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FRONT COVER

Bright Cyprus sunshine at his back, Sapper Ian McLeod of 62 Near East Support Squadron, Royal Engineers, drills into a massive chunk of limestone in preparation for an explosive charge to bring it down to more manageable size. The stone is destined to be part of the new mole being built by sappers at Akrotiri.

Picture by Martin Adam.



BACK COVER

Freefall parachuting provides a new spectator sport for Bermudians as they watch enthusiasts of 1 Parachute Logistic Regiment land on the public car park at Warwick in Bermuda. The narrow strip of land between the Atlantic and The Bermuda Regiment's Warwick Camp called for accuracy—or a ducking in the sea!

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SEE-THE-ARMY DIARY

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

JUNE 1973

- Regiments of Lancashire military exhibition, Towneley Hall Museum, Burnley (to 30 September).
- 8 Chasewater Festival, Hereford (bands, RA motorcyclists) (8-9 June).
- 9 **Potters Bar Carnival (band, RMP and corps displays).**
- 9 **Motorama 73, Wembley (band, corps displays).**
- 9 Catterick Army Display (9-10 June).
- 9 Glasgow Military Display (bands, Blue Eagles, White Helmets) (9-16 June).
- 9 Birkenhead Army Display (Red Devils, RA motorcyclists) (9-10 June).
- 12 Monarchy 1000, Bath (bands) (12-16 June).
- 13 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 14 Installation of Governor, Edinburgh Castle.
- 14 Beating Retreat, Chelmsford.
- 14 Coventry Carnival (band, Red Devils, RA motorcyclists) (14-16 June).
- 15 Essex County Show (band) (15-16 June).
- 16 **Tottenham Carnival (corps displays).**
- 16 Open Day, Mercian Depot, Lichfield.
- 16 Frimley and Camberley Cadet Corps Fête.
- 16 Open Day, Depot The Queen's Division, Basingbourn Barracks, Royston, Herts.
- 16 Cadet Forces Tattoo, Swindon.
- 16 Wrexham Garden City Fête (Red Devils).
- 16 Freedom of Newcastle-under-Lyme, the Staffordshire Regiment.
- 17 Welsh 3000s (17-18 June).
- 20 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 22 Edinburgh Air Show (bands, Blue Eagles) (22-24 June).
- 22 Aldershot Army Display (22-24 June).
- 23 Pontypridd Chamber of Trade Fête (RA motorcyclists).
- 23 Old Colours of 1st Battalion, The Worcestershire Regiment, laid up, Worcester Cathedral; march through city.
- 23 **Hillingdon Show (band, helicopters, corps displays) (23-24 June).**
- 27 Freedom of Aldershot, Royal Army Medical Corps.
- 27 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 27 Royal Norfolk Show (band) (27-28 June).
- 29 Royal Artillery At Home, Woolwich (29-30 June).
- 30 **Wembley Hospital Fete (corps displays).**
- 30 Hucclecote Fête, Gloucester (band, arena display).
- 30 Open Day, Army Apprentices College, Harrogate (band).
- 30 Tamworth Carnival (band, Red Devils, White Helmets).
- 30 Chester Festival: Combined bands beat Retreat, Chester Castle.

JULY 1973

- 4 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 6 Newport (Monmouthshire) Carnival (RA motorcyclists) (6-8 July).
- 6 Birkenshaw Show (band) (6-7 July).
- 7 Military Musical Pageant, Wembley Stadium (in aid of Army Benevolent Fund).
- 7 Newport, Mon, Carnival (RA motorcyclists) (7-8 July).
- 7 Exeter Air Day (Blue Eagles).
- 9 Lambeth (London) Safety Exhibition (RA motorcyclists) (and 11 July).
- 10 Great Yorkshire Show, Harrogate (band) (10-12 July).
- 11 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 11 Royal Tournament (11-28 July).
- 11 Massed bands display, Royal School of Artillery, Larkhill.
- 12 Folkestone Tattoo (provisional) (12-14 July).
- 12 **Finchley Carnival (band, corps displays) (13-14 July).**
- 13 Pudsey Show, Leeds (band) (13-14 July).
- 13 Kirkby Show, Liverpool (band) (13-14 July).
- 13 Masham Traction Engine Rally (band) (13-16 July).
- 13 Nottingham Festival (band) (13-16 July).
- 14 **Hillingdon Carnival (corps displays).**
- 14 Basingstoke Tattoo.
- 14 Artillery Day, Larkhill.
- 14 Plymouth Air Show (band).



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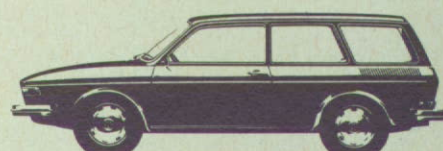
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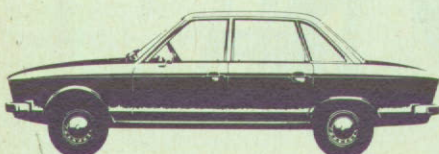
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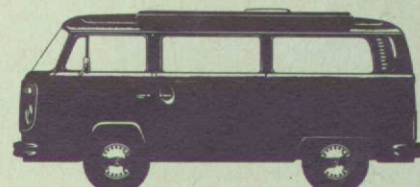
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- 14 Weston-super-Mare Dairy Festival (bands) (14-21 July).
- 14 Open Day, 38 Engineer Regiment, Ripon.
- 14 Calne Carnival (band, arena display).
- 14 Welwyn Garden City Carnival (band).
- 17 East of England Show (bands) (17-18 July).
- 18 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 19 Liverpool Show (bands, RA motorcyclists, Household Cavalry musical ride) (19-21 July).
- 20 Teesside Show (band) (20-23 July).
- 20 **Lakeland Rose Show, Holker Hall (band) (20-21 July).**
- 21 Stroud Show (band).
- 21 Bristol 600 (21 July-12 August) (King's Troop RHA 6-11 August, Red Devils 21-26 July, White Helmets 6-11 August).
- 22 Corby Highland Show (band).
- 23 Wigan Display (bands, RA motorcyclists) (23-24 July).
- 25 Driffield Show (band).
- 26 Manchester Flower Show (band, Red Devils, RA motorcyclists) (27-28 July).
- 26 St Helens Show (bands, Red Devils, **White Helmets**) (26-28 July).
- 27 Northampton Show (band) (27-28 July).
- 28 **Oldham Carnival (Red Devils).**
- 28 Open Day, Rifle Depot, Royal Green Jackets, Winchester.
- 28 Army Air Day, Middle Wallop.
- 29 Gloucester Carnival (band) (29 July-10 August).
- 29 Open Day, RAC Centre, Bovingdon.
- 30 Tyneside Summer Exhibition (bands) (30 July-5 August).
- 31 Royal Lancashire Show (band, Red Devils) (31 July-2 August).

AUGUST 1973

- 1 Colchester Searchlight Tattoo (1-4 August).
- 1 Rutland County Show (band).
- 2 Hull Show (band) (2-4 August).
- 3 Cardiff Searchlight Tattoo (3-11 August).
- 4 Open Day, Light Infantry Depot, Shrewsbury.
- 7 Bingley Show (band) (7-8 August).
- 9 Darlington Army Week (band) (9-19 August).
- 15 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 17 Shrewsbury Musical and Floral Fête (bands).
- 17 Edinburgh Tattoo (17 August-8 September).
- 18 Crewe Carnival (band) (18-19 August).
- 18 Pontypool Carnival (Red Devils).
- 18 **Friern Barnet Show (corps displays).**
- 19 Hartlepool Show (band).
- 22 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 23 Southport Flower Show (band, Red Devils) (23-26 August).
- 24 Bebington Carnival, Wirral (band, Red Devils) (24-26 August).
- 24 Leeds Gala (band) (24-27 August).
- 25 Harlow Show (RA motorcyclists).
- 25 **Guards Association Gala and Sports Day, Standish, Wigan (band, displays).**
- 26 Aylsham Show (band).
- 27 Swansea Carnival (Red Devils).
- 27 North East Hants Agricultural Show, Alton (RA motorcyclists).
- 27 Rotary Bank Holiday Fair, Palatine Park, Worthing (band, Black Knights freefall team).
- 28 City of Leicester Show (band) (28-29 August).
- 29 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 29 Sheffield Show (band) (29 August-1 September).
- 31 Keighley Show (band) (31 August- 1 September).

SEPTEMBER 1973

- 1 **Edmonton Carnival (corps displays).**
- 2 **Historic Military Vehicles Rally, Waltham St Lawrence, Maidenhead (RA motorcyclists).**



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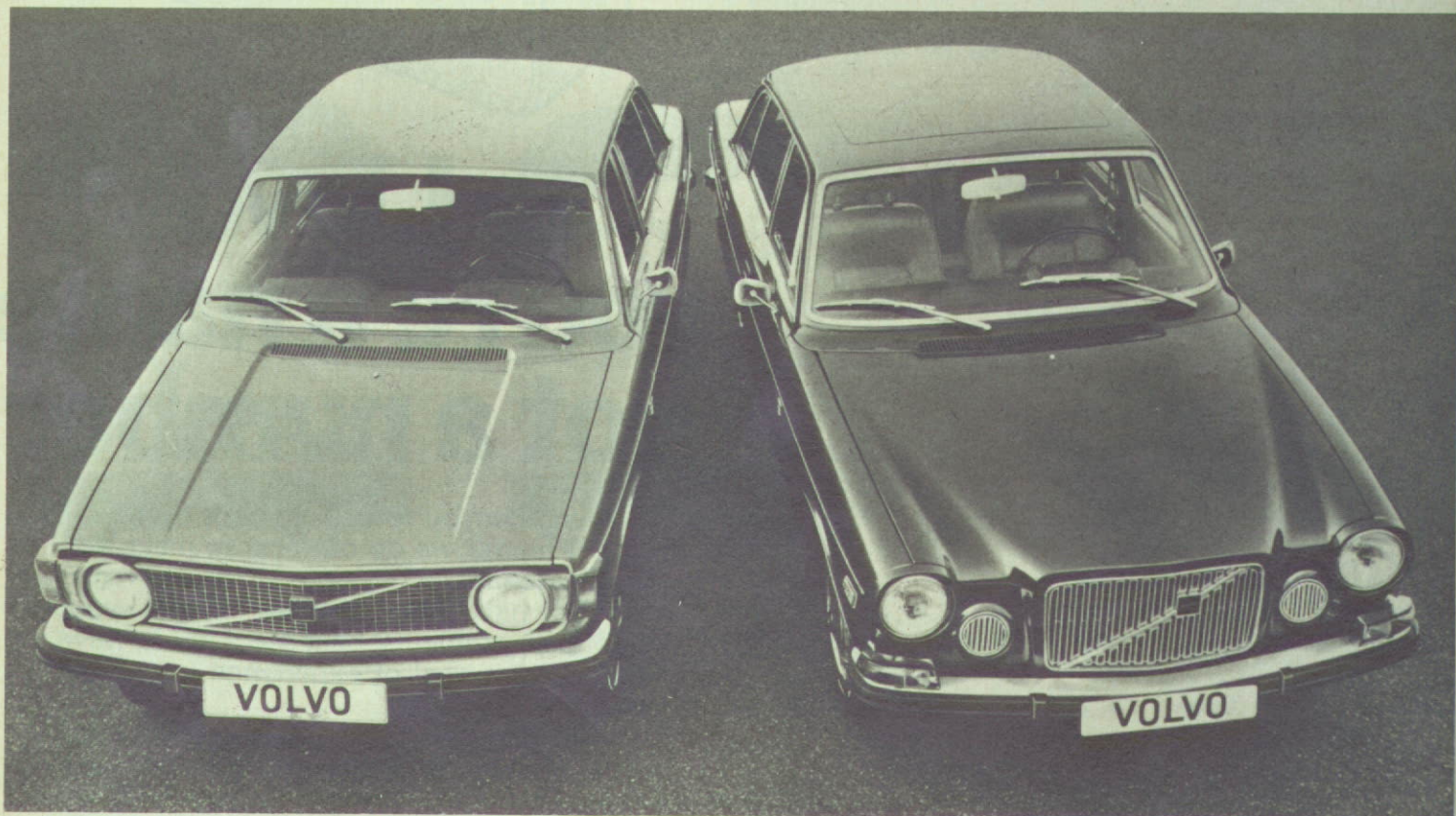
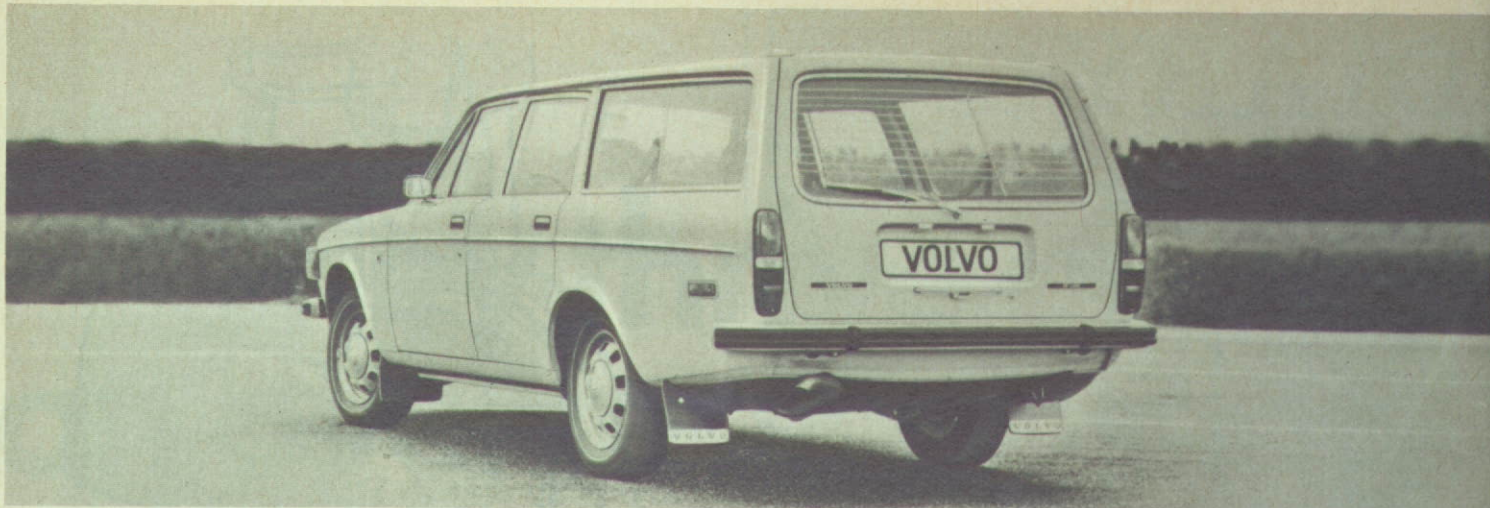
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It depicts the battalion taking over from the Grenadier Guards in the palace forecourt on Christmas Eve, 1971. In the foreground the ensign of the old guard patrols with Major (QGO) Asalbhadur Limbu. This was the first time the Gurkhas, in 157 years of service with the British Army, had carried out public duties in London.

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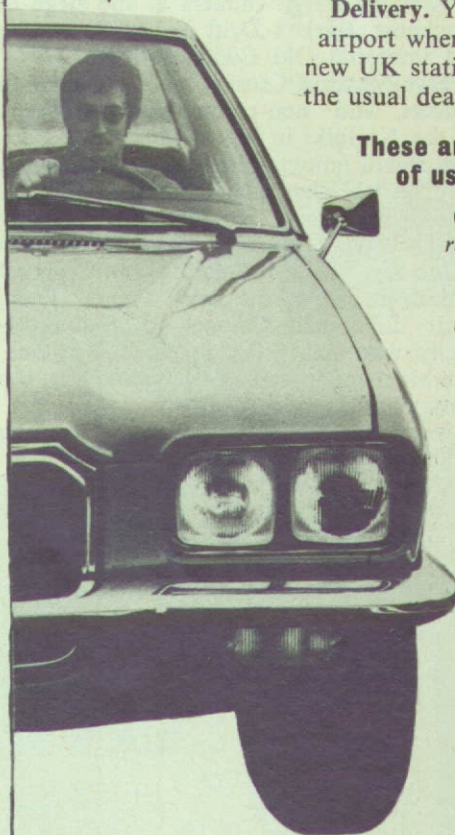
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Military Museums 6

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No attempt has been made to segregate the exhibits into categories. Instead the aim is to show something of interest in every room, six of which are named after members of the regiment who won the Victoria Cross. The seventh is the Fortescue room—in honour of the famous Army historian—containing items commemorating deeds of military bravery. There are medals representing each regiment taking part in the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava and reminders of the courage shown by British soldiers at the siege of Lucknow, Rorke's Drift and in France by the immortal Old Contemptibles.

Five Victoria Crosses were awarded to officers and non-commissioned officers of the Norfolks in World War Two: Captain David Jamieson in 1944 in Normandy, Captain J N Randle at Kohima, Lieutenant G A Knowland in Burma, Company Sergeant-Major George Gristock in 1940 at the River Escaut, Belgium, and Corporal Sidney Bates at Sourdeval, France. Each, with Lieutenant-Colonel J Sherwood-Kelly, who won his VC in World War One, has his name inscribed over a room in the museum.

The Knowland room is given over mainly

to exhibits relating to Militia, Volunteer and Territorial units of the regiment. There are the Colours of the 7th (Norwich) Battalion, Norfolk Volunteer Infantry, presented by the Mayor and Corporation in 1804. Here, too, is a drum, buried in Malaya in 1942 to prevent it falling into Japanese hands and subsequently discovered by a picnic party who returned it to its owners, the 4th Battalion.

Sherwood-Kelly's is the Victoria Cross room and contains the VC won by CSM Gristock and a good collection of old regimental badges, buttons and titles. A brass cannon taken from the Japanese recalls the regiment's activities in Kobe more than a hundred years ago.

Uniforms and a drum captured from the Chindits in 1889 are perhaps the main attraction in the Gristock room while Randle's is dominated by 11 Simkin prints depicting the uniforms of the regiment from 1685 to 1921.

The museum's fine collection of medals includes groups awarded to two brothers, Privates A and C Thompson, who enlisted in the Norfolks on the same day and served in the same campaigns, each gaining the Indian General Service Medal 1854-95 with the Jowaki bar and the Afghan Medal 1879. This was the Second Afghan War and the last occasion on which the regiment's Colours were carried into battle.

The collection of firearms ranges from examples of the earliest rifles used in the British Army to carbines captured in Korea.

For those interested in natural history with a sting there is a shelf of 22 pickled specimens of "other enemies which confront soldiers on active service in tropical climates" like the tiny, but fatal, Krait snake, Black Scorpion and Shanghai Night Beetle!

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Left, Japanese brass cannon, early firearms and medal groups in a corner of the museum.

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Away up in
the Shetlands
men of the
Royal Signals
maintain a
vital NATO
communication
link

Technical troubleshooters

Story by Mike Starke
Pictures by Martin Adam

WHERE the United Kingdom stretches island fingers north towards the Arctic, the Army's northernmost unit keeps a vital watch over a NATO communication link that is part of a chain defending the alliance.

Some three dozen men of the Royal Corps of Signals are responsible for the maintenance of communications in three NATO forward scatter stations in the

Shetlands. "Responsible" is the key word. The officer in charge, Captain Colin Day, said: "This system relies on the one man on duty. If things go wrong this vital system breaks down. We have considerable responsibility."

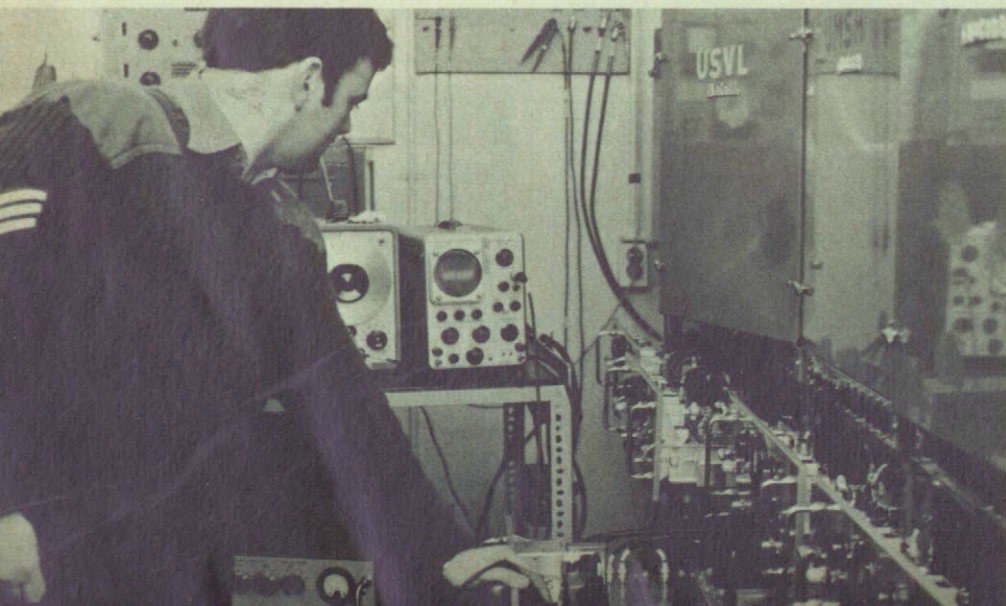
He added: "We're mainly like technical firemen sitting here watching the equipment. You have a job to do in earnest which is very important to us all. There is no room for slack at all—a man not pulling his weight is no good here."

Scatter station is a shorthand description of the highly complicated way in which the system's radio waves are bounced from transmitter to receiver off a layer of the earth's upper atmosphere. A glimpse inside one of the stations gives a false impression of their importance. Grey cabinets packed with complex electronic equipment exude a low hum in a bare room with highly polished floors. The one duty man—ghosted by a second technician in case of emergencies—seems to have little to do.

But in a split second the quietness can be shattered by the clarion call of an alarm signal which tells the experts something is wrong—and it must be put right fast.

The stations are manned 24 hours a day on a shift basis and it is the job of the Royal Corps of Signals staff in the Shetlands to see that the equipment matches the alertness of its human guardians. Said Captain Day: "If we have an 'outage' of one minute on the line we have to answer for it. We have a reliability record here of 99.99 per cent."

At the southern end of the 160 or so scattered Shetland isles the Mossy Hill station dominates a rolling landscape scarred with peat cuttings and constantly swept by winds that have had nothing but the cold



The huge dishes of the forward scatter stations, set atop the barren landscape of the windswept Shetlands, withstand fierce gales.

Left: Sgt Terry Heath in telephone contact with another station. The communications system depends on him and his colleagues.

Far left: Sgt G Collier using an oscillator to test a section of the complex electronic equipment which the Royal Signals maintain.

Right: L/Cpl Tony Barker making a maintenance test in the gleaming control room of the Mossy Hill forward scatter station.



Atlantic to brake their headlong flight before hitting the land.

Four mighty galvanised metal discs—proofed against salt from a sea that is never more than a hilltop from view—beam the communications signals on their way. Sunk in the peat, the 20-metre dishes' foundations lie deep in the spongy soil and are said to be able to withstand 300 mile an hour winds. Even so, constant howling gusts seem never to tire of trying to uproot them.

Inside the main control room Sergeant Terry Heath was on duty when SOLDIER visited the site. He is one of the handful of technicians in the team who have done a special course on the system and he had been working in the field for just a couple of months. It takes two months to get used to the equipment, experts claim, and a year or so to get to know it properly.

Sergeant Heath said: "This system is not unlike others we work with in our corps but here a greater sense of the job's responsibility tends to make you a bit nervous at first—you're a little awed by it."

What did he think of the idea of coming to the Shetlands where the nearest railway station is Bergen in Norway, and Leningrad and Alaska lie on the same line of latitude?

"When I was first posted here I thought 'where the hell's that?' But I tend to like out of the way places. Already I'm enjoying it—it's nice and quiet."

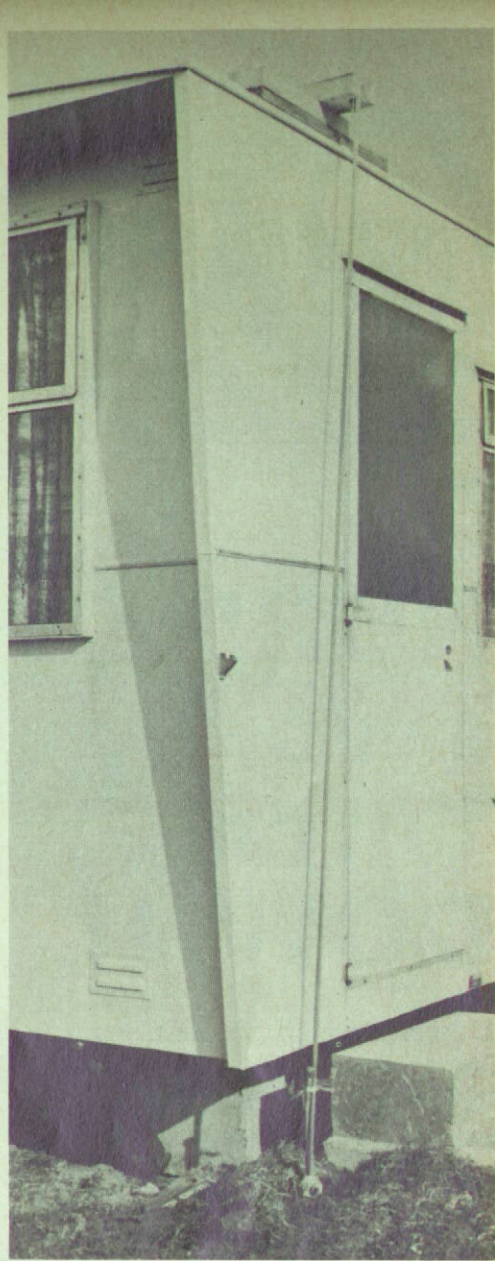
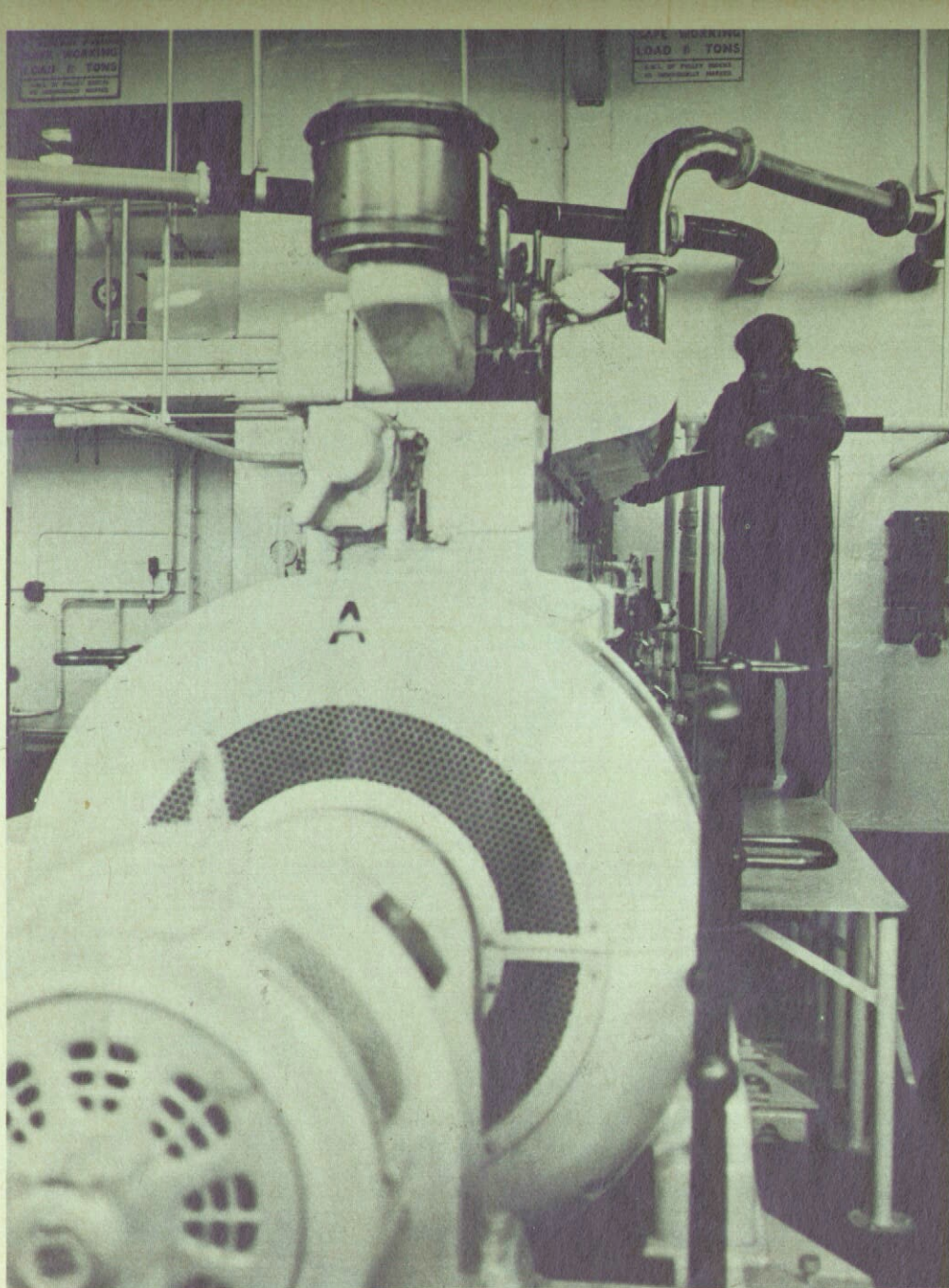
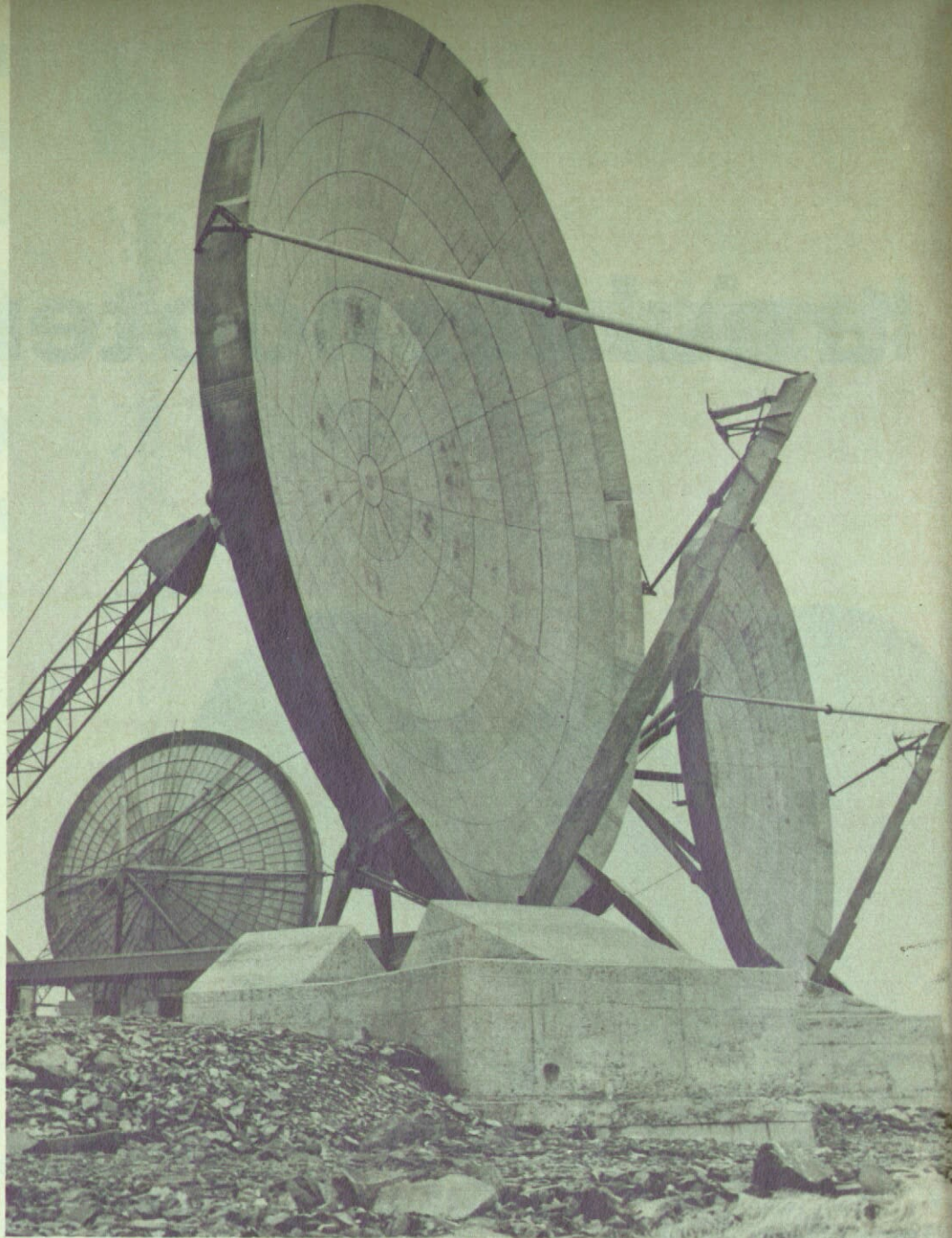
Several soldiers have been surprised by the Shetlands and some have actually asked for extensions of their tours of duty. A few have even settled there at the end of their service to continue the steady pace of life the local people thrive on.

Unmarried soldiers are quartered on the station sites or in local hirings; married men and their families live in hirings. At Maybury there are mobile homes on hand as a temporary measure before brick-built houses are put up.

A shopping trip for some wives involves a round journey of 80 miles to Lerwick, the Shetlands' capital, where 5000 of the islands' 17,000 inhabitants live. This total is less than the population of a small town in England and is spread over an area that would stretch from London to the Isle of Wight.

On the southernmost tip of the islands a domestic site—Maybury—provides a social focus for servicemen and civilians alike. The score of Army families who enjoy an all ranks club are joined there by some 100 affiliate members from the nearby community. Captain Day explained: "The local people mix in with us. We are an integral part of their life." A weekly ladies' club meets at Maybury too and local housewives come along to join in.

But behind the apparently easy going pace of life in the Shetlands the men of the Royal Corps of Signals carry on their work in deadly earnest. As Captain Day said. "The main difference from many other postings for us is that there's a live, active job to be done. Everything is second to that—the task here is of paramount importance."



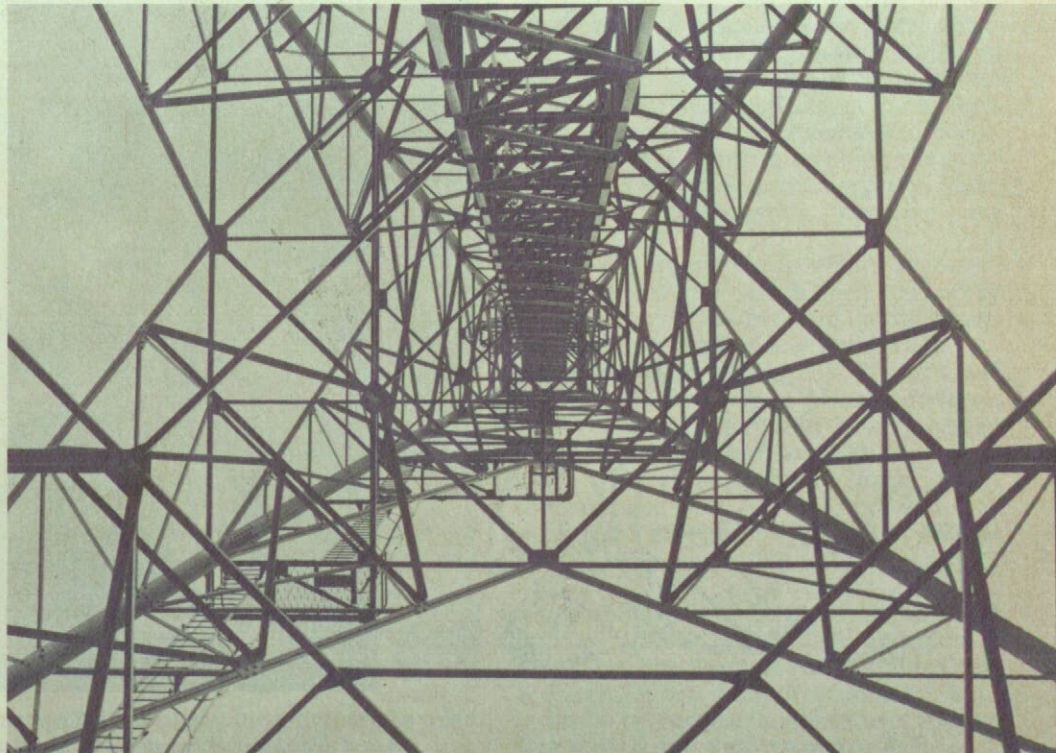
Stations and dishes are specially designed to withstand the high winds. Mobile homes have to be lashed down with steel hawsers.

Above: Servicing the generator from which flows the power to a station's electronics.

Left: Watched by Mrs South, RSM Bill Cage checks furniture faults in her mobile home.

Top left: Mossy Hill's 20-metre dishes are sunk deep in the earth on a bare hilltop.

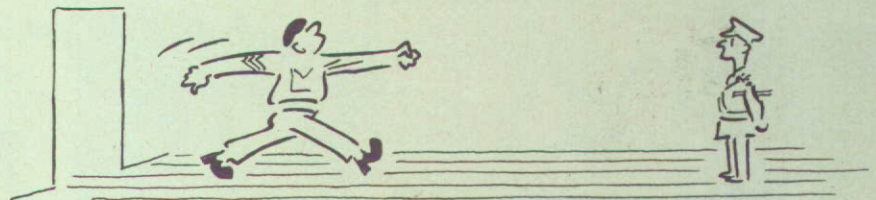
Right: A delicate tracery of steel girders weaves a pattern in the sky over Shetland.





HUP! Two... Three... DOWN!

Longest way up, shortest down, fingers straight and in line, forefinger one inch above the right eye . . . and so on . . . Saluting, that chanted ritual of basic training, is another favourite cartoon subject. Here is a selection from the many in SOLDIER's files



FRANK FINCH



"Well, you never know who it might be!"



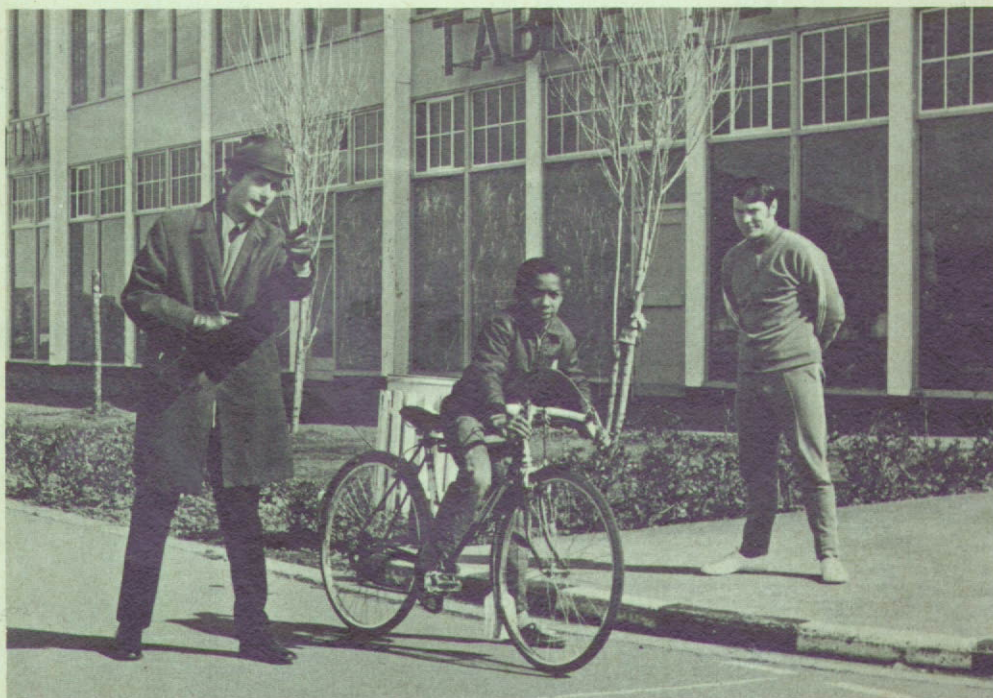
"New, sir? Who, sir? Me, sir?"



"But our sarge says we shouldn't salute with a fag on."

Fall in the 2000!

Story by John Walton/Pictures by Leslie Wiggs



REVERILLE was provided by the raucous tones of Gary Glitter blaring through a loudspeaker built into each room. Breakfast was shared with hundreds of weenyboppers of both sexes tucking into hamburgers and baked beans. Each day was spent in teaching them the rudiments of such arts as archery, judo, swimming, roller-skating, canoeing and fencing.

Not a posting which would appeal to everyone but one which members of 27 of the Army's 79 five-man youth teams found both rewarding and worthwhile.

Scene of the "Children's Weeks" was Butlin's holiday camp at Minehead where, for five weeks before the holiday season began in earnest, up to 2000 children a week were accommodated. Army youth teams rotated from week to week and each week eight girls from the Women's Royal Army Corps came along to lend a hand.

Co-ordination of the Army's assistance was in the hands of Sergeant-Major David Barlow, of The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, who heads 24 Army Youth Team at Exeter. It was from this team that what is likely to become a permanent spring-time military-civil link was first mooted.

Above: An RoSPA instructor teaching a young cyclist all about the rules of the road.
Top: Lance-Corporal David Rogers, 12 AYT, Yorkshire, gives canoe lesson in the boating lake.

Paul Winterforde-Young, once Sir Billy Butlin's right-hand man, now the company's senior executive for social services, takes up the story: "It all happened quite fortuitously. I was on the Exeter panel of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme with Warrant Officer II (now lieutenant) Phil McGoldrick who was then heading 24 Army Youth Team. He asked if we had ever thought of using the Army youth teams."

Last year a pilot scheme was launched with 1000 children and it was an instant success. Mr Winterforde-Young declares: "I don't think this could have happened without the Army. I could have got skilled instructors from other sources but I could never have got instructors who were used to dealing with children. Also we would not have been able to get so much first-class equipment. This would have meant increasing the tariff which would have hit the deprived children who are getting the most out of it."

Captain Mike Mullett, of 22 Army Youth Team, Plymouth, a former Army cycling champion, helped out a team from the Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents in cycling proficiency tests. For him the greatest pleasure of the week was in watching the changes it wrought in children from concrete jungle city environments.

"They turn up for walks on the moors in such things as plimsolls and jeans but by the end of the week their pale complexions have given way to rosy cheeks," he said.

To those city youngsters a farmyard animal was a strange sight and a moorland walk a frightening yet exhilarating experience. But often they had surprises for the instructors as well. Soldiers preparing to teach basic first-aid and map-reading sometimes found that their pupils knew a lot already.

About 30 student-teachers from training colleges were also involved in instruction and their relationship with the Army lads was first class. So much so that one of them, Sandy Alexander, a national fencing coach from St Luke's College, Exeter, is considering taking a commission after graduating.

On the judo mats small children (the Children's Weeks cover the 9-15 age bracket) were throwing each other about with gay abandon. Sergeant Mick Harrison, of 76 Army Youth Team, Nuneaton, took a breather to say: "I've got quite interested in the children since I had to work among them. They are quite prepared to listen to us providing we listen to their own ideas."

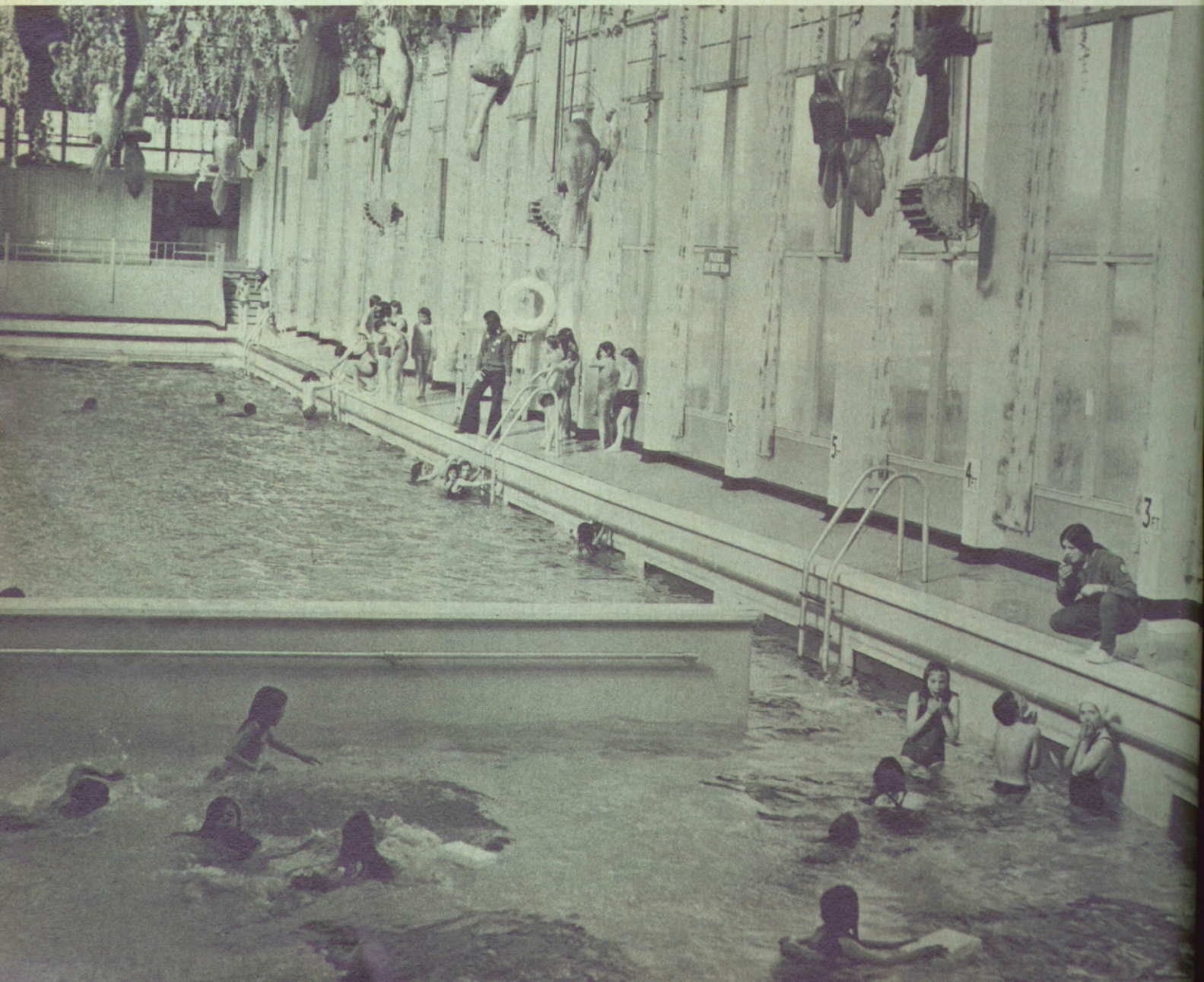
For Sergeant-Major Barlow and his team the five weeks were a non-stop head-

ache but well worth it. He told SOLDIER: "I think it is a great idea and could easily be expanded. I would like to see the age groups broken up into different camps as it is a bit difficult to cater for such a wide range of children. Ninety per cent of the equipment has been provided by the Army including trampolines, maps, ropes, vehicles and all sorts of sports equipment.

"Our main problem has been the way in which some of the kids attach themselves to certain soldiers. He might be instructing fencing and although they are supposed to be somewhere else they find their way back to him again. But we are as flexible as we can be and try not to disappoint them."

For Butlins the Children's Weeks offer a use for a camp which is normally empty for 30 weeks in the year. For the Army youth teams they provide contact with youngsters in a more concentrated form than is usually available. But for the children it is the experience of a lifetime.

Says Paul Winterforde-Young: "I believe this is just the tip of the iceberg. Children are learning here because they enjoy what they are doing. Some of the schools who came here last year were against the Army but now that they realise the Army youth teams are not there to recruit they are using them."





Above: Judo instructor Sapper Carl Olsen of 38 AYT, Cambridge, watches two of his young pupils learning to defend themselves.



WRAC Lance-Corporal Sue Hamilton and Cpl Denzil King, 44 AYT, roller-skating with the kids.

Left: WRAC Private Cathy Griggs from Middle Wallop copes with class of would-be swimmers.

Right: The Butlins Bounce as young girl has a crack at trampolining under the watchful gaze of Corporal Jack Upton, 24 AYT, Exeter.

Below: One of the Army's top fencers, Lance-Corporal Mark Lester, shows how it is done.



Rock

Around the Clock

Story by John Walton
Pictures by Martin Adam

FINGERS to ears, momentary silence, then a loud bang and a mushroom-shaped cloud of dust and rubble. Just part of the daily routine for a small group of sappers who expect to blast 660,000 tons of limestone from the cliff-face at RAF Akrotiri, Cyprus, before they complete a project to restore a breakwater destroyed by storm six years ago.

The Akrotiri mole project (mole is another word for breakwater) is spearheaded by a team of 16 hand-picked sappers under Captain Jim Cloke. Started last August, it should be completed by February 1974. For the first six months of the project Captain Cloke's team was supplemented by a troop from 62 Near East Support

Squadron, Royal Engineers, Cyprus; its place has now been taken by sappers from 50 Squadron, Maidstone.

The original mole had a short and tempestuous life. Built in the mid-1960s as a breakwater for Service craft visiting Akrotiri, it was severely damaged in 1967 when the worst storms in living memory ravaged the island.

Since then the battered wall has provided limited protection but another Mediterranean-style storm would probably have reduced it to rubble.

The new mole is being built to a stronger design to withstand heavier seas. This will take around 66,000 tons of stone, about half of which will be large rocks weighing

around the three-ton mark and used for armouring. To obtain stone of this size, quarriers have to allow for 90 per cent wastage which meant almost constant blasting throughout the winter and spring.

The limestone rock needs to be preserved in as large pieces as possible so a lifting rather than a shattering explosive was used. Almost before the dust had settled a crane fitted with a rock grab and a caterpillar bulldozer moved in to clear the rock and make way for the next blast.

Rock of this kind can be extremely valuable and since building work on the mole could not begin until the arrival of calmer, predictable summer weather, Captain Cloke ordered that all the large rocks

should have identifying numbers painted on them.

With the bulk of the blasting over, Captain Cloke is delighted with the efforts of his team. They have worked long hours, none more so than bulldozer driver Sapper "Seamus" Glover who refused to stop for lunch and each day worked in the heat of the sun with a can of water strapped on the side of his vehicle.

"Working in the quarry in the summer heat is a pretty awful job," said the captain. "There is dust everywhere but these men like being here. They live within the Royal Air Force base and do not have to carry out picquet duties and that sort of thing."

Later stages of the work on the mole will include underwater dredging and blasting to create an eight-foot underwater depth for the wall. A Mexeflote will be used as working platform for the rock-grab crane and a slope will be built up on each side of the breakwater.

When the wharf is finally completed it will have a concrete facing and there will be a surface road along its entire length with a turn-round at the end. Akrotiri will then have virtually storm-proof mooring facilities.

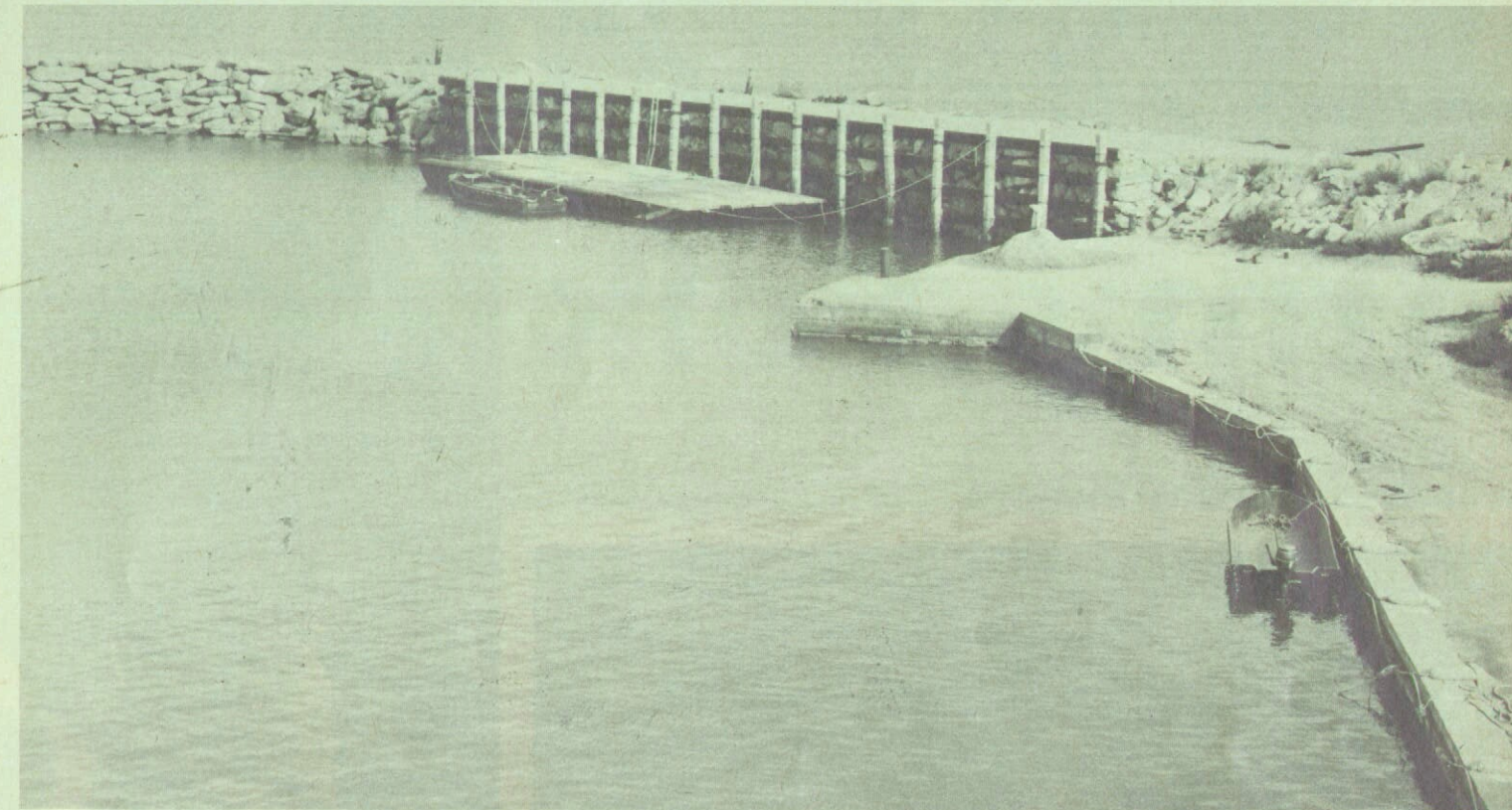
For the Royal Engineers it will be just another construction feat to add to the thousands they have already achieved in all parts of the world.

Left: The work glutton of Akrotiri, bulldozer driver Sapper "Seamus" Glover, in the quarry.

Right: Close up of the steel lattice work and pillars on present mole.

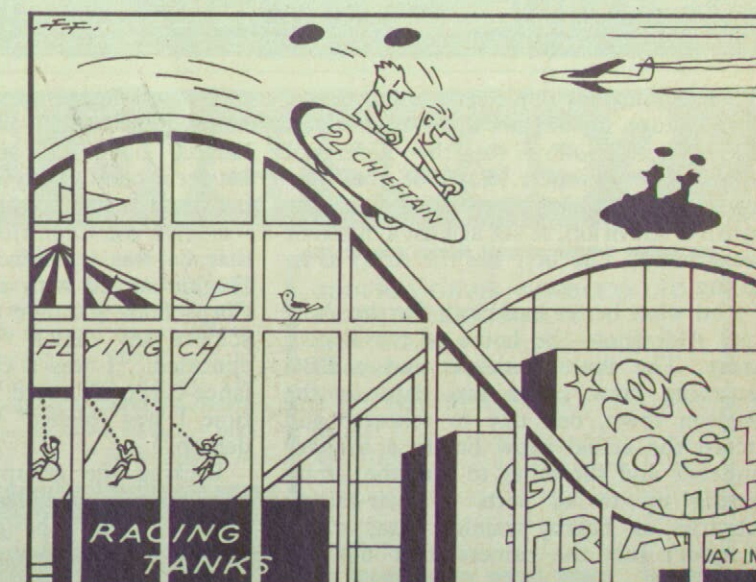
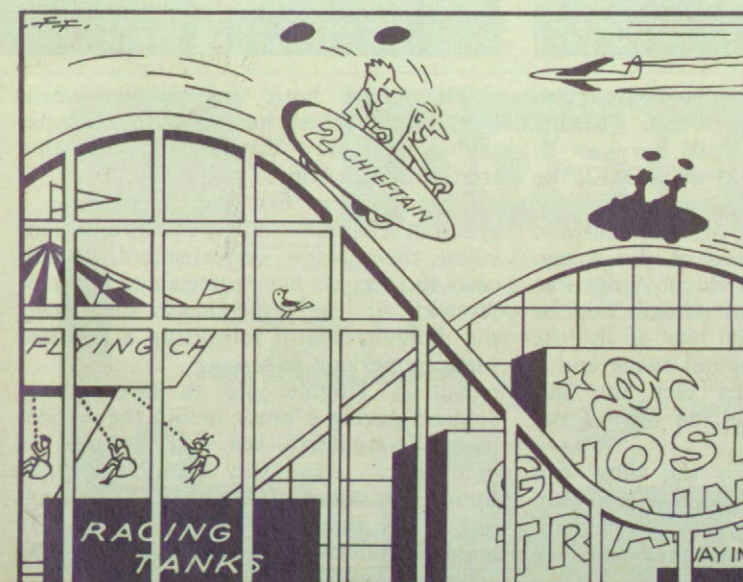
Below: A crane with rock grab places the boulders by the water ready for mole building.

Far right: Shored-up mole as it was before the reconstruction started.

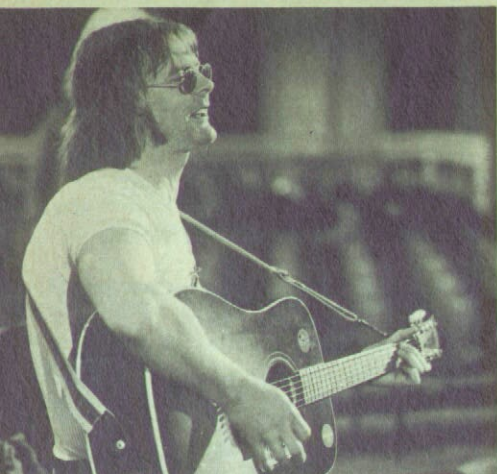


HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

These two pictures look alike but they differ in ten details. Look at them carefully. If you cannot spot the differences, see page 46.



Rehearsals for the television recording go on in Aldershot's Army boxing centre which became a studio for a day for the Spinners.



Left: Bass player Bill Brown is not part of the group himself but has backed many of the Spinner's shows. He is Kneller Hall trained.



Army Folk

Story by Mike Starke/Pictures by Martin Adam



FOLK songs with an Army theme feature in one of a new series of television shows by the Liverpool group, The Spinners. Each of the programmes, due to be shown later this year on BBC television, is set against a different background. The first has the Army as its setting.

And what better backcloth for the show than Aldershot—the home of the British Army. The four musicians and a BBC recording crew spent two days in the garrison town, one day to rehearse and record the actual show before a military audience and the other to film the group getting up to all sorts of hair-raising activities on nearby training areas where it wasn't just the camera that did the shooting.

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Two of the group were no strangers to Army life. "Big" Tony and "Little" Hughie both did National Service. In between takes Tony told SOLDIER he had fond memories of Aldershot itself—it was from the Cambridge Military Hospital that he was invalided out of the Army. Hughie served with the Royal Army Pay Corps both at home and abroad. Did he achieve any rank? "Oh, lots of it," he chuckled. "I was a corporal twice and a lance-corporal twice. In fact the last time I was 'busted' was the day of my demob."

Backing the group for the show was another ex-soldier, bass player Bill Brown. He served with The Manchester Regiment from 1949 to 1960 and rose to the rank of band sergeant.

The french horn was his instrument then. He enjoyed his life as a Regular soldier and said: "My musical education started in the Army."

The Spinners first got together as a group in Liverpool some 14 years ago since when their stage performances, broadcasts and records have entertained millions. As with all true professionals they made the difficult task of rehearsing a polished programme look easy.

But as Hughie said to three young soldiers during a break before the recording: "I wouldn't last five minutes in your job . . . and you wouldn't last five minutes in mine!" It's a hard life for anyone in the limelight, whether on stage in front of hundreds of people or in khaki on a Belfast street facing a hostile crowd.



Above: Out on the ranges Hughie finds he's not just being "shot" by the BBC's camera!

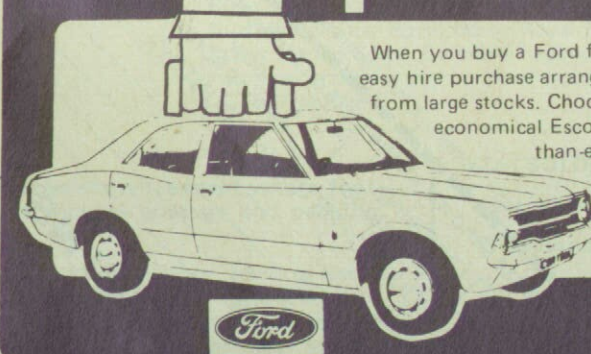
Right: "Not bad for a Pay Corps lance-jack!" Hughie proves he is still a good rifle shot.

Left: Cliff creates moving mood music with the simple harmonica. . . and bags of talent.

Far left: "All together now!" The Spinners plus Bill Brown harmonise for the cameras.



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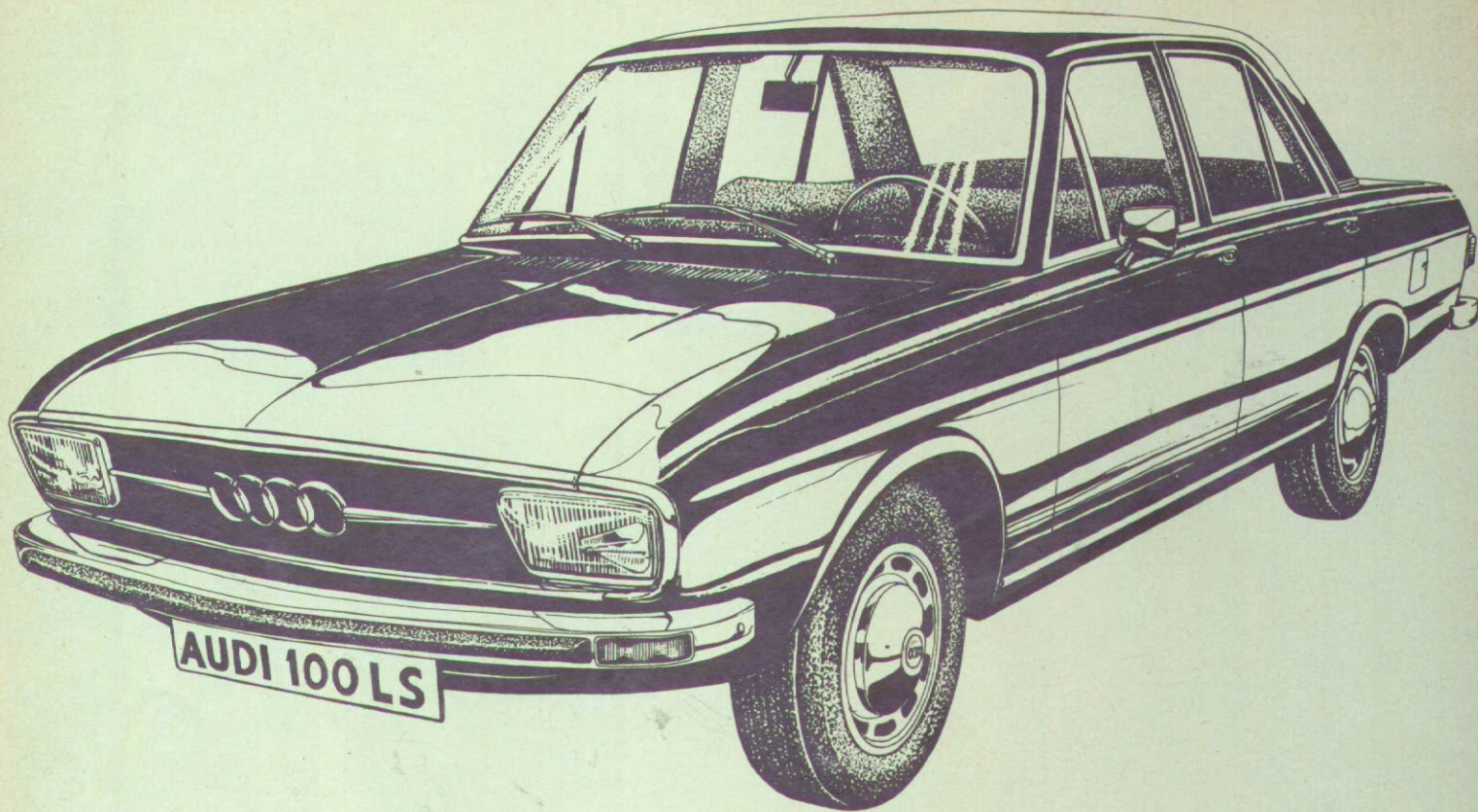
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Champion recruit

General Amin's loss was Britain's gain when a young Ugandan Asian decided to join the Army here. For when **Driver S V Patel** (above) finished his training at the Royal Corps of Transport's Aldershot depot he emerged as the champion recruit of 351 Regular recruits' course.



Last militiaman

Later this year **Colonel Richard Kiddle** (above), at present in charge of management services in the Transport Officer-in-Chief's headquarters in London, is expected to become the last of Hore-Belisha's pre-war militiamen still serving in the Army. Colonel Kiddle volunteered into the Militia when he was 18 instead of waiting for call-up at 20. This makes him at 52 two years younger than most of the first batch of the forerunners of National Servicemen, others of whom retire this year. He joined The East Yorkshire Regiment in July 1939 and was commissioned ten months later. He was granted a permanent commission in the RASC in 1947.

PURELY PERSONAL



Korea career

Lance-Corporal Jimmy Steer has ended a year's highly unusual posting as Royal Engineers postal orderly with the Common-

wealth Liaison Mission in South Korea. Picture above shows Jimmy (second left) with soldiers of three other nations during a farewell lunch for those leaving the United Nations Command at Yongsan at the end of their tours of duty. On the table is a brass plaque topped by the flags of the United Nations member countries.



How do you hear us?

Maintaining family harmony (left) are **Sergeant Ron Bemrose** and his son **Ian**. Both are in the Royal Signals at the Army Apprentices College, Harrogate, and both play in the college band. Ian, who has been in the Army for 18 months, intends to follow his father's trade as a radio technician.

Honours and awards

The following awards have been made for service in Northern Ireland between 1 August and 31 October, 1972:

Commander of the British Empire: Brigadier (now major-general) M E Tickell, late Royal Engineers.

Distinguished Service Order: Lieutenant-Colonel J C Reilly, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.

Officer of the Order of the British Empire for Meritorious Service: Lieutenant-Colonel T A Boam, Scots Guards; Lieutenant-Colonel D N Bowen, Royal Engineers; Lieutenant-Colonel A W Dennis, 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers; Lieutenant-Colonel P M Welsh, The Royal Green Jackets.

Member of the Order of the British Empire for Gallantry: Major G F Beattie, Ulster Defence Regiment.

Member of the Order of the British Empire for Meritorious Services: Major P M Beaumont, The Parachute Regiment; Warrant Officer II E F Cox, Ulster Defence Regiment; Captain P D Hawkins (Retired), Royal Marines; Captain (QM) R S Hay, Major A N McL Scott, both The Gordon Highlanders; Captain I N Osborne, Royal Corps of Transport; Warrant Officer I A Pickles, Coldstream Guards; Warrant Officer I L D Stratford, The Life Guards; Captain A E Thompson, The Royal Anglian Regiment. **Military Cross:** Captain J A Charteris, The

Royal Scots; Major J M Clavering, Scots Guards; Captain I S Creamer, Royal Army Medical Corps; Captain M Tomes, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers; Lieutenant J M Watkins, Royal Marines.

Distinguished Conduct Medal: Warrant Officer II R M Kenny, The King's Regiment; Corporal R D Shorthouse, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.

George Medal: Warrant Officer II J M Coldrick, Captain H D McCormack, Captain M F Stacey, Warrant Officer II C B Tennant, all Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

Military Medal: Corporal L C Barnett, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers; Sergeant R C Dyke, Royal Marines; Corporal N R Robson, The Light Infantry.

British Empire Medal for Gallantry: Sergeant J K Burton, Royal Military Police; Sergeant G Neath, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

British Empire Medal for Meritorious Service: Staff-Sergeant W R Grey, Intelligence Corps.

Mentioned in Despatches: Lieutenant-Colonel D J Atkinson, Lieutenant H W Beaves, Major A M Child, Captain F X Erdozian, all Royal Artillery; Reverend P Bayley, Royal Army Chaplains Department; Sergeant L H Beesley, Second-Lieutenant C M Brightman, both 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers; Major R J Bewell, The Gloucestershire Regiment; Lieutenant D A K Biggart, Captain K M Cook, Captain R M Greenhouse, Fusilier A C Peterson, Lieu-

tenant J Sneesby, all The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers; Sergeant J D Blanchette, The Queen's Regiment; Captain P R Brewis, Major I O K Sprackling, both Royal Signals; Captain K J Brown, Royal Army Medical Corps; Captain A H Clark, Corporal J I Hirst, both The Parachute Regiment; Major S J Furness, The Light Infantry; Lieutenant Colonel R E J Gerrard-Wright, Major N J Lewis, Major P P Young, all The Royal Anglian Regiment; Corporal R F Halford, The King's Regiment; Trooper B G Hansell, 14th/20th King's Hussars; Private W L Hornal, Private K Newton, Major C V Van der Noot, all The Gordon Highlanders; Lance-Corporal S P Hosgood, Corporal S Vakalala, both Royal Corps of Transport; Corporal K C Hughes, Corporal of Horse S F Sibley, both The Blues and Royals; Lieutenant I A Johnstone, Corporal J Neil, both The Royal Scots; Sergeant J P MacDonald, Scots Guards; Lance-Corporal P R Maile, Royal Army Ordnance Corps; Rifleman L Murray, Captain (QM) B W Rimmer, Corporal D J Shepherd, all The Royal Green Jackets.

Corporal P M R Leggat, Intelligence Corps; Captain R F Powell, Sergeant P J Price (deceased), Corporal R D Stewart, all Welsh Guards; Staff-Sergeant J Ruddy (deceased), Ulster Defence Regiment; Staff-Sergeant A F Simpson, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire; Flying Officer R J Allen, Flying Officer J C French, MAE Op G Wilson, all Royal Air Force.

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NEWS

Pull-out supplement SOLDIER June 1973

DON'T LOSE YOUR VOTE

More than three-quarters of the members of the Services who are otherwise eligible to vote at parliamentary or local government elections are unable to do so at present because they failed to complete a registration form for the 1973 register of electors. It is not generally realised that a fresh registration form must be completed each year by members of the Services if they wish to exercise their right to vote.

To get on the 1974 register of electors, which comes into force on 16 February 1974, a registration form must be completed by not later than 10 October 1973 (15 September 1973 for constituencies in Northern Ireland) and sent off to reach the electoral registration officer by 16 December 1973.

Registration forms (F/Vote/33), with explanatory leaflets and envelopes, are now available in units. DCI (Army) T37 of 1973 describes the arrangements for the registration of Army personnel and the notice board information sheet, which should now be on unit notice boards, gives further guidance.

If you are serving overseas and your wife is with you she may also be registered as a Service voter by completing a registration form (F/Vote/34) which is available in all overseas units.

A general election is due before June 1975. Don't lose your vote by failing to register!
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APPOINTMENTS

General Sir John Mogg, the Adjutant-General, is to be Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe from November this year. He takes over from General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick. Lieutenant-General Sir Cecil Blacker, Vice-Chief of the General Staff, will become Adjutant-General in June in the rank of general.

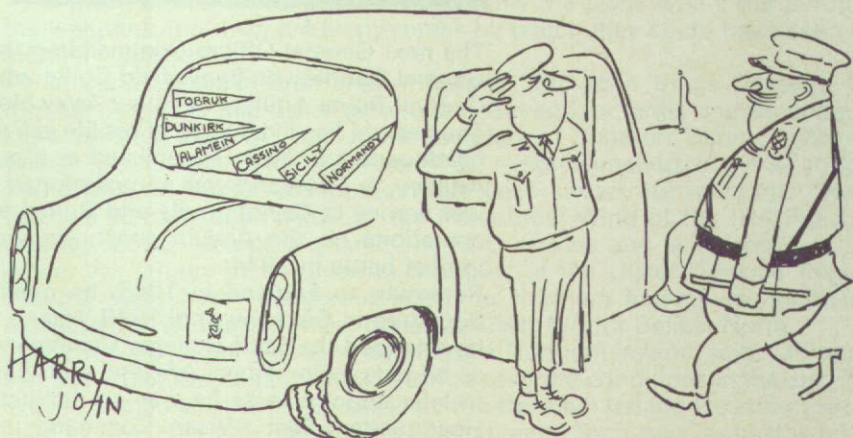
General Mogg (60) was born in Canada but educated in England before serving in the ranks of the Coldstream Guards for two years. In 1937 he was commissioned into The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. He was posted to 9th Battalion, The Durham Light Infantry, in 1944 and was soon promoted lieutenant-colonel in command of the battalion.

After periods of both study and instructing at the Staff College, Camberley, after World War Two he was given command of 10th Battalion, The Parachute Regiment. He was later appointed chief instructor at the School of Infantry. He was promoted colonel in 1955 and four years later brigadier to command 28th Commonwealth Brigade Group in Malaya.

In 1961 he became Director of Combat Development at the War Office as a major-general and five years later took over 1st British Corps in Germany as lieutenant-general. There followed a period as Commander-in-Chief Army Strategic Command. He was promoted general in 1969 and appointed Adjutant-General in 1970.

Lieutenant-General Blacker (56) is a keen sportsman and has ridden as an amateur jockey in the Grand National. He came second in the 1959 inter-continental show jumping championships in Chile and was a member of the British show-jumping team from 1959 to 1961. He also represented Great Britain in the 1951 world pentathlon championships.

Lieutenant-General Blacker was commissioned into the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards in 1936 and commanded the regiment 15 years later. In 1958, after



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attending the Staff College, Camberley, he became military assistant to the Chief of the Imperial General Staff. He returned to the Staff College as an instructor after serving with the Joint Planning Staff at the Ministry of Defence.

He was promoted brigadier in 1963 and commanded 39th Brigade in Northern Ireland. In May 1964 he took his brigade headquarters to Aden where he commanded British and South Arabian forces in the Radfan operations. Shortly after this he was promoted major-general and appointed GOC 3rd Division. In 1966 he was appointed Director of Army Staff Duties at the Ministry of Defence and three years later became GOC-in-C Northern Command, York.

Brigadier Vincent Metcalfe, Deputy Director of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (Army), is to be Commandant Technical Group, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, in the rank of major-general as from this month. He succeeds Major-General G V Hayward.

Brigadier Metcalfe was commissioned into his corps in 1942 and served in Anti-Aircraft Command and India. In 1958 he took part in the British nuclear tests on Christmas Islands. He was Commander REME of 1st British Corps in Germany from 1964 to 1966 and during the three following years was responsible for the development of "Forward," the Army's computer-based management information system which provides data for planning the most effective engineering support for all equipments in service.

The new Director Royal Artillery, in the rank of major-general, is to be Brigadier Robert Lyon, at present a director of Army Operational Requirements. He takes over in August this year, succeeding Major-General Mervyn Janes.

Brigadier Lyon was commissioned into The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in 1943. While serving with the London Scottish in 1944 at Anzio, he was captured and spent several months as a prisoner. He later served in Palestine with The Black Watch and transferred to the Royal Artillery in 1948.

He attended the Staff College, Camberley, in 1957 and the Joint Services Staff College, Latimer, three years later. He was made brevet lieutenant-colonel in 1962 and in 1967 was promoted brigadier and appointed Commander Royal Artillery of 1st Division in Germany. He later went to the Imperial Defence College.

His son David was commissioned into the Royal Artillery from Sandhurst in March this year.



Maj-Gen Geoffrey de Egglesfield Collin, to be GOC North East District from this July.

The next General Officer Commanding the Army's North East District will be Major-General Geoffrey de Egglesfield Collin who takes over in July. At present he is Major-General Royal Artillery at Rhine Army Headquarters.

The general has lived most of his life in Yorkshire and will be quite at home in his new headquarters in York. He enlisted as a gunner in 12 Field Training Regiment, Royal Artillery, in 1940 and was commissioned into the Royal Artillery a year later. He saw war service in Ceylon, India and Burma and fought alongside the Navy in combined operations on the Arakan coast. He was awarded the Military Cross during the Imphal battle in 1944.

Returning to England in 1945, he qualified as a pilot and served with 652 AOP Squadron in Germany until 1948. After a tour with a gunner regiment in Rhine Army, he attended the Staff College, Camberley, in 1951 and went on to spend two years as brigade major, Royal Artillery, with 53rd (Welsh) Division, Territorial Army.

In later appointments he was an instructor at Sandhurst and served on the staff of Headquarters East African Command in Kenya. After attending the Joint Services

Staff College in 1958, he commanded a battery in 3rd Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, before returning to the Staff College, Camberley, in 1960 as a lieutenant-colonel on the directing staff.

From 1962 to 1964 he commanded 50 Missile Regiment in Germany followed by a year at the School of Artillery, Larkhill, as a staff officer in the Tactics Wing. In 1966 he was promoted brigadier and became Commander Royal Artillery of 4th Division in Germany. He returned to Larkhill as commandant in 1969. In August 1971 he was promoted major-general and took up his present post.

Brigadier Peter Hudson, Deputy Director of Army Staff Duties, is to be General Officer Commanding Eastern District, with headquarters at Colchester, in June 1973 with the rank of major-general. He succeeds Major-General David Scott-Barrett.

Enlistment into The Rifle Brigade in 1943 started the brigadier's Army career and he was commissioned a year later. From 1955 to 1957, after a year at the Staff College, Camberley, he commanded a company of 1st Battalion, The Rifle Brigade, in Kenya during the Mau Mau crisis and in Malaya during the emergency there.

He attended the Joint Services Staff College in 1963 and became military assistant to the Quartermaster-General. In 1966 he was promoted lieutenant-colonel to command 3rd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets.

In 1967 he was appointed regimental colonel of The Royal Green Jackets and was promoted brigadier in the following year to command 39th Infantry Brigade in Northern Ireland. He attended the Royal College of Defence Studies in 1971.

WEMBLEY SPECTACULAR

Nowhere else in the world is there a spectacle to match the Military Musical Pageant which for a third time is being staged at Wembley Stadium, at 7.30pm on Saturday 7 July, in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund.

Seats can be booked at the Box Office, Wembley Stadium, Middlesex (phone 01-902 1234, cheques payable to Wembley Stadium Ltd), and at ticket agencies. Seats are priced at £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00 and 50 pence. For the first four of these categories there are special party rates (for parties of 20 or more) at £2.40, £1.90, £1.40 and 90 pence. There will also be standing room on the terraces at 30 pence with a limited number of cushions for hire at tenpence each.

More than 1500 Army musicians—massed bands, corps of drums and pipers, with horses and guns—will take part in the pageant. The bands are those of The Life Guards; The Blues and Royals; Royal Tank Regiment (Rhine); 13th/18th Royal Hussars; Royal Artillery (Woolwich); Royal Artillery (Mounted); Royal Engineers (Chatham); Royal Engineers (Aldershot); Grenadier Guards; Coldstream Guards; Irish Guards; Welsh Guards; 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots; 1st Battalion, The Queen's Regiment; 2nd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers; 3rd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers; 1st Battalion, The King's Own Border Regiment; 1st Battalion, The Royal Irish Rangers; 2nd Battalion, The Royal Irish Rangers; 2nd Battalion, The Light Infantry; Rifle Depot, The Royal Green Jackets; Depot, The Light Infantry; 2nd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets; 3rd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets; 2nd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment; 3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment; Royal Corps of Transport; Royal Army Medical Corps; Royal Army Ordnance Corps; Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers; Women's Royal Army Corps and Royal Military School of Music.

IN PARLIAMENT

The worldwide sources of IRA terrorist arms were spotlighted by a question in the House of Commons from Mr James Kilfedder, Ulster Unionist MP for Down North, who asked about the countries of origin of the weapons.

Mr Ian Gilmour, Minister of State for Defence, replied that weapons seized by the security forces in Northern Ireland and believed to have been in IRA hands were made in Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, West Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, USA and USSR. He added: "The place of manufacture is not necessarily the place where the terrorists obtained the weapons and there are many routes by which they could have been brought into Northern Ireland."

At an earlier question-and-answer session, Mr John Biggs-Davison, Conservative MP for Chigwell, had asked how much Soviet bloc arms and equipment had been captured from the IRA. The Under Secretary of State for Defence (Army), Mr Peter Blaker, told him that at the time two RPG 7 rocket launchers, one PG 7 rocket and some 750 rounds of PS.303 ammunition had been seized. He went on: "Recent attacks believed to have been made by the Provisional Wing of the IRA indicate that their weapon stocks include a quantity of RPG rockets and launchers."

A plea for priority to be given to members of the Ulster Defence Regiment for re-housing away from "dangerous areas" in Northern Ireland was made in a question tabled by Mr W Stratton Mills, Ulster Unionist MP for Belfast North.

Mr Peter Mills Under-Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said: "All applicants who can show that they are in danger arising out of the conditions in the area in which they live are treated as emergency cases by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and as such receive priority without reference to points. Each case is considered on its merits

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and I do not think that there are grounds for giving priority to any group of people in the community."

Captain L P S Orr, Ulster Unionist MP for Down South, was assured by Mr Blaker that in the event of all the Ulster Defence Regiment being mobilised, there were enough arms held to fully equip each soldier.

Mr Biggs Davison asked Mr Gilmour what could be done to establish "some form of Home Guard" whether under military or police control, drawn from both communities in Northern Ireland, and whether Regular companies were going to be introduced into the UDR.

All these options are kept under review, Mr Gilmour told him. He added: "I think that the provision of Regular companies of the UDR would need legislation. The UDR is in a sense in the nature of a Home Guard. I agree that not everyone who joins is able to serve exactly where he lives but his locality is taken into account so far as possible and I am not at the moment convinced that any further force would be useful."

In February, Mr Paul Rose, Labour MP for Blackley, asked how many members of the IRA and the UDA had been detained or charged with offences during the previous two years in Northern Ireland.

The Minister of State for Northern Ireland, Mr David Howell, replied that since August 1971, when internment was introduced, 1391 people had been detained under either the former provisions of the Special Powers Act or the Detention of Terrorists Order. Currently, 319 were detained, he said, 98 being held under interim custody orders and 221 by the commissioners. Seven people were being held on the grounds that they were suspected of being involved in Protestant terrorist activities and the remainder because they were suspected of being parties to IRA terrorism.

The suggestion that the Army should be more of a "national security force" was raised in questions from Mr Michael McNair-Wilson, Conservative MP for Walthamstow East. He had asked Mr Blaker what new training procedures had been introduced to cope with the Army's security operations in Northern Ireland. He was told that the crisis had not led to changes in the basic pattern of training but Mr Blaker added: "It has naturally led to a greater emphasis being placed on internal security duties." Before being posted there, units get intensive training in all aspects of internal security operations and supplementary courses are provided to meet specialist requirements, he said.

Mr McNair-Wilson feared that the Northern Ireland situation might be repeated elsewhere and asked: "Should not training procedures be introduced which would turn the Army into something more of a national security force than it is now?"

Mr Blaker replied: "We study in all their aspects any lessons that are to be learned from Northern Ireland. I am not quite sure what Mr McNair-Wilson has in mind but it is right to say that the Army's role in internal security will continue to be subject to the same principles which have applied in the past—that is, of subordination to the civil power and the principle of minimum force."

ENGINEER RECOGNITION

Many of the Army's engineering tradesmen may soon become registered in the national engineers' register set up by the Engineers' Registration Board of the Council of Engineering Institutions.

This register has three sections, chartered engineer, technical engineer and technician, giving a nationally recognised engineering qualification and entitling the person registered to use the letters C Eng; T Eng (CEI) and Tech (CEI) respectively.

Candidates for registration have to achieve specific standards of education, training and experience in engineering and these standards are carefully controlled so that employers everywhere can immediately identify the level of engineering and managerial responsibility at which they could employ men with these qualifications.

The Army's chartered engineers have been registered by the CEI since 1968 but the opportunity for technician engineers and technicians to register did not come until later. But now the Engineers' Registration Board has 32 technical engineer institutions and 20 technician institutions as members.

Since 1971 all three Services have been represented on the board's sub-committee which deals with qualifications for technical engineers and technicians. In 1972 the sub-committee assessed engineering trade qualifications of the three Services against the board's registration standards.

In the Army, engineering trades of the Royal Engineers, Royal Signals and Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers were assessed. Clerks of works, foremen of signals and artificers were all assessed for technician engineer registration and NCO Class 1 tradesmen were assessed for technician registration. The detailed results of the assessments will shortly be notified in DCIs.

For those whose trades were assessed as fully acceptable, registration can now be done simply by joining the appropriate engineering institution. Others need only to achieve certain educational qualifications to qualify.



Pay office extraordinary

Story by Maj K J T Hoile, UK PRO, HQ ANZUK Force

Above: Sgt Peter Price instructing the Army Pay Office's youngest civilian clerk, Miss Betty Tan. Below: Flt-Lieut Jim Short (left) hands surplus sterling to Maj Roy Townsend.



HAVE you ever signed a cheque for the equivalent of £750,000? Very few servicemen ever have or ever will but for the cashier of the Army Pay Office, Singapore, this is not an unusual event. And it is only one of the many aspects of this unique unit.

An ever-changing file of people in different uniforms and of all creeds and customs passes through the Army Pay Office's colonial-type building that once housed the Women's Royal Naval Service in the old naval base on the north coast of Singapore island. An Indian inquires about his pension, a Gurkha is sending cash to Nepal while in an outer office an Australian civilian paymaster checks 70,000 Hong Kong dollars destined for the sailors of HMS Torrens and a Royal Navy lieutenant-commander sorts out a ship's victualling bill. On the helipad down the road an RAF helicopter pilot hands over the excess sterling exchanged by incoming passengers.

The unit's 13 Royal Army Pay Corps personnel feel they are in one of the more interesting posts their corps has to offer. They are assisted by 11 civilians who between them have served an average 25½ years in the pay office and who hold eight GOC's certificates of meritorious service.

Not only does the Army Pay Office pay all British troops serving in the ANZUK Force Headquarters and Support Group; it is also responsible for funding all units of the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, the British High Commission in Malaysia and Singapore, the Department of the Environment and the few British personnel still serving with the Singapore Armed Forces.

The office also performs the duties of registry of births, deaths and marriages and is responsible for liaison on conditions of service, pay and pensions for the Gurkha police contingent working with the Singapore Government.

It also handles the pay and allowances of the Royal Navy and Women's Royal Naval Service shore-based personnel, Royal Marines, and Gurkha students at the Jungle Warfare Wing of the School of Infantry. In addition it processes all claims for the Army and UK-based civilians.

The pensions clerks alone send out 2000 cheques and postal orders a month to pay some \$180,000 (£30,000) to British, Chinese, Malay, Singaporean and Gurkha pensioners in Malaysia, Singapore, Sarawak and Sabah.

Transactions through the Army Pay Office amount to some ten million dollars a month and cash handled varies, dependent on the number of visiting ships and units, between \$50,000 and \$200,000 (£8000 and £36,000) a month. As if this were not enough the currencies range across South East Asia from the Seychelles rupee to the Philippines peso.

To gain the best rate of exchange, the six major Singapore banks are invited to offer tenders for the weekly bid for cash. In these days of monetary crisis and the frequent closures of the money markets it is possible that a serviceman in South East Asia could be paid from a temporary Ministry of Defence overdraft!

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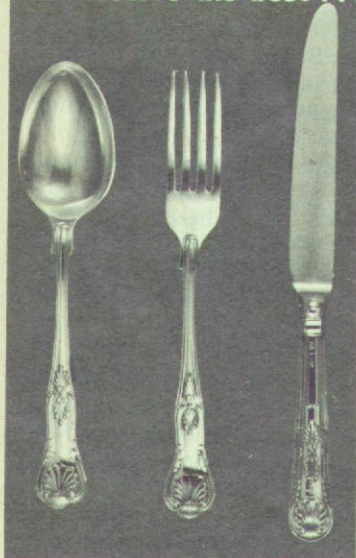
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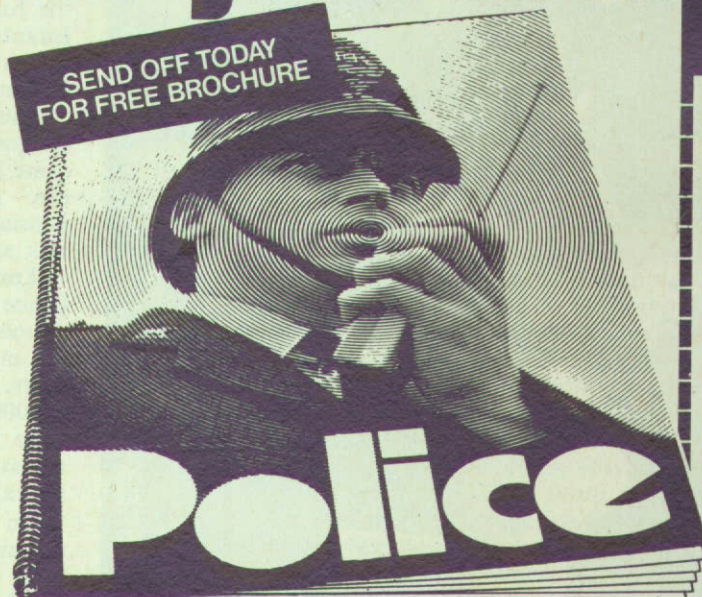
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ON RECORD

Wheat and chaff

"En route with the Morriston Orpheus Choir (Conductor: Lyn Harry) and the Band of the Welsh Guards" (Conductor: Major Desmond K Walker, Director of Music) (Columbia SCX 6535)

Here is another of those very popular mixtures of choir and band. Both are Welsh so it is a pity not more of the music has its roots in that land of song. But perhaps even the Welsh feel the urge now and then to break into new, if not fresh, pastures. The only quarrel I have with this fine LP, as with most choir and band records, is in the juxtaposition of the items.

All choirs and bands have their own words for the Gilbert and Sullivan "Pirates' Chorus" which vary in vulgarity according to the origins of choristers and bandsmen, so to place this trite and stagey chorus between the utterly ravishing "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" and the Welsh folk tune "Diniweidrwydd" ("Innocence") was "variety at all costs" with a vengeance. Operatic and other composed music rarely sits comfortably alongside the innocence of folk melody and even Bizet's charming "Serenade" from "The Fair Maid of Perth" finds it hard going. It would have been so easy to have put the chaff on one side and the wheat on the other.

The choir sings in all the items and the LP starts with a sparkling new arrangement of "The March of the Men of Harlech" by Terence Brien, spoiled though by an ending which is pure Victorian chaff. Then Ronald Binge's "Elizabethan Serenade" with added words by Christopher Hassall, and Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4" with some of A P Herbert's un-wittiest words cadging a lift from the main tune.

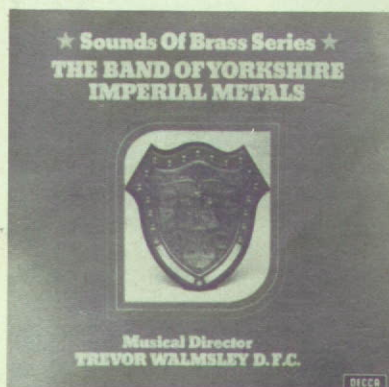
The folk song "Kumbayah," the quasi folk song "Amazing Grace" and a tremendously exciting Russian marching song, "En Route," make up the rest of the programme, the whole nicely rounded off with Derek Taylor's setting of "Lead Kindly Light" and "Cavalry Last Post."



The wrong title I think (why not all marching songs of which there are hundreds of great variety?) and the wrong order of presentation. Otherwise great stuff. **RB**

"Sounds of Brass Series: Vol 2" (The Band of Yorkshire Imperial Metals) (Musical Director: Trevor Walmsley) (Decca SB 302) On this record the wheat is separated from the chaff, and just as well, for the chaff involves the band in jazzier music than is usual on this type of LP.

The overture to Sullivan's "The Yeomen of the Guard" is light-hearted "serious" music and very difficult for brass. In a new arrangement by Fred Muscroft (whom I



suspect is a cornet player in the band) the work certainly sparkles but as usual its famous trap ensnares this fine band's tenor section.

The main work is that classic of test pieces "Pageantry," by octogenarian Herbert Howells, with which this band won the open championship in 1970. The three movements are "King's Herald," "Cortège" and "Jousts" and I'm afraid I found the performance unsatisfying and a bit flabby. But perhaps Falstaff was the somewhat un-parfit knight here portrayed. The work which follows is a very subtle choice, duly appreciated, for it is the fugue from Elgar's "The Severn Suite" which immediately follows the toccata called "Tournament." Subtle, and a little ungallant to remind us that Sir Erbert is no Sir Edward.

The rest is anything but silent. An atrocious jazzing of the fine tunes of "National Emblem" (even the "Star Spangled Banner" gets its come-uppance), Tom Powell's cornet quintet "The Tops," Mick Hughes's (another octogenarian) march on themes from Chabrier's "España," "South Rampart Street Parade" and an over-dressed "The Stripper" allow the bandsmen to display their talents in lighter vein. I wish they hadn't. **RB**



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Left: Watchful soldiers provide cover from the hillside for a road block in the valley below.



Right: Blur of action as soldiers chase the rioters and attempt to get hold of a wanted man.

Keeping in knife-edge trim



Left: Members of search party hunting for gang armed with mortars who have infiltrated a wild part of the base area.

Right: Men on road block duty prepare to resist an assault from a group of hostile "villagers."

Below: One of the Land-Rovers which Anglians stripped down in order to get used to their Middle East style role.



SPENDING 21 months in the grim, troublesome conditions of present-day Northern Ireland is no joke for an infantry battalion. True, unlike units on shorter tours, the men are accompanied by their families, but even this brings added responsibilities and tension.

Not surprisingly when the battalion leaves Northern Ireland and moves to quieter pastures it takes a lot of effort to alter the mental outlook resulting from 21 months on a knife-edge—as men of 1st Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, found when they went to Cyprus last year.

Faced with the task of looking after the security of the Sovereign base area around Episkopi, the Anglians found a lot of difference. Used to urban situations and having been mechanised, they had to convert into an air-portable Middle East battalion.

Captain Tom Thomas, operations training officer, explains how they achieved it. "We took our Land-Rovers, chopped them right down to hessian and repainted them. This took quite a long time and made the men start to think in terms of the amount of water they should carry, the need for shade, salt tablets and those sort of things. There is such a difference between being an armoured personnel car battalion and being in a place like Cyprus."

Boredom could easily have proved a problem after Northern Ireland where, whatever the situation, there is never a dull moment. The Anglians have combated this by a series of regular exercises.

Recently, the transformation complete, the battalion engaged in its first internal security exercise since arriving in Cyprus. This time the training, company by company, was designed to practise some of the drills which might be used in a Mediterranean context.

Just after midnight an alert sounded and soldiers were aroused from their hirings in Limassol. By 2.45am the company was ready to move from Episkopi to cordon a beach where it was suspected that a cache of arms had landed.

When day broke the Anglians moved in with mine detectors and soon discovered the arms. But the trouble was not over. . . as the tired soldiers returned for breakfast they were told that the group which had landed the arms had blown up some installations and a state of emergency had been declared by the base authorities.

Entry control points were set up on several donkey tracks and minor roads and the troops were issued with pictures of two wanted men and told to keep their eyes peeled. Traffic was stopped and searched and many alleged "locals" were not allowed to pass the checkpoints.

This led to a nasty situation at one of the points. A large group of hostile "villagers," dressed in an assortment of rough civilian clothing, appeared and demanded to be allowed to pass. This was refused and a few minutes later they reappeared and a full-scale riot got under way.

Hurling bombs of evil-smelling waste matter, sticks, scrub and anything they could lay their hands on, the crowd charged the defending soldiers and attempted to remove the barbed wire barrier. The troop tried to snatch one of the wanted men from the crowd but failed as it dispersed. The Anglians (and SOLDIER's photographer) were left to remove the gooey mess from their clothing, but the barrier had been maintained.

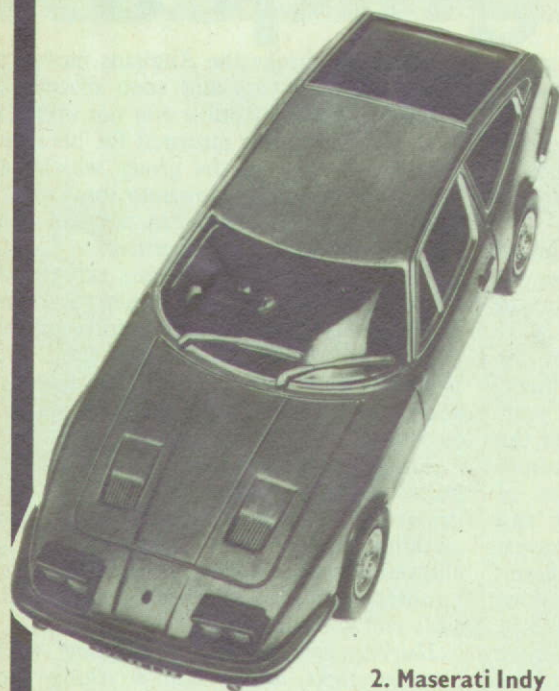
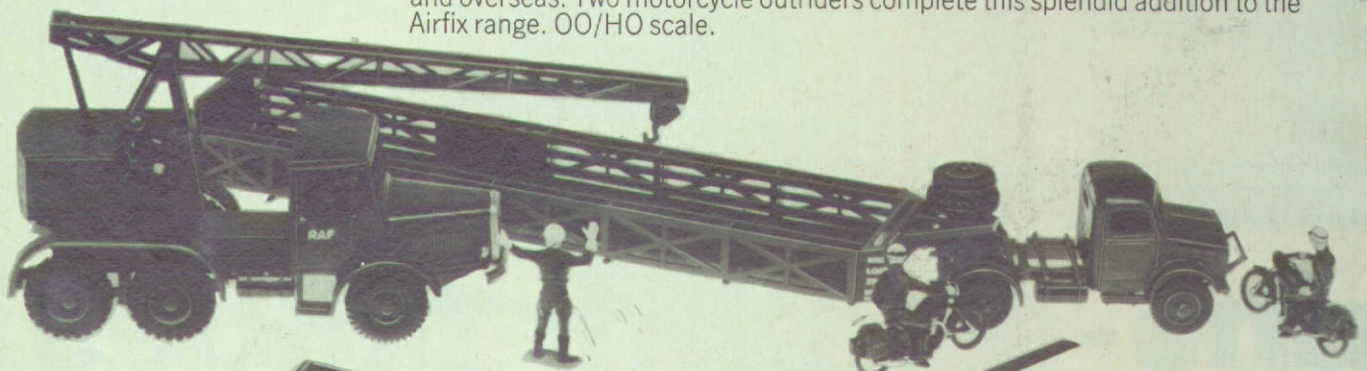
Later a report came in that a small group of men armed with mortars had infiltrated the wild hilly section of the base area. This time the speed of the Anglians was exceptionally good . . . within an hour the intruders had been sniffed out, surrounded and wiped out.

This constant round of exercises naturally attracts its share of grumbling for a posting to Cyprus has its attractions in sun, beaches and a relatively quiet day-to-day role. But the policy of 1st Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, has been not to allow boredom and lethargy to set in—as a result the battalion is as keen and fit as in the days it spent in Northern Ireland.

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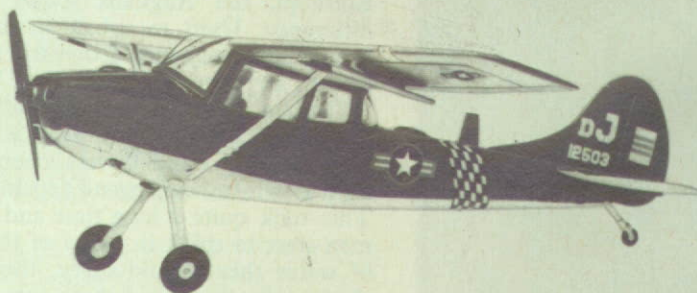
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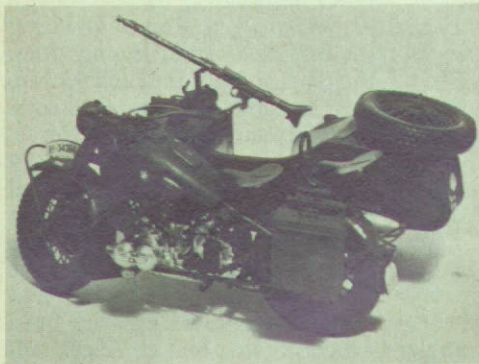
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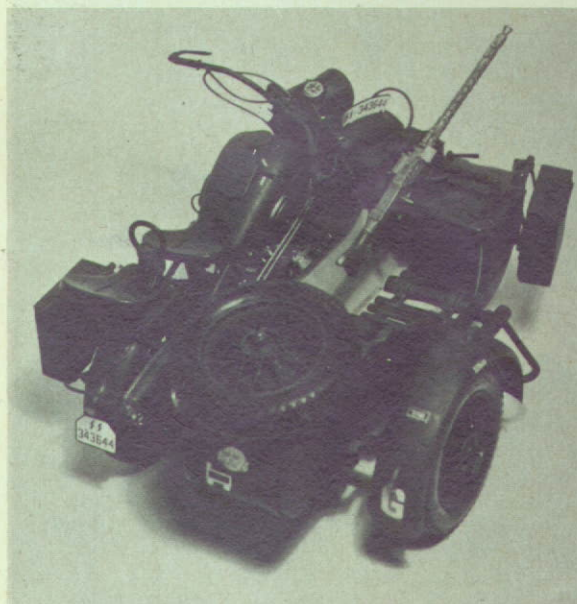
find a permanent parking place on your front room table. It has recently been re-produced in plastic kit form by the Italian firm of Esci Modellistica and is available in this country, for a reasonable £4.74, through the UK distributors, A A Hales Ltd, PO Box 33, Harrowbrook Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire.

Construction of this kit—in giant 1:9th scale—is a stimulating challenge. Those used to making model tanks where all the “works” are enclosed will be fascinated by the wealth of detail. There are operating seat springs and front suspension, intricate wiring, speedometer dial, miniature tools, a dazzling array of transfer decals and real rubber tyres on which you can even read the maker’s name “Reifen-Klotz. Kassel u. Wabern.”

Such a magnificent model requires special finishing techniques to do it justice. I used Humbrol “German panzer grey” overall with matt black to shade under ridges and in recesses. Afterwards a coat of matt polyurethane varnish was applied

to give a worn and faded appearance. For an authentic oily effect, I brushed some diluted black drawing ink into the cooling fins and recessed areas of the engine. The finishing touches were added to exposed chrome parts, particularly the exhaust, by a light wash of thinned-down Humbrol “rust” paint!

The next in this series of World War Two motor cycles is a Harley Davidson and more intriguing models are to follow. Hales of Leicester have not however neglected the tank enthusiasts. They are currently marketing a range of plastic kits from Japanese firms: Bandai’s 1:15th scale Sturmgeschütz IV with twin electric motors at £9.55; Nichimo’s 1:30th Panzerkampfwagen IV Ausführung G at £3, and Panzerkampfwagen IV Ausf H, Tiger, Panther and USM 60 at £3.80, all with single motors but available in remote control form at slightly more; and Fujimi’s 1:45th German Tiger, Japanese M61, US M48 Patton and British Comet and Commander all with motors and costing £1 each. **HH**



DEFEAT in World War One did not mean the death of the German Armed Forces. Under the Treaty of Versailles a nominal force was allowed as a buffer against the growing hordes of Bolshevism. It was to comprise an army of 100,000 with no general staff, tanks or heavy artillery, a navy of 15,000 with no submarines, and no air force at all.

While the rest of the world turned a blind eye, Germany looked to the future with the encouragement of such “sports” as parachuting and gliding, employment of large numbers of ex-officers as “civil servants” in ministries with titles like the “Department of Culture,” and troop training exercises with wooden guns mounted on cars and formidable-looking motor-cycle combinations.

It was these very motorcycle combinations that were to be used so effectively in a cavalry role in World War Two, leading shattering blitzkrieg attacks, patrolling on reconnaissance into no-man’s-land, screening supply convoys and even guarding the Führer himself. Their particular advantage was that they could be mass-produced relatively cheaply. A total of about 16,500 BMW R75s alone was produced. This was an advanced machine for its time with a shaft (instead of chain) drive to both rear and sidecar wheels, reverse gear, silencer, and a 745cc engine giving a maximum speed of 92 km/h (57 miles an hour).

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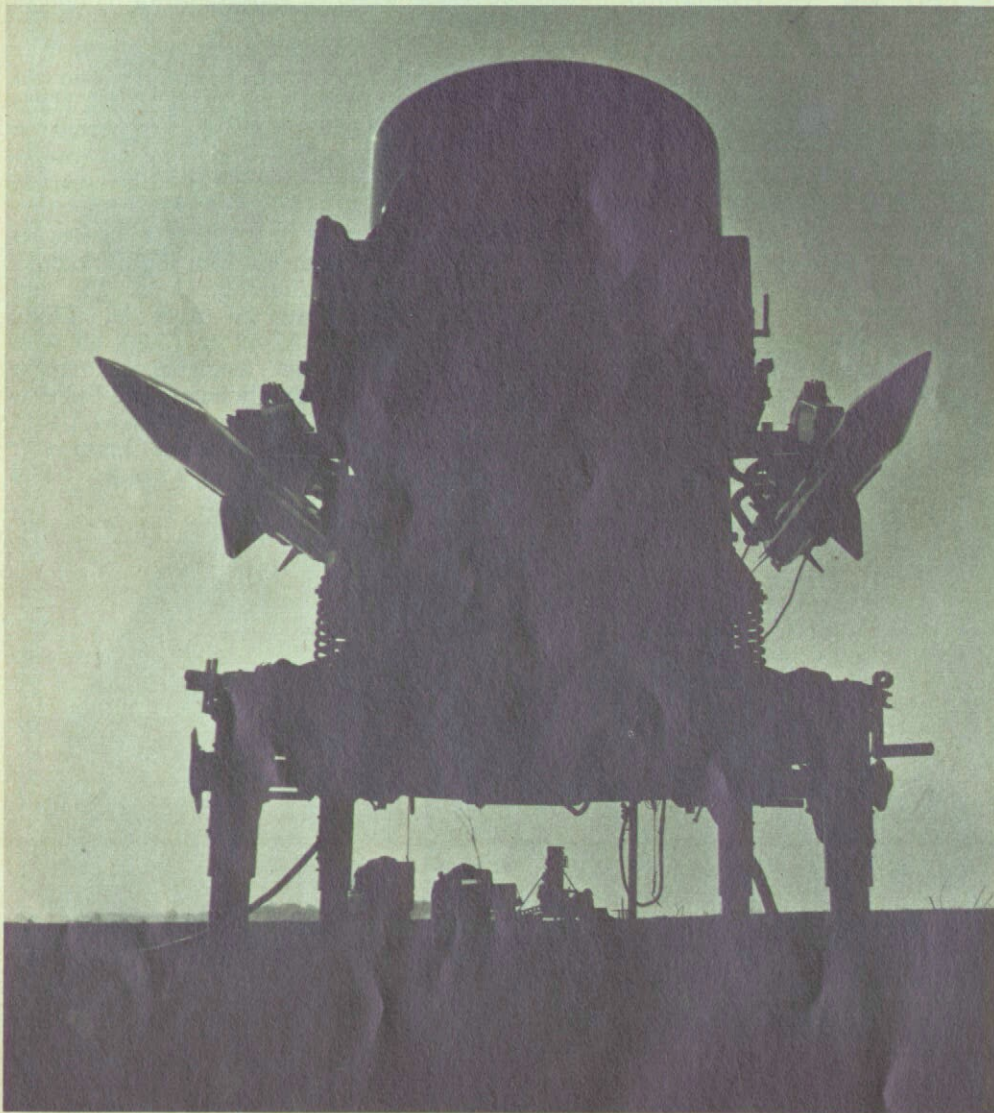
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RAPIER user trials

Join the Army— via the RAF

Story by John Walton/Pictures by Arthur Blundell



A FEW months ago SOLDIER told the story of men of a village Home Guard who manned light ack-ack guns 30 years ago as Hitler's bombers rained death on Merseyside. Today those men, still living in their sleepy Lancashire village, would be amazed to see today's anti-aircraft weapon—the Rapier low-level missile system currently undergoing troop trials at Kirton Lindsey in Lincolnshire and scheduled to come into service shortly with both the Army and the Royal Air Force.

Carrying out the trials are men of 9 (Plassey) Light Air Defence Battery, Royal Artillery, which for the period has taken in a flight of 63 Squadron, Royal Air Force Regiment, as an integral troop of the battery. This is thought to be the first time that an RAF Regiment unit has been completely incorporated into an Army unit for trials of this nature.

Known as R Troop within the battery, the airmen have integrated well. The battery commander, Major David Bryan, feels that the natural inter-Service rivalry has led to better performances in the field. "The RAF are out to be better than everyone else in the battery and often are. This makes us all make a special effort."

Flight-Lieutenant Tim Martin, R Troop commander, reports that the innovation has worked well. His 27 men, plus four monitors and 13 engineers, are being treated exactly like any other gunners until they return to their home base at RAF North Luffenham, Rutland, when the trials end.

"We have a lot to learn from each other and I know my men have learned a lot from the Army," he says. "While we are here we are treated as an ordinary troop of the battery except that as we visualise a different role for Rapier than the Army we have smaller headquarters and six men on each detachment instead of five."

Rapier, the world's most advanced system of its kind, will eventually go to the RAF Regiment's squadrons to replace the L40/70 Bofors guns which currently defend airfields and installations against low-level air attacks.

Bofors guns are also on their way out at Kirton Lindsey, a one-time Air Force station to which 12 Light Air Defence Regiment, Royal Artillery, moved last summer from Barton Stacey. Kirton is spacious and has large hangars but even these are not big enough to house the fleet of vehicles involved. When the pilot



Above: Enemy in sight—a Canberra bomber flies over the ground defences.

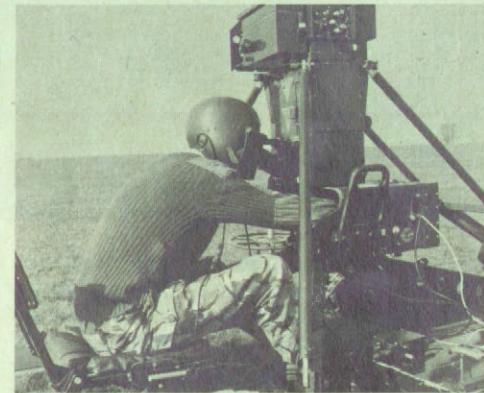
Left: Rapier missiles ready to fire form a menacing silhouette against the skyline.

battery leaves for deployment in various United Kingdom training grounds it involves a convoy of 60 vehicles plus another 17 carrying the monitors who carefully record every minute of the trials.

The conversion of Plassey Battery to Rapier began when its men went to the Royal School of Artillery at Larkhill for training. Then troops were sent in rotation for actual firing in the Hebrides. The next phase was deployment in the training areas and this will be followed by more firing in the Hebrides. At the end the whole battery goes to Germany for two months on a formation exercise and the exhaustive trials will be completed by more firing, interference and electronic tests.

The Rapier mobile fire unit is towed by long-wheelbase Land-Rovers and the missiles are carried in trailers. It can be brought into action in a few minutes and can be operated by one man although for tactical control a second man is used.

At Kirton Lindsey that morning a Canberra aircraft made a number of low-level runs over the station. As the dark-blue missiles pointed menacingly aloft and the Rapier operators tracked the approach of the aircraft aided by a computer, knowing they had at least a 50 per cent chance of a hit with each firing, one could only marvel at an invention which has made those Bofors guns as obsolete as the wartime light ack-ack.



Above: Rapier operator tracks the aircraft and prepares to bring it down. Below: Major David Bryan, commander of Plassey Battery.



For one soldier at Kirton Lindsey even working in the technical quartermaster's store has a touch of magic. Early last year surgeons despaired of his life after a Belfast sniper's bullet lodged in his brain—but today, after a long fight, 29-year-old Lance-Bombardier John Sutton is back with 9 (Plassey) Battery.

He was wounded in January 1972 when the "pig" (armoured car) in which he was travelling came under fire from gunmen in Andersonstown. He was hit in the temple and several inches of bone were removed. Initially surgeons at Belfast's Royal Victoria Hospital gave him only a 20 per cent chance of survival. When he regained consciousness weeks later he was paralysed down his left side.

"As soon as I woke up I knew I was in hospital by the antiseptic smell," said Bombardier Sutton. "I was taken to the Royal Herbert Hospital at Woolwich where they started to get me back on my feet again."

Learning to walk was a long and arduous process and even now John has a leg caliper and is not expected to have full use of his left arm for several years. "My main problem is balance—if the wind blows a bit strongly I can easily lose it."

As his health progresses so Bombardier Sutton can expect his job to progress. But he is happy to be back with his battery mates—"I want to stay with them because they are such a good set of lads. And it was thanks to the battery sergeant-major (Warrant Officer II Don Potter) that I came through. He kept me fit by regularly putting me down for sport and it was my fitness which helped me to live."

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In the Home of the Gods

Story by John Walton
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JUST a few miles down the road the sun was shining and the first of the tourists were soaking it up on the beach. But in the Troodos a mist hung across the twisting road, black ice threatened and a thick layer of snow carpeted the pine-clad slopes. The sunshine isle of Cyprus seemed a hollow joke at the Army's Pine Tree mountain holiday centre in the heart of the Troodos range and overlooked by Mount Olympus, legendary home of the ancient gods.

Those tourists from snowbound Scandinavia would not have gone to Troodos if you had paid them—too much like home in early spring. But for British servicemen and their families, chilly Troodos offers

something which you would hardly connect with Cyprus—all the fun of skiing.

The Cyprus skiing season lasts for about ten weeks. Captain John Tilley, of 1st Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, who commands the military ski centre, was a complete novice at the start of the season but is now quite a capable skier as are his wife and two small sons. "I believe that the slopes here compare quite well with others used by the British Army," he said. "We have had about 400 students through this season, most of them complete beginners, and they all enjoy it."

The instructors are all expert skiers and this year two of them, borrowed for the entire season, were regimental sergeant-

majors from the Austrian Army. Another Royal Anglian working at Troodos is the winter survival instructor, Corporal Neville Stephenson. He has been teaching survival techniques to Royal Air Force personnel and hopes next winter to introduce similar courses for the Army.

"They live out on the mountains as though they had made a forced landing and have only a small ration of food and a parachute. I teach them how to trap and skin rabbits. The method of skinning is very important to survival for it is easy to make the rabbit completely uneatable," he said.

The airmen have to navigate themselves to a point where they are eventually



Left: Austrian Army ski ace shows how it is done. Above: Afterwards skiers warm up with drinks at "Smokey Joe's" mountainside cafe.



Right: Winter survival instructor Corporal Neville Stephenson, 1 Royal Anglian, gets ready for another rugged mountain foray.

rescued by helicopter. But they are being hunted by enemy troops and must travel by other than recognised tracks. Corporal Stephenson takes on the job of enemy. "I creep around, find them and cause havoc. If I find them using a track they have to go back to the start."

The centre has first-class amenities for relaxing and warming up after a day on the ski runs. Most popular drink is the traditional gluewein and in one of the centre's two pubs, the Malt House, there is usually a boisterous après-ski sing-song. An added attraction for soldiers—batman service and tea in bed! The centre is run by Naafi with a small military staff headed by Captain "Bud" Abbott, Royal Artillery.

In fact the winter skiing season is not the major part of the holiday centre's year. This comes in the summer when 12,000 beds are made and attractions include tennis, badminton, football, cricket, swimming, pony trekking and mountain walks. The summer temperature averages a pleasant 70 degrees. Troodos is used entirely as a leave centre in the summer and the serviceman and his family can sleep in chalets or tented accommodation.

Says Captain Abbott: "In winter this is a fine place for winter sports. In summer it helps people to get away from places like Limassol which get so sticky. With the wonderful mountain air it is an ideal place to spend one's leave."

It is now more than 90 years since British troops first used Troodos as a rest centre. Men of 1st Battalion, The Royal Sussex Regiment, in camp near Limassol, used to move to the mountains in the hot weather. During the Egyptian campaign of 1882-85 the area was allotted to the Guards Brigade and served as its main base for the entire operation. Buried in the military cemetery at Troodos are men of the Royal Engineers, Essex Regiment, Commissariat and Transport Corps, Guards Brigade, Medical Staff Corps and Dorsetshire Regiment. Some of them died of enteric fever (typhoid) contracted in the campaign against the Mahdi.

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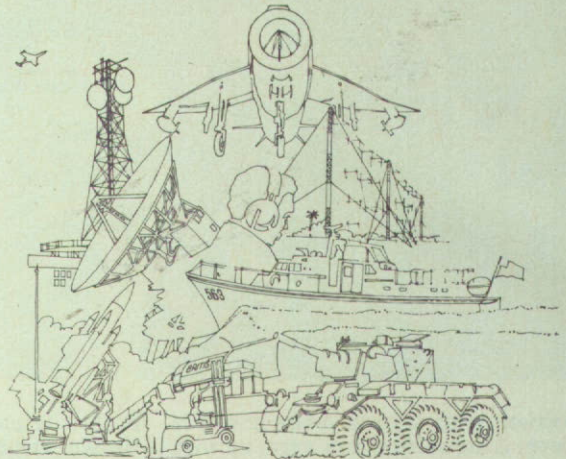
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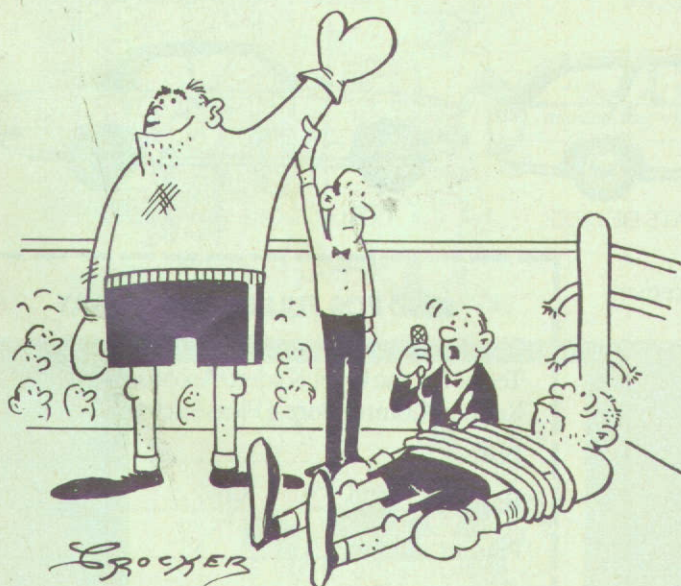
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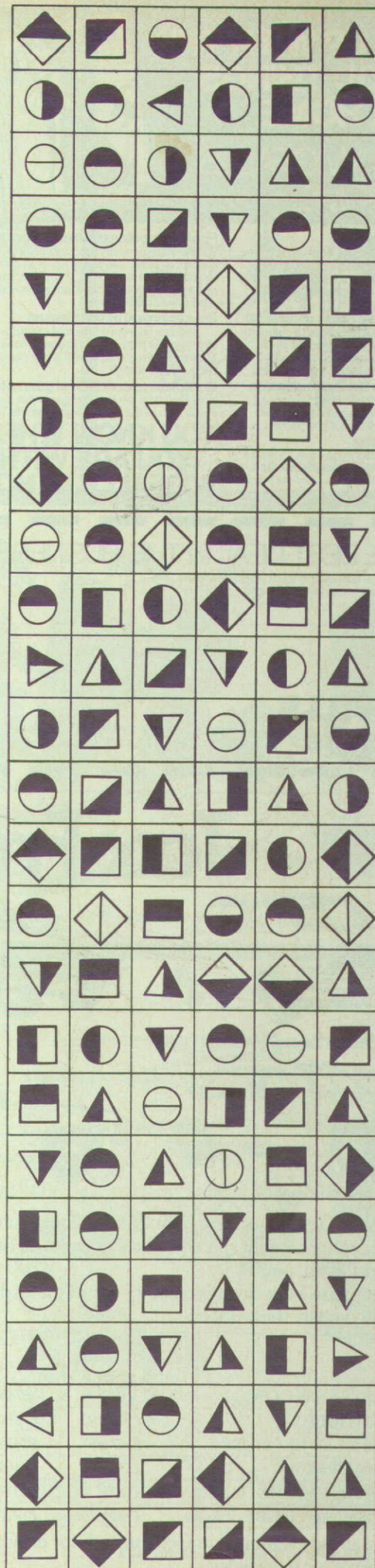
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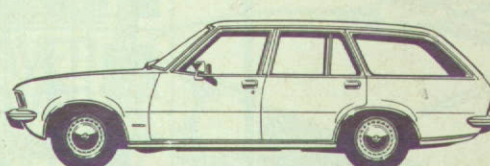
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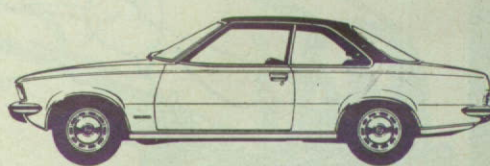
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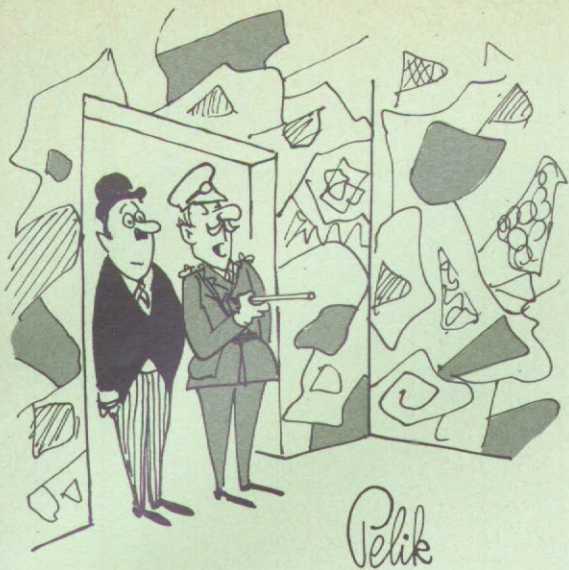
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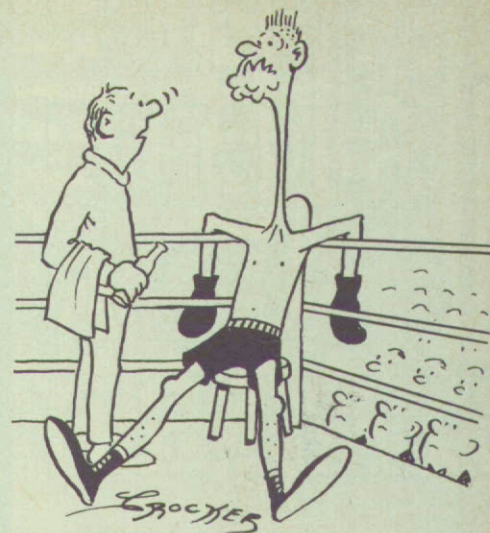
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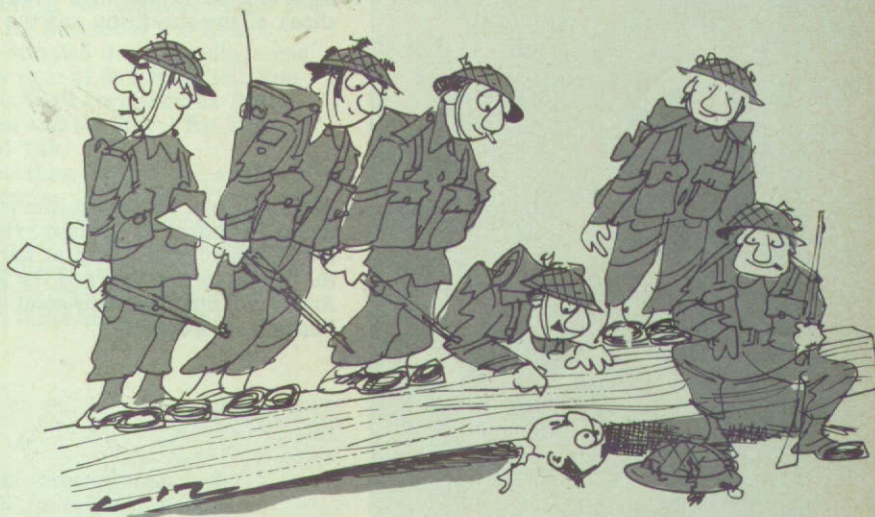


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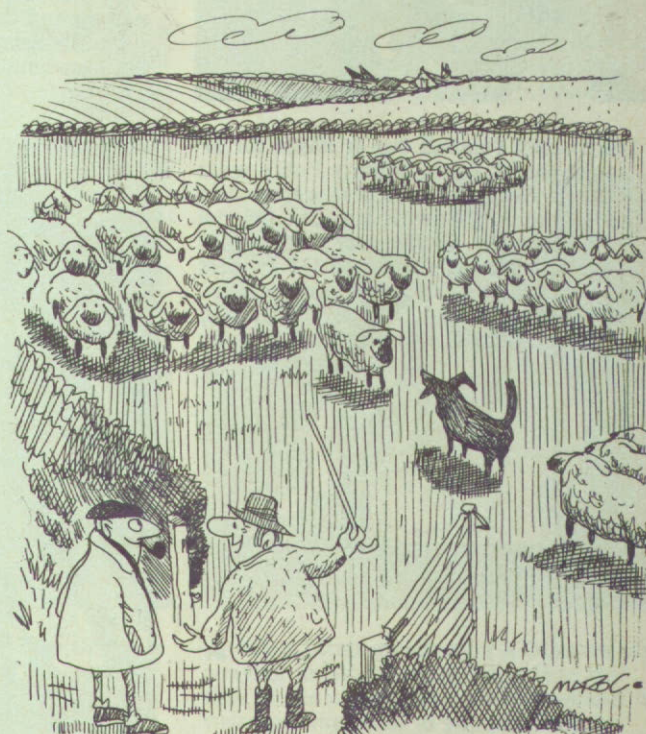
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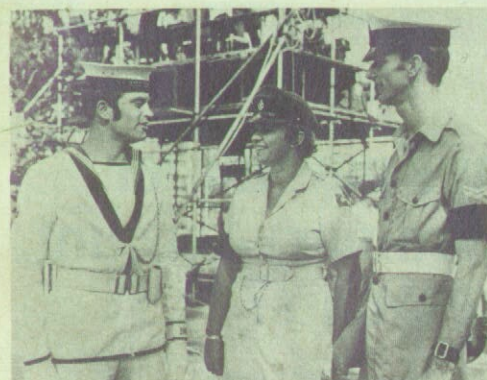


◀ The Queen, as Captain-General of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, visited the Royal School of Artillery at Larkhill. During the afternoon she watched the Royal Artillery Hunt's point-to-point on the Larkhill racecourse.



The assault course at the Army Apprentices School, Harrogate, has produced its fair share of patients for nurse Maria Burns, who works in the sick bay, so she thought she'd better take a closer look at the cause of the trouble. She soon got the hang of the scramble netting and came through unscathed, much to the delight and admiration of some of her past—and no doubt potential—patients.

The Stanley Football Cup is played for ► each year by Royal Military Police units in Rhine Army and was first presented in 1945 by the then Provost Marshal, Colonel F A Stanley. In this year's match 112 Provost Company defeated 111 Provost Company 4-0. The winning captain, Corporal Joseph Walker, is pictured, receiving the trophy from the now retired Colonel Stanley.



▲ More than 10,000 spectators turned out in scorching Hong Kong heat for the Queen's birthday parade of 800 soldiers, sailors and airmen. The 1st Battalion, The King's Regiment, dominated the proceedings and was joined by men of 2nd Battalion, 2nd King Edwards VII's Own Gurkha Rifles, HMS Brighton and the Royal Air Force station at Kai Tak.

◀ Police of all three Services joined forces for special duty during the parade. They coped with VIPs, car parking and motorcycle escorts for the Governor and the British Forces Commander. Left to right: Leading Regulator Harry McGuire, Corporal Olwen Crowther and Corporal Colin Vine.



▲ Young men of the Norfolk Army Cadet Force packed a visit to the 9th/12th Royal Lancers with sport, range firing and helicopter flights plus a drive in a Chieftain tank when they were guests of the unit in Germany.



▲ A special guard of honour from his old regiment was on hand to say farewell to General Sir Peter Hunt when he gave up the post of Commander-in-Chief Rhine Army. The general joined the Cameron Highlanders in 1935, commanded its 1st Battalion in 1957 and is now Colonel of the Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons). Also at the ceremonial parade were the band, pipes and drums of the Queen's Own Highlanders. The family link with the regiment is carried on by the general's son Robin who is an officer in the Queen's Own Highlanders. General Hunt becomes Chief of the General Staff next month.



▲ What better greeting for a Glasgow lass arriving in far-off Hong Kong than the skirl of the pipes of her native Scotland. The welcome was given to pop star Lulu by regimental pipers of 1st Battalion, The Black Watch, when she visited Hong Kong to sing at two concerts.



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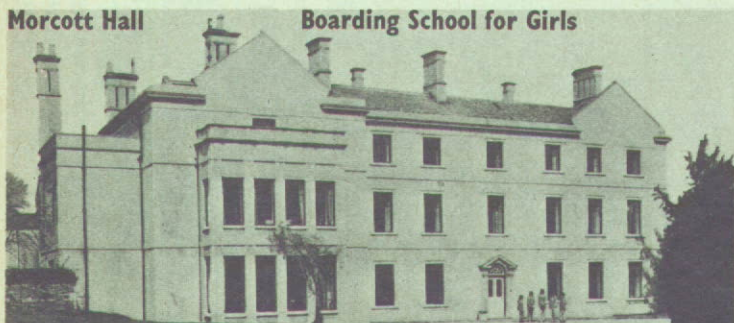
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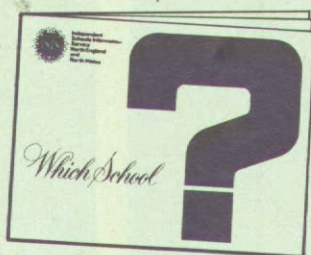
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Gurkha Museum

May I claim the courtesy of your columns to announce that steps have now been taken to set up a Gurkha Museum which will commemorate the deeds of the Gurkhas since 1815 when they first entered the service of the Army of the Honourable East India Company, and to express the hope that in the light of the splendid response to the Gurkha Welfare Appeal this will be a matter of interest to all sections of the community in this country.

The permanent location of the museum has yet to be decided but a suitable temporary site has been found at Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Church Crookham, near Aldershot, where a Gurkha battalion is stationed. Work has already started on assembling and preparing exhibits, most of them presented by retired officers of Gurkha regiments or by the Gurkha units. The project is directed by a committee representative of all Gurkha regiments, and presided over by the Colonel of the 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles, Brigadier S P M Kent.

The museum is expected to remain at its present site for about five years and will be opened to the public this autumn.

My purpose in writing this letter now is to make the project known to the many thousands of friends of the Gurkha soldier in this country and to appeal for items of historical interest with a Gurkha connection which could be displayed in the museum. I need hardly say that all accepted items will be properly recorded and numbered in an "Accession book" and good care taken of them. A great variety of items is acceptable—old photographs, prints, letters, diaries, uniforms, medals, weapons etc. Anyone wishing to offer something is invited to get in touch with the Curator, Major M P Dewing, The Gurkha Museum, Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Church Crookham, Aldershot.—**Field-Marshal Lord Harding of Petherton, Patron, Gurkha Museum.**

Greggan and Bogside

My attention has been drawn to an article in the February **SOLDIER** ("On the Bogside Beat") which deals with policing in the Greggan and Bogside areas of Londonderry and states "where the Royal Ulster Constabulary has not ventured since 1969." This is not only at variance with the facts; it strengthens an unfortunate misconception.

A considerable amount of normal policing is carried out in these areas. There are mobile patrols, accidents are investigated, messages delivered, summonses served, fines collected.

This letter is not written in any carping sense since we, more than anyone else, support and appreciate the efforts of the Army in Northern Ireland and sympathise with them in their tragic losses.

—**W McGookin, Press Officer, Royal Ulster Constabulary, Brooklyn, Knock Road, Belfast.**

★ Thank you, Mr McGookin. **SOLDIER** is happy to put the record straight.

Sporting RCT

In individual sporting achievement on the soccer field I think members of the Royal Corps of Transport Training Centre team may have created one or two records when they won the Army Association Football cup at Aldershot on 11 April 1973.

On that day Staff-Sergeant-Instructor E Green picked up his third cup winner's medal. The other two were won during the 1968/69 and 1969/70 seasons while serving with 1st Battalion, The Royal Highland Fusiliers. I think he must be the only serving soldier who can claim to have three Army soccer cup winner medals in his possession at this time.

Lance-Corporal A Armeni, another member of the RCT winning side, is now the proud owner of his soccer cup winner's medal and also an Army cricket cup winner's medal which he won when playing for 27 Regiment, RCT, in the 1972 cricket season. Again I doubt if there are many serving soldiers



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or officers who can match this achievement.

Finally, I wonder if there is another serving officer in the Army today who owns an Army soccer cup winner's medal. Certainly Lieutenant R Bailey does, for he was also in the winning RCT Training Centre side on 11 April.

Perhaps readers could say if these achievements can be bettered by any serving officers or soldiers.—**Capt D B Thomas RCT, 26 Keogh Close, Ash Vale, Aldershot, Hants.**

Thomas Atkins MC

A recent leading article in the Sunday Times about awards to British Army personnel in Northern Ireland prompts me to write to **SOLDIER**. It would be interesting to hear readers' views on the following points.

Take awards for bravery. The Distinguished Service Order and Military Cross are awarded to senior and junior officers respectively; the Military Medal to other ranks. Why only a medal to other ranks? Says the newspaper: Since there is no distinction to winners of the Victoria or George crosses it surely cannot be right to make a difference between the equal bravery of the leaders and the led.

Under the heading of awards for gallantry/leadership I refer to the various orders of the British Empire: OBE, MBE, BEM. Here again the preservation of class distinctions between leaders and led has no justification in today's modern volunteer Army.

Since we no longer have an empire the awards under these headings must be rather embarrassing to our Commonwealth friends and a British Empire Medal awarded for service in Northern Ireland must be like showing a red rag to a bull to the IRA. It cannot but be right to reward officers and men for their various services to their country but surely the time has now come to amend the British Empire orders and medals to something more befitting our new role in the world of today.

The Sunday Times did not criticise the Army's awards for service but I am including these as letters on this subject show the interest of **SOLDIER** readers.

In the Regular Army, 18 years' service by other ranks—Long Service and Good Conduct Medal; 18 years by officers—no award. In the Territorial Army, 12 years by other ranks—Efficiency Medal; 12 years by officers—Territorial Decoration. Meritorious Service Medal awarded for 27 years' Colour service (minimum rank of sergeant).

Why is a Regular Army officer not given an award after 18 years' service when his counterpart in the TAVR receives a decoration after 12 years?

Why should a TAVR officer receive a decoration and an other rank the Efficiency Medal for the same amount of service, both being volunteer civilians?

Why should the MSM be restricted to ex-sergeants and above of the Regular Army only?

The term "Good Conduct" Medal would seem to relate to the good boys among, to use an oft-quoted expression,

the brutal and licentious soldiery! This may have been so in the past but today no longer applies. It should be omitted. (My apologies to all who hold the LS & GC medal—I am one myself.)

It would be so simple to award an Army Service Medal to all ranks after 18 years' service, with similar provisions for the TAVR.

The Army has come a long way since my time (1926-1956) but it would appear that in spite of all the improvements the matter of awards needs sorting out to meet the serviceman's role in the world today. A committee on this is long overdue.

If I have given offence to all those holders of awards for bravery I again offer my apologies. It is not intentional.

—**Capt A Purvis (Retd), 16 Deepdene, Seaburn, Sunderland, County Durham.**

Fabulous uniforms

On page 32 of the October 1972 **SOLDIER** there is a wonderful picture of a trick-riding motorcycle display by the Royal Corps of Signals showing the blurred outline of the superb uniform the corps used to wear.

I am enclosing a photograph of a despatch rider taken about 20 years ago when these fine motorcyclists also donned (as you can see) a fabulous uniform. Why is it that such a distinctive



dress (khaki) as this has now been discarded? I believe it is still worn by the Military Police at Aldershot, though I am not certain on this point.

Where I live in London I sometimes catch a glimpse of the truly magnificently styled breeches of the Household Cavalry as they clip-clop past during their before-breakfast exercise. They look absolutely perfect, far more stunning than when they are attired in buckskins and cuirasses, the former often being baggy and not so well-fitting as their tailored khaki gear.—**Cpl W Tawse, Flat 14, Elm Park House, Fulham Road, London SW10.**

★ A Royal Corps of Signals spokesman says this kit is now obsolete. It went with the motorcycle which gave way to Land-Rovers and helicopters for despatch purposes.

The Royal Military Police, however, still wear khaki breeches (see March **SOLDIER** front cover).

Royal Dragoons Band

I joined the Band of the Royal Dragoons in 1927 and am now endeavouring to write a history of it. There is no mention of the Band in "History of The Royal Dragoons—1661-1933" by T Atkinson. Any information prior to 1920 would be more than welcome. All letters will be answered.—**S Darling, 62 Cefn Road, Bonynmaen, Swansea, Glam, South Wales, SA1 7HH.**

Where's the oompah?

I have read with interest the letters printed under the above heading and I completely disagree with them. They show a very negative and narrow-minded attitude.

I don't know about the public being subjected to "misrepresentation" but I do think that The Life Guards band has been in these letters. Mr Clark (January) states that the addition of a string section destroys the characteristic military band "sound." This is not so, as demonstrated in the excellent "Royal Throne of Kings" record which has enough "oompah" to last anyone a lifetime. The Phillips records are with just a wind ensemble and one has only to read The Gramophone to hear of their excellence.

I have three CBS records and, contrary to Mr Plunkett's statement (March), all state that it is a concert band performing. (This, however, does not mean that a string section is being used as most concert bands do not have string sections.) It would seem that CBS is aware of this as the notes on the back of the sleeve say that a string section is being used. One record even has a picture of the string section, so there should be no doubt in anyone's mind as to the use of strings.

It appears to me that The Life Guards make more records than most military bands. They provide a first-class wind band and for more varied effects at times add a string section. This gives the band a highly individualistic sound—not better than the wind band, but different, wonderful!

I fail to see why a forces band cannot add strings on occasion without a major outcry. The London Symphony Orchestra can record the Berlioz symphony for band (Funeral and Triumphant), of which the first movement is without violins, and still call itself a symphony orchestra without anyone complaining. So why should not a military band be able to do the same? Military bands were originally formed to provide music for troops during parade and for war; also for providing entertainment for the officers (who paid them). It would appear that there are some who are overlooking the entertainment value of military bands today. They also seem to complain that the public is not getting what it wants. From my own experience on the bandstand in England and of other military bands the audience is pitifully small compared with those listening to other ensembles. It appears to me that besides traditional military band music the general public would like to hear at least some modern music and arrangements.

My own idea of a good wind band concert is the traditional band music plus a selection of modern music and arrangements, the one complementing the other, and I think The Life Guards band on records fits this to perfection.—**J Brodie, 1313 Lotus Street, Carson Grove, Vanier, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.**

Insole to boot

In the January 1973 **SOLDIER** News you explained the reason for the rare appearance of insoles in boots DMS. I am not convinced that your reason given is correct. My own experience is that the insole provides an excellent surface on which socks can slide with the end result that toes are wedged into toecaps, heels bounce about and blistering occurs. These problems I no longer face, having removed the insoles. I wonder if my experience is unique or do other users face similar problems with insoles?—**Maj G A Hewish, RE Headquarters, Royal School of Military Engineering, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4UG.**

Home Guard

I am collecting material for a history of the Home Guard. At the moment I am much in need of personal reminiscences, photographs, manuals and other publications relating to the LDV and Home Guard and would be very grateful for any assistance which readers can give me.

Any snippets of information, however insignificant they may seem, will be welcomed. I am hoping to base the book on personal recollections although I shall be including as much factual background as possible and appendices will deal with weapons, uniforms, organisation etc.

As well as the general service Home Guard, I hope to cover the specialist units such as the AA batteries, field artillery, railway and factory units, the clandestine auxiliary units, coastal defence units etc, so the range of research is considerable.—**GDMcLaughlin**, 14 Haxby Road, York.

Gallantry in Ireland

The two replies in the March SOLDIER listing decorations for troops engaged in the Irish Rebellion in answer to Mr W James (January) are misleading. Mr James had referred to the non-issue of a general service or war medal for that wartime active service. The published replies overlook that point. The citations accompanying the decorations referred to make no mention of Ireland but all mentioned "war service" and therefore the British War 1914-20 medal could and should have been awarded to the British forces concerned.

After the Anglo-Irish peace treaty of December 1921 most of the troops embarked for India or the Near or Far East. I remember the disappointment caused when it was announced that no service medal would be granted for the two hard years spent in camps and on detachments in Southern Ireland. The wounded were especially bitter.



However, my company commander received the OBE after arrival in India for exceptional courage and leadership during 1920-21. At the same time Private Amer of the same company was awarded the Royal Humane Society Medal in bronze for great bravery which almost cost him his life while on active service in Southern Ireland. A unique award but, as he was on active duty at the time, it was generally considered that a BEM would have been more appropriate.

The Irish Volunteers and the IRA who served against the Crown forces during the 1916 rebellion and the ensuing guerilla war received commemorative official medals. So, too, should the British forces engaged against them.

During the Anglo-Irish war I kept a diary, while with the special "mobile" detachment, and made copious notes on all events witnessed and heard during security service, long foot patrols and some actions and skirmishes.

It is a fact that the dead of the above-mentioned campaigns have graves tended by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and are treated as "war dead." The General Service medal for World War One is officially recorded as "British War Medal, 1914-1920" but was extended to 1922 to cover naval minesweeping, the North Russian (postwar) Expeditionary Force etc and could be extended to cover at least the 1916 Rebellion where no conscripts were used.—**R Rimmer**, 21 Glyn Garth Chester, CH1 5RY.

Military postcards

Three more coloured postcards are now available from the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, London, SW3 4HT, price four pence each. This brings the museum's current series of postcards to nine (for the first seven see page 39, February SOLDIER).

The new cards are: "A soldier relates his exploits" by John Cawse (circa 1779-1862 (pictured left); the first Viscount Combermere (1773-1865) in the uniform of Colonel of the 1st Life Guards circa 1829, by John Hayter (1800-1891); and Royal Horse Artillery (1900) crossing a pontoon bridge under fire during the second Boer War, by George Scott.

HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

(see page 21)

The two pictures differ in the following respects: 1 Position of black "tank" above track. 2 Head of bird. 3 Depth of large pennant. 4 Lower vapour trail of aircraft. 5 Rear wheels of "Chieftain." 6 Width of Ghost Train entrance. 7 Lower left point of star. 8 Cuff of rear man in "Chieftain." 9 R in "Train." 10 Position of vertical girder at right of far track.

REUNIONS

Royal Pioneer Corps Association. Corps weekend and annual general meeting 8, 9, 10 June, Royal Pioneer Corps Training Centre, Simpson Barracks, Wootton, Northampton. Details from Secretary, RPC Association, 51 St George's Drive, London, SW1V 4DE, or Corps Secretary, Simpson Barracks.

The Dorset Regiment Association. Annual reunion and dinner, TAVR Centre, Poundbury Road, Dorchester, 8 September. Details from Secretary, The Keep, Dorchester, Dorset.

7th Battalion (Light Infantry), The Parachute Regiment. Reunion, Aldershot, weekend 29/30 September. Details apply Ted Lough, Pegasus, Browning Barracks, Aldershot, Hants, GU11 2BS.

Army Apprentices College, Chesham, 50th Anniversary, and Beachley Old Boys Association. Reunion.

Thursday 26 July, visit of Princess Anne; Friday 27 July, BOBA AGM and dinner; Saturday 28 July, drumhead service. Further information apply Hon Sec BOBA, Army Apprentices College, Chesham.

The Queen's Own Buffs Regimental Association.—Remembrance service 11.15am, All Saints' Church, Knight-ryder Street, Maidstone, Sunday 1 July. All members of regimental association, former members of The Buffs and The Queen's Own Buffs, The Royal Kent Regiment, are welcome at service followed by lunch and reunion, Invicta Park, Sandling Road, Maidstone. Lunch tickets obtainable on application to local branch of regimental association.

West Yorkshire and PWO Regimental Association.—Annual reunion and White Horse Ball, Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Strensall, 8 September. Annual memorial service, York Minster, 9 September. Details from Secretary RHQ PWO, Imphal Barracks, York.

ADVANCE AND RETIRE

While appearing complicated at first sight, the Ancient Mundavians (January) competition was in fact very simple—little more than a glance was probably enough for most competitors to solve the anagrams on the two tablets and arrive at the solution. The missing letters were A (David Copperfield) and I (Nicholas Nickleby).

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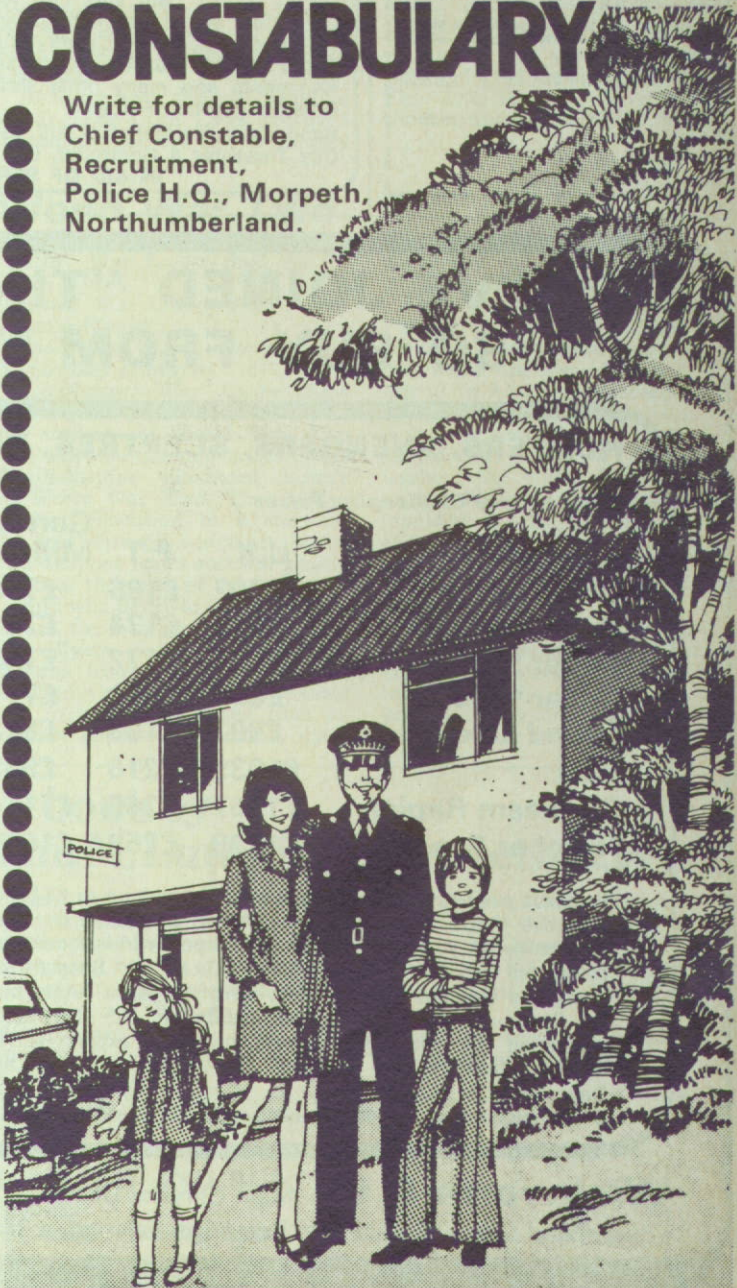
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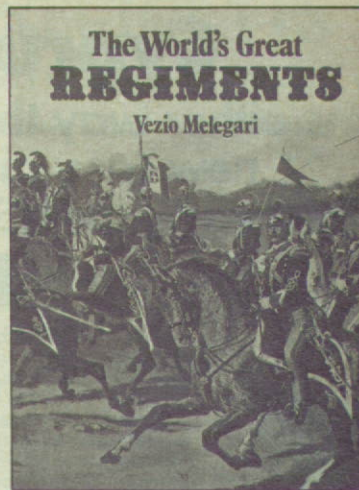
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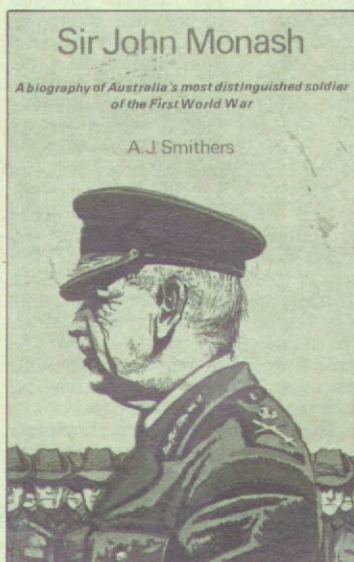
"Sir John Monash" (A J Smithers)

Today, save to military historians and students, the name of John Monash is hardly known. But he is well worthy of study. Monash, the Jewish militiaman from "down under" was in Mr Smithers's view "the first twentieth-century general, a man with petrol in his veins and a computer in his head."

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His parents were devout Jews from Prussian Poland who sought a new life in Australia. At great sacrifice their son was educated at a public school and university where he graduated in engineering. He also qualified in law, was a near-professional pianist, spoke fluent German and French and was well versed in archaeology as well as in medicine and art.

When war broke out, Monash was a militia colonel. As a brigadier at Gallipoli he was unremarkable; as commander of the 3rd Australian Division he gained a high reputation under Plumer at Messines and Third Ypres. He reached the height of his career in 1918 when, commanding the Australian Corps, he used his tanks to such great effect



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Mr Mayer, too, has a problem general on his hands. Douglas MacArthur was at once pompous, blustery, imperious and egotistical but, like Patton, he had great patriotism and personal courage. He needed both to survive suffering the greatest defeat in American history when his plans for the defence of the Philippines failed so dismally in 1941.

This defeat and his own sense of failure probably turned his island-hopping march on Tokio into a personal crusade. For more than any other American, MacArthur was responsible for Japan's defeat. He made many mistakes but he had luck in good measure—and however good a commander is, luck inevitably plays its part.

There is no yardstick, however, by which to measure Lord Mount-

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He was equally ill-disposed to Liddell Hart, Hore-Belisha's unofficial adviser and The Times

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