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JULY 1972

- 9 210 (Staffordshire) Light Air Defence Battery, Royal Artillery (Volunteers), freedom of Wolverhampton.
- 10 **Recruiting display, Barnsley (10-12 July).**
- 12 Massed bands display, Larkhill.
- 12 Royal Tournament, Earls Court, London (12-29 July).
- 12 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 14 Cheltenham Tattoo (14-15 July).
- 15 Artillery Day, Larkhill.
- 19 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 22 Gloucester Carnival (band).
- 22 Stroud Show (band).
- 24 **5 Light Regiment RA drives through Huddersfield (band, display).**
- 26 Inverness Tattoo (26 July-3 August).
- 29 Beating Retreat, 38 Engineer Regiment weekend, Ripon (29-30 July).
- 29 Plymouth Air Show.
- 30 Royal Armoured Corps Centre Open Day, Bovington.

AUGUST 1972

- 1 Tyneside Summer Exhibition (1-5 August).
- 2 Colchester Searchlight Tattoo (2-5 August).
- 4 Nottingham Army Display (4-6 August).
- 4 **Hull Show (band, recruiting displays) (4-5 August).**
- 6 Old Contemptibles Association annual parade and service, Aldershot.
- 8 **Huddersfield Holidays-at-Home (recruiting displays) (8-9 August).**
- 9 Bingley Show (recruiting display).
- 12 Open Day, Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Engineers, Dover.
- 16 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 18 Edinburgh Tattoo (18 August-9 September).
- 18 Reading Show (18-19 August) (band).
- 23 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 26 Leeds Gala (bands, displays) (26-28 August).
- 26 Harlow Show (band, Red Devils, bty 3 RHA) (26-27 August).
- 30 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 31 Sheffield Show (bands, displays) (31 August-2 September).

SEPTEMBER 1972

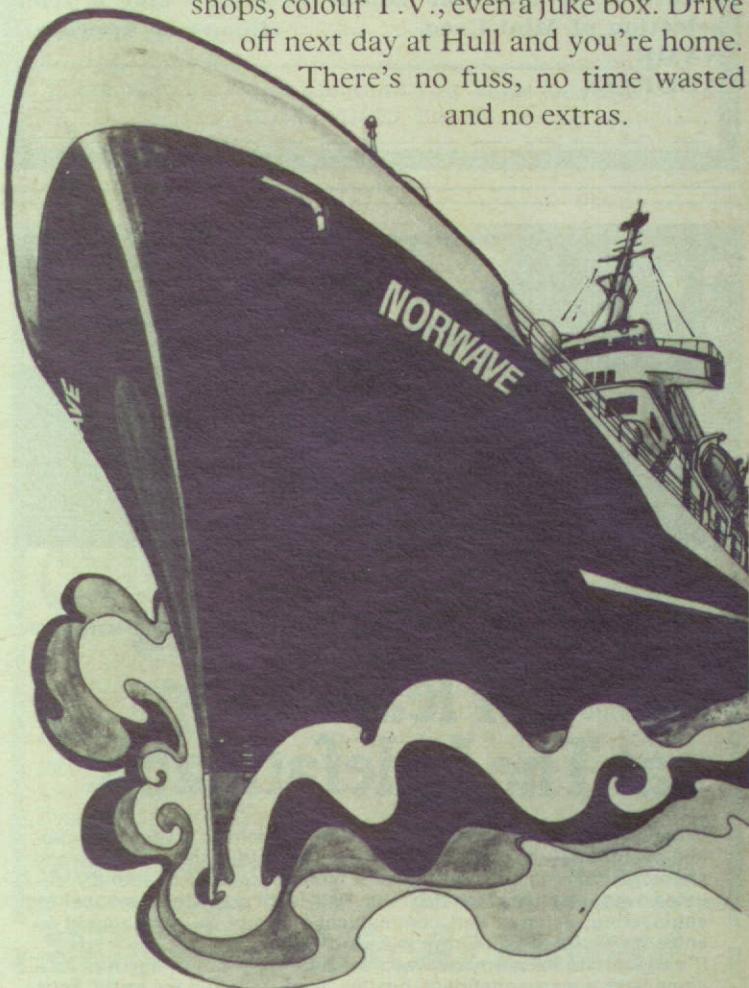
- 2 Keighley Show (band, displays).
- 6 Preston Tattoo (6-9 September).
- 6 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 9 Freedom of Bury, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.
- 9 Freedom of Preston, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment.
- 12 Barrow-in-Furness Army display.
- 13 Kneller Hall grand (band) final concert.
- 15 Royal Artillery At Home, Woolwich (15-16 September).
- 16 Army recruiting display, Liverpool (16-17 September).
- 16 Water Carnival, Welwyn Garden City (3 RHA, Para display team, Red Devils).
- 19 Centenary, Roundhay Park, Leeds (or 22 September) (bands).

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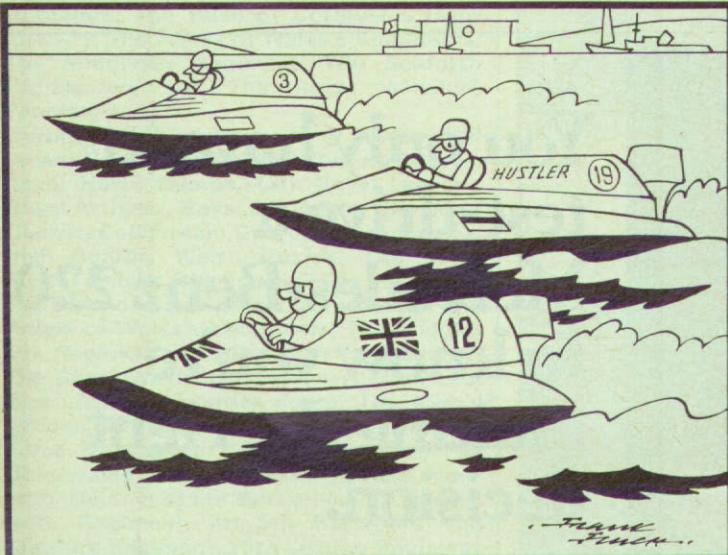
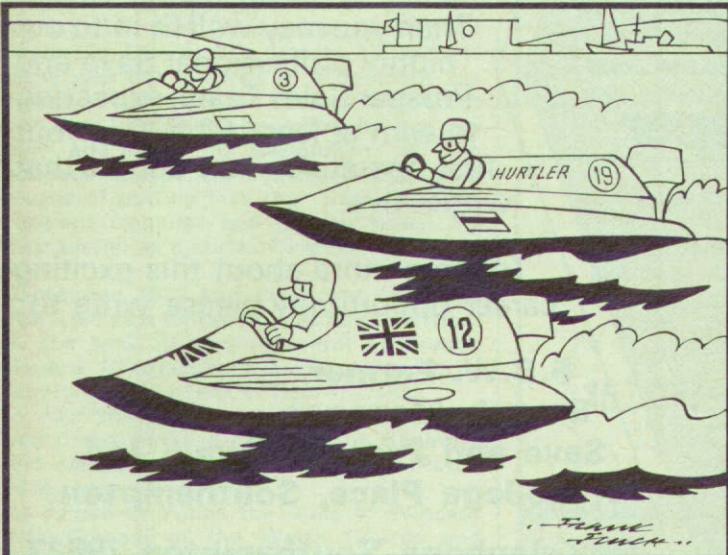


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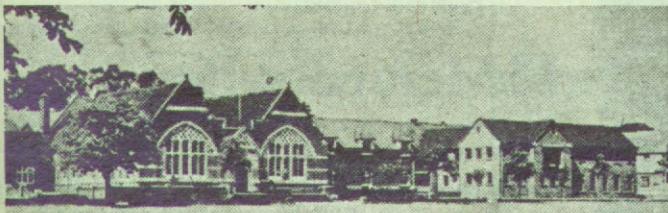
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On the outbreak of World War One the Prince of Wales, as he then was, left Magdalen College, Oxford, to join the Army. He was commissioned in the Grenadier Guards but despite his earnest pleas was not allowed to accompany his battalion to France. As soon as the British line was stabilised, however, he had his way and used his assignment at the headquarters of the Guards Division as a means of getting into the "thick of it" in forward trenches and shelled areas. He also served as a staff officer in Egypt and Italy.

September 1939 and the onset of World War Two saw him serving as liaison officer in the rank of major-general at French General Headquarters, having temporarily relinquished his rank of field-marshall.

In July 1940 he was appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bahamas and served in this dual role until March 1945.

As Prince of Wales the Duke of Windsor was Colonel of the Welsh Guards and Colonel-in-Chief of The 12th Royal Lancers, The Royal Scots Fusiliers, The South Wales Borderers, The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, The Prince of Wales's Volunteers, The Middlesex Regiment, The Seaforth Highlanders and The Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry.

During his brief reign as King Edward VIII he was Colonel-in-Chief of The Life Guards, Royal Horse Guards, 12th Royal Lancers, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Grenadier Guards, Coldstream Guards, Scots Guards, Irish Guards, Welsh Guards, The Royal Scots Fusiliers, The South Wales Borderers, The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, The Prince of Wales's Volunteers, The Middlesex Regiment, The Seaforth Highlanders, The Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry, The Royal West African Frontier Force, The King's African Rifles and The Ceylon Defence Force. He was also Captain-General of The Honourable Artillery Company and Honorary Colonel of 5th Battalion, The Devonshire Regiment, 4th/5th Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment, 16th London Regiment and Oxford University Contingent, Senior Division, Officer Training Corps.



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Heroes of the QE2

MORNING coffee over, a 29-year old training officer at the Army School of Ammunition, Bramley, marshalled his thoughts for the next lesson he was to give, on the subject of commercial explosions. Then the phone rang and a chain of events began which within ten hours was to land him on the liner Queen Elizabeth 2 in mid-Atlantic.

The officer, Captain Robert Williams, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, led the team of four servicemen who parachuted into the sea to the QE2 which had been threatened with a bomb attack unless a £135,000 ransom was paid.

Captain Williams received the call at 1115 hours. At the same time, miles away in Hereford, Staff-Sergeant Clifford Oliver (32), of 22nd Special Air Service Regiment and an expert on terrorist explosive devices, was himself in the middle of a lesson when his call came. In Poole, Dorset, two Royal Marines, Lieutenant Richard Clifford (26) and Corporal Tom Jones (28), both with specialist

Left: This mission just had to succeed in weather that normally cancels parachuting.

knowledge of demolition and its operational uses and both experienced swimmers, were called on to make up the team.

Captain Williams explained: "We had never worked together before although the two marines normally operated together. All of us are explosives experts in our own ways."

Describing how the operation got underway he added: "The others went direct to Lyneham by helicopter. I was lifted to Abingdon at 1230 for parachute jumping instruction—I started doing a course four years ago and did three static-line jumps but I didn't particularly like it. Then I was flown to Lyneham in a Hercules and we took off."

For more than four hours the world held its breath as the Hercules lumbered through thick cloud to rendezvous with the threatened liner in the middle of the ocean. Tension inside the aircraft was no less. "We all had a hell of a time," Captain Williams recalled. "Parachuting conditions were very bad. The cloud base was at 300 feet and we jumped at 800 feet through 500 feet of it.

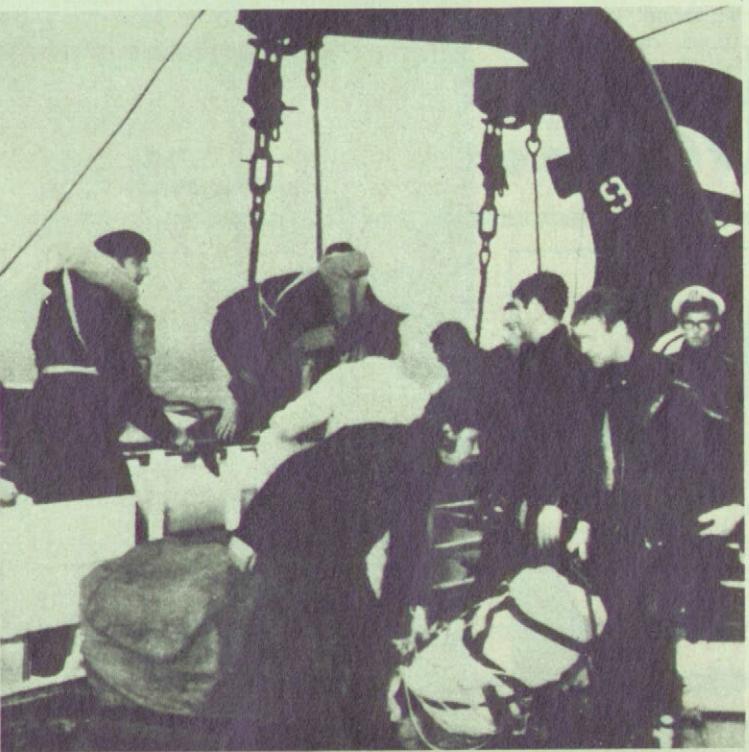
Below: The QE2's launch speeds to the men bobbing in the ocean swell after the drop.

The first two went out on the third circuit and the pilot made four more after that before dropping the others."

With only 30 seconds to get out of the parachute harnesses when they hit the water, the team had no time to admire the aerial view of the giant liner's sleek lines. Captain Williams first became aware of the QE2 when he heard shouted instructions from the bridge. Soon he was there himself with the ship's captain. It was 2045, less than ten hours after the phone call had shattered the routine of his day at Bramley.

For days after the incident, attention naturally focused on the four-man team, but, said Captain Williams, "It was a marvellously co-ordinated operation with something like 100 people concerned in the link-up. It was a fantastic piece of inter-Service co-operation involving the Army, Navy, Air Force and Merchant Navy."

Cunard, the liner's owners, thanked the team with the offer of a free cruise. The inter-Service aspect of the operation was recognised by the gratitude of the QE2's passengers—they collected £631.40 and 1096 USA dollars for the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families' Association.



Above: The rails of the threatened liner crowded with anxious passengers as a boat goes to the pick-up.

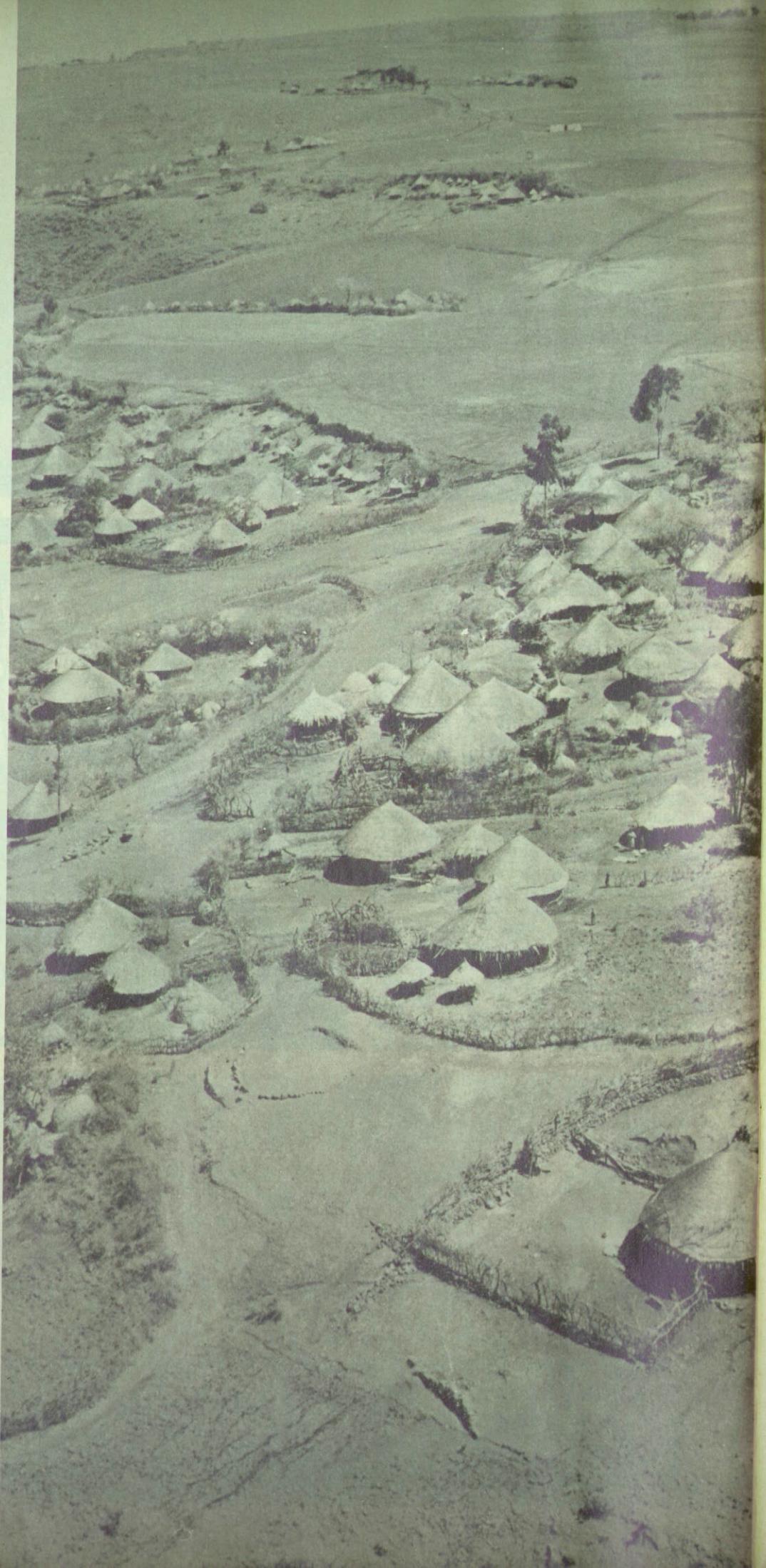
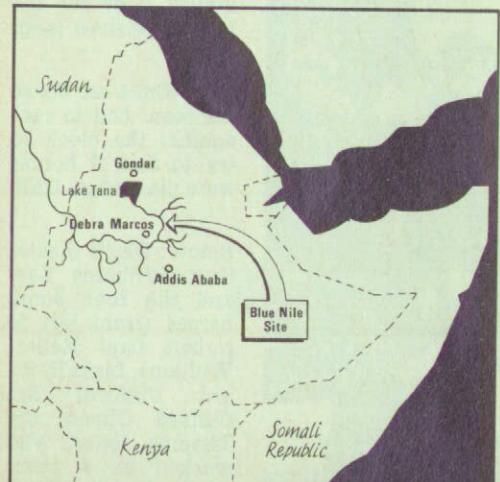
Top left: QE2 looms through haze—their first glimpse of the luxury liner for the four explosives men.

Left: Once on board the team had to race against the clock to try to find if bombs were planted on QE2.

Below: QE2's master Capt Williams (left) and the four bomb heroes (from left to right): Capt Robert Williams, Lieut Richard Clifford, Sgt Clifford Oliver, Cpl Thomas Jones, who worked as a team for the first time here.



Sappers in the land of Sheba...



SPREAD out over 20,000 miles of some of the rockiest and most isolated terrain on Earth, Royal Engineers have completed in Ethiopia a three-month exercise during which they built three road bridges and a ford, spanned the Blue Nile with an aerial ropeway, doubled a town's water supply and helped a mission and a home for disabled children.

For the sappers of 15 Field Support Squadron it was a task with a difference. Exercise Minton had been designed for a full field squadron but because of Northern Ireland commitments it had to be passed on to what are normally the "backroom boys."

Working side by side with Ethiopian Army engineers the sappers completed roughly double the work originally planned. But the squadron commander, Major John Drake, was not surprised at their success: "We always reckon we can do what a field squadron can do."

With a supply depot set up in the grounds of the British Embassy in Addis Ababa and a staging post seven hours'

drive away at Debra Marcos, the sappers made the best of difficulties in reaching two remote sites about 150 miles apart. Two Sioux helicopters and a Beaver light aircraft ferried urgent supplies and men from camp to camp in a country where road journeys are made at snail's pace with the constant threat of breakdowns and burst tyres.

Additions to the exercise projects included mercy dashes with injured and sick patients as well as medical clinics taken by members of the six-man Royal Army Medical Corps team. Its leader, Captain Geoff Brown, himself assisted a Peace Corps volunteer with a smallpox vaccination programme and other members of the team went out with local public health inspectors.

While the sappers were in Ethiopia, their wives back in Ripon, Yorkshire, ran a stall in the local market to raise money for the Macha Mission and the Cheshire home for handicapped children near Addis Ababa. At the home, sappers who had earlier been bridge building

constructed a concrete grain store as well as doing painting, joinery and electrical work. Two years ago other sappers who built a bridge in the south of Ethiopia (SOLDIER, April 1970) also worked at this home.

The Macha Mission, in northern Ethiopia, is a Christian mission to a fascinating people—the Falashas. This sect claims to be a lost tribe of Israel and practises a form of Judaism based on the first five books of the Old Testament. Here sappers overhauled mechanical equipment and concreted the floors of a new eye clinic.

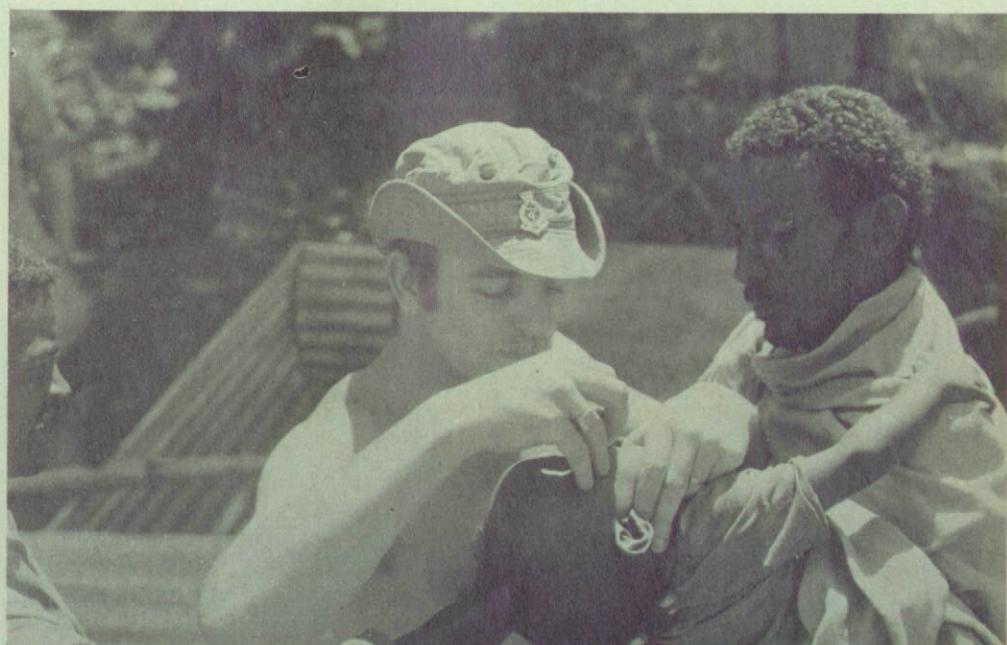
At Debra Marcos the engineers installed two new water pumps, supplied by Britain's Overseas Development Authority, which will double the town's water supply.

This was the last task of 15 Field Support Squadron. It now merges with the regimental headquarters of 38 Engineer Regiment to become 15 Headquarters Squadron. But in its scrapbook there is one autograph which will be prized for all time—that of Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia.



A team from 270 Local Resources Section, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, procured rations, petrol and stores in Ethiopia for Exercise Minton. Men from the section baked bread at each site and ensured that every British soldier on the exercise had fresh bread every day. One of the bakers, Lance-Corporal Keith Marshall, based at Debra Marcos, even found time to go down to Addis Ababa and take the written part of his City and Guilds flour confectionery examination!

Left: Baking—Debra Marcos style. Lance-Corporal Keith Marshall with Ethiopian assistant.



Left: Helicopter's eye view of a typical Ethiopian village. Right: Corporal Kenneth McKechnie, RAMC, conducting morning surgery for local patients at the Blue Nile gorge.



Spanning the Blue Nile gorge...

WORKING in temperatures of up to 120 degrees Fahrenheit and menaced by crocodiles, snakes, baboons, poisonous spiders and bandits, 40 sappers of 15 Field Support Squadron built a steel ropeway bridge across the Blue Nile in northern Ethiopia—it represents a major step forward in the fight against leprosy in that area.

For four months each year leprosy control workers have been unable to get across the river to their patients on the other side because in the rainy season the waters rise by up to 20 feet. The alternative was an impracticable five-day detour on foot. But now the treatment will go on uninterrupted with the target of eradicating the scourge from this part of Ethiopia within a decade.

For the sappers it was a hard, comfortless three-month slog. The first camp set up had to be abandoned after the two-man advance party had spent only one night in it. Lance Corporal "Ginger" Davies, one of the unlucky pair, recalled: "We made a small camp site and then we noticed these large brown spiders. They were evil-looking things, about four inches long.

"We went to sleep and halfway through the night we woke to hear a crocodile moving through the bushes near us. We had to stay awake after that and light a fire to keep the crocs away."

Even at the second camp site a constant watch had to be kept for crocodiles which, with puff adders and scorpions, infest this section of the river. Several sappers outside the immediate camp area were chased by marauding baboons.

Shiftas, the local brigands, roam the countryside around the Blue Nile and armed Ethiopian guards protected the project team. But despite rumours of imminent Shifta attack the exercise passed without incident.

Two of the Army Air Corps team, helicopter pilots Lieutenant Richard Roxburgh and Lieutenant David Marfleet, organised a survey of the district's crocodile population and came up with a total of 27 sightings. And for every crocodile seen it was estimated there were three others. Night spottings—the most successful—were on foot and daytime counts were made from two rubber boats drifting downstream.

But it was after the official crocodile count had ended that the most exciting confrontation occurred. A rubber boat

with a four-man crew was on the river and nothing had been seen all day. Lieutenant Marfleet takes up the story: "I was just relaxing when all of a sudden there was a bump. We looked down into the eyes of an enormous crocodile which had just taken a bite out of the boat. You have never seen soldiers row so fast in your life!"

Despite all these hazards, during their three-month stint in the gorge the sappers suffered only from sandfly bites.

The inaccessible nature of the site (it is a four-hour journey on foot down the gorge) meant that supplies had to be airlifted, mainly by the two Sioux helicopters of 664 Aviation Squadron. The ropeway, 700 feet long and of one-inch steel wire, was bought for the leprosy control project by a British philanthropist. Its cage can carry up to four people at a time.

The Blue Nile, hardly living up to its name, was reduced in this dry season to a chocolate trickle about three feet deep. Swimming was forbidden as it was thought to be infected with bilharzia, a dangerous liver fluke which uses a type of snail as host and is particularly virulent with Europeans.

The ropeway was dropped on to the river's shingle bank by an Ethiopian Army helicopter, uncoiled, straightened and anchored. It was then carried on the backs of the sappers across the river and hauled up the sheer rock face of the gorge by manually operated jacks.

The new ropeway, opened by the Deputy Governor-General of the province, will give the leprosy control workers constant access to an estimated 30,000 patients.

Left: The breathtaking view along the Blue Nile from the ropeway site as sappers move the winch motor gently down the west bank.

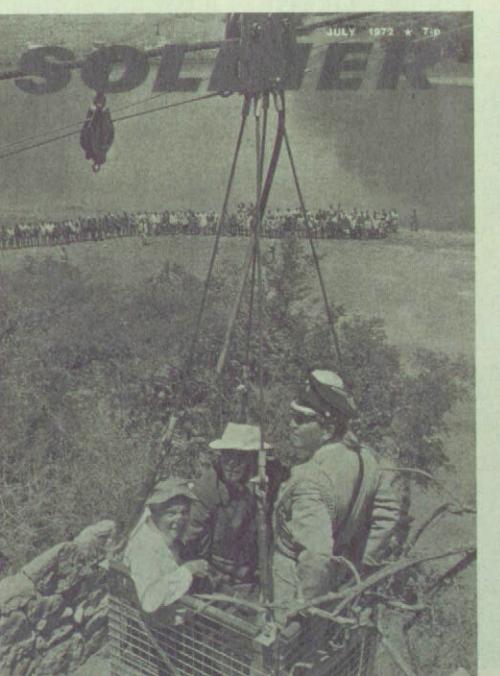
Right: This is leprosy. A local tribesman displays the rotting fingers which are one of the symptoms of this dreaded disease.



FRONT COVER

Cage full of VIPs at the opening of the sapper-built Blue Nile aerial ropeway in Ethiopia. In uniform is the British Defence Attaché in Addis Ababa, Lieutenant-Colonel Dick Holman, while Dr Ernest Price, head of the leprosy control project (left) and the British Ambassador, Mr A H Campbell (behind Colonel Holman), prefer shirt sleeve order. Centre is the Deputy Governor-General of Gojam Province, who performed the opening ceremony.

Picture by Richard Roxburgh.



...And bridging the deluge

VULTURES dozing in the bright morning sunshine watched without much interest the slow plodding of a pair of oxen yoked to a primitive wooden plough.

Spoonbills and storks perched lazily on a lightning-blasted tree while a jackal trotted about his ghoulish business a few hundred yards away.

A timeless scene, little changed since the Queen of Sheba reigned.

This was Goangh, a remote river crossing in northern Ethiopia where 75 British sappers and 30 engineers and 30 drivers of the Ethiopian Army spent three months this spring. Three months in which they built three Bailey bridges and a ford along what is to become a main highway to the Sudan border.

The road, stretching from just outside the ancient city of Gondar to the cotton-producing border area of Metema, defies description. Its surface is of sharp rock and dirt, it twists and turns, rises and falls and is cabable of piercing even a Land-Rover's tyres with monotonous regularity. In the dry season it is passable but as soon as the rains arrive around midsummer's day the streams and gullies it traverses become raging torrents.

But now the men of 15 Field Support Squadron have opened up the road to all-the-year-round traffic. Working in temperatures ranging up to 100 degrees Fahrenheit the sappers, who included 18 Scottish Volunteers, did more than twice the road improvement work originally scheduled, including nearly 600 yards of approach roads to the crossings.

The plan was to erect a 100-foot Bailey bridge at Goangh and another, 70 feet long, at Ayenku, 13 miles towards Gondar. The main problem, as on the whole of Exercise Minton, was one of logistics. The sappers built an airstrip so that supplies could be delivered by Beaver light aircraft but more than 100 journeys had to be made by rough road to collect

sand from the Lake Tana area, some 55 miles away.

Another snag was the contrast between Ethiopia's serenity and the demands of a bustling group of British soldiers trying to keep to a timetable. Said Captain Andy Hoon, the Goangh site commander: "There is no urgency in Ethiopia and it required an enormous amount of effort to get stores and building materials when we needed them."

Heading the 18 Volunteers from 71 (Scottish) Engineer Regiment (V) was Sergeant James Sawers from Glasgow. His team, which included engineers, plumbers, electricians and joiners, was hand picked from about 200 applicants. "We provided the expertise in a number of fields and some of the jobs wouldn't have got done if our lads had not been here. It's been a wonderful experience for them."

Such was the teamwork as British and Ethiopian soldiers worked side by side in the blazing sun at an altitude equal to many British "mountains" that time was left to build a 90-foot concrete ford and to erect a third bridge at Derma, a river crossing between Ayenku and Goangh. This bridge had already been in use at Finchaa, some 200 miles west of Addis Ababa. A small team of sappers went to Finchaa, dismantled it and brought it 600 miles by road to the Derma site.

In the last two weeks before the bridges were to be opened by Emperor Haile Selassie, bad luck dogged the Goangh site. A series of accidents involving Ethiopian Army vehicles culminated in a crash in which two drivers were killed. Then, only two days before the opening, the weather turned. Dark clouds rolled over the hills and a freak storm burst with all its fury upon the camp site. For an hour torrential rain and hailstones the size of pigeons' eggs bombarded the tents as soaked sappers rushed round frantically trying to save their belongings from the deluge.

When the rain finally eased the camp was a sorry site. Water flowed through every tent; clothes and bedding were sodden.

Down near the bridge a dry river bed had been transformed into a fast-flowing river and a Jeep became stranded as it tried to ford it. The marquee erected for the Emperor's feast had been blown down and was in tatters.

This frightening foretaste of what the rainy season is like was followed by a steadier downpour the following day. Yet such is the strength of the Ethiopian sun in the rarefied atmosphere that by opening day vehicles were again raising dust as they drove along the road.

The hills around Goangh were a memorable sight at dawn on that day. For as far as the eye could see in any direction there were specks of white—ragged tribesmen, mostly barefoot, who had walked miles to see their beloved Emperor. By the time the "Lion of Judah" was due the crowd had grown to many thousands of clapping, chanting and drum-beating tribesmen. Suddenly a "lu-lu-lu" cry was taken up on all sides as a siren wail announced the arrival of the Emperor's convoy of 30 Land-Rovers.

Haile Selassie, one of the last major pre-war international figures still in power, stepped out of his vehicle with an alacrity belying his 80 years. Wearing his pith helmet and Army uniform smothered with medal ribbons, he was accompanied by two pet chihuahua dogs who immediately carried out their own inspection of the waiting guard of honour of 30 sappers and 50 Ethiopian engineers.

After taking the salute and inspecting the guard the Emperor made his way to a special canopy where, from a throne, he listened to speeches from several of the key figures involved in the exercise.

Major John Drake, commanding the British sapper squadron, said the exercise provided an opportunity for members of the British and Ethiopian armies to work together and it was most appropriate that they should have been building bridges. In reply His Imperial Majesty declared: "We are fully confident that many more projects will be carried out between our two countries in concert to consolidate further the bonds of our friendship."

The Emperor then moved to the new bridge and cut the tape to signify its opening before walking across to the marquee where lunch was waiting. And what a lunch! For soldiers reduced to living on "compo" rations in the last few days of the exercise it was a sight for sore eyes. There was curried chicken, cooked and raw meats, enormous quantities of salad and, to wash it down, beer, scotch and bottles of tej, an Ethiopian honey-based drink.

During the feast the Emperor and his entourage listened impassively as local ex-servicemen burst through the ranks of security guards to protest their everlasting loyalty to him.

Then came the presentations—for each of the ten British officers a gold commemorative medal and for the squadron a metal statuette bearing the insignia of their Ethiopian Army colleagues on the project.



Above: Proud moment for Sgt Stuart Wiltshire as he receives his Long Service and Good Conduct medal from the hands of the Emperor.

Far left: Aftermath of the fierce storm which struck the Goangh site. An Ethiopian Jeep is stranded on what is usually a dry river bed.



Below: His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie cuts the ribbon to declare that the road bridge at Goangh is now ready for traffic.

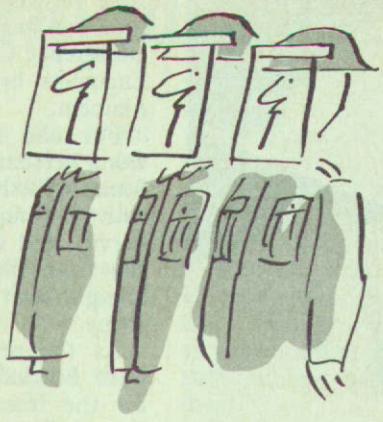
In return Major Drake presented the Emperor with an inscribed framed print of Terence Cuneo's painting of the Royal Engineers breaching the minefield at El Alamein.

For one non-commissioned officer it was a personal day to remember. Sergeant Stuart Wiltshire, workshop troop sergeant with the squadron, received his Long Service and Good Conduct medal personally from the Emperor, who is the only foreign born field-marshall of the British Army.

As the replete guests left, their seats were hurriedly filled by local tribesmen for the feast's second sitting. Now the Emperor's convoy was on its way back to Gondar, over the other three crossings built during the exercise. Those who followed witnessed further demonstrations of the fierce loyalty which the people of this region have for the Emperor. Every few miles he stopped to wave to the waiting crowds and handed out Ethiopian dollars to the young people.

Meanwhile the men of 15 Field Support Squadron were already starting to break camp for the long homeward trek to Ripon. Soon the tranquil pastoral life would be undisturbed by Army vehicles—but four all-the-year-round river crossing points would stand as permanent memorials to their efforts in this remote area of timeless Africa.

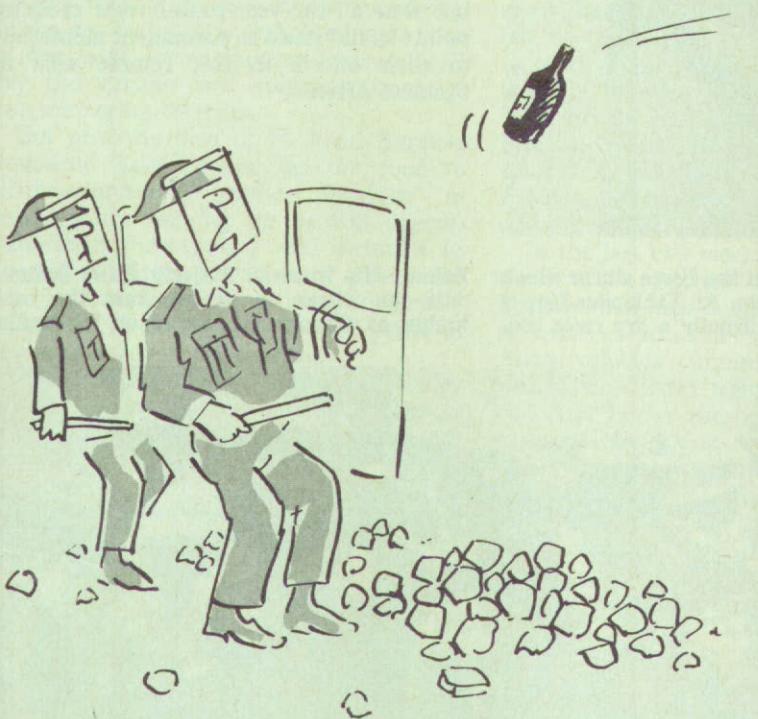




"Expecting a seagull attack are we?"

Troubleshooters

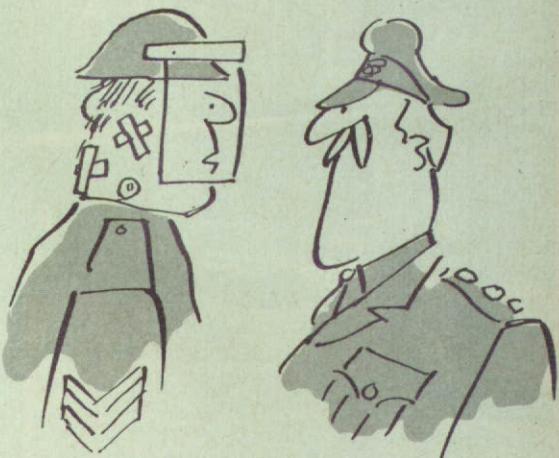
by PAL



"Hello! It's opening time."



"Do you think there is anything in these stories about the 'Little People'?"



"I have reason to believe someone is operating behind our lines, sir."



The Buffs' home town of Canterbury played host to the veterans of the famous regiment now absorbed in the present-day Queen's Regiment which provided the bands for the ceremony.

The Buffs—400 years old

THE Buffs, who trace their regimental origins back to the Train Bands of 1572, celebrated their four centuries of service with a parade, service and lunch in their home town of Canterbury.

The 1800 members of the regimental association and the Colours they carried into the ancient cathedral were all that remained, apart from memories, of a proud regiment now embodied in The Queen's Regiment.

But the name of The Buffs lives on in everyday speech as the Mayor of Canterbury, Councillor Colonel J Tilleard—in The Buffs himself for 30 years—reminded 1600 lunch guests: "It is sad the name of The Buffs is no longer in daily use in the Army," he said, "but what will go down in history is the household phrase 'steady the Buffs'." The phrase was said to have been coined on the parade ground by the adjutant of the 2nd Battalion in 1857.

For nearly 100 years Canterbury has

been The Buffs' depot and the freedom of the city was conferred in 1948. Unofficial links between the city and Colours are claimed as far back as 1703. The connection is kept up daily when a page of The Buffs' "Book of Life," listing the regiment's dead of two world wars, is turned in the cathedral's Warriors' Chapel. Once a lone uniformed soldier marched through Canterbury to the cathedral for the simple ceremony. Nowadays retired Buffs have taken over the daily tradition.

It was not a lone marcher but hundreds the city welcomed back as ex-Buffs flocked to Canterbury for the 400th celebrations—a 90-year-old veteran made a special trip from New Zealand for his day of nostalgia.

The commemoration was just two days before the anniversary of a review by Queen Elizabeth I on 1 May 1572 of 3000 men of the London Train Bands from which The Buffs claim descent. Organisers of the Canterbury parade were disappointed



that their event was lashed by gale-force winds and drizzle—but historians record that rain also dogged the review in Greenwich Park 400 years earlier.

A force of 300 volunteers was raised from the assembled Train Bands to help the Dutch fight for home rule against the Spanish. The struggle wore on for 76 years and 1665 found the descendants and reinforcements of the original 300 refusing to renounce allegiance to Britain in favour of Holland—a loyalty which earned them expulsion from the country they had fought to free.

This left Charles II with a disgruntled band of homeless warriors whom he promptly formed into the Holland Regiment. The uniform was a red tunic with buff-coloured lining, breeches, waistcoat and stockings.

The regiment finally took its name "The Buffs" in the early 1700s from the colour of these accessories.

NORTHERN IRELAND AWARDS

The Queen has approved the following awards for service in Northern Ireland:

OBE (for gallantry): Lieutenant-Colonel E A Burgess, Royal Artillery.

MBE (for gallantry): Major D V Child, Royal Marines; Major A Makepeace-Warne and Warrant Officer II A Fothergill, both The Light Infantry; Major D F Mallam, Royal Tank Regiment; Captain G F Smythe, The Royal Green Jackets.

BEM (for gallantry): Corporal J M McKinley, Royal Military Police.

Distinguished Service Order: Lieutenant-Colonel R Mayfield, Scots Guards.

Military Cross: Major C C Dunphie and Captain F R Sainsbury, both The Royal Green Jackets; Major J M A Nurton and Second-Lieutenant J T Holmes, both Scots Guards; Second-Lieutenant A K Jacques, Coldstream Guards; Major M J A Wilson, The Light Infantry.

Distinguished Conduct Medal: Sergeant D J Harmon, Royal Military Police; Corporal T W Thompson, The Royal Green Jackets.

Military Medal: Lance-Sergeant A L Ball, Scots Guards; Bombardier H A Barczynski, Royal Artillery; Corporal M J Brook, The Green Howards; Guardsman I Glendenning, Coldstream Guards; Sergeant P B Webb, 14th/20th King's Hussars.

Mention in Despatches: Lieutenant J H G Allen, Lieutenant E A Woods, Warrant Officer II R T Clarkson, Sergeant R Paterson, Lance-Corporal J W Speirs and Guardsman S G McDonald, all Scots Guards; Lieutenant the Hon T H J Clifford, Guardsman K Shepherd, Guardsman R J Spring, Guardsman M A Sullivan, all Coldstream Guards; Lieutenant-Colonel G W Tufnell, Grenadier Guards; Warrant Officer Class II M J Goodby, The Royal Hussars; Captain S C Seelhoff, The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards; Sergeant C C Tottman, 14th/20th

King's Hussars; Major P G Hill and Bombardier C Gillespie, both Royal Artillery; Lieutenant-Colonel N Stisted, The Royal Scots; Second-Lieutenant R J Heath and Warrant Officer II K A Butler, both The Light Infantry; Major C L G G Henshaw, Second-Lieutenant C J L Puxley, Sergeant C P Slocombe, Corporal T H Hansford and Corporal I M G Parfitt, all The Royal Green Jackets; Lieutenant C G F Charter, The Queen's Regiment; Major A N M Scott, The Gordon Highlanders; Major J J E Snow (since died of wounds), The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers; Captain P J Williams, Lance-Corporal C J Parker and Sapper J Lavender, all Royal Engineers; Captain E K Harries, Royal Corps of Transport; Staff-Sergeant A J McCrea, Royal Army Ordnance Corps; Sergeant S G Ward, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers; Corporal B R Rolf and Corporal G F Yates, Royal Military Police; Sergeant R G Quirk, Royal Marines.



Sapper support— under fire

WORK was going well on a raised observation post being built by sappers to protect troops overlooking Belfast's Ballymurphy estate flash-point when seven shots rang out and one of the sappers fell.

Sapper Martin Barnes was lucky. He was wounded in the foot as he dived for cover when the sniper fired. This is the constant threat faced by men of 34 Field Squadron, Royal Engineers, who return to their

base at Tidworth, Hampshire, at the end of this month after a four-month tour of duty in Northern Ireland.

Working from the bridging camp at Antrim, 18 miles west of Belfast, the 160-strong squadron, commanded by Major Mike Fraser-Allen, gives engineer support to the security forces in the capital and its outskirts.

Round the clock the sapper sections move in and out of the camp with their vehicles

loaded with materials and equipment mainly for the building of observation posts and protective screening for the troops. Often working in exposed positions and overlooked by such notorious trouble spots as Divis Flats, the sappers are frequently under fire. At the end of April, just before the Ballymurphy incident, an IRA sniper was particularly persistent during the erection of an observation post. The sappers worked on the exposed part of the job only at night and still finished it on time—and with no casualties.

The squadron has an infinite variety of tasks. Blowing holes in border roads, building humps in town roads to slow traffic, bricking up the windows of Army posts are all in a day's—and a night's—work.

Tight security limits off-duty activities and improvisation is the keystone to recreation for troops in Northern Ireland. Evenings are spent letter writing, playing darts and cards or watching television. Most units have their own club and the sappers' Bridge Inn is a popular haunt for them.

Belfast's Girdwood Park area is the temporary home of the "heavy gang"—a detachment of sappers with tractors, tipper lorries and earth-moving equipment. These are called in to shift barricades and remove burned-out cars, timber, barbed wire and rubble, often under sniper fire and heavy stoning.

From a report by Public Relations, HQ UKLF.



Exhausted sappers of the "heavy gang" grab a few hours sleep in between stints on the Belfast streets clearing the obstructions.

Right: A telephone call home provides the sappers and their anxious families with an element of reassurance in worrying months.





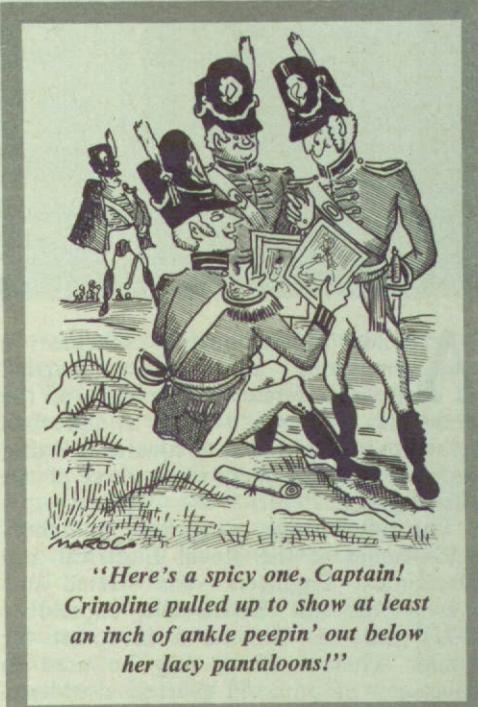
A Saturday afternoon volley ball match for off-duty sappers; but even in their camp a guard stands by in case they are attacked.

Left: A British soldier was shot dead just around the corner from the site of an observation post the sappers are building.

Far left: Sappers keep a keen lookout for snipers while building an observation post to protect troops in the heart of Belfast.



Some less-known MILITARY PRINTS



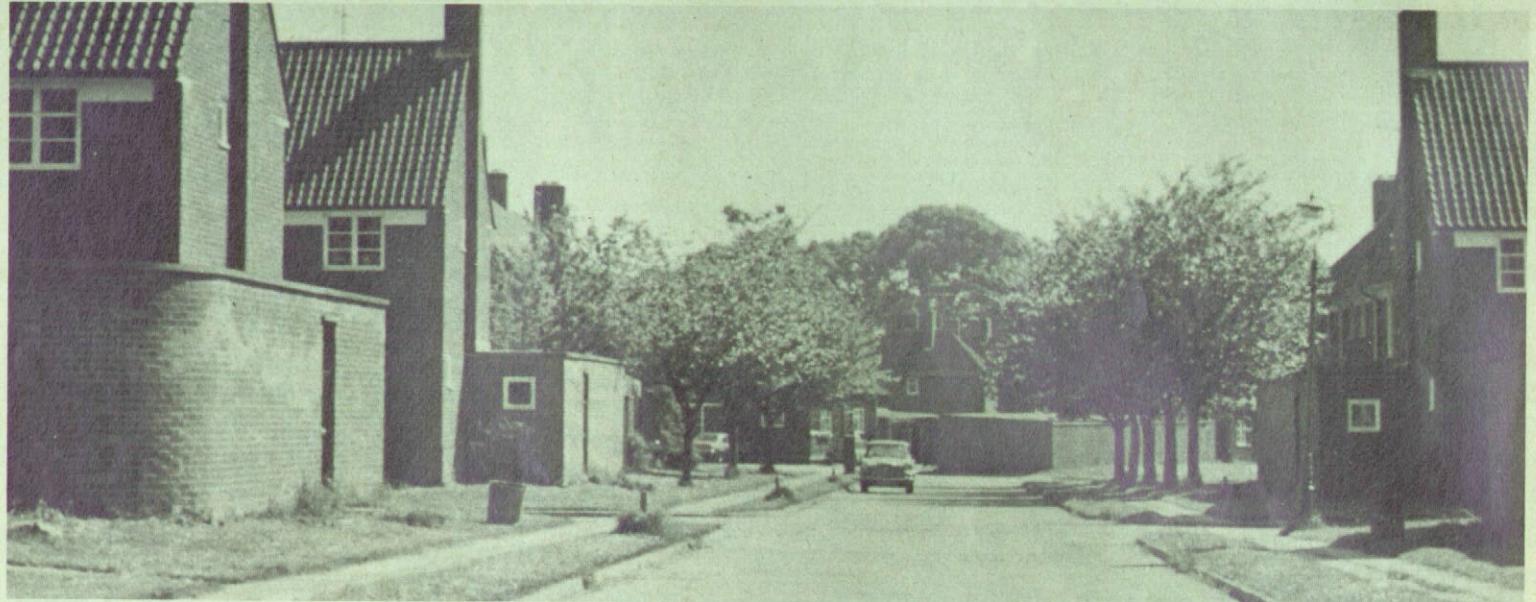
"Here's a spicy one, Captain! Crinoline pulled up to show at least an inch of ankle peepin' out below her lacy pantaloons!"

Suburban sprawl to

quiet closes

Story by Mike Starke/Pictures by Leslie Wiggs

Ten months ago **SOLDIER** looked at the replanning of married quarters at Arborfield, Berkshire.



Above: Old Arborfield with those wide and wasteful roads the new designs eliminated.

Below: Cars are excluded from the walled, tree-lined squares which are being put up.

Right: The view over quiet lawn and trees from the bedroom of one of the new houses.



A bold redevelopment scheme is converting an outworn married quarters estate in the heart of the Berkshire countryside from a suburban sprawl to a neat system of squares bringing back the quiet, homely atmosphere of the village green.

The refurbishing programme at Arborfield—home of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers—was started just over a year ago (**SOLDIER**, September 1971) and has become a blueprint for similar schemes which may be used to inject new life into old quarters elsewhere.

At a cost of some £800,000 the alter-

ations to 205 houses on the estate are estimated to put 40 years on their useful life. The keynote of the scheme is concern for the environment; the building of 52 new homes to fill in spaces in the old layout has saved some three-and-a-half acres of land. Gone too are the ugly forests of television aerials on chimneys. Now estate television viewers share a single unobtrusive aerial mast in the centre of the redevelopment.

The first main parts of the estate to be finished are now occupied and at an official opening ceremony the Minister of Housing and Construction, Mr Julian

Amery, praised the scheme as a trend setter for the country as a whole. "These very good general improvements are of the sort we are trying to persuade local authorities to build," he said.

The project's chief architect, Mr John Lynch, was faced with a daunting operation of surgery in brick. The quarters—115 built in 1937-38 and the rest put up in 1950-51—straggled along space-wasting roads in untidy ribbons while over-large gardens fell into neglect inside prison camp cobwebs of chain link fencing.

And the answer to the problem? Simplicity itself. The estate was to be

The first two phases of this new concept of "village green" housing have now been completed



divided into a series of small closes linked by footpaths. Green squares would be cultivated where the roads ran and new "infill" houses with stretches of wall would form the missing sides to the squares. With a central vehicle-free zone a minimum of roads would be designed to amply serve the estate.

Mr Lynch explained: "We have tried to get back to the village green idea with small closes rather than long streets."

After seeing the first phases of the plans as a reality, Mr Amery added: "There is a great deal more privacy given here than I would have thought possible. It is a

mixture of a college quad and a village green."

There is much to be done before the estate is due to be finished in about a year's time but families have already moved in to the first phases of the facelift. It is not just the cool, green squares with their trees and the contrasting red of the brickwork of the houses and dividing walls that have impressed the first tenants.

Inside the homes housewives have found welcome improvements. Now there is much more storage space. Kitchens have been modernised and there are no more mucky grates to clean out—central heating in the

now all-electric houses has done away with fireplaces and flues.

With traffic dramatically limited by the new layout, children can safely play on the estate and a large landscaped play area is being built. Garages and hard standing—complete with car washdown points fitted with taps and hoses—are all part of the scheme and a car park for 100 more cars will be provided.

Most tenants are not at Arborfield long enough to have the time or inclination to work on the large gardens of the old quarters. So they have been replaced by much smaller areas of soil or gravel and



One young tenant well satisfied with the redevelopment plays safely on a grassy square.

Below: Weed-choked gardens (left) have given way to tidy patios (right) far easier for Arborfield tenants to cope with when short-term tenancies preclude interest in gardens.

quiet closes continued

paved patios which are easier to cope with.

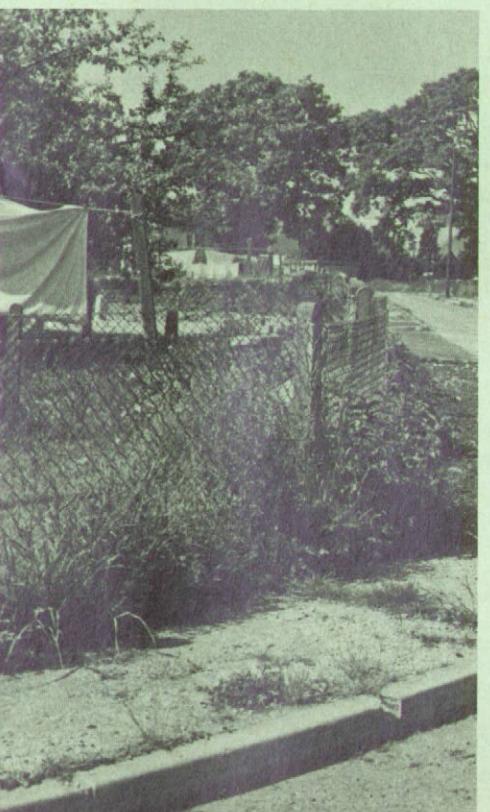
One of the long-term tenants is Corporal Peter Eastop. After ten years at Arborfield he and his wife Julie are well qualified to judge the new projects. They are settling in to a refurbished post-war quarter, their third Arborfield home, in one of the new closes.

"They've done a good renovation on the whole," commented Mrs Eastop. "I like not having gas and they've taken out a grotty boiler and put in storage heaters. I'm quite happy." She favours the older houses rather than the modern layout of the new infill homes being built but admitted: "When it's all finished it will be most attractive."

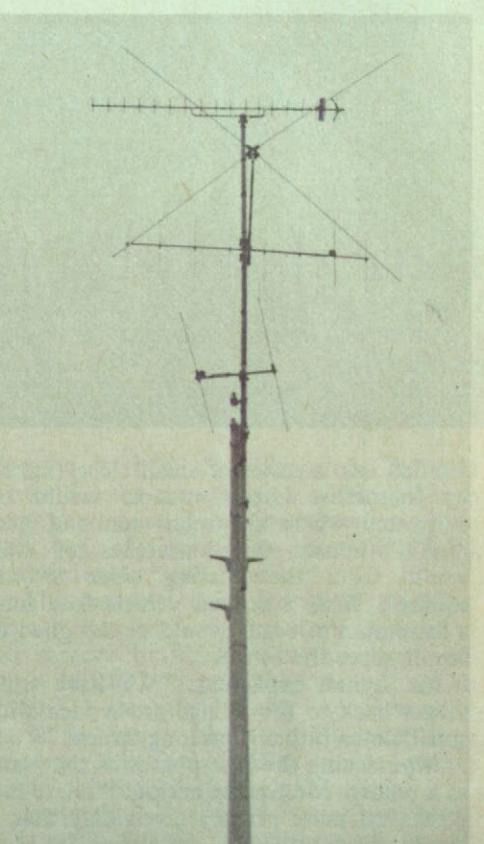
Do families feel on top of each other in the intimacy of the closes? "I thought at first we would," said Corporal Eastop, "but we haven't found it so. It was a bit strange to see people walking past right in front of the windows—you thought 'what are they doing in the garden?'—but you get used to it."

Conversion of a post-war house is costing just over £2000 and for each pre-war quarter, £1000.

The department of the Environment has pioneered a new concept in community housing at Arborfield and is confident that the estate there will become a showcase for similar projects in both Service and civilian housing.



The space-age skyline of hundreds of weird-shaped television aerials (below) has been replaced by a single communal mast (right) serving the estate from its centre.



NATO GUNNERS on the Plain



Above: Germans fire their version of the 105mm pack-howitzer. Note the distinctive flash eliminator with which the gun is muzzled.



Below: The American M102 joins forces in a battery with three 105mm pack-howitzers from the UK, Germany and Italy with NATO.

THE guns of five NATO nations boomed as one on an exercise designed to test the efficiency of an international mobile force whose role in anger would be to dash to protect the alliance's flanks if they were subjected to a sudden attack.

Allied Command Europe Mobile Force was formed in 1960 and holds annual exercises to keep in trim. This year Salisbury Plain was the scene of Exercise Packway Barbara. The force is not based on one location but draws its units from seven NATO members—Belgium, Canada, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, United Kingdom and United States.

The call to arms for Packway Barbara went to gunners of Germany's 235 Mountain Artillery Battalion, Italy's "Susa" Artillery Battalion, America's 5th Airborne Battalion and Britain's 13 (Martinique) Light Battery, Royal Artillery. Also taking part were the 4.2-inch mortars of Belgium's 1st Parachute Battalion.





The Army youth team had to get equipment for the assault course from many units—this scrambling net came from the Royal Marines.

Youth jumps to it—Army style



"On your marks!" Sgt Graham starts a team.

THE speeches over, the official ceremony could begin... Over the wall, a couple of strides and leap over the water jump, bound on to the swaying beam on chains over a pool, hop on to the second wall, dash to the scrambling net... up... over... leap into space to catch the dangling rope and swing across the sandpit.

Ships are christened with champagne, buildings have plaques unveiled, but the only way to open an assault course is to sample its obstacles.

This is what happened when nearly 200 Essex youngsters flocked to the village of Great Baddow on a sunny Sunday afternoon to test the results of a year's hard work by five soldiers of 45 Army Youth Team.

Building an assault course for the local youth club was the idea of Sergeant Caie Graham who led the team during the job. "This is something they can have a go on to get rid of their inhibitions. It is based on a typical army assault course and every section teaches them something."

Introducing the course to its young users, Essex county youth officer Mr Eric Hopwood said: "This is a typical example of the leadership, training and guidance Army youth teams make available anywhere in the country."



Among the first to christen the new assault course were girls of the Sea Rangers, seen here getting their own "baptism" in a water obstacle.

There are 77 other teams working with young people in the United Kingdom. Five-man groups from a broad cross-section of units—45 Army Youth Team is from the Royal Signals—operate independently within their own districts.

"We're here to help the youth of Essex," said Sergeant Graham.

His team designed and built the permanent assault course on Great Baddow youth club's playing field with expert help in wall building from the sapper-manned 38 Army Youth Team. The sturdy equipment came from a variety of sources.

The official opening was the climax of the operation.

Teams of youngsters from clubs and organisations throughout the area flocked to the village to compete in a time trial to christen the course.

First came the official lap of honour over those walls, water and netting by Sergeant Graham himself.

Then a swarm of youngsters followed in a series of races against the clock to win a handsome challenge shield the sergeant has presented for what is hoped will become an annual event.

The assault course is now booked up for the rest of the year, not only for Essex youth clubs but for training of police and firemen.

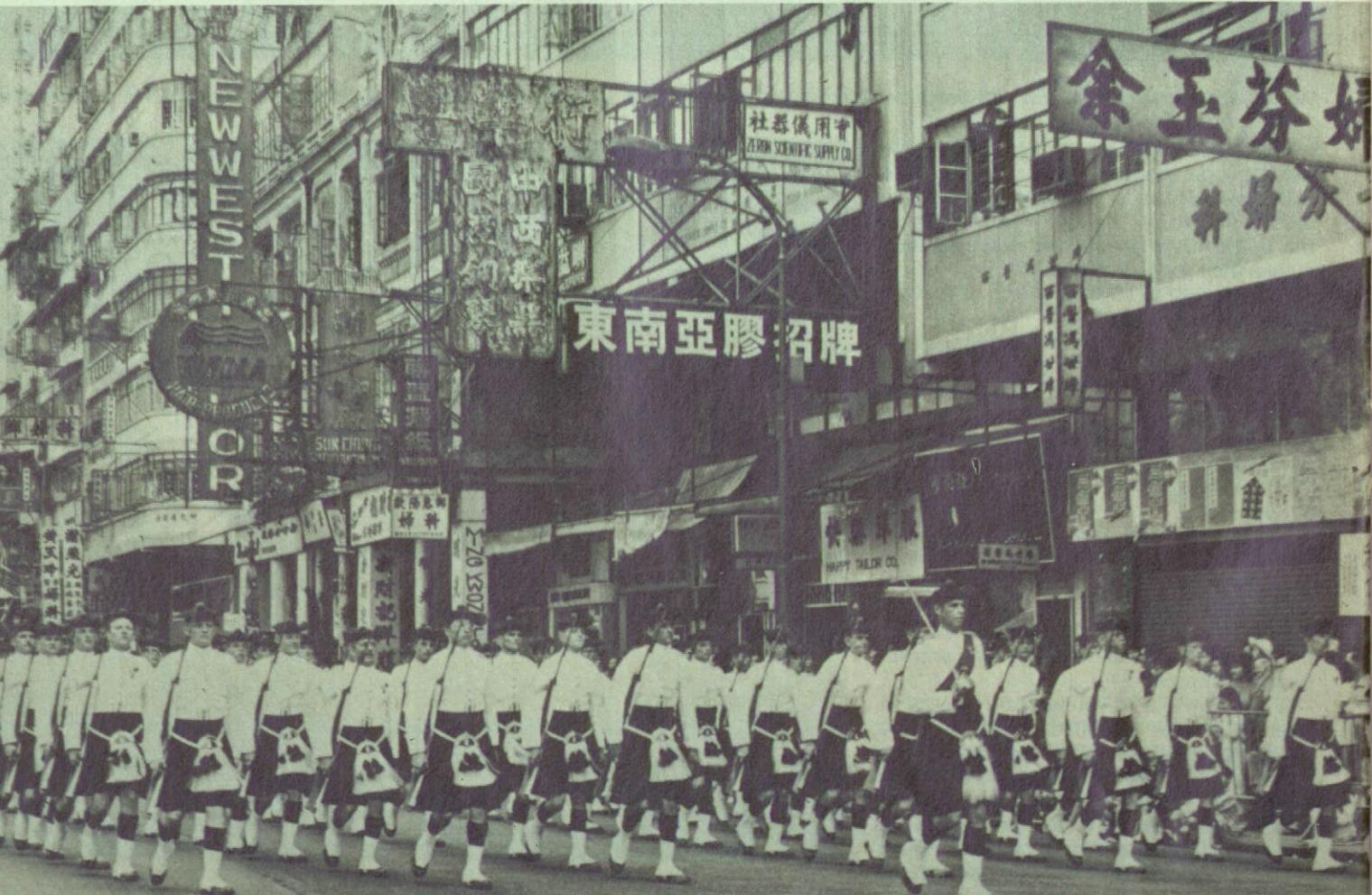


It's harder than it looks to crawl under a firmly anchored net—as these girls discovered.

Left, right
and centre



Sappers on a training exercise at Soltau, Germany, were first on the scene when two German trains, one carrying German troops, collided head on (above). Men of 2 Armoured Engineer Squadron, Royal Engineers, stationed at Iserlohn, were roused in the early hours and worked non-stop for 12 hours at the scene.



More than 1000 men from 14 units swelled the ranks of an all-Services Queen's Birthday parade in Hong Kong (below) to the largest seen in the colony for ten years. Irish Guards, Black Watch and Gurkha contingents were the major guards in the parade reviewed by the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose.



A champagne toast (above) to the success of Pipe-Major Tony Crease, the solo piper of The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards band which shot to the top of the hit parade with the melody "Amazing Grace." Miss Scotland 1972 (Liz Stevely) pours out the bubbly after presenting the pipe-major with a silver disc to mark the sale of half a million copies of the record.



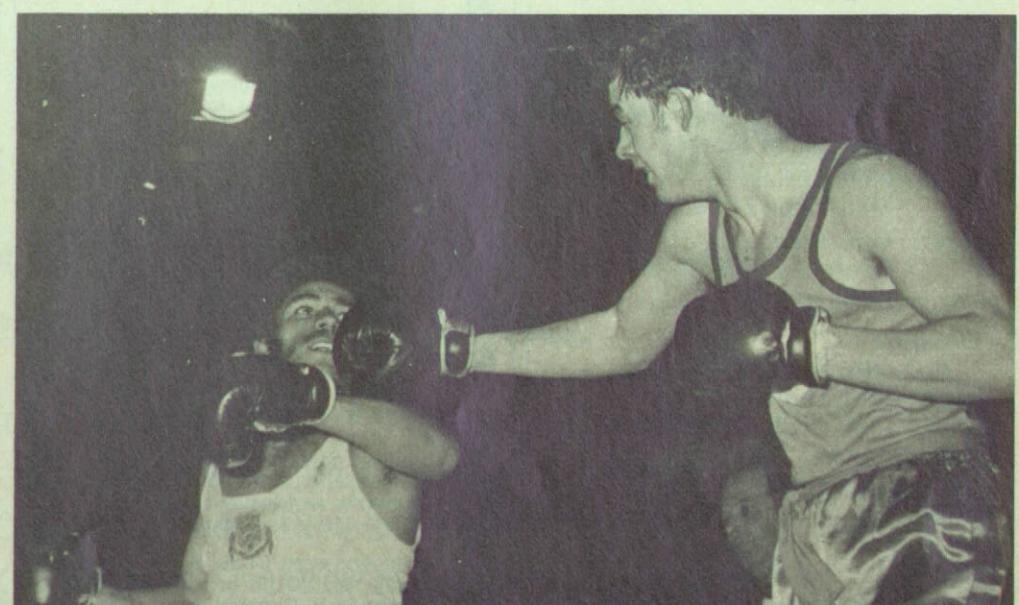
New Colours were presented (above) to the 1st Battalion, The Light Infantry, by the regiment's Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, Princess Alexandra, during her three-day visit to West Germany in May.



On a visit to 1 (BR) Corps in Germany the Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the Army, Mr Geoffrey Johnson Smith, met (above) the families of soldiers serving in Northern Ireland to see for himself their housing conditions and welfare amenities. He also looked at single men's quarters and outlined government plans for barrack modernisation during the next ten years.



The curtain draws back on some 30 years as Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein unveils (above) a portrait of himself in his distinctive desert uniform of World War Two. The portrait, by Terence Cuneo, hangs in the ante-room of the officers mess at the Staff College, Camberley.



Private Roger Maxwell (19) (above, right) of 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, is making quite a name for himself as a boxer. He joined the Army in June last year but since then has won the BAOR, Army and Combined Services light middleweight boxing titles. In the Amateur Boxing Association finals in May—he was the only serviceman—he was narrowly defeated. He was selected for an international match against Hungary last month. Private Maxwell was an ABA junior finalist in 1968 and NABC welterweight champion the following year. He reached the ABA semi-finals last year.



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When the sappers won the FA cup

TWO squads of highly paid professional footballers, Leeds United and Arsenal, competed at Wembley Stadium in May before 100,000 people for the most coveted award in British soccer—the Football Association Cup.

A far cry from 100 years ago when the two teams in the first ever FA cup final, battling before a handful of spectators, were a now defunct side called the Wanderers—and the Royal Engineers.

To commemorate the appearance of the sappers in that 1872 final and their subsequent FA cup success three years later, two present-day sapper footballers, Sergeant Peter Capler from 12 Training Regiment, Cove, and Corporal Norman Hood, from the staff of the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Engineers, Dover, took part in this year's centenary pre-match pageant.

In the 1870s the Royal Engineers appeared in the cup final four times but only once carried off the trophy. Some 30 years later they won the FA Amateur Cup, thus giving them a unique record in soccer history.

On their way to that first-ever final the sappers had disposed of Hitchin, Hampstead Heathens and Crystal Palace with ease. Their opponents, the Wanderers, had made harder going of the previous rounds and the Engineers started out as firm favourites.

Said the Desmond Hackett of the time, in Sportsman magazine: "That the estimation in which they were held was not unjustifiable may be gathered from the fact that for a period of two years they had never been vanquished.

Moreover the clever and effective manner in which they have always played, and still play, together, tended to produce a belief that they would be able by better organization and concentration, to defeat their opponents, despite the acknowledged superiority of the latter in points of individual excellence and skill."

But it was not to be. Before half-time "the goal of the Engineers fell to a well-directed kick by A H Chequer." In the second half the Wanderers maintained their superiority and, like Leeds 100 years later, won by that solitary goal.

Captain of the sappers' team in that first final was Major Francis Marindin, who was a member of the Football Association Committee which decided to launch the FA Cup.

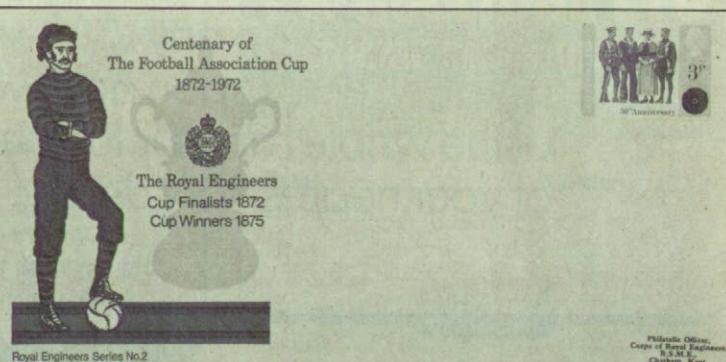
Major Marindin was one of the most important figures in early FA history. By the time the Royal Engineers won the cup in 1875 (after losing in two finals) he was ineligible to play having become president of the Football Association in 1874, a post he held for 16 years. Major Marindin holds unchallenged one cup record which will probably stand for ever. Between 1880 and 1890 he refereed eight cup finals.

Top: Harking back to a time when shorts were longs—sappers in a Wembley pageant to mark 100 years of cup finals this May.

Right: These sapper soccer stars were in the first cup final. Maj Marindin (centre back row) went on to 16 years as FA head.

Far right: Sergeant P Caples (left) and Corporal N Hood with the corps' FC banner carried into Wembley for the May pageant.

Right: "First day cover" commemorating one hundred years of football history. The sappers "kicked off" in the year of 1872.



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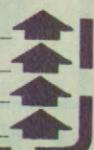
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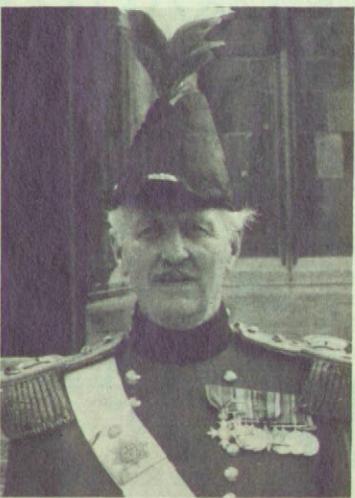
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I wonder if any **SOLDIER** readers will agree with me when I say that though British campaign medals are made from better quality metals and are of better finish than those of many other nations, their design leaves a lot to be desired. With all due respect, the sovereign's head should be on the reverse side of the medal and not the obverse. The obverse should show something of a particular theatre so that it can be easily recognised by those who do not have much knowledge of medals and ribbons. The comparison between the British Korean medal and the American one is most marked. The British is completely unrecognisable while the other is easily recognised. The British medal is much heavier than the American but then I would have thought that light weight would be an advantage when one has to wear several medals.

I fail to understand why the Defence Medal and War Medal have no bar. They look somehow "unfinished." Surely, at least a wafer-thin band of white metal with the words "Defence" and "War Medal" punched accordingly could have been issued with the medals.



Forward, C Coy!

As a member of the Fourteenth Army in the 2nd Dorsets who took part in the Burma campaign I have lost touch with old comrades. One particular lad, by the name of Swann, who was in my section, was badly wounded by a Jap sniper. Before being carried away his last words to me were: "Cut off my haversack, corp. Have all the fags and anything useful." No need for me to say how I felt at the time. I would like to make contact with anyone in C Company. It would be great to hear from them.—J L Precey (ex-corporal), 121 Cologne Road, Bovington Camp, Wareham, Dorset.

Tribute

May I add my tribute to that of Mr J Beasley (Letters, April) to the soldiers in Northern Ireland. Those of us who fought in World War Two were able to identify the enemy (who wore a different uniform) and battles were fought soldier against soldier. The task of today's soldier in

Rum

I recently came across a reference to an issue of rum in a book written by a divisional commander on his formation's work in South Africa (1900). The passage read: "As this was the Queen's Birthday I ordered a ration of rum to be served out to the troops, but there was not enough to go round and the divisional staff had to do without so that my servant did not know the reason of the cheering with which it was drunk and came up to me in a great state of excitement to ask if I would tell them what the victory was!"

Memory records that during the last war a commander-in-chief ordered "Splice the main brace"—perhaps irregularly but warranted by the occasion.

Memory also recalls two occasions both in peacetime camps, when the issue was approved by the medical officer on the scale of 1/64th of a gallon proof rum (vide Allowance Regulations of the time). The occasions were Barry and Buddon practice camp 1923-24, during a very wet camping season for North of England Terriers, and Port Dickson (Malaya) 1928-29 when companies of

The Duke of Wellington's Regiment were in camp there from Tanglin Barracks. In the first instance the supply men resorted to local purchase and in the second the Royal Navy obliged.—Maj (Retd) Leonard Ridgway, RASC, 657 Foxhall Road, Ipswich.

Last four

It was interesting to read in the March **SOLDIER** about the coincidence of three serving members of a unit sharing the last three digits of their Army numbers—303.

My son has just completed his first term at the Junior Tradesmen's Regiment, Rhyl, in the RMP/GSC and shares the same last four digits as myself—0608. What are the odds of this happening to a serving father and son? —WO I (RSM) G A J Gratton, Royal Military Police, Roussillon Barracks, Chichester, Sussex.

They died with Custer

In "Comanche rode alone" (April) reference was made to Colonel Custer and his section of US cavalry being wiped out by the Red Indians in the battle of the Little Big Horn in 1876. "Bowler Hats and Stetsons" by Colin Rickard, published a few years ago, gives the names of 13 Englishmen who were serving in the US 7th Cavalry Regiment and who died with Custer in that battle. They were: Sergeant Fred Nursey of Suffolk; Trooper Felix Pitter, of Aylesbury; Trooper Edward Lloyd, of Gloucester; Trooper John Parker, of Birmingham (all in I Troop); Trooper William Crisfield, of Kent; Trooper Henry Roberts, of London; Trooper J Galvan, of Liverpool; Farrier William Heath, of Staffordshire; Trooper Fred Allen, of Milton (C Troop); Trooper Jeremiah Shea, of London; Trooper James Hathersall, of Liverpool; Trooper Herod Liddiard, of London; and Trooper John Hiley, of Rugby.

Troopers James Pym, of Oxford, and Jonathan Robert, of Surrey, were in Captain Bentee's section in the same battle and were awarded the United States Congressional Medal of Honour for bravery.—H N Peyton, 11 Rodney Avenue, Tonbridge, Kent.

RFD—RFM—TFM?

Reading Major Monckton's letter (March) I was intrigued by one point he raised ie who are allowed to place medal award initials after their name. This has never been clear cut to me so, after reading Major Monckton's letter, I sought legal advice. The result was, as we know, gallantry award initials are authorised.

I recently received my non-gallantry Dunkirk, Somme and King Albert I

of the Belgians Veteran Cross to add to my collection. These are not authorised for medal initials. But the whole matter of putting medal initials after your name is one of custom and not of positive law. I hear there is no law to stop me, if I so wished, from putting the initials of the aforesaid three medals after my name. Amongst ex-service men, however, this is not customary. I asked my great friend and neighbour, Edward Foulkes DCM MM Croix de Guerre, what his reaction would be if I used these initials. Would it take some shine from his gallantry awards? He replied, indeed not. Use those initials, you've earned them! I'll be the first to put those initials after your name! And he did. I would be interested to hear the views of other readers.—Albert Parker (address supplied).

at Cawnpore—he also includes some episodes of an amusing nature.—R A Judd, Hoofprints, The Drift, Forton, Chard, Somerset.

Pillboxes

I am writing a book on the fortifications in the British Isles and am having difficulty in listing the surviving pillboxes, gun emplacements etc of World War Two which still dot the countryside. Would any readers knowing the exact whereabouts of any such sites please contact me at the address below. All letters answered.—Terence Wise, Walnut Tree Cottage, Netherend, Woolaston, Lydney, Glos.

Redcoats in Pennsylvania

Further to Captain R Armstrong-Wilson's letter on dress (April). I happen to be an ex-OR and I know of others like me who fully agree with him. Pullovers may be all right for fatigues within barracks but surely should not be worn in public as they frequently are. They remind one more of labourers than soldiers.

It seems to be the general trend these days to make uniforms more unilitary, a typical example being the present RAF uniform which has been denuded of its waist belt and traditional eagle flash. Soldiers themselves are very rarely seen in uniform when off duty—as if it was something to be ashamed of.

As to blues or other dress based on tradition being out of place in the so called swinging seventies, this of course is nonsense. One need only look across the Channel where the French Foreign Legion still wears white képis, red and green fringed epaulettes and blue sashes reminiscent of pre-1914 days and Beau Geste—a superb example of traditional items being incorporated in modern khaki uniform and looking very smart.

The British Army has a tradition which is also unique. No one wishes to revert to Victorian fashions but perhaps the following quotation from the late Colonel Clifford Walton sums it all up: "Every trifle, every tag or ribbon that tradition may have associated with the former glories of a regiment should be retained so long as its retention does not interfere with efficiency."

Regarding the proposed white plastic parade belt noted in a recent edition of **SOLDIER**, surely a regimental pattern plate or circular clasp would be more appropriate than the '37 pattern fastener.—Name and address supplied.

Awards and insignia

As a former armour, infantry and cavalry officer in Vietnam I would like to point out that contrary to what Lance-Corporal Starling says in his letter (April) the US Army gives no combat badge to tank and artillery crews, although my men and I felt there should be one.—D J Sobery, 9 Balgores Square, Gidea Park, Essex.

Sailing down the Hugli

Please tell your records reviewer that Colonel Mackenzie Rogan ("On Record" May), the first bandmaster to be commissioned, states in his autobiography that he wrote down the two tunes that became "Bond of Friendship March" in his notebook while sailing down the Hugli when he was bandmaster of the Queens (not the Coldstream).

This biography is well worth reading as the colonel took part in a drumming-out parade, was at one of the last floggings that took place in the Isle of Wight, and at the hanging of a prisoner

British Army during the late 18th century are expected to take part. All, except the 60th (Royal American) Regiment of Foot, represent units during the period 1775-1783. The Royal Americans wear uniforms and drill as in the 1760s.

British regiments represented at the Field Day will be the 10th, 23rd (Royal Welsh Fusiliers), 26th (Camerons), 42nd, 43rd, 60th, 63rd and 64th Regiments of Foot, Royal Artillery and Royal Marines. The troops will attend drill classes early on Saturday morning

and after the mass manoeuvres individual units will engage in a tactical musketry competition after which the volunteers—about two thirds of the total strength—will fall out for a long, tactical march through the peaceful Pennsylvania countryside. They will carry food, spare clothes and necessities for the next day while tents and camp kettles will accompany them in a wagon. Women, all in authentic dress, will accompany the marching body, giving it the air of a real 18th century British unit on the march. Light infantrymen

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of the 23rd and 26th regiments, as well as various provincial rangers and scouts, will scout out the march ahead in case of surprise by "rebels or Indians." Towards evening the men will set up an authentic cantonment area with tents arranged strictly in accordance with 18th century regulations. They will cook and eat their rations of bread, potatoes and carrots in authentic cast-iron pots. Next morning the traditional

church parade will be held on the parade ground after which the men will prepare for a Grand Inspection and Review, by Lieutenant-Colonel J S Weeks, The Parachute Regiment. Visitors are welcome to the Field Day which will also include craft activities, recruiting booths and historical displays on the British Army of the period.—P R N Katcher, 2411 Olive Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19130, USA.

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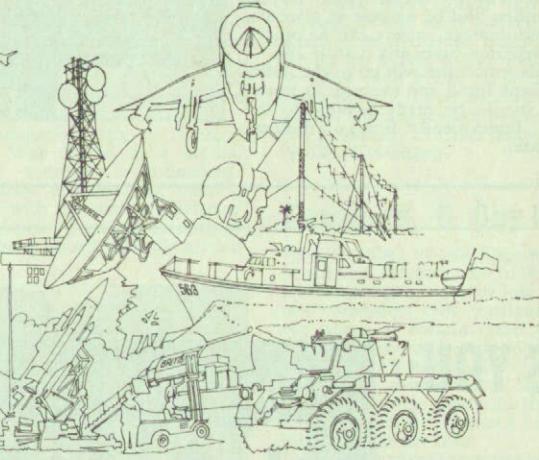
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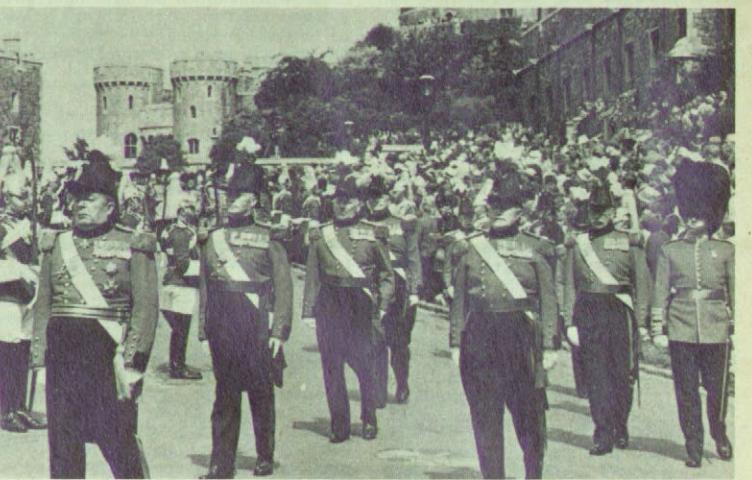
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This now leaves only A4 B4 and F4 F5 G4 to accommodate the destroyer and two submarines. It will be seen that the destroyer can lie only at A4 B4 with submarines at F4 and F6, or at F4 G4 with submarines at B4 and F6, either alternative eliminating F5. The original six shots were A6 B2 B8 D4 E2 and G8. The minimum additional shots required to make sure of sinking the fleet are therefore A2 A4 B4 B6 C2 D6 D7 D8 D9 F2 F4 F6 F8 G2 G4, a total of 15.

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Wot, no soccer?

We sympathise with Lieutenant-Colonel I G Thomas who deplores (April letters) the absence of any report in the Press of the Army football cup semi-final and final.

I can assure him it is not for lack of trying by the Army Football Association which regularly supplies details of fixtures and results to the leading national newspapers and news agencies. It also makes a point of inviting individual reporters personally to the more important matches. Unfortunately we get practically no coverage for football because of the vast amount of professional football which has an appeal to a greater proportion of the general public.

Certain sports reporters, notably those of The Times and The Daily Telegraph, do their best for the Army and have some success, chiefly in rugger, hockey and rackets, but their reports are invariably cut and frequently discarded altogether by sub-editors faced with too much material and too little space. We shall however continue to supply all the relevant information. We too are sad that SOLDIER no longer carries any sport in its columns but we appreciate the difficulties in a magazine which is published monthly because sports reports, to be of interest, must be immediate.—Brig G A Rimbault, Director, Army Sport Control Board, Ministry of Defence, Empress State Building, London SW6.

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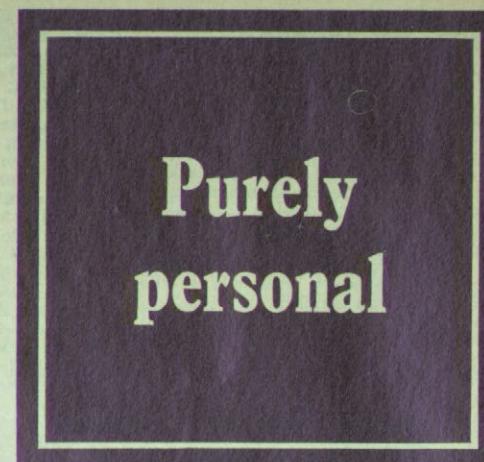
Ceremonial dress . . .

No military matter escapes the eagle eye of a defence attaché . . . "our man" in the British Embassy, Berne, **Colonel J I G Capadose**, reports: "Miss United Kingdom 1971" (pictured above) visited Switzerland recently. Wearing a camouflaged tunic and mini-skirt, this charming compatriot was most distinctly a subject of military interest." Agreed!

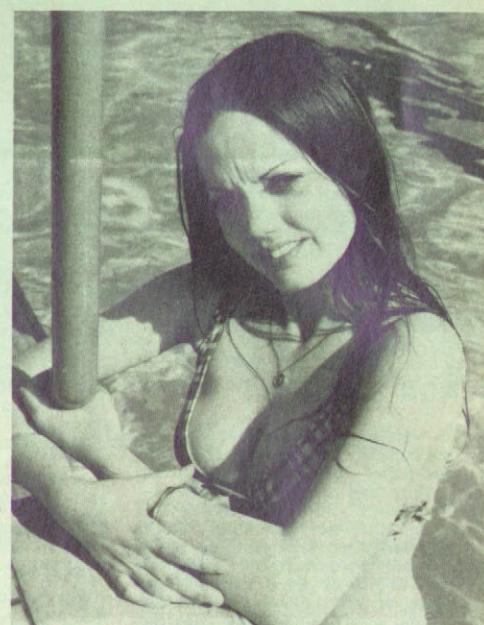


Tossing the general

Major-General John Carpenter, Transport Officer-in-Chief, is going up in the world . . . Polish style. The horizontal hello pictured above is a tradition in the sergeants mess of Polish members of 617 Tank Transporter Unit, Royal Corps of Transport, which the general visited.



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Pretty **Marilyn Wright** (above) has been getting into the swim modelling Naafi costumes for advertisements in Germany—she'd make a splash anywhere with her 36-24-37 figure. A teenage mail sorter in Naafi's post department in Rheindahlen, Marilyn wants to become a children's nurse.



Ten (out of ten)—Shun!

Top out of 51 students at an all arms drill course at Pirbright, Surrey, was Sergeant Koo Yau Shun (above), of the Hong Kong Dog Company, Royal Military Police, seen here on his home ground.



Golden girl

Golden girl of the moment in the Women's Royal Army Corps is **Corporal Betty Coombes**, of Gifford, East Lothian, Scotland, a winner of the Duke of Edinburgh's gold award. She specialised in a beauticians course and horse riding as two contrasting interests to qualify for the hard-won prize. Above: Corporal Coombes gives mother a hair-do.



Sergeant-cartoonist

During Army service throughout the world **Sergeant Ivor Thomas** (above) has developed a talent for seeing the funny side of military life—even in Belfast where he is now on a four-month tour of duty with 1st Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales. In his spare time Sergeant Thomas has created "Soldier Boy" (below), a cartoon character whose frolics mirror the scrapes every soldier gets into sometimes. Soldier Boy has proved so popular that the battalion plans to publish a book of his exploits.



Champion shot

Only a fortnight after arriving in Cyprus with 1st Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, **Private Fred Sluggett** (above) found himself a champion shot among the island's British servicemen. With eight trophies won, including the Young Soldiers' Cup and the Champion Rifle Shot Trophy in the Near East Land Forces skill-at-arms meeting, Private Sluggett hopes to enter for the Queen's Prize at Bisley this year.



Chung's chopper chrip

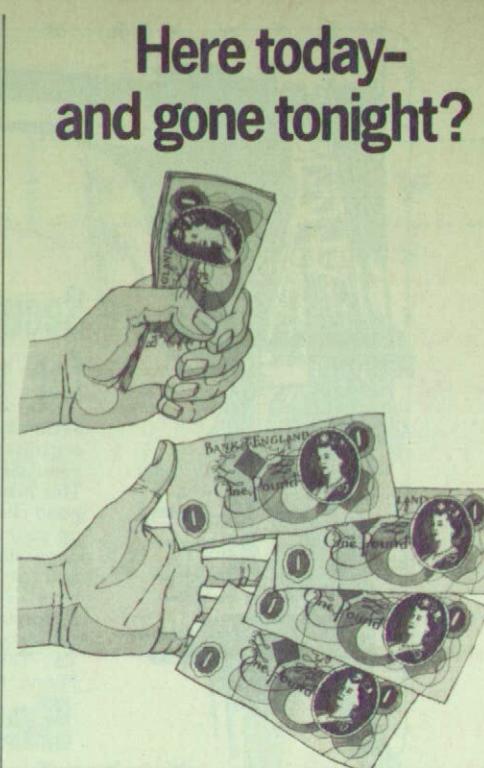
A retirement present fulfilled a lifelong ambition for **Corporal Chung Hing** (49) a day before he was due to quit his storeman job at 18 Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps, after 23 years' service. Cpl Hing (above) had always wanted to fly in a helicopter. So a trip in a 656 Aviation Squadron Scout was secretly arranged as a farewell gift from the corporal's RAMC friends. "It was a trip I will never forget," said Cpl Hing after a flight which took him landmark spotting over the places he knew so well on the ground—including his own home.



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A sign outside a Belfast chapel (above) takes on a poignant new meaning as **Lance-Bombardier James Sparkes**, of 7 Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, passes by on patrol. The parachute gunners' four-month tour of duty in Northern Ireland ended last month.



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This is the LP all the fuss has been about for most of April and May 1972. One tiny item from a potentially insignificant disc, a mere one hour's labour of arranging by the regiment's former bandmaster (Mr S Fairbairn) made history by blazing its way to the top of the charts, that hitherto rarefied prerogative of pop stars. Now every bugle, drum, trumpet, fife, pipe and penny whistle band in the land trembles with anticipation as they prepare for instant fame and fortune. Lightning never strikes in the same place twice they say, yet this particular band has the effrontery to include yet another tune that could do just that.

The mixture of pipes and bands, so

abhorred by the traditionalists, has now proved itself a winner so we can expect a flood of such items for a little while.

This LP is a round-up of regimental music and tunes beloved of the regiment. Arthur Bliss's "Jubilant" fanfare is followed by the trot "Keel Row" and canter "Bonnie Dundee." The pipes and drums play a selection which comprises "Back of Bennachie," "Drunken Piper," "72nd's Farewell to Aberdeen," "Corriechoillie," "My Love She's But a Lassie Yet" and "Rantin', Rovin' and Robin," then the slow air and jigs "Leaving Rhu Vaternish," "Nameless," "The Duck," "Eleanor's," and a tremendous "Drummers' Salute." The band plays Ronald Binge's "Cornet Carillon" and joins the pipes and drums for "Scotland the Brave" and the astonishingly elegant "Amazing Grace."

Side two opens with the "Russian Imperial Anthem," a traditional officers' mess item of the Greys, the slow march "Garb of Auld

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Gaul," and the walk "Men of Harlech." The third group by the pipes and drums is a medley of "Achany Glen," "Craig-A-Bhodaich," "Dalmahasaig," "MacFarlane's," "Dancing Feet" and "Dr Ross."

And then that other likely winner, "Going Home," an arrangement of the famous largo tune from Dvorak's New World Symphony, again for pipes and band. The finale is "Abide with Me," the old "Carbs Reveille" and that fine march by another former bandmaster, "The 3rd DGs." "Highland Laddie" on the pipes ends an historic record made almost casually at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh, more than a year ago.

One crib. Eighteen items on the label have "arranged Herbert" (the present bandmaster) after them. Stuart Fairbairn, the onlie begetter of "Amazing Grace," is ignored. He now conducts the band of the New Zealand Air Force but, knowing him, he won't mind this graceless act.

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Lewis Winstock's book, "Songs and Music of the Redcoats," an authoritative account of the music sung and marched to by the British Army for more than 250 years, has become a valuable source of reference to the likes of me. It gives the words and music of many of the ballads popular with the troops from the Civil War, Marlborough, Seven Years War, American War of Independence, Napoleonic Wars, Crimea, India and through to the Boer War. Not, as the author says, music merely popular during those wars but music actually sung by the soldiers themselves at the wars.

This LP gives a selection of some of the finest songs and marches of each war. The marches are played by an oboe, two clarinets, bassoon and drums from the Scots Guards and ballads are sung to the accompaniment of guitar, concertina, accordion, mandolin and bass as required, with Dennis Clarke's flute and Vin Garbutt's penny whistle creating an almost unbearable nostalgia in such tunes as "When the King Enjoys His Own Again" and "Over the Hills and Far Away." For anyone whose scalp crawls at the sound of such names as Barrosa, Pondicherry, Inkerman, Sahagun, Rorke's Drift and the mystique of the old red-coated British Army that sweated and cursed and fought and sang in such places, the book and the LP will vividly portray the ribald, sentimental and rousing music of those bawdy and bloody battles.

Thirty-four items, from "The English March" of about 1600 to "Soldiers of the Queen" of about 1900, give a wonderful chronological sound-picture of these three centuries of war music. The only weakness is that the same military band instrumentation

is used throughout for the marches. The songs and ballads are beautifully characterised by the singers (Lewis Winstock himself among the chorus) but here again a change from the tenor-type voices would have been welcome.

I sincerely trust a second volume of these imperishable tunes will be forthcoming. Such fine ditties as "Sergeant Morris's Song," "Hot Stuff," "One and All," "Bang Upon the Big Bass Drum" and the haunting "Over the Hills and Far Away" make my mouth water for my favourite "Savourneen Deelish" and some of the foreign army tunes.

Also on this LP: Side one—John Gwyn's Air; When Cannons are Roaring; The Marquis of Granby; The Girl I Left Behind Me; How Stands the Glass Around?; The Grenadiers' March; Light Infantry Song; Over the Water to Charlie; Roslyn Castle; The British Grenadiers; Love, Farewell; One and All; The Owl; The Rogues' March. Side two—Sahagun; Lochaber No More; The Dodger's Return; Hey for the Life of a Soldier; Paddy's Resource; Cheer Boys Cheer; Here's to the Last to Die; The Jolly Die-Hards; Colonel Burnaby; The Connaught Rangers; Rory O'More; Razors in the Air; The Wagon Loafers.

"The Regimental Band, Bugles, Pipes and Drums of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Ulster Rifles (83rd and 86th)" (Bandmaster: M Clark) (Bugle-Major: A J Chapman) (Pipe-Major: A V Price) (SSLX 382) A breathless record this. At a brisk 140 we are ushered round the regimental musical museum as it was before amalgamation with The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and The Royal Irish Fusiliers.

All music that can remotely be called regimental is here, plus a few standard marches for make-weight, and the whole makes a fine souvenir of a great regiment. Having a fine bugling tradition as well as a pipe and military band, there is variety in plenty. A bugle fanfare leads into the regimental quick march "Off, Said the Stranger," known when I was a rifleman as "Off, Off,

Said the Stranger"—but I quite see the point of dropping the first of the offs. Then "Slattery's Mounted Fut," an indispensable piece of Irishry, which forms the first of a trio of 6/8 marches, the others being R B Hall's "New Colonial" and Losey's "Waldmere."

The pipes and drums play a set comprising "Mountains of Iveragh," "The Kilt is My Delight," "Paddy Carey" and "The Sweet Maid" and the buglers play flourishes and fanfares known to riflemen everywhere. W J Duthoit's famous bugle march "The Little Bugler" is given a stirring performance and finally on side one a medley by the band of "It's a Great Day for the Irish," "The Irish Rover" and "The Holy Ground."

Side two is similar in shape, starting with another bugle fanfare and a couple of marches—"Our Director" and "The Ambassador," both sounding unfamiliar at this pace. Bandmaster Clark's own slow march "Silver Buckles" I found somewhat reminiscent of others. The pipes play "The Sligo Polka," "Clare's Dragoons," "Dearest My Own," a jig "Pet of the Pipes" and "The Rowan Tree."

The finale includes "Let Erin Remember," "The Minstrel Boy," "Dear Old Donegal," "Men O' the West," "Bard of Armagh" and "Pipers Waltz." The solo piper plays "Oft in the Stilly Night" and Retreat is given a change from Green's famous "Sunset" in a setting by Mr Clark to the tune "Minstrel Boy."

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The author has served in Kenya, Malaya, Muscat and Oman, Cyprus and Northern Ireland but his book contains little of his personal experience. It is concerned primarily with the steps that must be taken in a state of emergency to improve military efficiency, an aspect well stressed in an excellent introduction by General Sir Michael Carver, Chief of the General Staff. In particular Brigadier Kitson details the steps that must be taken to ensure effective co-ordination between military commanders, police and civil leaders.

This book can be recommended to every unit library and every officer concerned about understanding the techniques behind this peacekeeping role.

Faber & Faber, 3 Queen Square, London, SW1N 3AU, £3.00 CW

India v Pakistan

"The Lightning Campaign" (Major-General D K Palit)

On the Western front in last year's India-Pakistan war, a major of Hodson's Horse laboured all night to get his squadron of tanks across a soggy river bed. By dawn only four were over but in the early light he saw his enemy, the crew of eight Pakistani tanks, abandon their vehicles and run. He rounded them up and addressed them: "Don't you have any shame? You have let down the armoured corps. You are supposed to stand and fight. You have cut our noses (brought shame on us)."

In similar vein a senior Indian Air Force officer described the reluctance of the Pakistan pilots to

THE LIGHTNING CAMPAIGN

The Indo-Pakistan War 1971

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fight as "a terrible disgrace to the machines they were handling."

For the Pakistanis' poor performance the author blames in part the demoralisation caused by the atrocities they had committed in East Bengal. When they met a "a corps of gentlemen such as the Indian officers and jawans proved to be," the Indians established a moral ascendancy.

The author cheerfully admits the shortcomings of a book written to a 15-day deadline immediately after the events it describes. He writes with the exuberance and partisanship of a football fan whose team has won a big match but gives a useful description of the background to the war and of the remarkable 12-day advance to Dacca by Lieutenant-General J S Aurora's army across terrain which has been called "one of the most defensible in the world."

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Collector's item

"Uniforms of the American, British, French and German Armies in the War of the American Revolution, 1775-1783" (Lieutenant Charles M Lefferts)

Originally published in 1926 in a limited edition of 500 copies, this detailed and authoritative historical work soon became a collector's item. Now handsomely produced in a new edition, it is therefore a welcome addition to the bookshelves of historian, student and perfectionist modelmaker.

A dedicated researcher with a deep-rooted devotion to his subject, Lieutenant Lefferts spent the best part of 30 years compiling his book, delving into relevant archives in Britain, France and Germany, and checking every known source in the United States. A natural painter, he quickly became adept in the use of water colours and the 50 Lefferts plates in black and white illustrating the uniforms of the contending armies in the War of the Revolution put the book in a class by itself. A pity that the colour is missing although this is partly compensated for by the unit histories and uniform descriptions, including their colouring, accompanying each plate.

There is an interesting section on American army uniforms based on descriptions of dress worn by deserters as printed in contemporary newspaper advertisements. Of particular interest to British readers are the sections on British regiments in America and the official tables giving details of facings and lace and such niceties of dress as colour of waistcoats, breeches and linings. For cavalry regiments the tables

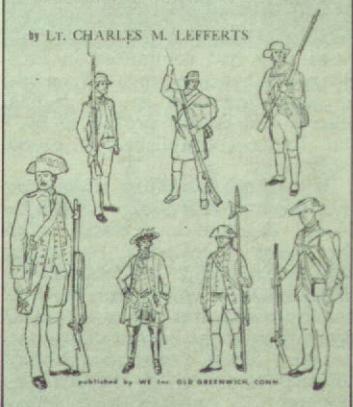
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are even more informative covering such minutiae as the colour of buttons and "how set-on," and the colour of lace on the "cloaths of the Trumpeter" and on "Housings and Holster-Caps."

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WE Inc, Old Greenwich, Connecticut, USA. British agents: Patrick Stephens Ltd, 9 Ely Place, London EC1, £3.80

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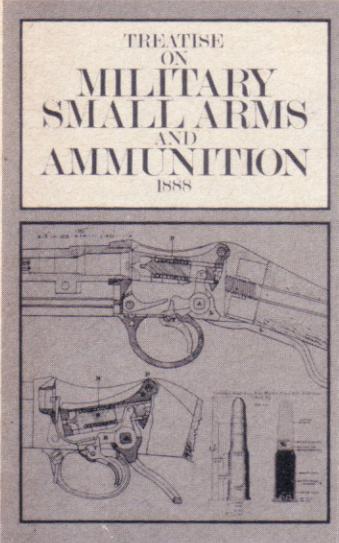
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A facsimile of a definitive Victorian textbook on arms, this treatise is one for the expert. It was compiled originally at the School of Musketry, Hythe, and may contain too much of the pure mathematics of its subject in its graphs and tables to sustain the interest of the mere enthusiast. However, there are some meticulously detailed descriptions of a number of military rifles, pistols and machine-guns accompanied by technical engravings the 19th century craftsmen made so attractive.

Of particular interest is the section dealing with ammunition which has a wealth of information. There is even a chapter on explosives and their manufacture and a brief history of firearms. The treatise ends with Professor Bashforth's General Tables to Problems on the Flight of Rifle Bullets.

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"British Military Longarms, 1815-1865" (D W Bailey)

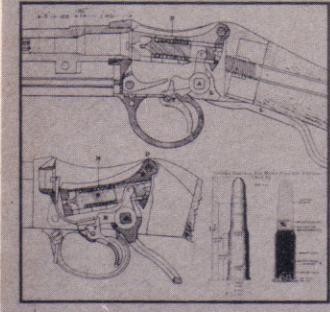
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"Dress Regulations for the Army 1900"

This is one of those nostalgically fascinating reprints of a bygone military age for which there seems to be an ever-increasing present-day demand. Previously published as a hard back, this well-illustrated paper-covered edition gives exact details of uniforms to be worn on appropriate occasions, including service overseas. Appendices cover such items as gold lace designs, swords, sword knots and scabbards, pistols and holsters, binocular cases, belts and saddlery.

As an example of Victorian thoroughness an officer's water bottle is described in greatest detail: "It has a cork stopper attached by a short chain. The cork is held on a stem tapped at the end to receive a small nut, so that the cork, which is of the size generally used for wine bottles etc, may be readily renewed when necessary."

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guide could fall into the wrong hands. However, the tips seem to be aimed at improving a policeman's kicking, gouging, poking and punching techniques in a tight spot.

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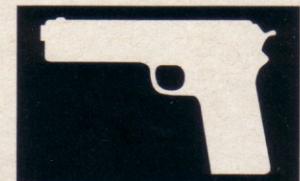
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