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**FRONT COVER**

The red-and-white feather plume (commonly known as a hackle) worn by The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers nestles among an even brighter selection of plumes from past and present Army units. These definitive examples came from the pattern room of the Quality Assurance Department at Didcot.

Picture by Martin Adam.

**BACK COVER**

Lads of the Junior Tradesmen's Regiment, Kinmel Park, Rhyl, leave their camp in the frozen North Wales mountains and set out for a mountain walk. Now the junior tradesmen have walked into the history books—closed as part of a streamlining of the Army's junior soldier training programme.

Picture by Arthur Blundell.

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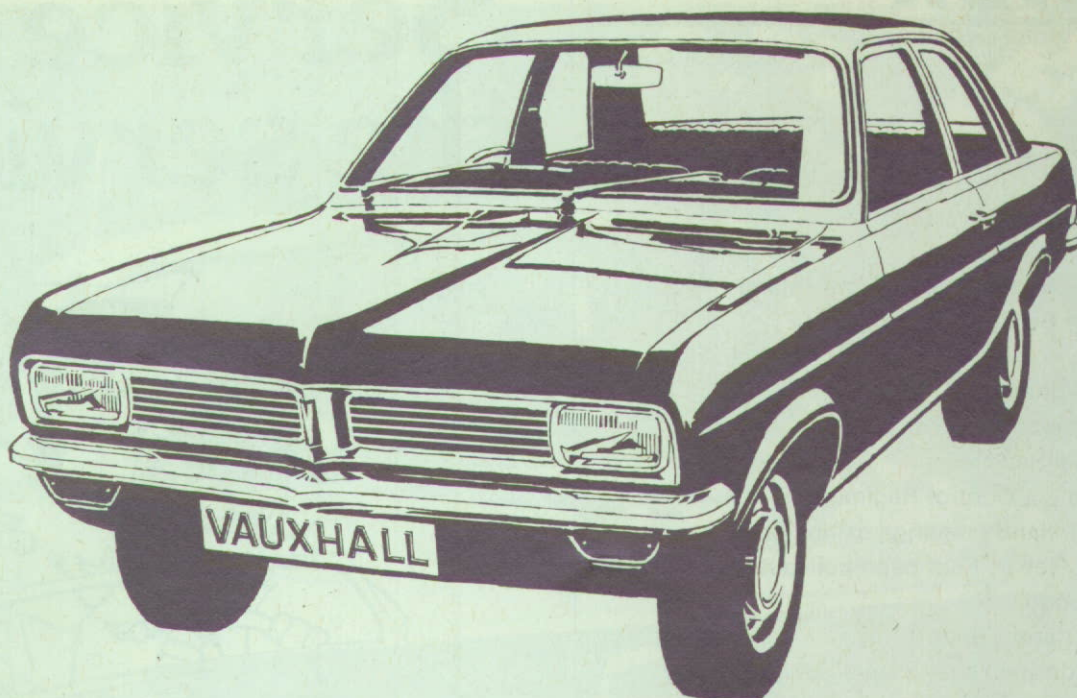
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SEE-THE-ARMY DIARY

In this regular feature **SOLDIER** keeps you up-to-date on tattoos, open days, exhibitions, at homes, Army displays and similar occasions on which the public is welcome to see the Army's men and equipment. Amendments and additions to previous lists are indicated in bold type.

JANUARY 1974

- 30 The Light Infantry freedom of Bodmin.

APRIL 1974

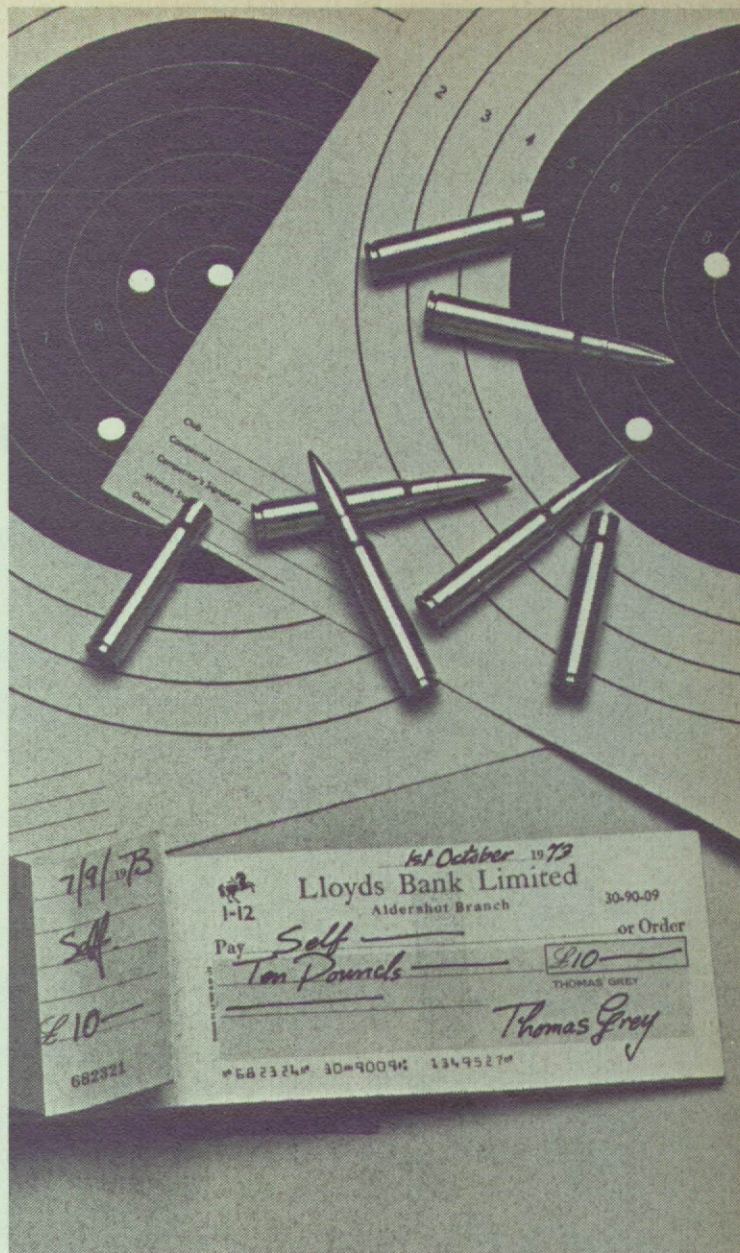
- 16 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers tercentenary celebrations, Northumberland (16-21 April)—2nd Battalion band, drums and company group in Berwick-upon-Tweed and Alnwick, 16 April; Morpeth and Ashington, 17 April; Hexham, 18 April; Wallsend and Walker-on-Tyne, 19 April. Regimental freedom march Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 20 April; Parade Service St Nicholas Cathedral and City centre march past, 21 April.
- 21 Watford Gala (Blue Eagles helicopter team, band) (21-22 April).
- 22 Ayr Agricultural Show (Royal Artillery Junior Leaders PT team, band) (22-25 April).
- 23 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers tercentenary celebrations, Lancashire (23-28 April)—2nd Battalion band and drums in Bury, 23 April (display and opening of Fusiliers exhibition); in Rochdale, 24 April (display and concert); in Salford, 25 April (display and concert). New freedom deed and regimental march through Bury, 27 April; Gallipoli parade service Bury Parish Church and march past, 28 April.
- 27 Glasgow KAPE Show (Royal Signals motorcycle team White Helmets, band) (27 April-5 May).

MAY 1974

- 3 Newark Agricultural Show (display team, band) (3-4 May).
- 11 St Albans Grammar School Fête (Junior Para PT team).
- 11 Pontypridd Army Display (Royal Artillery motorcycle team, Red Devils freefall team, two bands) (11-12 May).
- 15 West Midland Agricultural Show, Shrewsbury (Silver Stars freefall team, band) (15-16 May).
- 18 Tulip Festival, Birmingham (band).
- 18 Long Eaton Carnival, Derby (display team, band) (18-19 May).
- 18 Swansea Army Display (Red Devils, Blue Eagles, two bands) (18-19 May).
- 20 General Assembly Church of Scotland, Edinburgh (band, pipe band) (20-29 May).
- 25 Tidworth Tattoo (25-27 May).
- 25 Otley Show (two bands).
- 25 USAF Bentwaters Open Day (Blue Eagles).
- 25 Congleton Carnival and Tattoo (Red Devils, Royal Military Police tent-pegging, White Helmets, three bands) (25-26 May).
- 25 Watford Carnival (band) (25-27 May).
- 26 Derbyshire County Show (display team, band) (26-27 May).
- 26 Pershore District Carnival, Worcester (RA motorcyclists, band).
- 27 Hertfordshire County Day, Hartnam Common (band).
- 27 Southam Carnival, Coventry (band).
- 29 Suffolk Show, Ipswich (Red Devils, band) (29-30 May).
- 30 Preston Army Display (Red Devils, Blue Eagles, White Helmets, RMP tent-pegging, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, three bands) (30 May-2 June).

JUNE 1974

- 1 First rehearsal, Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 1 Stevenage Day (display team, band).
- 1 Oakengates Carnival (Royal Corps of Transport Junior Leaders gymnastic display, band).
- 7 Army Display, Stafford (Red Devils, Para PT display, RA Junior Leaders PT display, White Helmets, four bands) (7-9 June).
- 7 Prestwick Youth Week (Blue Eagles).
- 8 Second (dress) rehearsal, Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 8 Prestwick Air Day (Blue Eagles, RA motorcyclists, RMP tent-pegging).



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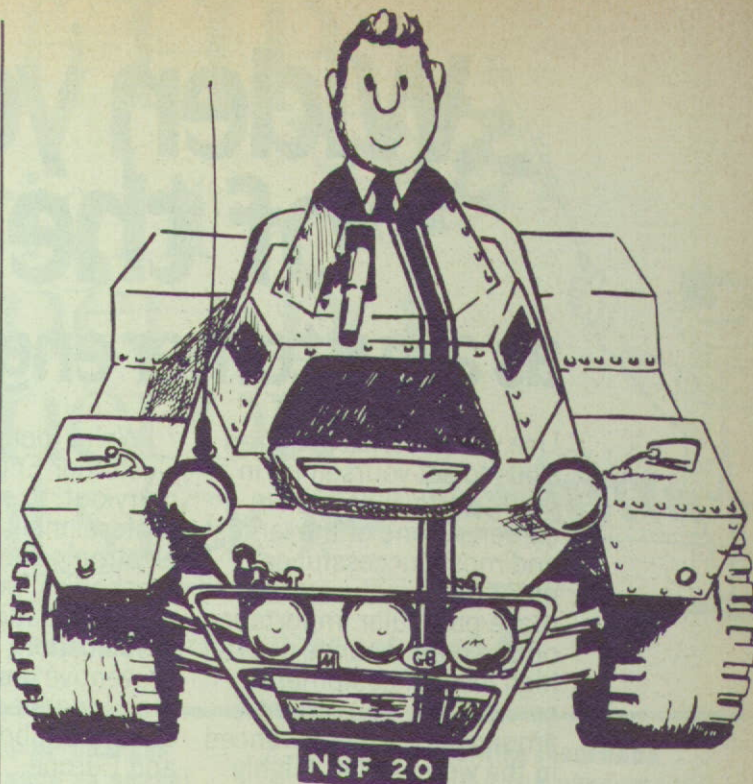
- 8 Old Merchant Taylors Fête, Croxley Green (display team).
- 8 Vauxhall Motors Spectacular, Luton (display team, band).
- 8 Glasgow KAPE Show (Blue Eagles 10-16 June, RMP tent-pegging 9-17 June, RA motorcyclists 10-16 June) (8-17 June).
- 14 Army Display, Stoke-on-Trent (RA Junior Leaders, two bands) (14-16 June).
- 14 Essex Show, Chelmsford (band) (14-15 June).
- 15 Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 15 Queen's Birthday Parade, Edinburgh (five bands, two pipe bands).
- 15 Coventry Carnival (band).
- 18 Massed bands, The Light Division, sound Retreat, Horse Guards Parade, London (18-20 June).
- 18 Royal Highland Show, Edinburgh (RMP tent-pegging 19-21 June, Red Devils, Blue Eagles, RE bridge-layer) (18-21 June).
- 19 Lincolnshire Agricultural Show, Lincoln (band) (19-20 June).
- 21 Royal Artillery At Home, Woolwich (21-22 June).
- 22 Derby Carnival (band).
- 22 Catterick Army Display (Red Devils, White Helmets, Blue Eagles, four bands) (22-23 June).
- 22 Bolton Army Display (Red Devils, Junior Para PT, band) (22-23 June).
- 26 Royal Norfolk Show, Norwich (display team, band) (26-27 June).
- 28 Aldershot Army Display (King's Troop RHA, White Helmets, RMP tent-pegging, gymnastic display, 9 Para Squadron free-fall team, Red Devils, 7 (US) Army freefall team, REME Land-Rover dismantling, Royal Pioneer Corps stores handling, Junior Guardsmen, 16 bands, corps of drums, fanfare trumpeters) (28-30 June).
- 29 Woodford Air Display (Red Devils) (29-30 June).
- 29 Tamworth Carnival (band).
- 29 Clevedon Lions Show (AAC Chepstow PT display, RA motorcyclists, two bands).

JULY 1974

- 5 Tynwald Opening, Isle of Man (band).
- 5 Hook Gala (band) (5-7 July).
- 6 Birkenshaw Show (band) (6-7 July).
- 6 Elstree and Boreham Wood Families Day (band).
- 6 Basingstoke Tattoo.
- 7 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers tercentenary celebrations, London (7-13 July)—3rd Battalion public duties, Tower of London, 7-13 July. Regimental freedom march City of London, 8 July; regimental parade, march and display, Wandsworth Borough, 13 July.
- 7 Leeds Horse Show (band).
- 10 Royal Tournament, Earls Court (10-27 July).
- 10 Massed Bands Display, Larkhill.
- 12 Newport Carnival Fête (Red Devils, massed junior bands) (12-14 July).
- 12 Cheltenham Tattoo (12-13 July).
- 13 Artillery Day, Larkhill.
- 13 Howard School Fête, Welwyn Garden City (display team, band).
- 13 Bromyard Show, Hereford (band) (13-14 July).
- 13 Cheshunt Carnival (display team, band).
- 16 East of England Show, Peterborough (RMP tent-pegging, Red Devils, band) (16-18 July).
- 18 Liverpool Show (Red Devils, band) (18-20 July).
- 19 Sheffield Tri-Service Display (RMP tent-pegging, RA motorcyclists, two bands) (19-21 July).
- 20 Corby Highland Games (display team, band) (20-21 July).
- 22 Warrington Army Show (RA motorcyclists, Red Devils, three bands) (22-23 July).
- 22 Plymouth Forces Week and Air Day (Black Knights freefall team, band) (22-27 July).
- 25 St Helens Show (RA motorcyclists, Red Devils, band) (25-27 July).
- 25 Manchester Flower Show (Red Devils, band) (25-27 July).
- 25 Freedom of Melrose, The King's Own Scottish Borderers.
- 27 Freedom of Wigtown, The King's Own Scottish Borderers.
- 28 Royal Armoured Corps Centre Open Day, Bovington.
- 28 National Scouts Rally, Chatsworth (Red Devils) (28-29 July).
- 29 Freedom of Newton Stewart, The King's Own Scottish Borderers.
- 31 Colchester Searchlight Tattoo (31 July-3 August).
- 31 Royal Lancashire Show (Red Devils, band) (31 July-3 August).

AUGUST 1974

- 1 Freedom of Hawick, The King's Own Scottish Borderers.
- 2 Worcester City Show (Royal Engineers Junior Leaders gymnastic display) (2-3 August).
- 2 Hull Show (band) (2-3 August).
- 3 Freedom of Coldstream, The King's Own Scottish Borderers.
- 4 Kingsway Hospital Show, Derby (White Helmets, band).
- 8 Bakewell Show (Red Devils).
- 14 Bingley Show (band).



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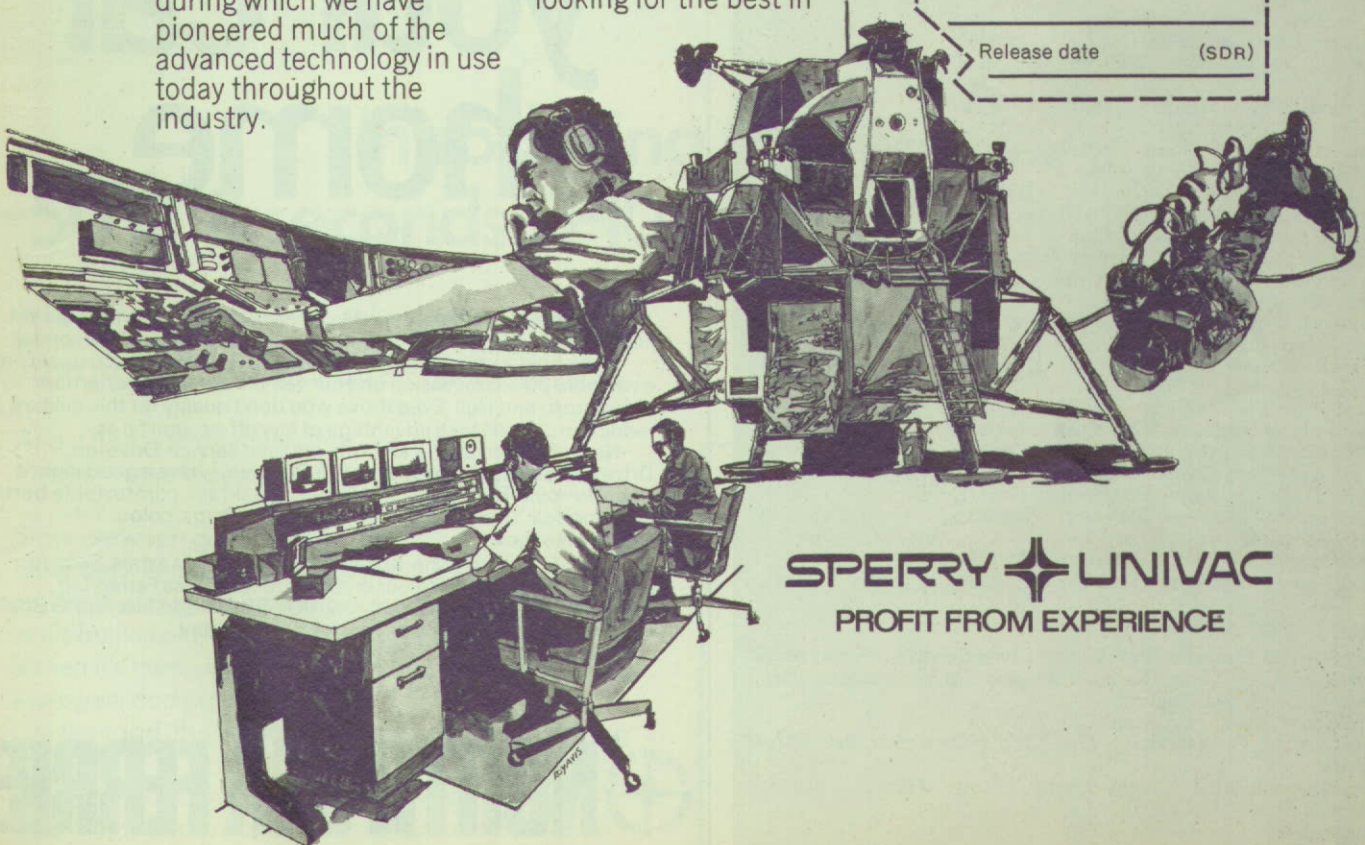
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Similarly the editorial and photographic staff sections are endeavouring to keep the printers fed with a flow of material, and earlier than usual, because the printers too are constrained to a three-day working week in terms of processes—and there are many—which are dependent on electric power. A further complication is that while the bulk of the magazine is now printed by the web-offset litho process at Southend, the colour covers are processed at another factory, in Hayes, Middlesex, where the availability of electric power is on different days.

And, in the offing, is the threat of limited paper which has already resulted in newspapers cutting down in size.

At this time of going to press, it is confidently expected that this February 1974 issue of **SOLDIER** will duly appear although it will be late. But whether the March issue will be published is in the lap of the gods.

Unfortunately, should there be either a delay or no production at all, it will be too late, when this is known, to inform readers. **SOLDIER** hopes its readers will be forbearing and assures them that if it is at all possible, publication will continue. In its 29 years, **SOLDIER** has not yet missed an issue!

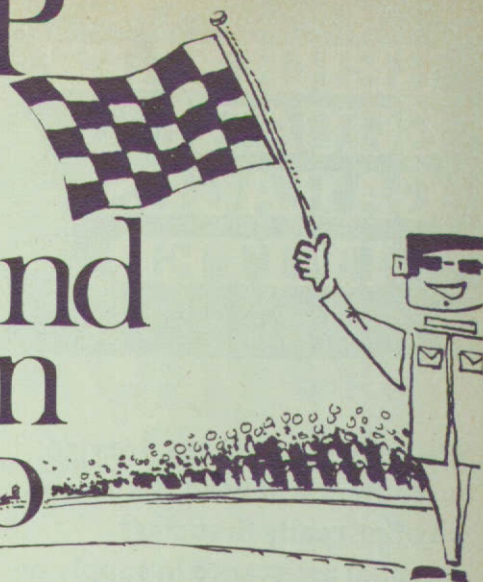


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Military museums 13

The Somerset Light Infantry

THE first Afghan War and the five-month siege of Jellalabad where the 13th Foot, later to become The Somerset Light Infantry, gained the proud title of "The Illustrious Garrison," naturally figure prominently in this museum which so admirably reflects the life of a British county regiment.

Located in a quiet corner of Taunton next door to the original Somerset Light Infantry Depot barracks, the museum occupies two floors of a building that once served as officers' quarters. Exhibits are arranged as far as possible in chronological order and each showcase has a printed card indicating where the regiment was and what it was doing in relation to the items displayed. Shako plates and cap badges, Militia long drums and relics of the regiment's formative years are in the first of six rooms. There are two books of regimental orders (1796-1806) painstakingly written in the copperplate hand of a clerk. One learns that on 20 April 1800 the men of the 13th were told at morning drill that they were "not to wear their false tails but are to have their hair combed clean through and tied close to the head." And on 5 April 1801: "The Commanding Officer cannot possibly permit the Officers' servants to cook or do other dirty work in their new clothing."

The fine collection of pictures includes several by Orlando Norie, portraits of Major-General Sir Robert and Lady Sale and a dramatic painting of a sortie from Jellalabad, but dominating them all is the original (below) of Lady Butler's "The Remnants of an Army." The lone rider on an exhausted horse was Dr Brydon, sole survivor of 4500 soldiers and 12,000 followers—men, women and children—who were slaughtered by Afghan tribesmen as they made their way from Kabul "under safe conduct" towards besieged Jellalabad. Three months later the "Illustrious Garrison" routed the Afghan army, recaptured Kabul and eventually returned triumphant to India. Three Afghan

standards are among the many exhibits which bear witness to those heroic days. A treasured memento of a later period is the silver model of the Gateway of India presented by Headquarters, Bombay Area, to 1st Battalion, The Somerset Light Infantry, on 28 February 1948 to mark the battalion's departure as the last British Army unit to serve in India.

Trophies of the Zulu and Boer wars can be seen upstairs in the third gallery which also contains relics of the Indian Mutiny and a portrait of General Havelock, of Lucknow fame, who served as a major with the 13th at Jellalabad. In room four there is an interesting exhibition of Regular, Militia and Volunteer uniforms worn by the regiment throughout its history, and there are plenty reminders of the part it played in the two world wars. The extensive collection of medals includes four of the regiment's five Victoria Crosses and one of its two George Crosses.

The Somerset Light Infantry museum was started in the early 1920s in the Depot officers mess. Since then it has moved twice and this summer a third and final move is scheduled to new premises in the County Museum, Taunton Castle.

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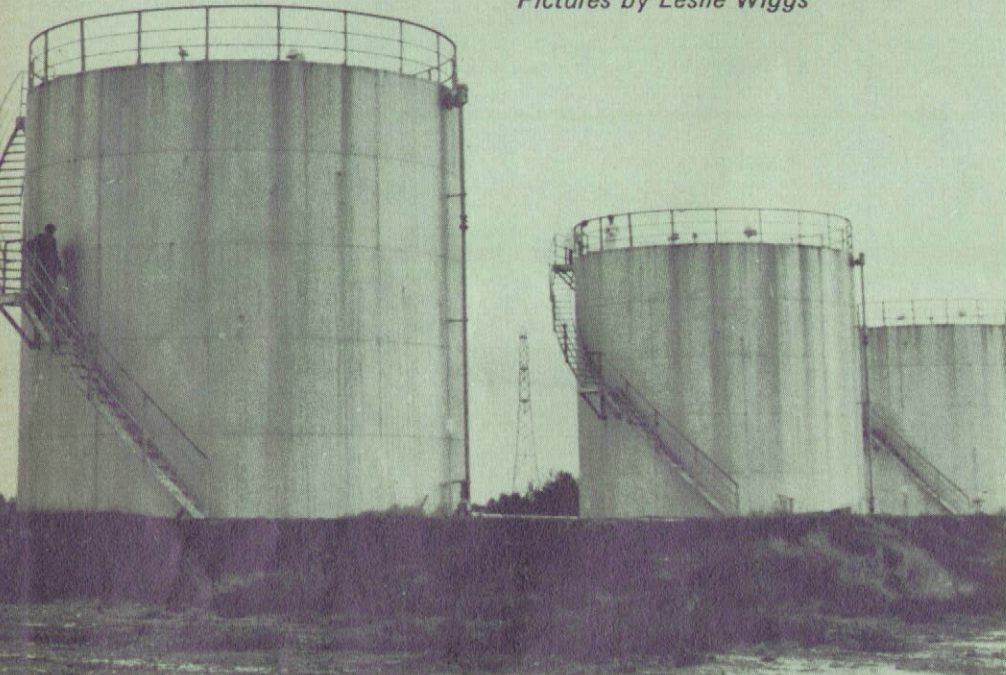
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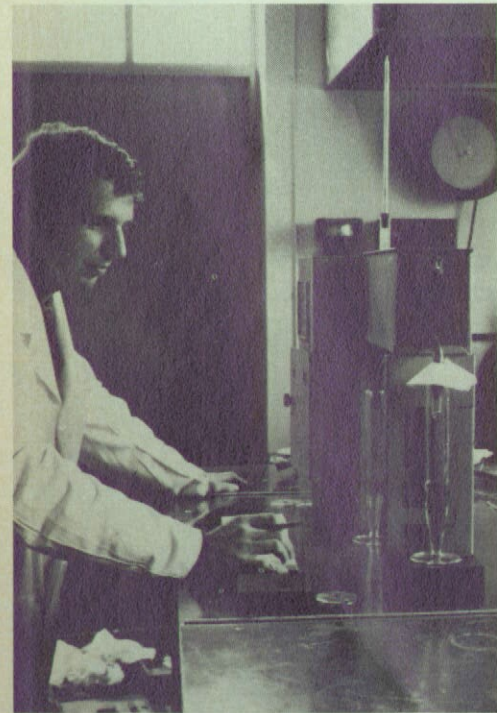
Only weeks before the oil crisis, **SOLDIER** visited the Army Petroleum Centre. Its work of testing and supplying oil products to keep the Army on the move has now acquired a new significance but the aim, as ever, is ...

Five-star service

Story by John Walton
Pictures by Leslie Wiggs



Plenty of petrol at the centre's tank farm. Below: This rotary "cow" fills jerricans with petrol at a rapid rate.



Pte Kenneth May, TAVR, tests fuel as part of a chemical laboratory assistants' course.

THEY say that an Army marches on its stomach. But of equal importance to food today is petrol. As Lieutenant-Colonel Tom Kemp, commandant of the Army's Petroleum Centre, said: "No modern army can move or do anything at all without fuel and the most elaborate gun is of no use unless you can transport it into range."

The Petroleum Centre is a small unit, tucked away in the countryside and staffed by only 144 people—half civilian and the rest from the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and Royal Pioneer Corps. But its influence is enormous—the only centre of its type in the Army, it packs and holds large stocks of fuels, tests fuel in ultra-modern laboratories and trains RAOC petroleum operators.

Within the depot fire security is stringent. All visitors have to surrender matches, lighters and smoking materials and no-one is admitted with metal tips to their shoes. For the people who work there these precautions are automatic—they know just how potentially dangerous petrol is. Fire is an ever-present hazard but to date, despite the surrounding acres of heathland, there has never been a fire or explosion involving petrol at the centre.

To measure the amount of petrol in one of the giant tanks which stand in the "tank farm" is an operation which carries great risks. Standing on top of one of the tanks, the **SOLDIER** team watched Sergeant (now Staff-Sergeant) Michael Dodwell gingerly lower a measuring tape through an opening. Only after he had completed the job did he point out that the dip tape had to touch the side all the way down—or static electricity might send a spark across and up would go tank, team, tape-dipper and possibly nearby tanks!

The Petroleum Centre is the only place in Britain capable of packing fuel into jerricans in quantity. It receives fuel in bulk, maintains a reserve for emergencies and



Ordnance men fill up a visiting road tanker with fuel.

issues quantities by road and rail to units all over the United Kingdom.

In the filling shops petrol goes into jerricans at a staggering rate. Empty cans go on to a rotary "cow" (it looks rather like a milking machine) which fills them. As they come off they are closed with a bang from a bronze hammer (no sparks) and then checked for leaks. The date and batch number is stencilled on and the cans continue along a conveyor belt to be loaded. Each man working on this operation might handle up to 20 tons of petrol a day. Before they reach the stage of being refilled the cans, returned from units and exercises in many different

areas, are washed and old stencil marks removed—not to mention leaves, nuts and bolts, mics and other accumulated debris!

Fuel testing is another aspect of the centre's work. The laboratory is responsible for sampling once a year fuel from every military kerbside pump in Britain. Oils and greases, anti-freeze and any other products thought to have failed also come under scrutiny. Aviation gasoline for the helicopters of the Army Air Corps receives special attention. It is tested frequently and with great care for while a vehicle on poor fuel will just stop running, failure of a helicopter engine could bring disaster.

Visiting young Ordnance Corps officers are taught the rudiments of firefighting.



Sergeant Michael Dodwell carefully lowers the measuring tape down into a giant tank.



One of the most familiar and most important pieces of modern British Army equipment—the jerrican (not jerry can). It was a German invention (hence its name) and was captured by the British in quantity in the North African Desert in 1941. At that time the British Army was using "flimsies"—a markedly inferior can being made at various tin factories in North Africa. The jerrican immediately captured the interest of the War Office which placed orders for manufacture of cans of an identical design. In March 1943 the first jerricans reached British troops in the field. The almost perfect German design has hardly been altered since. So important a development was the jerrican that the capture of 1½ million cans from the Germans at El Alamein was said to be the major piece of booty. This original Wehrmacht can is from the museum of the School of Petroleum. It would be interesting to know which unit has the oldest jerrican—all are dated—still in service.



Loading a rail tank car with diesel fuel at the centre's practice training pipeline.

The centre claims to have one of the most accurate fuel-testing laboratories in the world. Fuel which has been in jerricans in depots for more than a year is brought back, blended with new petrol to bring it up to scratch and then passed on to a unit for use within two to three weeks.

Although the petrol-holding role of the centre is primarily related to the United Kingdom, other oils, grease and lubricants are sent to Army overseas commands. Most of the manual jobs at the centre are carried out by a detachment of 48 Royal Pioneers from 521 Company, Bicester. Their job is a tough one, particularly in the winter, for most of their work is in the open air and none of the workshops are heated because of fire risks.

Training is the other main function of the Petrol Centre. This ranges from organising a 48-week officers' petroleum course to showing young Ordnance Corps officers from Deepcut the rudiments of the petroleum world in as little as a day. All soldiers learning the RAOC trade of petroleum operator are trained at the centre, as are some airmen. These men are likely to spend much of their Army career at the centre as there are very few postings available for such

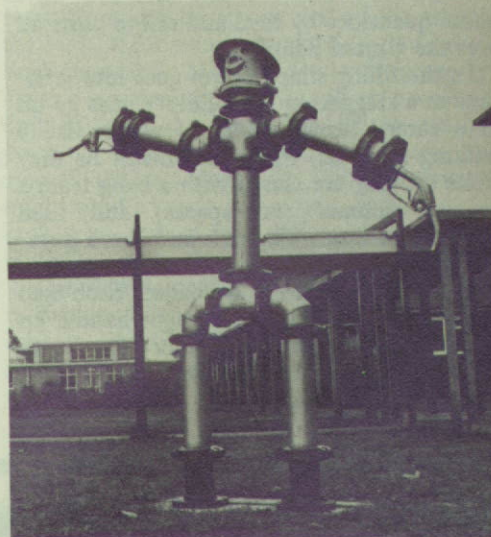
a specialised trade. For officers the reverse is true—two years at the centre is generally followed by a posting which has no connection with fuel.

In the Training and Trials Wing there is an average of 29 students at any one time. Facilities to train petroleum operators include a sapper-built pipeline to simulate an airfield support system. Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve men and some civilians are also instructed in petroleum-handling techniques.

In the laboratories there are courses for chemical laboratory assistants. The young officers' one-day course includes a vigorous firefighting session.

The officers' long petroleum course, which is administered from the centre, gives five officers, one of them from the Commonwealth, a really comprehensive look at the petroleum world. The 48-week course includes visits to major British oil installations, the British Pipeline Authority, Heathrow Airport and ports.

Many of the huts on the camp date back to when it was handed over to the American forces during World War Two. Thirty years later the centre's function is still the same—to keep an army on the move.



Long serving mascot, "Pipeline Pete," who is brought outside for special occasions.

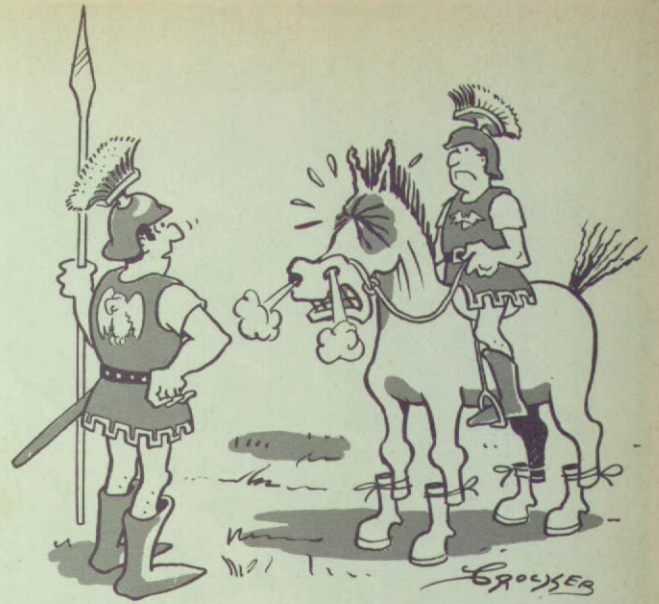
Below: Stacking jerricans of petrol on to a civilian lorry for distribution to units.





"I was only dusting it!"

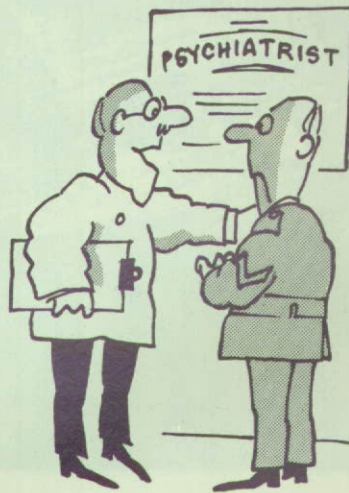
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"How went the battle with Boadicea?"



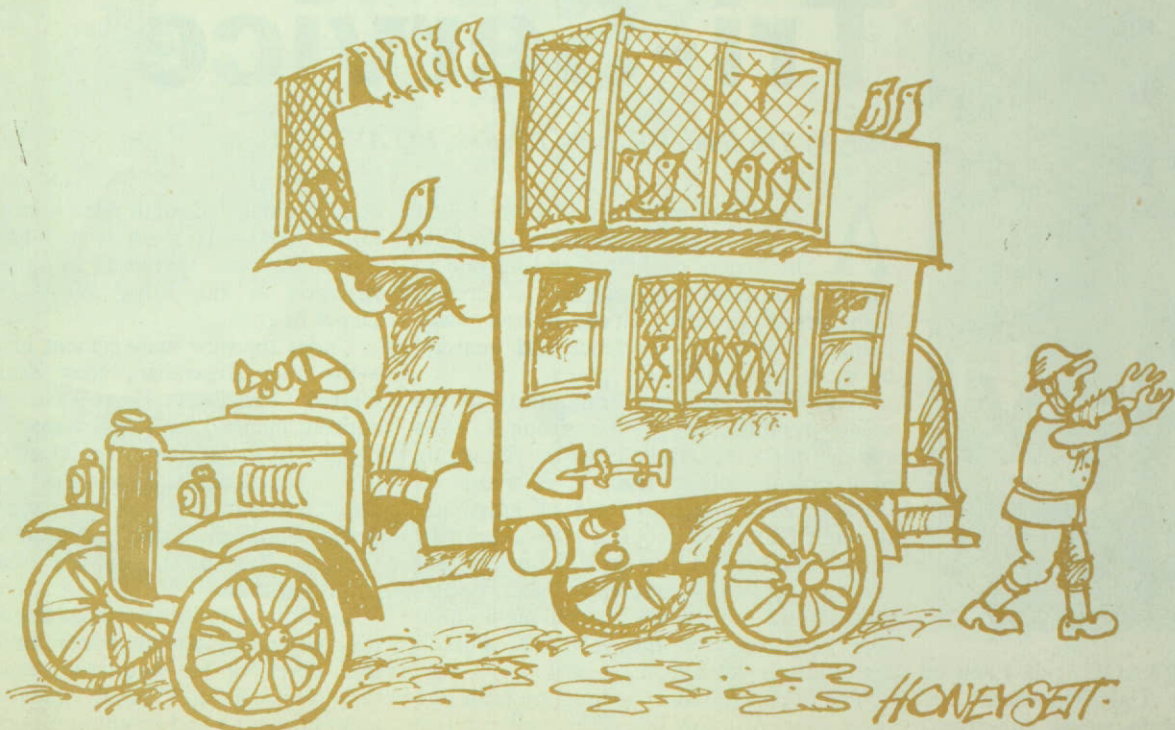
"Shall we dismount and try it again?"



"Don't worry, we'll soon have your inferiority complex licked, general."



"Gentlemen, I've called you together to discuss this appalling problem of AWOL..."





ANZUK
ordnance
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Tri-national, Tri-Service

Story by Tim Hunt, UK Public Relations, HQ ANZUK Force

AT the northern extremity of the island Republic of Singapore, overlooking the Straits of Johore and beyond to the coast of West Malaysia, lie 130 acres of lush green country estate tucked away behind a high-security fence and guarded by stern-faced ANZUK police.

Within the gates the tranquillity of the scene—reminiscent of the grounds of a stately home—is broken by the chugging of a quaint railway train as it wends its way across a large expanse of grass and through clumps of tropical trees. Here the comparison ceases, for the old but efficient railway system exists to serve the 13 underground and nine above-ground high-explosive magazines of the ANZUK Force's ammunition sub-depot.

The underground magazines are built into three spurs of a low hill. With walls six feet

or more thick and earth piled on top of them to depths varying from twenty to 100 feet, no expense was spared in its original construction as the Royal Navy Armament Depot in 1938.

Under the new management of ANZUK—the joint Australian, New Zealand and United Kingdom Force—the depot is entirely manned by Royal Army Ordnance Corps and Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps personnel and provides one of the most unusual jobs for the corps in the world. Eighteen British and four Australian soldiers, four of whom are officers, are employed there.

In addition to its normal duties of supplying Army and common-user ammunition, the sub-depot has a unique responsibility for "topping up" naval ships and de-ammunitioning and re-ammunitioning them

Left: Main ordnance complex next to naval basin. Stores sub-depot, supply control, supply depot, are in warehouses to right of basin. Vehicle sub-depot is top right.

Right: Australian, New Zealand, British soldiers load stores on to RFA Tideflow.

Far right: The tri-national team again in the stores sub-depot with a forklift truck.

Below: Ammunition train, with Australian and British soldiers, leaving a bunker.

when they need to be dry-docked for repairs or maintenance—a task which involves the staff in driving the monster dockside cranes, handling Seacat missiles and operating and maintaining the vintage locomotives and rolling stock.

With six different accounts to run for three national armies and navies, the sub-depot has to contend with differing inspection frequencies and separate storage of ammunition and, just to add to the complications, army and navy safety regulations are different!

The old Royal Navy Armament Depot headquarters building stands on high ground just outside the perimeter fence of the sub-depot and is now the headquarters for the whole of the ANZUK Ordnance Depot. The main ordnance complex is two miles away in spacious buildings on 19 acres of

land near the ANZUK naval basin, home of Australian, New Zealand and British naval ships assigned to the ANZUK Force.

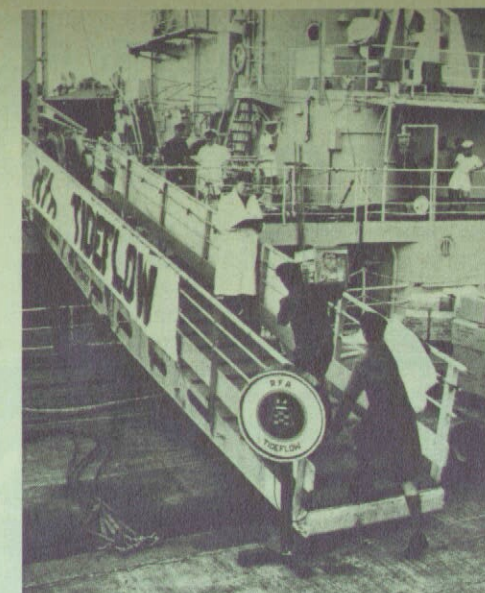
In the naval basin are the supply control branch, stores sub-depot and vehicle sub-depot. The supply control branch is responsible for provision of all stores of ordnance origin to the ANZUK Force. Its new custom-built open-plan offices would be the envy of many a commercial enterprise. It works on a basically Australian system which has been adapted to suit the peculiar needs of a tri-national force. All re-stocking demands are sent to Australia on punched tape which is fed into a computer in Canberra. The computer then feeds the requests to the country concerned.

The stores sub-depot's half-a-million square feet of warehousing space contains 46,000 line items covering vehicle spares,

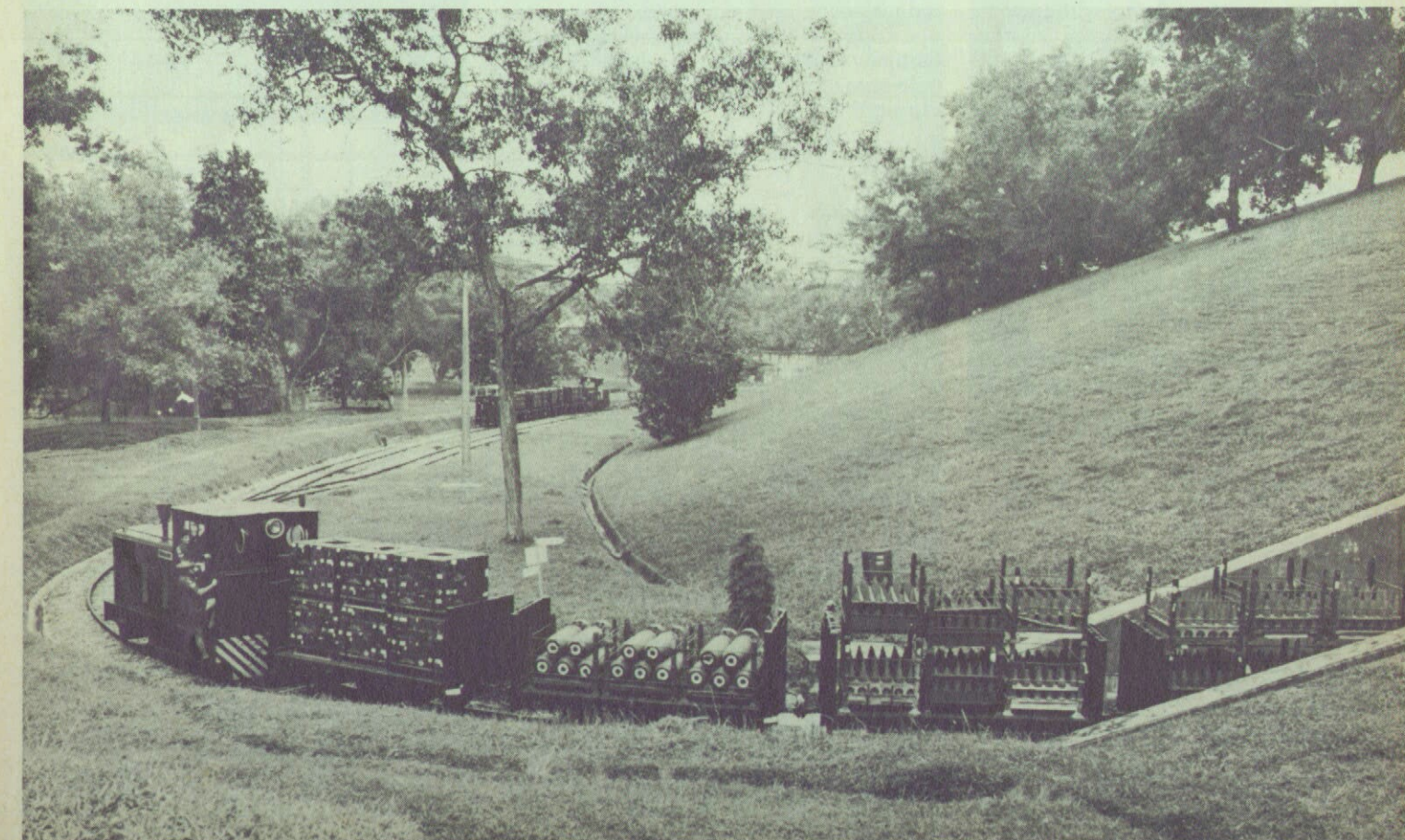
technical and accommodation equipment for the three ANZUK armies and navies and the Royal Air Force. The staff of 107 locally employed civilians and 44 Service personnel includes two officers and 11 men of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. The sub-depot also has its own workshops which maintain stock and refurbish returned stores.

A small forward ordnance unit, of an officer and a dozen men and run by the stores sub-depot, provides a limited range of fast-moving stores for the ANZUK Brigade during jungle exercises. The unit travels with the brigade, using Land-Rovers and four-ton trucks.

Perhaps the most popular unit in the depot as far as the soldiers are concerned is the bath unit which, like the forward ordnance unit, goes out into the field during exercises and sets up hot shower units for



L/Cpl Bear of the RAAOC, Sgt Eden of the RNZAOC and Cpl Moorhouse of the RAOOC, working in stores sub-depot.



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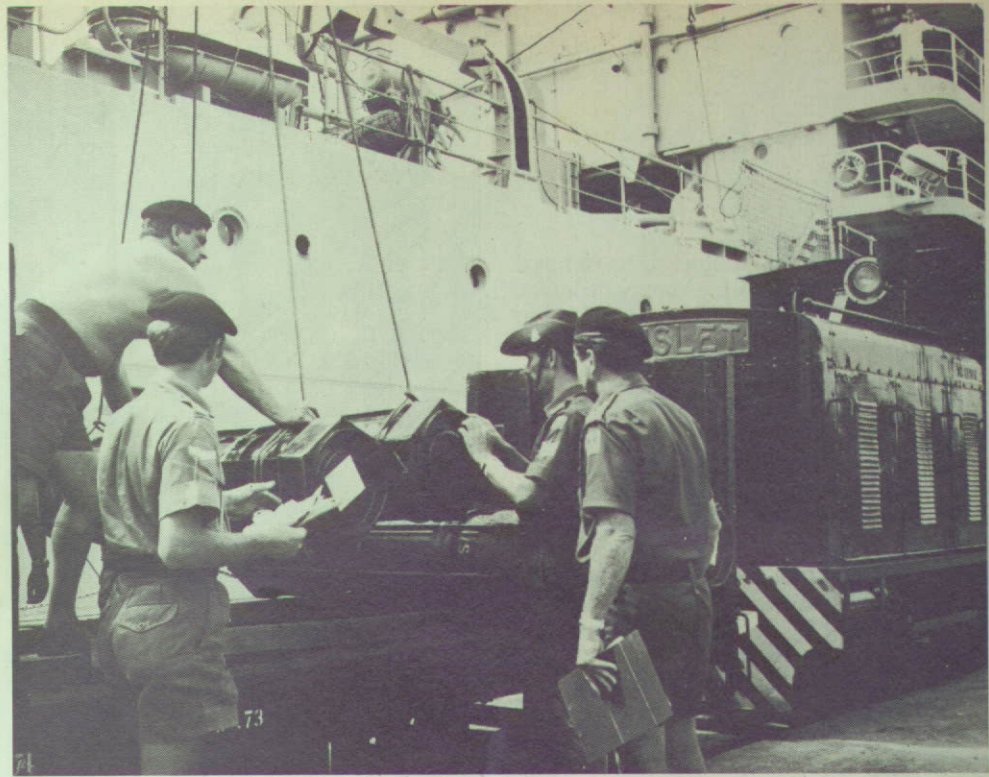
the troops as they come out of the jungle. The bath unit, run by a sergeant and two or more men, can cater for 200 men an hour.

The ANZUK naval basin is also the home of the supply depot, an independent unit manned by ordnance personnel of the three nations and responsible for rations, petrol, oil and lubricants for the ANZUK Force. It also has a role not normally associated with an ordnance supply depot, that of victualling the ANZUK fleet and visiting naval vessels. Supply officer Captain David Braithwaite said: "It is normal practice on overseas stations for the Navy to supply Army units, but here we have a complete turnabout. Of course there were new things for us to pick up—for instance, we have to take into account the size of an Oxo cube when we supply a submarine while we deal in sides of pork for the Chinese crews of a Royal Fleet Auxiliary ship."

The depot also supplies aviation fuel for naval helicopters and among its more unusual tasks has been the supply of rations to the Australian Embassy guard in Saigon. Royal Army Ordnance Corps personnel on the staff are the chief stores officer, master butcher, POL sergeant, technical sergeant and corporal butcher.

The man mainly responsible for the success of the tri-national ordnance depot is its commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel John Gegan. He came to Singapore in July 1971 and was faced with the formidable task of moulding the present efficient ordnance machine from the residue of the old Far East Command. "I suppose you could call the whole operation run-up, run-down and reorganisation," he said. And after building up a successful tri-national depot over the past two years, the winds of change are once more blowing through the ANZUK Force.

The Australian decision to withdraw its battalion and battery has meant another reorganisation. Two national military headquarters, New Zealand and British, will be set up within the framework of the present



Transferring ammunition ship to shore with (left to right) Cpl Roy Colclough, L/Cpl Jerry Marsden, Sgt Rod Hingston, Capt David Hellings, all of the RAOC.

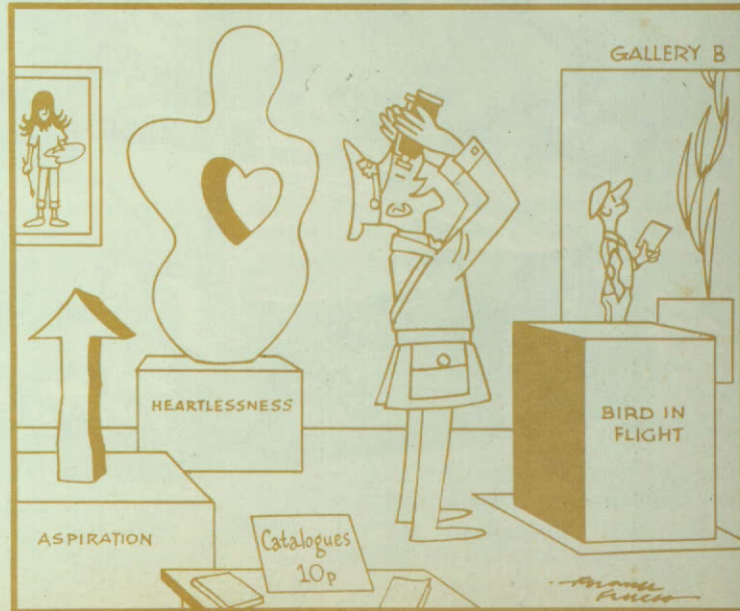
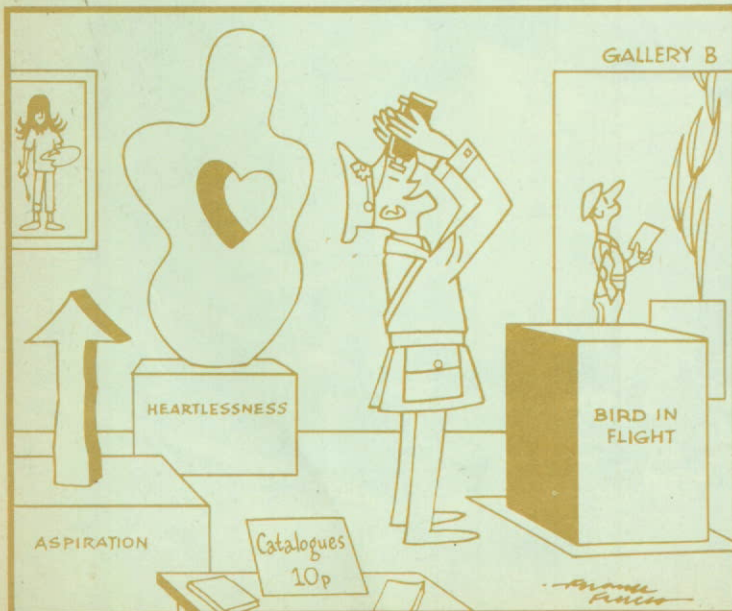
Right: Cpl Cowlshaw checks re-stocking demands being fed into the supply control depot punch machine by Susan Mah.



ANZUK Force. The ordnance depot will probably be run by the British element working for the New Zealanders on an agency basis, but whatever the outcome the unique experience of three nations co-operating and working together in complete harmony will remain in the memories of all who were lucky enough to serve in Singapore during this period.

How observant are you?

These two pictures look alike but they differ in ten details. Look at them carefully. If you cannot spot the differences see page 45.



Solicitor-soldiers and soldiers' solicitors

ONE of the smallest and most specialised sections of the Army dedicates much of its time to the service of servicemen in the increasingly complex world of law. It is the Army Legal Services Staff.

When past and present members of the Staff met at a special dinner to commemorate its 25th anniversary, one of those present was Colonel Geoffrey Weston who is based in Hong Kong. It was from that colony that he sailed in 1949 as first lieutenant of HMS Amethyst and in the famous Yangtse incident won a bar to an earlier Distinguished Service Cross.

A wound received in the shelling led to his retirement from the Royal Navy the following year. He read law at Cambridge and the University of Kansas, practised briefly in London and joined the Army Legal Services Staff in 1956.

All 44 members of the Staff are fully qualified lawyers. New recruits who join straight from civilian life are expected to have practised as solicitors or barristers for at least five years before joining.

Their ranks range from captain to major-general, the latter being the Director, Major-General John Robertson. He learned

his law behind bars . . . as a prisoner-of-war of the Germans following his capture at Dunkirk in 1940.

Although small, the Army Legal Services Staff is widespread. Apart from London and Salisbury offices in England, there are members at work in Rheindahlen and Bielefeld in Rhine Army and in Hong Kong and Northern Ireland.

Overseas the Staff operates a busy legal aid service acting as the soldier's solicitors in any legal problems. In Rhine Army alone last year this service helped soldiers to recover almost £100,000 in civil actions. This figure alone gives the lie to the popular myth that the Army Legal Services Staff spends its time prosecuting erring soldiers. Courts-martial work demands only a small part of its energies.

Any soldier is free to use the service and as one member of the department commented: "Perhaps this is an organisation where the soldier can cut through any red tape there may be and get straight to us. And we are professionally precluded from divulging his business with us."

Wherever in the world a soldier is posted, he can call on his own uniformed solicitor—courtesy of the Army he is serving in.



Maj-Gen Robertson escorts Lieut-Col The Duke of Kent to commemorative luncheon.

Guests included members of other Services.



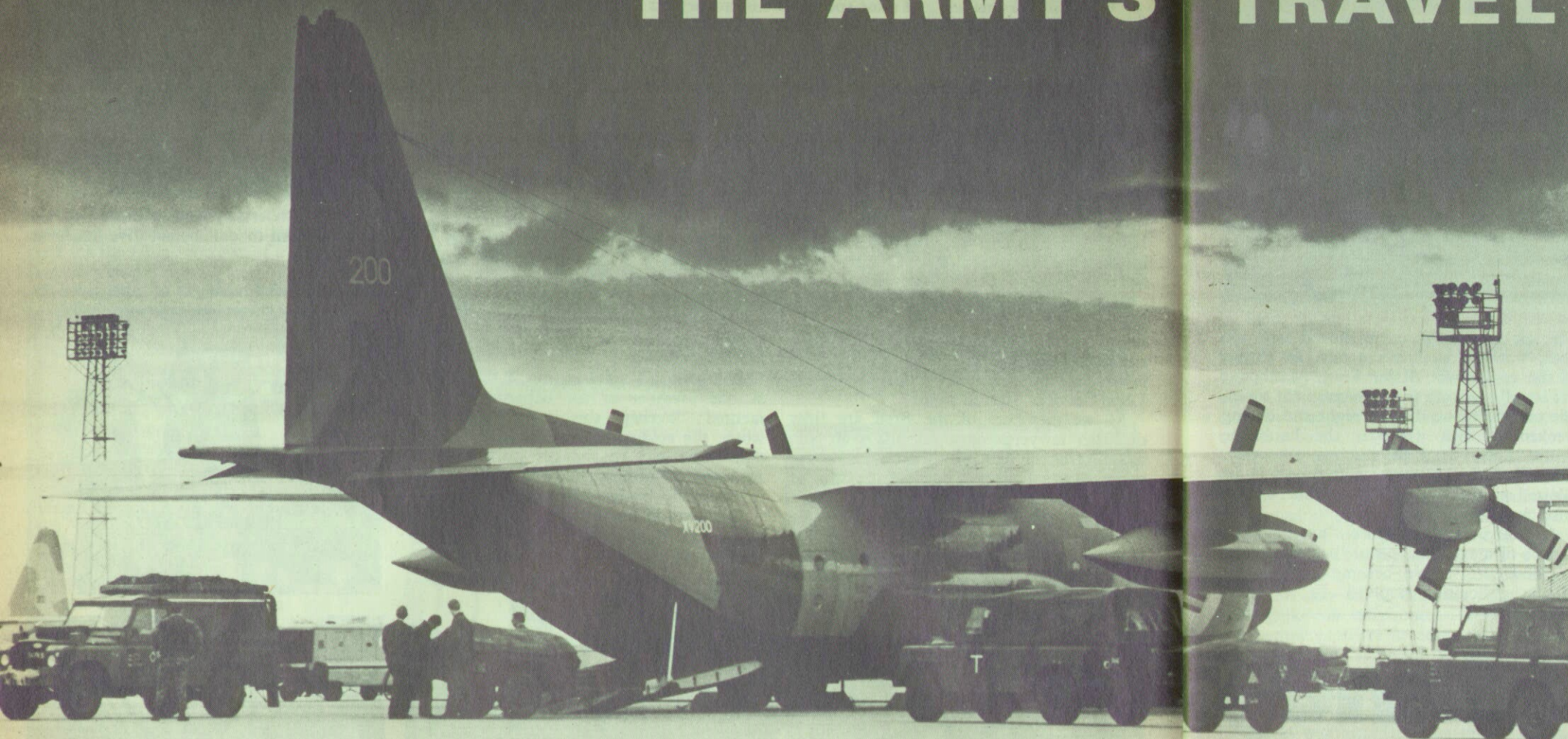
A stained glass oriel was presented to the ALSS by the American Bar Association.



Justice spans the world on the ALSS department badge.

THE ARMY'S TRAVEL AGENTS

Story by Mike Starke
Pictures by Martin Adam



Above: Lowering skies frown on Lyneham as the Army and RAF movements staff work to get a "chalk" airborne in time. Below: A hovercraft is tucked up snugly in an LSL.



PACKAGE tours for civilian holidays are a commonplace nowadays. Similar transport arrangements by air, sea, rail and road are also an everyday occurrence for the soldier. And the "travel agents" who see that the Army's "tours" run smoothly are the movement control personnel wearing the distinctive red armband with the gold wagon wheel.

The only Regular Army "movers" based in the United Kingdom make up 29 Movement Control Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport, at South Cerney, a former Royal Air Force station in Gloucestershire. The regiment has its Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve counterparts in 280 Movement Control Squadron and 490 Movement Control Troop which is to be redesignated as 49 Squadron. There are four more movement or transport regiments in Rhine Army.

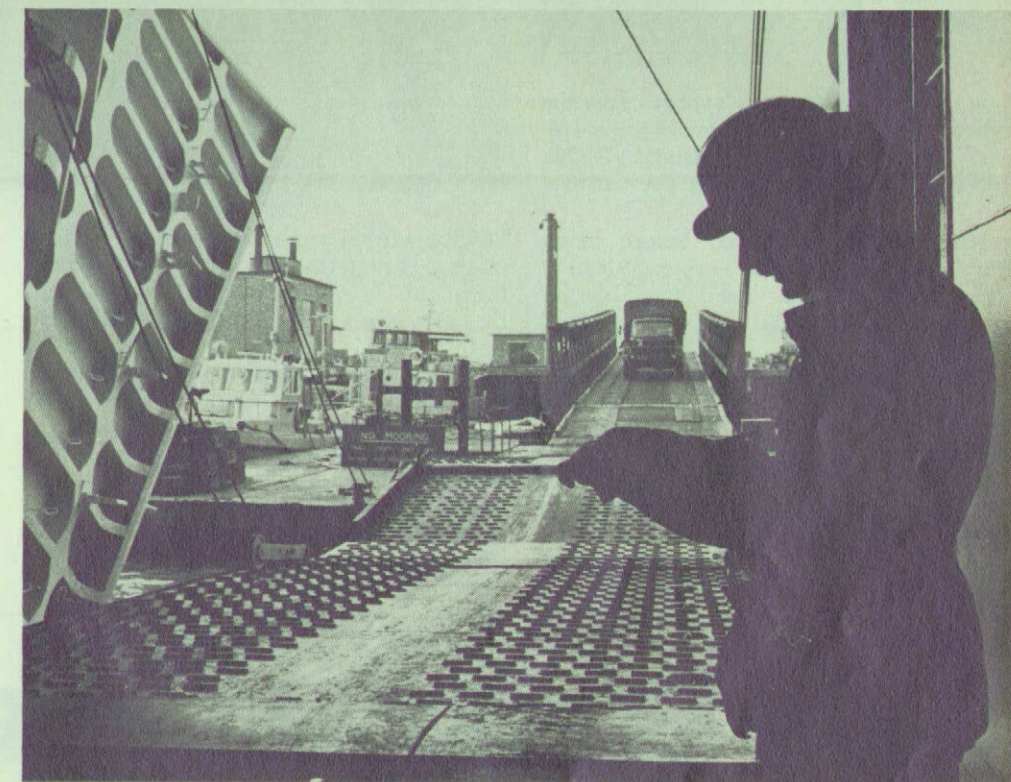
The skills of movement control are essentially backroom work. Most soldiers see the red-armbanded traffic operator—a new trade started in 1969—while emplaning for an exercise or driving in convoy across country. Few perhaps realise that this man and a host of unseen colleagues have been

pooling their years of experience in forward planning over a period of months beforehand to plan, co-ordinate and direct the travel arrangements.

Captain Andy Gordon, working on the waterfront at the Port Movement Control Centre in Marchwood military port defined movements as "the skill of linking transport agencies—although I prefer to call it an art rather than a skill. Movements can be a very complicated operation and no two situations are the same. But there's no mystique about it. It's just a matter of being systematic."

The port detachment is an offshoot of 29 Movement Control Regiment which is itself only two years old and which has grown from squadron strength as more and more overseas bases—with their own movement control organisations—have closed. District headquarters within the United Kingdom now all have their own small detachments.

At the regiment's headquarters at South Cerney the one-time RAF hangars have been converted to make a massive air mounting centre. This provides a transit lounge for troops and their personal equipment and hangars where vehicle trains are



Above: The gaping jaws of an LSL prepare to swallow a lorry as the cargo's progress is logged by movement control. Below: Belgian troops in Denmark de-train on exercise.





Maps, charts, files and a telephone under the eagle eye of Sgt Gerry Brennan in the movement control centre in Denmark. Right: Italian troops disembark on the tarmac.



processed and documented before being called forward in "chalks"—as each load is termed—to Lyneham and Brize Norton airfields where the RAF takes over to load and fly them.

At both airfields there are permanently based air transport liaison detachments. The initial letters of the appointment of air transport liaison officer have brought a new word to the language of logistics where ATLO has come to mean the task as much as the man. Major John Collar, the Lyneham ATLO, has made a study of what he calls "the art of Atling" and his compre-

hensive written report shows there is much more to the job than the stated aim to advise the senior air officer on the airfield about the movement of troops and equipment and provide a military movement control element. Major Collar has been involved in activities as widely separated as the checking of vehicle battery fluid levels for flight safety to the organisation of the Gurkha Welfare Appeal on the station.

SOLDIER visited 29 Movement Control Regiment at the height of a NATO exercise when a constant stream of air sorties was speeding men and machines to Denmark.

The air mounting centre moved into top gear, working 24 hours a day. In charge of the centre was Major Steve Matthews: "A lot of our work is at inconvenient times. We tend to be on duty at night and during weekends." But whatever the hour the centre must be kept running smoothly. Each chalk has to arrive and depart in its allotted order and at the allotted time. Otherwise chaos would reign.

As units become more "air-minded," the job of movements people becomes easier as those they move become more aware of the difficulties involved. In an effort

to point out some of the problems facing movements staff, the regiment sends lecture teams on tour to "educate" the Army.

A sense of humour is an invaluable asset to a "mover" in coping with often travel-weary troops passing through. The exit doors of the air mounting centre are dominated by a vast glossy travel poster with the caption: "We take the care you're free to enjoy yourselves."

The other half of the regiment is 50 Squadron which travels worldwide to set up movement control wherever soldiers go. Living up to its boast of being the most widely travelled unit in the Army, the squadron has recently worked in places as far apart as Norway and Australia, the Seychelles and the Carribean.

The squadron commander, Major Ian Herron, and nearly 40 men formed the movements detachment assigned to the NATO exercise in Denmark. As elements of the Allied Command Europe Mobile Force (Land) poured into Danish Zealand by land, air and sea from several European countries, the British movements personnel had to co-ordinate the flow. Major Herron has a NATO post as the force movements officer. He explained: "We belong to the Logistic Support Battalion—a British contribution to the ACE Mobile Force."

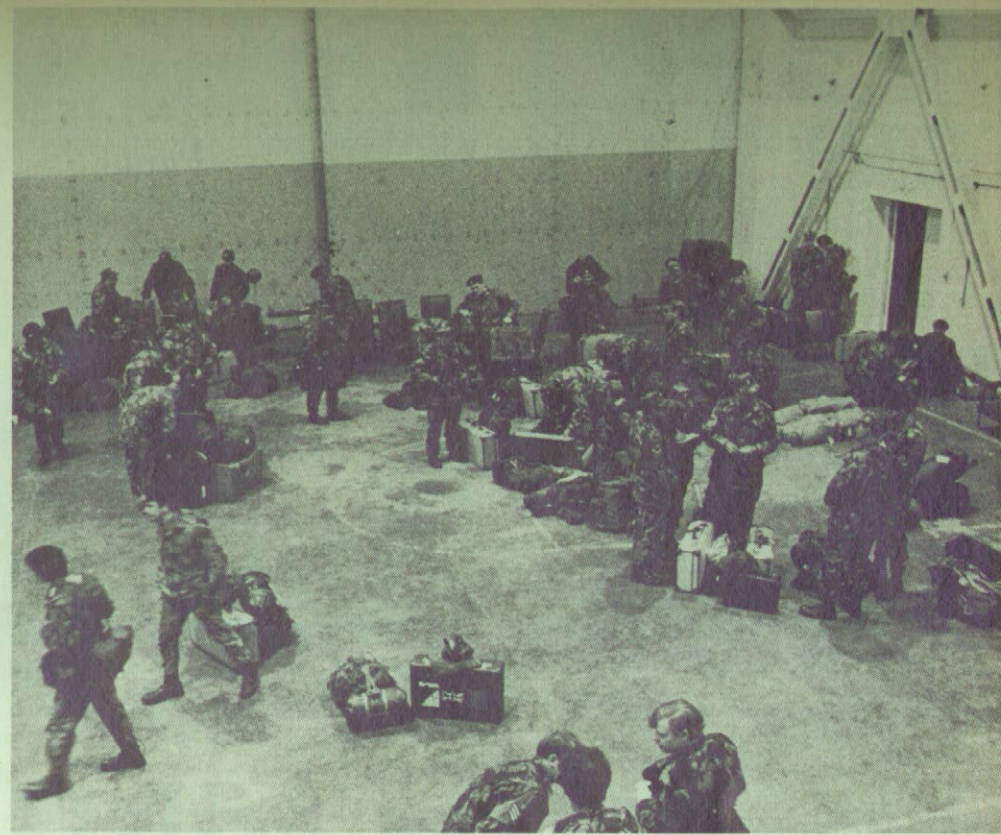
At an advanced movement control centre near the "front line" of the exercise, Captain Ron Cockings was monitoring the arrival of men and equipment and their onward progress. He commented: "Half the battle is a chap's personality. If he can't project himself he's no good in movement control. Every job is different, that's what gives great job satisfaction. There's always some small problem or other that crops up—it's inevitable. The job would be boring if it all went smoothly without the challenge of some snag to iron out."

It takes 16 weeks to give a traffic operator his basic training. He goes on to be upgraded through traffic operator 2 to traffic operator 1. SOLDIER was told that two attractions of the trade are the travel and the responsibility an individual must shoulder to do the job properly. And with no two tasks the same, there is an endless variety in what looks to the casual observer like a mere clerical job. But it is no place for the soldier who cannot face a challenge or be decisive.

Planning, advising and setting in motion a move involves much paper work and methodical procedures. Movements offices rustle to the sound of "chalk" manifests being processed and squeak to the noise of chinagraph pencils plotting progress on an ever-changing wall chart.

The mover takes pride in being first in and last out as he prepares the way for troops arriving at a location and clears up the travel details after they have left. Major Frank Soden, second-in-command of the regiment, said: "It's all a matter of split-second timing. The whole thing can concertina if you're not careful, which is why we tend to call people forward early. Nine times out of ten you hear nothing about the mover. The tenth time is when someone complains."

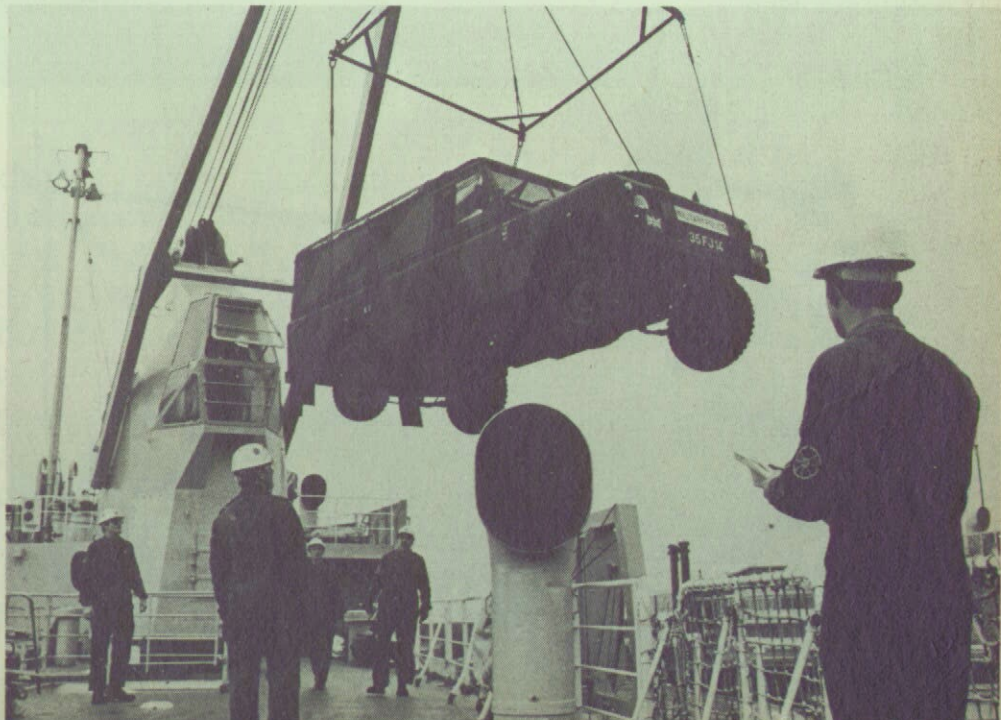
It's those nine times that count for the soldier in transit—and he may hardly have noticed the man who has blazed the trail for him.



Above: Time—early hours of the morning; place—the air mounting centre; action—troops on the move, courtesy of 29 Regt.

Left: The lone figure on the waterfront at Marchwood port is a movement control man supervising the smooth passage of vehicles.

Below: Protective helmets are regulation wear for loaders and movement control men alike when tons of cargo take to the air!



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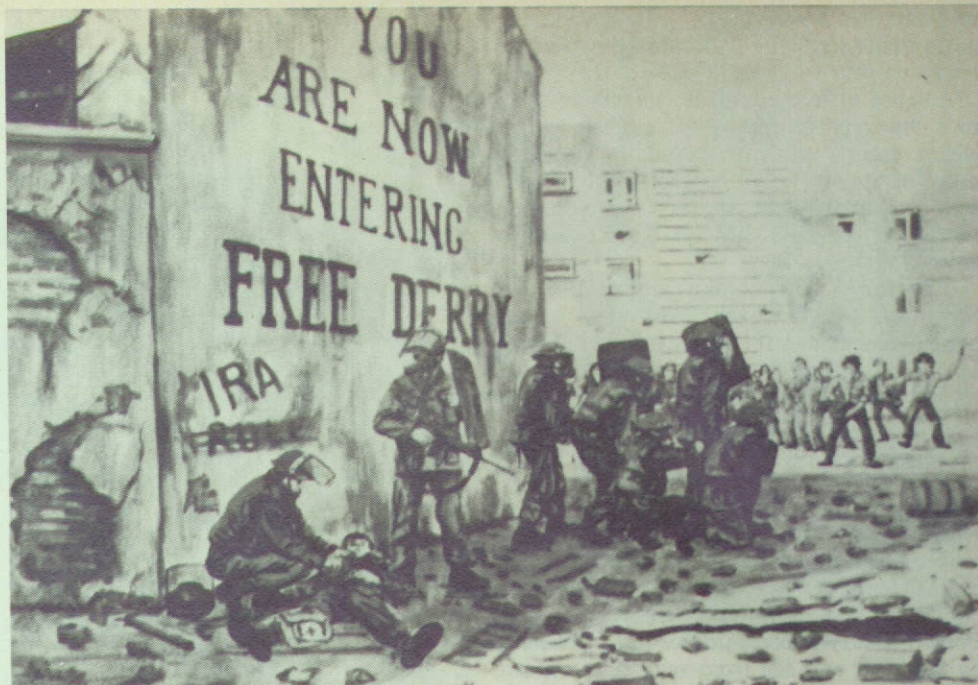
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NORTHERN IRELAND

Company commander-cum-artist Maj Christopher Miers



"Burning Barricade, The Falls Road"—the sappers lead a hazardous life in Belfast.



"Free Derry Corner"—Artist's comment: After the August riots of 1969 the Catholic Bogside set up "Free Derry." This corner house has now become almost a monument.

Eye-witness artists

WATER-COLOUR painting evokes pleasant hours putting on paper the soft colours of British landscape. Major Christopher Miers of The Royal Green Jackets, in an exhibition of his work at the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall, uses the medium to report in pictures the hard facts of operational life in Northern Ireland. The paintings are the outcome of a commission by General Sir Harry Tuzo, the former GOC.

The assignment had obvious hazards. The artist had to make quick, on-the-spot sketches of many of the incidents illustrated and do the painting elsewhere. The pictures form a lively record of what must be Britain's least enchanting landscape.

The uncontrived compositions reinforce the veracity of the paintings as eye-witness accounts. Major Miers occasionally has the utilitarian greens and browns of soldiers and vehicles in a setting of sunlit terraced houses that is almost springlike with colour and, in "Burning Bus, Grosvenor Road," he has tackled a subject that any experienced water-colourist would regard as a very severe test indeed.

In World War Two, official war artists like Edward Ardizzone often introduced the ingredient of comedy into their pictures. Here is no fun. Only the jagged explosions, broken bodies, prancing rioters and the unending tension.

During two tours in Northern Ireland

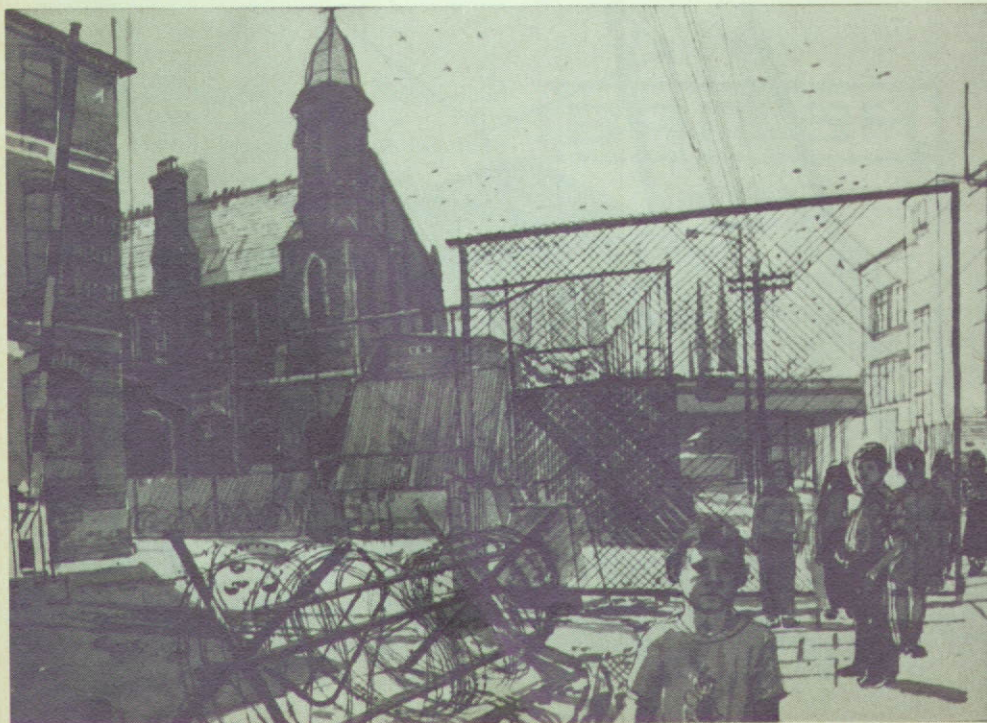
with 3rd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, Major Miers alternated as company commander and artist. The exhibition was aptly titled "A Soldier's View."

Shown simultaneously were paintings and drawings of the security forces in Northern Ireland, by Ken Howard. These were commissioned by the trustees of the Imperial War Museum. Mr Howard did national service with the Royal Marine commandos, and has exhibited regularly at the Royal Academy since 1952. His draughtsmanship is highly detailed, and in his "Transport at Gosford Castle" he has the metal of modern fighting vehicles against the ancient castle, under a cold sky of driven clouds.

Among his drawings in pen and brown wash, "Percy Street Army Post" captures the atmosphere of desolation, with sunlight streaming across a road junction, lighting up tangled barbed wire and staring, forlorn children.

Oil paintings include "HMS Maidstone" and "Bombed Building, Londonderry," effectively adding to the sombreness of this collection by their muted greys and greens.

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Ken Howard's "Transport at Gosford Castle" featuring 9th/12th and 17th/21st Lancers. Left: His "Percy Street Army Post" manned by 1st Royal Green Jackets.

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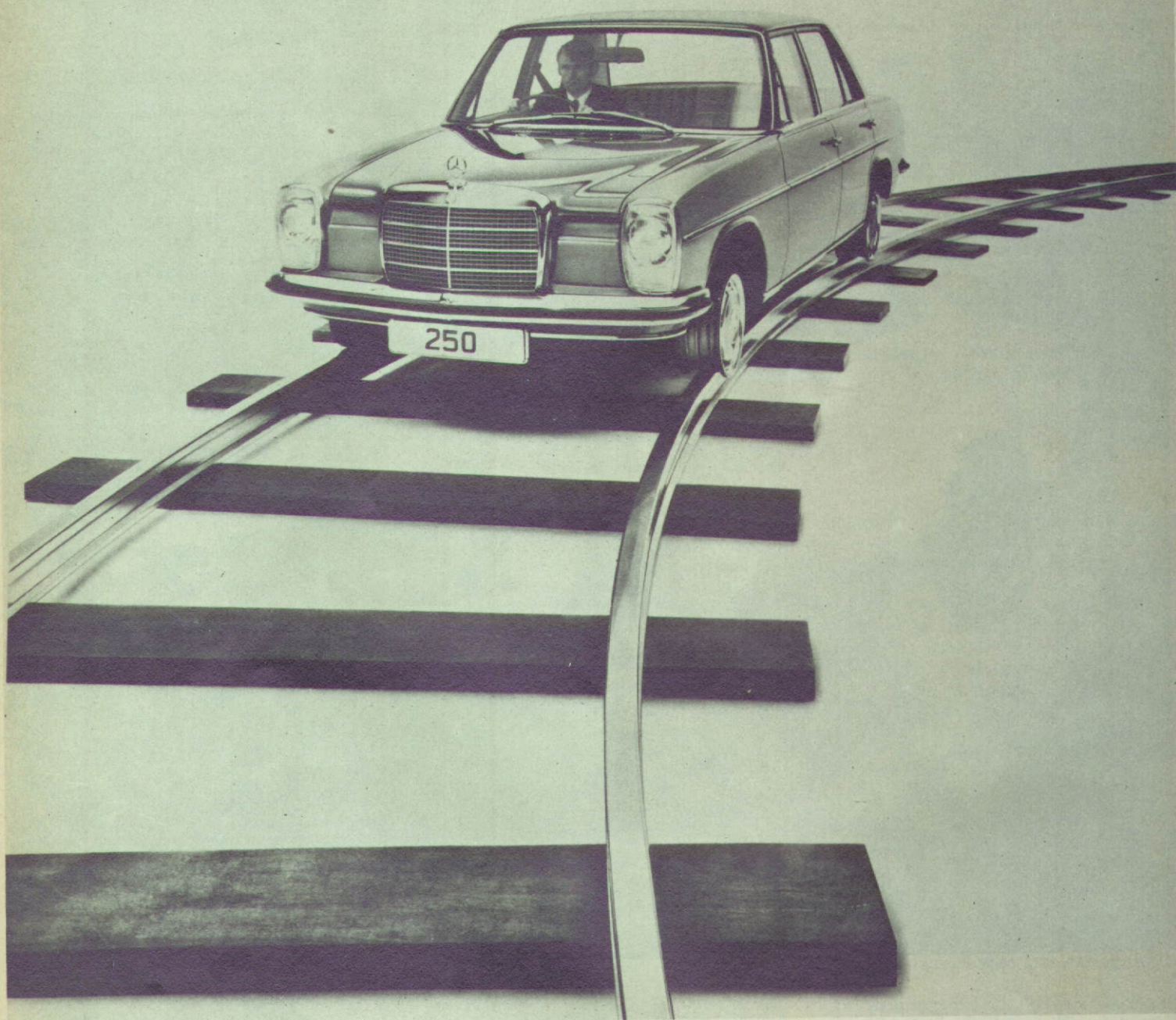
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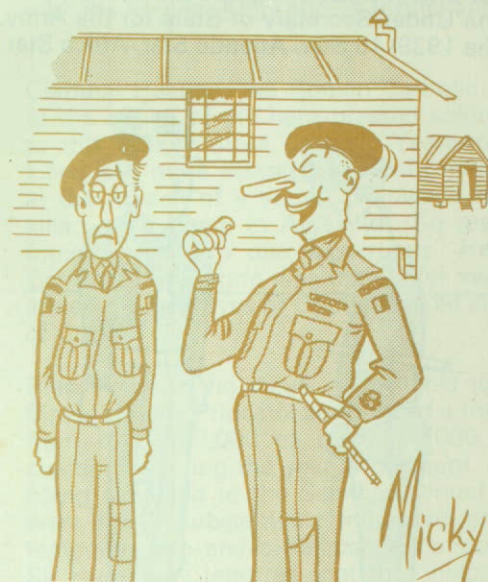
JUNIOR SOLDIERS REORGANISATION

The closure of the junior tradesmen's regiments at Troon and Kinmel Park, Rhyl, (see pages 32-33) is only part of a wide-ranging reorganisation of the Army's junior soldier training system over the next few years. Main aim of the reshuffle is to get juniors out of huddled camps into more modern and permanent accommodation. Also closed at Christmas was the Junior Infantrymen's Wing at Preston, bringing to an end a training depot remembered by generations of Lancastrian infantrymen. The Royal Armoured Corps Junior Leaders Regiment, Bovington, is to continue as at present but will also train juniors for the Army Air Corps and for the Royal Military Police (previously incorporated with JTR Rhyl). The Royal Engineers Junior Leaders Regiment, at present at Dover, will move to join the Army Apprentices College, Chpstow, sometime after January 1975 and the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion, Oswestry, will move to Shorncliffe to be complete there by the end of 1974. The present Junior Infantrymen's Battalion at Shorncliffe will be disbanded by that date; future training will be at divisional depots. Two junior leader units will be co-located at Bramcote, near Nuneaton, but not before 1976-77. Some rebuilding will be necessary before the Royal Artillery juniors are joined there by those from the Royal Corps of Transport, now at Taunton.

Although the raising of the school-leaving age has been a contributory factor, the reorganisation is mainly attributed to the need to provide better accommodation. The demise of the junior tradesmen's regiments means that boys will now be trained by the particular arm or service to which they are going.

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● The Government has given a firm "no" to bids to have conscription reintroduced. In a recent question-and-answer session in the House of Commons, Mr Harry Ewing (Stirling and Falkirk Burghs) asked the Minister of State for Defence, Mr Ian Gilmour, to give an assurance that the Government had not discussed the possibility



"So Private Smith informs the newspapers that he has nothing to do during his National Service."

of reintroducing conscription to meet the shortfall in recruiting which Mr Gilmour admitted now existed. He went on to urge the minister to "remove all the uncertainty that prevails over the possibility of the reintroduction of conscription" and to make a definite statement that the Conservative Government will not introduce it.

Mr Gilmour said he disagreed that there was uncertainty in the country about the matter and added: "I can certainly assure Mr Ewing that we have no plans whatever to reintroduce conscription."

The matter came up again at a later session when Mr David Clark (Yorkshire, West Riding, Colne Valley) asked Mr Gilmour to list the past and present NATO countries which had conscription and to say what representations in favour of the reintroduction of conscription in this country had been received. Mr Gilmour said Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal and Turkey all operated National Service. He added that since July 1970 there had been 27 letters proposing the reintroduction of conscription. All but three of these letters mentioned

MENTIONED IN PARLIAMENT

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social and educational benefits of conscription rather than the need to man the Forces adequately as the main reasons for advocating such a policy. The replies from the Ministry of Defence pointed out that whatever benefits may be, successive governments had rejected the idea of reintroducing conscription.

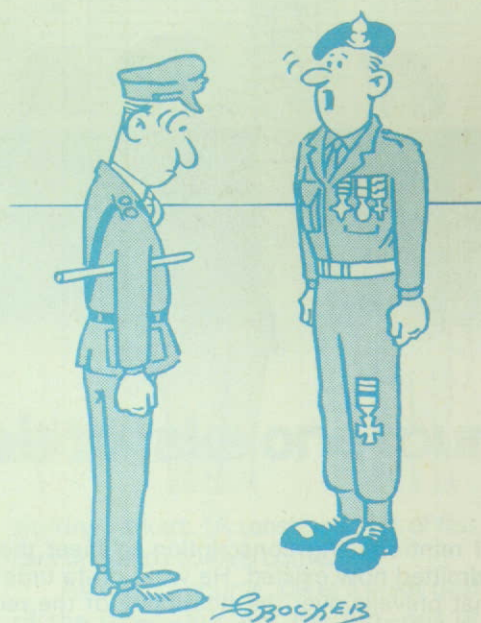
● Mr John E B Hill (Norfolk South) asked Mr Gilmour for the criteria by which parents serving in the armed forces can send their children to independent schools, what financial or other assistance is available, and how many children of officers and other ranks have been so assisted in the last ten years. Mr Gilmour replied: "The children of members of the armed forces are liable to suffer from interruptions in their education because their parents are subject to frequent postings at home and overseas. Boarding school allowances may therefore be paid to Service parents to assist them to send their children to boarding schools, but only if they remain for a complete stage of education so as to ensure continuity.

"The current annual rates of boarding school allowances are: Up to £399 for the first child, up to £477 for the second and up to £573 for the third and subsequent children in each family. For the summer term 1973, boarding school allowance was paid in respect of about 16,500 children of officers and 5000 children of Servicemen."

● It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good. And the tornado of war that has swept the Middle East has brought one advantage to Britain in the form of a field of study for missiles. In answer to a question from Mr James Scott-Hopkins (West Derbyshire) about the effectiveness of British missile systems compared with the latest radar computerised ground-to-ground and ground-to-air missiles used in the Middle East war, Mr Gilmour replied: "Our forces have a range of modern missiles well suited to their needs and there are further missiles in prospect. We are studying the lessons that are to be learned from the Middle East war which will, of course, be a complex exercise." Mr Gilmour did not agree with the questioner that the Russian missiles are necessarily better than ours. He added: "Some may be more modern, but others are not."

Mr Reginald Paget (Northampton) then added a sardonic note to the proceedings by asking Mr Gilmour if he would thank Israel for the opportunity to examine the weapons "although we did little to earn it." Mr Gilmour parried with the reply: "We always welcome an opportunity to examine as many weapons as we can."

● Old soldiers who lose their wartime medals can expect no Ministry of Defence subsidy to help replace them. But £1.26 is the most a veteran would be asked for one of a list of medals discussed in Parliament. Mr Simon Mahon (Bootle) asked the Under-Secretary of State for the Army, Mr Peter Blaker, for the cost of replacing the 1939-45 Star, Atlantic Star, Africa Star with clasp, Burma Star, Italy Star, Defence



"I got that one from the chief when I saved a pigmy's life, sir."

Medal and War Medal. Mr Blaker said the campaign stars would cost between £1.22 and £1.26, the clasp for the Africa Star from 12p to 15p, Defence and War medals 96p to 97p, the charges being based on current production costs. He regretted he could not agree to replace these for ex-servicemen at nominal cost, which would mean spending public money to do so.

● A bid for more money for veterans of both world wars was also rejected at another question-and-answer session when Mr John Cordle (Bournemouth East and Christchurch) asked the Government if it would make an annual gift on future Remembrance Sundays to supplement the retirement pensions of the veterans. Mr Anthony Buck,

Under-Secretary of State for the Navy, rejected the plan but pointed out that ex-servicemen were eligible for the £10 extra payment to pensioners authorised at the end of 1973.

● The Northern Ireland situation and the Army's role in the battle for peace are often debated in both Houses of Parliament. And these occasions rarely pass without members from all parties adding a word of praise and encouragement for the Army's work. Sir Robert Cary (Manchester, Withington) voiced his tribute in the form of a question recently. He asked: "Does not the British Army deserve the greatest praise? Very often Northern Ireland has not been a fair battlefield with individual soldiers and pickets murdered in cold blood, yet the Army has kept both its nerve and its morale."

Commenting that he was sure the whole house echoed these sentiments, Mr Gilmour added: "The skill and courage and, above all, restraint with which the Army has behaved over the last three years are beyond all praise."

● The future of the Ulster Defence Regiment, now nearly four years old, was a cause of concern when Mr John Maginnis (Armagh) asked how long it was expected that the regiment would remain in being. Mr Gilmour replied that the regiment was established by Act of Parliament as a permanent feature of the security arrangements for Northern Ireland and assured Mr Maginnis it would remain in being for "the foreseeable future."

● Profits from the Ministry of Defence's Greenwich Hospital are ploughed back into the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, the cost of which has risen by nearly £200,000 to over £700,000 in the last five years. In answer to a question from Mr Guy Barnett (Greenwich), Mr Buck listed the hospital's annual surpluses from 1968 to 1973 as £37,278, £45,571, £8,857, £16,309 and £1500 respectively. He said these sums were used to earn further income to contribute to the cost of the school.

● Britain's defence costs as a percentage of the gross national product have dropped by nearly one per cent since 1965. Mr Gilmour listed the annual figures in an answer showing that the percentage in 1965 was 6.5; in the year ended in 1973 the estimates showed 5.6 per cent.

TAVR SERVICE WITH REGULAR ARMY

Initial response to a recently announced scheme permitting Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve officers to serve with the Regular Army for six to 18 months has been encouraging. By early November there were five TAVR officers of different arms serving with the Regular Army and 14 further applications were being processed. (DMA)

ANNUAL REPORTS ROUND-UP

Cardinal Heenan, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, has paid tribute to the efforts of the hard-pressed soldiers in Northern Ireland. Writing the foreword to this year's Forces Catholic Yearbook, he said: "Many (servicemen) have been killed and more disabled in recent months in Northern Ireland. Last year I presided at the funeral of a young chaplain I had ordained some ten years earlier. He was killed by a bomb in Aldershot. So gratitude towards the men and women in the forces is not only due in wartime." He went on to say that the religion of Roman Catholics in uniform was their chief means of keeping in touch with civilian life and added: "In the eyes of God we are all civilians or, to be more exact, we are all soldiers of Christ."

Presenting to the Naafi council his last annual report as chairman of the board, Sir Humphrey Prideaux announced a trading surplus of £8,500,000. Turnover was up from £106,000,000 to £120,000,000. Almost £5,000,000 had been returned to customers during the year in discount, dividend and rebate. A further £700,000 was being allocated to the Services central welfare funds. Capital and revenue reserves were being substantially increased and £850,000 was being reserved to pay a temporary two-and-a-half per cent bonus discount or dividend to individual customers. Sir Humphrey reported that the "help the housewife year" campaign which Naafi introduced in January 1973 had given a boost to sales and the policy of long-term price cuts on a range of basic food items including tea, butter, bacon, eggs and cheese was now self-supporting and will be continued this year.

The chairman of the St Dunstan's organisation for men and women blinded on war service, Lord Fraser of Lonsdale, writes in the 58th annual report: "Never before the years 1914 to 1918 had hundreds of young men blinded in their early manhood been gathered together as they were by Sir Arthur Pearson, our founder, in Regent's Park, London. There have been about 6500 of these men and a few women who have passed through our hands for training, settlement and lifelong aftercare."

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ANNUAL REPORTS ROUND-UP

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The annual report of the National Army Museum records that the museum's facilities have been used by historical, regimental and museum associations since as early as May 1972. The museum opened in 1971. The Cheshire Regiment was the first to hold a luncheon party in the museum and since then other regiments, associations and charities have found the museum ideal for their own particular gatherings. The report also contains illustrated articles on a wide variety of military historical topics including British military commemorative ware, medals, uniforms and an intriguing piece on scandals the Army suffered in the press and courts of law in Victorian days.

NEW GRATUITY RATES

The rates of Service invaliding gratuities for some officers have been revised and apply to officers retired on or after 1 April 1973:

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2	465	554
3	696	832
4	929	1110

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2	508
3	761
4	1015

MORE NEW BUILDING

Cyprus

During the past ten years very few new buildings have been provided for the Services in Cyprus but now the situation is improving and it will have been noted that contractors and concrete mixers are hard at work on several projects. In the Western Sovereign Base Area, St John's School is undergoing a dramatic facelift. The main building will soon be trebled in size, providing not only the very latest in educational accommodation but such features as an open-air amphitheatre and swimming pool. Could the architect have been influenced by the nearby Sanctuary of Apollo and the old Roman city of Curium? So often new modern developments are criticised for lack of good design. Whatever definition of "good design" is applied (and this will always be an emotive issue) there can be no doubt that the designers and the Department of the Environment are producing a most striking building. The school will accommodate 1780 pupils of secondary age and should be completed by autumn 1975 at a cost of £1,600,000.

Plans are now well advanced and construction should start this summer for a new sergeants mess for the resident infantry battalion in Salamanca Barracks at Episkopi. This project is the long-awaited building to replace the existing Nissen-hutted mess. The three-storey building will be sited on top of the escarpment and will afford its residents superb views over the open countryside to the foothills of the Troodos range and across Episkopi Bay.

Work has already started in the Eastern Sovereign Base Area on another sergeants mess for 9 Signal Regiment. Planning is well advanced for a new cinema which, with luck, should open by October this year. Those who have served at Ayios Mikolaos will know that it must surely be one of the warmest places in the island with high summer temperatures often topping the "ton." Good news therefore that it is hoped to build a swimming pool there for servicemen and their families. No opening date has yet been forecast but, fingers crossed, it is hoped there may be a pool by summer 1975.

Canada

Following the Army Board decision to increase training in Canada to full battle groups, the accommodation at Suffield near the Canadian Rockies in Alberta is being extended. Work has started and will be completed soon after the severe Canadian winter lifts.

Hong Kong

The building programme is showing progress. One of the projects is for some 650 new married quarters. Two hundred and eighty have already been built or purchased and a further 90 are nearing completion.

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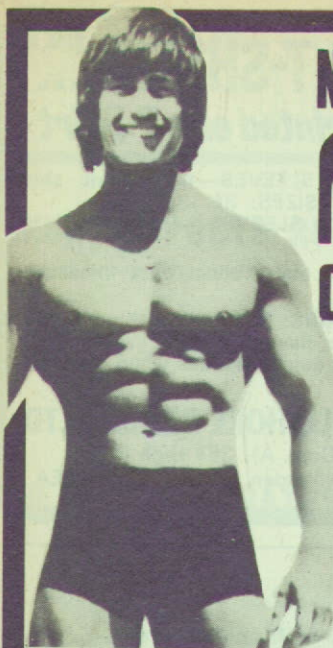
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This ugly duckling was to win the title of "Queen of the battlefield." A mere brigade of Matildas routing the flank of a German division at Arras in May 1940 caused the divisional commander—one Major-General Erwin Rommel—to make an alarmist report of "very powerful forces . . . inflicting heavy losses in men and material." At this time the Mk II's two-pounder gun could penetrate any known armour. The Italians, whose numerically superior forces were later overwhelmed in the Western Desert by formations equipped with Matildas, came to regard it as a terror weapon.

Despite such individual successes, overall tank tactics were antiquated. The German panzers were deployed as massed armoured spearheads while Matildas were dispersed piecemeal in support of infantry.

The Mk II Matilda (which inherited her elder sister's name although she had a larger and deadlier gun, a thicker armoured skin and was a much faster lady) is the subject of two simultaneously released plastic model kits—by Tamiya in 1:35th scale at £1.85 and Airfix in 1:76th scale at

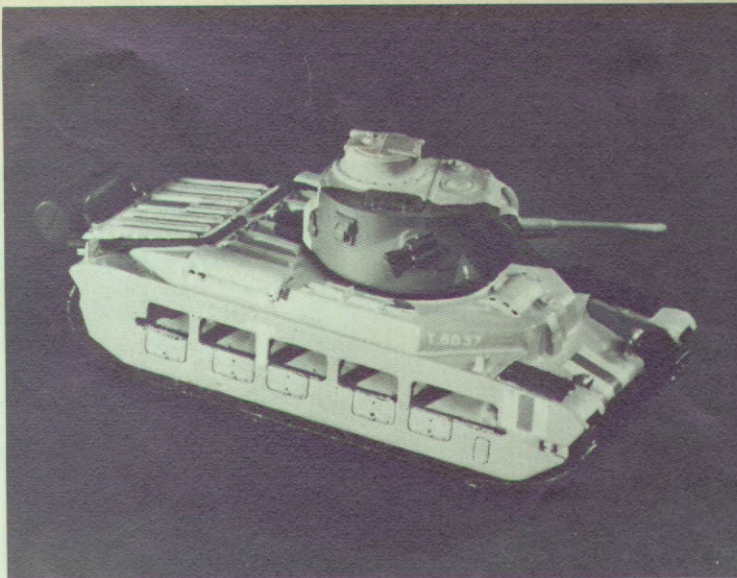
19 pence. Tamiya's kit is crisply moulded in sand-coloured plastic.

Although a motor is not included, the necessary locating holes have been made in the hull for optional later motorisation. The gun barrel comes with an incongruous collar at the muzzle but only simple surgery is required to convert this to the authentic bell shape—similar to a flash eliminator of the old Bren gun. To give the finished model (below) a war-torn appearance, a thinned-down wash of Humbrol "rust" paint or grimy mixtures of matt black, brown and grey could be

dribbled down the mud chutes of the armoured skirting. Demons for detail could fill the stowage bins with camouflage (made of bandage dyed khaki) and army blankets (of shaved grey felt) not forgetting the three blue pin-stripes down the centre!

The Airfix model does not lend itself to such niceties but this 65-part kit, with a rotating turret and flexible tracks, builds into a squat, three-inch-long model (above) of a Matilda used by the 4th Royal Tank Regiment in the Western Desert.

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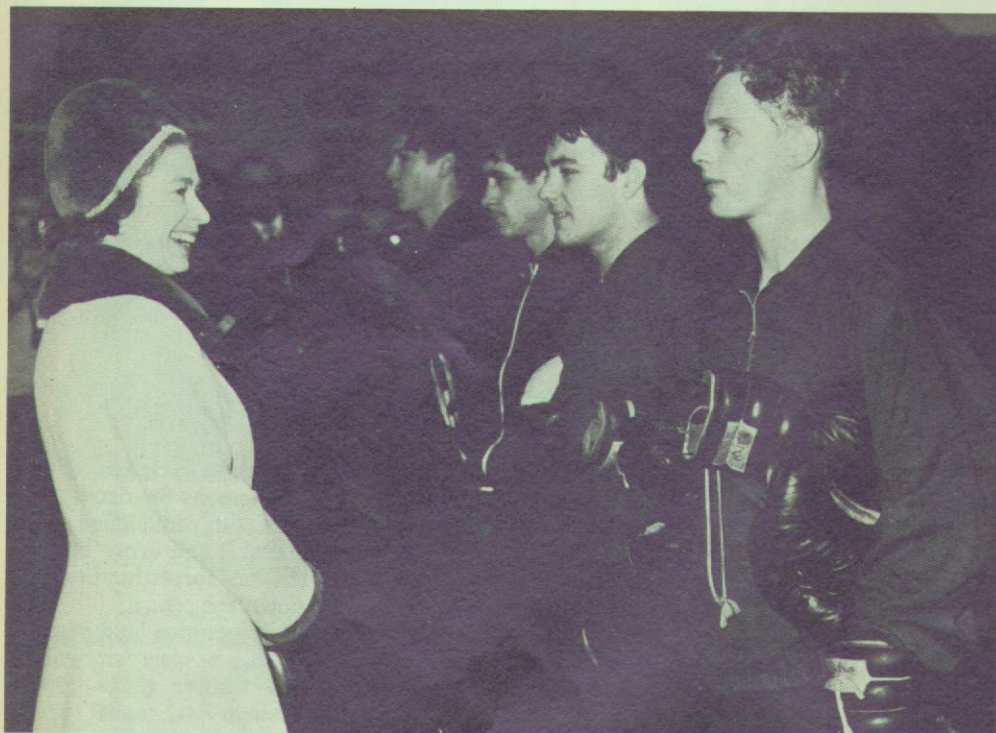
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LEFT RIGHT AND CENTRE



Six new faces, whose voices will soon be familiar to thousands of servicemen, took part in British Forces Broadcasting Service's first trainee scheme and have now joined local BFBS stations. They are (left to right): Sarah Bawden (Singapore), Patrick Lunt (Cologne), Nicholas Bailey (Gibraltar), Richard Gwynn (Malta), Richard Clegg (Cyprus) and Nicol Raymond (Cyprus).

◀ The Queen shares a joke with the boxing team of 1st Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers, during her visit to the battalion at Tidworth. Her Majesty, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment, also watched training activities including anti-tank and mortar sections, use of surveillance equipment, signallers in radio contact with Belfast and an internal security section with an armoured vehicle.



The City of Minden, Germany, presented its freedom of entry to 11 Field Workshop, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, which has been based there since 1952. It is believed to be the first time that a REME workshop has been granted the freedom of a city.



Hong Kong's tallest skyscraper, the Connaught Building, provides an impressive backdrop for men of 1st Battalion, The Black Watch, marching past at a parade to mark the departure from the colony of the Commander British Forces, Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Ward.



This sniper's eye view of a patrol of 3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, was taken from an IRA position in "Death Alley" in the notorious Ardoyne district of Belfast.



Mr John G Smith, of Dowty Rotol Engineering, Gloucester, presents a cheque to Major-General E L O Hood, Deputy Director-General Army Medical Services, to buy the latest form of surgical bed for the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, where many Northern Ireland casualties are sent for treatment. Dowty Rotol had gathered the money by means of a voluntary collection among its employees.

Northern Ireland AWARDS

For service in Northern Ireland between 1 May and 31 July 1973:

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Member of the Order of the British Empire (for meritorious service): Major S D A Firth, The Gloucestershire Regiment; Major R J Hodges, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment; Major B J S Fowle, Royal Artillery; Lieutenant-Colonel A R G Mullens, 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards; Major R St J Whidborne, Army Air Corps.

Military Cross: Captain G R Burt, The Parachute Regiment.

Distinguished Conduct Medal: Corporal G W Courtenay, The Gloucestershire Regiment.

George Medal: Captain C Field, Major M W Newcombe, both Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

Military Medal: Lance-Corporal W J Simpson, The Royal Anglian Regiment; Corporal M Thompson, The Light Infantry.

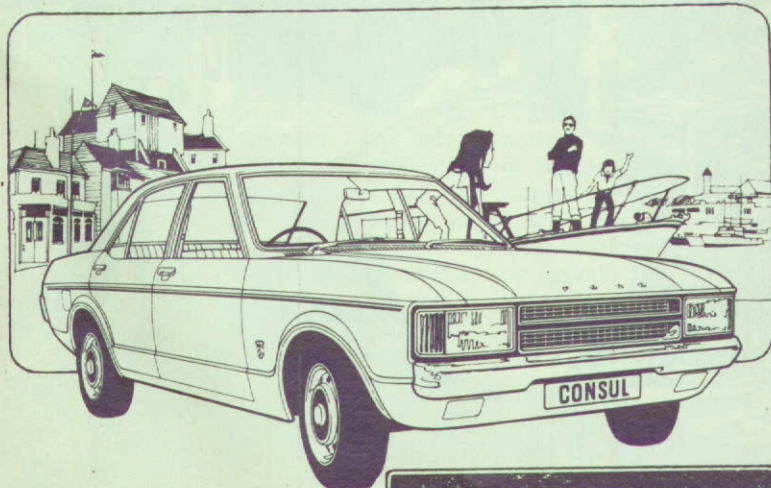
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British Empire Medal (for meritorious service): Sergeant W R Caithness, The

Parachute Regiment; Warrant Officer 2 P I Clarke, Intelligence Corps; Sergeant D J Cooper, Royal Air Force; Staff-Sergeant C D Dayman, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers; Warrant Officer 2 G P Parry, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment; Corporal J H McK Wilson, Royal Military Police; Staff-Sergeant J Wood, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire.

Mentioned in Despatches: Lieutenant A Behag, Lieutenant-Colonel J Hall-Tipping, both The Royal Anglian Regiment; Major J H Bryant, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment; Brigadier P J Bush, Staff; Major C G Champion, The Queen's Regiment; Sergeant A J Chidgey, Major D K W Farrant, Major C M S Kaye, all The Light Infantry; Squadron-Leader R A Collinge, Royal Air Force Regiment; Major J J G Cox, The Parachute Regiment; Sergeant J G Crawshaw, Sergeant D C Nance, Staff-Sergeant J H Rolison, Sergeant T Thompson, Captain J R Williams, all Royal Army Ordnance Corps; Lance-Corporal R F Davis, Warrant Officer 2 I Donald (now deceased), Corporal D T Weaver, all Royal Engineers; Corporal D H Ellison, The King's Own Border Regiment; Corporal J Esson, Royal Military Police; Lance-Corporal G C Jones, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers; Staff-Sergeant W J Jones, Major P H Reece, Captain J C W Williams, all The Royal Welch Fusiliers; Major R I C MacPherson, Captain M H Roberts, both Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers; Sergeant W M McGill, The Gordon Highlanders; Second-Lieutenant D J Marshall-Ponting, The Cheshire Regiment; Staff-Sergeant F M Mathiot, Royal Army Medical Corps; Warrant Officer 2 R Matthison, Captain A V Palmer, Major A J Scruton, Warrant Officer 1 T Simpson, Second-Lieutenant M B Stubington, Major M J Woodcock, all Royal Artillery; Lieutenant-Colonel R V Ockenden, Royal Tank Regiment; Warrant Officer 1 C H Payne, Driver G W West, both Royal Corps of Transport; Lieutenant J A Shaw, Private W K G Sherman, both The Gloucestershire Regiment; Warrant Officer 2 A J E Shilcock, Intelligence Corps.

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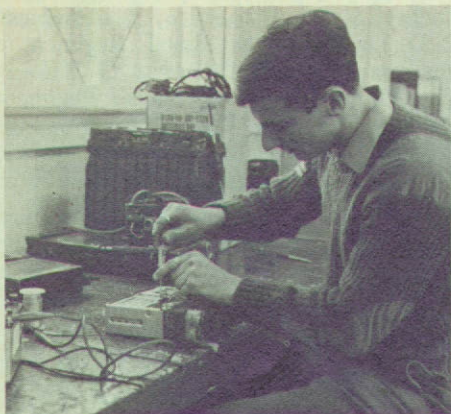


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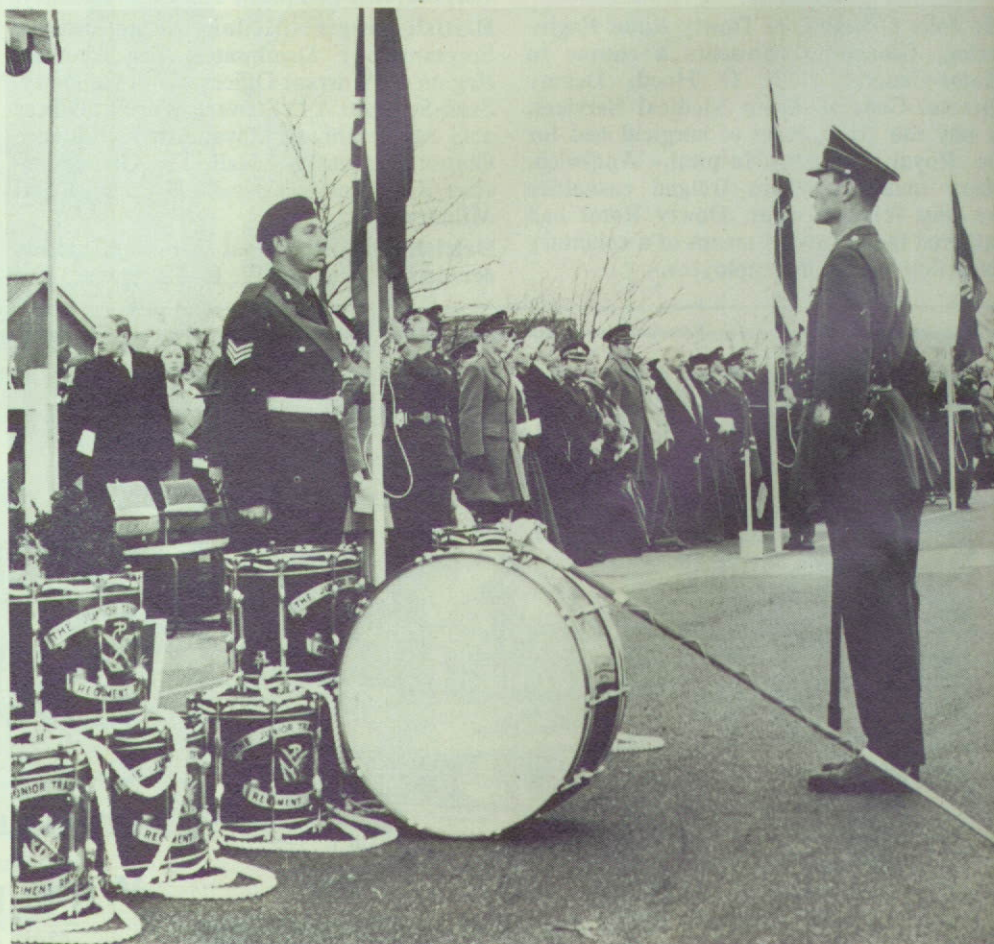
Behind the scenes. Manning the butts at the Altcar rifle range, near Liverpool.



The Kinmel Park lads had exceptionally good results in their final term on the ranges.

Goodbye, junior tradesmen

Story by John Walton
Pictures by Arthur Blundell



The drums have already been piled and now 13 flags, representing the regiments and corps receiving junior tradesmen from Kinmel Park, are lowered at the final ceremonial parade.

THERE is always an air of gloom about disbandment parades. That at Kinnel Park, Rhyl, which saw the disappearance of the Junior Tradesmen's Regiment (its counterpart at Troon had gone the same way a few days earlier), was no exception. Leaden skies, biting winds and the huddled camp set the scene for the final 300 of 5000 junior soldiers who have passed into man's service from Kinnel Park in the last decade.

As the commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel R R McNish, reminded the 700 visitors, it was only "a small page in military history" but the parade, inspected by the General Officer Commanding Wales, Major-General P R Leuchars, was for some a particularly poignant occasion. In particular the second-in-command, Major "Tweedy" Harris, will have good reason to remember the regiment for he was at Rhyl both when it opened and when it closed. He arrived as a captain in April 1962 and was promoted major and made a company commander.

"The junior tradesmen were formed to cope with the boom of postwar babies who were reaching junior soldier age at that time," he recalled. "We spent the first few months touring the locality, visiting other junior units and getting the feel of the type of boy we were going to get. We also had to map out a training programme—it has always been different from that at Troon but the end product is the same."

Major Harris returned last year in time for the last two years of the regiment's life. At the passing out parade, after the drums had been ceremonially piled, he played his part in the final rites by draping them with the regimental flag.

Two former junior tradesmen, back at Kinnel Park as instructors, were also there. One, Staff-Sergeant John Smith, Royal Signals, said: "It's a unit I shall always identify with and there is a certain amount of nostalgia in seeing it close." He added: "The regiment gave me an exceptionally good start and when the chance came I asked if I could come back as an instructor. I felt it was a job I would like doing both because I had been a junior soldier and because I am young enough to make easy contact with the juniors."

During those last few months and weeks as the regiment waited to hear its fate finally confirmed, training continued as before. Scarcely a week went by during its ten years of existence without a party from Kinnel Park being out in the Welsh mountains.

On the ranges at Altcar the final batch of junior tradesmen emerged with flying colours. Despite the much higher standards required for shooting this year, all but 13 of the 300 boys passed their test and 50 achieved marksman standard.

The Junior Tradesmen's Regiment had a 90 per cent success rate in the Army trades it was offering (drivers, driver-operators and clerks) and some boys obtained more than one trade during their 12-month stay.

Their destinations were many. Last term's were Royal Armoured Corps 22, Royal Artillery 42, Royal Engineers 38, infantry 47, Royal Corps of Transport 62, Royal Military Police 43 and Royal Pioneer Corps 15.



Junior soldiers set out on a mountain walk, a regular activity over the last ten years.



Also closed as part of the new streamlining was the Junior Tradesmen's Regiment at Troon. Picture shows the commanding officer, Lieut-Col J E Myatt, taking the salute at the final parade. Still waiting a new "posting" is the mascot, a 1936 Phantom III Rolls-Royce, which formerly carried GOCs in Scotland.



Junior Lance-Corporal Stephen Driver presents a cheque for £340 to Miss Adele Dafesh, former principal of a school for the blind in Bethlehem. The money, raised by the boys by means of voluntary 5p donations every fortnight, will be used for the upkeep of two blind and handicapped Palestinian children.

The impact on this section of the North Wales coast is bound to be big. At present nothing has been decided about the future of Kinnel Park, which has been an Army camp since World War One. Now it will no longer provide civilian employment and local charities will also miss the help given by juniors.

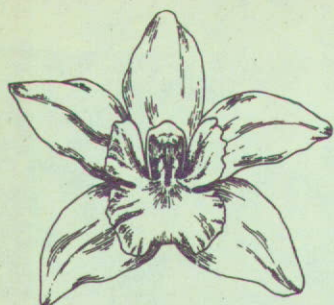
Meals on wheels for old people were run for the Women's Royal Voluntary Service and junior tradesmen assisted wardens with conservation work in Snowdonia.

But the most lasting memorials to the work of the junior tradesmen's regiments at both Rhyl and Troon will be the Army careers of thousands of what Major Harris describes as "damned fine soldiers who will fit in anywhere."



Old boy of Kinnel Park, Staff-Sergeant John Smith (left) with fellow instructors.

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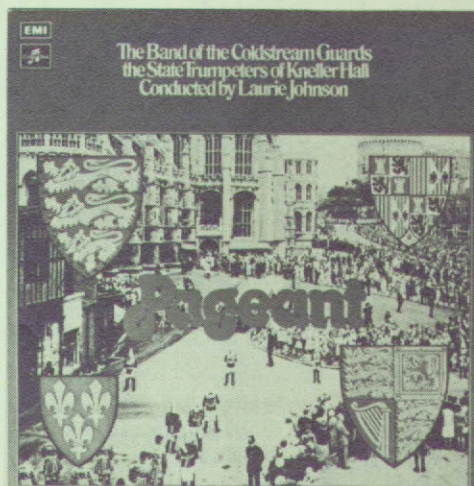
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ON RECORD

"Pageant" (Band of the Coldstream Guards and Keneller Hall Trumpeters) (Conducted by Laurie Johnson) (Columbia SCX 6544)

Many correspondents complain quite unjustly that bands are unambitious in their choice of recording material. Certainly bands



tend to over-record certain items but are in no worse case than symphony orchestras or pop groups. Concert promoters realise, when they put on "1812" every week at the Royal Albert Hall, that there is a potential audience of about 10,000 people who have never heard it before or wish to hear it a second time; the hall is always packed. Similarly records of the more popular Alford and Sousa marches sell like hot cakes to new collectors, rough luck though this may be on old collectors.

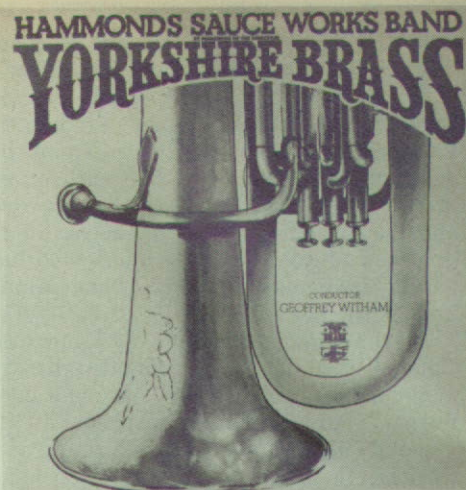
This most unusual LP will make nobody rich. Say not that bands never tread new pastures for you'll have heard nothing like it before. Laurie Johnson, of film and TV fame, composes and conducts the whole of the music for a pageant covering four periods in English history. Some staggering new sounds are heard (without the aid of strings!) with the added colour of serpent, ophicleide and herald trumpets. The Coldstream band is in tremendous form and produces playing, particularly in the cornets and horns, which I have not heard bettered.

So, all you "disgusteds," get down to the record shop and prove to Columbia that it does pay to ignore "Amazing Grace" and "Hootenanny."

RB
Four Historical Portraits for Military Band: i Hastings Suite (1066) in seven movements; ii Hampton Court Suite (1530), for woodwind, in three movements; iii Civil War (1642) in five movements; iv Vivat Regina (1836) in three movements.

"Yorkshire Brass" (Hammonds Sauce Works Band) (Conductor: Geoffrey Witham) (Golden Guinea GSFL 10498) Mellow, with a fruity flavour, would best describe this offering. The temptation to relish the pickle the band gets into here and there must be resisted, but it must be said that the performance lacks that piquancy and bite for which the firm's products are noted.

Some fine playing gets the record going with a bang to "Comedians Galop" by



Kabalevski but it is as though all their energy is sapped in the effort. Thereafter I found the playing for the most part lethargic, woolly, and under tempo in the slower sections. Four solo items, of no great musical value but well played in three cases, are "Carnival of Venice" (euphonium, Glyn Parry) "The Acrobat" (trombone, Jim Cunliffe), "The Miniature" (cornet, Stephen Thornton) and "Chanson Indoue" (horn, Brian Wood).

"Zorba's Dance" manages to sound very tame and a selection of Glenn Miller favourites, "Miller Magic," suffers from too much use of full band. Jimmy Howe's "Beguine for Brass" lacks attack and dynamism; unless I need new equipment I found these to be chronic faults in the band, plus a trombone section of doubtful quality.

I could detect a fine performance of Rossini's overture "Il Turco in Italia" lurking in the mist so perhaps the recording company needs new equipment. **RB**

"Hussars in Concert" (Band of 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars) (Bandmaster: Mr P R Evans) (RCA Victor LSA 3164)

After listening to several brass band records in succession it was a pleasure to hear the variety of tone colour a military band has at its disposal. And how well it is made use of here. In a colourful potpourri of light music one of our best regimental bands displays its concert capabilities to excellent effect.

Readers may carp at the "new image" of army bands (no oompah, few thumping marches, no Ord Hume); if only they knew how choked bandsmen are with oompah marches (Ord Hume in particular bores the pants off them). So listen to a fine band doing its modern thing, as it should, with up-to-date music likely to entertain the troops as well as middle-aged mums.

With fine brio, precision, and attractive style this famous old regimental band gives us "Broadcast from Brazil," "Riff Interlude," "White Orchids," "Tijuana Beat," "Beat Music No 1," Benny Carter's glamorous "Summer Night" and a medley called "Roman Holiday." "The New Baroque Suite" is a trio of updated Bach-style pieces I found quite painless, and there is also the catchy "Fanfare March of the 1972 Olympic Games."

To prove the regiment's close association with Tyneside the band breaks into song (Geordie accents and all) with "Blaydon Races" and "Keep Your Feet Still, Geordie Hinnny." The regimental quickstep and slow march end sides one and two respectively.

And for good measure there's a thumping great oompah march called "The King's Guard."

I hope to hear more of these bold King's Hussars—and that's something, coming from an ex-lancer! **RB**

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Servicing and support procedures were also studied and both flying and servicing effort were logged by a team of ten Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers non-commissioned officers.

Maintenance during the trial was performed by a specially formed REME servicing element, commanded by Captain George Southon, which worked round the clock in three shifts.

The Gazelle will soon be entering squadron service with both the British and French armies as the standard light reconnaissance helicopter.

It is a five-seat, single-engine helicopter powered by a 600 shaft horse-power turbomecha ASTAZOU turbine, built under licence by Rolls-Royce. Built jointly by Westland Helicopters and Aerospatiale of France it already holds three world speed records for its class. Recently Londoners were given their first look at the Gazelle when it appeared at the Army Careers Information Office in the Strand as part of an Army Air Corps recruiting display.

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He has also represented his country in the modern pentathlon world championships since 1964 and has been British and Army champion for the last four years.

The Sports Council recommended that Sergeant Fox's achievements should be honoured and his award appears in the Civil Division of the New Year list—an unusual procedure for a serving soldier.

Sergeant Fox is at present on the staff of the Army Apprentices College at Arborfield. He started his Army career as an apprentice himself at the age of 15.

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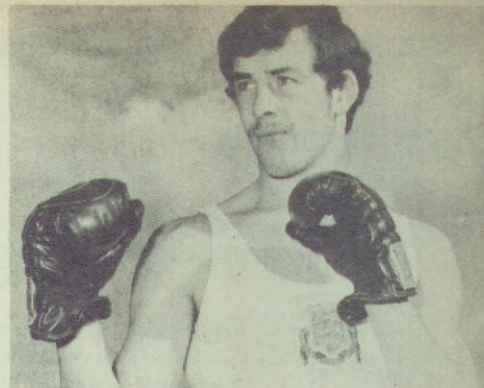
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Maxwell does it again

PRIVATE Roger Maxwell, of 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, chalked up another triumph after stepping in to the Albert Hall ring to represent his country against Hungary in place of the injured Robbie Davies. Maxwell staked a claim for first choice rather than substitute when he became one of only three Britons to win their bouts against the Hungarians who carried the match 8-3.

As Amateur Boxing Association light-middleweight champion, Maxwell could

be expected to box well against his opponent, Istvan Kovaks. In fact the southpaw soldier boxed at his best. The experienced Kovaks has been a national champion several times. But he did not inflict much punishment on Maxwell who varied his punching well and, in the last round, clinched the bout by hunting his quarry all over the ring to earn a unanimous points decision. Maxwell was picked for another ABA match in Denmark last month. Also selected was Lance-Corporal N Phillip, 4th/7th Dragoon Guards.



Rugby squad set for season

ASQUAD of 33 rugby players, including two current internationals, has been picked as up to scratch to represent the Army. In a gruelling coaching and trials week at Aldershot, former Scottish international Major Norman Bruce—32 times capped for his country—put some 60 players through their paces.

Selectors saw a three-day marathon of matches which started in a blaze of glory with the Army team thrashing the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, by 31 points to nil. In the next day's clash, the Royal College of Military Science's mixture of brains and brawn produced nine points—not enough to beat the Army team's 19 points. The third day brought the toughest

tussle when the Army team defeated Aldershot Services/Airborne 13-10.

There were many new faces at the trials week and the selectors thought the session was very useful. The squad of men from which teams will be picked during the season is, in alphabetical order: Lieut J S Ashcroft (RE), Sgt W E Bott (RE), Lieut J M Bowles (RCT), Sgt I Cairns (R Sigs), Lieut R G C Campbell (RCT), Sgt A Challinor (RA), Lieut K Collins (RAOC), Sgt P Collins (REME), Cpl J Cross (RE), Cpl M Cuss (DWR), Lieut G Davies (RCT), Lieut P M Davies (13/18 H), Lieut D J Elmsley (Grn Hwds), Spr N J Grey (RE), Lieut S F Hamilton (RA), Spr J C Harvey (RE), Capt A J Hoon (RE), Lieut R P P Ince

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SPORTS SHORTS

BOXING

The Mercian Depot won the SOLDIER shield in the infantry junior soldiers company boxing championships at Lichfield. With 15 points the Mercian Depot team was well clear of the runners-up, Wessex Depot, with 11. Third, fourth and fifth were the Welsh Depot, Light Infantry Depot, and Royal Irish Depot.

Individual results:

Class B (16 years and under 17)—J/Inf U Reid (Mercian) beat J/Inf M Ullah (Welsh), J/Cpl R Bevan (Mercian) beat J/Inf S Mathers (Mercian), J/Pte J White (Welsh) beat J/L/Cpl Fitzgerald (Wessex), J/L/Cpl A Perry (Welsh) beat J/L/Cpl C Stewart (Wessex), J/Rgr R Stewart (R Irish) beat J/Inf P Briggs (Mercian), J/Inf T Young (Mercian) beat J/Pte M Deane (Light Infantry), J/Pte H Sheath (Wessex) beat J/Pte B Wolfenden (Wessex), J/Inf D Spencer (Mercian) beat J/Pte S Page (Wessex), J/Inf Caines (Mercian) beat J/Gdsm McGrugan (R Irish).

Class C (17 years to 17 years eight months)—J/Pte J Burrell (Wessex) beat J/L/Cpl M Butler (Light Infantry), J/L/Cpl I Lawes (Light Infantry) beat J/Dmr D Quinn (Wessex), J/Inf P Dickens (Mercian) beat J/Inf G Wood (Welsh), J/Inf Oram (Mercian) beat J/L/Cpl A Cormack (Wessex), J/Rgr R Nickell (R Irish) v J/Inf D Walker (Mercian) (both unfit to box), J/Sgt K Buck (Welsh) beat J/L/Cpl R Brammel (Mercian), J/Pte J Hearn (Light Infantry) beat J/Inf M Bingham (Mercian), J/L/Cpl J Pearson (Wessex) beat J/Cpl Latham (Wessex).

As well as the SOLDIER shield, the Mercian Depot won the Lancastrian cup. In the Army inter-unit team championships, the Junior Guardsmen's Company from Pirbright won, with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps Apprentices College, Deepcut, runners-up.

The Army scored a narrow victory in a team boxing match against Wales. Of the nine contested bouts, the Army won five and Wales four. The Welsh were unable to produce a representative for the heavyweight division and conceded a walk-over.

Craftsman C Yetton, the Army heavyweight

with no opponent in the main match, got a chance to test his skills in a special bout against another soldier, Corporal A Clayton (COD Donnington). Yetton won on points.

Results:

Flyweight—Fus A Davies (RWF) lost to B Griffiths. Bantamweight—L/Cpl N Phillip (4/7 DG) beat K Hall. Featherweight—L/Cpl R Curran (1 TRRE) lost to C Davies. Lightweight—L/Cpl A Metcalf (1 Kings) lost to E Prichard. Light welterweight—L/Cpl M Dowland (2 R Anglian) beat S Lewis. Welterweight—L/Bdr J McIntosh (7 Para RHA) lost to E McKenzie. Light middleweight—Pte R Maxwell (3 R Anglian) beat C Brean. Middleweight—L/Bdr C Kelly (Jun Ldrs Regt RA) beat W Allen. Light heavyweight—Cpl J Matthews (1 RGJ) beat B Edwards.

SOCCER

The draw for the first and second rounds of the infantry football challenge cup has been made on a zonal basis. The quarter-finals and semi-finals will be "open." First-round matches were to be completed by the middle of January and the second round has to be finished by 19 February. The quarter-finals and semi-finals will be played in March and the UK final is planned for 29 March. The date for the infantry final has been provisionally fixed as 24 April at Aldershot. Military Stadium.

SQUASH

Of the five Army players to turn out against Dulwich, only 2/Lieut Neil Stewart (R Sigs) won his match. Gallant losers were Lieut Chris Wilson (RA), Maj James Beattie (RADC), Capt Guy Edwards (RE) and Capt Sidney Denham (Int Corps). Fortunes were reversed when the Army A team met Oxford Squirrels. Maj David Chappell (4/7 DG), SSI Bill Pegler (APTC), Lieut Charles Jones (RAMC) and Sgt Jim McGovern (R Sigs) all won their matches. The only loser on this occasion was Maj Jim Storr (R Sigs).

The Army players were badly mauled 0-5 in a match against Hampshire. But honour was subsequently appeased with a 3-2 victory over Jesters.

FENCING

There was revenge for the Army by 16 to 11 when blades clashed against a Civil Service team which emerged victorious in the same meeting last year. Fencing foil for the Army were Lieut-Col J A G Moore (RA), Capt R Craig (RCT) and L/Cpl S Graham (R Sigs). Fencing épée were: SI Peter Brierley (APTC), Cpl Kenneth Hartshorne (RCT) and again L/Cpl Graham. Colonel Moore, Capt Craig and CSMI John Cooper (APTC) fenced sabre.

HOCKEY

The Army eleven achieved a resounding 4-1 victory against a London University side. Flexibility in the Army's midfield play took its toll of the Londoners who were not helped by having two regular players missing from the half-back line. The Army team was Capt R M G Brooks (RE) (captain), Lieut R J White (RA), 2/Lieut S M R Eagen (RE), Capt C D Farrar-Hockley (Para), Capt G A Allen (R Sigs), 2/Lieut A R E de C Stewart (13/19H), Capt A L Moorby (RA), Lieut A Miller (RA), Cpl P Havlin (R Sigs), Lieut P C Marsh (RE) and 2/Lieut S Chetwood (RE).

In earlier matches the Army beat RMA Sandhurst 6-2, lost to Maidenhead 0-2, lost to Hampshire 1-2 and beat Mid-Surrey 3-0. The Army under-22 side has not fared as well, losing 1-4 to Sussex A, 0-8 to Durham, 0-3 to Northumberland A and 2-4 to Berkshire's under-21 team.

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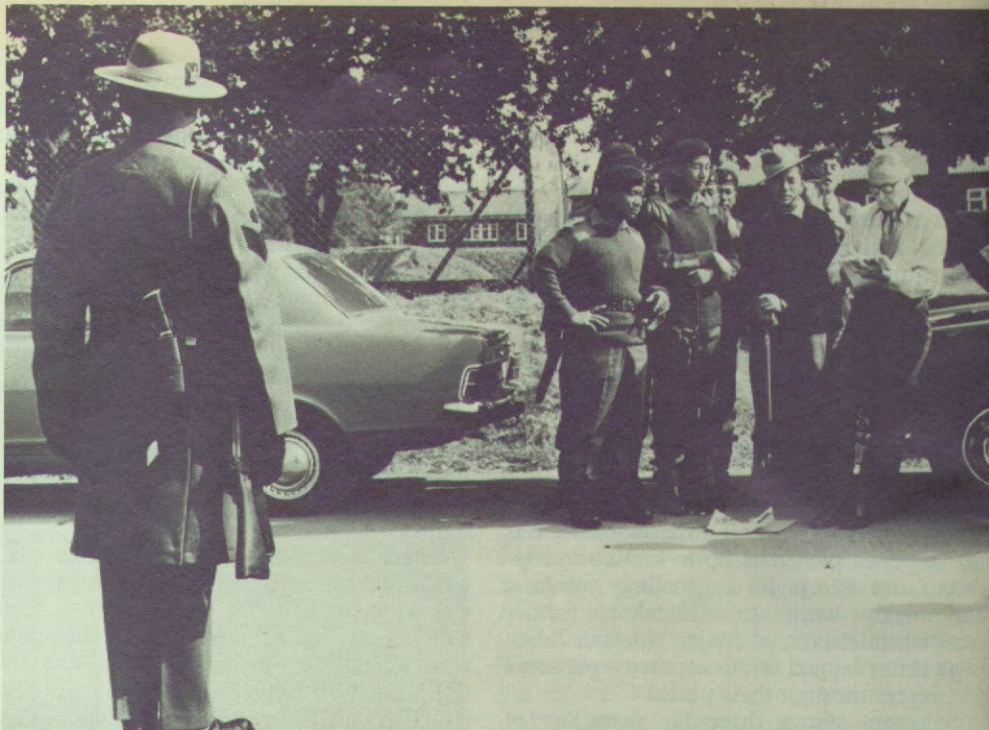
The offices of the following organisations have moved to Aldershot: Army Cricket Association, Army Hockey Association, Army Rackets Association, Combined Services Cricket Association and Combined Services Hockey Association.

Gurkhas at the Tower

FOLLOWING his painting of the 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles taking over guard duties at Buckingham Palace, artist Terence T Cuneo has now completed a second commission for the battalion, of the Gurkhas on public duties in the Tower of London. The painting depicts the Ceremony of the Keys, with the keys, carried by the escorted Chief Yeoman Warder, challenged by a sentry.

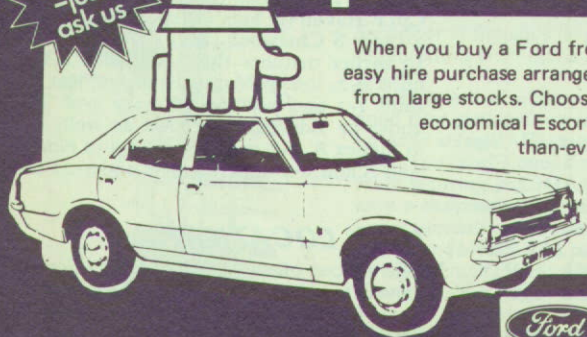
Because the 7th Battalion had ended its UK tour and returned to Hong Kong, Mr Cuneo sketched men of the 7th's successors at Church Crookham, near Aldershot—the 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.

The Ceremony of the Keys, a 700-year-old military custom, was the subject of a previous painting by Mr Cuneo which was featured on SOLDIER's September 1957 front cover.



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Dual role

The following matter has puzzled me for some considerable time. The German 88mm gun was and still is renowned for its success in the dual role of an anti-aircraft/anti-tank weapon. The British 3.7in was a very similar gun. The British Army, well-known for its capacity for improvisation, failed to adapt its 3.7 AA gun for anti-tank operations at a time when such versatility was at a premium. Why?—**J Beasley, 6 Finney Drive, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, M2 1DS.**

★The Royal Artillery Institution explains: Both 88mm and 3.7in heavy anti-aircraft guns on mobile mountings were designed primarily for use against

aircraft. In World War Two, however, the 88 was used repeatedly and effectively in the anti-tank role while the 3.7 had few encounters with tanks—a notable exception was Gazala, 1942. Both British and German Army philosophy before 1939 was that a separate anti-tank gun should be designed for the anti-tank role. Neither army appears, however, to have designed a powerful enough weapon in the first place (the British gun was the 2-pounder) and in the early encounters in the Western Desert both armies found it necessary to use other guns in the anti-tank role.

The Germans had used the 88mm in the Spanish Civil War (1936-37), had appreciated its anti-tank quality, had designed an excellent telescopic sight,

fitted a shield and provided armour-piercing ammunition. They had sufficient 88s in production by 1941 to be able to include them in the Afrika Korps in sufficient numbers to take on the anti-tank role.

The British were then no doubt pre-occupied with the anti-aircraft role since their forces in North Africa, and the ports and airfields upon which their supply and defence depended, were surrounded by potential bases for major enemy air attack. The available 3.7in guns shipped to the Middle East were used therefore in the anti-aircraft role; they had not, in any case, been conditioned for the anti-tank role as had the 88s, although personnel had been trained at least since 1937. It seemed natural to the British to use

in the anti-tank role a field gun already deployed in the divisional areas of the battlefield. Field gunners had always trained in the anti-tank role and the 18-pounder Mk IV (with platform) had seemed an effective anti-tank weapon. The 25-pounder (which succeeded the 18-pounder as the standard field gun) was thus used as a dual-purpose field and anti-tank gun until the specialised 6-pounder and later 17-pounder anti-tank guns became available.

As the Royal Air Force gained air superiority over the battlefields, so 3.7in HAA guns became available for secondary roles but (since the anti-tank role was by this time catered for) then they were employed in the field or medium artillery role.

They were there

I read with interest the article on Korea in the July SOLDIER. As a Regular with the Royal Army Service Corps I was posted to The Midlesex Regiment barracks at Mill Hill, London, where HQ 29th Independent Infantry Brigade was forming. Code-named Acanthus, we were eventually flown by RAF Hastings aircraft to Japan to await the main body of the brigade at Pusan. For a few days we were in the barracks of the Royal Australian Signals regiment in Kure before moving on to Pusan by ship in late October 1950. We had two shoulder flashes on our battledress, the black square with a white circle of our own brigade and the flash of British Commonwealth Occupational Forces ("Beecoff").

I was surprised to find the Royal Army Service Corps omitted from your list of units which served in Korea. I am sure that a general transport company served with the 29th and later with the 28th Brigade.—**K R Charles, 29 Windermere Avenue, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, BS23 3TN.**

★Quite right, Mr Charles, the RASC were in Korea with the rest of them. The omission was unintentional. Units concerned were: 57 Company GT, 78 Company (Motor Ambulance) and 76 Supply Company.

Although you mentioned both the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, and 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, in the section on the Battle of Kapyong, you failed to mention 16 Field Regiment, Royal New Zealand Artillery, which also played a decisive part in the battle and was honoured with the South Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

You might also be interested to know that 161 Battery, which is part of 16 Field Regiment, was also awarded the South Vietnamese Presidential Citation for services in Vietnam. The New Zealand Government has yet to authenticate the wearing of both these honours.—**J V Griffiths, 20 Konini Road, Hataitai, Wellington 3, New Zealand.**

The 1st Royal Tank Regiment arrived in December 1952 and served until the cessation of hostilities, taking part in many of the fierce skirmishes when the Chinese were trying to straighten out the front before the peace treaty.—**Lieut-Col A H Parks RTR, HQ Sembawang Anzok Base, Anzok FPO 5.**

Fabulous uniforms

I have been fighting my way out of the mail in reply to my letter (October/November) and would like to put the record right.

I did not mean to imply that today's

soldiers are not men—only that the walking-out dress does not help to give them the look they should have. One has only to see the hard job they are doing in Ulster to know that they are men—and grand men at that. Several writers asked about my reference to the Legion of Frontiersmen and I would say to anyone interested in this fine body of uniformed ex-servicemen, why not send for details and information to the Commanding Officer, HQ Colour Squadron, The Legion of Frontiersmen of the Commonwealth, Wells House, 79 Wells Street, London, W1P 3RE.—**W G Fleckney, 14 Buckland Path, Buckland, Portsmouth, Hants, PO2 7DB.**

★This correspondence is now closed.

Portuguese Military Museum

I recently made a presentation to the Portuguese Military Museum in Lisbon on behalf of the British regiments, or their successors, who fought together with the Portuguese in the Peninsular and other wars. The gift comprised regimental plaques, some prints of the period, medals and cap badges.

The value of such items and the natural reluctance of museums and collectors to part with their treasures is well understood but, after 600 years of alliance during which Portuguese and British troops have fought side-by-side against a common foe, some of your readers may feel prepared to donate some item. As yet I have no items that record service with or alongside Portuguese troops in Britain or France in World War One. Items may be sent (forces mail) to: Defence Attaché, British Embassy,

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BFPO 6. They will, of course, be acknowledged.—**Lieut-Col T E H Huggan, Defence & Military Attaché, British Embassy, Lisbon, Portugal.**

Thomas Atkins MC

Referring to my letter (June) relating to the distinction of awards between officers and other ranks, I am now informed by the Ministry of Defence that the possible discontinuance of the distinction between officers and other ranks in awards for gallantry was carefully examined several years ago but it was decided not to recommend any change. So it now seems that the British Army will continue to reward the bravery of its soldiers by rank.

Awards for service are a very different matter, however, and a system which rewards cadets and citizen soldiers with medals after 12 years' service and Regular Army officers with nothing after years of faithful service is bound to be the subject of criticism; so is the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal which, while generally appreciated by all ranks, becomes a mark of class distinction when soldiers in receipt of it

are commissioned! As for the Meritorious Service Medal, it is obviously unfair to limit it to 100 per year available to sergeants and above—and then on a roster—leaving out all ranks below sergeant and above warrant officer. As with the Territorial Decoration (officers only) this is a relic of pre-war days.

It seems to me that the lowest amount of service qualifying for a service medal is 12 years. All ranks, commissioned or otherwise, in all branches—cadet, TAVR or Regular Army—should receive a medal for that amount of service and thereafter the LS & GCM and MSM (or alternatively bars after every six years). Pressure of opinion could change the present set-up.—**Capt A Purvis (Retd), 16 Deepdene, Seaburn, Sunderland, Co Durham.**

GS Medal bars

The question of battle clasps to the 1914-18 War Medal (see letter from Mr R Rimmer, August) was considered at some length by a joint Services committee after World War One and some of the early recommendations can be found in the Public Record Office.

With regard to the Royal Navy, the final decision established a total of 68 clasps and these were published in Admiralty Weekly Order 2051 of August 1920. However, on grounds of cost, these clasps were never issued



Victorian photographs

The National Army Museum has received an interesting addition to its already remarkable collection of 100,000 19th century photographs. It was compiled by an officer of the Grenadier Guards who titled it Khartum 1898. The album records the progress of Kitchener's Anglo-Egyptian army in its re-conquest of the Sudan between 1896 and 1898. The methodical advance up the Nile with a gunboat escort is well illustrated. One photograph shows the 21st Lancers on a steamer, horses on the lower deck, the troops above.

The most memorable photographs were taken before and after the Battle of Atbara River (8 April 1898), which opened the road to Khartum, and Omdurman (2 September 1898) which regained Anglo-Egyptian control of the vast Nile watershed. British troops seated on the ground await the charge of the Sudanese warriors. After the battle they bury their dead (above) before continuing their advance until ultimately the British and Egyptian flags are raised above the ruins of the Khartum Residency where Gordon died.

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though I have frequently seen miniature clasps produced by military tailors for dress wear. If the picture of Admiral Sir Gilbert Stephenson referred to by Mr Rimmer shows him wearing full-size clasps on his War Medal, I can only suggest that these came from the same source as the miniature version.

As a matter of interest, 94 clasps were finally established for award to the Army and I think these were published in a 1920 Army Order. It would have been a very proud man who might have worn the first three: "Mons," "Le Cateau" and "Retreat from Mons." In regard to the Royal Air Force, many of its men would have been eligible for the clasps mentioned above by virtue of their service with the Army or Royal Navy, but an additional list was approved, mostly bearing the name of the theatre of war and the date of the half year in which the man served. These recommendations were not made public.

It seems a great pity that these clasps had to be abandoned, but documents in the Public Record Office suggest that, costs apart, the idea was finally defeated by the tremendous amount of research that the verification of each man's claim would have entailed. More than 500,000 British War Medals were finally issued.—**N G Gooding, General Secretary, Orders and Medals Research Society, 11 Maresfield, Chesham Road, Croydon, CR0 5UA.**

Drummers' dress

A photograph in "Left, Right and Centre" (August) shows drummers/buglers of 1st Battalion, The King's Regiment, at the Hong Kong prem-



ière of "Young Winston." The four soldiers nearest the camera are wearing the standard 1914 full dress of Line drummers. They have the drummers' wings with fringe and drummers' lace (red crowns on white) around the shoulder straps, top of collar and cuffs, sleeve seams and wings. Presumably on the back of the tunics there would be lace along the shoulder and three back seams.

But what is the fifth soldier wearing? One must assume that it is a drummer's tunic, but of what period? Across the front of the tunic are the lace button-hole loops discontinued by all Line bandsmen and drummers between the end of the Crimean War and the 1880s.

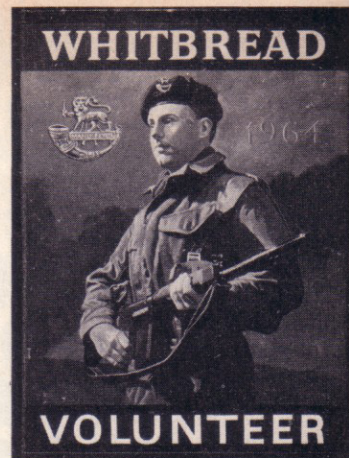
Today, only drummers of The Guards Division officially wear full dress and can be seen with button loops on tunic fronts, chevrons up the sleeves and fringed wings and collars—all in Guards-pattern lace of blue fleur-de-lis on white.

Unofficially "at the commanding officer's discretion" and at unit expense, some infantry regiments have turned out their bands and drummers/buglers in something resembling the 1914 full dress but, apart from the Guards, I have never seen until now a drummer wearing lace

Military inn signs

Three old Herefordshire inns have adopted new name signs which, between them, provide a pictorial record of the military history of the county. They are the Volunteer Inn, Hereford, the Old Comrade Inn at Wellington, Hereford, and the Volunteer Inn at Marden, Hereford.

The Volunteer sign at Marden displays on one side a soldier of The Hereford Volunteer Infantry, which later became The Hereford Local Militia in the Napoleonic period, and on the other a volunteer of The Herefordshire Home Guard 1940-44. The Old Comrade at Wellington features a bowler-hatted old comrade of The Herefordshire Regiment of World War Two while the Volunteer in Hereford shows on one side of its sign a soldier of 1908 of The Hereford-



shire Regiment, which was a successor unit to The Herefordshire Rifle Volunteers, and on the other (above) a modern soldier of The Herefordshire Light Infantry, after World War Two.

button loops. I would be grateful for any explanation as I am a keen student of military uniforms.—**MJE Mead, Kingsgate House, Amberden Avenue, Finchley, London, N3 3DG.**

★As you rightly say, some battalions have provided their corps of drums with a ceremonial dress, but this discretion never specified which period of No 1 dress ceremonial. Now to 1st King's. Until 1972 the battalion was only able to provide the 1914 pattern jacket from a stock uncovered at the regimental depot and the modern No 1 dress hat which was thoroughly out of keeping with the jacket. The battalion had the helmet made in 1972 as a perfect copy with an amalgamated regi-

mental cap badge manufactured in Pakistan. The supply of scarlet jackets is now finished and the battalion is faced with buying new ones made at 1973 prices.

In Hong Kong, however, it is fortunate enough to be able to have the jackets made slightly cheaper and the lead drummer (extreme left in picture) is wearing the first jacket to be made. The battalion opted for the full lace front (eight rows for the 8th Foot) on drummers' tunics.

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never wore, swore or sweated beneath that cumbersome headgear. The "Wolseley" was issued before embarkation, mostly to Indian stations where adept regimental *dharzis* adjusted the unnecessary pagri, usually in 12 folds with a twist fore and aft and adding a coloured "flash" according to regiment, unit or corps. With the Wolseley was issued the unsightly, thick, flat-topped, too large pith helmet. Rarely worn, and unpopular, it was totally unnecessary and an added impediment, especially when travelling fully equipped. Neck shades were also foisted on us—quilted with tapes for attachment to the helmet. The detested quilted khaki spine pads had always to be worn over grey flannel shirts, even with "battle order" equipment, but cavalry and artillery in the same brigade wore cotton shirts and never neck shades or spine pads.

During the 1915 Gallipoli campaign, German and Turkish observers were astonished that troops wore Wolseley helmets which made them most conspicuous, especially in sunlight. They helped enemy scouts and observers to distinguish them from the Australians in slouch hats and New Zealanders in pointed stetsons. French troops wore the same képi as for Europe. Again, in World War Two, Wolseley tropical helmets were doled out in scores of thousands for all stops east of Gibraltar but not for Burma. After being burdened by sun helmets for 16 years my spirit ebbed as I was handed my latest Wolseley. "This is where I came in" I told the quartermaster. He explained that the helmets were now lined with tinfoil as extra protection. My helmet went the way of countless others on a dark night in mid-Atlantic.

From Egypt to Tunisia I seldom saw a sun helmet apart from the small, smart and comfortable type worn by South African troops. As the war ground to an end the most suitable—and cheapest—Service headdresses evolved were berets and jungle/bush hats.—**R Rimmer, 21 Glyn Garth Chester, CH1 5RY.**

Park Lane Fair

As chairman of the Combined Services Committee for the Park Lane Fair this year, I would like to thank all those in the Army who were so generous in their help. We were very successful; in fact I think we have broken a record for all time. This would not have been possible without your wonderful help and support. I am deeply grateful to you all.—**Lady Foxley-Norris, Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops, 35 Thurloe Street, London, SW7 2LQ.**

Churchill story

Michael Shepherd and I are collecting material for a book of unique stories, anecdotes and reminiscences of Sir Winston Churchill during World War Two. We want this to be an "ordinary man's tribute" to Sir Winston's memory and believe that there must be a great untapped reservoir of stories and memories, both in Europe and America testifying to his greatness.

We are looking particularly for unusual experiences and also stories of how Churchill's example, words and the sound of his voice, perhaps his picture and the V sign, sustained individuals in moments of crisis. Behind this undertaking is the feeling, which we are certain is shared by

the majority of Britons and Europeans, that the very qualities Sir Winston stood for are being lost or at least under constant erosion.

The proceeds of the projected book are to be devoted to a fund for commemorating Churchill's memory in various ways, notably by an "International Churchill Day of Remembrance" on 6 June, the day of the Normandy landings. We would appreciate hearing from readers—**Russell Hardy, 36 Campden Hill Gardens, London W8.**

Cut price

I cannot decide whether the letter from Captain H D French (September) was a bit of tongue-in-cheek humour or the sort of sour comment one has come to expect from the soldiers of yesteryear about the hair length of modern youth in general and modern soldiers in particular. Whether Captain French intended to amuse or provoke, I am surprised that you published it. It was not a very good joke and if taken as fair comment does not require much imagination to guess what the young soldier thinks of this sort of letter.

The British Army has always followed civilian fashion in the case of length and style of hair, whiskers, beards etc. It is doing so now, albeit not fast enough to suit the girlfriends of some of the lads. In my opinion a great deal of the "bull" in the past—which included convict crops—was carried out solely to impress the casual observer or visitor with the efficiency of a unit. In some cases this was to hide inefficiency. Today's Army is so hard pressed to keep up with its many commitments that it cannot afford top-dressing. It concentrates on the essentials and, again in my opinion, does things

Commemorative cover

To mark the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Women's Royal Army Corps, a commemorative philatelic cover was issued on 1 February 1974. An insert card gives brief notes on the history of the WRAC. Of particular interest to collectors is the specially designed headstamp bearing the British Forces Postal Services number 1432. The postage stamp will be the 3½p definitive.

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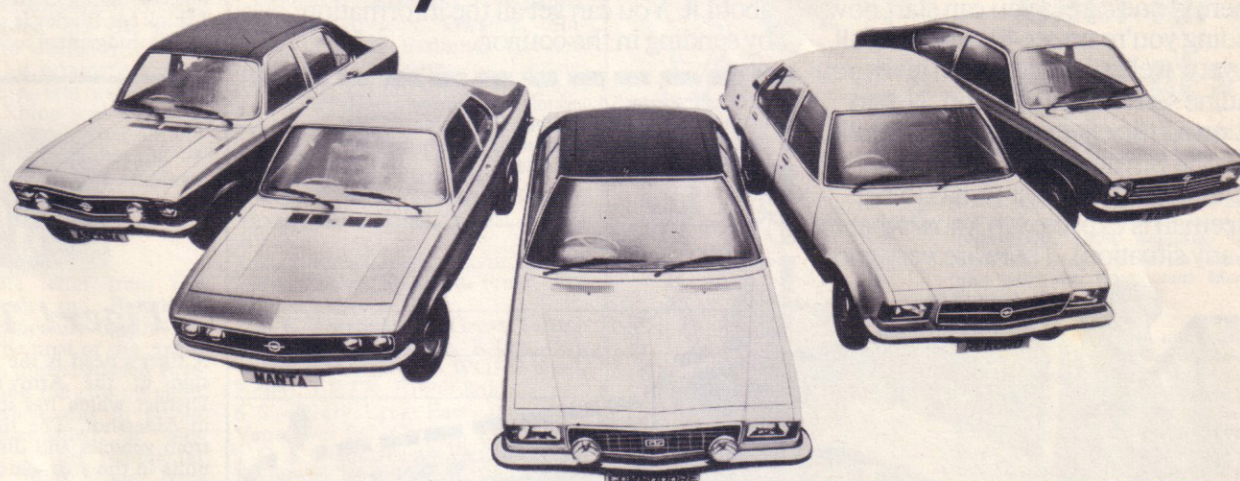
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as well as any army—past or present. If the look of the soldiers offends Captain French and people like him it is regrettable, but I am sure the majority of the public feels that it gets good value for money from its long-haired soldiers.

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LETTERS

British military history. My family have been soldiers for 121 years. I therefore have every reason to be a traditionalist, but feel it is my duty to move with the times. I hope that when my service with the Colours is over I will continue to take this point of view.—RSM M J W Chappell, 1st Bn, The Wessex Regiment (Rifle Volunteers), TAVR Centre, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wilts, BA14 8HU.

The belt below

I was recently given some back copies of SOLDIER and in the July 1973 issue there was a picture of members of the various units which took part in the 1923 Tidworth Tattoo. The two troopers of the 15th/19th Hussars had their sword belts outside their tunics. I have always understood that all hussar regiments wore the belt under the tunic on dismounted parades, both in full dress

and service dress, whereas dragoons, dragoon guards and lancers wore it outside the tunic, as I feel certain was the case in my time.

Did the 15th/19th Hussars wear the belt as shown at the period represented? Or is it a mistake? A small point, but misleading to future modellers and historians should they take the picture as a guide.—H F Tabrett, Winfield, Winthill, Banwell, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

★What probably happened is that when the two hussars lined up for the photograph they had just dismounted from their horses after taking part in the mounted events in the tattoo and so were wearing their sword belts outside their tunics, not having had time to make the change.

There was this RSM . . .

At a dinner party the other evening the conversation moved around to humorous stories involving the wit and ability of sergeant-majors to express themselves as only they can.

Breechloading Association

The newly formed Historical Breechloading Smallarms Association aims to foster and extend serious historical research into the nature, development and significance of breechloading smallarms, publish scholarly papers and articles on all matters

relating to such weapons, and encourage a wider appreciation of their historical significance.

Further details can be obtained from the Hon Secretary, c/o The Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HZ.

Such was the pleasure and amusement derived from the session that we agreed to try to compile a book of RSM stories. Could I ask anyone who has any amusing anecdotes illustrating the witty/chauvinistic/sadistic/personality of these lovable characters or, better still, details of any successful counter-attack by the squad, to forward them to me.

If we succeed in collecting a sufficient number to warrant publication, a free copy of the book will be given for the best 50 stories. We will naturally consider stories sent in by RSMs themselves although we reserve the

right to eliminate any "tongue in cheek" detectable between the lines. To protect the innocent from retribution the names of the informers will not appear in the book!—J S Hickman, 3 Neville Terrace, London SW7.

A record?

Within the Recruit Selection Centre Sergeants Mess we have a mess strength of 36. We boast a total of 770 year's service; average service per member 21 years five months; longest serving member 36 years; shortest serving member nine years; and a total of 21 different cap badges. Can any mess beat this?—RSM A J Overd RE, Recruit Selection Centre, St George's Barracks, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

March King

Although I cannot claim to have heard even a quarter of the number of marches stipulated by Mr Paul E Bierley (August) as a condition for a reply to his remarks, I am nevertheless proposing to comment on his letter.

Lack of musical knowledge prevents me from disputing his claim that Sousa was the "March King." The score or so of Sousa's creations which I can recognise are certainly excellent marches. But as to the remainder of his march compositions I would be willing to bet that a fair number are not up to the standard of "El Capitan" or "King Cotton."

I think Mr Bierley is somewhat harsh in his judgement of the "average"

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Tiger! Tiger!

A tiger's head is the newly adopted sign of the Army's South East District which has its headquarters in Aldershot. The tiger now glares from vehicles and display boards of units in the area which covers Kent, Sussex, Hampshire, Surrey, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. The new sign replaces the old motif of the torch and crossed searchlights on a shield which was peculiar to Aldershot and its pre-war tattoo and therefore not considered appropriate for the enlarged district.

The tiger's head is a resurrection of a wartime sign—that of the old South East Command, which had its headquarters at Reigate. It was from this command that Field-Marshal Montgomery, then a lieutenant-general, was selected to take command of Eighth Army. The command's area of Kent and Sussex—and the tiger's head—were symbolic of the Army roaring defiance at the German-occupied French coast across the Channel.

British bandmaster when he complains of their relative ignorance of the works of foreign composers. I am familiar with not a few of the marches of the European writers that he mentions. Teike's "Steadfast and True" and "Old Comrades" and Fucik's "Children of the Regiment," for example, are well known to even casual listeners to march music. So it is hard to believe that professional bandmasters are so bereft of knowledge as to cause the amazement expressed by Mr Bierley.

As to the marches of Goldman, I must confess to having heard but one. Its title was "On the Mall" and if that was a fair example of Goldman's compositions Mr Bierley is welcome to the remainder.—**Private R M Fogarty, 6 OFP, BFPO 24.**

Mobile canteens

May I ask whether any readers have photographs of World War One mobile canteens, in particular mobiles operated by the Expeditionary Forces Canteens, one of Naafi's famous predecessors. We are specifically interested in one canteen vehicle which was presented to the EFC by a philanthropic organisation named The British Women's National Temperance Association.

If anyone can help we should be extremely grateful. These photographs will not only fill gaps in the Naafi historical collection we propose to open at these headquarters but will be invaluable to a member of the staff who has undertaken to make a model of the Temperance Association's vehicle for eventual exhibition in the Imperial War Museum.—**G G Turnbull, Chief Public Relations Officer, Naafi, Imperial Court, Kennington Lane, London, SE11 5QX.**

Watch on the Rhine

I was very interested to read about 24th Division printing The Wipers Times (Books, October/November). The 29th Division did the same when we went to Germany in 1918 with the Army of occupation. Our journal, a weekly, was called The Watch on the Rhine and it was a Godsend to us. It gave us all the news of the outside world.—**J Morgan, 5 Castle Street Raglan, Monmouthshire.**

Sporting prowess

Referring to the letter from Mr Davies (October), 2nd Battalion, The King's Shropshire Light Infantry, was in the final of the Army Hockey Cup ten times between 1926 and 1939, winning the cup on eight occasions. I believe this to be an achievement unequalled by any other regiment. In the regimental museum at Sir John Moore Barracks, Shrewsbury, we have a cup especially awarded to the battalion by the Army Hockey Association to commemorate the feat.

The 2nd Battalion went overseas in 1938 and the 1st Battalion, returning home that year after 17 years in India, won the Aldershot Command Hockey Cup and reached the semi-final of the Army Cup. Incidentally, one of the 1st Battalion players, Bandsman Friday, was to gain an unfortunate distinction for, as a corporal on patrol in advance of the Maginot Line, he became the first British soldier to be killed in action in World War Two.—**Maurice E Jones, Curator, KSLI Museum, Sir John Moore Barracks, Copthorne, Shrewsbury, SY3 8LZ.**

HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

(see page 18)

The two pictures differ in the following respects: 1 Artist's left trouser turn-up. 2 Belt of soldier in Gallery B. 3 Depth of sculpture base in Gallery B. 4 Officer's left cuff. 5 Officer's tie. 6 Thickness of black in heart sculpture. 7 Button on officer's pocket. 8 Angle of point of arrow. 9 G in "Flight." 10 "Neck" of big sculpture.

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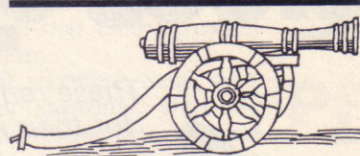
Competition 184 (September) used badges of rank symbols to disguise the names of 25 battles and asked for four more battles, one in each of two vertical columns and two in a third column. The competition was compiled to produce the answers of Colenso (column 1), Salerno and Maiwand (col 4) and Marengo (col 7), but by chance an alternative, Lepanto, was also to be found in col 3. Lepanto was therefore also accepted but only as an alternative to Colenso or Marengo—a correct entry obviously had to include Salerno and Maiwand.

The 25 battles were: Cambrai, Dunkirk, Orleans, Barossa, Lucknow, Belmont, Evesham, Plassey, Newbury, Bapaume, Salamis, Corunna, Antioch, Gwalior, Alnwick, Gujarat, Bethune, Badajoz, Sobraon, Okinawa, Leipzig, Kharkov, Cassino, Vitoria and Flodden.

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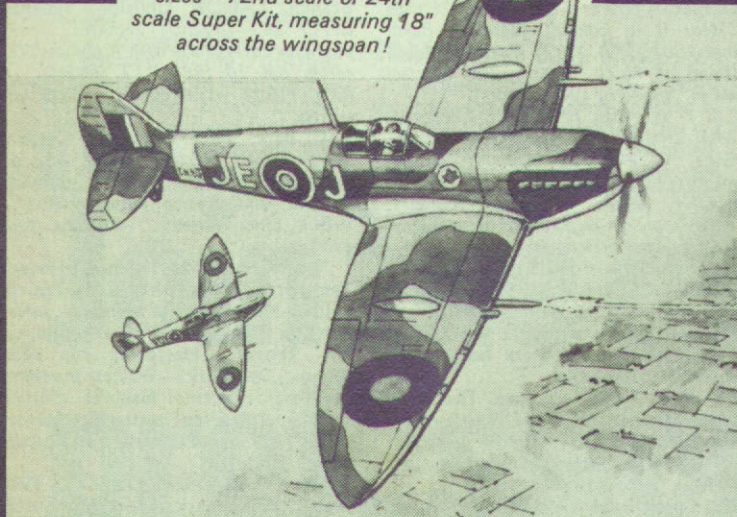
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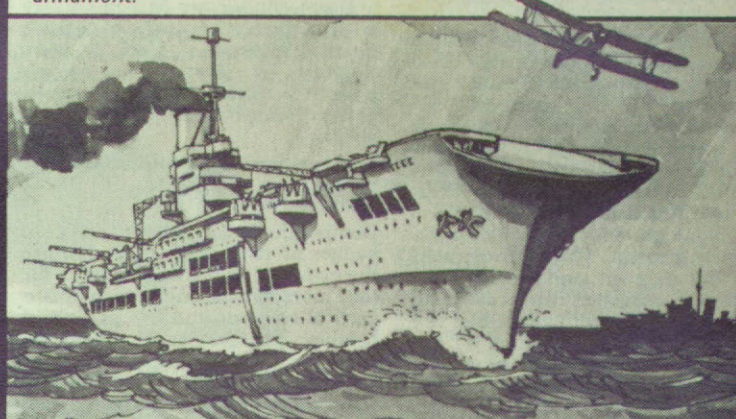
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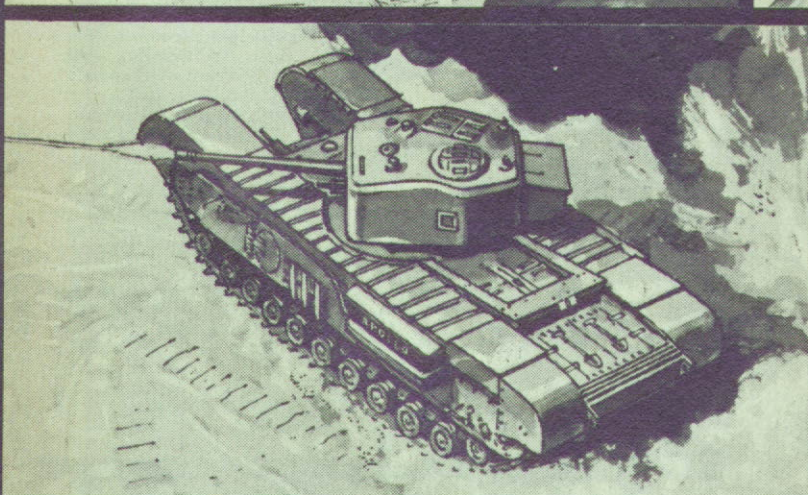
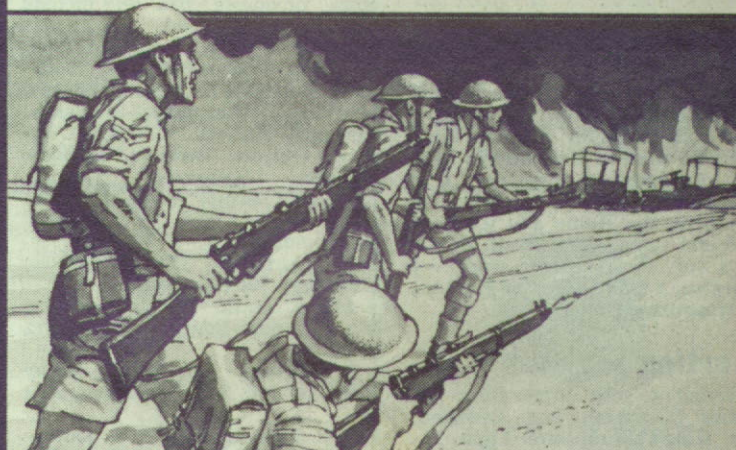
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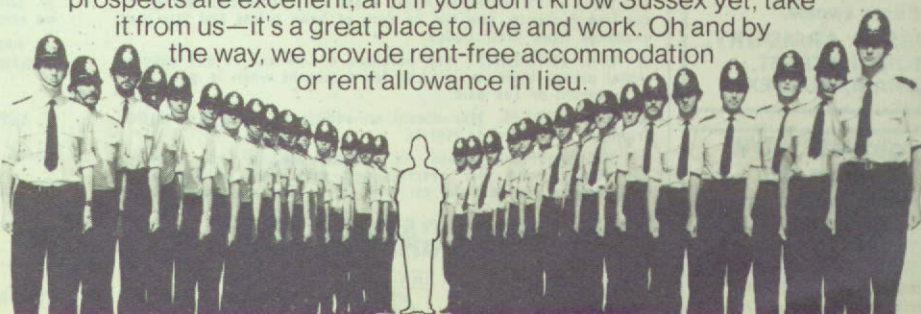
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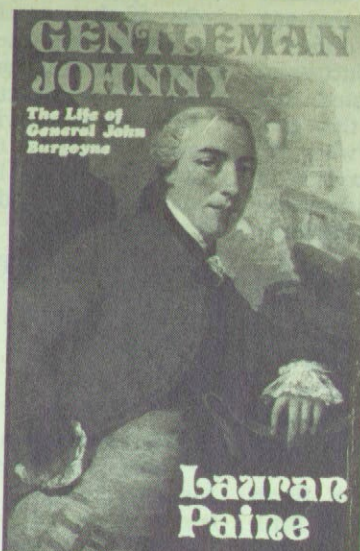
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"Gentleman Johnny: The Life of General John Burgoyne" (Lauran Paine)

General John Burgoyne has been as unlucky in historians as he was among his peers when he was alive. Where they have not just relegated him to the footnotes, he has been depicted as an unscrupulous careerist and intriguer. Such strictures were probably not undeserved, but the fact remains that when he surrendered to the Americans at Saratoga Springs on 17 October 1777, he did so through no fault of his own.

Burgoyne was a professional soldier, not perhaps a skilled tactician but able to grasp the wider aspects of strategy. As a professional, he was at home when fighting professionals but, like many other commanders of his day, he failed to grasp that the disorderly armed rabble he faced in America could fight.

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The Kurds of Iraq rebelled in 1961 but this was by no means the first Kurdish revolt, as Major O'Ballance makes clear in his first 73 scene-setting pages. The outcome was nine years of stalemate humiliating to the Iraqi army, the classic case of lightly-armed, mobile hillmen holding at bay conventional, road-bound formations. Few people outside Iraq heard of the rebellion because the Kurds had no skill at propaganda and the Iraq government wanted it kept quiet.

The revolt achieved the principle of Kurdish autonomy and the greatest degree of Kurdish unity on record, thanks to Mullah Mustafa Barzani, swashbuckling leader of the toughest tribe, who is still, at 75, at the helm.

Major O'Ballance sees the revolt as a brief period of glory in the tale of a race becoming detribalised as young men leave the mountains for jobs in the towns and oilfields. Faber & Faber, 3 Queen Square, London WC1, £2.95 RLE

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"The Australians in Nine Wars: Waikato to Long Tan" (Peter Firkins)

The Australians have a reputation second to none for grit, determination and fighting skill. As Lord Slim pointed out, of all the allies it was the Australian soldier who first disproved the invincibility of the Japanese Army. It was to be expected. In his day, the Digger has fought Maoris, Dervishes, Boxers, Boers, Turks, Germans, Italians, Malayan terrorists, North Koreans, Red Chinese, Indonesians and North Vietnamese.

Mr Firkins pays glowing tribute to the Aussie fighting man in a book which will be welcomed by anyone who likes his history fast and action-packed.

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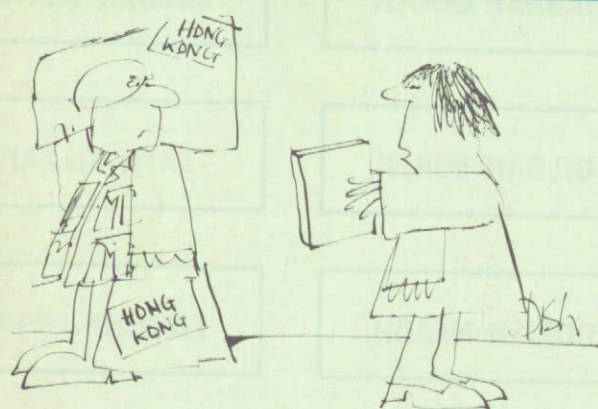
Mr Paine goes far towards redressing the balance of history in Burgoyne's favour and brings to life in vivid and readable terms a soldier who is worth more than a passing thought.

Robert Hale & Company, 63 Old Brompton Road, London SW7, £2.80 JCW

BRIEF GLORY

"The Kurdish Revolt, 1961-1970" (Edgar O'Ballance)

There are several million Kurds—nobody is quite sure how many—living in a mountainous area, most of it inside Persia, Iraq and Turkey but including corners of Syria and the Soviet Union. They are tough, quarrelsome, warlike and have a proverb, "The Kurds have no friends." British soldiers have fought against and alongside them during and between two world wars.



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book is an apparent move towards rehabilitating Major-General H Gordon Bennett, the Australian commander who, after the surrender at Singapore, escaped with two of his staff officers. At the time he was condemned for leaving his men in the lurch though his great reputation for personal bravery should have given the lie to such a thought. Though judged by two courts of inquiry to have acted unwisely, no one can doubt either his good intentions or his courage. Pan Books Ltd, 33 Tothill Street, London SW1, 90p JCW

WORLD WAR ONE

"Opening Moves: August 1914" (John Keegan)

"Trench Fighting 1914-18" (Charles Messenger)

"Carpathian Disaster: Death of an Army" (Geoffrey Jukes)

"Tanganyikan Guerrilla: East African Campaign 1914-18" (Major J R Sibley)

These are the first four volumes (Books 1, 2, 3 and 4) of the Pan/Ballantine. "History of the First World War" and they fully maintain the standard of a similar history of World War Two. There have been many histories of World War One, its heroes and its scapegoats, its successes and its failures. In essence, this new venture is a synthesis of them all.

Mr Keegan shows how the first 30 days of the war determined its future course, the terms of the peace and indeed the course of world history. Vividly, he describes the battles—Liège, Mons, Charleroi, Guise and Rossignol—and follows the sweep of the German Army to the Marne in August 1914, with the shattered and disorganised French Army recovering and miraculously throwing the Germans back. Mr Keegan tells the story with the same zest and lucidity that have distinguished his other Pan/Ballantine books, and sets the scene for what is to follow.

Mr Messenger takes up the story where, having lost mobility, both sides dig in. We see how the battle degenerates into the miseries of trench warfare.

For four terrible years men endured the cold, the wet, the squalor, the noise, the frequent death of comrades, the constant danger and the apparent inevitability of personal extinction. Charles Messenger captures all the inhumanity, the comradeship and, most of all, the resignation of men who counted themselves already dead.

Mr Jukes takes us to the Eastern Front where the Imperial Russian

Army, the largest in the world, was in turn massed to smash the Kaiser. But it was a restive army. One reason why the Tsar went so willingly to war was that the threat to his throne and his aristocracy could be removed if the growing anger of the masses could be directed against a foreign enemy. Badly led and ill-equipped, the Russian soldier was brave and persistent though, in two years of agonising battle, he suffered defeat after defeat.

The author pays tribute to the one good general the Tsar possessed, Alexey Brusilov, the only man with the will and the ability to plan for victory. But even he could not combat the growing disaffection throughout the army.

Major Sibley, too, selects a hero, the brilliant General Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck who ran rings round the allies in East Africa for the whole of World War One and surrendered only after the armistice. Commanding the forces of the German East African protectorate, he was far from home with minute forces at his disposal but determined



to do all in his power to disrupt the allied war effort.

For four years he marched through East Africa, avoiding major battles but attracting Allied forces many times larger than his own.

His ability as a leader, tactician and strategist was more than a match for any of the generals sent after him, including the purposeful Smuts and Van Deventer. Von Lettow-Vorbeck's campaign remains a classic example of what can be achieved in guerrilla war by well-

led, disciplined troops. Pan Books Ltd, 33 Tothill Street, London SW1, 50p each JCW

SUBALTERN'S WAR

"The Little Men" (K W Cooper)

Ken Cooper was a platoon and company commander in 2nd Battalion, The Border Regiment, in 1944-45. He fought with Fourteenth Army, first on the Ukhul road to the east of Imphal, then southward to make the assault across the Irrawaddy and the break-out from the bridgehead. His was very much a sharp-end campaign.

He writes about it all in detail, from notes made soon afterwards, recalling his platoon's characters with pride and affection, his superiors sometimes critically. It is a story of men often stretched beyond endurance. After one badly mis-handled incident, the men, and even some of the non-commissioned officers, turned "bolshie" and it took all the officers' persuasion to get them moving into attack. Later, the author himself, after nine consecutive sleepless nights, burst into a hysterical tirade at his sympathetic colonel.

This account of an infantry subaltern's war is authentic and honest and after a shaky start makes excellent reading.

Robert Hale, 63 Old Brompton Road, London SW7, £2.50 RLE

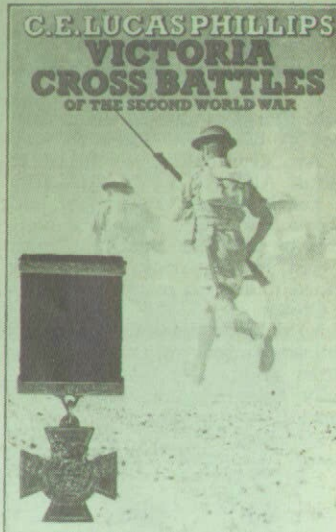
MULTIPLE AWARDS

"Victoria Cross Battles of the Second World War" (C E Lucas Phillips)

The author has set out to chronicle actions in World War Two which produced multiple awards of the Victoria Cross. He has avoided, he says, those already fully chronicled, like St Nazaire, Alamein, Dieppe and Cassino.

This has left him Crete, the Battle of the Atlantic, the midjet submarines in the Norwegian fjords and at Singapore, Imphal and, in the Western Desert, Crusader, Gazala, Ruweisat and Akarit. It is stirring to read about them again, with the Victoria Cross exploits highlighted, but none could be said to be little-known or unchronicled and the author does not add anything new.

In his introductory chapter he reminds us that many who deserved the Victoria Cross failed to receive it for lack of witnesses. This is why only one of the solitary young men who fought the Battle of Britain was awarded it. Mr Phillips might have added that others doubtless failed to get it through lack of literary skill on the part of those making the recom-



mendation. These are just facts of life; facing them in no way disparages either the honour or those who received it.

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Like all other "Famous Regiment" publications this volume is clearly written and well-presented. What a pity there are no maps to accompany the narrative.

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Uniforms, insignia, equipment and establishments are described in meticulous detail interspersed with intriguing regimental sidelights. We learn, for instance, that for duties with the Empress within the palace the 2nd Troop of the Prussian

Leibgendarmerie wore a special uniform in the old 18th century style known as the Schloss-Galabekleidung or castle festive dress; that a Kürassier standard bearer was usually a sergeant chosen from the best swordsmen in the regiment; and that the Garde du Corps supplied the Kaiser's personal escort from men reputed to be the tallest in the German Army.

This valuable reference work is embellished with 16 colour plates, many line drawings and nearly 100 photographs, some of which are of considerable historic interest.

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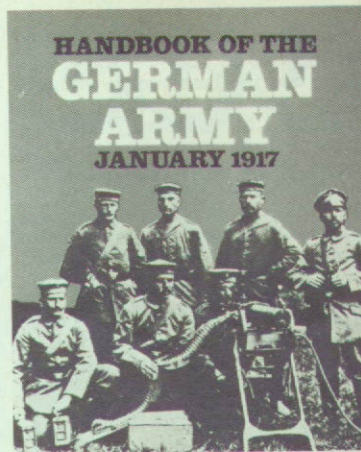
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The 14 chapters and three appendices, covering every facet of the German military machine—recruit training, mobilisation, command and staffs, weapons, artillery, infantry, cavalry, air, technical units, uniforms, badges of rank—form a detailed record of the military efficiency which characterised one of the great armies of the world. EP Publishing Ltd, East Ardsley, Wakefield, Yorkshire, £2.00

"The Machinery of War: An Illustrated History of Weapons" (Brigadier Peter Young)

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the development of weapons of war down the ages. Every new weapon provokes inventive thought in an effort to find a neutraliser—the anti-tank gun followed the tank, Asdic and the depth charge followed the submarine, and so on.

Brigadier Young shows how success came to various generals like Napoleon and Moltke (the Elder) because they were the ones who kept up to date. He tells the story of weaponry in vivid and interesting terms. This book is an eloquent reminder that man is at his most ingenious when he is devising means to destroy his neighbours.

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"Kreta" (Peter Stahl)

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In 1928, Mrs Cook married a private (promoted on his wedding day) in the Royal Army Medical Corps. She suffered the hardships of being a wife "off strength" but had her rewards, not least of these the luxury of World War Two in India, where her husband was commissioned. Her account of her career as a soldier's wife is trivial but might have been entertaining had someone troubled to doctor her style and punctuation and correct the printers' errors.

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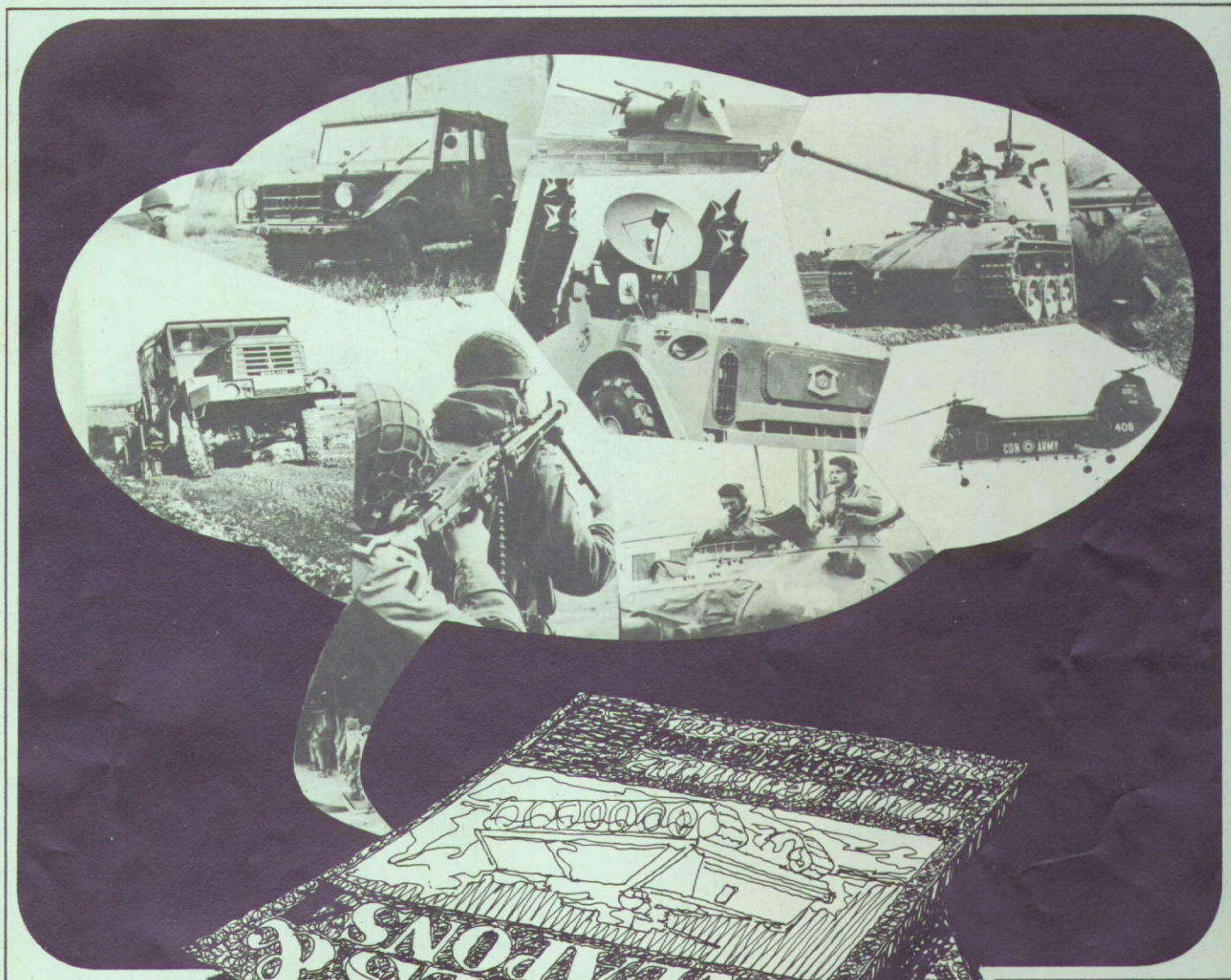
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