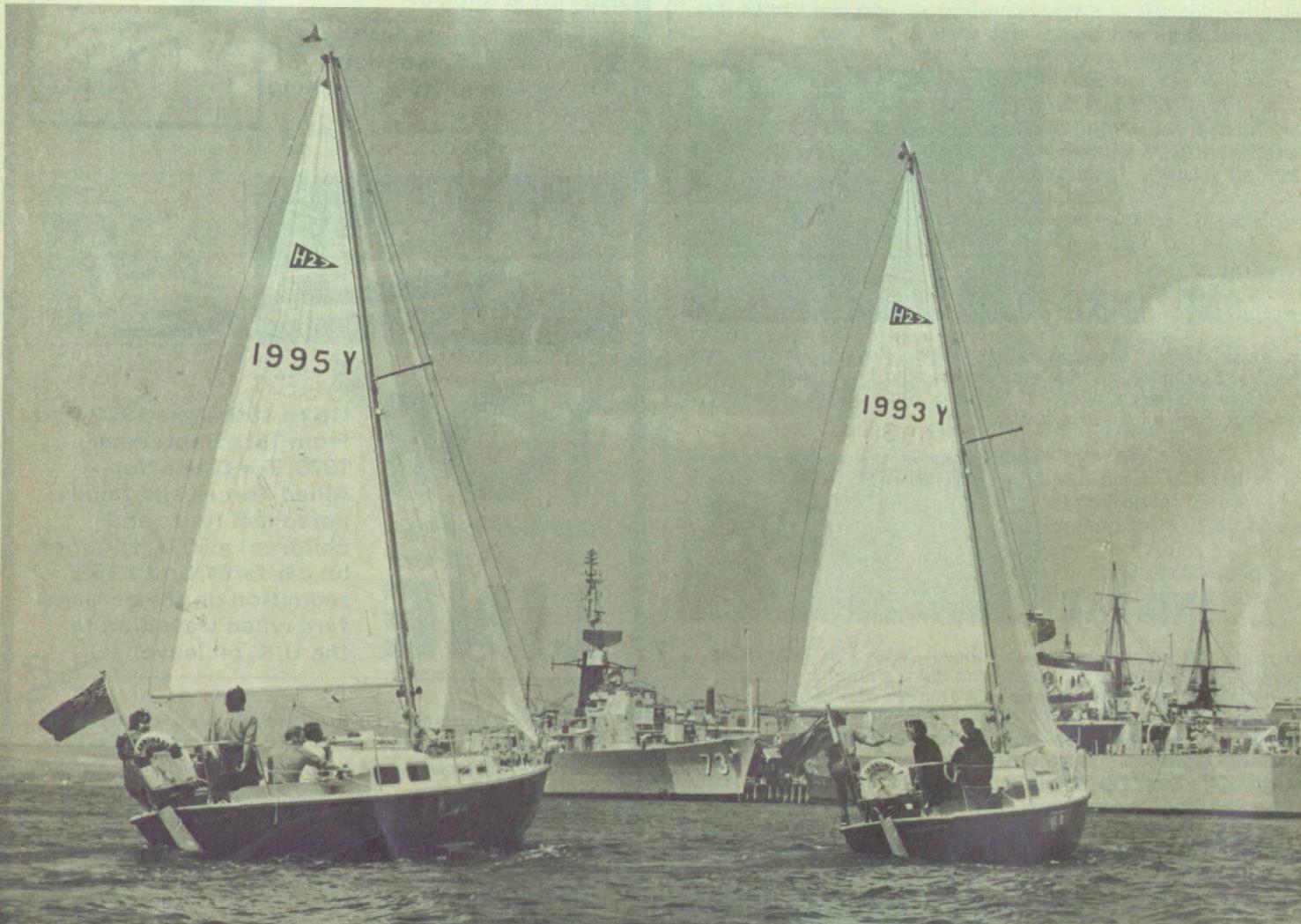
Said Major Carlier: "We've never gone in for such an ambitious effort before.



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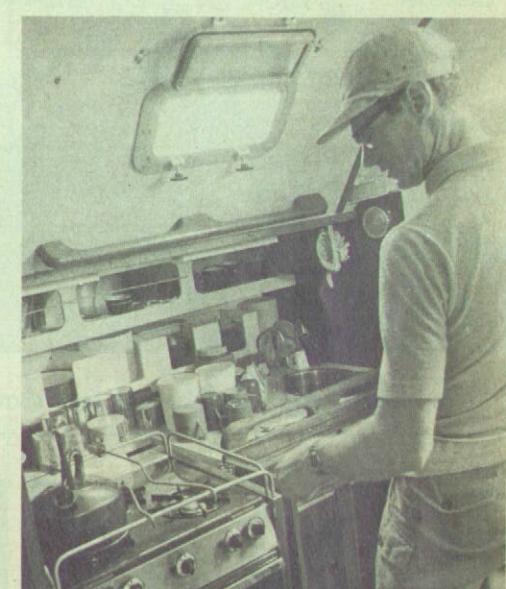
Two of the Joint Services Sailing Centre's Halcyon 27s. SOLDIER's Starke rests his sea legs sitting at the stern of Cannonade (far left).



Lieutenant-Colonel James Myatt relaxes at the wheel of British Steel, as she then was—there's plenty of hard work to come!



Changing the head-sails in the Solent on a sunny day in June looks easy. It will be different when the yacht braves Cape Horn.



An army marches—and sails—on its stomach. Fittings in this ocean-going galley have to be designed to be used when rolling at sea.

Apart from any other problems, we've not been able to prepare for this race on taxpayers' money. I had to set a target of £22,000 which we had to raise to make this at all possible." Major Carlier will skipper the Sydney to Rio de Janeiro stage of the race.

The round-the-world race entry emphasises the pitch that Army sailing has reached thanks to years of enthusiasm from hobbyists in various corps and regiments. The new Joint Services Sailing Centre at Gosport intends to harness this spirit and spread it over an even wider cross-section

of soldiers now that sailing has been recognised by the Ministry of Defence as adventurous training.

If the Army yacht clubs of long standing are the soul of the Service's sailing, then the sailing centre is its heart, pumping the lifeblood of this demanding recreation into more and more would-be sailors. The centre concentrates on offshore sailing—at nearby Netley a dinghy centre is being developed using some two dozen Bosun dinghies. Units can use the Netley facilities but must provide their own instructors.

Bigger boats are used at Gosport. Great care has gone into the selection of some 20 craft which will eventually make up the Army fleet at the sailing centre. The largest type of yacht is the Nicholson 55. One of these, 'Sabre', is already in use. There is to be a total of four of these 55-foot £55,000-each ketches. There will also be four of the smaller Contessa 32—a six-berth yacht. At the hub of the centre's efforts will be 12 Halcyon 27s—there are three in service already—which are small cruisers ideally suited for basic training for the soldier-sailors going to sea for the first time.



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## THE SEA'S THE SERGEANT-MAJOR

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The Army's chief instructor at Gosport is Colonel L G S Thomas, a retired officer who has sailed for some 30 years. He said: "The idea of the centre is to train people firstly to take charge of yachts and secondly for those trainees and others to take people from units for adventurous training."

The centre opened last December and held its first course in March. There were 36 one-week courses, each for an average of 20 people, planned for the year; applications have poured in from all branches of the Army including the Women's Services and junior soldiers. The syllabus is based on the Royal Yachting Association offshore certificate scheme. At the beginning of the week students spend three half-day sessions in classrooms and the harbour literally learning the ropes. They go on to spend four days at sea, three of which are taken up by a long sail including night sailing.

This basic course makes a competent and—most important—a safe deckhand out of a landlubber. He can return, usually up to a year later, to take another week's upgrading course to become a mate. The final step is to qualify as a skipper.

Colonel Thomas said: "The staff is very small—we rely a great deal on unit instructors who've been here to come back and work our programme as instructors. The whole emphasis is to train instructors for units."

The centre is a Royal Navy establishment



At the wheel of Sabre is L/Cpl John Le Maitre ACC—a landlubber turned sea-cook. Below: Sailing servicemen in far-off Hong Kong keep on station with a local junk.

although all three Services use it. The Royal Engineers are responsible for running Rhine Army's version of the Gosport centre—the Combined Services Sail Training Centre at Kiel. This exists to encourage and develop the skills of seamanship and to provide adventure training facilities.

Kiel centre is equipped with three 56-foot yachts, one 38-foot ketch, a 38-foot Class II ocean racer, a Rival 32, a Contessa 32 and 13 of the smaller 27-foot Cutlass and Danboat class vessels. It is also a base for Rhine Army corps and regimental boats. During the sailing season from April to October, ten one-week courses are run for students to qualify as deckhands or small boat skippers. For the rest of the year

the fleet is available for unit adventure training cruises and regattas.

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Making the presentations at a luncheon ceremony in the Cutlers' Hall, London, the Secretary of State for Defence, Lord Carrington, said the classical example of this help was in Borneo and Sarawak where the "Hearts and minds" approach played a great part in the campaign. He referred to the "remarkable facility of the British serviceman to get his feet under the table... He will in a short time be uncle to all the children, on first name terms and incidentally will not do so badly for himself." In the process, said Lord Carrington, the serviceman made more friends for his country than any ambassador or politician.

The Royal Navy award was to 40 Commando, Royal Marines, for work in Northern Ireland—this unit won the first Navy sword for services in Sarawak—and the third award was to Royal Air Force St Athan for mountain rescues and flood relief.

In British Honduras, all ranks of The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment took

every opportunity to meet, understand and work alongside local people (see SOLDIER, April).

Upcountry they rebuilt an unsafe bridge linking villagers with their agricultural land. Two medical teams formed from a rifle platoon went by boat and mule to hold "sick parades," teach hygiene, repair buildings and roads and even carry out a population census.

The battalion adopted a mental hospital, gave Christmas parties for poor children and undertook projects at almost every

school. In two areas, rifle platoons were put at the disposal of the local town boards for whatever community work they could do.

While still training for its operational role and maintaining a presence in British Honduras, the battalion produced results which would have taken the civilian community many years to achieve.

Previous Army winners of the Sword of Peace have been 3rd Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery (1971); 253 Signal Squadron (1970); 2nd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment (1969); 3rd Battalion, The Light Infantry (1968); 19 Light Regiment, Royal Artillery (1967) and 40 Light Regiment, Royal Artillery (1966).



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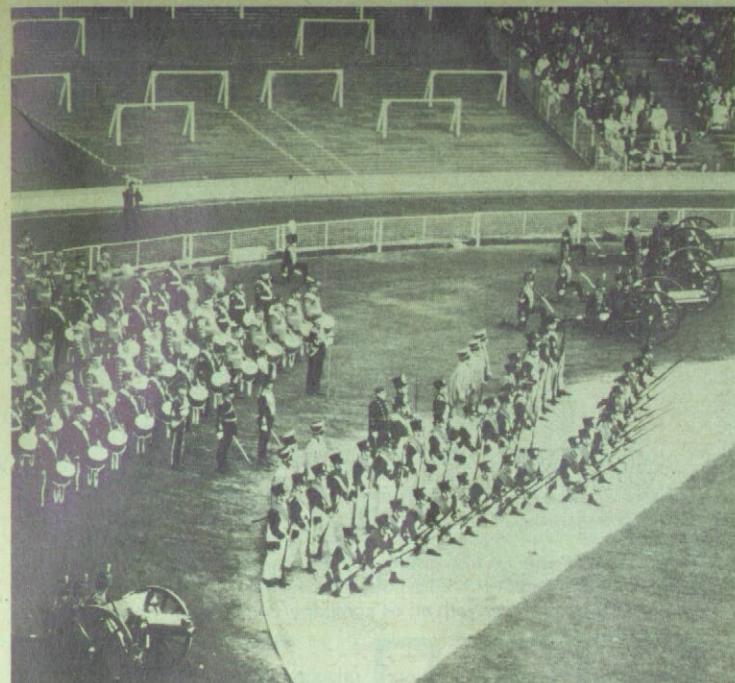
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# WEMBLEY SPECTACULAR

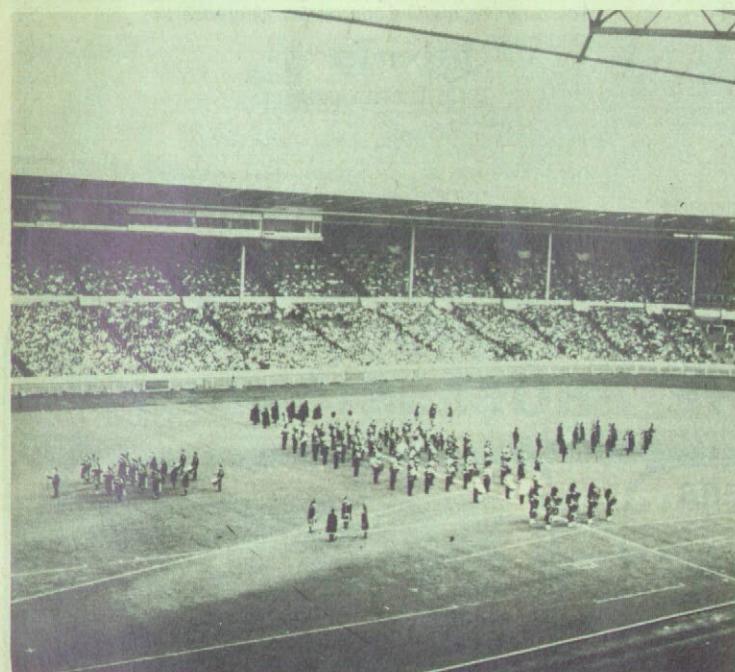
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As in the first pageant, in 1969, the climax for most of the audience at Wembley Stadium was the "1812" overture with the massed bands augmented by guns of the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, and musket fire from a detachment of the Junior Parachute Company. Once again the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve was represented, with armoured cars of The Royal Yeomanry and searchlights of 873 Movement Light Squadron.

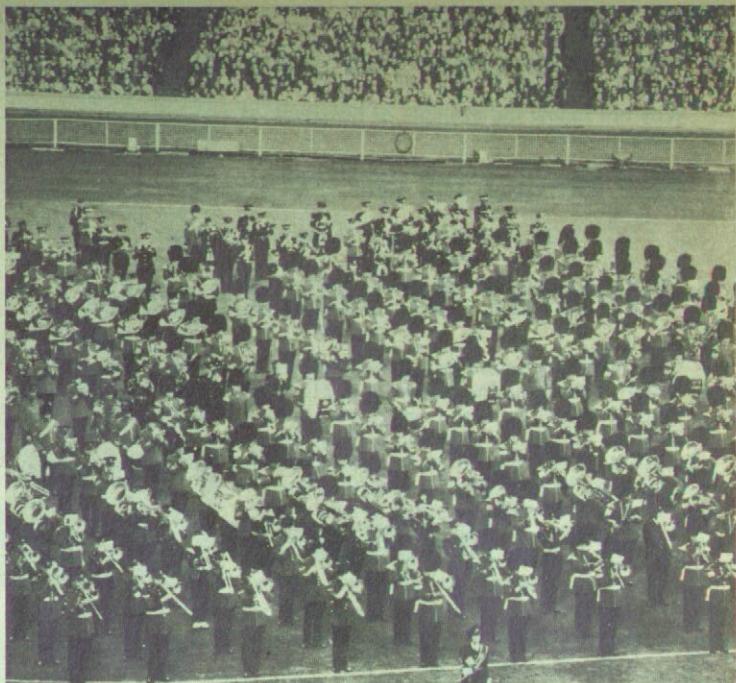
The evening's programme opened with fanfares by massed bugles of The Light Division and by 150 trumpeters of the Royal Military School of Music and other



2 Embellishing the massed bands' performance of the "1812" are the King's Troop guns and junior Paras in Waterloo costume.



4 Scottish and Irish bands, pipes and drums with Scots dancers in strathspeys and reels and Irish in their four-hand reel.



3 Detail of the many different forms of dress is lost in sheer numbers but the precision and musicianship are still there.



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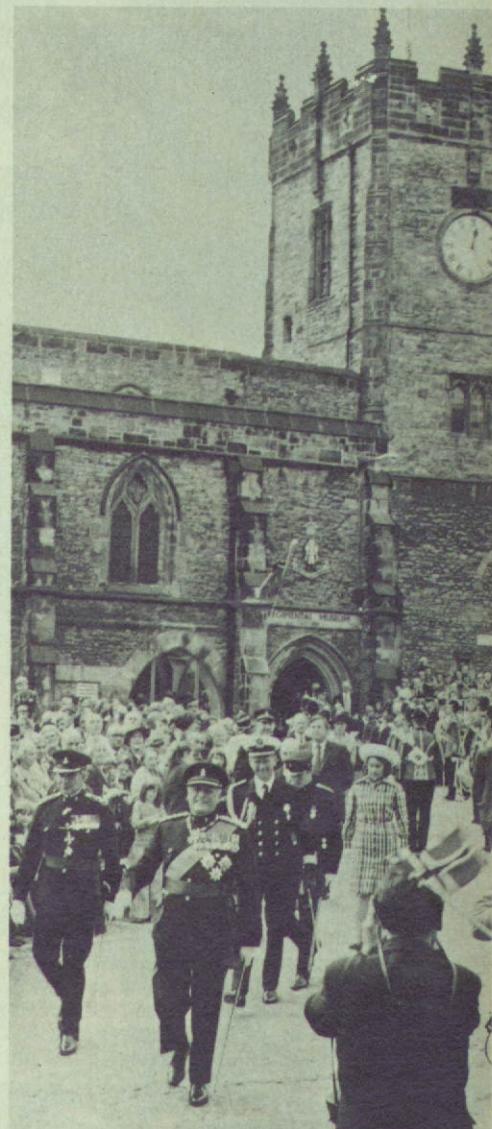


A lunch at Admiralty House marked the 50th anniversary of the Chiefs of Staff Committee which was originally set up in 1923 as a sub-committee of the old Cabinet Committee of Imperial Defence. Guest of honour was Lord Carrington, Secretary of State for Defence. Afterwards the committee held one of its normal sessions, 50 years to the day after the first meeting. Hosts at the lunch were (left to right) Admiral Sir Michael Pollock (Chief of the Naval Staff), Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Spotswood (Chief of the Air Staff), Admiral of the Fleet Sir Peter Hill-Norton (Chief of the Defence Staff) and General (now Field-Marshal) Sir Michael Carver (Chief of the General Staff).

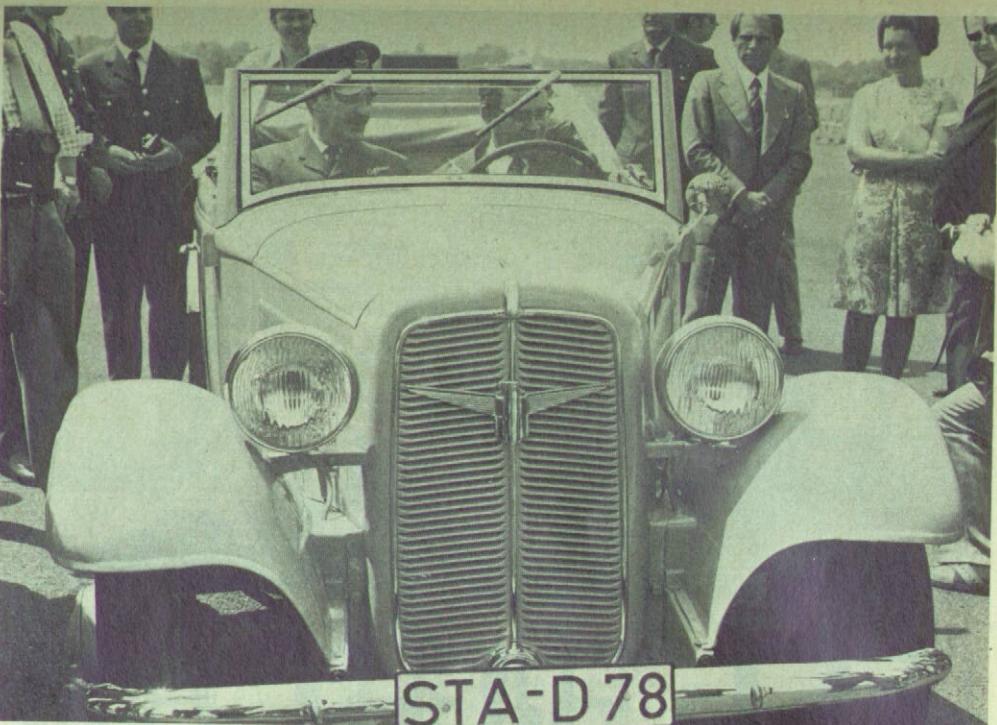


Presenting the Goodfellow Scout Cup for orienteering, given by the Scouts of Rushden, Northamptonshire, to Dr David Baird (right), Commissioner for Scouts for County Londonderry, is Mrs Goodfellow, mother of Private Anthony Goodfellow, of 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, who was killed in Londonderry on 27 April this year. Private Goodfellow, who came from Rushden, was a Queen's Scout and held the Gold Award of the Duke of Edinburgh's scheme. The presentation took place in the Bligh's Lane company post where Private Goodfellow was based when he was killed. Pictured centre is Lieutenant-Colonel Jonathan Hall-Tipping, commanding the battalion.

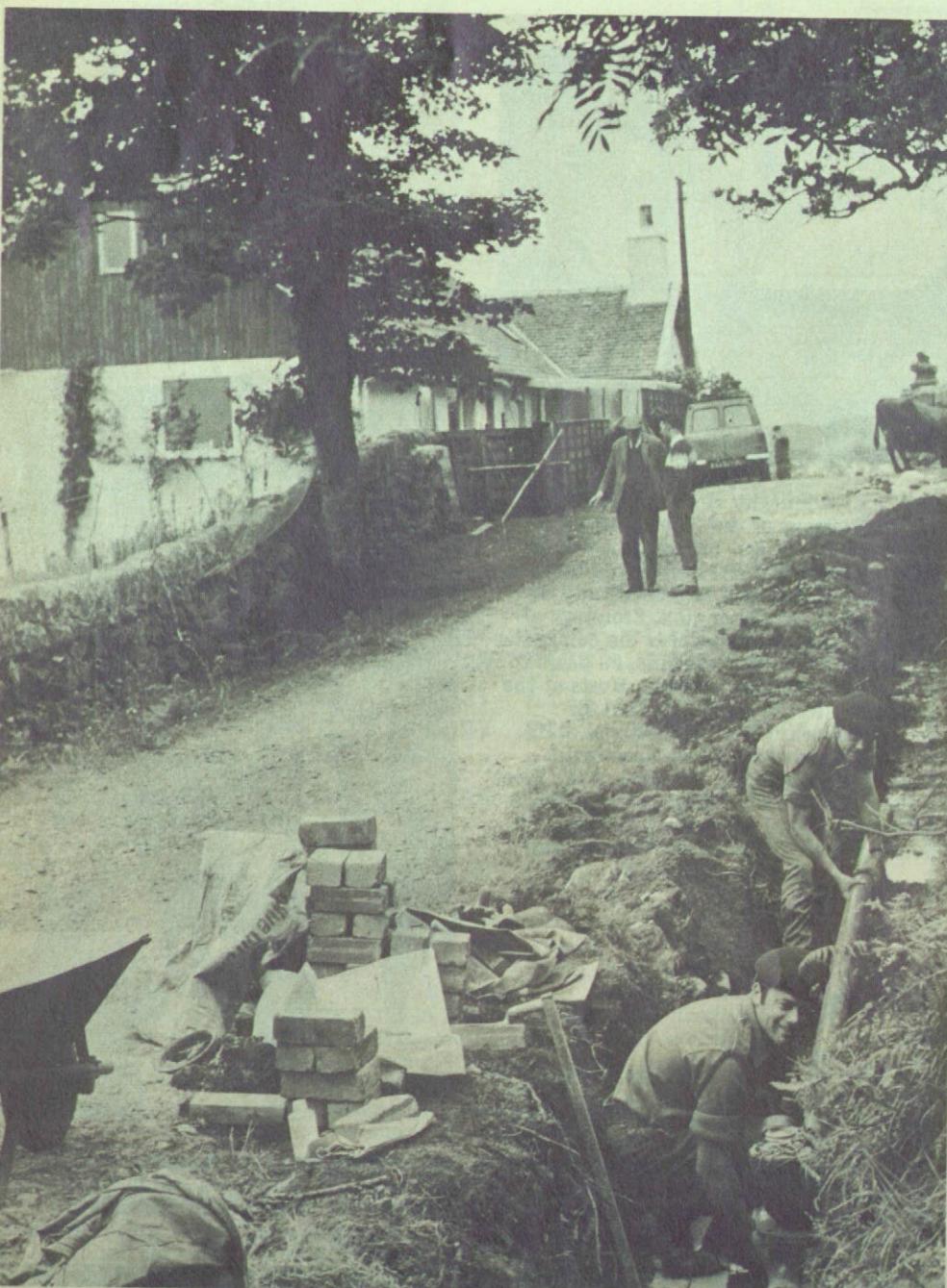
King Olav V of Norway (centre), Colonel-in-Chief of The Green Howards, opened his regiment's museum in its new home in the redundant 14th century Holy Trinity church in the centre of the market square of Richmond, Yorkshire. Here he is seen leaving the old church after touring the museum. Two new floor levels have been constructed inside the church to house the exhibits, which have been transferred from



the old regimental headquarters and depot at the top of Gallowgate Hill in another part of the town. Among the museum's amenities is a small chapel which has been set aside as a quiet retreat for use by people who live and work nearby.



Thanks to the hard work and patience of British Servicemen in Berlin, the German Transport Museum will have on display this perfectly restored 1.7-litre drophead coupé Adler car which was built in 1935. The car was stored for many years in a disused hangar at RAF Gatow until someone had the idea of restoring it. The work was carried out by a team of experts from the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and RAF with a civilian mechanic employed by the Services.



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This pair of timpani drums was presented to the band of 2nd Battalion, The Light Infantry, by Mrs Anthea MacGregor-Oakford, wife of the commanding officer, on behalf of the battalion's rifle companies. The companies had contributed to the gift in recognition of the way in which the band served on the streets of Northern Ireland in the unfamiliar roles of riflemen and intelligence personnel.



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The Queen Mother, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Anglian Regiment, spent a day meeting members of the regiment's three Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve battalions at The Queen's Division Depot, Bassingbourn. She watched men of the 5th, 6th and 7th (V) battalions demonstrating their fighting skills and is pictured talking to men of the 3rd (Essex) Company based at Chelmsford. Their company commander, Major T Nightingale (in beret), is behind the Queen Mother.



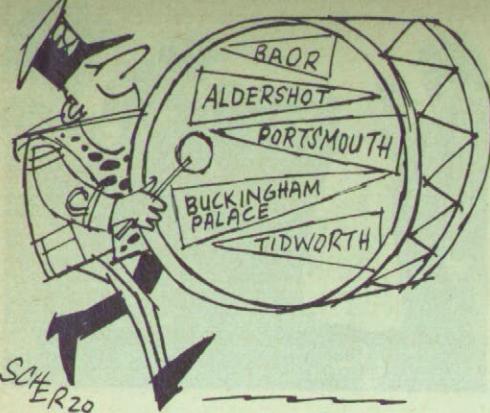
Twelve apprentices of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps Apprentices College, all in the 16-17 age group, walked the 252 miles of the Pennine Way from Edale in Derbyshire through nine counties of England and Scotland to the hamlet of Kirk Yetholm in Roxburghshire. The 12, undergoing training with the college's external leadership platoon, were in two groups of six and accompanied by members of the permanent staff. They were required to plan the route, navigate and control their own hill-walking disciplines, pitch their tents, cook their meals and generally look after themselves with the minimum of assistance or supervision. At the end of 14 walking days the apprentices, tired but satisfied, arrived in Kirk Yetholm. No bands, no crowds, very little interest—and the hotel which offers a free pint to Pennine wayfarers was shut!



Princess Anne and her fiancé, Captain Mark Phillips, at Rhine Army Summer Show. The Princess was on a private visit as guest of the commanding officer of The Queen's Dragoon Guards and she also attended the inter-regimental polo final, presenting the cup to The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, winners by six goals to two against The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars.



The fully restored West Country ketch Isabel, launched in 1897, is flagship of the sailing school run by the Galloway Water Sports Centre at Kircolm, Wigtownshire. To equip her for her new role of offering holidays afloat plus some sailing instruction, Isabel has been converted below decks to provide 14 berths in five compartments in addition to the crew's quarters. Courses at the sailing school, normally a week long, involve three days' sailing on Isabel, with active participation in the running of the ketch, and four days divided between other school vessels according to choice. The centre also offers sea angling, water skiing and sub-aqua diving. Picture shows Lance-Corporal John Edwards and Signaller Frank McCubbin, both Royal Signals, with Asa Haglund from Sweden and Duncan Allison.



## On record

**Granada Festival '71** (Brighouse and Rastrick Band, conducted by Walter Hargreaves; Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band, conducted by Robert Oughton; Grimethorpe Colliery Band, conducted by George Thompson; Ransome Hoffman Pollard Works Band, conducted by Dennis Nastere; City of Coventry Band, conducted by Albert Chappell; Cory Band, conducted by Major H A Kenney) (Granada GTVSP 101)

This is an album of two discs recorded at the 1971 Granada Festival, an annual contest for brass bands which differs from others in that each band chooses a half-hour programme it thinks likely to entertain a TV audience at peak viewing times. This album culls the best of the five hours of music played by six of the participants so you have a fine mixture of the kind of thing brass bands are capable of—and don't be put off by the title. Although put on tape at the actual contest it was not put on disc until late 1972 and is only recently on the market.

Since all the bands were recorded under the same conditions you can hold your own competition and sit in judgement. There is not the absolute perfection of normal contests, where only one item is prepared over a

period of many weeks, but the playing is still outstanding.

Brighouse play the "Can-Can" from "Orpheus in the Underworld," Charles Chaplin's theme from "Limelight," T J Powell's "The Tops," "Nimrod" and the Finale from Gilbert Vinter's "Symphony of Marches."

Carlton Main play the Finale of the "William Tell Overture," two movements from Dean Goffin's "Rhapsody in Brass," "Solemn Melody" by Walford Davies and "Border Bridge" by Arthur Butterworth.

Grimethorpe's programme is "The Headless Horseman" by Ron Goodwin, Ronald Binge's "Cornet Carillon," the old favourite "El Pico" and yet another "Seventy-Six Trombones."

Ransomes play the "Radetzky March," Benny Carter's "Summer Night" and a jazzy arrangement of "That's a Plenty."

Coventry give the "Londonderry Air," Gordon Jacob's fine "Rhapsody on Victorian Themes" mostly from the music-hall and with plenty of Ta-ra-ra-boom-di-ay, ending with Henry Mancini's "Moon River."

The eventual winners were the Cory Band and their programme is brilliant. "Relaxation" from Vinter's "Salute to Youth," some variations called "Polly Woolly Doodling" by Frank Bryce, and a staggering performance of Edward German's variations on "Men of Harlech" which brought the house down. RB

**"By Special Request"** (The Band of HM Royal Marines (Royal Marines School of Music)) (Conductor: Major Paul Neville) (HMV CSD 3724)

The other RMSM is at it again and to excellent effect. Something old, something new, something about a soldier, and even something blue. In fact a very attractive traditional type of military band programme of proven quality with not a rubbishy item in sight. And how rare that is these days. Light music, as here, can be well-written and conductors should shun poor light music as generations of music lovers have shunned the poor stuff of even Beethoven and Wagner.

Apart from Major Neville's own "Evening Prelude," an arrangement of "Abide With Me" with "Last Post" (Evening Postlude, surely?), the record begins and ends with works by the American composer Clare



Grundman. The first is a fine arrangement of the old tune "The Blue Tail Fly" and the last his popular medley of Civil War tunes known as "The Blue and the Gray." Solo items are Jack Helyer's "Tricky Trombones" for three of that ilk, the old pop for piccolos "Two Little Finches," a "Clarinet Escapade" by Russell Ward, a jaunty little duet by Philip Lang called "Trumpet and Drum" (a title already used by Bizet), a posthorn solo, "The Huntsman," by Leo Stanley, and the xylophone duet "The Two Imps" by Stanley's brother, Kenneth J Alford.

Marches are "Bandology" by Eric Osterling, "The Stars and Stripes for Ever" by you-know-who and a great new march by Albert Elms written for the FA's centenary cup final called "Wembley Way." The only remaining piece is Englishman Noel Gay's tune "There's Something About a Soldier," as seen through the eyes of American Paul Yoder, and if it sounds a bit like Errol Flynn winning the war in Burma it's none the worse for that. RB

**"Swedish Brass"** (Per Ohlsson and Eric Ball conduct the Solna Brass of Stockholm) (solo pianists: Cyril Smith and Phyllis Sellick) (Granada GRA 1004)

The Solna Brass hail from the city of that name and are mostly members of Salvation Army bands. The band is the brain-child of

### Swedish Brass

Per Ohlsson and Eric Ball conduct  
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its permanent conductor, Per Ohlsson, and is dedicated to the improvement, refinement, and colour of brass band performances. This last involves a few minor changes in formation and numbers and, on this evidence, all to the good.

The playing is superb and proves once and for all that a fine brass band needs a fine conductor-trainer. Without one even the greatest bands are emasculated and their performances nullified; with one, the results can be as on this record—thrilling.

Side one is devoted to a single work, and a rarity at that—"Rhapsody for Piano and Brass band" by Gordon Jacob. Three hands at one piano accompanied by brass, a rare bird indeed. A stroke caused Cyril Smith to lose the use of one arm but he and his wife, Phyllis Sellick, have re-created their career as piano duettists through sheer application and now have quite an extensive repertory of specially written works. Jacob's "Rhapsody" exploits with great skill all the possibilities of such a combination and I found the work a fascinating and rewarding experience.

Side two contains the "Essay for Brass Band" by the young and very talented composer Edward Gregson who devotes so much of his time to writing for brass, and the old and tried "Resurgam" by the old and tried Eric Ball. The youngster, I'm sure, has learned a good deal about the ways of brass

bands from the old 'un. How lucky the brass band world is to attract young composers who add modern spice and "bite" to what would otherwise be a somewhat turgid repertory.

Buy this one if you want your collection to contain "the best of brass." RB

**"Your Favourite Hymns"** (Besses o' th' Barn Band) (Conductor: Frank Bryce) (Polydor Fanfare 2460 195)

**"Hymns of Praise"** (Grimethorpe Colliery Band) (Conductor: Dennis Wilby) (Pye PKL 5509)

Of all the sad days I endured, those wet Sundays in school were the saddest—to recall, anyway. Evensong was worse than matins because the prospect of Sunday's supper gladdened not the heart. Reviewing these two records, on a wet Sunday afternoon, I remembered with gratitude old Ezekiel Taylor Mus B ARCO, swaying and scowling as he thundered his way through "Fierce Raged the Tempest" (arranged E Taylor without a doubt), for first bringing the delights of A & M and the English Hymnal to at least one small boy. Even now, when training and acquired taste tell me many of these tunes are Victorian horrors, these I love best. Sickly harmony and all.

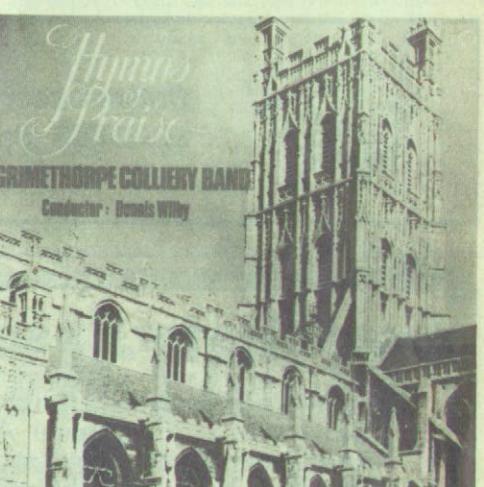
Birthplaces, home towns, sons, daughters, the saints of course, and all manner of otherwise forgotten clerics give their names to hymns ancient, modern, moody, sanctimonious or just plain dreary. Since only organists and aficionados use the name-of-tune index to find a particular hymn, I give the name, plus the first line of the words most associated with it. My apologies to those who were not choristers under E Taylor if my choice of words does not match your tune.

The arrangements on both LPs are of course for brass band, mostly of three verses, by such worthies as R S Allan, F J Beckingham, D Jordan and Dennis Wilby. Very useful for those far-flung Army chapels without an organist (or organ).

**"Hymns of Praise"**—Morning Has Broken; Dominus Regit Me ("The King of love my Shepherd is"); Horsley ("There is a green hill far away"); Monkland ("Let us with gladsome mind"); Wiltshire ("Through all the changing scenes of life"); Calcutta

("Praise my soul"); Carlisle ("Stand up and bless the Lord"); Darwall's 148th ("My soul, bear thou my part"); Austrian Hymn ("Glorious things of Thee are spoken"); Alstone ("It is a thing most wonderful"); God be with you till we meet again; Hanover ("O worship the King"); Gopsal ("The Lord is King"); Hursley ("Sun of my soul"); Regent Square ("Lights abode, celestial Salem"); St Denio ("Immortal, invisible"); Dresden ("We plough the fields and scatter"); Diademata ("Crown Him with many crowns"); Samuel ("Hushed was the evening hour"); Moorlands ("How blest is life if lived with Thee"); Lindowan ("Sweet is the work my God my King"); Birstal ("There was a time when children sang"); Truro ("Jesus shall reign").

**"Your Favourite Hymns"**—Wareham ("Jesus, where'er Thy people meet"); Arizona; Duke Street ("Fight the good fight"); Ellers ("Saviour, again to Thy dear name"); Angel Voices ("Angel voices ever singing"); Praise my soul; Harvey House; Bradford; Silver Hill; Deep Harmony; Rimington; Monks Gate ("He who would valiant be"); Pilgrims ("Hark, hark my soul"); Horsley ("There is a green hill"); Down Ampney ("Come down, O love divine"); Sandon; Aurelia ("From Greenland's icy mountains"); Hyfrodyl ("Alleluia, sing to Jesus"); Penlan; Eventide ("Abide with me"). RB



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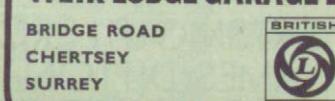
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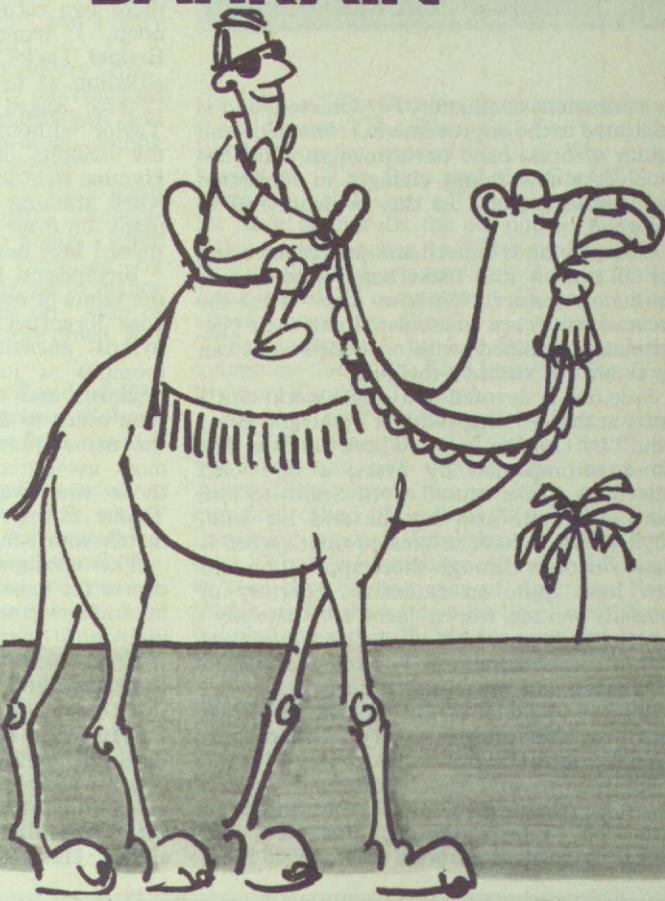
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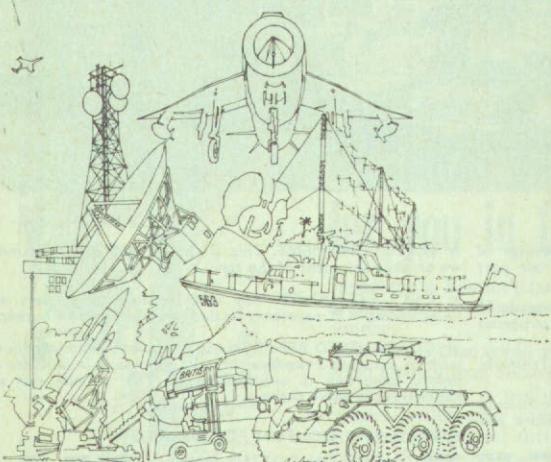
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# LETTERS

## Terrorists

As a young soldier in 1948-49 I served with the security forces in Malaya. A directive was issued that we should at all times refer to the subversive forces against whom we were fighting as "terrorists and/or bandits." At no time were we to give them the distinction of a military title such as Communist soldiers or Malayan People's Anti-British Army, the idea being that a military title added to their prestige. It is with this in mind that I question the desirability of acceding pseudo-military titles to the thugs, murderers, bombers and other terrorists active in Northern Ireland or anywhere else.

Only recently the media reported that the Belfast Brigade IRA chief of staff and two of his staff officers had been arrested. Elsewhere in Belfast the 3rd Battalion IRA had lost its CO, operations officer, and quartermaster, all arrested by the security forces. The so-called chief of staff was 24 years old. Anywhere else he would have been referred to as a gang boss. His two so-called staff officers were a building worker and a milkman. If their deeds were not so evil it would be laughable. Let us stop giving them the distinction of honourable military titles. I suggest a propaganda campaign urging the public to use the term "terrorist" and cease using UDA, IRA, Freedom Fighters and all the other fancy titles with which these thugs regale themselves. Furthermore I would suggest that anyone continuing to use the pseudo-military titles should be considered as sympathisers to whatever cause they have honoured with such a title.—J Beasley (address supplied).

## Military Heraldry Society

I would like to draw readers' attention to the Military Heraldry Society which was formed in 1951 to enable collectors and others interested in cloth formation signs to get together to exchange information and material. The scope of the society includes formation signs, (shoulder sleeve insignia) shoulder titles, regimental and unit flashes and similar cloth items.

Four journals are published each year and the annual subscription is only 50p or one dollar (or the equivalent in local currency notes).—Lieut-Cdr W M Thornton RNR (Publicity Officer), 37 Wolsey Close, Southall, Middlesex, UB2 4NQ.

## Irish troubles 1916

In the last sentence of his letter (May), Lieutenant-Colonel The O'Donevan states that "there were no honours for the rebellion in Dublin in 1916." I have seen a typed paper giving the breakdown of awards for the Irish Rebellion 1916. This was, of course, a list of names with regiments added and it was later printed in a list issued by a leading medal dealer. The breakdown was as follows: DSO 9, MC 10, DCM 17, MM 7, including two military medals awarded to Miss Louisa Nolan and Miss Florence Williams. Of these awards two military crosses, four dis-

tinguished conduct medals and four military medals went to Irish regiments. I hope this is of interest and of use to readers of SOLDIER of which I have been one for 12 years.—I Stedman (member Aldershot Militaria Society), 3 Broadhurst Cottage, Smithwood Common, Cranleigh, Surrey.

## Bloomers to shorts

Although Mr Tawse's comments ("Bombay bloomers," July) on RAF shorts are fundamentally correct, they give the impression that we were governed by no regulations at all. All RAF drafts going overseas during World War Two were issued with ghastly narrow-legged monstrosities, the regulation length of which was just above the centre of the knee cap (the actual dimension escapes me now). As soon as we arrived overseas we immediately visited a local tailor and bought shorts which fitted, were well cut and shorter than the regulations permitted. The shorts Mr Tawse saw were therefore permitted by indulgent COs (like his) and were certainly not our issue or of a length stipulated by our dress regulations. Mr Tawse's statement that we could

"cut and don our blue (RAF) shorts to any degree of brevity we individually wished" somewhat overstates the case. Apart from the fact that they were not blue, it would be truer to say that we could expect to get away with wearing shorts of a cut and length which deviated from the official regulations but one had to use a bit of common sense with regard to the "degree of brevity."

To my mind the significant difference between the Army and RAF shorts was not so much their length but the fact that the former were the issued kit, whereas ours were tailor-made to a style and cut which bore little resemblance to our own archaic issue. After all these years we in the Royal Air Force are at last being issued with overseas kit of excellent material, style and finish—what a pity there are so few places left in which to wear it!—Sqn-Ldr P Biegel RAF, Officers Mess, RAF Laarbruch, BFPO 43.

## Where's the oompah?

May I take issue with Mr Plunkett (March letters) concerning the first-ever LP by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Band.

To the best of my knowledge the only string instrument heard on this record is the double bass used in the two Sam Nestico arrangements on side two. So much for the "inclusion of string sections in military bands" and the RCMP band being "one of the most blatant examples."

Until late last year it seemed impossible that the world would ever have the privilege of hearing this band on records since all recording in Canada is controlled by an American union! We still don't know all the wire-pulling that went on to bring this LP about. The force is not only royal, owing allegiance to the Queen of Canada, but is directly administered through the Canadian Justice Department and as such cannot be mixed up in commercial undertakings.

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## First Regimental Colonel



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pointment of Deputy Commander, Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve, and is vice-chairman of the Yorkshire TAVR Association.

The 1st Battalion was formed in 1967 following the reorganisation of the Territorial Army, and the 2nd and 3rd battalions in 1971. They extend from Teesside in the north to Sheffield in the south, Hull in the east and Huddersfield in the west. Units train in the United Kingdom, Germany, Cyprus and Canada.

The first important responsibility of Regimental Headquarters, Yorkshire Volunteers, is co-ordinating the ceremonial parade of the freedom of entry into the City of York on 21 October. It will be attended by the Duchess of Kent. Following a service in York Minster, the regiment will exercise its newly conferred right to march through the streets with Colours flying, swords drawn, bayonets fixed and the regimental band playing.

## LETTERS continued

This LP was long delayed after being announced during the band's itinerary last summer. It was entirely recorded and produced by the force itself with the final mixdown in a Montreal sound studio. Pressings and distribution were handled by the Canadian subsidiary of a world famous German label. It was authorised by the Solicitor-General of Canada. Everything about it is unique.

While the predominantly pop nature of the items reflects the work of the band over the past two years in meeting today's youth squarely on its own terms musically, readers may rest assured that the RCMP band is second to none in sheer individual brilliance and discipline in both arranging and performance. It is equally adept at furnishing dance music, pop, rock and jazz concerts or strictly military ceremonial music or light classical pieces.

A second LP has been promised in this, the force's centennial year and it is hoped that all those who are not hide-bound traditionalists will enjoy the

first, try the second and clamour for more!

Personally, as a Britisher 18 years resident in Canada, I can attest that to attend concerts given by the RCMP band is a thrilling musical experience even if one has little love for rock music aimed at today's youngsters! I hope the band may yet record its own fine regimental march by Charles O'Neill which has so far appeared only on an RCA Victor LP—Music in the Round—played by Howard Cable and his concert band.—John Matthew, 47 Wolfrey Avenue, Toronto M4K 1K9, Ontario, Canada.

J M Brereton doesn't seem to know just what he wants from our military bands. After a crushing condemnation of Captain Richards's use of professional stringed instrumentalists for a recent record he concludes his letter with "British bands—get out of that rut." Surely this is what The Life Guards were trying to do. Whether or not the disc is a hit or a miss doesn't really matter. If just one new fan has been found, then something has been achieved—and Army bands could use a few more fans.

Because violins were used for this record it does not follow that the next Trooping the Colour will see greying professionals, complete with fiddles, cavorting down The Mall on horseback to the strains of Debussy or Beethoven. The use of an orchestral sound by military bands has been with us for a long time—in the Palace, for instance, and what's good enough for them is good enough for me. The United States Army Air Force band is a classic example of a Services concert band, and, complete with fiddles, has been packing 'em in all over the world for years—even in this country where our own bands play to half empty halls.

There is room for change in military band music just as there was when the Duke of Cambridge decided to change the sound in the time of Queen Victoria. I would applaud any director of music or bandmaster striving for this change. Too many are content to rest on their laurels.

I do not want all my music in quick march tempo but I would agree with Mr Brereton on one point. Our bands are unimaginative and repetitious in the choice of music for records and I would like to see much more new (but old) music added to their repertoires. I can suggest a good march record to any fan, the Czechoslovak Brass Orchestra playing marches composed during the Austro-Hungarian dynasty. "Unter dem Dappendorf" would be easily recognised as "Under the Double Eagle" and "Radetzky" is known to all. I doubt whether even RB knows all the others. And what precision and tone the ensemble produces. But don't take

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## Queen's Own Mercian Yeomanry

The Queen has approved a change of title for the Mercian Yeomanry to The Queen's Own Mercian Yeomanry. The regiment recruits in the West Midlands and is one of five in the Royal Armoured Corps, Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve. The others are The Royal Yeomanry Regiment, recruiting from South-East and Eastern England and Northern Ireland; The Queen's Own Yeomanry—North and North-West England and Scotland; The Wessex Yeomanry—South and West of England; and The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry.

my word for it. Ask your dealers to play SUPHRON label 1-14-1020—but have your credit card handy.—A V Andrews, 37 Picquets Way, Banstead, Surrey.

## Thomas Atkins MC

I could not agree more with Captain Purvis's letter (June) on the comparative issue of decorations and medals to officers and other ranks. It is high time that the idea that the Army is "brutal and licentious" be quashed once and for all.

The time has also come to effect one or two changes which would greatly increase the morale and discipline of the Army. First, abolish the use of "Sir" and instead introduce a system of addressing officers and the privileged other ranks by their rank. We now have a fully professional Army—well-educated and less amenable to being subservient.

Secondly, a standard ruling on the cut of hair should be introduced. To rule that hair should be well cut and neat is perfectly correct but then to leave it to the discretion of commanding officers is like giving with one hand and taking away with the other. No longer does the average soldier wear his walking-out uniform to the extent that he used to. He prefers to remain anonymous in the crowd, nowhere more so than in Northern Ireland.

Thirdly, the appointment of batman should be abolished in this day of levelling of social classes. I admit there are times when an assistant of some sort is required, especially in combat conditions. I do not think the average soldier enlisted to mollycoddle someone else unless absolutely necessary. In the same vein those that have the misfortune to be appointed as waiters etc in messes should be sent on a course to be taught the art of waiting.—N van der Bijl, 21 Highfield Close, Rough Common, Canterbury, Kent.

I hold the Territorial Efficiency Medal and bars and have often wondered why commissioned officers giving the same service are awarded the Territorial Decoration with the privilege of using the initials TD after their rank and name while warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men receive the Efficiency Medal with no such privileges. I would like to know the reason—something seems to be very out of order.—J H Farmer (ex-SQMS RAC), 15 Malmesbury Rd, Morden, Surrey.

## Cut price

May I suggest the following economies in defence expenditure (Army)? 1. Delete haircutting sets from equipment scales. 2. With the loss of most of our tropical stations cease provision of mosquito nets and instead use hairnets.—H D French (Capt (QM) Retd), 114 Copse Hill, Harlow, Essex.

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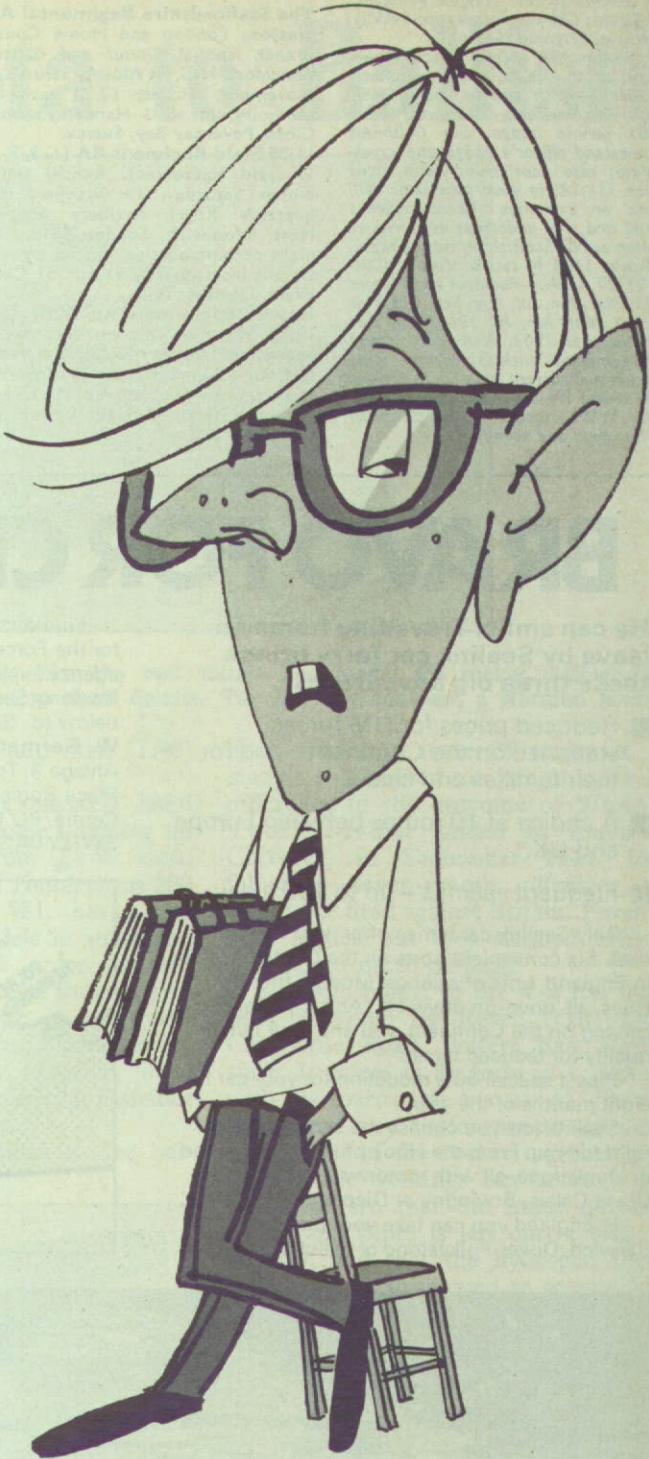
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**14/28 Field Regiment RA (1, 3, 5, and 57 field batteries).** Annual reunion dinner Saturday, 13 October, Headquarters Royal Artillery Sergeants Mess, Woolwich, London SE18. Overnight accommodation can be arranged. Details from Mr A E Dufall, 51 Church Walk, Devizes, Wilts.

**1st/4th Battalion The Buffs (1914-1919).** Reunion dinner Saturday, 22 September, County Hotel, Canterbury, 6pm for 6.30pm. Tickets 75p from local secretary or from Lieut-Col H L Cremer, Hampton Gay, 40 New Dover Road Canterbury, Kent.

**The South Lancashire Regiment (PWV),** Reunion weekend 5-7 October. For details of hot-pot supper and annual memorial service apply Maj P J Ryan, OIC RHQ (1) QLR, Peninsula Barracks, Warrington, Lancashire. Associated with reunion and service are The Lancashire Regiment (PWV) and The Queen's Lancashire Regiment.

**The Royal Welch Fusiliers Comrades Association.** Annual reunion and general meeting, The Barracks, Wrexham, 29-30 September. Tickets and programmes obtainable from branch secretaries or Secretary, RWFCA, The Barracks, Caernarfon, LL55 2DB.

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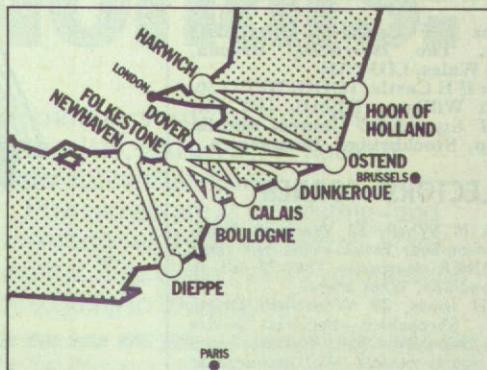
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# Ballista to Ballistic

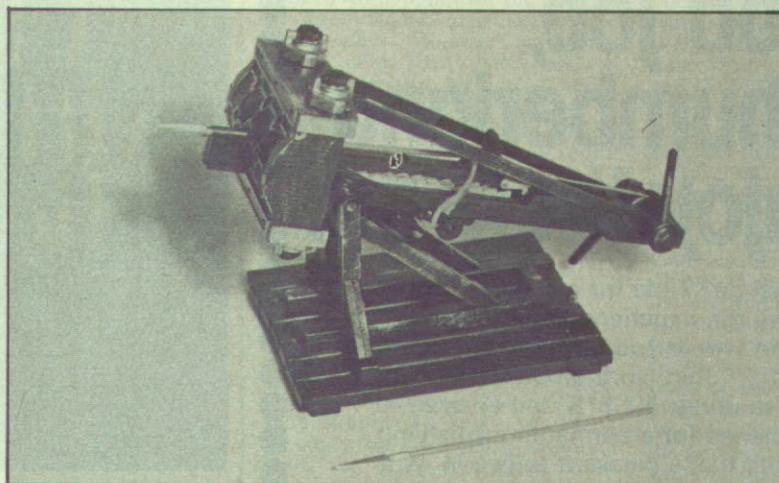
EVERY age has claimed "the ultimate weapon." But the term is transitory. Siege engines which hurled spears, boulders and putrefying corpses of horses into fortified cities were eclipsed by gunpowder; the German V-2, the world's first ballistic missile, gave way to the A-bomb.

The earliest allusion to siege engines is in the Bible (2 Chronicles xxvi 15) which says that one Uzziah, who reigned from 808 to 756 BC, "made in Jerusalem engines invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal."

The "spring" of a catapult and ballista was imparted by skeins of cord, animal sinew or human hair (the latter were found to have greater elasticity!) which could send a five-pound, feather-tailed javelin up to 500 yards—nearly twice as far as an ordinary arrow from a conventional bow.

Under the trade name of Elastolin, the German firm of O & M Haussler manufactures a whole range of such siege engines—catapult, trebuchet, siege tower, scaling ladder, battering ram, and the forts and Roman, Viking, Hun and Norman soldiers to go with them.

These models are ready made in the modern medium, plastic. The Roman ballista, which the manufacturers call by its Greek name of euthytonon, works like the real thing in that a sliding trough holding the arrow is wound back by a windlass and released by a trigger. This trigger though is somewhat simplified and such refinements as the skein tensioning ratchets are omitted. The model is moulded in a dark-brown plastic with a final painting which quite realistically conveys the effect of wear and tear in action. It is in 7-centimetre (about 1:27) scale and costs £3.50. Other

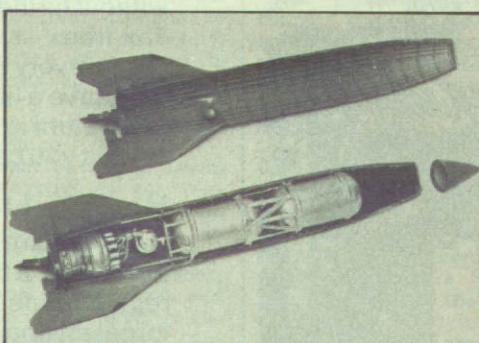


The ballista (above) works like the real thing. The model V2 rocket (below) doesn't fire but can be constructed to show details. Top left: By contrast, a Norman horseman.

models are in both 7cm and 4cm (1:48) scale.

The figures, which are passably hand painted but would need some touching up by perfectionists, are from £1.50 each. The West End toyshop of Hamleys, at 200 Regent Street, London W1, has a fair selection of Elastolin models in stock and runs a worldwide mail order service, sending goods with an invoice for cost plus post and packing. In case of non-availability, enquiries can be made direct to the manufacturers, O & M Haussler, 8632 Neustadt bei Coburg, Postfach 24, Eisfelder Strasse 17, West Germany.

The span from the ballista to the bal-



listic missile is some 25 centuries. Germany's V-2 arrived too late to make much difference to the outcome of World War Two. The first landed in England, at Chiswick, in September 1944. In the following seven-month offensive about 4000 were fired against Britain. Fewer than 1500 landed but they claimed 2500 lives and caused much damage.

A plastic model of the V-2 has recently been re-issued by Revell (GB) Ltd, of Cranborne Road, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire. It comes in kit form in 1:70th scale, with 94 parts, at a cost of 73 pence. Modellers may prefer not to cement the two halves of the rocket together so that the interior workings can be seen. Minor criticisms are that the inner network of cables and pipes is left out, a nice detail anyway, and that the hydrogen peroxide tank has been misnamed an accumulator in the instructions. The finished model can be mounted on the Meillerwagen transporter or firing table included. But do not forget that this last structure should be overpainted with matt black and touched up with silver to represent bare metal—otherwise it would indicate that it had not been used before or the previous rockets had failed to fire!

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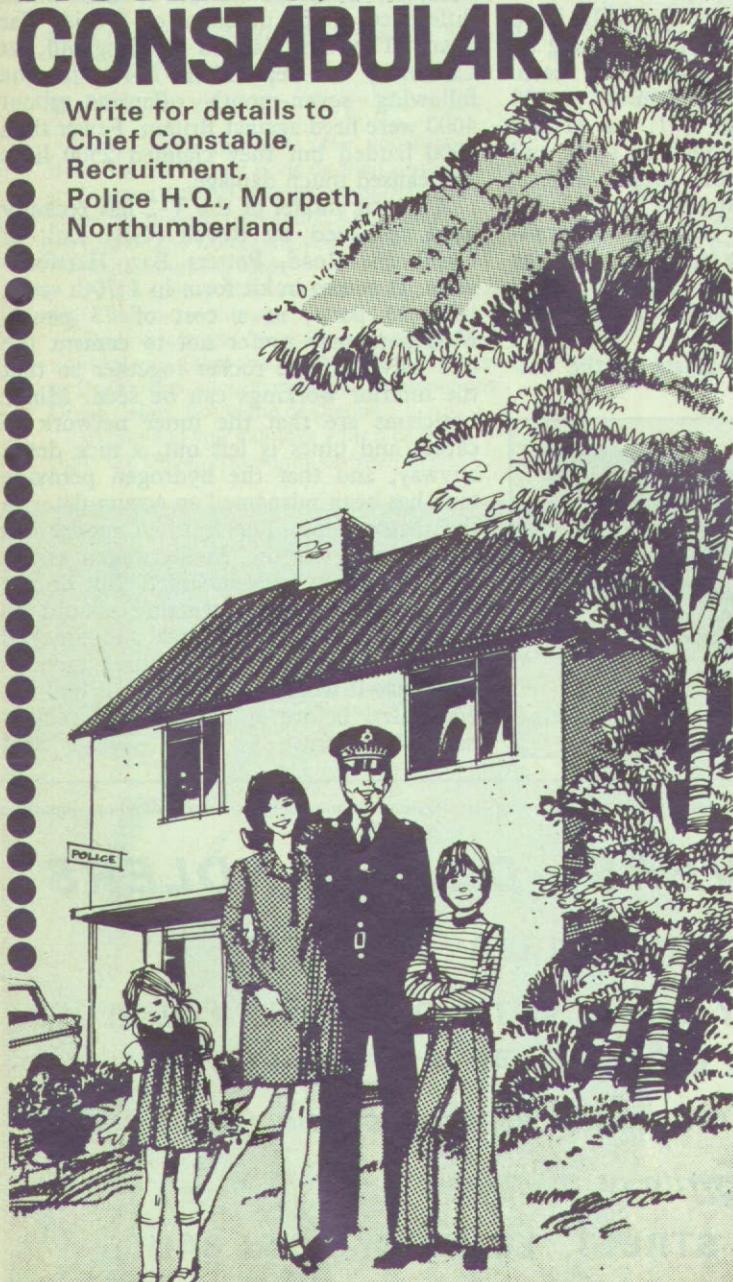
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## UNSHAKEN FAITH

"Watch For Me By Moonlight: A British Agent with the French Resistance" (Evelyn Le Chêne) When Robert Boiteux parachuted into France on 31 May 1942, the only experience he had was as a secret agent was his strict SOE training. His most formidable weapon was his unshaken faith in allied victory.

Boiteux had been led to expect a vast army of Resistance fighters; all he found was a small group of dedicated patriots operating in a demoralised and fragmented movement. Undismayed, he established himself in the Lyons area and began the task of building a network.

Madame Le Chêne, wife of Boiteux's former radio operator, has written up Boiteux's notes to present an objective and dispassionate account of his adventures. In a preface, Boiteux comments on the "fiction" written by several ex-SOE members and points out that he wished his own story to be told if only to correct erroneous impressions created by other books.

There was patriotism and heroism, but there was also cowardice and sheer selfish betrayal—like the time a woman made off with 600,000 francs and by doing so put hundreds of people's lives in peril. It says much for Boiteux's reputation that, though the Gestapo put a price of £30,000 on his head, he was never betrayed.

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generals who made their names in the war against the Japs.

Slim, of course, will forever be remembered as commander of the "forgotten" Fourteenth Army in Burma. Indeed, many people have judged him to be Britain's outstanding field commander of World War Two. He began his soldiering in World War One in the Royal Warwickshires, serving in the Dardanelles and Mesopotamia, being twice wounded and gaining a Military Cross. After the war he transferred to the 1st/6th Gurkhas, a battalion which was to provide much of the top brass of Fourteenth Army.

Slim's brigade helped to drive the Italians from Eritrea, Somaliland and Abyssinia, and then, as a divisional commander, he helped considerably in subduing the Vichy French in Syria. When he went to Burma, Rangoon had already fallen and the defenders were in full retreat. He tasted bitter defeat but bounced back from Kohima to begin a splendid march to victory. Brigadier Calvert, who served in Burma, presents an authoritative and illuminating account of this campaign in a book which makes compulsive reading.

The same can be said of David Rooney's description of the controversial "Vinegar" Joe Stilwell. In many respects, Stilwell had an impossible task in the dual role of Chief of Staff to Chiang Kai Shek, trying to spur him into action, and as commander of US forces in the China-Burma-India theatre, conducting operations over a wide area.

He was a bit of a showman and liked to promote his image of the tough, irascible figure suggested by his nickname. Slim was always able to handle him, however. It was just a matter of being up to the job and letting Stilwell know it.

Stilwell's fighting spirit brought about his break with Chiang. No one was ever sure that the arms and munitions which America poured into China would be used against

the Japs. Subsequent history would seem to indicate that Chiang husbanded his supplies for the struggle he knew would come against the Communists. "Vinegar" Joe could never suffer fools gladly and as friction between him and Chiang increased, Roosevelt was forced to recall him in late 1944. On his return, he predicted China's future with amazing accuracy.

Mr Rooney does full justice to this tough old soldier.

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—Grant, Sherman, Lee, Stuart, Pershing, Patton. But here and there one comes across a relatively unfamiliar name. Chaffee, for instance, is the name given to a superb light tank which came into service at the end of World War Two but saw its days of glory in Korea where it had to stand the onslaught of the North Koreans' Russian-built T-34/85s.

Adna R Chaffee was the father of the modern US Army's armoured forces. In the years between the wars he preached the gospel of the tank, leading the call for armoured divisions and eventually becoming the first commanding general of the US armoured force. The Chaffee tank was well worthy of the name. It was one of the most ubiquitous tanks of the Cold War period. Its main characteristics were its mobility, reliability and its 75mm gun—the same as that carried by the war-winning Sherman.

It is a star turn in this wide-ranging review of American armour. This is an excellent book, fully maintaining the standard of the previous three volumes, though a bit on the expensive side.

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## THE GREATEST?

"Marlborough as Military Commander" (David Chandler)

John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, has had many admirers down the years. Wellington could "conceive of nothing finer than Marlborough at the head of an English army;" Napoleon paid tribute to Marlborough's military and diplomatic skills.

Mr Chandler takes the view that the Duke was the greatest British military commander in history. Personally I think that place belongs to Slim but this book is nevertheless a splendid extension of Batsford's "Military Commander" series.

In a period which boasted many brilliant amateurs, Marlborough was in every respect a professional. In ten consecutive campaigns he gained victory after victory. Anyone who served at Aldershot up to the late Fifties will recall those grim barracks bearing names like Oudenarde, Blenheim, Malplaquet and Ramillies. These were some of Marlborough's greatest battles but it was at home that he won his first laurels when he drove Monmouth's rebels from the field at Sedgemoor.

He performed with "all the courage and gallantry imaginable" and proved to be a capable administrator, skilled tactician and loyal subordinate to a man he disliked. But it is through his Continental campaigns that he is chiefly remembered and not least for his successful partnership with Prince Eugene.

Mr Chandler shows a deep understanding of the military realities of the period and sets the Duke firmly against that background. There emerges a picture of a British general who raised the reputation of British arms to a level unknown since the Middle Ages.

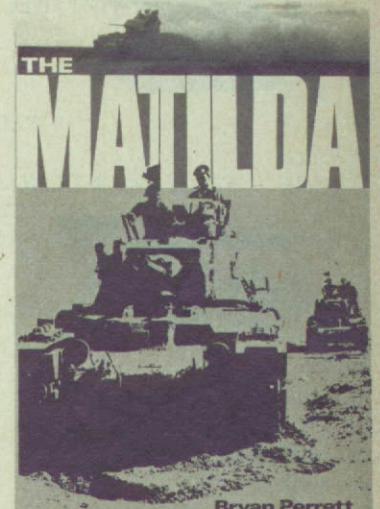
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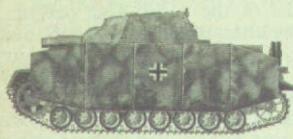
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Later the same year, Matildas spearheaded Wavell's dramatic march into Libya and though some historians feel the day of this tank was over after Halfaya Pass, Mr Perrett describes numerous instances which indicate there was still plenty of life in the Matilda.

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Mr Adams was a lieutenant in a Royal Army Service Corps company in that ill-fated division. His unit fought as a rifle battalion before capture. He worked in Singapore, then in Siam on the infamous Death Railway, moved on to Japan and at war's end was in a camp at Mukden in Manchuria.

He tells a harrowing tale but the gloom of captivity is penetrated here and there by the humane treatment meted out to prisoners by some of the Japanese—a minority, admittedly, but sufficient to show that not all Japs were tarred with the same brush.

Other villains of the piece appear in the guise of senior British officers whose selfishness, as reported by Mr Adams, reflects badly on the British Army. The same can be said of the group of Americans—called by the prisoners the Mafia—in his camp in Japan whose trickery, double-dealing and self-interest was in stark contrast to the conduct of the majority of their countrymen.

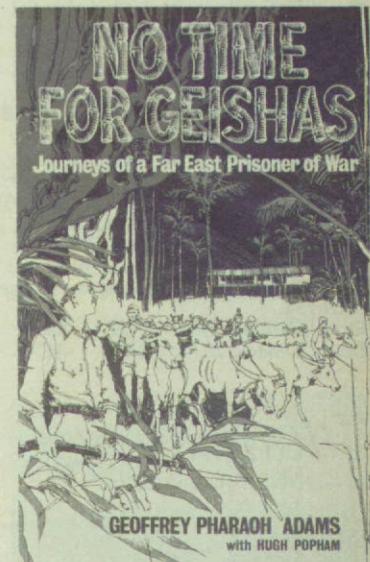
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the Thailand railway necessary and then build it, it a race quite different from any Western race. Russell Braddon, who was there, reinforces the warning in his introduction.

Operation Torch is generally remembered as the invasion in which American ground troops first entered Hitler's war but even today few people realise the immense amount of diplomatic and political intrigue which went on before, during and after this operation.

Mr Jones shows how the tenuous relationship which America had maintained with Vichy France became a vital factor in the success of the invasion. He describes the clandestine contacts with Vichy leaders in North Africa, not least of which was General Mark Clark's landing from a British submarine.

When the landings came, there was always the chance that the French would put up a serious fight



backed by the Germans. If that had happened, as Sydney L Mayer points out in his introduction, the allies would have found themselves bogged down in the wrong place, at the wrong time, against the wrong enemy.

Operation Torch did not work out exactly as planned. Many things went wrong but in the end there was victory and 250,000 Axis prisoners were taken (as many men as the Germans lost at Stalingrad). And after all the wrangling the French Army was put back into the field to fight Germans.

Two other Pan/Ballantine history books—both under the weapons heading—have been re-issued. They are Martin Caidin's "Me 109" and Alfred Price's "Luftwaffe," both reviewed in SOLDIER in February 1971.

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*"New York in the Revolution" (Berthold Fernow)*

This huge tome was first published in 1887 as part of a belated effort by New York State to make available in printed form information concerning its citizens' participation in the Revolutionary War.

Fernow's was the earliest publication to give service lists and information. He names more than 40,000 New Yorkers who bore arms for the United States during the conflict, reproducing names as they appeared on original documents. From other sources he records changes in command and rank, length of service, transfers, records of wounds, death and desertion.

This new edition is published to coincide with America's forthcoming bicentennial celebrations.

*Polyanthos Inc, Cottonport, Louisiana 71327, USA, \$25.00* JCW

*"The Army Quarterly and Defence Journal"* (Joint editors: Major-General R F K Goldsmith and Major M E B Banks)

Freshly groomed, with topical features and glossy photographs, the re-vitalised 1973 version of the "Army Quarterly and Defence Journal" must surely attract, as was no doubt the intention, a wider and more youthful readership. Its new publishers have retained the journal's traditional appearance and style while introducing a number of editorial innovations.

For the first time there is a useful, once-yearly command staff list of the British Army to be supplemented by another annual feature—a NATO command list. There is also a new defence digest section bringing news and views on a variety of military subjects.

Good reading, well printed on good quality paper.

*West of England Press (Publishers) Ltd, 1 West Street, Tavistock, Devon, 88p*

*"US Armor-Cavalry: A Short History 1917-1967" (Duncan Crow)*

The United States Army's tanks were one of the main history-shaping factors of World War Two. The ubiquitous Sherman, despite a tendency to "brew," was a war-winner which saw service in every theatre of operations including Russia.

Mr Crow makes a fast-moving survey of the US armoured forces from the days when a certain Lieutenant-Colonel George S Patton Jnr took the 304th Brigade (Tanks Corps), equipped with 90 French Renaults, into action in the Meuse-Argonne campaign in 1918, to the Sixties when Patton was honoured by the M47 tank named after him.

It is noteworthy, too, that early US Army tank training was commanded by Captain (later Lieutenant-Colonel) Dwight D Eisenhower.

This slim 63-page volume is well illustrated and serves as an excellent introduction to a study of US armoured forces.

*Profile Publications Ltd, Coburg House, Sheet Street, Windsor, Berks, £2.25*

please his boss. On holiday in Germany, a country he admired, he had joined the Hitler Jugend to please himself.

He found companionship among the young men of Nazi Germany but could not bring himself to take the oath of allegiance to Hitler. Fighting for the country which had sheltered him, he was captured in North Africa, escaped and was re-captured. A friend from his days in Germany was killed in front of him by a strafing Hurricane—such is the long arm of coincidence.

Willy escaped and was recaptured six times, ending up in the Regensburg concentration camp. Strangely he was trying as much to get away from his fellow prisoners as from his captors. Throughout the book his conscience seems to be nagging him, particularly when he realises the affection he still holds for his Jugend friends. Maybe this book, written with the help of Edmund Swinglehurst, is his confession. It has the feel of something he wanted to get off his chest. Whatever, it is an absorbing story which deserves wide readership.

*Leo Cooper Ltd, 196 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, WC2H 8JL, £2.75* JCW

## IN BRIEF

*"Model Soldiers" (W Y Carman)*  
Toy soldiers which have survived salvos of pea-shooters, falls from cardboard forts and incarceration for countless years in dark attics have now become valuable antiques. Boxes of worn and "battle-scarred" Britain's figures are these days fetching high prices at auctions of the British Model Soldier Society.

This book, in the Lett's "Collectors Guides" series, contains a wealth of colour plates of rare and obscure figures: Egyptian Camel Corps made in 1896, British Army horse-drawn ambulance of 1906, mountain artillery mule train of 1895, all in lead; a havildar of the Bengal Native Infantry made of fired pottery; hand-carved wooden grenadiers from Germany and some paper cut-outs dating back nearly two centuries.

The author, however, belongs to the "old school," dismissing today's

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