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The grim determination on the faces of two paratroopers in a machine gun pit at San Carlos Bay typifies the supreme professionalism that has earned Britain a famous victory in the Falklands. More pictures and details on pages 6-11.

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A colourful scene from the 1980 Aldershot Army Display as the gymnastic team from the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Engineers, go through their spectacular routine. A preview of this year's show appears on page 26.

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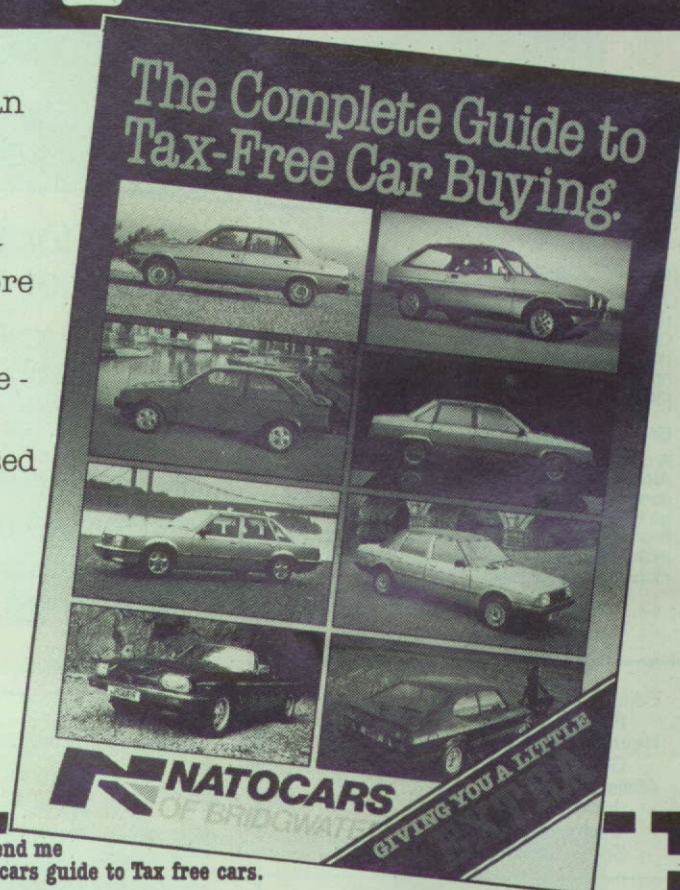
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SOLDIER to Soldier

OUR FORCES' victory in the Falklands must rank as one of the greatest feats of arms in modern times. We have assembled a Task Force of ships, aircraft, fighting men and machines, sailed 8000 miles into alien seas under intense aerial bombardment, secured a beachhead and lines of supply and overcome hazardous terrain and hostile weather to rout a well-entrenched, numerically superior enemy. And we have achieved all this in just over ten weeks.

Individual acts of heroism and sacrifice have abounded. All three of our Services have acquitted themselves with enormous courage and skill. The thousands of peacetime hours devoted to training and exercising our fighting forces have borne fruit in the white heat of battle.

Nor must the civilian contribution be overlooked. The dockyard workers who broke all productivity records to put our Task Force ships to sea; the crews of the cruise liners who queued up for the chance to serve soldiers instead of holidaymakers; the brave men of the Merchant Marine who volunteered to sail deep into the war zone with vital munitions and supplies, some of them never to return. All these and countless others are in the nation's debt. But they have been sustained and spurred on by the will of a united British people.

Now the battle is over and it is time to rejoice. But our celebrations are inevitably muted by sorrow for all those who have lost their lives and the even greater number who have been seriously wounded. For the British families at least there can be some consolation in the knowledge that their menfolk's sacrifice helped win a famous victory. But for Argentina's bereaved, alas, there is no such solace. Hundreds of their young men have been needlessly sacrificed on a futile, war-mongering adventure dreamed up by a vainglorious junta to deflect attention from their country's bankrupt economy. It is a tragic waste.

This, of course, is not the end of the Falklands saga. While our troops set about the practical task of repairing the ravages of war, and the Falklanders begin the slow process of rehabilitation, the politicians must work out a framework for the long-term security of the Islands.

For the moment though it is enough to savour a remarkable victory and take pride in the deeds that achieved it. Our fighting men have done us proud. We salute them all.



The moment they'd been waiting for. The Royal Marines who were forced off the Falklands ten weeks previously re-hoist the original Union Jack in front of Government House in Port Stanley.

UNION JACK FLIES AGAIN

IT WAS ONLY after Prime Minister Mrs Margaret Thatcher had described the victorious British Falkland Islands campaign as "boldly planned, bravely executed and brilliantly accomplished" that details of some of the last bloody battles came to light.

It was the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards who had the unenviable task of taking out a heavily defended Argentine machine-gun emplacement on Tumbledown Mountain.

Had they failed to take it before dawn they would have had to withdraw because the enemy observation post on Mount William would have been able to direct accurate fire onto them. But they succeeded after a six-hour fight and were then able to direct their own fire onto Mount William in support of the Gurkha's assault.

The high ground was taken and the enemy surrendered.

But Major General Jeremy Moore, the Land Forces Commander, is on record as saying the battle was a close run thing.

When it was over the Argentine commander formally surrendered all his forces to General Moore as the representative of "Her Britannic Majesty's Government". The civilians still in Stanley rejoiced. General Moore was carried shoulder high.

The Argentine soldiers queued to hand over their weapons which were stacked in great heaps. They were miserable and

dejected. There were reports that some of them had been shot in the feet and legs by their own officers — to make them stay in the trenches.

Some rioted as they were being marched to the harbour to embark on the *Canberra* and *Norland*. One reason was that rumour spread that the *Canberra* was going to leave without them. Others were said to have tried to set fire to a building in which some of their senior officers were sleeping.

But despite the problems 6000 were embarked on the *Canberra* and *Norland* where they were given hot food and cigarettes. Another 2000 were still in tents at the airport.

Finally Argentina gave permission for the ships to return the prisoners and *Canberra* docked at Puerto Madryn to deliver the first 4200.

Over the same weekend the last phase of the re-establishment of British sovereignty over the Falklands and their dependencies was concluded when the Argentinean weather station on the gale-swept South Sandwich Islands was formally surrendered to British forces.

Challenger on view

STAR EXHIBIT when the British Army Equipment exhibition opened at Aldershot was the Army's new main battle tank for the mid-eighties. It was the first time that Challenger had been on display.

Also on display was much of the equipment which led to victory in the Falklands.

More than 400 invited guests from 50 countries were expected to visit the show and its associated fire-power demonstration at Bovington and amphibious display at Hawley.

It was the biggest exhibition of its kind ever with 230 firms taking part and its acreage increased from eight to 13. A full report and pictures will appear in our next issue.

Generals Honoured

General Sir John Stanier, Commander-in-Chief United Kingdom Land Forces is one of five generals honoured in a list of nearly 150 soldiers in The Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Sir John becomes a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath and there are knighthoods for Lieutenant Generals Alexander Boswell, Edward Burgess, Robert Richardson and Richard Trant.

Also announced are 50 awards for service in Northern Ireland between November 1 and January 31.

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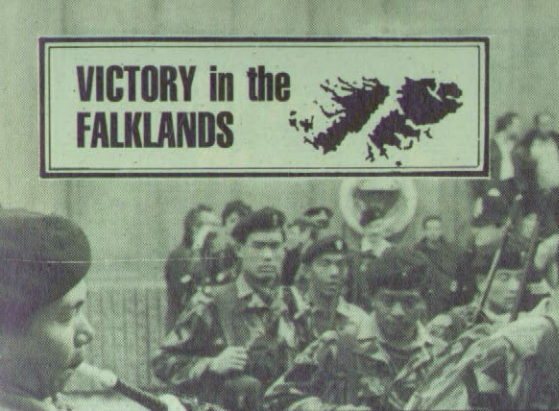
GIRLIE MAGAZINE and theatre boss Paul Raymond is making his own gesture to Britain's Armed Forces.

Until further notice admission to Raymond's Revue Bar in London's Soho will be just £1 for servicemen — but proof of identity will be needed. The charge is usually £7.50.

Ex-RAF man Raymond calls it a gesture of solidarity.

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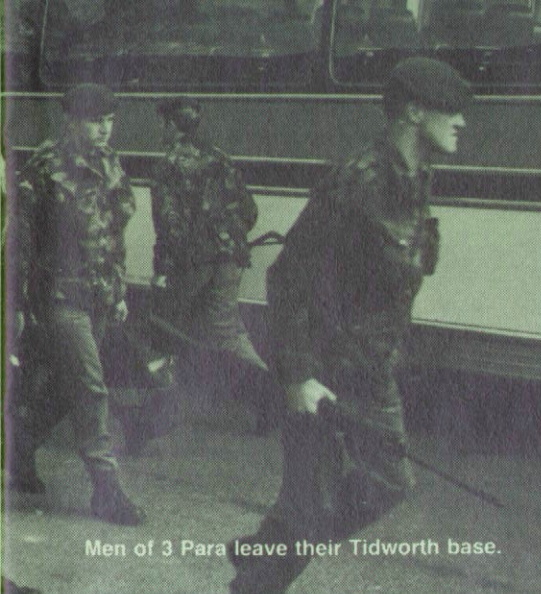


A lone soldier packed and ready to go. ▲



A Para gives his daughter a farewell push.

Gurkhas are piped aboard the QE2 at Southampton.



Men of 3 Para leave their Tidworth base.



A moving moment as the QE2 sails off to war.

74 DAYS THAT SHOOK THE WORLD

How the Task Force triumphed

IT ALL STARTED when a handful of Argentine scrap-metal merchants landed on South Georgia. They were there to dismantle an old whaling station but they raised the Argentine flag.

That was on March 19.

In London it was regarded as a serious infringement of British sovereignty. The Antarctic patrol ship *Endurance* was ordered to South Georgia and the battle of words between London and Buenos Aires began.

On April 1 Britain called an emergency meeting of the United Nations Security Council and at dawn the following morning Argentine troops began landing on the Falklands. Three hours later the Governor, Mr Rex Hunt, ordered the garrison of 79 Royal Marines to surrender.

In the short sharp battle at least three Argentinians had been killed. But it was to be 74 days before the Union Jack fluttered over Port Stanley again.

On the following day Argentinian forces got an equally hot reception from the 22 marines on South Georgia. Before the "Booties" gave in they had destroyed an Argentine helicopter, damaged a

corvette and killed another three enemy troops.

That same day, April 3, the Security Council unanimously passed its now famous resolution 502, calling for an Argentine withdrawal and the opening of negotiations.

A couple of days later the first wave of the British Task Force set sail for the South Atlantic while the Argentinians continued to reinforce their garrison on the islands.

While the ships steamed south, Britain announced the setting up of a "war zone" around the Falklands and American Secretary of State Mr Haig began his hectic shuttle diplomacy, flying between London, Washington and Buenos Aires.

At times it looked as if he might succeed but every breakthrough was negated in Argentina.

Easter week-end saw the departure of the first major reinforcements for the Task Force as the requisitioned Cunard liner *Canberra* sailed from Southampton with the 3rd Battalion the Parachute Regiment and another 1500 Royal Marines.

On April 16 the main Task Force left Ascension Island and on the 25th, just three weeks and one

day after it was lost, South Georgia was retaken. The fight lasted two hours and Argentina lost one of her four submarines.

The Task Force build-up continued when on April 21 the North Sea ferry *Norland* sailed with the 2nd Battalion The Parachute Regiment.

On May 1 a Vulcan bomber from Ascension Island carried out the first raid on Port Stanley Airport. It was followed-up by attacks by Harriers operating from the Task Force.

Two days later the Argentine cruiser *General Belgrano* was torpedoed by a British submarine and Task Force helicopters sank an armed tug.

But the following day the destroyer *Sheffield* was hit by an Exocet air-launched missile and was swept by fire. Twenty lives were lost and the ship later sank. A Sea Harrier was also shot down.

On May 12 the pride of the Mercantile Marine, the *Queen Elizabeth II* sailed from Southampton with another 3000 men. They came from the reconstituted 5 Infantry Brigade, now made up of 2nd Battalion the Scots Guards, 1st Battalion the Welsh Guards and the 1/7 Gurkha Rifles.

On May 14 an SAS raid on the Argentine air-strip on Pebble Island resulted in the ammunition and fuel dump being destroyed together with 11 aircraft.

A series of major diversionary raids on Argen-

tine positions on the islands then began in earnest but the Army suffered its first major disaster on May 21 when a Sea King helicopter carrying members of the SAS crashed in the sea.

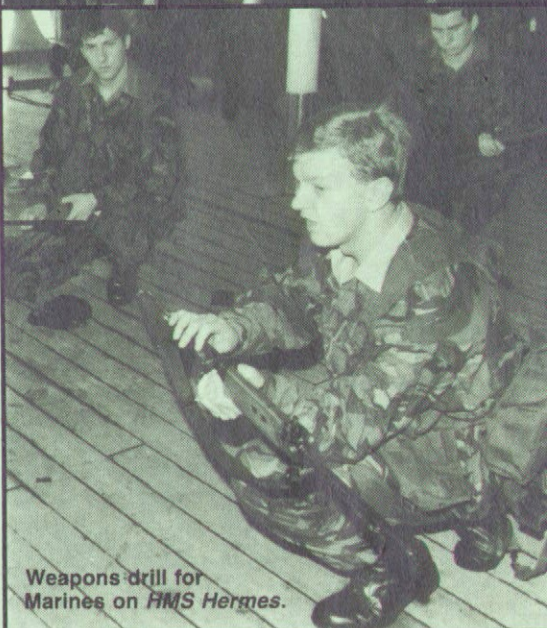
So successful were the raids in diverting Argentine attention that when the main force of 5000 men went ashore at San Carlos their landings were virtually unopposed.

Port San Carlos and Ajax Bay were quickly taken and the beachhead consolidated. One ship, *HMS Ardent*, was lost and the next day *HMS Antelope* was crippled when an unexploded bomb went off in her engine room while an Army EOD expert was trying to defuse it.

May 25 was Argentina's national day and a major effort was expected from her forces. But again it was only her air force which put in an appearance, regrettably with devastating results.

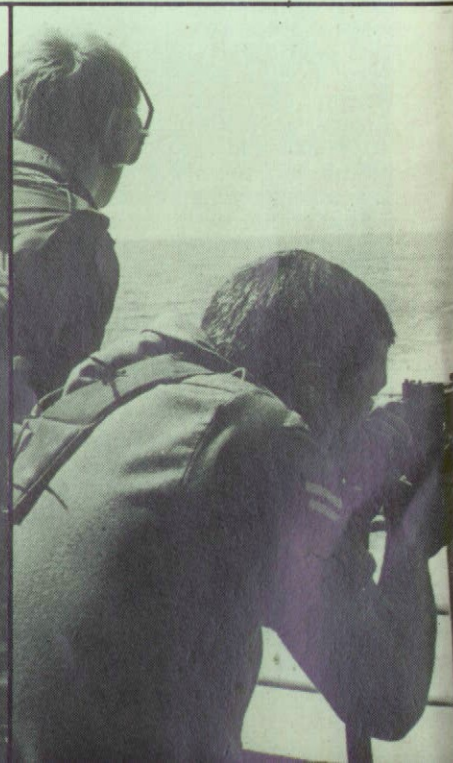
Both *HMS Coventry* and the requisitioned container ship *Atlantic Conveyor* were lost. Twenty-one men died on *Coventry* and twelve members of the *Conveyor's* crew were lost, including the captain.

The land battle got into its full stride on May 28 when the 2nd Battalion The Parachute Regiment recaptured Goose Green and Port Darwin in an



Weapons drill for Marines on *HMS Hermes*.

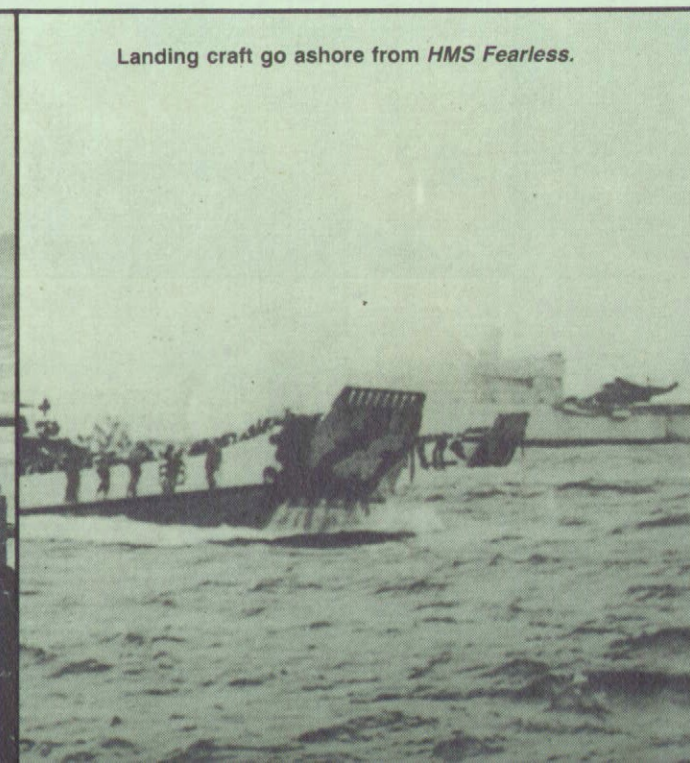
Loading artillery on the *Europic Ferry*.



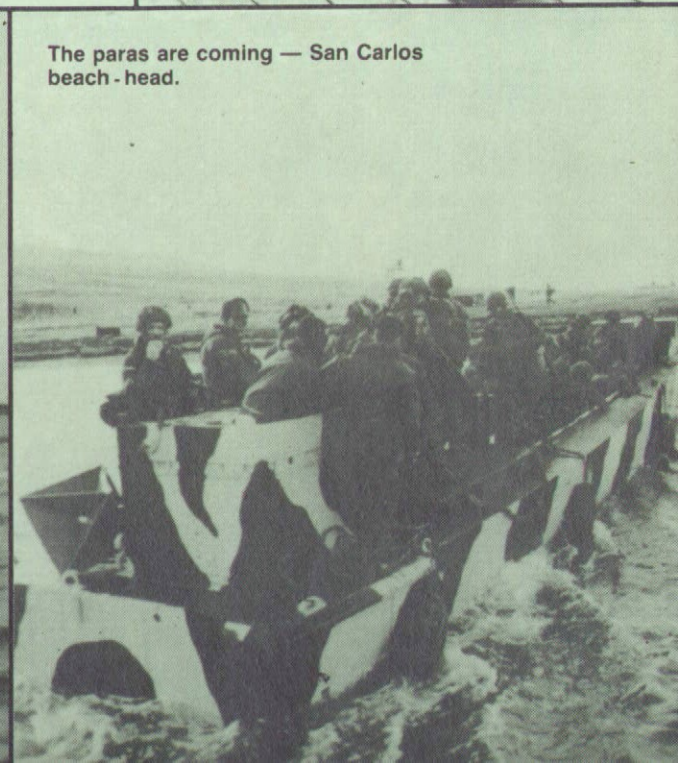
Rifle practice at sea on the *Norland*.



Landing craft go ashore from *HMS Fearless*.



The paras are coming — San Carlos beach-head.



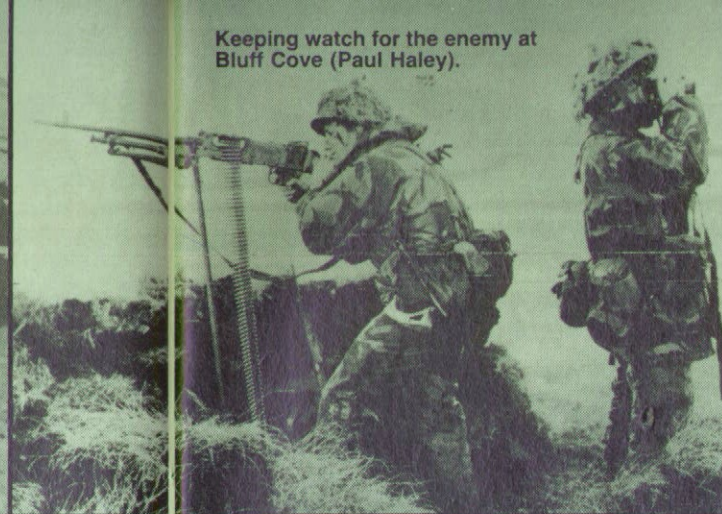
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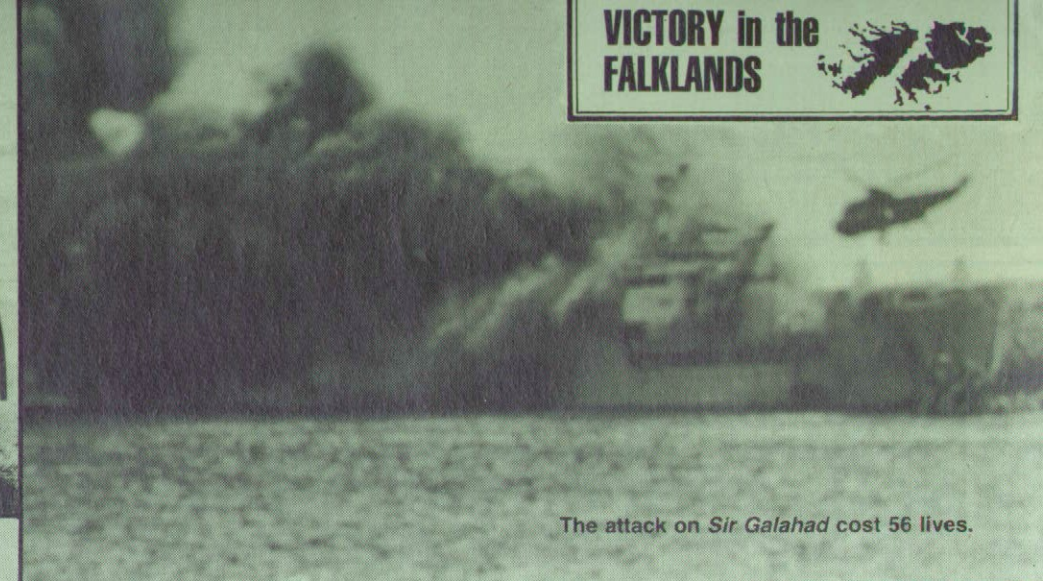
British troops take their first steps ashore.



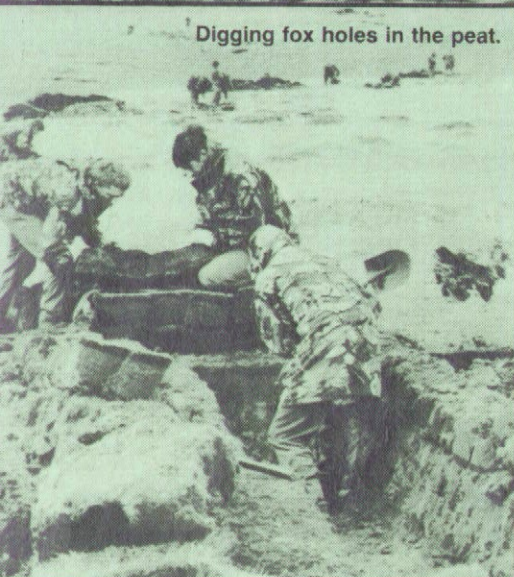
Scots Guards land at San Carlos (pic by Paul Haley).



Keeping watch for the enemy at Bluff Cove (Paul Haley).



The attack on *Sir Galahad* cost 56 lives.



Digging fox holes in the peat.

'BOLDLY PLANNED, BRAVELY EXECUTED AND BRILLIANTLY ACCOMPLISHED'

— THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER

operation of such brilliance and daring that it brought a special tribute from the Chief of the General Staff.

The Argentinians lost 250 dead and 1400 taken prisoner.

But the paras lost 15 dead, including their popular CO, Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert Jones, known simply as 'H', and his adjutant. One Royal Marine and a Sapper were also killed.

Two days later the Royal Marines, striking across the North of East Falkland, took Douglas Settlement and Teal inlet. On the anniversary of D-Day, June 6, Fitzroy and Bluff Cove were taken in the South and the noose was steadily tightening around the capital, Port Stanley.

Two days later, as 5 Infantry Brigade was landing at Fitzroy, the Royal Fleet Auxiliaries *Sir Tristram* and *Sir Galahad* were attacked. A land-

ing craft was also hit and the frigate *HMS Plymouth* was attacked in Falkland Sound.

Casualties were described as "substantial" and the final count was 56 dead.

By June 14 the grip had tightened further. British troops had taken all the principal high ground around Stanley and artillery and ammunition was moved up. Argentine positions were now under bombardment from both land and sea.

In one assault Argentinian soldiers were literally caught napping as the British infiltrated their positions on tiptoe, after a five-hour slog.

As one correspondent described it: "The first the Argentinian soldiers knew they had company was when they felt the hard jab of the 7.62mm rifle ends in their ears."

The world had waited for the final push and when it came it was over quickly.

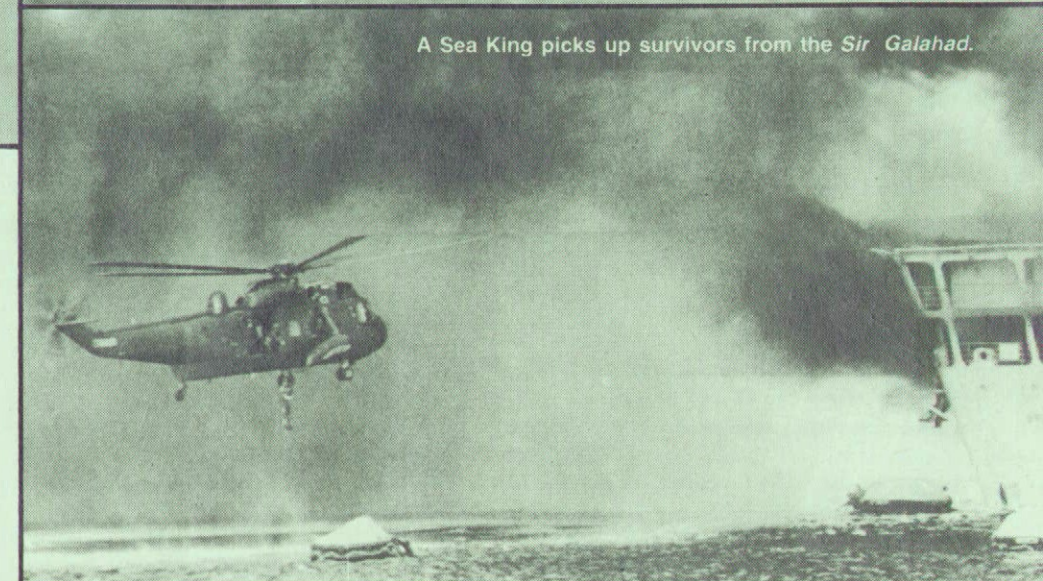
The attacks went in on June 14 and at 10.15 pm London time the Prime Minister reported to the House of Commons that white flags were flying over Stanley.

Later that night it was confirmed that the Argentinian forces had surrendered. First reports of the numbers of prisoners taken now appear to have been exaggerated but there were a lot — enough to create problems about feeding and housing them.

Mrs Thatcher told the House that the operation had been "boldly planned, bravely executed and brilliantly accomplished." MPs cheered and the crowds in Downing Street sang Rule Britannia.

On June 17 the Argentine President, General Galtieri, resigned.

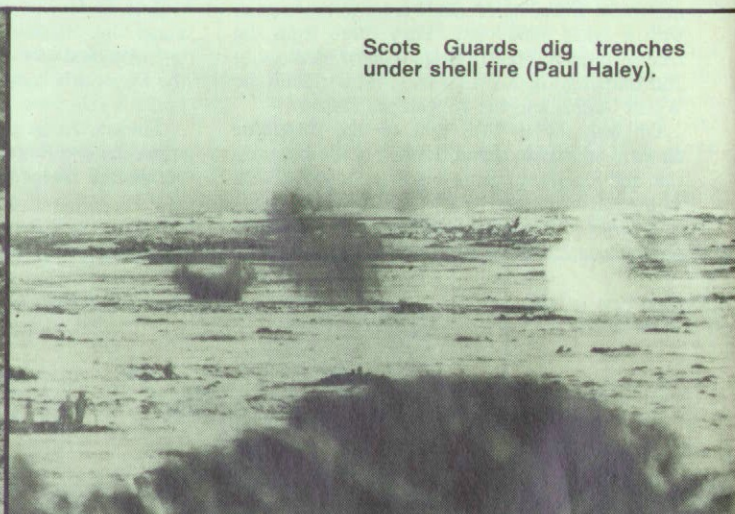
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A Sea King picks up survivors from the *Sir Galahad*.



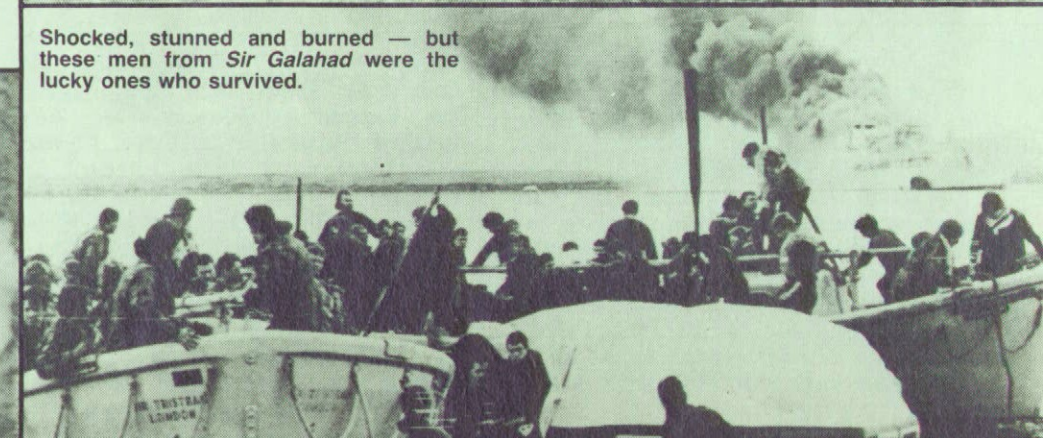
Royal Marines guard San Carlos beach-head.



Scots Guards dig trenches under shell fire (Paul Haley).



Mirage fighter dodges anti-aircraft fire put up by British ships.



Shocked, stunned and burned — but these men from *Sir Galahad* were the lucky ones who survived.




Troops wait for a helicopter to move them forward.



Wrecked Pucara after the action at Goose Green (Paul Haley).



Medical aid for an Argentine pilot — shot down 100 yards from ship he tried to bomb.



ARMY ROLL OF HONOUR

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE British lives were lost in the operations to reclaim the Falkland Islands. We publish here the names of those Army personnel who died.

May 21: Twenty-one men including 18 Specialist Army personnel died when a Sea King helicopter ditched. Killed were:— WO 2 Lawrence Gallagher, Royal Engineers; WO 2 Malcolm Atkinson, Coldstream Guards; S/Sgt Patrick O'Connell, Irish Guards; Sgt Philip Currass, RAMC; Sgt Sid Davidson, Parachute Regt; Sgt John Arthy, Welsh Guards; Sgt William Hughes, Welsh Guards; Cpl Paul Bunker, RAOC; Cpl William Begley, RCT; Cpl William Hutton, Parachute Regt; Cpl Philip Jones, Welsh Guards; Cpl John Newton, REME; Cpl Michael McHugh, R Sigs; Cpl Stephen Sykes, R Sigs; Cpl Edward Walpole, Royal Green Jackets; Cpl Robert Burns, R Sigs; Cpl Douglas Maccormack, R Sigs; Lance Cpl Paul Lightfoot, R Sigs; Rifleman Raymond Armstrong, RGJ.

May 23: HMS Antelope crippled. S/Sgt Jim Prescott, 37, killed trying to defuse bomb.

May 28: Goose Green and Port Darwin recaptured. Killed were:— Lt Col Herbert Jones, 42, 2 Para; Lt James Barry, 29, 2 Para; L/Cpl Gary Bingley, 24, 2 Para; L/Cpl Anthony Cork, 21, 2 Para; Capt Christopher Dent, 34, 2 Para; Pte Stephen Dixon, 18, 2 Para; Pte Mark Fletcher, 21, 2 Para; Cpl David Hardman, 22, 2 Para; Pte Mark Holman-Smith, 19, 2 Para; Pte Stephen Illingsworth, 20, 2 Para; Pte Thomas-Mechan, 25, 2 Para; Cpl Stephen Prior, 27, 2 Para; L/Cpl Nigel Smith, 21, 2 Para; Cpl Paul Sullivan, 27, 2 Para; Capt David Wood, 29, 2 Para; Cpl Michael Melia, 30, 59 Independent Cdo Sqn, RE; Sapper Pradeet Kumar Ghandi, 24, 59 Independent Cdo Sqn, RE.

June 5: Four soldiers died in a Gazelle helicopter crash. Killed were: Major Michael Forge,

40, R Sigs; S/Sgt John Baker, 36, R Sigs; S/Sgt Christopher Griffin, 32, Army Air Corps; L/Cpl Simon Cockton, 22, Army Air Corps.

June 8: Argentinian aircraft attacked the RFA Sir Galahad and Sir Lancelot and a landing craft. Killed were: Major Roger Nutbeam, 40, RAMC; L/Cpl Barry Bullers, 26, ACC attached Welsh Guards; L/Cpl Anthony Burke, 23, Welsh Guards; L/Sgt James Carlyle, 26, Welsh Guards; Pte Albert Connett, 22, ACC attached Welsh Guards; Gdsm Ian Dale, 19, Welsh Guards; Gdsm Michael Dunphy, 23, Welsh Guards; Gdsm Peter Edwards, 19, Welsh Guards; Sgt Clifford Elley, 29, Welsh Guards; L/Cpl Ian Farrell, 24, 16 Field Ambulance, RAMC, attached Welsh Guards; Gdsm Mark Gibby, 22, Welsh Guards; Gdsm Glenn Grace, 20, Welsh Guards; Gdsm Paul Green, 21, Welsh Guards; Gdsm Gareth Griffiths, 31, Welsh Guards; Gdsm Denis Hughes, 22, Welsh Guards; Gdsm Gareth Hughes, 22, Welsh Guards; Gdsm Brian Jasper, 26, Welsh Guards; Pte Michael Jones, 22, ACC attached Welsh Guards; Gdsm Anthony Keeble, 19, Welsh Guards; L/Sgt Kevin Keoghane, 30, Welsh Guards; Gdsm Michael Marks, 17, Welsh Guards; Cpl Andrew McIlvenny, 28, 9 Para Sqn, RE; Pte Richard Middlewick, 21, ACC attached Welsh Guards; Gdsm Christopher Mordecai, 18, Welsh Guards; L/Cpl Stephen Newbury, 24, Welsh Guards; Gdsm Gareth Nicholson, 19, Welsh Guards; Gdsm Colin Parsons, 18, Welsh Guards; Gdsm Eirwyn Phillips, 20, Welsh Guards; Gdsm Gareth Poole, 20, Welsh Guards; Pte Kenneth Preston, 21, 16 Field Ambulance, RAMC, attached Welsh Guards; Cfn Mark Rollins, 25, REME attached Welsh Guards; Gdsm Nigel Rowberry, 20, Welsh Guards; L/Cpl Anthony Streatfield, 22, REME attached Welsh Guards; L/Cpl Phillip Sweet, 22, Welsh

Guards; Spr Wayne Tabard, 19, 9 Para Sqn, RE; Gdsm Glyn Thomas, 20, Welsh Guards; L/Cpl Nicholas Thomas, 25, Welsh Guards; Gdsm Raymond Thomas, 28, Welsh Guards; Gdsm Andrew Walker, 20, Welsh Guards; L/Cpl Christopher Ward, 22, Welsh Guards; Gdsm James Weaver, 20, Welsh Guards; Sgt Malcolm Wigley, 31, Welsh Guards; Gdsm David Williams, 21, Welsh Guards.

June 11-14. Final assault on Port Stanley. Killed were: Pte Mark Dodsworth, 24, 3 Para; Sgt Ian McKay, 29, 3 Para; Cpl Stewart McLaughlin, 27, 3 Para; Cpl Keith McCarthy, 27, 3 Para; L/Cpl David Scott, 24, 3 Para; L/Cpl Christopher Lovett, 24, 3 Para; L/Cpl James Murdoch, 25, 3 Para; Pte Gerald Bull, 18, 3 Para; Pte Jonathan Crow, 21, 3 Para; Pte Jason Burt, 17, 3 Para; Pte Anthony Greenwood, 22, 3 Para; Pte Neil Grose, 18, 3 Para; Pte Peter Hedicker, 22, 3 Para; Pte Timothy Jenkins, 19, 3 Para; Pte Ian Scrivens, 17, 3 Para; Pte Stewart Laing, 20, 3 Para; Pte Philip West, 19, 3 Para; Pte Craig Jones, 20, 3 Para; Cpl Scott Wilson, 25, 9 Para Sqn RE attached to 3 Para; Spr Christopher Jones, 29, 59 Ind Cdo Sqn RE attached to RM; Cn Alexander Shaw, 25, attached to 3 Para; L/Cpl Peter Hicks, 23, 3 Para. Gdsm David Malcolmson, 20, Scots Guards; Gdsm Archibald Stirling, 21, Scots Guards; Gdsm James Reynolds, 19, Scots Guards; Gdsm Derek Denholm, 24, Scots Guards; Sgt John Simeon, 36, Scots Guards; Gdsm Ronald Tanbini, 25, Scots Guards; L/Sgt Clark Mitchell, 26, Scots Guards; WO2 Daniel Wight, 37, Scots Guards; C/Sgt Gordon Findlay, 32, 2 Para; Pte Francis Slough, 19, 2 Para; Capt Gavin Hamilton, 29, Green Howards; L/Cpl Christopher Thomas, 22, Welsh Guards; Pte David Parr, 19, 2 Para; L/Cpl John Pashley, 22, 9 Para Sqn RE. *Died of wounds:* Cpl Stephen Hope, 27, 3 Para; Pte Richard Absolon, 19, 3 Para.

FOUR TRIBUTES

Colonel Sam Gaussen, Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding, Welsh Guards: "When the Falklands confrontation first started everybody was very proud that the 1st Battalion was selected to join the Task Force and their performance since then has been quite superb. Sadly, they lost a very large number of men and many others were wounded at the landing on Bluff Cove but, since then, they have played a significant part in the eventual capture

of Port Stanley. All of us at home, and particularly the people of Wales, are very proud of their performance but only sorry it was at such cost."

Colonel James Dunsmure, Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding, Scots Guards: "All Scots Guardsmen, past and present, are immensely proud of the skill, courage and devotion to duty shown by all ranks of the 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards, in the battle for the Falkland Islands. We salute their achievements which are in the highest tradition of the Regiment and the Army. We sorrow for their casualties and wish them a

speedy and safe return home." **Brigadier 'Birdie' Smith, Regimental Colonel of the 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles:** "The Brigade of Gurkhas has served the British Crown since 1815 so it was wholly appropriate that the 1st Battalion of my Regiment, the 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles, should have the honour of taking part in the Falklands campaign. Never had a country more faithful friends than the Gurkhas."

Colonel Graham Farrell, Regimental Colonel, The Parachute Regiment: "All ranks of The Parachute Regiment and

their families are filled with admiration and pride for the magnificent fighting spirit displayed by 2 and 3 PARA and their supporting arms and services during the conflict.

"Their tenacity, courage and determination to win through is a shining example to us all and it is in the very best traditions of the Regiment. Whilst we grieve the tragic loss of those gallant officers, NCOs and soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice, we feel proud and honoured to be counted among those Regiments who fought successfully for a just and rightful cause in the Falklands."



VICTORY in the FALKLANDS

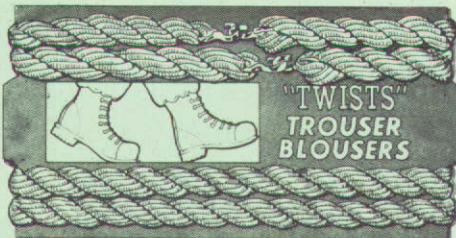


VICTORY!

Jubilant troops, delighted islanders, glum-faced Argentines — the pictures that say it all: we've won!

Clockwise from top left: commandos chat with local girls in Port Stanley; men from 2 Para march from the cathedral after thanksgiving service (pic by Paul Haley); captured Argentines hand over their weapons; smiles of triumph from 3 Para after the liberation of Stanley; raising the Union Jack in West Falkland; RMPs stand guard as Argentines surrender arms (Paul Haley); Argentine prisoners, still with their weapons, wait to be moved from Stanley airport; Maj-Gen Jeremy Moore gets a rapturous welcome from islanders.





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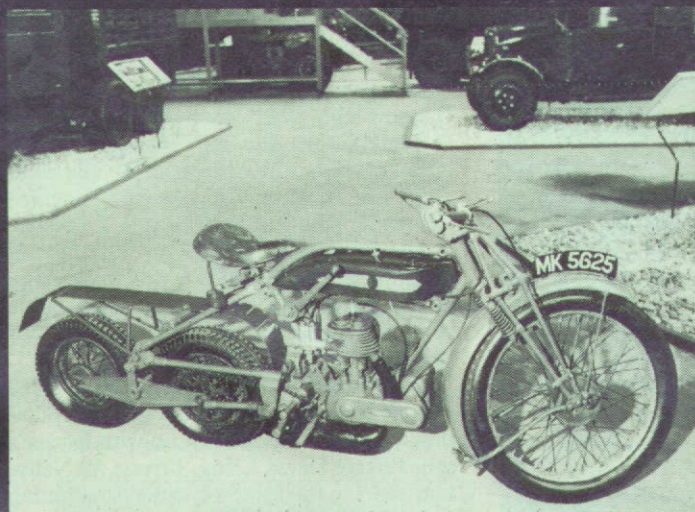


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The Queen, followed by Lord Sandys, Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard, inspecting her own personal bodyguard on the lawns at the rear of Buckingham Palace. The inspection takes place every four years.

Three-Wheeler ▼

Thought to be the only one in existence, this Triumph Trusty three-wheel motorcycle is the latest addition to the Army Transport Museum at Normandy Barracks, near Beverley, Yorks. It was converted from the standard machines by the RASC at Aldershot 56 years ago in an attempt to improve performance over rough ground.



Haystack ►

Prince Charles had a big grin for this walking haystack when he visited 1 Royal Regiment of Wales, of which he is Colonel-in-Chief, at their Aldershot base. It was his last official visit before the battalion moves to Germany in August.



Rough Riders ▼

The spectacular riders known as the Horsemen of Pakistan are to be one of the star attractions at this year's Royal Tournament which will open at London's Earls Court next month.

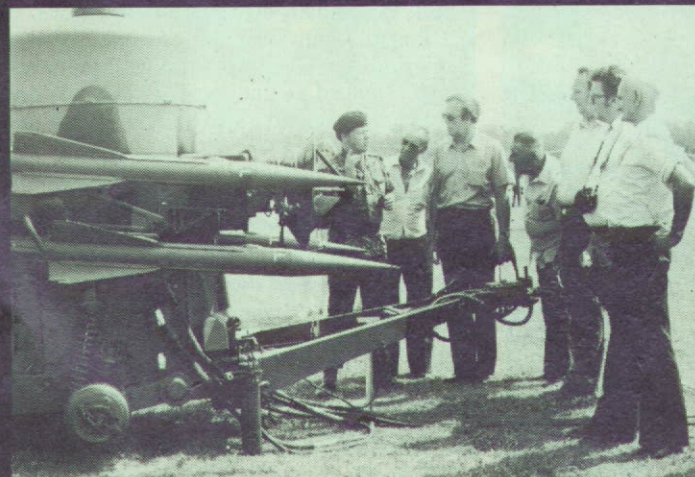


Topical Rocket

Of special interest to veterans of 208 Field Coy RE from Eastbourne and members of the town's RE Association was this Rapier unit on display at Bunde. The visitors were celebrating Kohima weekend.

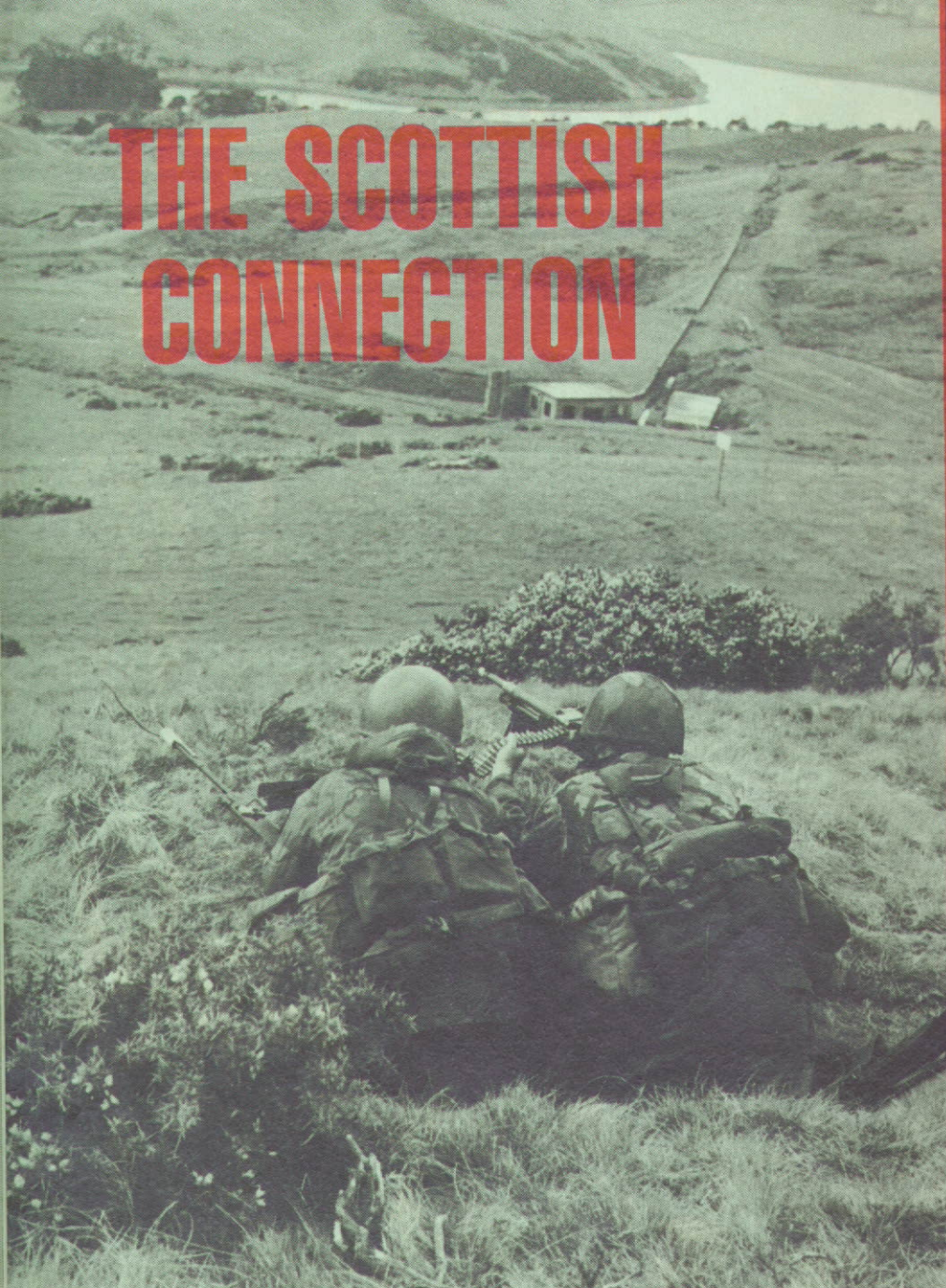
Atlantic Bound ►

After launching ex-SAS man Tom Clean's mini-yacht, eminent yachtswoman Clare Francis tried it out on the Thames before Tom set off to begin his 2500 mile Atlantic crossing from Newfoundland to UK. The Giltspur is a minute 9ft 9ins long and is the smallest vessel to attempt the crossing.



THE SCOTTISH CONNECTION

While men of 2 and 3 Para braved appalling conditions in the South Atlantic, another very special battalion of Red Berets was being lashed by wind and rain in the Pentland Hills



Dug in on sheep nibbled hills.▲

About to be exposed to perils of CS gas.▼



PRINCE CHARLES, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the Parachute Regiment, recently presented new colours to a parachute battalion with a difference. The 15th (Scottish Volunteer) Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, are all Territorial Army part-timers. But the battalion, whose members range from Glaswegian shipbuilders to Aberdonian oil riggers and even include Englishmen from Lincoln and Leicester, claim to be as fighting fit as any Regular Army unit.

The battalion was first formed in 1947 by Lieutenant-Colonel Alastair Pearson, a famous wartime Red Beret commando. Its previous colours were presented by Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery back in 1952.

Its headquarters and one company are in Glasgow with other companies at Aberdeen and Edinburgh. All wear a Hunting Stewart tartan patch on their berets. The only company not to wear this are 16 (Lincoln) Company, who have a platoon at Leicester.

The Prince of Wales's visit was the culmination of the battalion's two week camp in the Edinburgh area. It included battle drills and patrolling in the windswept and rain-lashed Pentland Hills.

In a sodden foxhole overlooking a valley Private John McNally, a Glasgow Corporation ratcatcher was teamed up with farmer's son, Private David Laing. Private McNally, four years in the battalion and a parachuting enthusiast, told SOLDIER: "It's great for me to get out in the country. And I have been to Germany six times, which I love."

Private Laing is used to the open air but still finds the life a great change from farming. "I joined to find out if I could get my red beret. And of course there is always the bounty pay."

When the battalion was first launched it contained mostly ex-wartime members of the Airborne Forces. Only about five per cent of the present members are ex-Regulars but the number is starting to rise again.

Says Adjutant, Captain Jonathan Pape: "They are bringing a lot of experience into the TA. The ex-Regulars are willing to put the information over which takes a bit of the weight off the permanent staff instructors."

A new recruit will do six or seven weeks drill in the evenings. Then he goes to Stirl-



Pte McNally ratcatcher soldier.

ing for a ten day cadre followed by his selection tests at Aldershot. The battalion is proud of the fact that the tests are exactly the same as for the Regular para recruit — except for the 25 mile march.

"We have a fairly high failure rate but then so do the Regulars and other TA battalions," says Captain Pape. "If they want to join the Regiment they have got to prove that they are as good as the Regulars."

The TA para does the same parachuting course at Brize Norton as his Regular counterpart — less two night drops.

The battalion is at full strength and the competition to join is keen.

But recruiting goes on at all times — for close on a quarter of the members leave every year and slots have to be filled. Another problem is that NCO positions become vacant frequently which means that privates must be quickly trained up.

Today many of the men of 15 Para, who have a Nato role in Germany, are unemployed. But in their Army job they feel second to none. In the words of the adjutant: "they have found something they can hook their lives onto."



Prince Charles hands over new Regimental Colour to 2nd Lt S Cameron.



Euro MP, Alastair Hutton, who represents the South of Scotland, goes in for something completely different when he gets away from the Brussels-Strasbourg orbit. He dons combat clothing and a red beret and becomes Major Alastair Hutton, second-in-command of 15 Para (V).

In fact Major Hutton has been a member of the battalion since 1964, long before Britain had Euro MPs or was even in the Common Market.

"When I was elected I had a bit of a ponder on whether to stay in but I decided that it does help to keep me in touch with reality in defence matters. There is a danger of politicians talking about defence in strategic terms and forgetting that it has to be done by blokes who get cold and hungry."

After a day out on the Pentland Hills in the escape and evasion area Major Hutton contrasted it with life in the European Parliament.

"In the three years I've been elected I've only been out in the hills once or twice. It is desperately hard for me to keep fit. I tend to eat too much as a lot of the meetings are organised over meals. I try to play football and swim when I can but I sit down too much and breathe stale air."

Of the exercise he said: "This is terrific. I've always believed these guys are absolutely terrific and I am astonished that they are prepared to put in this time and energy. When we come up against some of the Regular units in Germany we actually take them to the cleaners. Ours are bloody good blokes."

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TALL JOB IN A HIGH CHAIR

WHAT DO 10 SIGNAL REGIMENT at Hounslow and the Centre Court at Wimbledon have in common? The answer is Lieutenant Colonel Peter Webster who is Commanding Officer of the first and also one of the top umpires on the second.

In 1965, when Wimbledon was simply

Tossing up before the 1981 Men's Doubles Final at Wimbledon with John McEnroe and Peter Fleming.



Lt-Col Webster with Chrissie Lloyd during the 1980 Federation Cup at which he officiated.

about tennis and sportsmanship instead of the on and off court drama of today's game, the young Peter Webster, who was then studying for an engineering degree at Shrivenham, paid at the gate and stood on Centre Court watching great names like Rod Laver and Christine Truman.

Whilst there he saw in the programme an advertisement for umpires. He went along to the referee's office and in no time found himself on the circuit. His first national job was during the Junior Wimbledon tournament and the following year he officiated at Wimbledon proper.

Wimbledon in those days explains Peter "was more of a social occasion."

"There were parties of schoolgirls just like today but they all dressed in blazers and straw hats and were very well behaved. Sure, they sought photos and autographs but it was nothing like the pop scene of the seventies with Borg."

A posting to Cyprus — no hardship to most people — put paid to any more umpiring for Peter for the next couple of years. During this time Peter lost what 'seniority' he had and on his return needed to put in a lot of hard work and practice at umpiring in order to regain his position. This meant making himself available for any tournament, junior or senior, anywhere in the country.

Then, on the last day of Wimbledon 1971, when all eyes were on the Men's Singles Finals on Centre Court, Peter had his first taste of Number One Court — albeit at a Junior event.

The trouble with having two careers is that often one is at the expense of the other, and Peter's umpiring suffered another

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serious setback in the middle seventies. Staff College while perhaps furthering his military career, did not help his court-side progress as studies took precedence.

Subsequently sent to Germany he was effectively out of the running for four years.

By 1976 Peter knew he had much catching up to do and he decided to attend — at his own expense — a special course in Paris run by the Men's International Professional Tennis Council. This was a good move as graduates of this course have now become the elite in umpiring circles.

With this behind him and as much prac-

he also had the thrill of officiating at the first match of the tournament on Centre Court.

"That's a marvellous feeling" said Peter, "walking out onto the court for the very first match with the players behind you."

His ambition is to officiate at the Men's Singles Finals which still has tremendous kudos. But he feels even that could change with the growing spread of commercialism.

So far the committee has managed to keep the more overt advertising away from Wimbledon. But now, with commercial stands in the concourse and the players advertising manufacturers' clothing, the big money is here to stay.

This is one reason Peter thinks less of Wimbledon now than he did when he was first involved. There is also the standard of behaviour of both the players and spectators.

Gone are the days, explains Peter, when the crowd would keep silent during the rallies and applaud only at the end of each point. And watching McEnroe last year clearly illustrates how standards of sportsmanship have deteriorated.

Up till now Peter has not had the full McEnroe treatment — he was on Centre Court when McEnroe on Number One Court berated one unfortunate official as "the pits of the world."

"I've umpired for John about six times now," says Peter, "and I've never really had a bad one." This he partly attributes to his Army training. "Being in a job where I have to manage people helps. I try not to be too authoritarian but I do try and give a quick decision."

Wimbledon now is in the grip of the electronic age like everything else. What does Peter think of the 'magic eye', for instance? "Well, it's quite good but it's not infallible. The trouble is that it has to be set up by humans and that's where error creeps in."

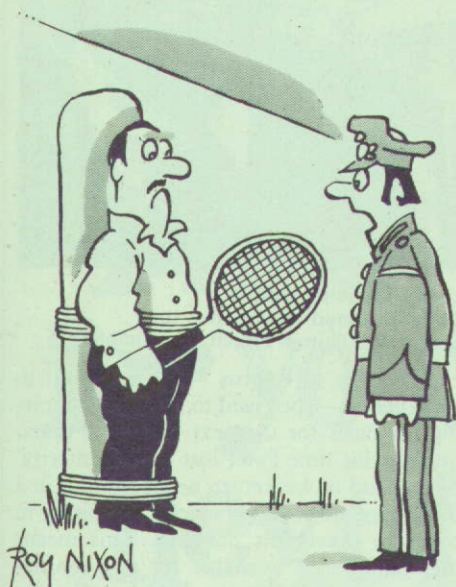
In general though most umpires support the concept and look forward to the day when this and other machines are a hundred per cent accurate.

While on court and in his relationships with the players he does not advertise his Army rank believing this might disconcert

the players. "But as far as the media is concerned, I always encourage them to say I'm in the Army and they're very good about it. And in fact down at Bournemouth the other week, Dan Maskell was kind enough to say I'd been promoted."

Peter is keen to point out that without the Army's indulgence he could not have continued with his umpiring. "I owe a lot" he says "to courtesy, willing assistance and a lot of understanding bosses who have been prepared to release me."

There is room, Peter believes, for young umpires to come into the game and he hopes to encourage some from the Army. He thinks they would make good officials be-



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

tice as he could get, Peter found himself back on Number One Court in 1977.

Since then his career has been uninterrupted and this, coupled with a drive and determination equal to that of the players themselves, has secured Peter a place in the top echelon of national and international umpires.

At Wimbledon last year, as well as umpiring the Men's Doubles Finals (between Fleming and McEnroe and Smith and Lutz)

'I try not to be too authoritarian but I do try and give a quick decision.'

cause "they shout loudly and are quick." But he warns that they must be prepared for some hard groundwork like "sitting on a cold, miserable court in November watching two twelve-year-olds play."

Despite his reservations about Wimbledon, Peter who also officiates at Davis Cup matches, derives great satisfaction from the job. "You're part of something that's being created — it's a job well done, particularly when it's a match everyone's enjoyed."

Peter recalls with relish a 1977 semi-final between Nastase and Okker when everyone seemed to converge on the court in question. "It was a packed court and the tennis was sheer poetry. Even Nastase behaved himself!"

Interview by Sally Daniell

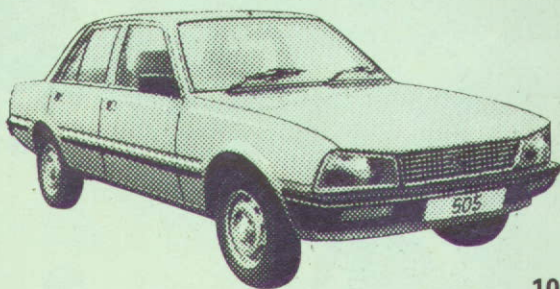
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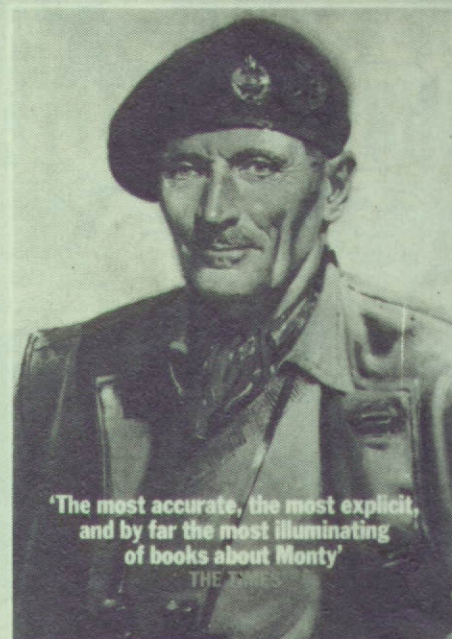
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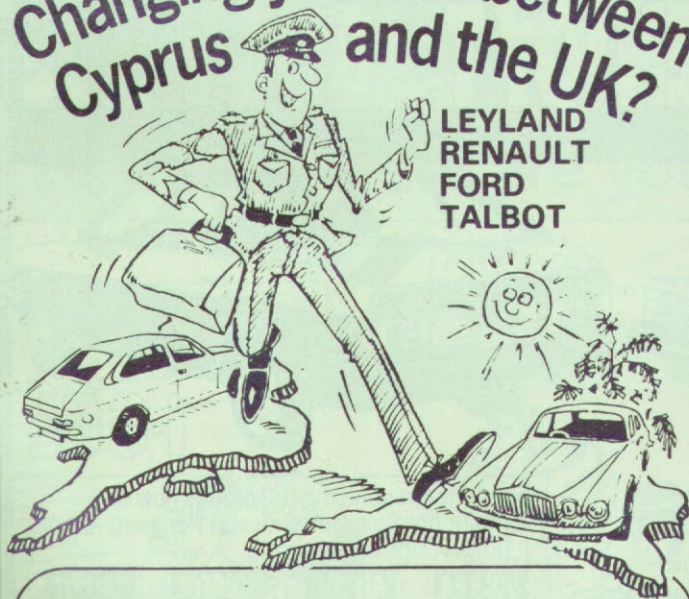


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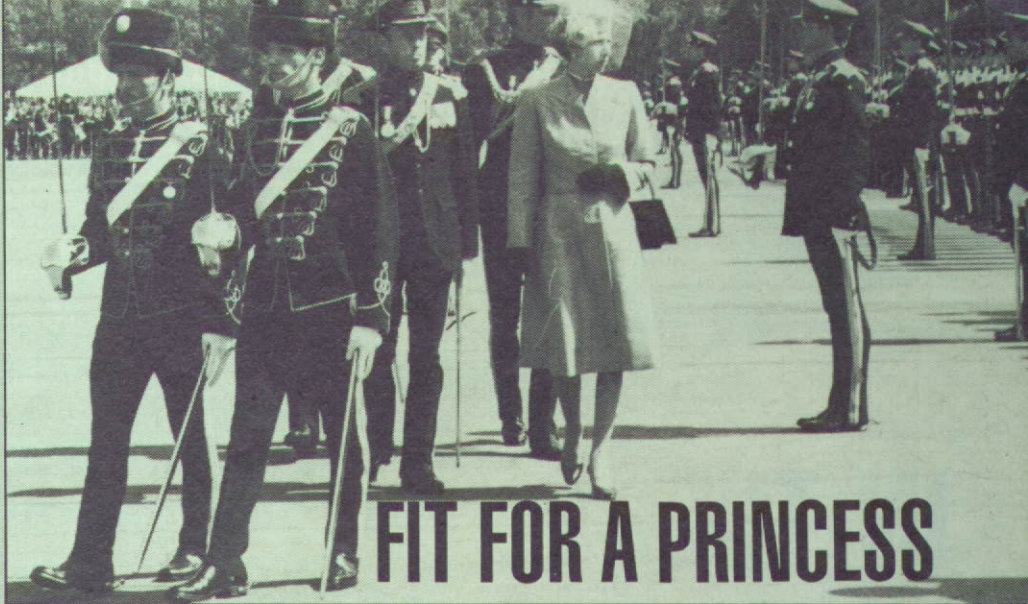
SUNLIGHT GLITTERED on swords, medals and the blue and gold uniforms of the 14th/20th King's Hussars as Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne presented the regiment with a new guidon at Hohne.

The long list of battle honours on the guidon, or regimental colour, provided a link with the regiment's proud traditions and history, and the band was admired ungrudgingly by visitors from other regiments as being superb.

But behind the pomp and splendour of the occasion was a reminder of the regiment's real job; Chieftain main battle tanks, in their drab camouflage, were parked at the rear of the parade ground.

The contrast was not lost on Princess Anne, Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment,

Cpl George Gledhill holds aloft the tug-of-war trophy presented by Princess Anne.



FIT FOR A PRINCESS

Princess Anne inspects the guidon parade.

when she addressed them. Congratulating the troops on their impressive performance on parade, she said that the ability to march up and down did not necessarily make good tank crews. But the determination, patience and hard work which had so obviously gone into the parade were qualities which were invaluable for tank crews in Britain's Rhine Army.

The Princess — whose brother Prince Andrew has been flying Sea King helicopters with the Royal Navy in the Falkland Islands — said that she could understand the feeling of frustration that many might feel at not being able to fight alongside their fellow soldiers in that conflict.

But she said that the terrain in the Falklands was not suitable for tank warfare — and besides, the 14th/20th Hussars had a vital role in the defence of Europe.

The Princess' visit to Hohne was not all in a serious vein — she met soldiers and their wives at a garden party and was presented with an armful of red roses by German

children when she went to sign the guest book in nearby Bergen.

During the parade itself the sun shone brilliantly, but a blustery wind caused ladies to hold onto their hats and ruffled the surplices of the padres who officiated at the consecration of the guidon.

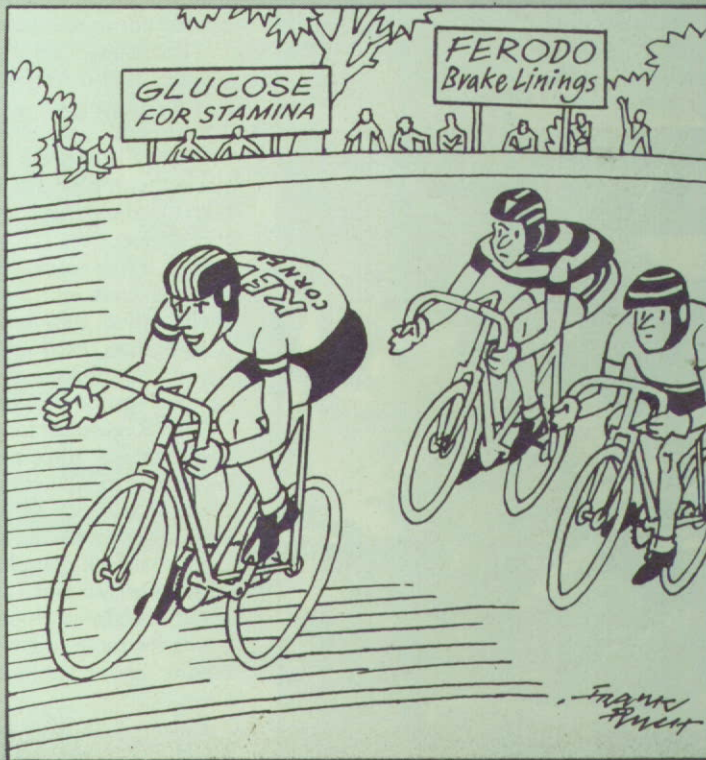
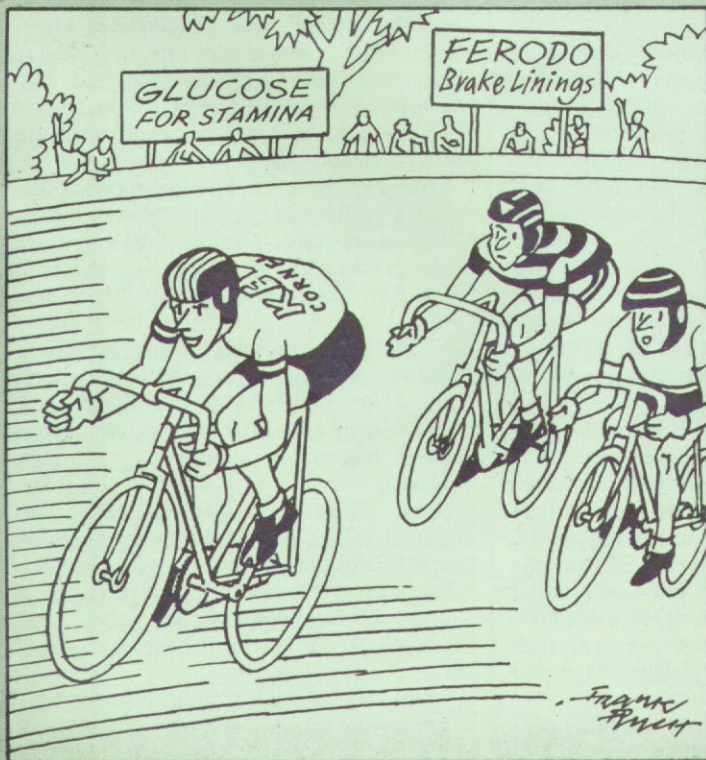
That same wind provided problems for the thirty or so hot-air balloonists from all over Europe who assembled on Hohne's airfield for an international balloon race due to be started by Princess Anne. Only a handful managed to get aloft, and of those who did several had bumpy landings a few kilometres away. The Princess, who also saw a regimental sports afternoon and a polo match at the airfield, did see the British Post Office's balloon 'Postcode It' get off the ground.

Princess Anne later attended a guidon dance at Schloss Bredebeck, the regiment's officers' mess, and early the next morning some of the intrepid balloonists managed a dawn take-off from the grounds through the mist.

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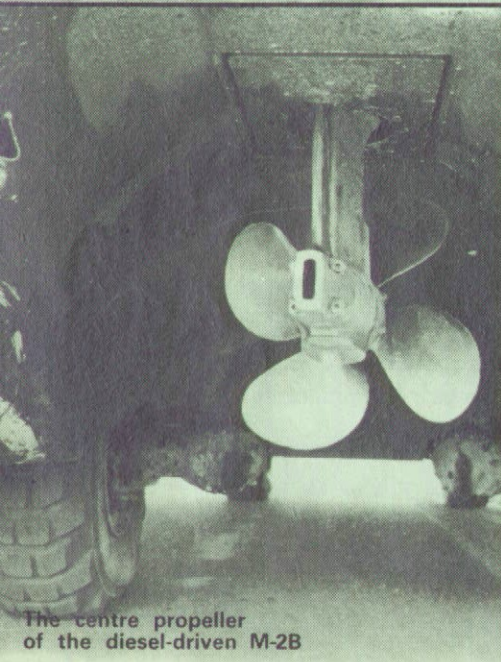
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The nine-day, night-activity exercise deploying most of the Regiment's 21½-ton rigs and men from its 23 and 64 Amphibious Squadrons, 71 Training Squadron and its own 180-strong REME Workshops, had started with a "crash out" call in the early hours at their barracks in the town of Paderborn.

The water-borne sappers made for their survival areas and a bridging operation on their native 100-yard-wide River Weser. Two bridges, each with 10 of the three-man crewed aluminium alloy rigs, were put in place in just 60 minutes.

The Regiment in their German-built, twin-engined, three-propellered vehicles — each the size of a single-decker bus — then headed eastwards to put five more bridges across the River Leine near Hildesheim. And, that task completed, the 34-foot-long diesel-powered rigs (they have an in-water speed of eight-knots-an-hour) moved northwards for more night work — four bridges linking the two banks of the River Aller near Celle.

But the highlight of Exercise Neptune's Trident was the bridging of the Elbe at

Artlenburg, east of Hamburg.

A team of 21 divers from the Regiment carried out their third recce of the nine-foot depths in as many months. And at 2200 hours the first three rigs slipped into the sluggish waters to act as safety boats 300 metres downstream for the life-jacketed sappers.

Commercial users of the Elbe — it flows from East Germany — had long been warned of the exercise which attracted 17 late night *Zaungäste* (fence watchers) which may have included 'observers' on behalf of agencies behind the nearby Inner German Border. First on the scene, however, was a solitary white swan.

An hour later, another dozen of the 56 rigs which had made the 57-mile convoy trip by autobahn from Rheinsehlen Camp, near Soltau, took their turn, emerging from a heavily-wooded 'hide' some miles away. They nosed unabashedly into the Elbe to form four Class 60 ferries (capable of sustaining a 56-ton Chieftain tank in transit, if need be) for use as reserves and the carriage of a command post to the opposite shore.

At 0230 the main body of forty M-2Bs started to formate, as one observer put it, "like an armada on the Elbe." Among them famous names like *Marie Celeste*, *Ark Royal*, *Kon-Tiki*, *Cutty Sark*, and the *USS Enterprise*.

The rigs, their screws turning continually and with mast lights on — to satisfy a local navigation regulation — achieved their bridge over the Elbe in just two hours twenty minutes not counting two in-built delays.

Just 15 minutes later the bridge was opened to the privileged military traffic supplied by the Regiment, nearly 50 vehicles from squadron echelons carrying 'vital supplies' aboard four-tonne trucks and Land-Rovers as part of the exercise scenario.

The very temporary bridge over the Elbe spanned the waterway for about 75 minutes when it had to be disengaged, to allow the

Pictures: Les Wiggs

resumption of commercial traffic.

The last pontoon bridge of similar intent to straddle the Elbe at that very point, but under fire, was in April 1945. Then, twice the number of men had linked up a Class 40 pontoon in 30 hours to secure a bridgehead.

Lieutenant-Colonel Joe Thompson, Commanding Officer, 28 Amphibious Engineer Regiment, said: "We are just practising our war role; a prestige build across flowing, navigable water with everyone involved. It's quite a challenge because the water's edge has receded about 20 metres since we started and the actual water level has dropped by 30 inches. The challenge arises because we are used to working against a fairly stiff current."

Another part of the challenge had been the 15-hour daylight wait in a mosquito-marauded forest with vehicles well 'cammed up' more than a dozen miles from the projected bridging site.

Staff Sergeant Paul Pilkington, a Troop Staff Sergeant, told SOLDIER: "All movement and bridge building is done in the dark. In the past, I've seen guys with rigs bouncing off each other for two hours trying to link up. The responsibility is passed right down to the sappers on the rig. If the sapper pilot cannot get it right, no staff officers, no colonels are going to get the bridges together."

Among the visitors who watched the vehicles move quietly to the site, lit only by dimmed convoy lights at the rear, was Colonel John Kitching, Commander Engineers, 4th Armoured Division.

He said: "It's the first time I've seen a bridge of this size in production. I'm most impressed. It's really rather remarkable and I'm going to take my staff car across on my return to 4 Div. The very fact that this bridge can be done so smoothly is a great comfort."

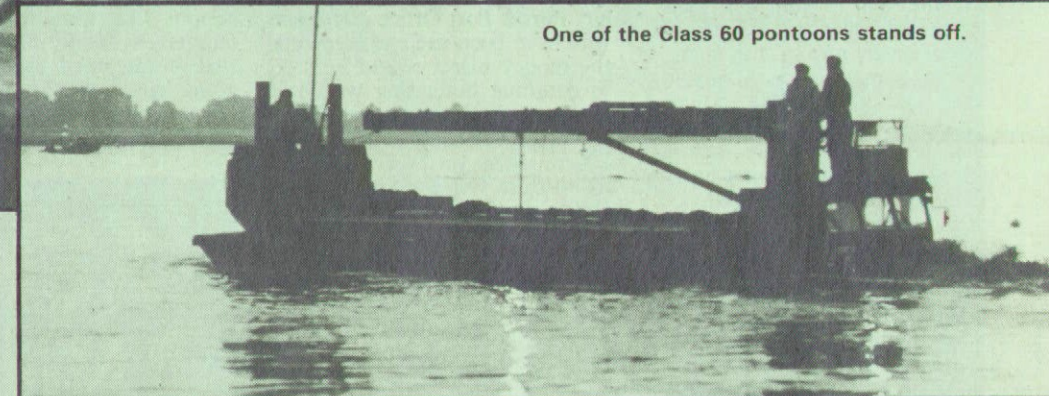
So what is left for 28 Amphibious Engineer Regiment to achieve?

Staff Sergeant Pilkington quipped: "Rumour has it, the Channel is next!" ■

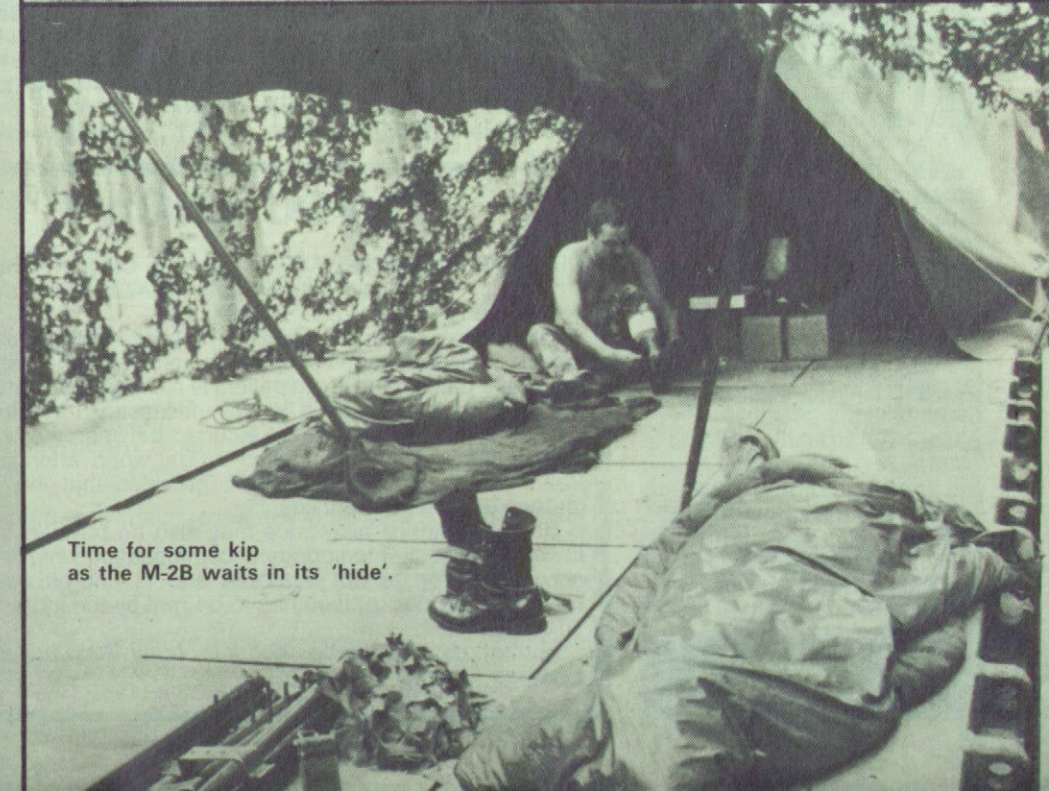
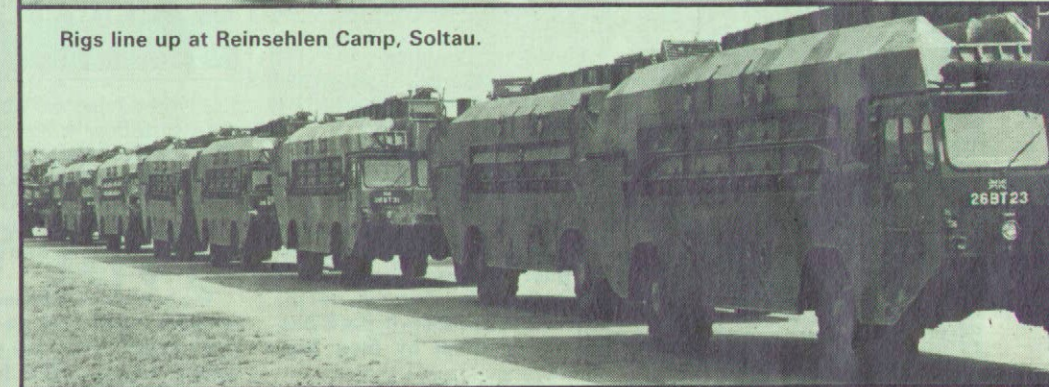
The convoy moves silently across the bridge.



One of the Class 60 pontoons stands off.



Rigs line up at Reinsehlen Camp, Soltau.



Time for some kip as the M-2B waits in its 'hide'.

ANNE ARMSTRONG



THE NEWS THAT the fighting in the Falklands is over has gladdened the whole country. But it has brought a very special sense of relief to all the wives and families whose loved ones have been in the front line.

Ever since the Task Force set sail they have listened anxiously to the news bulletins, hoping and praying that their men are safe. Now the end of their lonely ordeal is in sight.

For some families of course the general jubilation is tempered by deep personal sorrow — for husbands and fathers who will not be coming back. Our hearts go out to them.

Let us remember too all those who have been seriously wounded in the conflict. For their families perhaps the real trials and tribulations are only just beginning.

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Now to another important matter. The second UKLF Wives' Seminar is to be held on 17th September at Bagshot Park.

This year there will be five delegates each from South-East and Western Districts, four from London District and three each from Scotland, Wales, Eastern, North East, North West and Western Districts; Northern Ireland is also being invited to send a representative. If you wish to be considered as a District representative then inform your Families Housing and Welfare Commandant. District nominations have to be notified to HQ UKLF by 12 July.

The aim of this year's seminar is "To provide a Forum in which representative UKLF wives can present their views, comments and ideas on matters of Administration, Welfare or Quartering policy which affect the lives of Service families in the UK." The outline programme covers points raised in the 1981 seminar and a presentation, followed by discussion, of a proposal to form a UKLF Families Association.

If you have views or ideas of general interest to raise, pass them by letter to your District Representative after 12 July — the more interest shown, the better.

Anne Armstrong

Since I raised the issue of changes in the payment of child benefit, I have received many letters and comments from you endorsing the proposals and hoping for an extension to the scheme in BAOR.

The new method, known as Automated Credit Transfer, allows for mothers to receive child benefit by a direct monthly payment in arrears into a National Giro Account, a Savings Bank or a Building Society.

The scheme could be of great significance to Service wives overseas whose child benefit is at present paid to their husband through the pay office with his monthly salary. Mothers with a National Giro Account, for example, would be able to draw their money across the counter of any Forces Post Office and those who have been used to receiving the money direct would be able to continue budgeting with the allowance in the same way.

The DHSS has told me that "there is, as yet, very little demand from Forces wives to have child benefit paid into a bank account in this country (only 37 such payments are made), and for this reason there are at present no plans to extend ACT publicity to BAOR wives." They added that there would have to be discussions with the MoD before such a scheme could be implemented.

However, judging by the favourable response I have had from you, I'm sure it would be a welcome move.

Below are extracts from a couple of letters on the subject: I think the once-a-month direct payment would be a much better arrangement as there must be cases where some wives don't feel the benefit of the allowance because it isn't passed on to them by their husbands.

Many times I have heard wives say they wish it were possible to have the benefit paid into a UK bank account and they have been really surprised when I've informed them that

they can. I feel this is mainly because they don't know they can do so or because the lengthy procedure has put them off.

Would it not be possible for wives to have a payment book (as in UK) to draw the allowance?

Mrs W, BFPO 53

I was surprised to learn that child benefit can be paid directly into a bank account in UK. Talking to other wives, they also denied any knowledge of this, which is a great pity as most of them resent having it accounted for once a month on their husband's wage. There is still a strong feeling to go back to the days of collecting it oneself from the post office on station.

In UK, social workers and people like Gingerbread (the one-parent family organisation) realise the need for payments going direct to the person responsible for the children.

Mrs B, BFPO 30

ASK ANNE

Can you advise me what procedure to follow when taking our BFG car on holiday to Northern Ireland? I know we are not permitted to take a BFG car into the country, but beyond that nobody seems to know what to do.

We have been advised to register and tax the car as a permanent import but this seems all wrong to me. We have also heard that we could obtain plates at the port of entry to UK but nobody seems to know how to go about this. Can you please help?

Mrs K, Germany

DID YOU KNOW?

DEPENDANTS WHO HAVE to return to UK from overseas for specialist medical treatment at public expense may also be eligible for certain other allowances.

Payment is subject to certification by a medical board or senior medical officer but, on the recommendation of either of these, the patient and, if the patient is a child, an accompanying adult may be entitled to any necessary travelling expenses (other than taxi fares) incurred between the hospital and temporary accommodation in UK when attending for treatment or visiting the patient, provided that the single journey exceeds three miles.

Half subsistence allowance may also be payable to help towards the cost of temporary accommodation where official accommodation is not available and is not provided by relatives. The cost of food has to be met by the individual in all cases.

Further details will be found in Army Allowances and Charges, Chapter 6.

The Automobile Association has agreed to offer its new import service to Service personnel who are importing vehicles previously BFG registered into Northern Ireland. Service personnel wishing to take advantage of this service do not have to be AA members, although the cost to non-members will be £19.55, whereas members will pay only £14.55.

In practice, the AA import service ensures that Servicemen will arrive in Northern Ireland already registered, taxed and fitted with number plates for the locality to which they have been posted.

If you wish to use this service, you should apply to the Automobile Association, Fanum House, Basingstoke, Hampshire but do remember that they require at least eight weeks' notice before the date you intend to travel.

However, this service only applies to those who are permanently posted to Northern Ireland. I suggest you contact the AA at the above address for help on holiday import procedures.

I have also had a similar letter from a soldier serving in Cyprus who is due to be posted to Ireland at the end of the year. If your car has GB or Cyprus licence plates you are less obviously a member of the Forces and are thus not affected in quite the same way as Servicemen with BFG plates. However, I would again suggest that you write to the Automobile Association or the Royal Automobile Club for advice.

I have rather a sad note to end on this time. A letter to the *Daily Mirror* from a Forces wife caught my eye and I quote:

"I am a Forces wife in Germany with the sort of problems many other wives like me face. My husband spends his nights at the Mess and his weekends playing and following sport.

"I want to get out and make a new life in England for my children and myself. I desperately need help but don't know where to turn. The powers-that-be don't seem interested in the wives — we are the lowest of the low on the list of priorities.

"Please help me and other desperate Service wives. I can't give you my address as my husband opens all my mail."

She was advised to contact the Ssafasocial worker or sister in her unit and also to speak to the Unit Families Officer. The Padre too can often give practical advice and help.

There are, sadly, a growing number of cases involving matrimonial problems among Service families. Anyone who is in similar circumstances as the author of this cry for help should also seek help. There are people who will listen and deal sympathetically with your problems. There is always someone to who you can turn.

— Play for Today —

HOSPITAL LIFE IS looking up for children at the Cambridge Military Hospital in Aldershot. As Lieutenant-General Sir Alan Reay, Director General of Medical Services, cut the white ribbon to open the first Save the Children Hospital Playscheme in the children's ward, he banished the boredom, the fears and the loneliness that overwhelm so many children when they are suddenly left by their parents in the clinical and alien environment of a hospital.

Under the guidance of Anne Colligan, a play specialist with the Save the Children Fund who has just spent two years at Botley Hospital for handicapped children, the playscheme will supplement the care and attention that the nursing staff devote to the children by providing the familiar environment of play and games. The scheme is for an initial period of three years.

Shirley Craig is the senior advisor of the SCF Hospital Playschemes and she explained their value. "Our playschemes are to help bring the comfort and reassurance of play. Familiar toys and activities make children feel that home is not too far away. We play games of doctors and nurses with real equipment and this helps them to accept their treatment more readily.

"Our play specialists also have the time to sit and listen to children, to explain what's happen-

ing and to calm their fears. We all work closely and in co-operation with the ward staff, nurses, doctors, families and voluntary helpers in all activities," she added.

An initial approach three years ago by Peg Belson of National Association for the Welfare of the Child in Hospital (NAWCH), Alison Cook of SCF and myself, resulted in help and donations from the Education and Health Councils, the Toy Library, the local PPA and PSA. There were also generous gifts from Boots the Chemist in Aldershot who gave a magnificent £1500 to the children's ward, and donations from individual Servicemen who realised the need for a playscheme.

Representatives of each of these bodies joined the children who had been wheeled outside in their beds and cots for the opening ceremony and the cutting of the birthday cake by General Reay. They heard the General praise the playscheme: "It is desperately important that Save the Children has made it possible for us to open a proper playscheme. You have given us a rolling start and this will enable us to have time to find the means to carry it on, a challenge we must meet."

Ward Sister, Dorothy Llewellyn, has already met her personal challenge as a member of the ward staff who have had to adjust to the introduction of the

scheme. "I am of the old school. I would never have sand, paint, water and games in my ward but, today, I wonder how I ever managed without a playscheme. It's the best thing since sliced bread!"

Right: Lieutenant-General Sir Alan Reay at the opening ceremony.



Above: Some of the children who will benefit from the new Playscheme with Anne Colligan (right).

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME . . .

A FANFARE from a Royal Marine trumpeter heralded the first official appearance of the 1982 Rose of the Year at the Chelsea Flower Show.

As 'Mountbatten' took pride of place on the Harkness of Hitchin stand at the show, a basketful of the sweet-smelling,

clear, yellow roses was presented to Countess Mountbatten, daughter of the late Lord Mountbatten who was, for 25 years, President of Ssafa.

The rose had its first public showing in fact last year but few people were aware that 30 buds had been woven into the Princess

of Wales' glorious wedding bouquet.

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The roses may be ordered through Ssafa on the coupon (below) and for every rose sold in this way, a donation will be made to Ssafa.

And the 'Mountbatten' rose has already inspired other memorials to the great man.

It was Thomas Campbell who first had the idea for a scarf in memory of the late Lord Mountbatten and he asked designer Bill Poole to come up with something.

The original design is of two roses in shades of mimosa and golden yellow in full bloom, highlighted with butterflies and in a border of rosebuds. The inner blue and outer yellow borders recall the colours of Lord Mountbatten's naval uniform.

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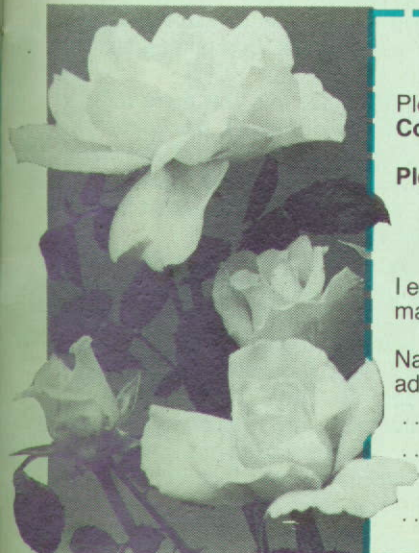
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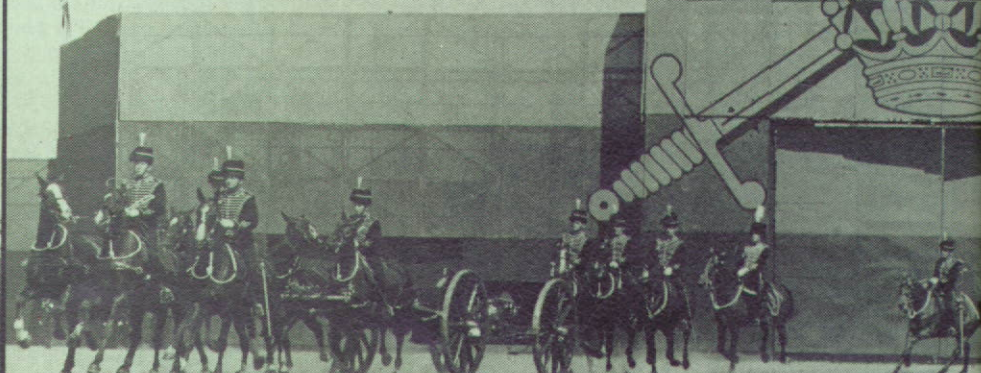
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•All round Rushmoor Arena, where the display has been held since 1972, there are static displays by all the Arms and Services of the Regular Army, units of the TA and also the Army Cadet Force.

Some 120 exhibition tents on hire from Naafi at a cost of £43,000, are positioned in the wooded 35 acres of Rushmoor.

Taking place each day in the Arena itself is the 'tattoo' element of the Display. This year — as well as the usual crowd pullers like Massed Bands, Pipes and Drums, the White Helmets motorcycle display team and the free-fall parachuting skills of the Red Devils — the Postal and Courier Service of the Royal Engineers promises a display to mark its centenary.

A PT display by the Army's Junior Soldiers, a glider and hang-glider demonstration, the ever popular RAVC dogs and the Kings Troop, RHA are other Arena attractions guaranteed to enthral mums, dads and kids alike for an action packed two hours.

For the first time this year there will also be a guest appearance of the Garde Impériale, a remarkable group of Yorkshiremen who keep alive the drill, customs and uniform of Napoleon Bonaparte's famous regiment.

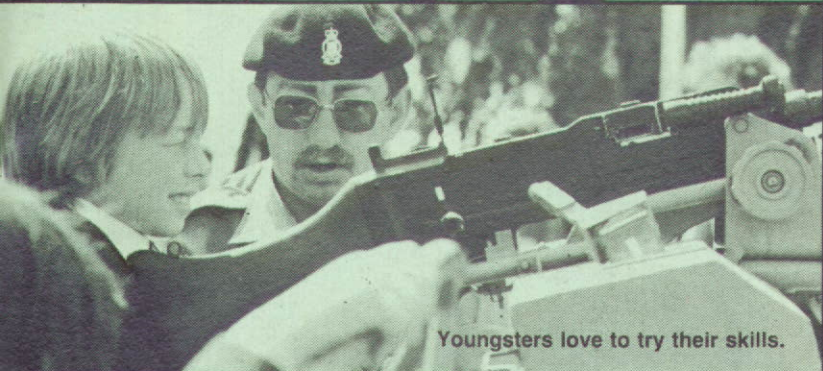
To stage manage a show of these proportions requires lengthy and careful planning and this task falls to the Army Display Office, South East District and is coordinated by Lieutenant-Colonel Ian Munro.

Now that the Display is held every two years, this means an intensive six months out of the 24 when a team of administrative helpers come to the aid of Colonel Munro to pull the whole thing together.

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Hang-gliding will be featured this year



Youngsters love to try their skills.



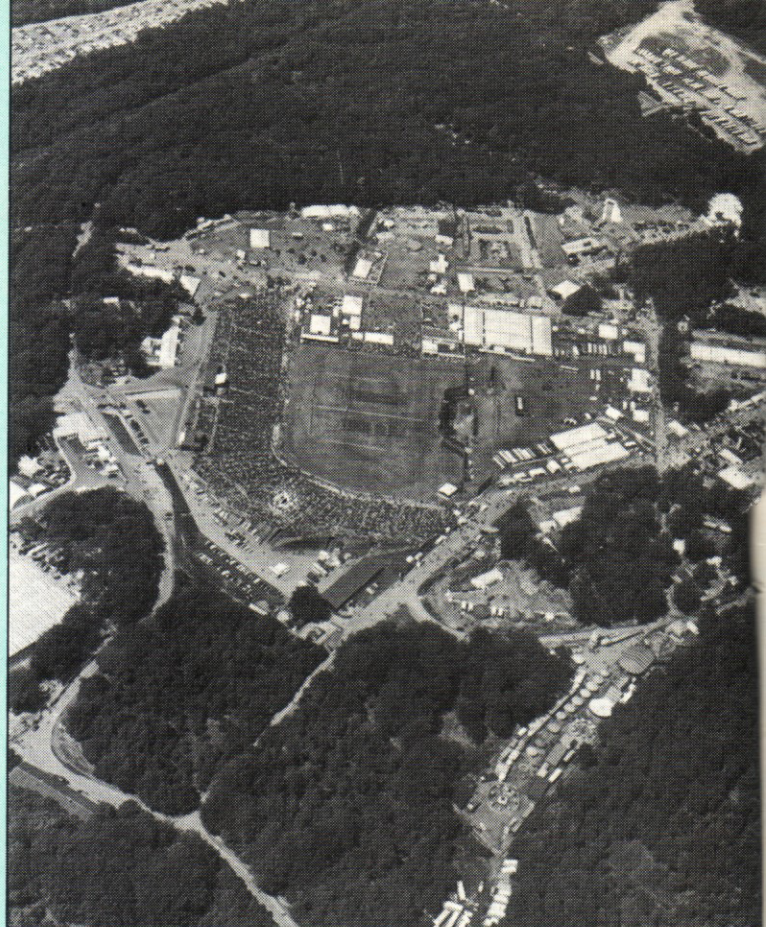
▲ All smiles at the 1980 Army Display.



▲ The fire jump — part of the daring White Helmets' routine.

◀ Pipes and Drums of the Brigade of Gurkhas — a flashback to the 1965 Display.





The Grenadiers à Pied de la Garde Impériale ▲ — from Yorkshire — will be putting on a colourful demonstration of foot and arms drill.

Top right: A birds-eye view of the packed stands and car parks at Rushmoor Arena two years ago.

One of this year's 'co-opteds' is Lieutenant-Colonel Tony Clarke, MBE LI, the deputy controller, who explains "most of the groundwork is already done by the time we get here and we then get down to the detail like who's coming and where they're going to stay."

Just to physically erect the Display takes a good deal of muscle and skill. This is provided by the Pioneer Corps and experts such as 69 Gurkha Independent Field Squadron who lay the infrastructure.

"It all gets a bit hectic," said another of the organisers, WO2 Bob French RAOC, "especially towards the end when you can really be working into the twilight hours. Crisis management, that's what it is!"

With a shrinking Army and financial cuts it becomes harder to put on a show to the same extent as previously. For instance, available manpower is 40 per cent down on the 1976 figure and funds have definitely not kept up with inflation.

The crisis in the Falkland Islands is also inevitably bound to have an effect on the show this year. Some displays, both static and in the arena, have had to pull out because of sudden redeployment of troops and equipment to the South Atlantic.

Hedged in by these sort of problems the Display team feels justified in adopting as its motto Exodus V, 18: 'Go therefore, now and work for there shall be no straw given you yet ye shall deliver the tale of bricks'.

"But as if that's not enough," says Colonel Munro drily, "now they've sent all the Israelites away as well!"

It is to the credit of Colonel Munro and his team that this year's show still looks likely to attract the same number of visitors as in previous years as well as yield some £30,000 profit for the Army Benevolent Fund.

Despite all the glamour, the accent of the show is on accurately portraying the Army of the eighties. Colonel Munro is concerned

that some of the public still believe in the image of the 'brutal and licentious soldiery'.

"What we hope to do at the Aldershot Army Display is to prove otherwise and that today's Army is not the Army of National Service."

The way to do this is for people to come and meet the Army face-to-face and see what kind of person the Army now attracts. Colonel Munro believes this is why the static displays are so important and why it would be a mistake to concentrate on the tattoo idea which used to be the case before 1939.

"If we were to revert to the tattoo" explained Colonel Munro, "which is in effect military theatre, then the public would come merely to see a military play and wouldn't meet the Army properly — just as they don't meet actors other than outside the stage door of a theatre."

"And," adds Colonel Clarke, "people shouldn't be afraid to go and talk to the soldiers and ask them questions and see the type of chap who's defending the Falklands. They're the same people, after all — they may be at the show now but they could be in the front line next year."

Putting the soldier's job in proper perspective is particularly important from the recruiting point of view stressed Colonel Clarke.

"It's the mothers you've got to convince — you've got to show them that it's a good professional job and they're not going to be made redundant in a year."

"The greatest free show in the country" is how the Display is advertised and who can gainsay that when all you pay for is the souvenir programme, your ice creams and hot-dogs — and perhaps this latest issue of Soldier.

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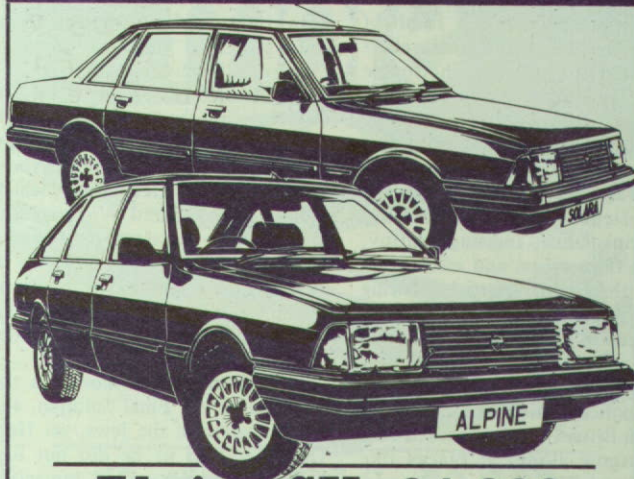
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Sure enough, he discovered that not everyone was an angel. There were skivers and fiddlers, black marketeers and trouble-makers, and people who suffered as a result of ignorance, bad luck or someone else's incompetence or bullying. The trouble with the book is that he interviewed too high a proportion of them.

A particularly nasty specimen is "Fusilier", who admits to "about 27 cases of absence, countless charges of disobedience, insubordination, dumb insolence, inciting mutiny, escapes from prison and escorts and two or three court martials" during his service, much of which seems to have been in India. This authority is quoted as evidence that at the height of the Normandy campaign, "almost every police station and detention camp in Britain was jam-packed full. In Glasgow alone, at places like Blythwood Police station, deserters were sitting twelve in a cell..." There are more credible sources of historical fact, Mr Grafton.

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Heydrich: The Pursuit of Total Power: Gunther Deschner

It was disgrace that set Reinhard Heydrich on the way to the heights of power. As a 27-year-old Lieutenant in the German navy he announced his engagement to one lady after having made advances to and aroused the



expectations of another. A naval court sentenced him to a "straight-forward dishonourable discharge."

A few weeks later he joined the Bavarian SS, thanks largely to the fact that Himmler was confused about the difference between *Nachrichtenoffizier* (wireless officer, which Heydrich was) and *Nachrichtendienstoffizier* (intelligence officer, which Himmler sought). That was in 1931. By 1936, Heydrich was head of the central security department of the SS, including the Gestapo and the criminal and security police.

He is remembered mostly as the architect of the Final Solution, the extermination of the Jews, yet Herr Deschner tells us he did not like killing Jews. He called himself a Zionist and encouraged German Jews to emigrate to Palestine, until the war put a stop to that. He was then enthusiastic about schemes to send them to colonise Madagascar and the Polar region after the war. He organised the round-up of Jews and their massacre in extermination units as just another "necessity of war."

Heydrich's achievements as Protector of Bohemia and Moravia perhaps arouse the most respect for his talents, though not his scruples. The area was vital to the German war effort both for its armament factories producing a third of German tanks, for example, and as a transport centre

for the whole Reich. Under Heydrich's predecessor, discontent among the Czechs affected morale, productivity dropped and resistance to the Nazis grew. Heydrich "turned rape into seduction" by well-publicised measures like hitting the black market and improving the flow of rations, and got the country quiet and armaments flowing. This worried the Czech government-in-exile in London and two bumbling assassins were sent. By luck, they fatally wounded Heydrich on the day he was going to Berlin expecting to be transferred to similar duty in France and Belgium. It was a wry twist that Hitler's rage at the assassination led to the massacre of 199 men and deportation of the women of Lidice and so revived the Czech will to resist.

Mr Deschner's objective and interesting study reveals a grudging admiration for Heydrich's efficiency in dealing with whatever task came to hand, but the author makes no bones of the fact that if Heydrich had survived to appear in the Nuremberg trials he would have been "among those more convincingly accused". Orbis, 20-22 Bedfordbury, London WC2 — £10.

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end, having little faith in Britain's ability to hold out where she had failed. She felt betrayed by Britain's apparently half-hearted military support, and believed that to turn the fleet over to her former ally would risk German retribution to no gain. Britain, in her turn, regarded France as unreliable, and saw her role as depending more on the Empire and America; she felt let down by France's collapse, and had no intention of making peace with Hitler.

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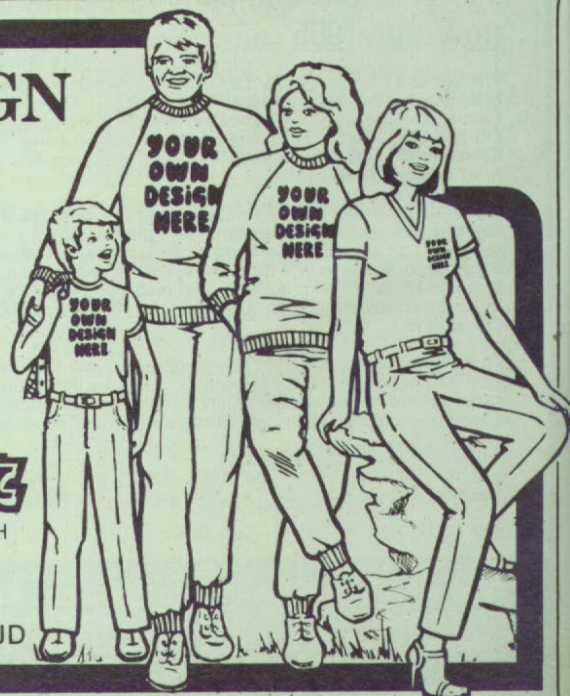
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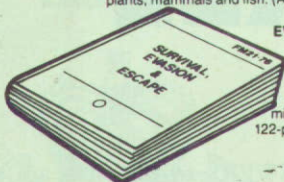
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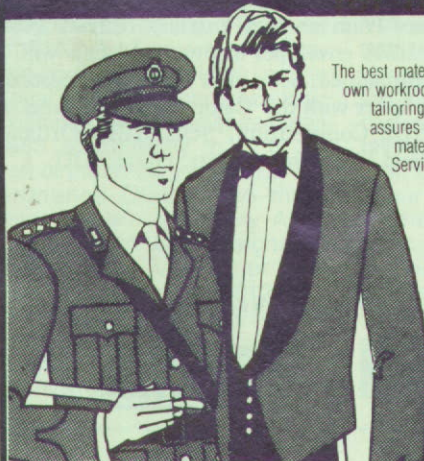
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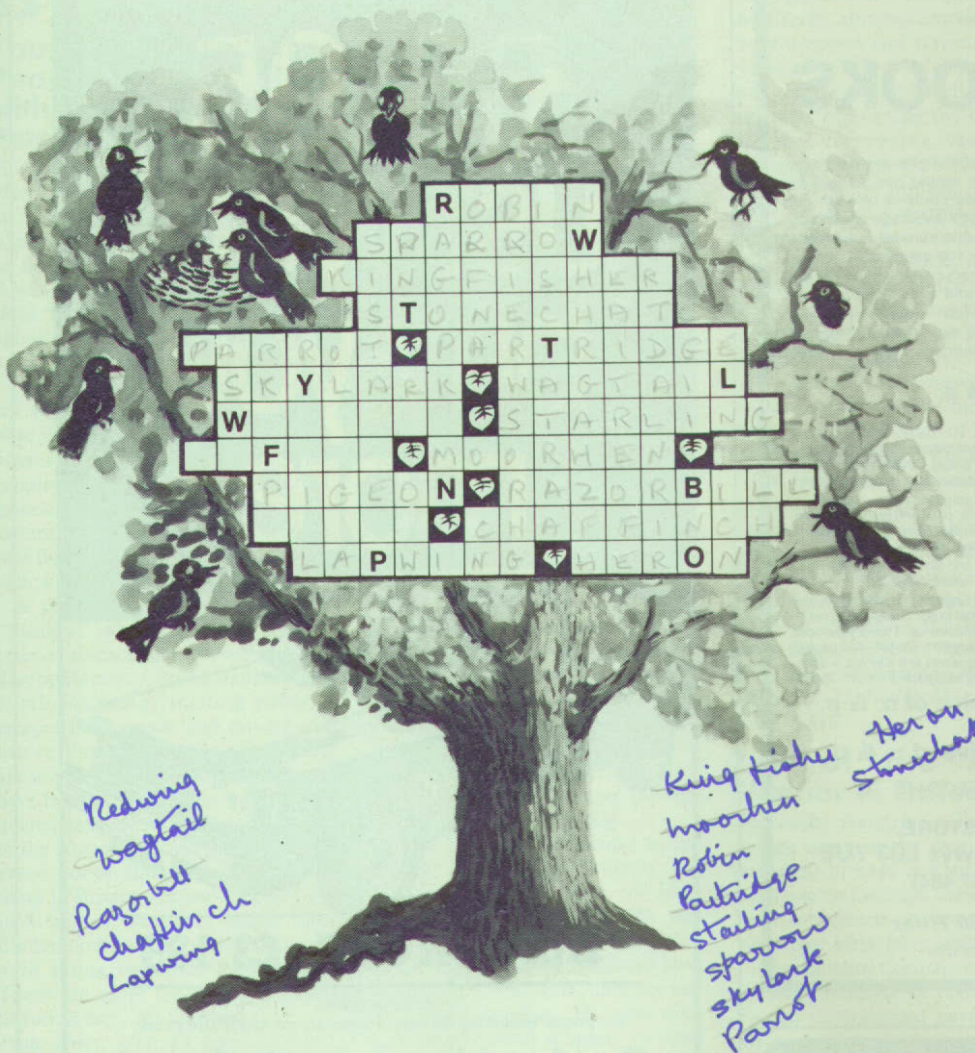
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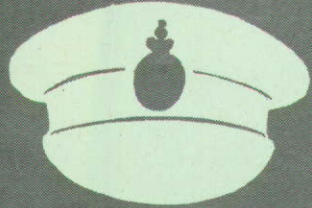
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 24 Shaver (5) *Razor*
 25 Colour (3) *Red*
 26 Top of two slopes (5) *Ridge*
 27 Plunder (3) *Rob*
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THIS CORPS, consisting of men of intelligence and possessed of many diverse skills, was incorporated as one Regiment in 1856 being formerly two separate bodies. The officers, as the Royal Engineers, can trace their existence back at least as far as 1683 and directly to 1717 as part of the military branch of the Ordnance Office. The men, being known as Military Artificers in 1788 and designated Royal Military Artificers or Sappers and Miners in 1812, became Royal Sappers & Miners the following year. Thus was originated the proud and familiar nickname by which they are

known throughout the Army to the present day.

The wide variety of their duties and skills has tended to obscure the roles played by both officers and men over the centuries, and the publicity given to the more colourful arms of the service has heightened this. However, a brief roll call may well refresh the reader's memory for 'Chinese' Gordon of Khartoum, Chard of Rorke's Drift and Kitchener were all Sappers.

The Royal Corps of Signals and the Royal Flying Corps, later the Royal Air Force, both started life in this Corps. Taking precedence immediately after the Royal Artillery, the twin mottoes of *Ubique* (Everywhere) and *Quo fas et Gloria ducunt* (Whither honour and glory lead) are shared with that Regiment, masking a long list of battle honours and the many deeds of valour and gallantry performed by its soldiers.

The cap badge, when studied, gives modest clues to the esteem in which this Corps is held, showing as it does the Royal cypher and Garter motto and the generous laurel wreath. From 1897 the badge bore the Victorian crown and the cypher of Queen Victoria enclosed by a strap inscribed 'Royal Engineers', surrounded by a wreath of laurel, in gilding metal. The change in crown to that of the Imperial type also saw the Garter motto replace the title scroll, which was then placed at the base of the wreath. This format continued with appropriate changes, in cypher only, for the reigns of George V, Edward VIII and George VI until 17th January 1949 when the laurel wreath was changed from gilding metal to be white metal, the rest of the badge remaining as gilding metal. The final change took place after the accession of our present Queen, when the cypher was once again changed and the crown replaced by that of the St Edward's design.

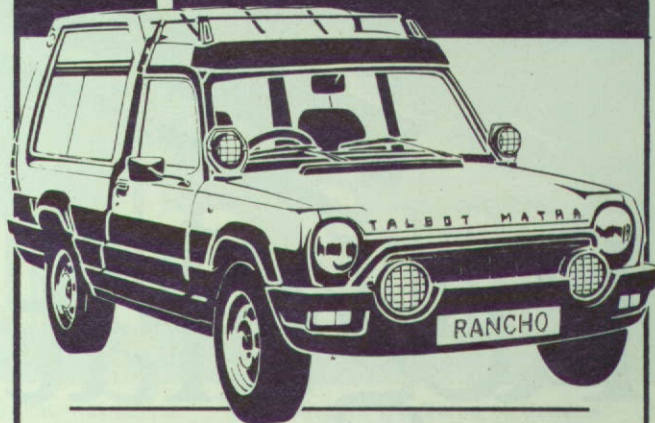
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Tankies back on the Somme

NEARLY 500 British 'tankies' went back to the Somme last month — but not a single shell was fired in anger.

Some of the young soldiers, drawn from BAOR's four resident Royal Tank Regiment formations, were direct descendants of those in action on the Somme 65 years ago. And they looked and listened enthralled as scenes from some of the most dramatic tank battles of both World Wars, including the first ever tank army engagement at Cambrai in 1917, were vividly brought back to mind in graphic verbal reconstructions.

The occasion was the RTR Battlefield Tour 82, a regimentally-sponsored trip to the cemeteries, war memorials and locations of areas noted for tank actions, especially Cambrai and later, in 1940, Calais and Arras.

Among the VIP speakers on the tour was

83-year-old George Brown who was one of four Lewis gunners among eight crew aboard a 28-ton, Mk IV Female Tank at Cambrai on November 20, 1917. He was serving with Tank Command, H Battalion RTC.

George, who was wounded in the left foot by a shell fragment in the action, looked at the scene of his former exploits from Welsh Ridge — now the uncompleted section of a motorway flyover — and recalled: "We moved out at about 0620. It was exciting and a bit frightening. I was a bit apprehensive about the outcome but, apart from that, I had no other feelings."

He was wounded again 13 months later and taken a prisoner which involved a four-day journey on a hospital train. The incident happened as he was running towards a shell hole. A German bullet ripped through his back into his chest and through his tunic.

A briefing on the Battle of Cambrai — the battlefield spread out behind.

He ran for another 25 yards, jumped into the shell hole. A mate running with him was killed.

Twenty-one years later he was in the Army again — and in Germany yet once more.

George explained: "I had been a plasterer's labourer for 17½ years, doing a jolly good job and, in January 1939, I decided to join the Royal Artillery TA just to get a fortnight's holiday at Tenby! War broke out in September. I was in the Army again."

The RTR tour was George's second visit to Cambrai. He was back there five years ago for a reunion. He said of today's Army: "I think they would do as good a job as I did but I hope it never happens again."

March-past and salute in Arras. ▼



Story: Graham Smith Pictures: Andy Burrridge

The BAOR 'tankies' for the battlefield tour came from 1RTR at Herford, 2RTR at Wolfenbüttel, 3 RTR from Paderborn, and 4 RTR from Münster.

It is the first time that all four tank regiments have been in one location although 1 RTR return to Bovington and 4 RTR to Tidworth later this year.

During their week-long stay the men were taken by coaches to the various battlefield cemeteries and memorials, sites of trenches (some just undulating hummocks) and the scenes of wartime actions on the Somme, including Vimy Ridge.

French and German war cemeteries were not forgotten either. Among the speakers were five German guests, one of whom had



Lord Carver and RTR members listen intently to one of the battlefield talks.



Mr George Brown, a Cambrai veteran.

a relative at Cambrai.

Another highlight of the tour was a march-past in the Place des Heros in Arras by an amalgam of the three staff bands making up the parade. The salute was taken by Field Marshal Lord Carver — he was two-and-a-half at the time of Cambrai — a former Commandant of the RTR from 1968-1973.

Major Martin Goodson, Brigade Major at HQ Royal Armoured Corps, Bielefeld, said of the tour: "Cambrai and the action there bears little resemblance to what we do today but the visit is our birthright as a regiment. Arras and Calais are more relevant to modern-day warfare."

"Arras was a great counter-attack and the lesson on Calais was invaluable to the lads in as much as in peacetime there are problems of restrictions and we don't get a great deal of training and fighting simulation in built-up areas. Calais was a defensive battle."

"Lots of the tankies got the impression that battlefields are great, big places. Cambrai was not. Nowadays, though, we learn about the North German Plain and great thrusts."


"The battlefield tour has perhaps confirmed two points in their minds. It has brought home the futility of war and the thoughts that one ought to be prepared to make sacrifices in the cause of what we believe is just and right."



Historian Kurt Meyer explains how the Germans viewed the Battle of Cambrai.

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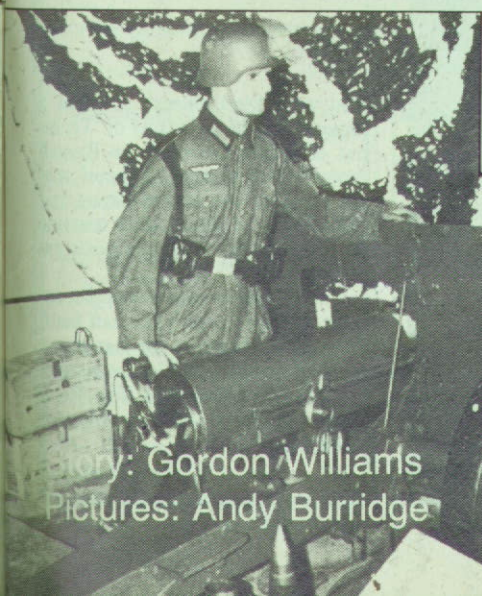
A SHRINE TO MERVILLE'S MARVELS



General Sir Nigel Poett, wartime commander of 5 Para Brigade, speaks at the museum opening.



Old Comrades inspect a model of the Merville raid built by S/Sgt Smith of REME.



WHILE MEN OF the Parachute Regiment were demonstrating on East Falkland that the fighting spirit and determination of their regiment is as strong as ever, their comrades from yesteryear were recalling a brilliant operation carried out by 150 men of the 9th Battalion on the eve of D-Day 1944.

The whole battalion was supposed to have taken the heavily fortified German artillery battery at Merville on the left flank of the invasion beaches. But so scattered was the drop that only the gallant 150 reached the assembly point.

The defenders of the five-acre site numbered about 160 but they were well prepared and the four emplacements of the battery had reinforced concrete walls two metres thick. There were also other concrete defences anti-aircraft guns, machine guns, an anti-tank ditch, minefields and barbed wire.

In the short but bloody battle which took

Tableau of German soldiers with 75 mm artillery piece inside the battery.

place only hours before the main force hit the beaches the Paras lost 65 men killed and wounded. But the guns were put out of action. Twenty-two prisoners were taken with the rest of the German garrison being either killed or wounded.

Now 38 years later, one of the massive emplacements has been turned into a museum.

Officially opened on 5 June it is the result of a joint enterprise by the French Comité du Débarquement and the British Airborne Assault Normandy Trust whose aim is to tell, in the battle zone itself, the fascinating story of how the 6th Airborne Division secured the left flank of the Allied landings.

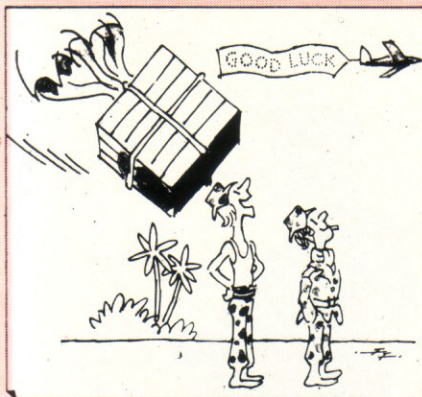
It was appropriate that the prayer of dedication was said by the man who led the assault, Lieutenant Colonel Terence Otway, the Battalion Commander.

The old comrades came in force and remembered every detail; there were representatives from 10 Squadron, Royal Engineers who carried out much of the restoration work and the Red Devils dropped in to present a commemorative scroll to the mayor of Merville.

Coinciding with the opening a new book* by John Golley describes the operation in graphic detail, including the bloody week which followed as the survivors fought their way out to link-up with the expanding Allied bridgehead. By the time the link-up took place only 65 were left.

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The problem of ex-Service personnel being able to find the means by which to fit themselves for a second career after their regular service would seem ever-present and very difficult (SOLDIER 31 May); this especially so for those whose Service training has had little or no content which might have some application to civilian life. In this respect, as far as the Army is concerned, persons who serve in a Corps are often, for obvious reasons, better placed than their contemporaries whose service has been in 'teeth' arms.

Despite the ever-expanding 'empire' of employment advisers, but without the strength of organisations such as the Australian Returned-Servicemen's League, the problem remains grave and is compounded by the fact that unemployment is widespread, in parts of the country almost endemic and continues to include an ever-increasing hard-core of the long-term unemployed.

I'm given to understand that, for some time past, the West German Army has made available, as a statutory right to all regulars with five or more years' service, the choice of full training in whichever trade or profession they elect to pursue after leaving the service — a long but thorough process. The advantage of this system would seem obvious in that no-one should have to face his/her future disadvantaged by having served his/her country in 'peace' or war.

The adoption of such a system has been delayed for far too long in this country, and the enactment of a Bill, similar in its comprehensiveness to the 35 year old American 'GI Bill of Rights', enabling all ranks to take advantage of all the State's machinery of training, from universities down, each according to his/her needs, intellect and ambition, would, I suggest, smooth the way and eradicate a lot of unnecessary worry for those about to embark upon a second career. That the employment hopes and aspirations of ex-regulars should be channelled into certain well-defined areas of employment has always seemed a nonsense, especially for

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those with the drive and ambition to perhaps match or even surpass a successful military career with a second civilian career and who do not wish to look upon this period as a mildly unambitious, gentle glide down to complete retirement.

It is impossible to find any reason for denying the ex-Serviceman/woman entry into any sphere of endeavour, from medicine to mechanics, carpentry to chicken farming, plumbing to primary teaching. Indeed, to widen the argument slightly, it might not be a bad thing for the commercial and social well-being of the country as a whole if, within practicability, all persons were encouraged to completely change their careers at least once in a working lifetime.

To conclude this objective viewpoint, I would suggest it wrong that today's heroes, risking life and health in the first phase of their working lives, should often find themselves unsung, second-class citizens on tomorrow's labour front. — **R H G Travers-Bogusz**, 77 St Thomas's Road, Hardway, Gosport, Hants, PO12 4JU.

A thought-provoking letter which earns its author our £5 prize — Ed.

I refer to the article 'It's Cold Outside' in the 31 May issue and the role of the Army Resettlement Centres and the Regular Forces Employment Association. I found both these organisations of no use on my discharge. I joined the RAOC in 1967 and received a medical discharge in 1978 because of epilepsy.

In 1977 I applied for a Resettlement course and was refused because of my medical discharge. On contacting the local RFEA office I was told that finding employment for people with epilepsy caused many problems although there might be work as a cleaner or handyman. I was not offered any advice or assistance.

Both organisations can be selective and help who it suits them. On speaking to many ex-soldiers, few have found a Resettlement centre of use in finding employment. Employers do not find a 28-day course of much help when choosing staff. Without the assistance of resettlement organisations I have been lucky and found a good job.

I would like to hear from anyone else discharged because of epilepsy and their experiences of finding employment. — **Mr R Clark**, 19 Wellington St, Long Eaton, Nottingham, NG10 4LY.

FEARLESS FIGHTERS

As a Burma Veteran of the 2nd World War — having fought with the British 36 Div and later with the 26 Indian Division — my heart was saddened when I read that men of the Gurkha Rifles were going to the Falkland Islands.

I have nothing but respect and admiration for these fearless fighting machines. They fought alongside us in many battles, they asked no quarter nor gave none. With these men fighting alongside our magnificent

troops, how can we lose? — **Mr J G Watson**, 73 Mendalgief Road, Newport, Gwent, NP7 2HH.

A rhetorical question which has since been well answered by our Forces' victory in the Falklands — Ed.

MISLEADING

I note with dismay that your excellently detailed coverage of the New Pay Scales (17-30 May) includes the now familiar and misleading list of rates for TA officers including scales 'on appointment' and 'after 1, 2, years in rank'. In actual fact all TA officers unless they have previous regular Service, receive the 'on appointment' rate, and the other scales should be annotated as 'after so many years previous regular Army service in the rank'. I believe this has been made clear in your correspondence columns before, but the misleading statements in the list of scales persist. — **Capt R C Santon RCT (V)**, 157 Ellesmere Road, Dollis Hill, London NW10.

RECORD BEATERS

After reading your article about Happy TA Families (31 May), I decided to look around my squadron. I don't think 42 Sigs have anything on 265 (KSY) Signal Squadron (V) based at Bexleyheath.

We have nine married couples, a number of engaged couples, umpteen 'going strongs' and more future announcements expected imminently. The squadron also has its fair share of brothers and sisters and two father and son partnerships.

And 42 Sigs think they hold a record! — **Cpl T Miles**, 47 Abbots Field, Hever Farm, Singlewell, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 5JA.

EAST END HEROES

The letter 'Cockney Pride' (5-18 April) was a pleasure to read. Being a cockney myself I know what Corporal Henry means when he says East-Enders are proud of being a part of England's heritage. Some may be rough and ready but don't let that fool you; when called upon, they can always give a good account of themselves. In the East End dock area during the Blitz they were heroes not scrubbers. So good on you, Corporal Henry! We are cockneys and proud of it.

By the way, our speech/rhyming slang is unique. I use it all the time even here in Canada much to the mystery of most 'Canucks'. — **Mr B J Green**, Box 533, Bracebridge, Ontario, Canada.

PURPLE HEART

I would like to enlighten Mr Crowley in his reference to the American Purple Heart (8 Mar). The Purple Heart medal is not awarded to Servicemen for services rendered, but for wounds or injuries received while in combat.

The PH is, in fact, our oldest medal; General George Washington was the one who initiated the award during the Colonial war 1776.

Medals didn't really come in to the US Forces until the war between the States; President Lincoln authorised the Medal of Honour during that time, and that medal was abused wholesale, with commanders awarding it to entire units. Individuals could recognise themselves for the Medal of Honour, and receive it through the mail. — **John McCamley, HHC, 2 Bn 7th US Cavalry, 1st Cav Div, Fort Hood, Texas 76545, USA.**

RB'S BLUNDER

Rodney Bashford's review of 'Lancashire Bandstand' (17 Mar) the LP and cassette recently released by our regimental band, reveals an ignorance of one of the country's leading showplaces surprising in such an eminent ex-Director of Music. Surely anyone with the vaguest knowledge of Blackpool will know that the 'Golden Mile' is as much part of that famous resort as the tower and 'rock'. There may be a 'Golden Mile' in Edinburgh but, if there is, it can be but a poor imitation.

I doubt whether Mr Robinson has the pretensions of grandeur suggested by Rodney. Kenneth Alford could not have faulted his accuracy or aptness in this respect. — **Col J A C Bird OBE, RHQ The Queen's Lancashire Regt, Fulwood Bks, Preston, PR2 4AA.**

CADET'S PLEA

I am one of hundreds of kids in the Army Cadet Force and I am sure most of them would agree with me that the cadets' parent regiments (mine is The Queen's Regiment) should get more involved with their cadets. I think regiments should try to equip the cadets with more modern equipment; for example, 37 webbing is useless and we have to wear it or buy our own 58 webbing which is too expensive. — **L/Cpl Darren McLean**, 2nd Queen's Regiment, Army Cadet Force, Bagshot Platoon.

OVERWHELMED

You were kind enough to print a request of mine for a copy of 'Trumpet & Bugle Calls of the British Army.' I am pleased to report that the response was overwhelming and the amount of information sent me far exceeded my most optimistic expectations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff both, for your assistance in this matter and for producing an excellent magazine. — **Peter R Moore**, 63 The Crescent, Midland 6056, Western Australia.

Glad we were of help, Mr Moore and we hope you continue to enjoy the magazine. — Ed.

Can You Help?

We are at present preparing a history of the Band of the Grenadier Guards in anticipation of our Tercentenary in 1985, the anniversary of the Royal Warrant incorporating musicians into the Regiment.

Would any ex-members and families of ex-members of the band please contact us if they have any photographs, articles or any other items that may be of interest to us in our efforts to fill the large gaps we are trying to research. — **Sgt J G Hetherington, The Band of the Grenadier Guards, Regents Park Bks, Albany St, London, NW1 4AL.**

I am writing a history of the Saxons Hockey Club, Cyprus 1971-81 and would be pleased to hear from past members who can recollect any of the earlier years or who have fixture lists or results from any of these seasons. Anyone who would like a copy of the final history should also contact: **Major Cliff Walters, 259 Signal Sqn, BFPO 53.**

I am still hoping to hear of survivors of the Queen's Westminster Rifles, 1914-18 vintage or even of the First Brahmans. — **J Eaden, 17 Anzac Ridge, Bridgewater, South Australia 5155.**

Hector, a Jack Russell terrier with a great love of Army Land-Rovers, went absent on 5th May in Tilshed. If any military vehicle was found to have a stowaway dog on returning from Salisbury Plain, would someone please telephone me. — **Major Rowlandson, Shrewton (0980) 620538.**

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Collectors' Corner

S/Cst D McCormack RCMP, c/o Box 533, Bracebridge, Ontario, Canada, POB 100. *Seeks British Police Force insignia, on a swap one for one basis.* D V Sarney, 32 Greenhill, Sutton, Surrey. *Is researching the role of the Trucial Oman Scouts in the Arabian Peninsula 1958-59 Campaign and would appreciate any information from personnel attached to this unit. Seeks badges of this unit for same period. All letters answered.*

Major (QM) R C H Berry, Support Weapons Wing, Netheravon, Wilts. *Seeks bronze version of the British War Medal 1914-20 issued to native troops.* Sgt Mike Johnson, 554th MP Co, Patch Bks (09131), 7000 Stuttgart 80, W Germany. *Wants Nato Command pocket badge for United Kingdom air forces, Allied Land Forces Zealand.*

Lt Col I Vaughan-Arbuckle, Clonmell, Holts Lane, Hilgay, Norfolk, PE38 0LX. *Collects and wants ladies military brooches of ASC, RASC and RCT all types. Has collection of 90 brooches of other regiments/corps, RAF and RN for sale or part-exchange. For list of available items SAE please.*

AW3 Dale E Johnson, VS-24, NAS Cecil Field, Jacksonville, FL 32215, USA. *Wants Squadron patches from Royal Air Force/Royal Navy anti-submarine and patrol Squadrons.*

Pen Pals

My name is Debbie and I am 18 years old. I am 5ft 4ins tall with blonde hair and blue eyes. I want to write to one of you out there who's good fun and resembles Robert Redford or James Caan! — **Debbie Diggs, Larkrise, 21 Colne Road, Earith, Huntingdon, Cambs.**

My name is Kim and I am 20 years old. I have had penpals in the past through school and thought it would be fun and friendly to have one in the

Services. I work in a bank. — **Miss Kim Ferrier, 47 Wilkinson Road, London, E16 3RL.**

My name is Debbie and I am 19 years old. I support West Ham. My hobbies are going to discos and concerts, eating out, listening to music and I enjoy a good laugh. — **Miss Debbie Brown, 2 Wheelers Cross, Barking, Essex.**

We are two 16 year old girls seeking penpals in the Army, Lindsey Cherterton and Bridget Harrison. — **Bridget Harrison, 86 Belton Lane, Grantham, Lincs, NG31 9PR. Honington 598.**

My name is Carole and I am 26 years old. I enjoy travelling, horse-riding, listening to music and watching horror films. I work in a bank. — **Miss C A Waldo, 32 Hartland Road, Hornchurch, Essex, RM12 4AD.**

My name is Sara Jane and I am 20 years old. I am 5ft 3ins with blonde hair and green eyes and I am separated. My hobbies are swimming, music, writing letters and going out. — **Mrs Sara Jane Ring, c/o 91A Rydes Hill Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5TY.**

My name is Helen and I am a 25-year-old divorcee. I have blue eyes, fair hair and I am 36-25-36. My hobbies are sport, karate which I've been doing for four years, and I like going to discos and swimming. My ambition is to be a lady body-builder. I would like a penpal aged between 26-30 years old. — **Helen Davies, 53 Lime Grove, Cimla, Neath, West Glam, S Wales.**

My name is Simone and I am 20 years old. I am 5ft 6ins tall with

brown hair and eyes. My interests are discos, cinema and music. All letters answered. — **Simone Jacks, 99 Thirlmere Gardens, Wembley, Middx.**

My name is Susan and I am 15 years old. My hobbies include ice-skating, discos etc and most kinds of music. I would like penpals aged 16-19 with similar interests. All letters answered. — **Susan Dunn, 44 Greenwood Ave, Dagenham, Essex, RM10 7DL.**

Competition

The answer to Competition 291 was a small grapefruit which most of you who entered got right — well, it was a pretty straightforward puzzle anyway. Prizewinners were: 1st Mrs W M Arling, 1 Pine Walk, Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 7DE. 2nd Mr K Issitt, 26 Batemans Close, Gedney, Spalding, Lincs. 3rd WO2 Lovegrove, HQ BATUS, BFPO 14. 4th Major E Maarup, Snørlevej 6, Dk 7500 Holstebro, Denmark. Mr W C Hunt, 5 Crantock Drive, Heald Green, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 3EX.

How Observant Are You?

(see page 35)

1 Triangle on middle cyclist's helmet; 2 "U" in "GLUCOSE"; 3 Stump of right branch on middle tree; 4 Arms of spectator seventh from left; 5 Rear hub of leading cyclist; 6 Left thumb of leading cyclist; 7 Central handlebar joint of middle cyclist; 8 Right toe of leading cyclist; 9 Leaves on left of middle tree; 10 Mouth of right cyclist.

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DIARY

JULY 1982

- 3 Army Open Day, Simpson Bks, Northampton (Coldm Gds, Junior Mus POW Div bands; Flying Bugles, RA MC JLR RE).
- 4 Royal Signals at Home, Catterick. Signals Band; White Helmets, JRRS Display team).
- 5 HM The Queen's Official Visit to Scotland 1982 (1 Gordons and 1 Para bands) (5-12 July).
- 7 Larkhill Massed Bands (RA Woolwich, RA Mounted, Band of Junior Leaders Regt RA, Band of Junior Musicians RA, R Signals Bands). Army Exhibition for Schools and Queens Div Open Day, Basingbourne, Cambs (Red Devils, White Helmets, Anglian and Queens Div bands) (7-10 July).
- 12 HM The Queen's Official Birthday Beating Retreat, Edinburgh.
- 12 Great Yorkshire Show (Massed bands, White Helmets) (12-16 July).
- 12 Basingstoke Carnival (POW Div band, Red Devils) (13-17 July).
- 14 The Royal Tournament (Massed bands; RN Fd Gun, RM Display, The King's Tp, RAF Police Dogs, Household Cavalry Display; Display by Rutgers Univ New Jersey, RAF Motor Cycle race) (14-31 July).
- 15 Kent City Show (15-17 July).
- 18 Royal International Horse Show, Wembley (RHG/D band) (18-24 July).
- 19 Royal Welsh Show (Junior gymnasts, RM helicopter display and bands) (19-22 July).
- 21 East of England Show, Peterborough (LI Depot bands; White Helmets, RGJ freefall) (21-22 July).
- 23 Northampton Borough Show (1 R Anglian band, RGJ Freefall, Queens Div) (23-25 July).
- 23 Army Air 82, Middle Wallop (RA Mounted, 3 Para and JLR bands, PT, flying and static displays and funfair) (23-25 July).
- 25 Open Day, Royal Armoured Corps Centre, Bovington Camp, Dorset.

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EXPOSITIONS EXTRAORDINAIRES

AROUND THE SOMME battlefields of Northern France, a home is not a home, apparently, unless it has its own personally excavated arsenal of World War One ordnance and weapons.

The tiny village of Flers-sur-Somme (population 200) saw the first tank attack of World War One by 12 tanks on September 15, 1916, according to one local record.

And although the passing years have healed the scars of war on the landscape, many tangible reminders of past battles remain in private collections.

Jolly Jocelyne Fessier, the 53-year-old licensee of the *Au Ch'Timi* pub-cum-grocer's has shell cases standing next to the sweet jars, a spiny bayonet or two lurking down by the beer kegs, bullet-punctured German helmets under the counter, a jaunty 'Tommy Atkins' tin hat for special occasions, heavy Austrian brass fuses as paperweights and a sweet jar devoted to cartridges.

Down the road and across the fields in a nearby cluster of red buildings, 62-year-old lorry driver, Jean Morel, has his personal *exposition extraordinaire* (extraordinary exhibition) along the wall of a narrow corridor.

A grenade hangs on a hook. Bayonets, a rifle, a complete grenade launching rifle, helmets, shell heads, daggers, rusting pistols, a couple of jackets and many other items, painstakingly collected with a metal detector, form a fascinating museum.

Monsieur Morel, a forced labour inmate in wartime Germany — "but I had two mistresses there!" — is still collecting and is in touch with many of similar enthusiasm in the UK.

A school atlas of 1907 reminds him of the days before the two World Wars. Old books

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Top: Jocelyne Fessier with locals.

Right: Jean Morel and crowded hallway.



Pictures: Andy Burrige

and sepia prints of German occupation in his village keep the memory fresh. While buttons, cap badges and other items dredged from the Flanders mud, even a British soldier's tobacco tin, put the tragedies of war into a more intimate perspective.

Back near Arras, on a much grander scale, is the mind-boggling collection of the city's assistant stationmaster.

Monsieur Andre Coilliot, 52, lives in what, at first sight, is a neat little house . . . except that a corridor to the back reveals not only a DKW 350 motor bike complete with dummy despatch rider but a 75mm German anti-tank gun!

He also has 7000 badges, buttons and shoulder flashes — the fruits of a hobby which dates back to 1939. Cabinet drawers slide open to reveal a priceless hoard of maps and official documents.

Monsieur Coilliot, who gives two-hour guided tours through his five-room collection, is perhaps the leading expert and author on the battle of Arras which almost destroyed the town in the First World War.

His greatest wish in later years is to bequeath his collection as a ready-made museum to the city council. Among his most treasured items are a German 77mm Mortar, bought for £1, the 75mm anti-tank gun, pieces of a Canadian pilot's uniform and Spitfire engine bits.

"Two visiting British generals offered to exchange the 75mm for a 25-pounder gun. I told them there was no deal," said Monsieur Coilliot. "I would like to start another collection, on the new British Army. I think I must continue with my museum. It is difficult to stop."



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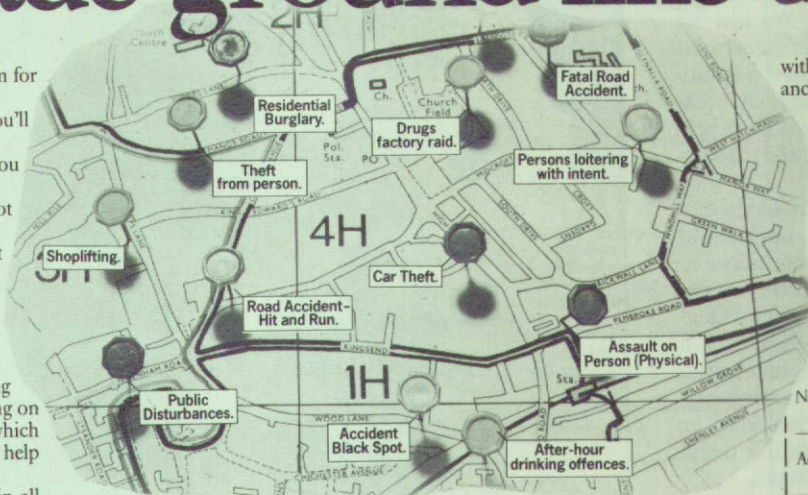
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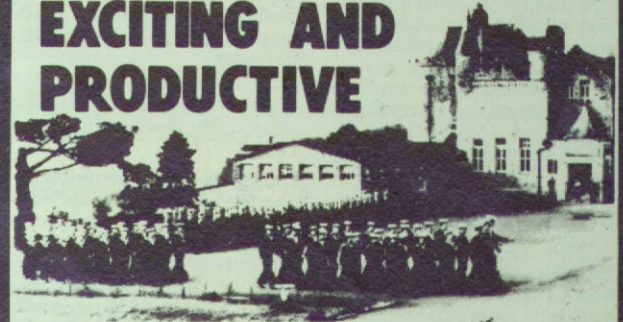
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Chris leads the charge

SERGEANT CHRIS CARVETH made a great start to his year as Army Golf Association captain when he led the British team to a crushing victory over France and Belgium at Little Aston in the annual International Military Tournament.

The day was a personal triumph for Carveth, from 8 Signal Regiment at Catterick, who not only received the General Timmermans Trophy (best gross aggregate) and the General Taylor Trophy (best handicap aggregate) on behalf of his team but also took the Major Holmes Trophy for the best individual 36-hole score. His fine rounds of 75 and 74 put him five shots clear of the current Army champion, Lance Corporal Doug Spiller, who shot two solid rounds of 77.

British Army golfers sweep the board in tri-nation tournament

The tournament is a stroke play event with each nation fielding a team of six and the best five scores, morning and afternoon, counting in the final total. Strength in depth is essential therefore and the British team, fielding no-one higher than a 4 handicap, began the match as odds-on favourites to wrest the Timmermans Trophy back from the French.

Relying heavily on national servicemen the French team's

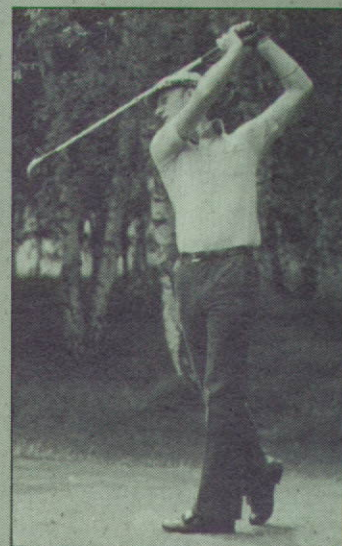
strength fluctuates from year to year while the Belgians, though enthusiastic participants, have only modest reserves of talent to draw on in a country where golf is far from a popular sport.

At Little Aston, near Sutton Coldfield, the visitors faced one of Britain's finest tests of parkland golf — 6711 yards of tight, tree-lined fairways, hard, fast greens and no fewer than 114 bunkers waiting for the less-than-perfectly-struck shot. A stiff breeze added to the problems and there were more than a few Gallic and Flemish mutterings as wedge shots that pitched well short still bounded yards past the pin.

By lunch-time Britain had already build up a convincing 27 shot lead and it was a measure of their superiority that their highest round, WO1 Bob Hanna's 82, would have earned him third place in the French rankings and comfortably topped the Belgian cards.

Hanna made way for Lance Corporal John Chilvers, 39 Heavy Regiment, in the afternoon, at 25 another exciting new prospect who recently beat Spiller to win the BAOR championship.

Chilvers carded a steady 78 and with only Corporal Steve Mariner failing to break 80, Bri-



Carveth uncorks a big drive at the monster 566-yard 15th.

tain finished a massive 55 shots ahead of France and 129 better than Belgium.

Of the visiting players, only three bettered 80 all day. Planchin, the scratch Frenchman, carded 79 and 78 while his team mate Verkindere returned 78 in the morning round. Callebaut, with 85 and 87, was the best of the Belgians.

At the post-tournament dinner Army golf officials paid special tribute to the Little Aston club for generously hosting the event free of charge. The tournament was the fifth in the series and will be held in Belgium next year.

Scores: BRITAIN — Cpl D Spiller 77/77; Maj I Pearce 80/79; Sgt C Carveth 75/74; WO1 R Hanna/LCpl J Chilvers 82/78; Cpl S Mariner 79/81; Maj H Meekings 79/79. **FRANCE** — Planchin 79/78; Verkindere 78/84; Goument 86/84; Baley 88/86; Kaczmierezak 92/83; Lamy 86/102. **BELGIUM** — Steghers 86/87; Callebaut 85/87; Koevoets 95/97; Bouche 90/94; Derese 96/90; Lebon 102/96. **Gen Timmermans Trophy** — BR 777, FR 832, BE 906; **Gen Taylor Trophy** — BR 756, FR 795, BE 830; **Maj Holmes Trophy** — Sgt C Carveth 149.



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VETERANS — 100 metres: Lt-Col A Parker-Bowles (Household Cavalry Regt.).

ATHLETICS

Records tumble in the Sun

NO LESS THAN SIX new records were set at this year's Army Individual Athletic Championships held at Aldershot Military Stadium in hot sunshine with a light breeze.

Top performance of the day came from Captain Angela Carter, the second-in-command of the HQ Squadron of 28 Amphibious Engineer Regiment at Hameln. The slightly built WRAC officer not only regained her Women's 100 metres record with a time of 11.9 seconds but went on to set a new 200 metres time at 24.1. To round off a fine day she powered through to win the 400 metres.

Captain Carter said afterwards: "The really good thing is that I have now run the qualifying times for both 100 metres and 200 metres to be able to compete for the Isle of Man in the Commonwealth Games."

Royal Army Medical Corps 2nd Lieutenant and Southampton University student, Huw Jones, knocked four-tenths of a second from the 110 metres hurdles after an exciting tussle with Corporal M Morgan of 50 Missile Regiment, who also bettered the old record. It was a personal best for 22-year-old Jones, who has run for Wales.

On the long distance front Corporal Maggie Allerton of 16 Signal Regiment became the first

secs — some 11 seconds faster than her winning time in 1980.

The women's long jump record was shattered by more than a foot by Private Phyllis Hylton (picture previous column) from D Company WRAC, Bicester. Phyllis set her new record of 5.99 metres and then revealed: "I have not been doing any training for the long jump because of the Falklands — we have been working non-stop." A clerk, she also took part in the sprints but said that obviously long jumping would now take priority.

In the pole vault the winner, Sapper Stephen Lyons, failed to set a new record but did achieve an Army junior record of 4.07 metres.

In the first final of the day Army cross-country champion, Corporal Geoff Wade, of 40 Army Engineer Support Group, added the 5000 metres to his titles for this year.

He told SOLDIER: "I was fortunate that neither Glen Grant nor Andy Robertson were running today. It was hot, and the cool breeze was not a lot of help on the track."

Captain Glen Grant strode easily through to retain his 1500 metres title — leaving his nearest challenger trailing by some 80 yards.

In the 100 metres and 200 metres sprints the gangling sapper, Wishart Hinds took both races although defending 100 metres king, Signalman C Calender, was absent through injury. Hinds, from Osnabrück, said afterwards that he could have run even faster if he had been pressured and he was still recovering from an ankle sprained in a car accident.

The 3000 metres steeplechase was won for the second year running by Captain Richard Hezlet, a Royal Hussars officer stationed with the Juniors Leaders Regiment RAC at Bovington. At 8 minutes 57.7 seconds Captain Hezlet was ten seconds outside the 18-year-old record for the event.

Two other records which have stood for longer were unshaken. In both the Men's high jump and long jump the best figures were set as far back as 1947! Both those record holders must be well into their fifties now.



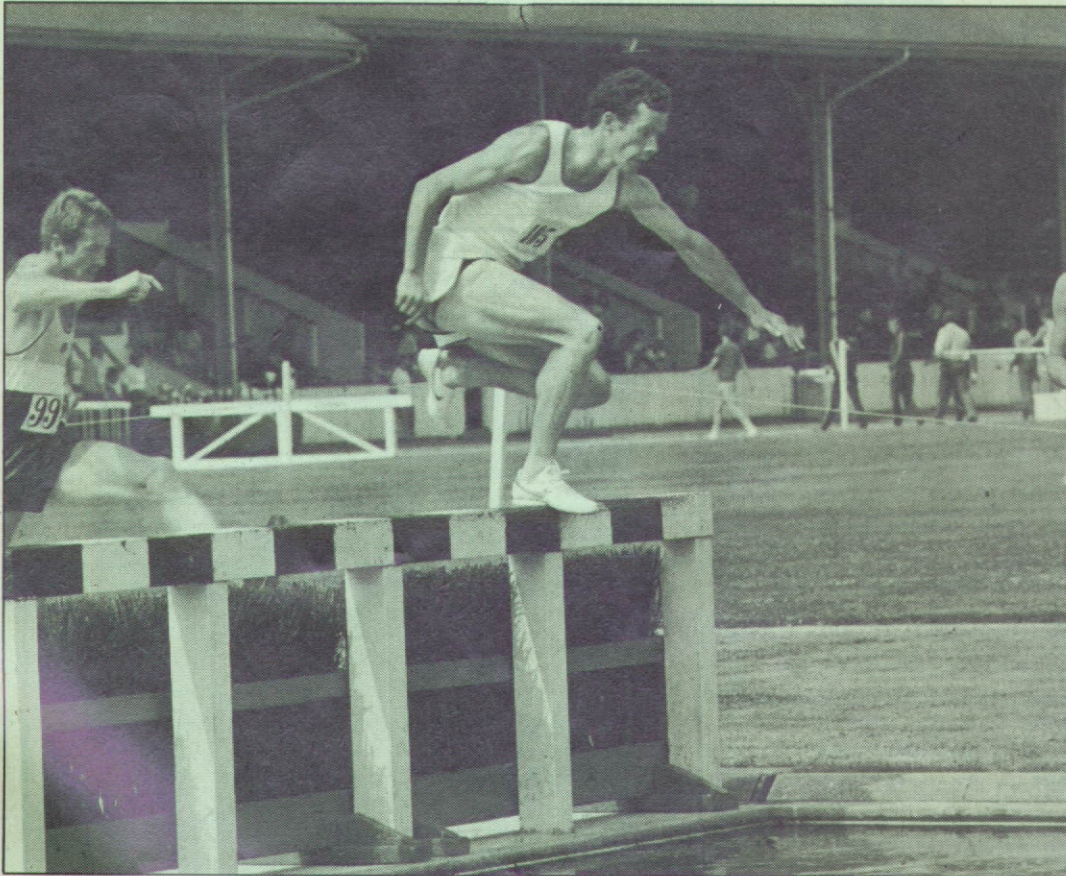
Cpl Maggie Allerton — stamina.



Pte Phyllis Hylton — jump for joy.



Sprinter Sapper Wishart Hinds streaks to victory.



Captain Richard Hezlet splashes down on his way to win.

KING WILLOW IS BACK

THE OPENING OF the Army's cricket season was appropriately greeted with hot sunshine and in the first two games at Sandhurst Army skipper, Major Richard Brooks RE, took the opportunity to make hay.

In the opening game against RMA, Brooks opened the innings and clocked up 84 runs before being caught and bowled by Underhill. The Army scored 219-2 and this was well beyond the capabilities of the Sandhurst batsmen. They gathered only 86 all out with Major I White taking 5 for 22.

The following day Brooks was at it again with an undefeated 105 in the Army total of 216-4. This time Sandhurst managed to score 131 thanks to a ninth wicket stand of 58 between Underhill and Hudson. Corporal David Gelling was particularly deadly with the ball, taking six wickets for 16.

A stiffer task was faced against the Kent 2nd XI at Woolwich. Kent batted first and declared at 241-8 with Gelling again doing well with six wickets for 45.

In the Army reply Staff-Sergeant Vic Nurse was in fine form with an unbeaten 117 out of the total of 233 for seven wickets declared. Kent's second innings of 243-6 again gave Gelling good figures of 5-76. The Army knocked up 173-7 in their second innings and the match was drawn.

At Hove the following week the Army were not so fortunate. Sussex 2nd had a total of 278-5 in the one day game. The Army could only muster 72 in reply.

Don Trinder, assistant secretary of the Army FA and a first class umpire, will be the first Services umpire to officiate at Lords in the Combined Services v National Cricketers Association Young Cricketers fixture. It will be held on 30 July.

SPORTS SHORTS

Shooting

TA shooters achieved several outstanding results in the UL's largest pistol competition, Pistol 82 at Bisley. ASM Bill Smith from CVHQ REME won the Ser-

vice Pistol Match and was runner-up in both the UIT Centre Fire and the UIT Standard Pistol. Together with Majors Les James, Allen Wise and Ian Moore, he also won the Service Pistol Team Match.

Hang gliding

The third Army hang gliding championships will be held at Okehampton, Devon, over the Dartmoor National Park from

23-25 July. Entries and information from Captain Jim Taggart, Army Hang Gliding Centre, Senybridge Camp, Brecon, Powys, LD 3 8PN.

Tug of War

The Junior Leaders Regiment RCT won three of the four titles in the Army Junior Tug of War Championships at Aldershot. They beat the Junior Guards Company in the final for 420 kilo

under-17 and Junior Leaders Regiment RA in both the 560 kilo contests for under and over 17 years. The 640 kilo Over-17 event was won by Princess Marina College, Arborfield.

Darts

Semi-final results and scores in SOLDIER's first-ever worldwide darts contest will appear in the next issue.

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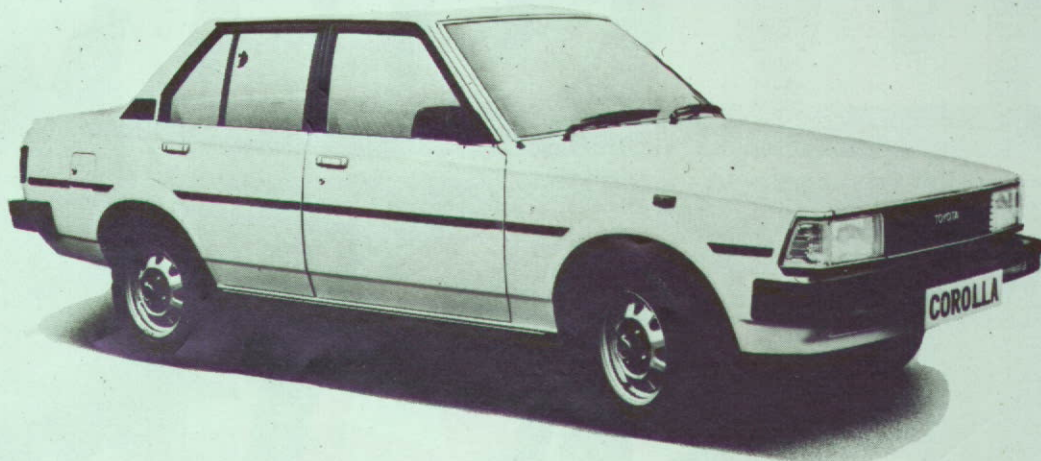
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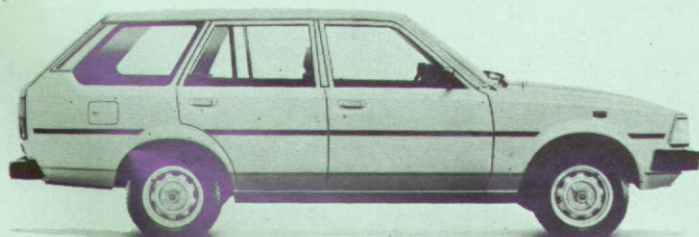
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