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FRONT COVER

Field guns from five NATO countries blast away in unison during a firepower demonstration at Larkhill, part of a two-week exercise involving artillery batteries from Germany, Italy, Britain, the United States and Belgium (nearest the camera).

Picture by Paul Haley.



BACK COVER

Early morning sunshine streams across the Lincolnshire fields as part-time soldiers of The Queen's Own Yeomanry complete a night withdrawal across river bridges. The TAVR men from Scotland, Tyneside, Yorkshire and Cheshire held a mobile exercise through three counties as a climax to its annual camp.

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AUGUST 1975

- 20 Kneller Hall Band Concert.
- 21 Southport Flower Show (21-23 August) (Red Caps).
- 22 Edinburgh Tattoo (22 August-13 September).
- 23 Town and Country Festival, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire (23-25 August) (Pegasus gymnastic team; band).
- 23 QUEXPO, Birchington, Kent (23-25 August) (arena event).
- 23 Expo Steam Rally, Peterborough (23-25 August) (Red Devils; White Helmets; Blue Eagles).
- 23 Harlow (Essex) Town Show (Red Devils).
- 23 Poynton Agricultural Show (Blue Eagles).
- 24 Carlisle Army Display (24-25 August) (Red Devils; RA motorcyclists; Red Caps; five bands).
- 24 North Devon Traction Rally, Barnstaple (24-25 August) (displays).
- 24 Leicester Air Display (Blue Eagles).
- 25 Eye (Suffolk) Show (display team).
- 25 Sittingbourne (Kent) Carnival (Red Devils).
- 25 Watford Civic Outdoor Gala (display team; band).
- 25 Hemel Hempstead Carnival (Red Devils; band).
- 25 Leicester City Show (25-26 August) (band).
- 25 Walsall Show (25-26 August) (band).
- 25 Aylsham (Norfolk) Show (band).
- 25 Worthing Rotarama (Black Knights).
- 25 Shell Sport, Brands Hatch (Red Devils).
- 27 Gillingham and Shaftesbury Show (band).
- 27 Kneller Hall Grand Band Concert.
- 28 Moretonhampstead (Devon) Carnival (Blue Eagles).
- 29 Motorcycle Show, Earls Court (29 August-4 September) (White Helmets).
- 29 Sheffield Show (29-31 August) (band).
- 29 Blackburn Army Display (29-31 August) (Red Devils; RA motorcyclists; Red Caps; Blue Eagles 30-31 August; four bands).
- 30 Felixstowe Carnival (display team).
- 30 Egham and Thorpe (Surrey) Royal Agricultural Show (band).

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- 3 Kneller Hall Band Concert.
- 6 High Wycombe Show (RA motorcyclists).
- 6 Open Day, Ampthill (Bedfordshire) Cheshire Home (Blue Eagles).
- 6 Richmond (Yorkshire) Round Table Show (band).
- 6 Keighley (Yorkshire) Show (band).
- 6 Norfolk Tattoo.
- 7 Burma Star Association Day, Waterbeach, Cambridge (Red Caps; White Helmets; Blue Eagles; RN, RAF and civilian flying displays; six bands).
- 7 Glasgow KAPE (7-14 September) (three displays; two bands).
- 7 Shell Sport, Oulton Park (Red Devils).
- 8 Portsmouth Show (8-12 September) (White Helmets).
- 10 Kneller Hall (Final) Grand Band Concert.
- 13 Brent (Middlesex) Town Show (Red Caps).
- 13 Romsey (Hants) Show (Red Caps).
- 14 Woodley (Reading) Tattoo.
- 20 Welwyn Garden City Water Carnival (Pegasus gymnastic team; band).
- 20 Laying-up Colours, 1st Battalion, The Royal Sussex Regiment, Chichester Cathedral.
- 23 Grangemouth Tattoo (23-27 September).
- 23 Kettering (Northamptonshire) Week (23-27 September) (Red Caps; band).
- 28 Laying-up Colours, 1st Battalion, The Queen's Own Buffs; 4th and 5th battalions, The Buffs; Canterbury Cathedral. (Now postponed to 1976.)

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- 19 Shell Sport, Brands Hatch (Red Devils).

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The print measures 23×17 inches (actual picture area $17\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{4}$ inches) and depicts an incident on 13 September 1971 when a decision was taken to patrol in force the whole of the Falls area of Belfast. The aim was to flush out gunmen and snipers and a patrol of R Company, 3rd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, was fired on in Leeson Street with a battle ensuing.

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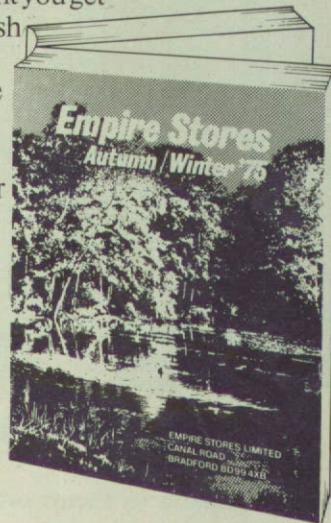
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Another special offer to readers this month (see page 26) is a set of five photographic colour prints of the fourth Military Musical Pageant at Wembley. The prints can hardly do justice to this tremendous spectacle—but will preserve the memory, for those who were there, of a unique performance and an unforgettable evening.

There are now two more additions to the range of regimental drum ice buckets—13th/18th Royal Hussars and 7th (City of Belfast) Battalion, Ulster Defence Regiment. Regrettably the manufacturers have had to increase their prices and, even more regrettably, SOLDIER has no alternative but to pass on the increases. The new rates for ice buckets are £67.25 (UK), £5.80 (BFPO) and £6.85 (elsewhere), all including postage and packing.

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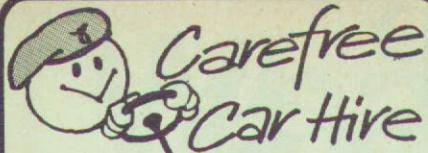
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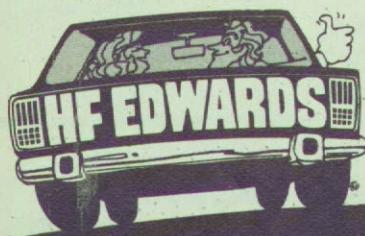
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The Guards Museum

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The exhibits span more than 300 years of British history. Among them are a detailed diorama showing King Charles II reviewing his Royal Regiment of Guards outside Bruges in 1656; the original 1661 design for the regiment's 12 company Colours from which the present-day Colours of the Grenadier Guards are derived; a portrait of General Monck, first Colonel of the Coldstream Guards—Monck's Regiment of Foot as it was called when raised in 1650; and an example of that rarity, the Dunbar Medal, commemorating the battle at which Oliver Cromwell defeated the Royal Army.

Another diorama shows Charles II presenting new Colours to the Scots Guards at Falkland Palace in 1650 and nearby is the commission granted by King Charles I to the Marquis of Argyle for the raising of that regiment in 1642. A court sword presented to the Duke of Marlborough by Queen Anne in 1702 and an unusual silver wine flagon owned by Gilbert Primrose, who commanded the 1st Battalion, First Guards, at the storming of the heights of Schellenburg (subject of a diorama) are two of the items in the Marlborough case.

Moving on to the Napoleonic wars, one can see a notebook recording the route taken by the 2nd Brigade of Guards in Portugal and Spain (1809-10), a graphic diorama showing the closing of the gate at Hougoumont Farm during the battle of Waterloo, part of the gate itself perforated by musket balls, and a French Imperial Guard officer's sword. Wellington relics include a shako worn by the Duke when Colonel of the Grenadier Guards, the sword scabbard he wore for his triumphal entry into Paris in July, 1815, and a lock of his hair.

Grouped around a portrait of Frederick Duke of York, Colonel of the Coldstream

Guards 1784-1805 and Colonel of the Grenadier Guards 1805-1827, are his bearskin cap, gorget, sword and large barrelled sash with tassels at each corner. Among uniforms on display are a Scots Fusilier Guards coatee and cap (circa 1833) and a miniature uniform of a Grenadier Guards officer of the same period worn by the Duke of Connaught (1850-1942) at the age of five.

Items recalling the Crimean War include the revolver used by Sir Charles Russell at the storming of the Sandbag Battery during the battle of Inkerman and a circular wooden water bottle used by Private D. Coles, 3rd Battalion, Grenadier Guards.

On to the 20th century and we see the Submission made to Queen Victoria and the resultant Army Order under which the Irish Guards were formed in 1900; a photograph of the regiment's first recruit, Private O'Brien, from Limerick; the star and sash of the Order of St Patrick worn by Field-Marshal Earl Roberts VC, first Colonel of the Irish Guards; and a diorama of the 2nd and 3rd battalions capturing "Joe's Bridge" over the Escaut Canal on 10 September 1944.

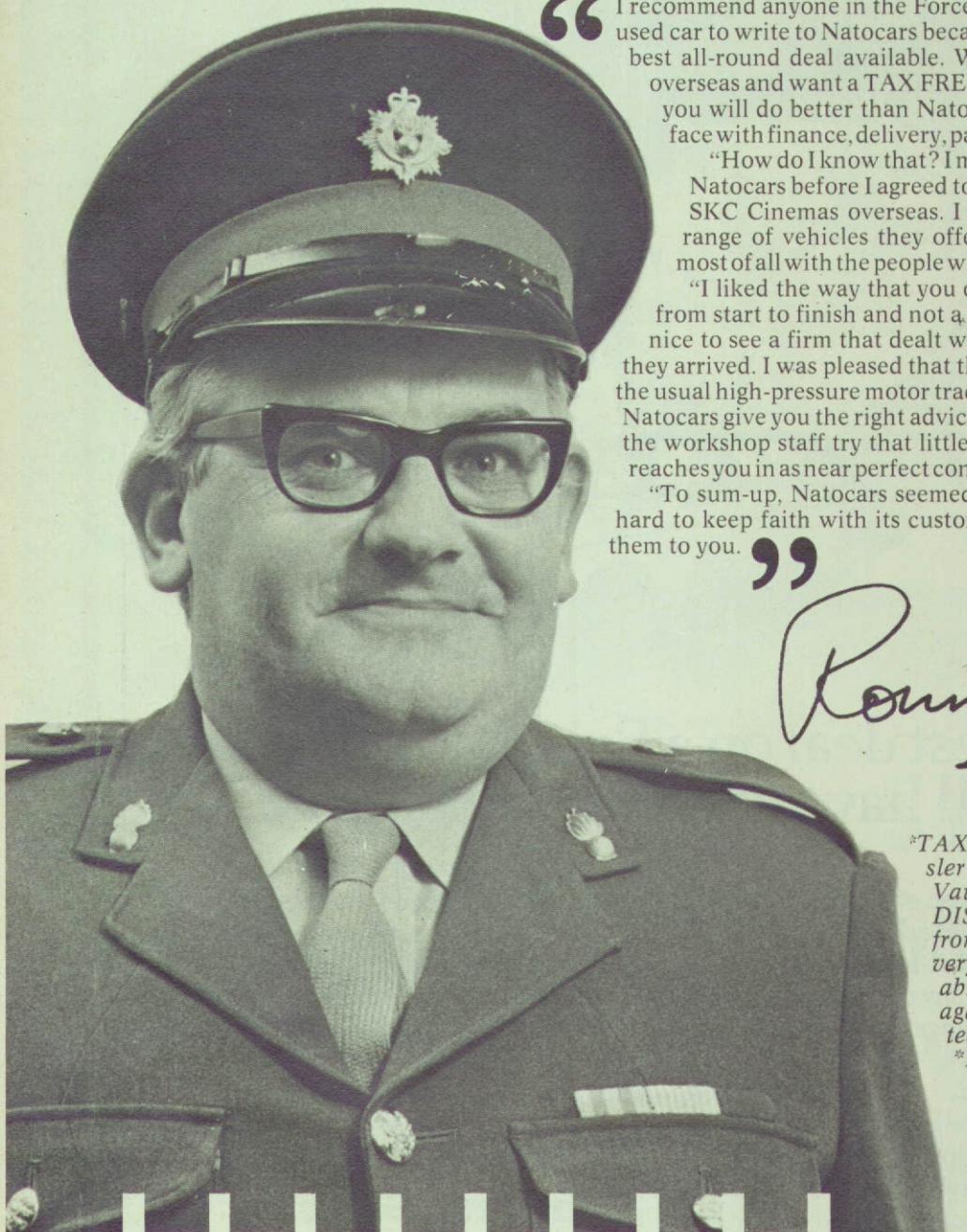
Next, the Welsh Guards, formed in February 1915, and—almost unbelievable to modern eyes—the regiment's first pay cheque for £139. Yet another diorama shows the 1st Battalion attacking Hill 70 in the World War One battle of Loos. A treasured souvenir of World War Two is the Standard presented to the Welsh Guards by the City of Brussels on its liberation in 1944. But of the many mementos of the two global conflicts perhaps the most popular with visitors is the ordinary Lee Enfield rifle used by the Prince of Wales in the trenches at Givenchy in April 1915.

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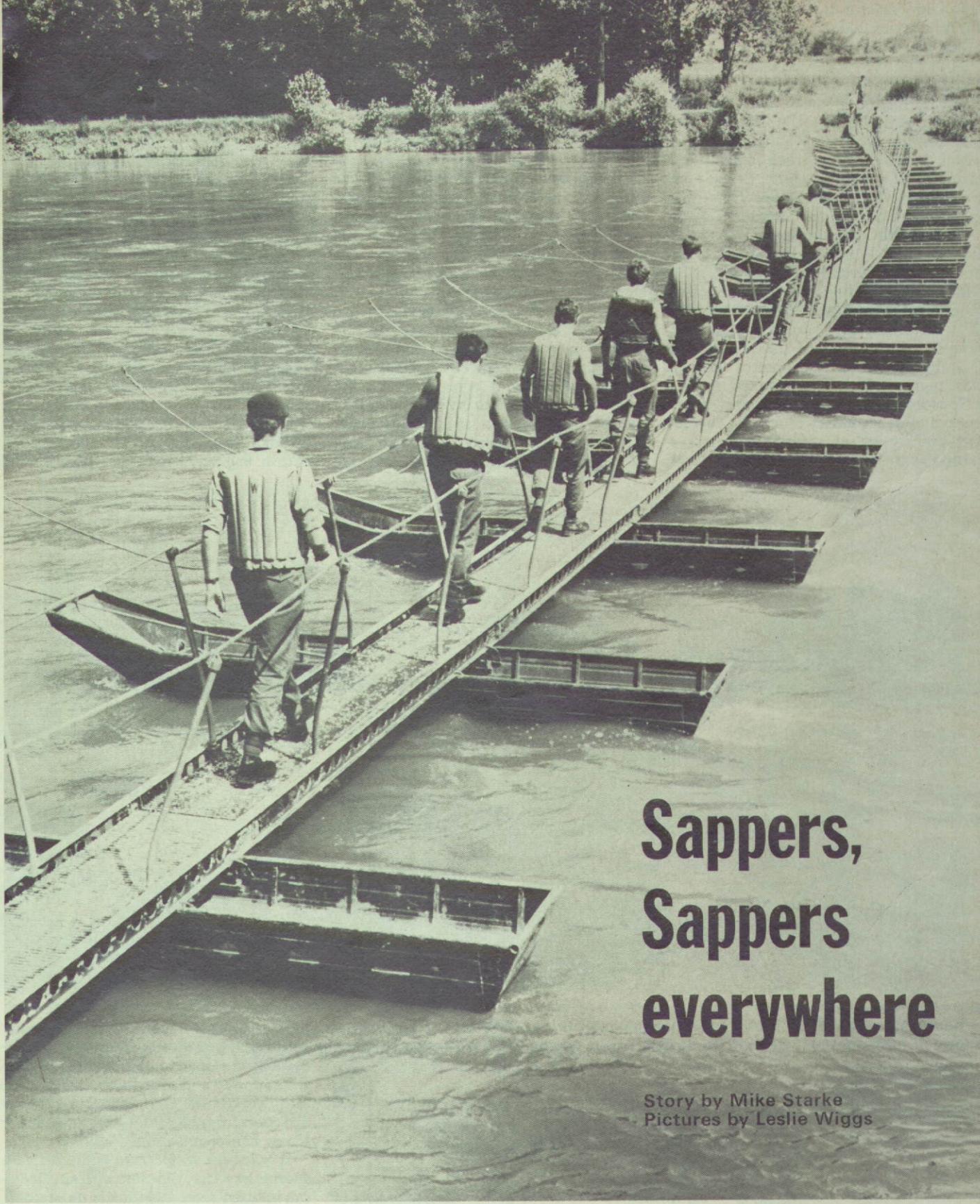
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Regimental rivalries apart, the Bundeswehr hosts of 9 Independent Parachute Squadron, Royal Engineers, during nearly a month of joint exercising, were left in no doubt that the versatility of sapper skills displayed by the unit earned the motto "everywhere." The whole object of the exercise was to extend that versatility by getting to know German soldiers as NATO allies and comparing notes as

fellow sappers facing the same engineering problems with often vastly different equipment.

The bulk of the squadron arrived by road in Munich after a punishing drive all the way from Antwerp. But the sappers were soon refreshed by the warm welcome of their hosts, 290 Panzer Pionier Kompanie, at the Pionierschule-Engineer School. The British were shown the

Above: An American-made infantry bridge in service with the Germans is tested out by British Sappers.

latest Bundeswehr engineering plant plus the minelaying and demolition techniques of the German combat engineer.

A day on the ranges gave the British a chance to handle the Germans' infantry weapons including their rifle, Spandau machine-gun, the little Uzi sub-machine-gun and the compact Walther automatic pistol. Meanwhile one troop joined other elements of 16th Parachute Brigade on exercise in Italy with troops from that country and the United States.

Back in Bavaria, the squadron moved from Munich to nearby Ingolstadt, home of the German engineers' bridging camp which is attended by every sapper in the German Army at one time or another. The attraction for sapper bridgelayers here is the challenge of the fast-flowing Danube—well over 100 metres wide at this point—which was swollen during 9 Squadron's visit to a muddy grey-green instead of its legendary blue. The current slid quickly by at some 2.3 metres a second as the Germans prepared to show

the British their MLC 60 bridge comprising aluminium decking sections mounted on vast inflatable pontoons.

The experts of 4th Pionier Battalion, who had taken over as the squadron's German hosts, explained that one of the main advantages of the MLC 60 is that it can be manhandled off its transport to the river bank without calling on heavy plant for assistance. A seven-nozzle, two-stroke powered compressor inflates, and deflates, the black rubber pontoons which contain 14 independent buoyancy chambers—six each side and two in the middle. The multiple compartments are designed to stop the pontoons sinking if shot at.

Once both ramped ends of the bridge have been aligned and secured opposite each other, sections of three decked pontoons drop sturdy anchors upstream of the bridge site and edge down on the anchor cable, paid out by winch, to take up their positions in the floating span. The men of 9 Squadron soon got the hang of the unfamiliar kit and after manning

the bridge on a half-and-half crew basis with the Germans they practised erecting and dismantling it on their own.

Next it was the turn of the visitors to show their hosts the British class 16 airportable bridge. The squadron commander, Major Mike Payne, explained that most bridges fulfil only one of the three river crossing requirements but the class 16 could be used for all three—rafting, floating bridging and fixed-span dry bridging.

Four main items make up the class 16—metal deck boxes which form the main trackway, articulating pieces to join the boxes, ramps for each end of the bridge and rafting sponsons with 40 horsepower outboard motors to manoeuvre the raft in the water. Inflatable floats can be attached to the bridge sides and are blown up direct from the towing vehicles' exhausts. The flood water of the Danube was too fast to really put the bridge through its paces but both Germans and British engineers built and manoeuvred



A Bundeswehr Marder AFV uses a German inflatable bridge while men of 9 Squadron and their hosts look on. Below: The British troops master German bridge-building.



the class 16 in a small backwater harbour.

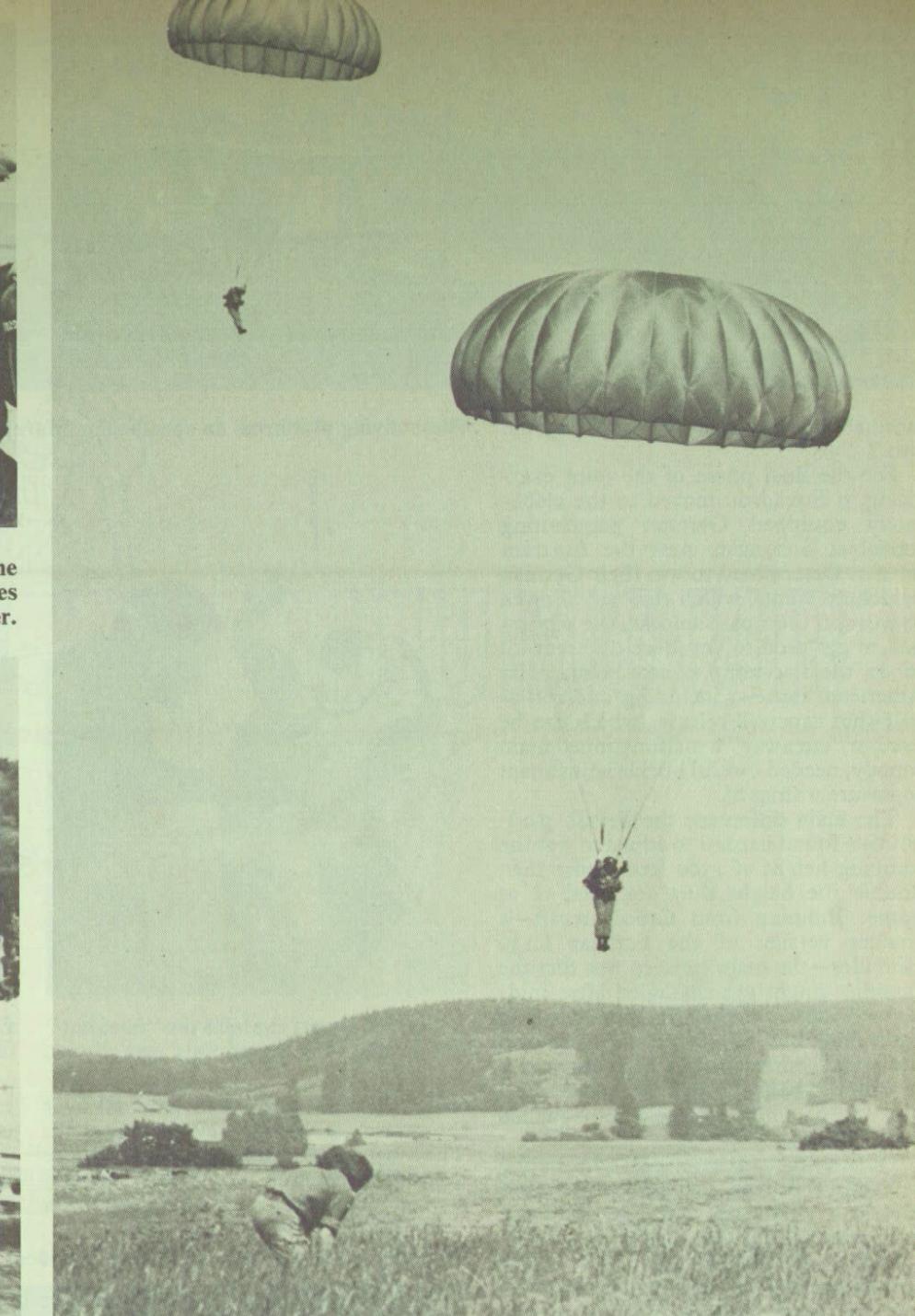
German observers remarked on the individual initiative the British soldiers were allowed and used to advantage while they worked on their bridge with little direction from their troop commander or senior non-commissioned officers.

It was back to German equipment for another exercise, this time with an American infantry footbridge made up of small, open-topped pontoons supporting a single-track deck to carry a file of men who could steady their crossing with a rope handrail. Each pontoon was attached to a wire slung across the river and a span of some 144 metres was pushed out over the fast-flowing Danube in just over a quarter of an hour by men of 9 Squadron.

"Bridging is no different the world over," commented Major Payne. "The basic problems are the same. But by using other people's equipment you realise

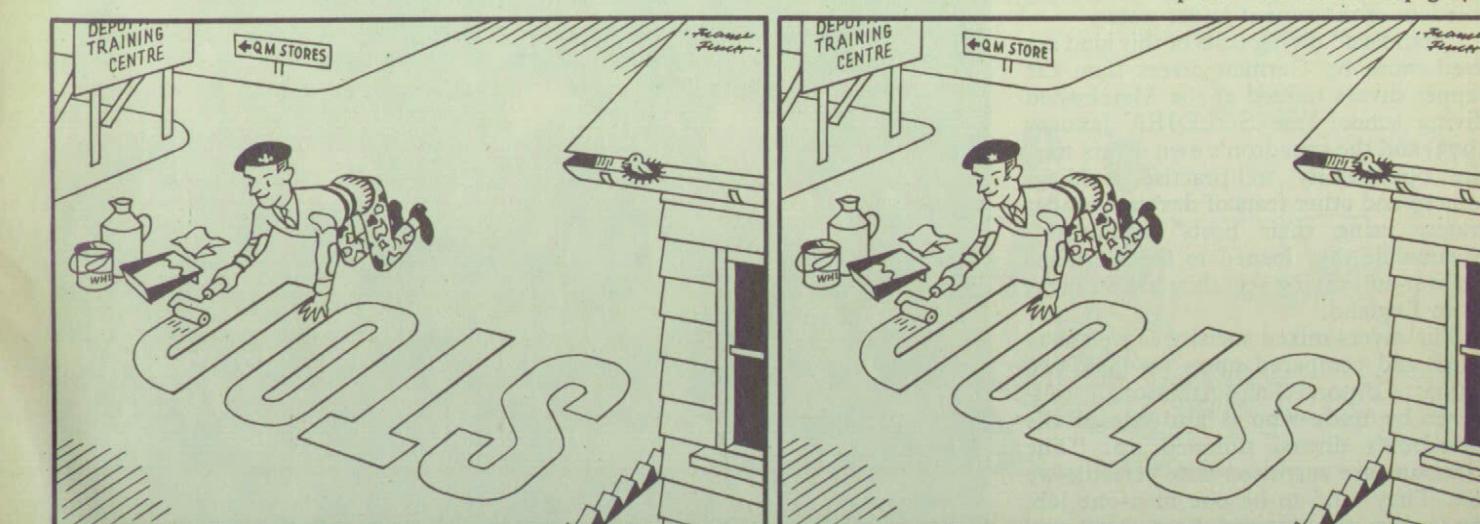


The Para sappers join German airborne soldiers to jump unfamiliar T10 chutes (right) from the C130's smaller sister.



These two pictures look alike but they differ in ten details. Look at them carefully. If you cannot spot the differences see page 48.

How observant are you?





more about your own by comparing the two."

For the final phase of the joint exercising, 9 Squadron moved to the elaborately equipped German parachuting school at Schongau, near the Austrian border. Determined to win their German parachute wings, which they are allowed to wear on their para smocks, the sappers had to get used to yet more different kit to do the five-jump course. Unfamiliar American harness, including one-and-a-half-shot capewell releases which can be used to "cut away" a malfunctioned main canopy, needed careful buckle adjustment to ensure a snug fit.

The main difference the British parachutists found hardest to adjust to was the jumping height of 1500 feet—more than double the height they are used to at home. Jumping from C160 aircraft—a smaller version of the familiar C130 Hercules—the main concern was that the canopies might get entangled after mid-air collisions on the relatively long drop of 1500 feet. But few problems arose and the jump course ensured the squadron a record number of parachute descents as a unit in 12 months, a record unequalled for 15 years.

During much of the joint training period a handful of the squadron's qualified divers, led by Sergeant Pete Kershaw, were guests of the German Army's diving school at Percha on the banks of the Starnbergersee—a renowned holiday resort in south Bavaria. The squadron's divers were most impressed with the German "hard hat" diving suits. The globe-like helmet, thick suiting and cast iron over-shoes make a man grotesquely ungainly on land but allow a surprising freedom of movement under water.

"Standard" diving suits of this kind are used more by German divers than the sapper divers trained at the Marchwood diving school (see *SOLDIER* January 1973) and the squadron's own divers took the opportunity to practise welding, joinery and other feats of dexterity under water, using their hosts' equipment. Meanwhile they loaned to the Germans the wet-suit diving sets they had brought from England.

The divers mixed socially as well as at work and compared notes on their two armies. Corporal Tony Atkinson, a well-borer by trade who is also one of the squadron's divers, summed up: "The Germans are surprised how versatile we are. They tend to be one man-one job. And they are amazed how much we

These diving platforms on spectacular Starnbergersee were used for training.



A German expert explains the "hard hat" suit to one of 9 Squadron's own divers.

travel. In eight years I've been all over the world to literally every continent. They just move around Germany. We're infantry, parachutists, drivers, divers, combat engineers, mine and demolition

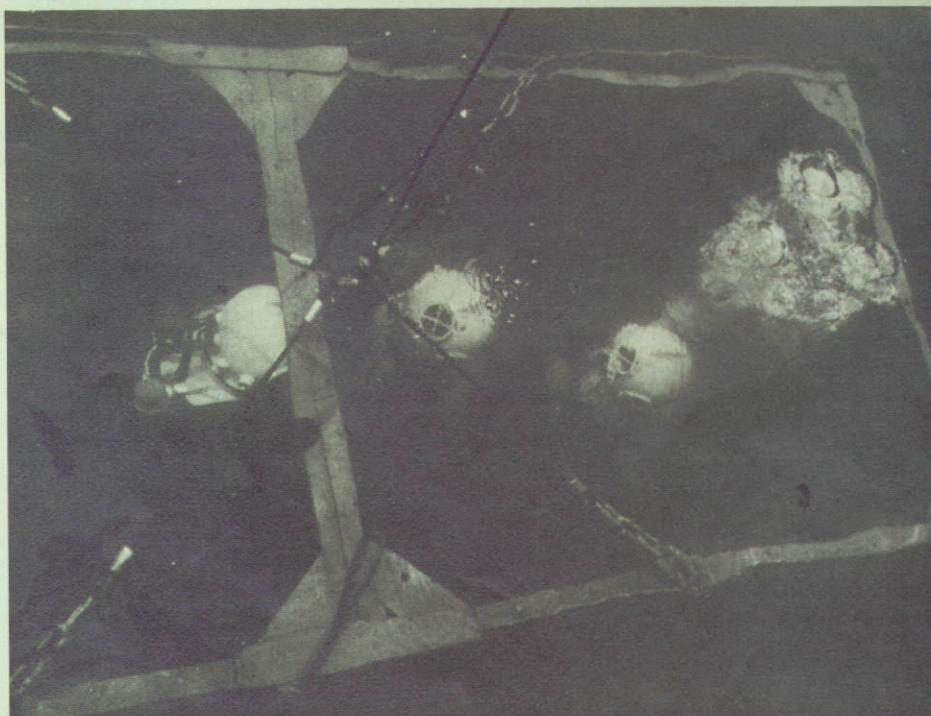


Going down... the British divers were full of praise for the German equipment.

experts. The Germans find it difficult to understand this."

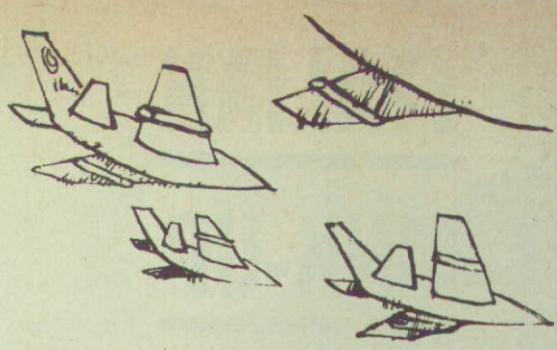
Indeed 9 Squadron's visit had proved to their hosts that "ubique" really did mean "everywhere" for the Royal Engineers.

The clear waters of Starnbergersee are ideal for underwater training tasks.





HONEYSET.

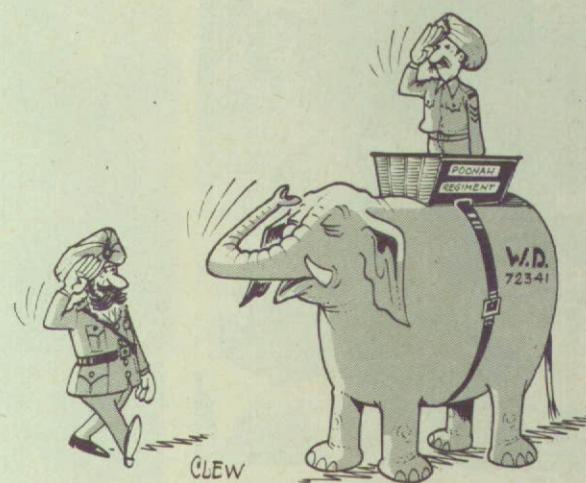


HUMOUR



"Lucky for you our captain has a sense of fair play."

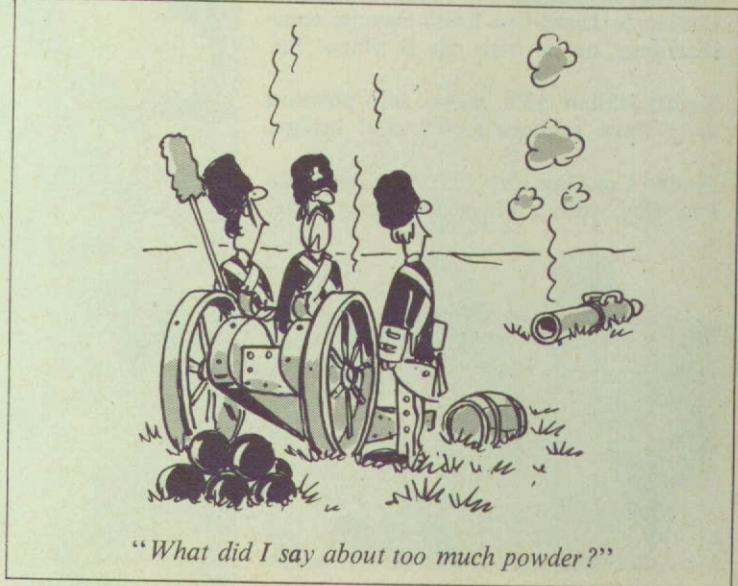
ROY NIXON



CLEW



"No, lad, no . . . If it moves, salute it!"



"What did I say about too much powder?"

ITALIAN LINK-UP



General Alexander M Haig, SACEUR, talking to Lieut-Col Keith Spacie, commanding, on a visit to 3 Para Bn.

Right: Italian APC moves into position as 3 Para soldiers guard vital bridge.

Below: Cpl Alan Joels RMP, 16 Para Bde Pro Coy, with a Carabinieri colleague.



WHILE high-season holiday-makers headed for the Continent, British paratroopers and gunners flew into north-east Italy for a first joint exercise in that area with the Italian forces. Exercise Dashing Impact was designed to test the rapid deployment of the British troops to a battle area to operate alongside their Italian hosts.

Most of the British battle group, which included men of 3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, and I Battery (Bull's Troop), Royal Horse Artillery, flew to an airfield in the exercise area some 40 miles north-east of Venice, but men of 1st Independent Guards Parachute Company practised their pathfinder role by making a spectacular low-level drop in late evening against a background of lightning in the mountains.

The first night of Dashing Impact was spent in an eight-mile approach march up a boulder-strewn river bed made slippery and treacherous by the violent thunderstorms. A dawn attack on three steep and densely wooded hills was supported by Italian fighter aircraft attacks.

Then the 800 British were moved in Italian Army lorries to guard three major bridges which had been prepared with dummy demolition charges by men of 9 Independent Parachute Squadron, Royal Engineers. At these bridges the main link-up with Italian troops took place, Italian M60 tanks and M113 armoured personnel carriers setting up joint defensive positions with the paratroopers. Shortly afterwards the British troops were lifted out in Italian Chinook and Huey helicopters.

This fast-moving two-day exercise ended with a mass firepower demonstration. Watched by General Alexander M Haig, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, ambassadors and top-ranking officers, an area of countryside scattered with targets was systematically blasted by weapons varying from rifles to anti-tank guns, light and medium artillery, tanks and aircraft with rockets and napalm.

After a well-earned rest, many soldiers took the opportunity to visit Venice or to exchange exercise dust and dirt for the suntan of a nearby holiday resort. The 58 men of Bull's Troop paid a reciprocal visit to D Battery, 509 Airborne Battalion Combat Team, at the American Army base of Vicenza, 50 miles from the exercise area. The two batteries have had a strong and developing affiliation for two years and earlier this year, after a NATO exercise in England, men of the American combat team stayed on for a week in Aldershot as guests of Bull's Troop.

During their week at Vicenza the British soldiers joined the Americans in five practice jumps from Huey helicopters and in a simple parade on the final day of the visit were presented with their American parachute wings by Colonel James T Wortham, Deputy Commander Southern European Task Force.

Story and pictures by Army Public Relations, HQ United Kingdom Land Forces.



British officer talks to commander of Italian APC outside 3 Para field headquarters. Note the Bersaglieri plumes.



Left: British paratroopers on exercise.

Below: Men of I Bty (Bull's Troop) RHA on Ex Dashing Impact. The Italians used both Chinook and Huey USA helicopters.



SWORD OF PEACE

Helping the helpless

FOR the third time in the nine years of its award, the Army Wilkinson Sword of Peace has been won by a unit in Hong Kong. The 1974 award goes to 50 Command Workshop, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, runners-up for the three previous years, for its help to the handicapped and underprivileged in the densely populated Sham Shui Po district of Kowloon.

The work has involved all members of the unit and many of their wives and families. During 1974, in addition to day-to-day help to the needy in its locality, the unit carried out some 55 community projects. One of these was to design and produce a special wheelchair for the John F Kennedy Children's Hospital which specialises in remedial therapy for



spastic children. In another project the workshop "adopted" sea cadets of the local training ship and found itself teaching the youngsters to build sailing dinghies (above, right); in yet another, two junior non-commissioned officers gave up their evenings and weekends to lay more than 14,000 square feet of tiles (far right) on the dangerous concrete floors of a school for mentally handicapped children.

The workshop has a British staff of nine officers and 115 soldiers augmented by 18 Hong Kong soldiers and 270 Chinese civilians. It supports the two Army brigades and the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force in Hong Kong and repairs 45,000 items of equipment a year. Because of its technical expertise the unit

is frequently called on to help other units with their community relations work. Its technical skills have been applied by the unit itself to overhauling a village generator (top, right), recovering an articulated truck, lifting a bus which fell into a hole and (SOLDIER, August 1975) developing an emergency rescue pack.

But the main effort has always been directed towards the helpless old and young, such as the family of five Chinese children adopted when the mother vanished and the father died; the hand-rails fitted by a sergeant in an old people's home, and the funfair organised by the unit's wives for 5000 deprived children.

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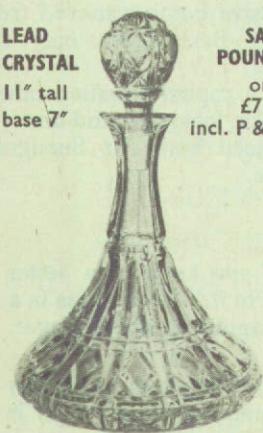
The three ceremonial swords of peace were presented by Field-Marshal Sir Michael Carver, Chief of the Defence Staff, at a luncheon over which Mr Roy J Randolph, president of Wilkinson Sword Ltd, presided in the Cutlers' Hall, London. The Army sword was received (above, left) by Major Christopher K ff Nobbs, commanding 50 Command Workshop, the Royal Navy sword by Lieutenant-Colonel M R Marchant, Royal Marines (41 Commando Group's services to refugees in Cyprus) and the Royal Air Force sword by Air Commodore D P Hall (RAF Akrotiri refugee services in Cyprus).

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- 1970 253 Signal Squadron, Royal Signals (Hong Kong)
- 1969 2nd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment (Anguilla)
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Field Day at Rochester

Story by Charles Dickens
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THE whole population of Rochester and the adjoining towns rose from their beds at an early hour of the following morning in a state of the utmost bustle and excitement. A grand review was to take place upon the Lines. The manoeuvres of half-a-dozen regiments were to be inspected by the eagle eye of the commander-in-chief; temporary fortifications had been erected, the citadel was to be attacked and taken, and a mine was to be sprung. . . .

... A few moments of eager expectation, and colours were seen fluttering gaily in the air, arms glistened brightly in the sun, column after column poured on to the plain. The troops halted and formed; the word of command rung through the line, there was a general clash of muskets as arms were presented; and the commander-in-chief, attended by Colonel Bulder and numerous officers, cantered to the front. The military bands struck up all together; the horses stood upon two legs each, cantered backwards, and whisked their tails about in all directions; the dogs barked, the mob screamed, the troops recovered, and nothing was to be seen on either side, as

far as the eye could reach, but a long perspective of red coats and white trousers, fixed and motionless. . . .

That graphic description of one of the great demonstrations at Rochester, which were the forerunners of the Royal Engineers demonstrations, was written by Charles Dickens nearly 140 years ago. Today the red coats, the horses, the dogs and the military bands have gone—in their place is a spectacle featuring military equipment which would have amazed Dickens and his characters, Mr Pickwick, Mr Winkle and Mr Snodgrass, who attended that fictional demonstration.

Topping the bill at Chattenden this year was the combat engineer tractor, intended to provide close engineer support to battle groups and with equal cross-country mobility to that of an armoured personnel carrier. It made both morning and afternoon appearances which included firing its own anchor, thus enabling it to winch itself out of a river.

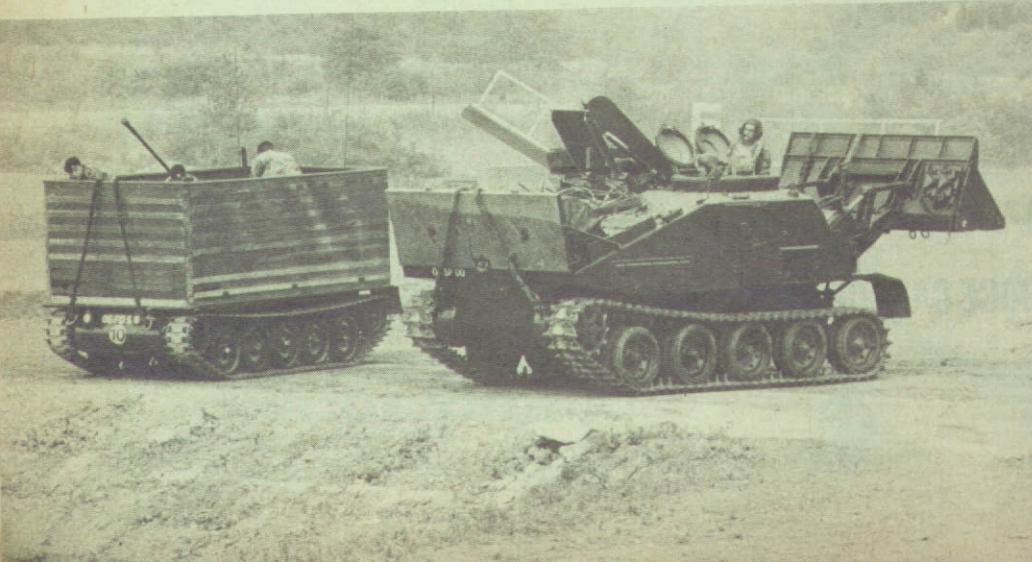
Then there was a digging demonstration. Two soldiers did it the way it has always been done—with a spade plus lots of muscle. By their side a tractor was shovelling out a trench. Winner of this

race was the new mobile digger due to enter service this year. In 90 seconds the digger had completed its trench while the tractor was still shovelling out soil and the two soldiers had reached a depth of only ten inches. To be fair, it was pointed out that in many battle situations there will still be no alternative to spades and elbow grease.

The annual demonstrations show off the whole range of sapper equipment and many old favourites were there. Dissidents had planted a car as a barricade. Along came a medium-wheeled tractor, grabbed it with a lot of grinding and splintering of glass and passed it on to a truck facetiously labelled "Glasgow Corporation Cleansing Department."

There were excavators and tractors, fork lift trucks and graders and a large static exhibition depicting all of the many roles of the Royal Engineers—among the exhibits a massive bomb removed from a car park at Bexleyheath only the previous day.

"We are in a capital situation now," said Mr Pickwick, looking round him. . . . "Capital!" echoed both Mr Snodgrass and Mr Winkle.



Above: "If you know of a better 'ole then go to it." Soldier sits in a trench dug rapidly by mobile digger.

Left: Scimitar stands by as the new combat engineer tractor (right) is getting ready to go into the water.



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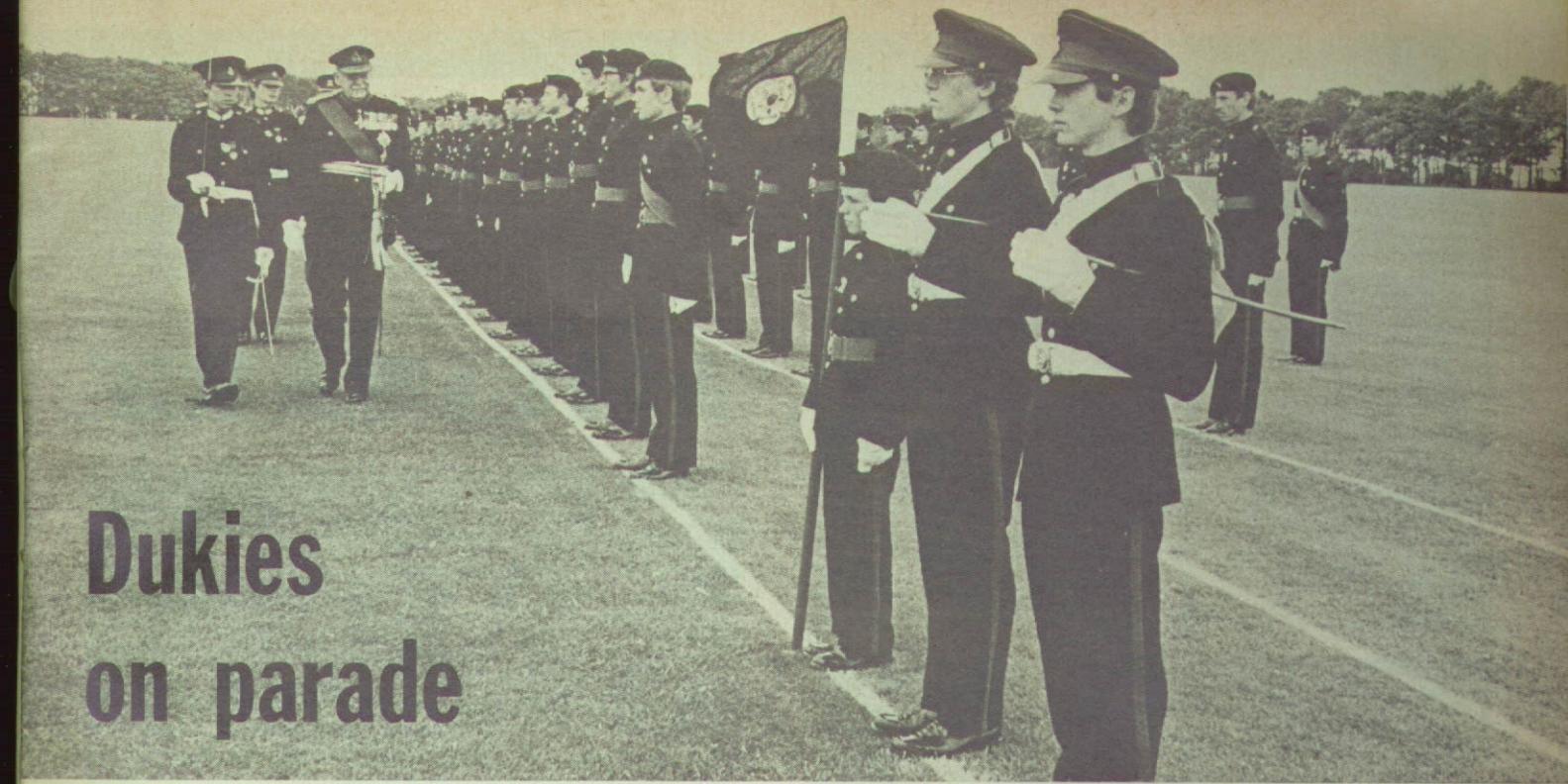
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Dukies on parade

REY, rain-filled clouds rather than bluebirds were the order of the day over the white cliffs of Dover for this year's Trooping the Colour at the Duke of York's Royal Military School. Nevertheless the downpour held off long enough for the soldiers' sons to show a large crowd of families, old boys and guests just how well the "Sons of the Brave" can do these things.

Taking the salute was General Sir Richard Gale, an old soldier who has long taken an interest in the school and who looked pleased with the four guards of blue-clad figures awaiting him on the windswept playing field. General Gale, who ended his active career as Deputy Supreme Commander of SHAPE, was one of the school's specially appointed commissioners for 21 years until 1973.

He was accompanied by the headmaster, Colonel K W Ferrier, and the bursar, Lieutenant-Colonel George Hodgkinson, who last year was commanding the Chinese-manned Hong Kong Military Service Corps.

Although the military connections remain strong and a large proportion of the boys still wind up in the Army, many

now as officers, much of the regimentation has been diluted. As recently as August 1961 *SOLDIER* reported that pupils still wore battledress as their school uniform and had such military posts as commandant and adjutant. Today these have gone—the military personnel now on the staff are the headmaster, bursar and quartermaster. In addition a further RAEC teacher is about to join.

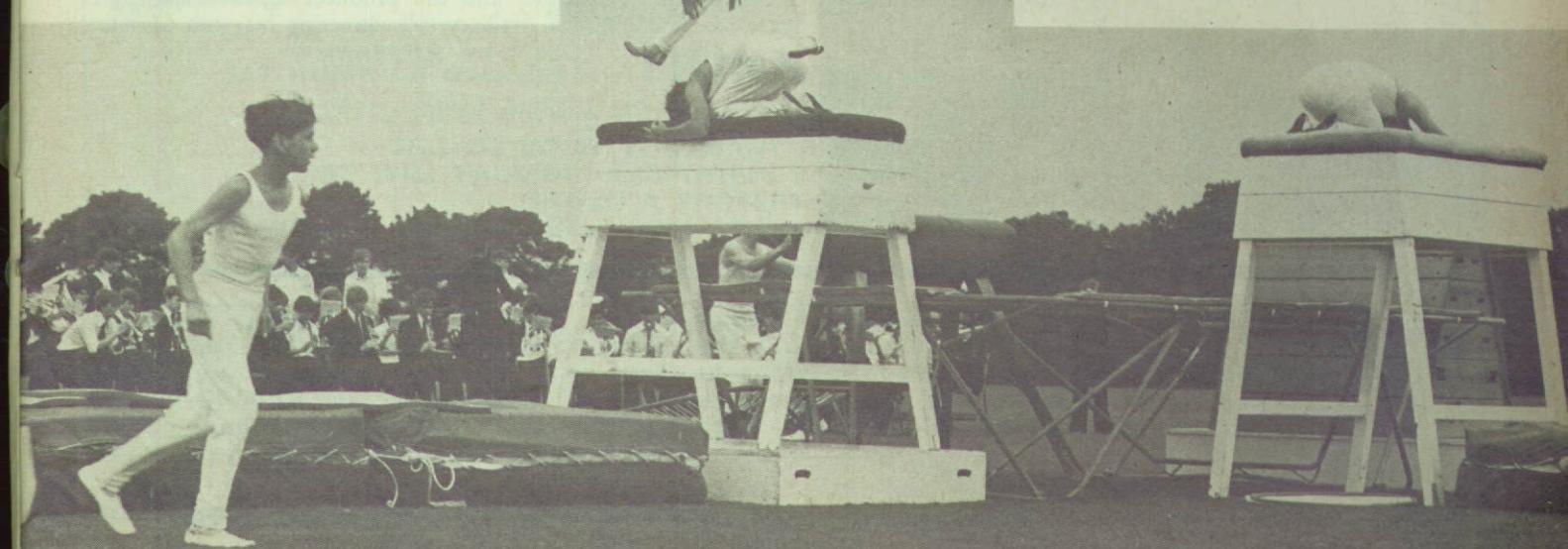
Today the boys wear blazers and grey trousers just as in any boarding school. Their only appearances in uniform are for church parades on Sundays and Combined Cadet Force on Fridays. But the school band still plays them into

Above: General Gale inspects the school standing smartly on parade and (below) boy gymnasts entertain their visitors.

lunch each day and of course there is one very good reason why the military connection and tradition will always remain strong—every pupil is the son of a soldier. If the father has served at least four years as a Regular or the mother a similar time in the Women's Royal Army Corps, then a boy is eligible to take the competitive entrance examination.

The chance to enter boys for this annual examination is publicised in Army instructions and on unit notice boards but Lieutenant-Colonel Hodgkinson feels there are still some potential pupils who do not know of the school's existence. "We are always fully subscribed but always have room for compassionate cases," he says. "Cases of this sort are dealt with sympathetically by the commissioners."

After the 450 boys had marched off to the strains of the school's anthem, "Play Up Dukies," an exhibition of work and a physical training display followed. Soon afterwards the rain arrived but for the pupils, parents, staff and old boys of this school, which began life as the Royal Military Asylum in 1801, it failed to dampen their "Grand Day."





Wembley Spectacular

MILITARY

ONCE again the Military Musical Pageant, held in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund, delighted the thousands of people who flocked to Wembley Stadium for a magnificent entertainment by nearly 2000 musicians of 62 military bands, pipes and drums, corps of drums and bugles.

Nowhere else in the world is there a performance on this scale—this year's pageant was even larger than its predecessors—nor could there be a higher standard of musicianship, a more colourful spectacle and greater precision of movement. So impeccable indeed as to be taken for granted until the odd slip when, in a massed xylophone item, the soloists marched on and, in the tradition of musical chairs, there was one unmanned xylophone and, on the other flank, one would-be xylophonist without.

The impressive opening fanfare introduced once again the solid marching of the Guards, followed by "Gaelic Galaxy" with delightful dancing by 40 young people from schools of Scottish dancing in the London area. In "Tunes of Glory" the songs and music of the South African and world wars were supported by a nostalgic parade of horse-drawn vehicles, vintage motor vehicles of World War One and World War Two military vehicles driven by their Military Vehicle Conservation Group owners. "Tunes of Glory" ended with Laurie Johnson's stirring "Battle Pageant" music punctuated by guns of the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery.

As in previous years there was enormous applause for the bands and bugles of The Light Division and the Brigade of Gurkhas which opened the second half of the pageant. Then came another concert of popular music on a giant scale by 35 staff and regimental bands, ending with Handel's "Music for the Royal Fireworks" spectacularly accompanied by a firework display.

The marching on to the final muster parade, with its traditional "Abide With Me" and "Sunset" re-emphasised that this fourth pageant had the edge on its predecessors in the professional slickness with which every item and every movement were performed.

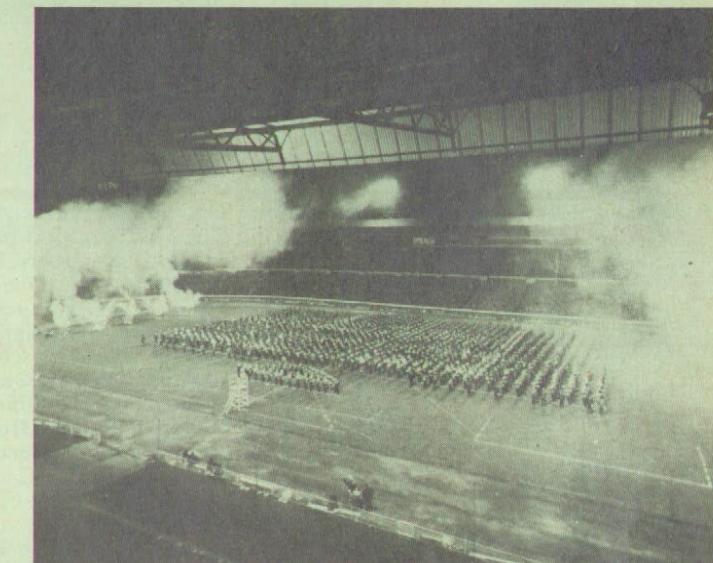
This year's musical director was Lieutenant-Colonel T le M Sharpe, Coldstream Guards, the Army's senior director of music, and the producer again Major A F Jackman, Royal Artillery (V), directing his 50th Services show.



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City general

Ten years after its inception the Royal Corps of Transport has formed an association with the City of London's Worshipful Company of Carmen which has a history dating back 450 years. The articles of association were signed on behalf of the corps by the representative Colonel Commandant, **Major-General W Bate**, and by the Transport Officer-in-Chief, **Major-General Peter Blunt**. As a necessary preliminary to becoming an honorary liveryman of the Carmen, General Blunt became a Freeman of the City of London, swearing an oath, signing the roll and paying a fee which in 1275 was £2 and today is just £2.10. Picture shows General Blunt with the Beadle of the City Chamberlain's Court, **Mr James Flaherty**.



Mr and Mrs Pop

Husband-and-wife singing team **Barry and Eileen Corbett** have had a smash hit in Belgium and Holland with their record "If You Go" which is also being released in Britain. Barry, a 33-year-old civil servant, works as a labour advisor and legal employer with British Forces Antwerp where he and Eileen are stars of the forces' folk club (SOLDIER February 1975). In the 1960s they were in the pop scene in a big way—touring with top groups including the Beatles.



Radio padre

The Reverend **Robert Foxcroft**, who for the last three years has been advisor on religious broadcasting to the British Forces in Germany, pictured saying goodbye to the Deputy Assistant Chaplain-General of 2nd Division, the **Reverend Geoffrey Holman** (left). Padre Foxcroft is to be vicar of St Peter's in Hammersmith, London. Among his broadcasts for BFBS were the quiz programme "Out of the Question," a five-minute recorded daily talk called "Just a Moment" and outside broadcasts of church services. But most popular was his 16-week series of humorous record requests called "The Best Medicine."

Fresh look

The senior Army Catering Corps officer in Hong Kong, **Major Mike Procter**, has got into the swim of family shopping with a booklet he has produced for the Service wives in the colony pointing out the delights of local fresh fish. His action was inspired by seeing housewives clustered round a frozen-food counter buying expensive imported fish fingers and fillets. His booklet describes some of the leading varieties of sometimes unfamiliar fish to be found in Hong Kong markets and how to cook them.

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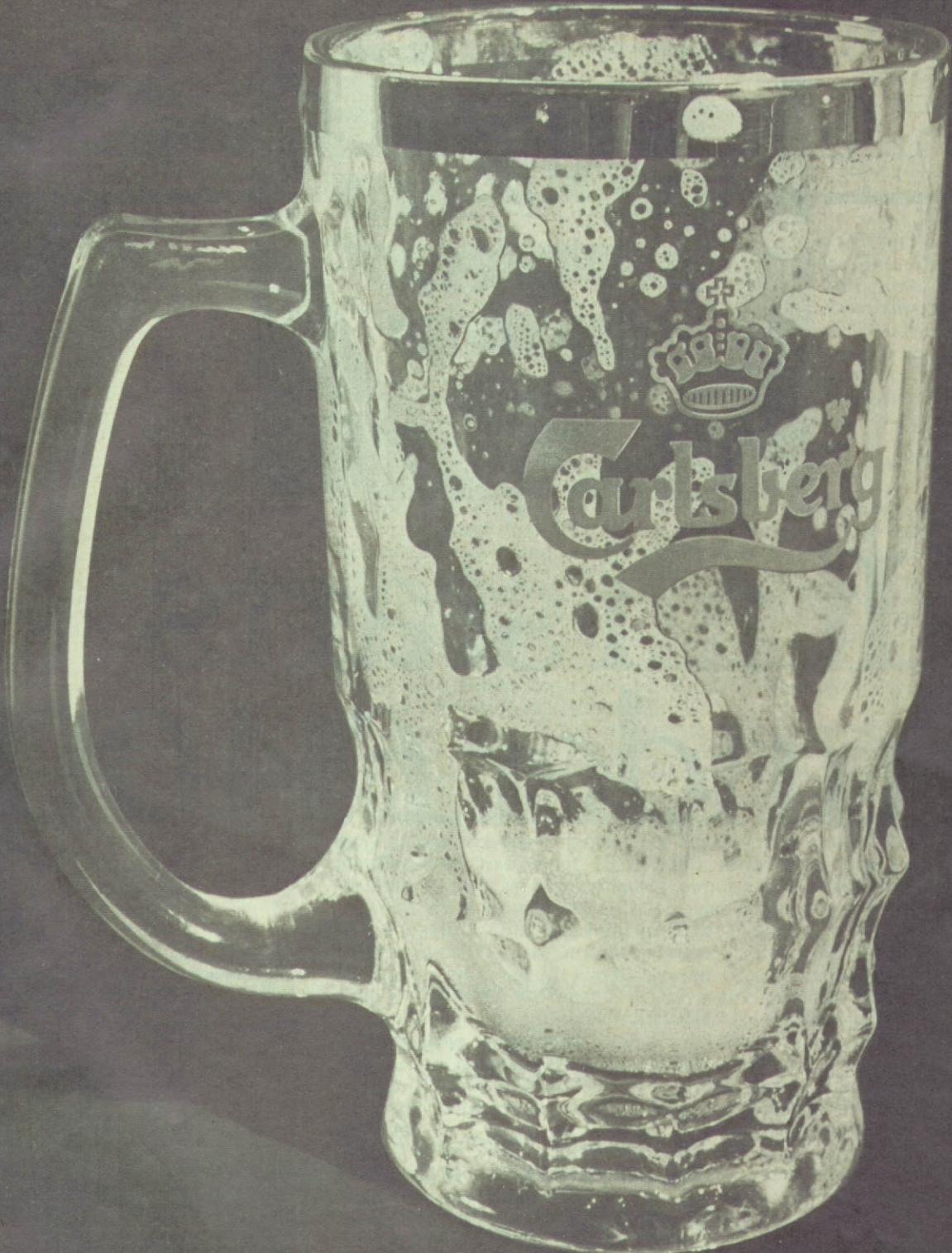
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SOLDIER

NEWS

Pull-out supplement SOLDIER September 1975

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● Investigations were already under way into the extent and causes of wastage among young recruits to the forces, Mr Brynmor John, Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the Royal Air Force, assured Mr James Dempsey (Labour, Coatbridge and Aidrie). Mr Dempsey asked if Mr John considered that "one of the probable reasons is the unrealistic and misleading recruitment advertising campaign on television, which projects a picture of Army conditions which are more in keeping with Billy Butlin's holiday camp than reality?" Mr John said that if Mr Dempsey seriously thought there were misleading advertisements he hoped he would refer specific examples to him (Mr John). He added: "It is my experience, having looked at all the recruiting material recently introduced, that the forces are, as never before, giving a realistic picture of what life will be like in the Services. . . ."

● About 600 officers and servicemen were given advances of pay for house purchase during their last 12 months of service in the last financial year, Mr Robert C Brown, Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the Army, told Mr Greville Janner (Labour, West Leicester).

● The annual cost of the Hong Kong garrison at defence review price levels was about £40,000,000, Mr Roy Mason, Secretary of State for Defence, said in reply to Mr John Watkinson (Labour, West Gloucestershire).

● Mr Terry Walker (Labour, Kingswood) wanted to know whether the forces were issued with British footwear. Mr Brown: "Yes. All footwear supplied to Her Majesty's forces is of British origin."

● Flute and piccolo, E flat clarinet, oboe, B flat clarinet, E flat alto saxophone, B flat tenor saxophone, bassoon, horn, B flat cornet, tenor trombone, bass trombone, euphonium, bass and percussion—these were the main instruments played by the 23 officers and 2794 soldiers in the 78 Army bands, Mr Brown told Mr R Stott (Labour Westhoughton,).

● Since the redevelopment of the South Uist range in 1968 the total cost of missiles fired was about £3,000,000, Mr William Rodgers, Minister of State for Defence told, Mr Frank Allaun (Labour, Salford East). Mr Rodgers said several different types of missile had been used at an average cost of £3000.

● The Naafi Council had indicated that it did not wish to continue to pay the salaries of the 47 members of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service in Germany, Mr Brown informed Mr Neville Trotter (Conservative, Tynemouth). He added: "We are considering what alternative arrangements may be made in order to retain the valuable support of the WRVS for the Army."

● There were no plans to involve the armed forces in the Church of England's scheme for an international disaster relief force, Mr Mason told Mr Andrew Faulds (Labour, Warley East). Mr Mason added that the forces would always be ready to provide what help they could to assist in the relief of disasters overseas.

● Mr Cranley Onslow (Conservative, Woking) wanted to know if consideration was being given to enabling members of cadet forces to enrol in the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve at age 16. Mr Brown said it had been considered but this would deprive cadet forces of their more senior cadets and would be counter-productive.

● From 17 February to early July, 972 vehicles, five of them private cars, had been searched by the Royal Engineer search team at Long Kesh camp, Mr Brown told Mr Harold McCusker (United Ulster Unionist Council, Armagh).

● Junior soldier wastage was the subject of a series of questions from Mr Bryan Gould (Labour, Southampton Test). Mr Brown told him that in the year ending 31 March 1975, 302 junior soldiers with between six and 12 months' service left the Army—91 on medical grounds, 200 because their services were no longer required and 11 for other reasons. In the year ending 30 September 1974, 1863 junior soldiers exercised their option to leave the Army within six months of joining.

● Mr Jonathan Aitken (Conservative, Thanet East) wanted to know about Service fuel economies. Mr Brynmor John reported that in the last financial year 200,000 tons of liquid fuel and 100,000 tons of oil equivalent on other forms of energy were saved in Britain as a result of economies, exceeding the targets by ten and six per cent respectively. A further 200,000 tons of liquid fuels had been saved overseas.

● A bid by Mr Faulds to get an increase in the £100 annuity received by holders of the Victoria Cross and George Cross received a blunt "No" from Mr Brown. He added: "While it is recognised that the annuity may represent a welcome

MENTIONED IN PARLIAMENT continued

addition to the resources of the holders of these awards, it is not intended to be a source of income, but rather a recognition of the acts of bravery for which the awards are made."

● Mr Alan Lee Williams (Labour, Hornchurch) asked Mr Mason for a statement about the issue of the Ingram sub-machine pistol to security forces in Northern Ireland. Mr Mason said he had seen Press reports on the subject. A limited number had been issued but they were for defence purposes only and did not have the silencer shown in Press photographs. He continued: "I wish to state once again that no members of the SAS are serving in Northern Ireland. Any allegation that the British Army is engaged in assassination is, of course, entirely without foundation."

RECRUITING

Adult recruiting to the Army in May continued at a level substantially higher than a year before while the main May intake of juniors was described as "most encouraging." The month saw 1258 adults and young soldiers and 1713 juniors join up.

STAR AND GARTER

During the ten-year period up to 1973, the cost of maintaining a patient for one week at the Star & Garter Home at Richmond for disabled ex-servicemen rose from £21 to £54 and the figures continue to increase "relentlessly," says a new brochure issued by the Home, which has accommodation for 200 men of all ranks and from all three Services. Work has already started on a major modernisation plan, the first phase of which will cost not less than £250,000.

SCALES AND STANDARDS STUDY

The tri-Service Scales and Standards Group study team, which has been visiting Service establishments in Britain and Germany, has now completed its programme. Team leader Wing-Commander R K Broadfoot commented: "The response was tremendous. We visited over 500 married quarters, 53 messes and 70 barrack blocks, interviewing about 1500 wives, officers and servicemen and women in the process. Everywhere we went, people were eager to give their views on their furnishings and general accommodation standards. We had our "ears bashed" from Catterick to Kinloss and from Gütersloh to Portsmouth but the comments were nearly all constructive and worth hearing." More than 5000 replies were received to a questionnaire put out by the team which is now writing up its report.

ARETHUSA

The Shaftesbury Homes, which last year sold their four-masted barque *Arethusa*, have replaced her with an ocean youth club class 7 ketch constructed by Robert Clark, one of Britain's foremost yacht designers. It is the third of the society's vessels to bear the name *Arethusa*.

The new *Arethusa* will provide offshore cruising and character-building adventure for children over 13, using charitable funds to provide this experience for many who would not otherwise be able to afford it. Her intensive programme of six- and two-day cruises this year will also include a special 13-day cruise to attend the "Sail Amsterdam 700" Festival.

**NEW RATES OF SERVICE
RETIRED PAY**

**(With effect from 1 April
1975; applicable to
officers serving on or
after 31 March 1975)**

OFFICERS

**OTHER THAN CHAPLAINS BUT INCLUDING
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Years of reckonable service	Captain and below (incl QM)	Major (incl QM)	Lieutenant- colonel	Lieutenant- colonel (QM)	Colonel	Brigadier
16	£ a year 1362	£ a year 1596	£ a year 1972	£ a year 1778		
17	1415	1672	2063	1854		
18	1468	1747	2155	1929	2610	
19	1521	1823	2246	2005	2721	
20	1574	1898	2338	2080	2831	
21	1627	1974	2429	2156	2942	
22	1680	2050	2520	2232	3053	3517
23	1733	2125	2612	2307	3163	3628
24	1786	2201	2703	2383	3274	3739
25	1840	2276	2795	2458	3384	3850
26	1893	2352	2886	2534	3495	3961
27	1946	2428	2977	2610	3606	4072
28	1999	2503	3069	2685	3716	4183
29	2052	2579	3160	2761	3827	4294
30	2105	2655	3251	2837	3938	4406
31	2158	2730	3343	2912	4048	4517
32	2211	2806	3434	2988	4159	4628
33	2264	2881	3526	3063	4269	4739
34	2317	2957	3617	3139	4380	4850

WOMEN OFFICERS

(QARANC and WRAC)

Years of reckonable service	Captain and below (incl QM)	Major (incl QM)	Lieutenant- colonel	Lieutenant- colonel (QM)	Colonel	Brigadier
16	£ a year 1301	£ a year 1524	£ a year 1883	£ a year 1698		
17	1351	1597	1970	1771		
18	1402	1668	2058	1842	2532	
19	1453	1741	2145	1915	2639	
20	1503	1813	2233	1986	2746	
21	1554	1885	2320	2059	2854	
22	1604	1958	2407	2132	2961	3464
23	1655	2029	2494	2203	3068	3574
24	1706	2102	2581	2276	3176	3683
25	1757	2174	2669	2347	3282	3792
26	1808	2246	2756	2420	3390	3902
27	1858	2319	2843	2493	3498	4011
28	1909	2390	2931	2564	3605	4120
29	1960	2463	3018	2637	3712	4230
30	2010	2536	3105	2709	3820	4340
31	2061	2607	3193	2781	3927	4449
32	2112	2680	3279	2854	4034	4559
33	2162	2751	3367	2925	4141	4668
34	2213	2824	3454	2998	4249	4777

NEW RATES OF SERVICE PENSIONS

(With effect from 1 April 1975; applicable to soldiers serving on or after 31 March 1975)

SOLDIERS

(OTHER THAN MALTESE)

Years of reckonable service	Below corporal	Corporal	Sergeant	Staff-sergeant	Warrant officer class 2	WO class 1 (or commissioned)
	£ a year	£ a year	£ a year	£ a year	£ a year	£ a year
22	853	1061	1162	1286	1316	1414
23	883	1098	1203	1331	1363	1466
24	912	1135	1243	1376	1410	1519
25	942	1172	1284	1421	1457	1571
26	972	1209	1324	1466	1505	1623
27	1002	1246	1365	1511	1552	1676
28	1031	1283	1405	1556	1599	1728
29	1061	1320	1446	1601	1646	1780
30	1091	1357	1486	1645	1693	1833
31	1121	1394	1527	1690	1740	1885
32	1150	1431	1567	1735	1787	1937
33	1180	1468	1608	1780	1834	1990
34	1210	1505	1648	1825	1882	2042
35	1240	1542	1689	1870	1929	2094
36	1269	1579	1729	1915	1976	2147
37	1299	1616	1770	1960	2023	2199

Additions for commissioned service: £22.29 a year for each year of commissioned service subject to a maximum award of pension of £2267 a year.

WOMEN

(QARANC and WRAC)

Years of reckonable service	Below corporal	Corporal	Sergeant	Staff-sergeant	Warrant officer class 2	WO class 1 (or commissioned)
	£ a year	£ a year	£ a year	£ a year	£ a year	£ a year
22	815	1013	1110	1228	1257	1350
23	843	1049	1149	1271	1302	1400
24	871	1084	1187	1314	1347	1451
25	900	1119	1226	1357	1391	1500
26	928	1155	1264	1400	1437	1550
27	957	1190	1304	1443	1482	1601
28	985	1225	1342	1486	1527	1650
29	1013	1261	1381	1529	1572	1700
30	1042	1296	1419	1571	1617	1751
31	1071	1331	1458	1614	1662	1800
32	1098	1367	1496	1657	1707	1850
33	1127	1402	1536	1700	1751	1900
34	1156	1437	1574	1743	1797	1950
35	1184	1473	1613	1786	1842	2000
36	1212	1508	1651	1829	1887	2050
37	1241	1543	1690	1872	1932	2100

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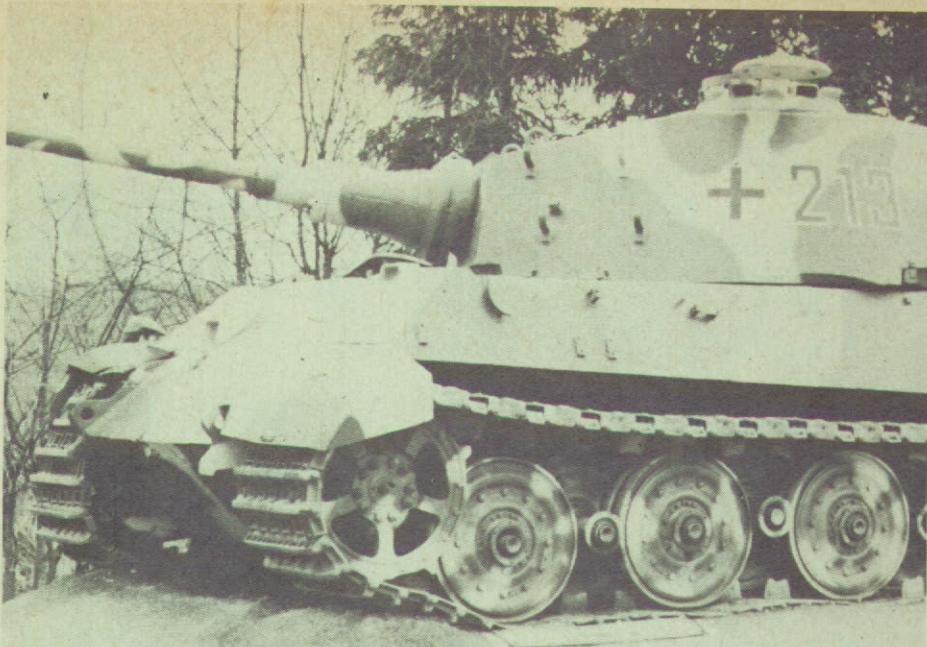
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Return to "The Bulge"

THIRTY years after the ruthless Ardennes offensive against the advancing allies in World War Two, a group of 50 officers from 12 Mechanised Brigade set off to re-trace the route taken by Obersturmbahnfuehrer Jochem Peiper and his SS battle group which so nearly rolled back the oncoming wave of European liberation.

The party met at an Ardennes inn and, after lectures on the offensive, set off in a white military coach to follow in Peiper's footsteps. Disaster nearly struck the military history tour when the coach failed to negotiate a bend in the road taken by the monster 70-ton Tiger Royal tanks of 1944.

To carry out his task, Peiper had 150 tanks and a battalion of armoured infantry in half-tracks plus a reconnaissance battalion and support troops. Initially he met

Grim reminder of those horrendous days is this Tiger tank in La Gleize village.

little resistance and on the second day of his December push his battle group was responsible for the notorious massacre of 80 American prisoners at Malmedy. On this same day the Germans' luck began to falter and the advance was held up overnight by a small detachment of combat engineers with 13 mines, a bazooka and a machine-gun. This delay bought vital time for the retreating Americans, allowing them to destroy essential bridges in the Germans' path.

On the 19th, three days after the first assault, Peiper reached the point of his deepest penetration at Stourmont Station in the Amblève valley. After heavy fighting, and short of fuel and ammunition, he was forced to withdraw to La Gleize where he made his last stand.

During the night of 23 December, Peiper infiltrated on foot, with 800 survivors, through the American lines and rejoined his division. He left behind his wounded and all the vehicles and guns which were "spiked" by a 50-strong



During the remembrance celebrations of the 30th anniversary of the Ardennes campaign, Royal Army Ordnance Corps representatives from British Forces Antwerp were on parade at the little village of Hotton where the bridge over the river Ourthe played a vital part in the Battle of the Bulge. General Montgomery rushed British troops to Hotton to hold the bridge and, in fierce fighting, it changed hands three times before the German offensive lost its momentum. Members of the Royal Air Force Regiment also took part in the commemoration ceremonies and the Belgian Army was represented by the 3ème Chasseurs Ardennais which has close connections with the British troops stationed at Antwerp with whom it has trained for the past two years.

party of Germans detailed for the job.

So the élite of the 1st SS Panzer Division, itself the crack division of the German war machine, was defeated, largely by the efforts of small groups of foot soldiers who denied Peiper the bridges he needed to sustain his dash for the Meuse.

The day-long battle tour for the officers of 12 Mechanised Brigade following in Peiper's tracks ended at La Gleize with hospitality provided by the Belgians, including a lecture on various aspects of the battle by local expert Monsieur André Banneux.

The men with memories: Old soldiers, airmen and resistance leaders.



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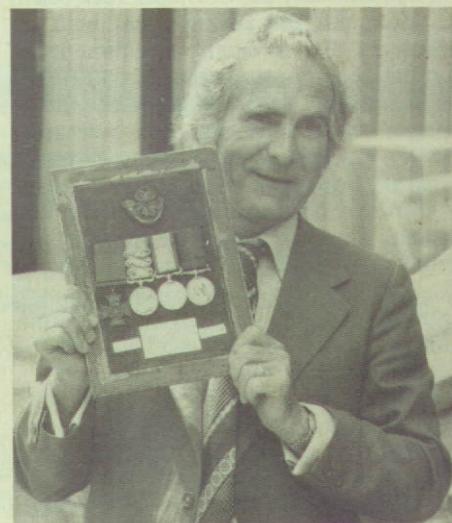


Earl Mountbatten, a familiar figure in naval uniform, made one of his rare appearances in khaki when he visited the Life Guards in Detmold, Germany, in his capacity as Colonel of the Regiment. Picture shows Lord Mountbatten chatting to some of the men in the Naafi during their morning break.

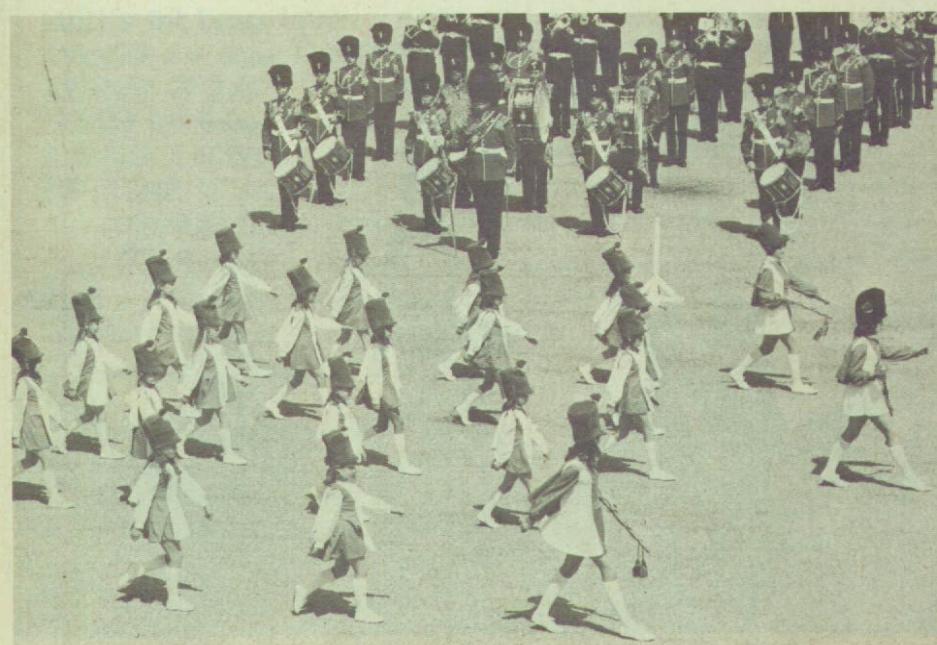


Army bomb experts Captain John Dickson (left) and Corporal Eric Meaghan steamed explosive from a 1200lb German bomb found in a council yard near Bexleyheath Broadway. The

bomb was a relic of World War Two when the site was a tram terminus. During the tricky operation, nearby offices and homes had to be evacuated until the bomb was made safe.



Mr Edward Joslin, associate director of the London medals firm, Spink and Son Ltd, displays the Victoria Cross awarded to Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Smith, 43rd Light Infantry. The group of four medals was auctioned at Sotheby's and bought by Spink and Son, for an overseas collector, at £6500. The VC was won in 1864 at Tauranga, New Zealand, during the wars in that colony which spanned 21 years between 1845 and 1866. This was the first group of New Zealand campaign medals to appear on the market for some years.



The recruit pass-off parade at Colchester took a distinct about-turn to the usual when 64 eight-to fourteen-year-old drum majorettes marched smartly by to the "oompah" of Drum-Major John Bunn's Army band. Behind the parade were six weeks of training by Drum-Major Bunn, of 3rd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, to perfect the drum-majorette skills. The girls all come from schools in the Great Cornard area of Suffolk.



A monster tent erected in one lift to cover a length of 140 yards three inches has kept Staff-Sergeant Jock Cannon, of the Military Corrective Training Centre, Colchester, in the Guinness Book of Records where he has been credited since 1966 with the previous record tent of 130 yards. The ocean of canvas was needed to house the large number of bandsmen and performers at this year's Colchester Tattoo and the lift was made by 100 men from 1st Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, 30 other soldiers and several civilian helpers.



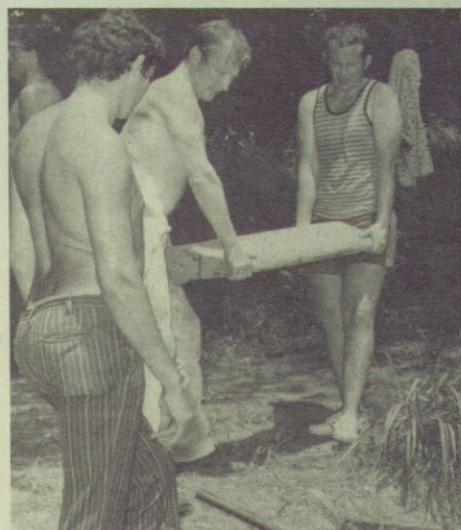
► The Army's last four remaining Diamond T tank transporters were paraded for the last time by 151 (GL) Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport (V), at Stanford training area in Norfolk to mark the end of more than 30 years' service by the vehicles. The Diamond T M20 prime mover was built in America and designed to meet allied requirements for tank transporters and recovery vehicles early in World War Two. One is to be preserved at the RCT museum at Longmoor, complete with the markings of 240 Squadron RCT (V), the only TAVR tank transporter unit, with which the Diamond Ts finished their service.

(Picture courtesy *The Times*).



One of the largest royal parties seen in Scotland was hosted by the General Officer Commanding Scotland, Lieutenant-General Sir Chandos Blair—who acted as special envoy to Uganda recently—as the massed pipes and drums of The Scottish Division beat Retreat in

Holyrood Park, Edinburgh. On the saluting dais were the Queen, King Carl Gustaf of Sweden, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Prince Philip, Prince Charles, Princess Margaret and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. Above: The Queen and King Carl arrive.



Lyemun Barracks, Hong Kong, now sports a brand-new swimming pool—thanks to the self-help efforts of its potential users. With help from sapper experts, soldiers and civilians buckled to and built the pool. These involved were the Command Pay Office, Hong Kong Military Service Corps, 29 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, and the Chinese Language School. And pool users will make their way to it from car park steps levelled by a barefoot lady diplomat.



A bouquet from Diana Whiffen (nine), of the 2nd Catterick Garrison Brownie Pack.



The Queen unveils a statue of signalmen in uniforms of 1925 and 1975 and (right) plants a tree in renamed Queen's Avenue.

Fifty years in Catterick

After 50 years in Catterick the Royal Signals stand tall, symbolised in an eight-foot-high statue of two signalmen in the uniforms of 1925 and 1975. The bronze statue, by Faith Winter, sculptress wife of a former Royal Signals officer, was unveiled by the Queen when she visited the Royal Signals' Training Brigade during a week of celebrations to mark the golden jubilee.

After inspecting a Royal Signals guard of honour and unveiling the statue, the Queen planted a commemorative tree in Druggon Road, now renamed Queen's Avenue. After lunch she toured the Trade Training School and saw training in progress in classrooms and workshops.

Approximately 4000 students pass through the school each year and on average 1000 are there at any one time.

Other events during the week included a star concert featuring the band of the Royal Signals with guest stars Morecambe and Wise and the renaming of a local bridge, Swale Bridge, as Mercury Bridge. Immediately after the renaming ceremony by the chairman of the Richmondshire District Council, the Royal Signals exercised their Freedom privilege of marching through the nearby town of Richmond with "swords drawn, bayonets fixed, drums beating and band playing."

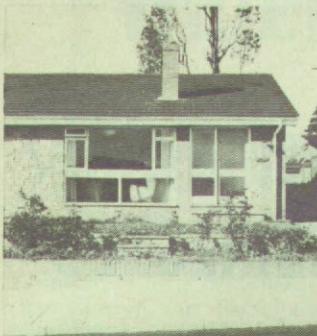
There were two Retreat ceremonies, one at Richmond Castle and one at Helles

Barracks, for members of the Royal Signals Association and their families. The newly created Newbigging Park was officially opened by Major-General P E M Bradley, Master of Signals. A feature of the park is seven oak seats donated by Royal Signals formations and units worldwide for the benefit of members of the garrison and their families.

Final event of the week was an arena display featuring the band of the Royal Signals, the White Helmets motorcycle display team, a gymnastic team from the Army Apprentices College, Harrogate, and the Royal Signals' freefall parachute team, the Blue Helmets.

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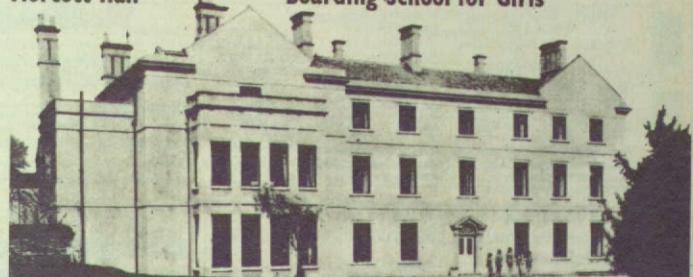
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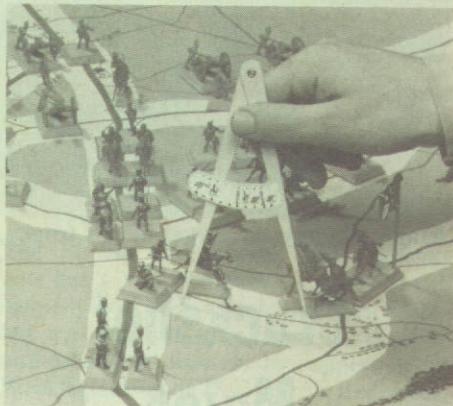
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Waterloo wargame

WITH your brow furrowed in concentration and right hand tucked inside your jacket, you can survey the field at Waterloo and order an artillery barrage, a cavalry charge and an infantry attack with fixed bayonets . . . eventually winning a victory over the British forces under Wellington.

The battle that took place on 18 June 1815 in Belgium can be recreated tomorrow in the comfort of your own home on a tabletop, thanks to the firm of Airfix which has just produced a Waterloo Wargame which simulates the actual action, except that with skill and luck of the dice the participant playing Napoleon could in fact win.

With wargames of comparable price—this one is £5.99—there are only cards and cardboard counters but the Airfix box contains HO/00 scale infantry, cavalry and artillery. They are in red for British and blue for French, but extra realism can be added by painting them in accordance with the coloured illustrations in the instruction booklet. Further Airfix items in HO/00 scale could also be added to make the game three-dimensional. There is a kit of La Haye Sainte farmhouse at 69 pence; a series of eight Waterloo packs at 25 pence each of British and French infantry, artillery and cavalry, Highland infantry and French grenadiers of the Imperial Guard; and, shortly to be released, a Waterloo assault set at £2.25



which can be cannibalised for wagons, barricades, supplies and sapper equipment.

The game is played on six square feet of plastic battle map. The movement of pieces is straightforward; for example cavalry can travel across country up to 400 yards per move, infantry 200 and artillery 100 but these distances are doubled or trebled over roads depending on the mobility of the piece. An engagement takes place when opposing infantry or cavalry pieces touch—basically the player throwing the highest score at dice wins and removes the enemy piece, but there are extra points for the player who takes the initiative in an attack or who has the numerically superior force in the engagement.

Artillery can be brought to bear when the enemy is within 1000 yards range and dice is thrown to calculate

the effect of the fire. Special plastic callipers determine the distance to be moved by the pieces and the range and arc of fire of the artillery. A plastic dial is used to record British and French losses and the passing of time (15 minutes are added for each move). The time cycle is important since the player taking the part of Napoleon has to knock out 30,000 British by 4.30 pm (20 moves) otherwise he is deemed to have lost due to the arrival of Blücher. Extra rules apply to the morale effect of the presence of respective commanders-in-chief at an engagement and the defence and attack of strongpoints such as La Haye Sainte and Hougoumont, and there are even instructions for playing a short game which involves capturing the enemy C-in-C.

Although the game is suitable for junior generals, superior strategists could add some extra sophistications—a defender's dice throw of six for morale could mean that his infantry square stands firm and the enemy cavalry is shot to pieces, whereas a throw of one means a rout with the cavalry sabring the fleeing infantrymen; a throw of six for artillery effect could mean round shot in enfilade against cavalry, a devastating volley of canister at tightly packed infantry, or a direct hit against an enemy artillery position with the new exploding spherical case shot invented by one Lieutenant Henry Shrapnel RA . . . a throw of two could be a misfire, and one an exploding barrel killing the gun detachment.

Wargame rules are currently the subject of considerable controversy and beginners would be advised to read up the subject. It is best to agree and write down any additional rules before the game rather than make them up as you go along—or you might find yourself playing the game for real!

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Cliff hanger

Lance-Corporal Cliff Butters, Royal Signals, a member of the Army crew of the yacht Great Britain II competing in the Financial Times clipper race to Australia and back, tests a new harness presented to the soldier-sailors for use on the voyage. Cliff demonstrated the harness on board the ship Discovery which took Captain Robert Scott on his epic voyage to the South Pole more than 60 years ago. Cliff and his crew-mates—plus 28 sets of the new harness—may take some 19 weeks on their own epic voyage in the yacht which carried Chay Blyth and a crew of paratroopers to line honours in the Whitbread round-the-world race. Owner Blyth has loaned Great Britain II to the Army for the clipper race.



Lieut Glen Grant, Depot Regiment, Royal Artillery, who featured in the Army athletics championships in several track events (SOLDIER, August 1975) took five seconds off his personal best time for the mile in the Phillips Golden Invitation Meeting at Crystal Palace. He was placed eighth in the race with a time of four minutes 0.7 seconds. This broke his club record. The week afterwards Glen ran four minutes 1.2 seconds in the Brigg Mile at Haringay to finish second behind British international Jim Douglas. Glen is pictured just after his leg in the Phillips 100 x 1 mile relay in which the Depot Royal Artillery competed. He ran four minutes 0.9 seconds for the 85th leg.



The British Kiel Yacht Club (above) now has a new clubhouse, thanks to the sappers. The prefabricated wooden building was shipped to Germany from UK and assembled entirely by sappers of 39 Field Squadron of 25 Engineer Regiment, stationed in Osnabrück.

SPORTS SHORTS

SWIMMING, DIVING, WATER POLO

Army junior championships, held at Bramcote:

Inter-unit team swimming, major units

Breaststroke, 110yd: 1st AAC Harrogate (1min 35.5sec), 2nd JLR RAC (1:37.2), 3rd JLR RA (1:38.6). 220yd: 1st JLR RAC (3:09.3), 2nd AAC Arborfield (3:13.6), 3rd Harrogate (3:14.9). Backstroke, 110yd: 1st Arborfield (1:24.7), 2nd Harrogate (1:25.5), 3rd JLR RA (1:26.2). 220yd: 1st JLR RAC (2:40.7), 2nd Arborfield (2:58.7), 3rd AAC Chepstow (3:00.1). Butterfly, 110yd: 1st Harrogate (1:12.0), 2nd JLR RA (1:19.8), 3rd Arborfield (1:23.8). Freestyle, 110yd: 1st Arborfield (1:08.9), 2nd Harrogate (1:11.5), 3rd JLR RAC (1:11.7). 220 yd: 1st Chepstow (2:26.1), 2nd JLR RA (3:34.9), 3rd Arborfield (3:35.5). 440yd: 1st Harrogate (5:39.4), 2nd Arborfield (5:43.2), 3rd JLR RAC (6:04.7). Medley, 220yd: 1st Harrogate (2:34.4), 2nd Chepstow (2:40.6), 3rd JLR RA (2:58.6). Freestyle relay, 4 x 55yd: 1st Harrogate (2:02.4) (record), 2nd Arborfield (2:03.0), 3rd JLR RA (2:05.1). Medley relay, 4 x 55yd: 1st Arborfield (2:20.3), 2nd JLR RAC (2:20.3), 3rd Harrogate (2:24.3). Overall result: 1st AAC Harrogate (64 points), 2nd AAC Arborfield (63), 3rd JLR RA (47), 4th JLR RAC (43), 5th AAC Chepstow (29), 6th JLR RCT (21).

Inter-unit team swimming, minor units

Breaststroke, 110yd: 1st AAC ACC (1min 35.2sec), 2nd Y Coy King's Div (1:40.9), 3rd Jun Soldiers Coy LI Depot (2:00.2). Backstroke, 110yd: 1st King's Div (1:36.0), 2nd LI (2:00.8). Freestyle, 110yd: 1st ACC (1:11.7), 2nd King's Div (1:16.0), 3rd LI (1:16.6). Freestyle relay, 4 x 55yd: 1st ACC (2:15.6), 2nd King's Div (2:21.5), 3rd LI (2:21.5). Medley relay, 4 x 27.5yd: 1st King's Div (1:06.9) (record), 2nd ACC (1:09.1). Overall result: 1st Y Coy Depot King's Div (22 points), 2nd AAC ACC (22), 3rd Jun Soldiers Coy LI Depot (11), 4th Jun Soldiers Coy Depot Queen's Div (3).

Individual swimming

Breaststroke, 110yd: 1st AT L/Cpl R A J Steel (Harrogate) (1min 17.1sec) (Army junior record), 2nd AT S Wallis (Chepstow) (1:19.3), 3rd AT M Burke (Chepstow) (1:30.6). 220yd: 1st Burke (2:58.4) (Army junior record), 2nd AT Nutt (Harrogate) (3:22.2), 3rd J/Spr S Brown (JLR RE) (3:23.1). Backstroke, 110yd: 1st AT J Goodall (Chepstow) (1:21.5), 2nd

J/Spr S D Brown (JLR RE) (1:23.6), 3rd AT S R Newton (Harrogate) (1:25.1). 220yd: 1st Goodall (3:05.5), 2nd J/Bdr Gemmell (JLR RA) (3:08.7), 3rd J/L/Bdr S Read (JLR RA) (3:18.7). Butterfly, 110yd: Steel (1:15.0), 2nd J/Gnr O'Neill (JLR RA) (1:25.4). Freestyle, 110yd: 1st AT L/Cpl C Bowers (Chepstow) (1:06.5), 2nd J/Gnr B Wake (JLR RA) (1:11.1), 3rd J/Bdr J Wright (JLR RA) (1:12.5). 220yd: 1st J/Sgt B Wakefield (JLR RE) (2:25.9), 2nd Wake (2:37.7). 440yd: 1st Wakefield (5:31.0), 2nd J/Gnr K Judd (JLR RA) (5:48.9). Individual medley, 220yd: 1st Wakefield (2:50.0), 2nd O'Neill (3:02.0).

Individual diving

1st J/Cpl Magee (JLR RE) (42.42), 2nd J/Dvr Watson (JLR RCT) (13.67), 3rd J/Gds A McLaren (Jnr Gds Coy) (12.77).

Inter-Service junior championships, held at Bramcote:

Swimming

Breaststroke, 110yd: 1st Army (Burke) (1min 11.9sec), 2nd Navy, 3rd Army, 4th Army (Nutt) (1:27.9). 220yd: 1st Army (Burke) (2:51.5), 2nd Navy, 3rd Army (Richardson) (3:12.3), 4th Navy. Backstroke, 110yd: 1st Army (Myddleton) (1:12.3), 2nd Navy, 3rd Army (Morris) (1:18.0), 4th Navy. Butterfly, 110yd: 1st Army (Steel) (1:11.9), 2nd Army (O'Neill) (1:19.6), 3rd Navy, 4th Navy. Freestyle, 110yd: 1st Navy (1:02.7), 2nd Army (Wakefield) (1:04.3), 3rd Navy, 4th Army (Furr) (1:08.4). 220yd: 1st Navy (2:29.7), 2nd Army (McNeice) (2:33.6), 3rd Army (Wake) (2:35.2), 4th Navy. 440yd: 1st Army (Steel) (4:59.3), 2nd Army (Wakefield) (5:18.2), 3rd Navy, 4th Navy. Individual medley, 220yd: 1st Army (Steel) (2:40.5), 2nd Army (Wakefield) (2:46.9), 3rd Navy, 4th Navy. Medley relay: 1st Army A (2:13.9), 2nd Army B (2:21.8), 3rd Navy B, 4th Navy A. Freestyle relay: 1st Navy A (1:58.4), 2nd Army A (2:00.9), 3rd Army B (2:03.6), 4th Navy. Overall result: 1st Army (82 points), 2nd Navy (57).

Diving

1st Army (Magee) (44.52), 2nd Navy, 3rd Army (Waites) (23.73), 4th Navy, 5th Navy, 6th Army (Watson) (13.12). Army 11, Navy 10.

Water polo

Army 12, Navy 4.

WATER POLO

Army 14, Otter SC 7.

Chess

Corporal Jon Kelway (30 Signal Regiment) won the first-ever Army Chess Association Whitsun tournament by remaining undefeated throughout. He won the main tourney with 5.5 points out of 6 and achieved an identical score to win the speed tourney. To round things off he forced a draw against Mr Leonard Barden, the British Master, in a simultaneous exhibition.

Judo

In the Guildford judo championships, Sgt S Browning (Para) won the gold medal in the under-93 kilo Dan grade class.

CRICKET

Captain of the Army XI, Maj I M Vaughan-Arbuckle (RCT), set the pace with an opening stand of 44 against RMA Sandhurst and Lieut J M Shaw (R Sigs) with L/Cpl L N Sanderson (RCT) then added 126 for the second wicket. L/Cpl R J Davies (RCT) then scored 67 in 37 minutes—including two sixes and ten fours—and the Army declared at 278 for six in 48.3 overs. Bdr P J Presland (RA) yorked Sandhurst's Bennett in the first over and the RMA had lost six for 142 by close of play. Their last four wickets fell quickly next morning and they just failed to avoid the follow-on. At lunch they were nine for one and apart from a sensible innings of 33 by the RMA's captain, Burton, few of the Sandhurst batsmen could cope with Sigm N Scott (R Sigs) who flighted the ball well to take five for 46.

Result: Army 278 for 6 declared and 54 for none, RMAS 176 and 105. Army won by ten wickets.

A Rhine Army side played the Army XI at Aldershot. The Army won the toss and although they lost Shaw after 20 minutes, batted steadily to score 312 for eight in 75 overs by tea. Vaughan-Arbuckle scored 69 without being quite at his best form. Mackrell bowled steadily for Rhine Army. Despite a sound 40 by Forde, Rhine Army were 104 for four at close of play on the first day, the Army having dropped eight catches. Drummond (60) and Moore (39) batted well for Rhine Army who finally saved the follow-on but were all out before lunch on the second day. Vaughan-Arbuckle declared the Army's second innings at 109 for three, leaving Rhine Army two-and-a-quarter hours to get 204. Army bowlers made little impression on the Rhine Army batsmen and although 23 overs were bowled in the last hour, Rhine Army held on easily for a draw.

Result: Army 312 for 8 declared and 109 for three declared, Rhine Army 218 and 113 for five. Match drawn.

The Army won the toss against Kent 2nd XI at Canterbury and batted but suffered a severe loss after 25 minutes when Vaughan-Arbuckle received a blow on the left wrist and retired with a fractured bone. Lieut-Col R L Peck (RE) and Sanderson batted steadily but when Sanderson was caught at the wicket with the score at 100 the next three wickets fell before lunch for only a further 12 runs. Peck was caught at the wicket with the score at 135, having hit 14 fours in an excellent 78. The innings closed at 176. Kent scored steadily at four runs an over despite good bowling by Scott and some bad luck for Presland. At close of play Kent were 208 for four. Kent declared at the overnight score and the Army lost Shaw in the second over. Peck again batted excellently but was out before lunch having made 68 out of 105 with nine fours. Davies and Scott batted sensibly and Presland scored 41—his highest for the Army—with seven fours. Kent were left to make 218 at five runs an over and never looked like achieving this target. Scott and Presland again bowled well and Davies, Sanderson and S/Sgt R Gilson (RA) all made good catches.

Result: Army 176 and 249, Kent 208 for four declared and 172 for seven. Match drawn.

Other results in brief: Hampshire 2nd XI 189 for nine (55 overs), Army 188 for six (50.4 overs); Army won by four wickets. Dorset 205 (54.2 overs), Army 171 (53 overs); Dorset won by 34 runs. Surrey 2nd XI 257 for four (55 overs), Army 199; Surrey won by 58 runs. Army 228 (54.2 overs), Civil Service 183 (52.3 overs); Army won by 45 runs. Army 194 for nine declared and 167, Lancashire 2nd XI 166 for one declared and 199 for two; Lancashire won by eight wickets. Oxford University 435 for 9 declared and 205 for seven declared, Army 309 and 115; Oxford won by 216 runs. Army 151, Sussex 2nd XI 154 for eight; Sussex won by two wickets. Wiltshire 134, Army 138 for six; Army won by four wickets.

CYCLING

Army Cycling Club track championships, held at Wolverhampton

100 metres time trial: 1st Sigm Bishop (AAC Harrogate) (rmin 22.0sec) (150 points), 2nd Pte Smith (43 Sqn RCT) (1:22.2) (149), 3rd Spr Morris (38 Engr Regt) (1:29.0) (148). Team winners: AAC Harrogate. Sprint: 1st Bishop, 2nd Smith, 3rd AT Drew (Harrogate). Pursuit (eight laps): 1st Smith (5:18.8), 2nd Bishop (5:23.7), 3rd WO1 Foster (CVD Ashchurch) (5:33.2). Points race: 1st Bishop (49), 2nd Smith (42), 3rd WO2 Beech (D & T Sqn AAC) (24).

Inter-Service track championship, held at Wolverhampton

1st (tied) Army and RAF (20 points), 3rd Royal Navy (8).

Army 100 mile road time trial championships, held at Newark.

1st Finney (4hr 42min 10sec) (150 points), 2nd Beech (4:46.03) (149), 3rd Atkins (4:50.54) (148). Team winners: 38 Engr Regt.

Inter-Service 100 mile road time trial, held at Newark.

1st RAF (14:11.11), 2nd Army (14:32.05). **Army road race championships**, held at Chertsey

Senior: 1st Foster (150 points), 2nd Finney (149), 3rd Beech (148). Junior: 1st Oakes (AAC Arborfield), 2nd Philpott (Arborfield), 3rd Creswell (JLR RE).

CANOEING

Army sprint championships, held at Monmouth

Senior events.—K2, 500m: 1st Cpl K Collins/Cpl R Storey (59 Ind Cdo Sqn RE/Sch of Sigs), 2nd Spr O Harding/Cpl A Haskey (36 Engr Regt), 3rd Sgt C Fielding/Sgt B Kidston (Sch of Sigs/1 Para Log Regt). K2, 1000m: 1st L/Cpl A Williams/Harding (36 Engr Regt), 2nd Collins/Storey, 3rd Fielding/Kidston. K1, 500m: 1st Williams, 2nd Kidston, 3rd Collins. K1, 1000m: 1st Williams, 2nd Harding, 3rd Storey. Team: 1st 36 Engr Regt, 2nd JLR RCT, 3rd Sch of Sigs.

Intermediate events.—K1, 500m: 1st Capt M Davies (14/20 H). K2, 500m: 1st S/Sgt W Dean/Sgt A Evans (AAC Chepstow). Class 3, 500m: 1st Capt R Turner (JLR RCT). Class 4, 500m: 1st Spr R Hemmell/Spr P. Oliver (36 Engr Regt).

Junior events.—K1, 500m: 1st J/Spr R Gordon (JLR RE). K2, 500m: 1st AT D Asbey/AT K Sinniger (AAC Arborfield). Class 3, 500m: 1st AT C Ford (Chepstow). Class 4, 500m: 1st J/Spr D Oliver/J/Spr G Lake (JLR RE). Team: 1st Arborfield, 2nd Chepstow, 3rd JLR RE.

Army long distance championships, held at Monmouth

Senior events.—K1: 1st Williams, 2nd L/Cpl C Norton (36 Engr Regt). K2: 1st Collins/Storey, 2nd Haskey/Harding. Team: 1st 36 Engr Regt.

Intermediate events.—K1: 1st Sgt C Elsey (8 Cdt Trg Team). K2: 1st Evans/Dean. Class 3: 1st Lieut J Rogerson (Depot Queen's Div). Class 4: 1st Lieut M Breach/Spr A Prime (36 Engr Regt).

Junior events.—K1: 1st Gordon. K2: 1st A/T Hattray/Ford (Chepstow). Class 3: 1st J/Sgt B Riley (JLR RCT). Class 4: 1st Sinniger/Asbey. Ladies, class 3: 1st Capt E D Elliot (WRAC). Team: 1st Arborfield.

ATHLETICS

Army junior inter-unit team championships (major units), held at Aldershot

Relay, 4 x 100m: 1st AAC Chepstow (46.1 sec), 2nd JLR RAC (46.4), 3rd AAC Arborfield (46.4). 4 x 200m: 1st Chepstow (1min 34.6), 2nd JLR RAC (1:36.0), 3rd AAC Harrogate (1:37.8). 4 x 400m: 1st Chepstow (3:37.5), 2nd Harrogate (3:43.2), 3rd JLR RAC (3:43.3). 4 x 800m: 1st Chepstow (8:18.4). (Army record), 2nd Harrogate (8:27.7), 3rd JLR RAC (8:42.4). 1500m team race: 1st Chepstow; 2nd Harrogate; 3rd JLR RAC.

4 x 120yd hurdles shuttle relay, A final: 1st Harrogate (1:9.4), 2nd Chepstow (1:9.8), 3rd Arborfield (1:10.9). B final: 1st JLR RAC (1:13.6), 2nd RAOC App Coll (1:17.0), 3rd JLR RE (1:17.3).

Long jump: 1st Chepstow (12.11m), 2nd Harrogate (11.74), 3rd Arborfield (11.00). High jump: 1st Chepstow (3.46m) (Army record), 2nd Arborfield (3.41), 3rd Harrogate (3.36). Pole vault: 1st Chepstow (6.10m), 2nd Harrogate (5.40), 3rd JLR RE (5.00).

Discus: 1st Chepstow (69.36m) (Army record), 2nd Harrogate (65.02), 3rd RAOC AC (57.14). Javelin: 1st Chepstow (81.46m), 2nd JLR RAC (81.44), 3rd Arborfield (77.16). Shot: 1st Chepstow (22.87m), 2nd Harrogate (21.28), 3rd JLR RAC (19.84).

Overall result: 1st AAC Chepstow (106 points), 2nd AAC Harrogate (81), 3rd JLR RAC (65), 4th AAC Arborfield (59), 5th RAOC App Coll (37); 6th JLR RE (28).

Army junior inter-unit team championships (minor units), held at Aldershot

Relay, 4 x 100m: 1st Y Coy King's Div (47.1 sec), 2nd Jun Para Coy (47.5), 3rd Jun Soldiers Coy POW Div Depot Lichfield (47.8).

200m: 1st POW Div Lichfield (24.9), 2nd Jun Soldiers Coy LI Depot (25.4), 3rd Jun Para (25.4). 400m: 1st Jun Para (54.2), 2nd

King's Div (55.0), 3rd LI (55.3). 800m: 1st King's Div (2min 2.1sec), 2nd LI 2:9.2), 3rd Jun Para (2:10.3). 1500m: 1st LI (4:21.5), 2nd POW Div Lichfield (4:24.8), 3rd King's Div (4:30.5).

Long jump: 1st RAPC App Coll (5.76m), 2nd POW Div Lichfield (5.66), 3rd Jun Soldiers Coy POW Div Depot Crickhowell (5.42). High jump: 1st Jun Para (1.55m), 2nd RAPC AC (1.50), 3rd POW Div Lichfield (1.50).

Discus: 1st LI (30.78m), 2nd RAPC AC (30.28), 3rd Jun Para (30.26). Shot: 1st LI (10.92m), 2nd King's Div (10.66), 3rd POW Div Crickhowell (10.08). Javelin: 1st Jun Para (42.40m), 2nd King's Div (38.68), 3rd RAPC AC (37.76).

Overall result: 1st Y Coy King's Div (46 points), 2nd Jun Soldiers Coy LI Depot (44), 3rd Jun Para Coy (44), 4th Jun Soldiers Coy POW Div Depot Lichfield (41), 5th RAPC App Coll (36), 6th Jun Soldiers Coy POW Div Depot Crickhowell (19).

Army junior individual championships, held at Aldershot

100m: 1st AT M A Kay (Chepstow) (11.4), 2nd AT Sgt M C C Burns (Chepstow) (11.5), 3rd AT Sgt E F Clark (Harrogate) (11.5). 200m: 1st Burns (23.6), 2nd AT G P Simmonds (Arborfield) (23.6), 3rd AT Minchington (Chepstow) (23.6). 400m: 1st AT M N Atkinson (Chepstow) (52.2), 2nd AT Cpl A J Wood (Arborfield) (52.5), 3rd AT D K Gibbs (Chepstow) (53.4). 800m: 1st AT D Leech (Chepstow) (2min 1.1sec), 2nd AT M J Wheeldon (Harrogate) (2:2.5), 3rd AT L/Cpl J P Warburn (Harrogate) (2:4.5). 1500m: 1st AT L/Cpl K S Dack (Chepstow) (4:7.4), 2nd Leech (4:11.5), 3rd AT L/Cpl J A Boyes (Harrogate) (4:13.0). 2000m steeplechase: 1st AT Cpl P W J Staynings (Harrogate) (6:12.4) (Army record), 2nd Dack (6:23.4), 3rd Warburn (6:28.6). 5000m: 1st Staynings (15:40.6) (Army record), 2nd Pte N C Wilson (1 Glosers) (15:56.0), 3rd AT Sgt T W Roberts (Chepstow) (16:15.2).

Hurdles, 110m: 1st AT D V H East (Harrogate) (15.1), 2nd L/Cpl D H Johnson (1 RWF) (15.3), 3rd AT Sgt A J Shaw (Chepstow) (16.6). 400m: 1st Johnson (58.8), 2nd AT Cpl N S Johnson (Harrogate) (61.2), 3rd AT I A Kay (Chepstow) (61.3).

Relay, 4 x 100m: 1st Chepstow (45.8), 2nd Harrogate (46.2), 3rd Arborfield (47.1).

Long jump: 1st AT L/Cpl P G Stevenson (Harrogate) (6.22m), 2nd Burns (6.18), 3rd AT C Marsden (Harrogate) (6.00). High jump: 1st AT Sgt W C Williamson (Chepstow) (1.73m), 2nd Clark (1.73), 3rd AT Sgt Shelldrick (RAOC AC) (1.70). Pole vault: 1st AT Cpl D M Till (Arborfield) (3.30m), 2nd AT D S Howarth (Chepstow) (3.20), 3rd AT P W Dixon (Chepstow) (3.12). Triple jump: 1st Stevenson (12.80m), 2nd Burns (12.78), 3rd Marsden (12.33).

Shot: 1st AT D Chilton (Arborfield) (12.55m), 2nd AT Cpl J M Britton (Arborfield) (12.45), 3rd Clark (11.53). Javelin: 1st AT Cpl D Heal (Arborfield) (46.16m), 2nd J/Pte M C Osbourne (Jun Soldiers Coy Queens) (45.60), 3rd AT L/Cpl R M Ham (Harrogate) (45.16). Discus: 1st AT G P Brown (Chepstow) (37.30m), 2nd Sigm K A Weeks (3 Div HQ & Sig Regt) (36.00), 3rd Britton (34.62). Hammer: 1st AT Sgt S R Green (Harrogate) (37.10m) (Army record), 2nd AT M P Donovan (Harrogate) (31.46), 3rd Pte B R Ford ACC (59 Ind Cdo Sqn RE) (26.28).

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Next year's British/Nepalese Army assault on Everest is to go ahead despite the four-death tragedy which halted a training climb on the Himalayan peak of Nuptse. An Army board of inquiry into the deaths of Maj Gerry Owens, Capt Richard Summerton, Lieut David Brister and Gurkha Rfn Pasang Tamang on the 25,850-foot peak found they died by misadventure in two unconnected incidents. The report states that although Nuptse was a formidable challenge, it was within the capabilities of the four climbers. There was no negligence on the part of anyone concerned with the planning or of those who took part in the expedition. The precise causes of the accidents are not known but weather was a factor in one case.



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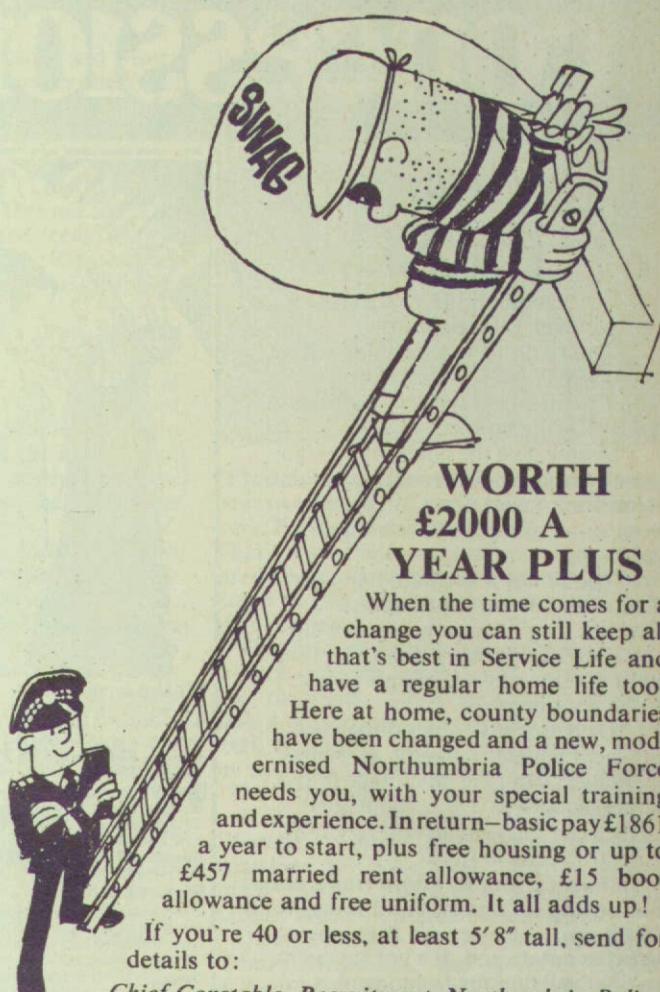
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The Band of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers Plays Modern and Military (RCA LFL 15073)

Another of our cavalry bands shows itself to be right up-to-date in its programming and style. A fine mixture of traditional (if reticent) oompah and modern pop music played with (wait for it) dignity.

In the course of such selections as "Shaft" and "A Tribute to Bacharach and David" some very fine tone colours are achieved, and overall there is a sense of style and commitment which is promising in what I take to be young players. Chording and precision, when it mattered most, were also welcome.

Other items which can be listed as "modern" are a catchy piece modestly titled "Popcorn," an "Alpentanz" by Terence Brien, and "Schwaben Express" in which the band adds all locomotive pre-diesel effects. Two repertory marches are "National Emblem" and Latann's rarely heard "Frei Weg," and there's a lightweight effort from the bandmaster, Mr H W Carter, "Freedom of Derby."

For old members of both regiments especially the regimental music is included; for infanteers and others it comprises the "Regimental Hymns" (Vesper Hymn, Spanish Chant (the scourge of a bandsman's life in the past), Russian Hymn), the quick march "God Bless the Prince of Wales," the slow march "Men of Harlech" and the trots and gallops "Encore," "Keel

Row," "Irish Washerwoman," and "Rory o' More," which last encourages the awful punster in me to (wait for it again) roar for more.

RB

"Aufwiederseh'n Jock" (The Military Band and Pipes and Drums of The King's Own Scottish Borderers) (Bandmaster: WO1 G M Henry) (Pipe Major: D Rodden) (Drum Major: C E Stubberfield) (TST 78413)

Early this year The King's Own Scottish Borderers said farewell to West Berlin and, during a concert after the presentation of new Colours by Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, allowed the people of Berlin to reciprocate. This LP is the outcome of those events, with what appears to have been a miniature tattoo held in the Deutschlandhalle.

All very moving it must have been, and it is a pity we have no atmosphere, live or simulated, to help conjure up the scene. A fanfare by Malcolm Arnold ushers in the pipes and drums and, on reading through their items, I am struck as always by the beauty of some of the titles. Consider "These Are My Mountains," "Louden's Woods and Braes," "High Road to Linton," "Greenwoodside" and "Morning Has Broken." Sheer poetry, countered by the Burns-like humour of "Ale is Dear" and "The Muckin' o' Geordie's Byre." They even play a German folk-song, "Muss I denn zum Städtele 'naus," as well as "Pibroch of Donald Dhu," "Dundee Military Tattoo," "Cutty's Wedding," "Highland Laddie," "Orange and Blue," "Fairy Dance," "Bonnie Dundee," "Going Home" and "Earl of Mansfield."

The band is in good form for the marches "Glorious Victory," "The Champion," "Radetzky" and of course "Berliner Luft," a must at all Berlin parades. Besides which there are Jaeger's slow march on Wagner's "Rienzi," "Pride of Princes Street" by Jimmy Howe and for starters to what I bet was a fairly wet occasion, a "Trombone Cocktail."

The finale comprises the "Drummers Call," "Scotland the Brave," Beethoven's "Creation Hymn," a very effective "Auld Lang Syne and Last Post" by Duncan Beat, the lone piper's "Sleep Dearie Sleep"

and final exit to the regimental charge, "Standard on the Braes o'Mar," and the regimental march "Blue Bonnets Over the Border."

The regiment is now at BFPO 801, if you want a copy—and you should if you answer to the name o' Jock.

RB



"Flourishing Brass" (Wingates Temperance Band) (Conductor: John Harrison) (Polydor Select 2460 246)

That's what I call juxtaposition—a Scottish farewell and temperance, even though the sleeve of this LP depicts what could be a highland burn.

This fine old band is not quite in the top flight at present but has had its moments over the years. Nicely conducted, it gives here a mixed bag of popular brass band stuff, beginning with the only brash item on the programme, the overdone march "The Pathfinders." For the rest, sit back and enjoy the safe sonorities of Handel's "Berenice" minuet, some old and innocent variations on "John Peel," Arthur Benjamin's classic "Jamaican Rumba" and Arthur Wood's "Three Dale Dances."

On side two are J A Greenwood's march "Merry Musicians," the overture "Caliph of Baghdad," Barsotti's "Bell Bird Polka" and a rousing performance of Maurice Johnstone's salty overture "Sea Dogs."

RB

"Pipes and Drums of the 1st Bn The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders" (Drum-Major: WO2 J Malloch) (Pipe-Major: Sgt K Robson) (Music for Pleasure MFP 50221)

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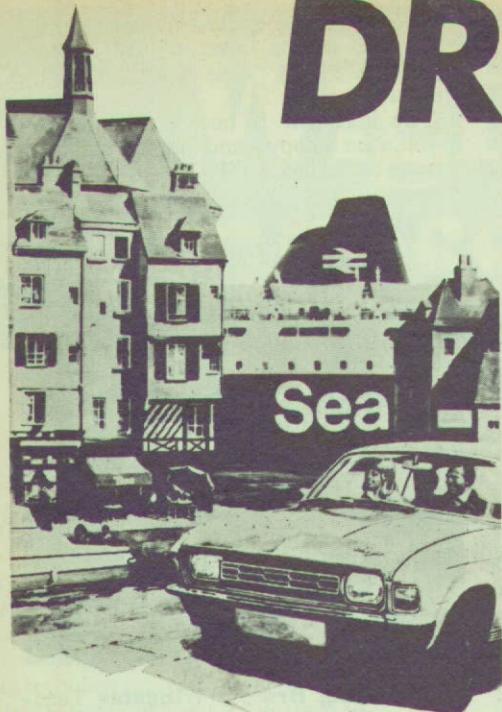
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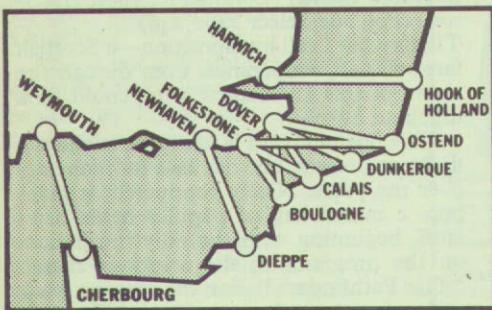
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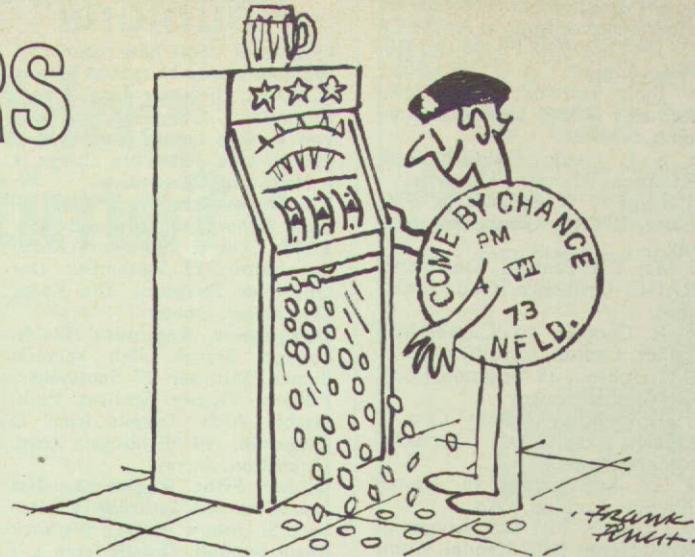
We are endeavouring to build up a collection of wall plaques of the three Services for the decoration of the new bar of the Nuffield Centre. Units etc closing down may wish to find a good home for plaques they have collected over the years. To date we have been given plaques by visiting Service personnel and many who have visited the Nuffield Centre have commented favourably on the interesting display. Army unit plaques predominate and, while we would appreciate many more of these, we would also value donations of plaques from any branch of the Services.—**Flt-Lieut F D Stead RAF (Retd), Nuffield Centre, Villiers House, John Adam Street, London WC2.**

Calling ex-RTR

Our branch of the RTR Association plans to hold a reunion for those of the Royal Tank Regiment who served in India between 1920 and 1939. We have so far gathered the names of almost two hundred who are interested. If any readers wish to attend this reunion, which we plan to hold in the summer of 1976, I would be glad to hear from them.—**W L Goodman, Hon Secretary, RTR Association (Farnborough Branch), 56 Netley Street, Farnborough, Hants.**

Medal for wounds?

I am in agreement with Mr W MacGregor (Letters, June) on the award of a wound medal for those who receive wounds in action. I



collected a "knock" in the fighting in Greece and the only thing I had to show for it when I left the service in 1950 was an entry in my documents stating "awarded one gold wound stripe." This entry amounted to nil, for as a civilian I have nothing to wear on my war medals to prove that I "copped" a wound during World War Two.

After six years' war service I was awarded three campaign stars and two medals but they are of little use as there is nothing on them to say to whom they were issued and one cannot verify ownership. I mentioned this when I received the medals and was told that if I wanted my name engraved on them I would have to get it done myself.

Incidentally, I believe that the French serviceman also gets a decoration if he is wounded in action.—**G E Chatterton, Canal Cottage, Ryeford, Stonehouse, Glos.**

Mr MacGregor overlooks the many anomalies which a "wounds" medal would cause. As an instance, during the North

African campaign I saw a soldier fall from a vehicle and break his leg while skylarking with friends and as a result he spent some months in hospital. This entitled him to wear a wound stripe as the accident had occurred in a forward area of operations. Apart from wounds sustained in action, many thousands suffered from tropical diseases contracted in prisoner-of-war camps, jungles and even leave centres. If such a medal was instituted it should go to the holders of the lapel badge given to those discharged on medical grounds through wounds, injuries or sickness. In his book "Having Been a Soldier," Lieutenant-Colonel

Colin Mitchell of Aden fame recalls the occasion when he was wounded during an advance in Italy; on seeing the overcrowded regimental aid post so busy, he dressed his wound himself with his field dressing and did not therefore have the wound recorded. As the war ended just before he had completed the required six months in a theatre of war, he did not qualify for the 1939-45 Star. Had the wound been dressed at the regimental aid post it would have been recorded and he would have qualified for the campaign star as the time qualification was waived in the case of personnel wounded in action.—**R Rimmer, 21 Glyn Garth, Chester, CH1 5RY.**

Regarding the letter from Mr MacGregor (June) advocating the introduction of a medal for wounds. While I agree that the wound stripe is too insignificant and ought to be replaced by a suitable wound badge, it should be remembered that medals are awarded for achievement. I have never heard of anyone wishing to achieve a wound.

While on the subject of medals will there ever be a medal issued for service in the Suez Canal Zone during the Nasser regime when we were being shot, stabbed, poisoned and blown up by terrorists? I seem to recall that the British government did not issue a medal because it did not want to offend Nasser. Perhaps it is now time to consider those who were casualties in the Canal Zone at that time, which was quite a long period,



"Pigs" and Saracen

The role of the Belfast APC squadron was carried out by 21 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, from August 1974 to January 1975. This task had not previously been undertaken by a second-line squadron and for it the squadron was reinforced by RCT troops from 16 Tank Transporter Squadron, 38 Squadron and 8 Regiment.

To mark this "first," Mr Ken Howard was commissioned to record the squadron's involvement; his painting, pictured here, shows two "Pigs" and a Saracen ambulance at Carlisle Circus, Belfast, in a typical Ulster situation.

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perhaps one of the longest for which no award was issued. Can SOLDIER obtain an explanation for those of us who served there?—Malcolm T Hobson, 629 Weilburg, Fr Ebert Str 35, West Germany.

★ This question was raised in 1957 and again in 1960 and the answer on each occasion was that "The question of granting a medal for service in the Canal Zone in the 1950s was not overlooked at the time and the matter was carefully considered by the Army Council. It was decided, however, that it would not be appropriate to declare the Canal Zone an operational area and that the circumstances did not justify the award of a commemorative war medal. The usual decorations were available to be awarded in recognition of any particular gallant, or meritorious, service that may have been rendered in that area."

Competition

Sadly only a tenth of the entrants for Competition 203 (Hunt the battleship, May) came up with the right answer. The question was which shots would have to be fired to make sure of sinking the battleship. Elimination from given data left four possible positions where the battleship could be situated—from A6 to D6, D6 to D9, D8 to G8 and E8 to H8. Because these posi-

tions overlapped in part, only 11 shots were required, at A6 B6 C6 D6 D7 D8 D9 E8 F8 G8 and H8. Prizewinners:

- 1 John Harland, Beulah, 12 Vawdrey Road, Drayton, Norwich, Norfolk.
- 2 S L Clark, Paddock End, Kimpton, Andover, Hants.
- 3 S/Sgt D Wheatland, 39 Pine Close, RMAS, Camberley, Surrey.
- 4 Maj T F Pearson, Sup Depot RAOC, Ordnance Road, Aldershot.
- 5 R Cooper, 29 Cumberland Street, Canton, Cardiff, Glam.
- 6 C Hobson, 48 Brighton Road, Godalming, Surrey.
- 7 Cpl Piper, Admin Coy, 1 DERR, Horseshoe Barracks, Shoeburyness.
- 8 D Learmouth, 18 Rastell Avenue, London SW2.
- 9 J Holme, Flat 128, Lingmoor Rise, Heron Hill, Kendal, Cumbria.
- 10 H C Daniel, Fir Tree Cottage, Forest Row, Sussex.

How observant are you?

(see page 15)

The two pictures differ in the following respects: 1 Cap badge. 2 Middle support of roof gutter. 3 Top corner of window frame. 4 Crossbar of T in STOP. 5 Amount of paint in tray. 6 Soldier's collar. 7 QM STORE sign. 8 Lines in gutter in front of bird. 9 Soldier's hair. 10 Road corner by big notice board.

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The Dorset Regiment Association. Annual reunion and dinner, TAVR Centre, Poundbury Road, Dorchester, 13 September. Details from Secretary, The Keep, Dorchester, Dorset.

Devonshire Regiment OCA. London Branch 50th reunion dinner, Saturday 27 September, 7.30pm, Victory Services Club, Marble Arch. Details from D Fitzgerald, 119 Nightingale Road, Carshalton, Surrey.

Glider Pilot Regiment. 31st annual reunion, Saturday 18 October, St John's Hotel, Warwick Road, Solihull. Details from L J Parker, Holly Bush House, Hollybush, Ledbury, Herefordshire.

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ators). Reunion, Saturday 11 October, Victory Club, London. Details from L Jackson (Howes), 98 Paignton Avenue, West Monkseaton, Northumberland.

Beachley Old Boys' Association. Annual reunion, 26-28 September. Details from Hon Sec, BOBA, Army Apprentices College, Chepstow, Gwent, NP6 7YG.

The Sergeants (The Royal Hampshire Regiment) Past and Present. Annual dinner and reunion, Saturday 6 September, Newburgh House, Winchester. Details from G R Price, Newburgh House, Newburgh Street, Winchester, Hants.

The Royal Norfolk Regiment Association. Annual reunion dinner, TAVR Centre, Aylsham Road, Norwich, 6.30 pm, 27 September. Annual service, regimental chapel, Norwich Cathedral, 10.00 am, 28 September. Details from Secretary, Royal Norfolk Regiment Association, Britannia Barracks, Norwich, NRI 4HJ.

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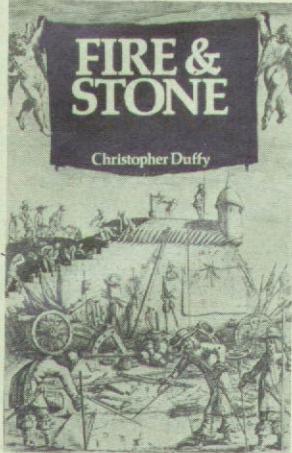
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out is on the actions of units and of individuals who qualified for the medal. Campaigns and the events leading up to them are authoritatively described and made the more interesting by inclusion of the names and deeds of participants. An introductory chapter describes the medal itself in considerable detail and lists the clasps to both the silver and bronze versions.

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AT BAY

"Fire and Stone: The Science of Fortress Warfare 1660-1860" (Christopher Duffy)

Perhaps the oldest form of warfare is that of the pitched battle where one man esconced behind his defences defies another attempting to take the place by siege or by storm. The fort, through the ages, has developed from humble and primitive beginnings to the present sophisticated form in use today.

Although this book deals with fortress matters only up to and including the middle of the last century, the fort as an idea persisted through the two World Wars until, I suppose, Dien Bien Phu, which surely rates as the last pitched battle in history. Today we have our several underground strongholds—boltholes might be a better word—in event of any future cataclysmic battle.

But in days of yore, man made his fortresses visible to his opponent, albeit impregnable to him. This delightful book, liberally illustrated, tells the tale of man's efforts to keep another man out of what he felt was rightfully his. It is as interesting to the military historian as to the architect, to the siege-mortar buff as to the archaeologist. You'll need a ten-inch shelf to take it incidentally, but I would have thought it well worth having a shelf built.

David & Charles (Holdings) Ltd, South Devon House, Newton Abbot, Devon, £5.95
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OUT AND ABOUT

"The Man Who Came in From Colditz" (E H Larive)

Lieutenant E H Larive, Royal Netherlands Navy, had just returned from the East Indies when the invading Germans sank his destroyer. After fighting ashore, he was taken prisoner



and following various escape attempts was sent to the "escape-proof" German prison camp of Colditz Castle in July 1941.

By Christmas that year he was in London reporting to the Dutch naval headquarters, having escaped from Colditz, travelled across Germany by train, crossed the Swiss border and on through France to Spain where he boarded an immigrant ship for Cuba. He and his fellow escapers, following a pre-arranged plan, were "arrested" by the British off Gibraltar and came to Britain in a Dutch submarine.

Larive tells his story matter-of-factly, yet it is one of the most exciting escape accounts it has been my pleasure to read. He went on to become a hero, fighting in a Dutch motor torpedo boat flotilla and winning the Military Willems Orde (Dutch VC), Britain's DSC and bar and the Dutch Bronze Cross and bar. Robert Hale & Co, Clerkenwell House, 45-47 Clerkenwell Green, London, EC1R 0HT, £3.25
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HALLOWED CORNER

"Rorke's Drift" (Michael Glover) The defence of Rorke's Drift in January 1879 is one of those hallowed corners of British military history—about 100 men fighting off 30 or 40 times their number and winning 11 Victoria Crosses in 12 hours. Never were the bravery and dogged endurance of the British soldier more stirringly displayed.

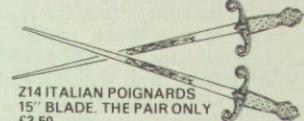
But in all honesty, and with apologies to The South Wales Borderers and the Royal Engineers, this action had virtually no effect on the course of the Zulu War which ended later that year with the now-forgotten Battle of Ulundi. This does not detract from the bravery of the men on the spot but it is Mr Glover's contention that it attracted more notice than would normally have been the case because the Government and the Army reformers wanted to divert attention from their own failings or supposed failings.

South Africa had been neglected for half a century, otherwise the Zulu War might not have happened, and there was the defeat of Isandlwana, humiliating in the extreme. Rorke's Drift presented a salve for wounded national pride and also drew attention away from sins of omission and commission.

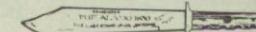
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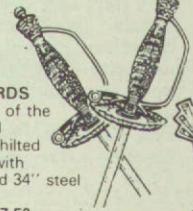
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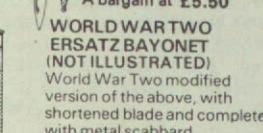
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ON THE FIELD

"British Battlefields: 4 Scotland and the Border" (Philip Warner) One of the most pleasant recreations is to walk across a battlefield trying to imagine the scene as it was on the fatal day—the noise, the confusion, the terrible decisions that had to be made. Best of all is the pleasure of contemplating what you would have done had you been in command.

Based on Ordnance Survey maps and with helpful advice as to parking, this book describes 16 engagements ranging from Stirling Bridge in 1297 to Culloden, 1746. Some, such as Bannockburn, are well marked and laid out for inspection; others are not. Falkirk, for instance, was fought in what is now the town.

One gets the impression that the author views the bulk of the battles as "Scots v English"—this certainly would not apply to Kilsyth, Philiphaugh, Killiecrankie, Prestonpans or Culloden, all the product of civil wars.

The book's strength lies in its medieval section, particularly the 14th and 15th centuries, and it raises the interesting question as to why the Scots were so often defeated. They were certainly as brave as the English. Their greatest weakness was a treacherous nobility.

Osprey Publishing Ltd, 12-14 Long Acre, London, WC2E 9LP, £2.95

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REGIMENTAL LIFE

"Attack the Colour!" (A E Clark-Kennedy)

This is the story of The Royal Dragoons fighting under Wellington in the Peninsula and at Waterloo, and of one officer in

particular, Captain Alexander Kennedy Clark, the author's great-grandfather.

Clark was instrumental in capturing a French Eagle at Waterloo but had great difficulty in gaining full credit, the correspondence going on for years. He was also frustrated in his quest for promotion but was eventually listed as Lieutenant-General Sir Alexander Kennedy Clark Kennedy. He had inherited the Kennedy estate and taken the family name when his maiden aunt died.

This is far from being just a map-and-battle book. It deals with the inner life of the regiment and reveals much of the light-hearted side to Army life, the frivolities and the crudities as well as the gallantry.

There is an interesting chapter on the composition of the Army of 1806, when a soldier's pay was 6d a day, and another about the Royals' peacetime role after Waterloo in aid of the civil authority—police duties, riot control, fire-fighting and hunting smugglers.

The Research Publishing Co, 52 Lincolns Inn Fields, London, £3.90

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IN BRIEF

"Historical Records of British Infantry Regiments in the Great War 1914-1918" (Brigadier E A James)

This book, based on an earlier version of 1929, lists about 1760 battalions which served in World War One. The account of the pre-war battalions starts with their location on 4 August 1914 and of wartime battalions from the date of their formation. It then goes on to give details of movements within the United Kingdom and overseas, giving dates of moves, embarkation and disembarkation and the brigade or division in which battalions served.

The author obviously worked hard on the preparation of this book. He had printing difficulties which resulted in its being printed by the Xerox method, with the advantage to the reader of typewriter-sized print.

E A James, 13 Bracebridge Road, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, B74 2SB, £10.50 plus postage.

"Great Battles: Agincourt" (Charles Kightly)

An excellent start to a new military series with a detailed analysis of that astonishing English

victory over the French in 1415. Rich in maps, diagrams and drawings, this book traces step by step a battle which should have been lost and pays tribute to that most deadly of medieval weapons, the English longbow.

Almark Publishing Co Ltd, 49 Malden Way, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 6EA, £2.25 hardback, £1.25 paperback

"Taffy Went to War" (Emlyn Davies)

In July 1915, Mr Davies, then a 19-year-old Post Office telegraphist at Oswestry, joined The Royal Welch Fusiliers. He first saw action on Christmas Day 1915, in the Ypres salient, and thereafter was frequently in action with the Welsh Division. The Somme, Mametz Wood, Passchendaele—all hold bitter memories. He recalls, for instance, a Welsh rugby player being wounded. His brother went out to bring him in. Both were killed. Four of five Jones brothers from Ffestiniog were killed in one attack; a father and son died in another.

This poignant memoir may not be a classic but is nevertheless a valuable contribution to the story of men at war.

E E Davies, 11 Norbury Close, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 8JP, £1.50

"The Armour of Imperial Rome" (H Russell Robinson)

The author has served on the curatorial staff of the armouries at the Tower of London for almost 30 years and for the last nine has specialised in Roman armour. His book is the first full-length illustrated account of the armour of the mighty Roman Empire. Mr Robinson has drawn on the information of many museums and closely examined archaeological discoveries to give the most up-to-date and authentic information.

The first part of his book is devoted to classification of helmets and in addition to photographs of most of the surviving examples of each class there are drawings which assist the text. The second part gives a good summary of information on body armour, greaves, horse armour and the Roman saddle.

This is a well-produced book with more than 500 plates and 100 line drawings.

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"Espionage" (Michael Tregenza) Everyone makes a mystery of espionage—MI5 or 6, CIA, KGB, we've all heard of them, we've all read novels which purport to tell us what they do. But we can't be sure.

Mr Tregenza, who has lived and worked in Poland, has made a special study of the underworld of international espionage and security and, though most of what he has to say is available in other books, he presents a pint-sized distillation of the espionage scene which will whet many an appetite. For those who wish to explore further, he gives a useful list of books to read.

Hamlyn Publishing Group, Astronaut House, Hounslow Road, Feltham, Middlesex, TW14 9AR, £0.60

"School for Soldiers: West Point and the Profession of Arms" (Joseph Ellis and Robert Moore)

This is a nice wholesome account of the West Point Military Academy and its contribution to things American militarily and nationally—but the naivety of it all! Even two years ago an American general said: "We exist for one purpose—to prepare a man to become an officer in the regular army. And this is the only institution in the world that has that sole specific mission." Well, if the Americans think that—and only two years ago—perhaps they haven't heard of a few more military academies that make no such boast.

West Point, a university whose students are in uniform, is the producer of the all-American guy and perhaps it is this simplicity of production that sticks in the English throat.

Oxford University Press, 37 Dover Street, London, W1X 4AH, £5.75

"Modelling Miniature Figures" (Edited by Bruce Quarrie)

This book, definitely not for beginners, comprises a series of articles by well-known military modellers about the whole range of figure modelling—plastic and metal figures in all scales, antique models, horse anatomy, dioramas, and even casting figures in metal and carving them from wood.

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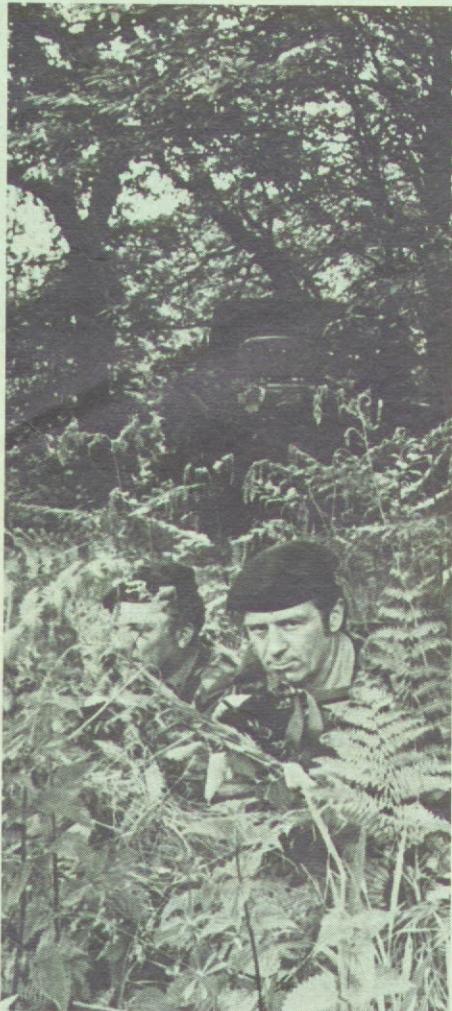
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Two Geordie yeomen well camouflaged and dug in on the training area at Stanford.

BRITAIN has withdrawn from the Common Market after a "No" referendum and the country is under threat from the extremist "Neuropean Army," representing the Common Market countries and poised on the other side of the Channel... This fantasy formed the basis for an exercise which took a regiment of part-time soldiers, equipped with Saladin, Saracen and Ferret armoured cars, through three counties of eastern England. Carrying out the exercise, codenamed Fleeting Fox after their cap badge, were men of The Queen's Own Yeomanry, just four years old and with squadrons in Ayrshire, Tyneside, Cheshire and Yorkshire.

They had spent the first week of their annual camp at Bodney on the edge of the Stanford training area and emerged with glowing reports. The yeomen—Ayrshire miners, Hull trawlers, Cheshire labourers, Newcastle brewery workers and a host of other workers from all walks of life—are now really getting to know each other.

In the 1971 re-organisation the North-



Fleeting fox cap badge over tent where an officer sleeps among the nettles.

Roamin' with the Yeomen

Story by John Walton
Pictures by Paul Haley

umberland Hussars, Ayrshire, Cheshire and Yorkshire yeomanry regiments disappeared but their spirit lives on in the four squadrons of the combined regiment. Each squadron has one Regular officer and about six senior non-commissioned officers as instructors. All were full of praise for the part-time yeomen.

Regimental Sergeant-Major John Morton, Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, told SOLDIER: "I know all the squadrons well and they are as keen as mustard—who else would give up their jobs to come and do this for a fortnight? I would say that in many ways they are keener than Regular soldiers." He was echoed by Sergeant Danny Lee, 16th/5th Lancers, who instructs the Chester squadron in driving and maintaining armoured cars: "I always thought the TAVR was like Dad's Army but it is not. What really makes them shine is that they really try hard."

Fleeting Fox opened with an evening move to hide areas followed by occupation of those hides for the whole of the next day, the TAVR camouflage experts even managing to successfully disguise large Scammell recovery vehicles. Canberras from a nearby Royal Air Force station flew overhead during the day and took reconnaissance pictures to see just how much the yeomen were revealing. But their camouflage was good—many old hands described it as some of the most effective they had seen.

The soldiers, fresh-faced youths to battle-hardened veterans, worked hard and long in preparing their hides although to all intents and purposes they were concealed in a matter of minutes. Korean War veteran, Lance-Corporal Douglas Young, of South Shields, had to admit that the trench he was digging was in slightly different terrain from that he experienced more than 20 years ago—but he was enjoying his soldiering as much as ever. Many of the Ayrshire contingent were miners who spend much of their lives burrowing under the ground in the dark. For them, said one of their officers, Lieutenant Oliver Anderson, two weeks' training out in the open air

Below: Cries of "Gas, gas, gas" echo in the woods and the Tykes don gas masks.





and the sunshine was a great experience.

That night the yeomen were on the move to Lincolnshire. Their task there would be rear security in an area considered to be of special importance as the Neuropeans were known to favour the use of small sabotage parties landed on the coast or dropped by parachute. During this 80-mile night drive a number of elderly vehicles fell by the wayside and had to be repaired by the regimental mechanics. But the traffic control points through large towns were successful and by daybreak the squadrons were stretched out over several miles of the Lincolnshire Wolds. The next day the training major, Major Richard Dangar, and his staff, put the squadrons through their

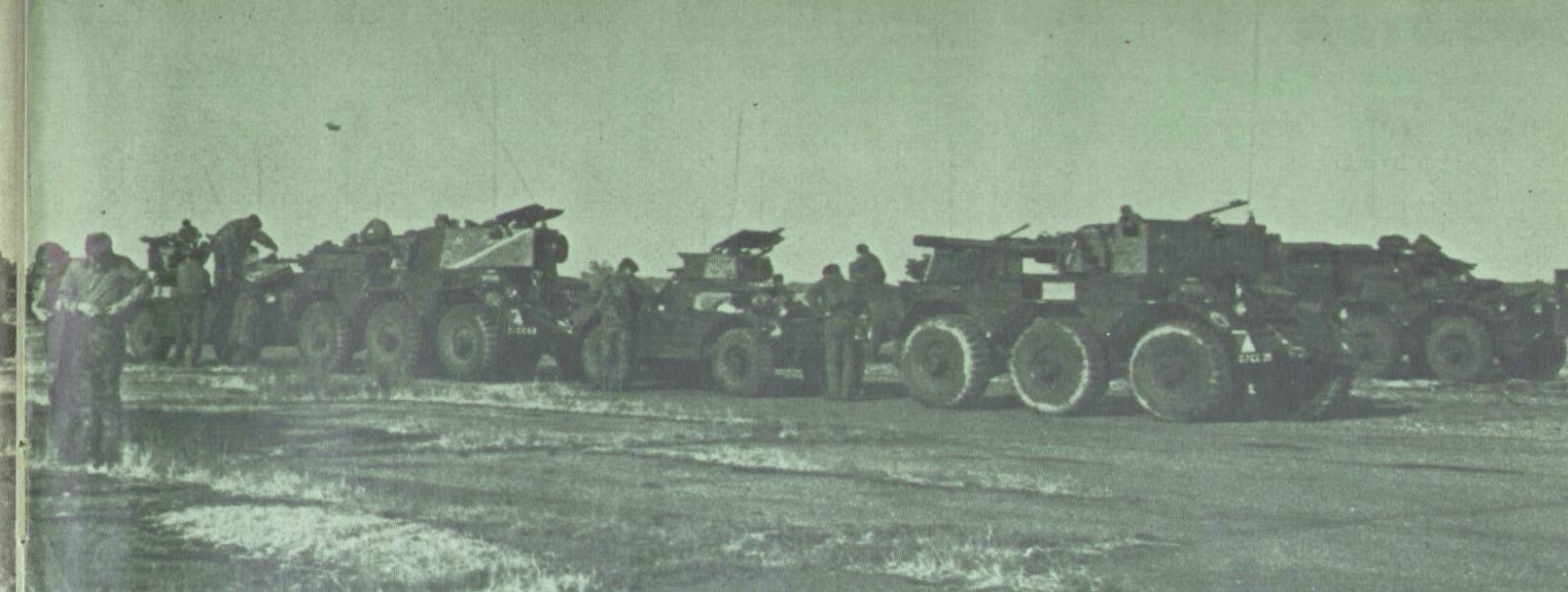
paces with incursions by groups of men assigned as enemy.

The regiment's padre, the Reverend Roger Massingberd-Mundy, played a theatrical role throughout all this. First he was whisked out to a beach crowded with holidaymakers and sat there for an hour while a yeomanry patrol went to pick him up as a refugee. After his return to regimental headquarters he was "interrogated" and then set about organising his next diversion—the distribution of subversive literature designed to undermine morale. A Northumberland vicar, he sees each squadron once a year plus whenever they are all together and at annual camp. Apart from dealing with pastoral and spiritual problems and

standing by in case of emergency, there was not a lot for him to do at camp and he welcomed the opportunity to pose as an agent provocateur.

Another who enjoyed getting away from it all was the medical officer, Captain Geoffrey Martin, a consultant physician from Chester. He tended injuries including a fractured pelvis and broken wrist but joked: "They know better than to need stitches—I am a physician, not a surgeon."

Once outside the Stanford training area, it was of course more difficult to simulate war conditions. The yeomanry were under strict instructions which included no digging, no cutting of trees and bushes for camouflage purposes and



All four squadrons assemble on disused airfield after their night's exertions.

no use of pyrotechnics or blank ammunition. Nevertheless they got a friendly welcome from the farmers whose land they used and from the Lincolnshire public, who do not see military exercises very often. One farmer refused to supply a group of soldiers with eggs but others were only too pleased to help with provisions.

Typical was the bewildered motorist who screamed to a halt on seeing military vehicles and armed soldiers by the roadside. "My God, what's happening?

Checking out a passing civilian car...

Are we being invaded?" he asked. On assurance that the Neuropeans were not really coming he drove off grinning.

Before dawn on the third day the order was given to withdraw south of Horn-castle. Each squadron was allotted a bridge and, after seeing all vehicles over, a demolition order was given. The regiment then assembled at a nearby airfield before starting off on the next phase of the exercise—into Yorkshire. There the Ayrshire squadron formed itself into the enemy for an advance to contact by the rest of the regiment. Theoretically the Scots should have been encircled but they were allowed to break through and

Rustling up a TAVR style breakfast...

attack from the rear, providing what the unit press officer, Captain Patrick Beresford, described as "lots of unorthodox tactics but great fun."

At the end of the exercise the regiment retired to the farm of its commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon Nicholas Crossley, near York, for a regimental party with each squadron staging a show.

Success of Fleeting Fox? Captain Beresford reported: "One of the best camps we have ever had. We are all saying what a super exercise it was." A Geordie private put it more succinctly—"it was canny."

Guarding a bridge from the invaders...



Early morning ablutions as the night travellers rid themselves of the dust.

Left: Keeping a look-out for Neuropeans at a busy Lincolnshire road junction.



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