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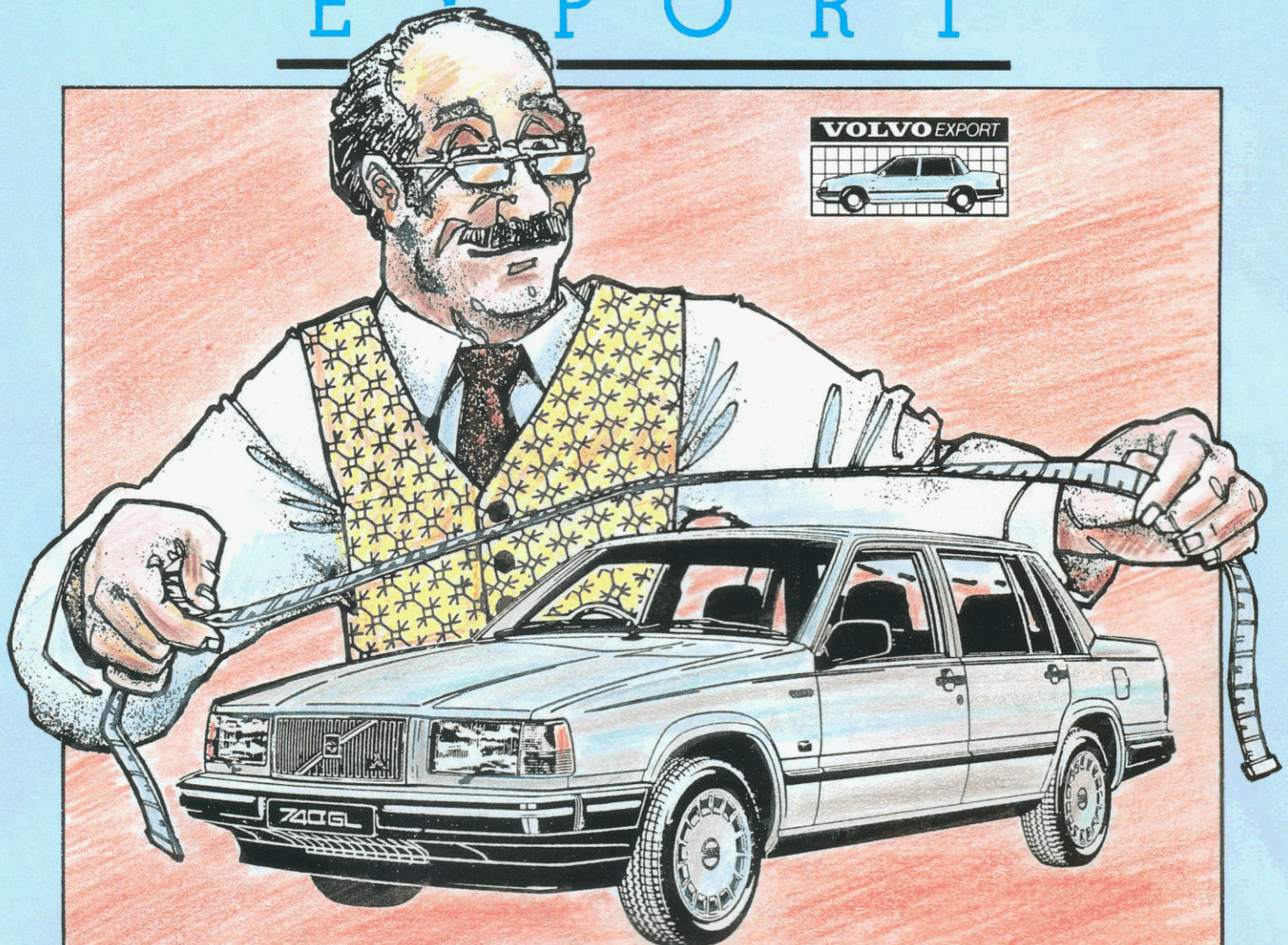
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EOD experts from 33 Engr Regt examine the 500lb German bomb

## Sappers 'save' Everton game

A ROYAL Engineers bomb disposal team went to the rescue when Liverpool's Walton district ground to a halt after the discovery of a massive unexploded German bomb. Roads were closed and dozens of homes were evacuated around Walton after workmen laying new sewers stumbled across a Second World War 500lb bomb buried 20 feet below ground.

The bomb was identified by an operator from the Liverpool-based North West RAOC Explosive Ordnance Disposal detachment who was the first expert on the scene. Operational procedures required the Royal Engineers to be called in because of their special expertise in wartime German aerial weapons.

There was even a chance that the Saturday afternoon fixture at Everton Football Club would have to be postponed. But the Royal Engineers

from 33 Engineer Regiment based at Chatham, Kent, saved the day and managed to defuse the bomb after a 20-hour operation involving both the Army and police.

Maj Mike Lauder, who commanded the nine-man unit, said workmen who discovered the bomb had had a narrow escape.

"Lying in the ground for around 40 years, the explosive and fusing mechanism had begun to deteriorate, and was not too stable," he explained. "But we eventually managed to flush the explosive out with water."

The bomb's awkward position made the job even more hazardous than usual, he said.

"Heavy rain was washing away the sides of the trench where the device lay, threatening to dislodge it. We had to bring it gently to the surface to deal with it."



# LETTERS

Write to:  
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## No news for a "lost" tank regiment

IN a book review (January 1) you stated that soldiers serving overseas in the Second World War were kept informed with Service newspapers.

I served in France with the BEF and then in the Western

Desert and northern Italy until January 1945. I did not receive any newspapers or see any concert party or the Salvation Army people or anything like that.

Fellow members of Newcas-

tle Royal Tank Regiment Association agree. I can only think we must have been the lost Army. - J Ellison, ex-43rd RTR, 3 Stratford Grove, Heaton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tyne and Wear.

## Let's have a 'pay and dine' system

IN response to your pay story (February 19), I regained single man status in August 1987. I moved into Service accommodation and became liable for food and accommodation charges from that date.

In the 30 months since then I have lived in the WO's and Sgts' messes of the 1st Bn The Parachute Regiment, The Guards Depot, and The Depot Royal Artillery.

Throughout this period I have paid food charges at the daily rate, although some charges have been reimbursed for periods of leave and field training.

During an average year a soldier may expect to be reimbursed during leave (up to six weeks annual allowance); field exercises (ten weeks yearly average); long weekends (maximum of four per year); and periods of treatment in hospital (over 48 hours).

Periods of leave or long weekends result in refunds of food charges only, whereas during field training or hospital treatment a full refund of both food and accommodation charges is made.

These figures are approximate but do favour the catering system.

It can be seen from this that

in the past 30 months a soldier could expect to have been reimbursed for 11 months' food charges.

Apart from periods of field training, leave, or visits to hospital, in the past 30 months I have eaten 25 meals in Army mess halls, those meals having been taken during 24-hour duties when married men were fed free anyway.

I have taken the matter up with the SQMS and pay staff of each unit and in each case I was told the same thing - "Food charges are mandatory".

Furthermore, the daily rate

of £2.60 is set on the premise that ALL living-in persons will not attend ALL meals. It has been my experience that when perforce this has been the case the system has been seen to falter, if not fall flat.

That I eat elsewhere is my choice, but I am far from unique. I am sure that like me many "Singlies" would welcome a pay-as-you-dine system, but due to the reliance of the Army Catering Corps on me and many like me, I am sure the proposed system is a non-starter. - CSgt D L Woods, Parachute Regiment.

## Mistake to leave

IN LINE with your article headed "It'll Pay to Stay" (February 19), I would urge any soldier to stay in the Army.

I made the greatest mistake of my life 40 years ago when I left my regiment. How true is the saying, "a soldier never leaves his regiment", for in my heart I have never left mine.

To those with doubts I say: Re-enlist when your present engagement expires. Do not, like me, live to regret lost comrades. You will not find anything in civilian life to match the pride a man can have

in, and be given by, his regiment.

Should necessity force you to leave, join your nearest TA unit at once. You will be with those who understand you and your thinking: civilians, you will find, do not and never will.

Soldiering is an honourable career, so stay with it. - John Lawson, formerly Squad NCO RASC (1946-49) and JWO1 (RSM) 16th Bn The Cheshire Regt ACF (1942-46), 36 Penrhyn Beach West, Penrhyn Bay, Llandudno, Gwynedd.

## US tanks and medics in desert

AFTER serving through the Second World War I spent two years in MELF Canal Zone. Certainly I never saw any Americans, in uniform (SOLDIER, January 22).

I suggest Mr and Mrs Joyce read Patrick Howarth's book *My God, Soldiers*, the Eighth Army story from Alamein to

Vienna. He relates, of the pre-Alamein build-up, that the Desert Air Force was strengthened by the addition of six US squadrons, three of fighters and three of light bombers, and that a number of American tank crews were also included in the Eighth Army armoured formations, "to gain combat

experience." Howarth comments on the help given to the Eighth Army by an American Field Service Ambulance Unit who had been in the Middle East "long before the US entered the war."

Mrs Joyce's eyes did not deceive her. - T Walker, 19 Saxon Avenue, Exeter.

## A long arm of badges

B BURNETT (February 5) asked if his eight re-badgings were a record. How's this for changes:

1953, 1st Battalion, Dorset Army Cadet Force. 1958, joined the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals. 1959, on detachment to C Squadron, Lord Strathcona Horse Royal Canadians.

1961, served in the Gaza Strip with the United Nations Emergency Force 4th Contingent. 1962, joined the 1st Battalion, The Devon and Dorset Regiment, Wessex Brigade. 1966, changed to the Prince of Wales Division. 1966, in P Wing Parachute Brigade on a P course: injured, returned to D and D.

1971 to 1974, served in 102 Light Air Defence Regiment Ulster Scottish Volunteers, TA Royal Artillery. 1971 to 1974, on the A Reserve, Royal Army Reserve Force. 1974, rejoined D and D. 1974, transferred to the Kings Division, posted to the 1st Battalion, The Royal Irish Rangers. 1977, served in the United Nations Force, Cyprus. 1978, transferred to Infantry Demo Battalion.

1982, The Infantry Demonstration Battalion disbanded. 1982, served in The School of Infantry. 1984, run-out date. - Patrick J Toms, 13 Abbey Mount, Bangor, Co Down.

## Last in?

TO keep the saga of the last Cameronian going, the 1st Battalion The Royal Highland Fusiliers also has an ex-Cameronian.

I joined 7 Plt, B Coy of the Cameronians during the tour of Aden, leaving the Battalion just before the disbandment parade to join 1 RHF at Fort George.

The reason I am still a serving Regular soldier is that I left the Army in April 1976 and re-enlisted in January 1979. I am now covering the time I was out to enable me to complete my 22 years. My run-out date is January 16, 1992. - Sgt J Hannah, 1 Bn RHF, Oakington Barracks, Longstanton, Cambridge.

## MOBB



## Old 'uns have more to offer

I HAVE been following the correspondence on the Home Service Force with interest and agree with the points made by D G Sage (January 1) and P Mills (February 5) about the present interpretation of the HSF's role.

I too thought that the HSF was intended to harness and utilise the skills, knowledge and expertise as well as the experience of former members of the armed forces after they had passed the normal age for

service in the TA.

P Mills's complaint of "trying to turn 50-year-olds into 25-year-olds" is in my opinion valid.

I have now passed the age when I am acceptable for even the HSF.

The country invested a lot of money in training me as a translator-interpreter during my Service days, but since leaving the Army my only contribution has been some 16 years in the Army Emergency Reserve.

I feel that use could still be made of my training and subsequent professional career as a lecturer in modern languages.

There must be many administrative tasks that could be efficiently carried out by people like me, thus relieving younger men for the more active demands of service.

People like me are fit and experienced enough to cope with internal security, and I am sure there are many who would be willing to make a contribution. - William Blacklaw (Ex-Int Corps), School House, Banchory-Devenick, Aberdeen.

## Not so royal

IN your article about the RCT centenarian (February 19) there are two references to him being in the Royal Army Service Corps. I believe the title "Royal" was not awarded until after the First World War. - Major (ret'd) J W G Cocke, 12 Grosvenor Hill, London.

WITH reference to "A tribute to the originals" (September 4, 1989) the formation of the RAC was announced by Mr Hore Belisha, Secretary of State for War, on April 4, 1939. It was to consist of a Cavalry wing of 18 mechanised Regular and Yeomanry regiments.

## Reunions

● **Royal Tigers Association:** The Royal Leicestershire Regiment annual reunion will be held at Leicester on June 23 and 24, 1990. Details from The Secretary, TA Centre, Ulverscroft Road, Leicester (tel: 0533-622749).

● **249 (Berks RHA) AA Battery** 43rd reunion dinner will be held at The Ship Hotel, Reading, on Saturday April 7, 6.30pm for 7pm. Organiser Ted Fullbrook, 1 Buxton Avenue, Caversham Heights, Reading, Berks RG4 7BT.

● **St Boniface Rheindahlen** reunion will take place on Sunday June 24, 1990 at St Clement Danes RAF Church, London, all

former choir and congregation welcome. Choir practice 2pm, choral evensong 6pm followed by supper at Chelsea Barracks 7.45pm. Details from Lt Col A P M Hole, 39 Vogan Close, Reigate, Surrey RH2 8AT (tel: 0737-244001).

● **RAMC/RADC WO's and Sgts' Past and Present Dinner Club 1990:** Annual dinner and reunion is to be held on Saturday May 12 at RAMC Training Group and RHQ RAMC, Keogh Barracks, Ash Vale, Aldershot. Details from WO1 (RSM) P Fowler, RAMC Training Group and RHQ RAMC, Keogh Barracks, Ash Vale, Aldershot, Hants GU12 5RQ.

## Searchline

● **Tank Landing Ships:** Voluntary researcher seeks information and photographs from the Second World War, particularly Normandy landings. Contact Brian Macdermott, 24 Maynard Close, Bradwell Village, Milton Keynes MK13 9HS (SAE appreciated).

● **John Boulton:** Grandson seeks information about Second World War service of John Boulton, who joined Royal Engineers, later transferring to RASC, rising through ranks from private to captain in 18 months. Served in Italy or France before D-Day, lived in Worcester and died in 1971. Contact Sapper Richard Gittins, 36 Sqn, 12 RSM, Brompton Barracks, Chatham, Kent ME4 4XD.

● **Second Formation (N W Europe) of 67 (Suffolk) Med Regt RA 1943-50:** Members, especially WO1 R Schmidlin (RSM), formerly of Woodham Ferrers, Essex, sought by D A Knight, 18 Lough Court, Hassen-dean Road, Blackheath, London SE3 8UD (tel: 081-858 3747).

● **Medals of Sgt Frederick P Buddy:** Son seeks to re-purchase First World War medals of Sgt Buddy, of 3rd Canadian Infantry, sold to Norfolk buyer in 1964. Medals included DCM, MM, Mons Star, Victory Medal and Great War Medal. Contact Frank Buddy, 13 Newbold Drive, Newbold, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S41 7AP (tel: 0246-201449).

## RAC's split personality

I was a member of The 1st East Riding Yeomanry, formerly The 26th Armoured Car Coy RTCY. At the outbreak of war I was called up as Cavalry with Mk VIb tanks and scout carriers. I was a prisoner after Dunkirk and was invalided out in 1946.

My record of service card shows RTC March 30, 1938 to January 1, 1944 and RAC January 2, 1944 to January 17, 1946. Can any reader explain how I and many of my comrades are showing this split service? - R Rial, 94 Rosedale Grove, Hull.



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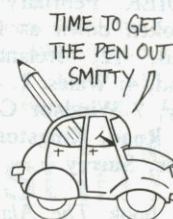
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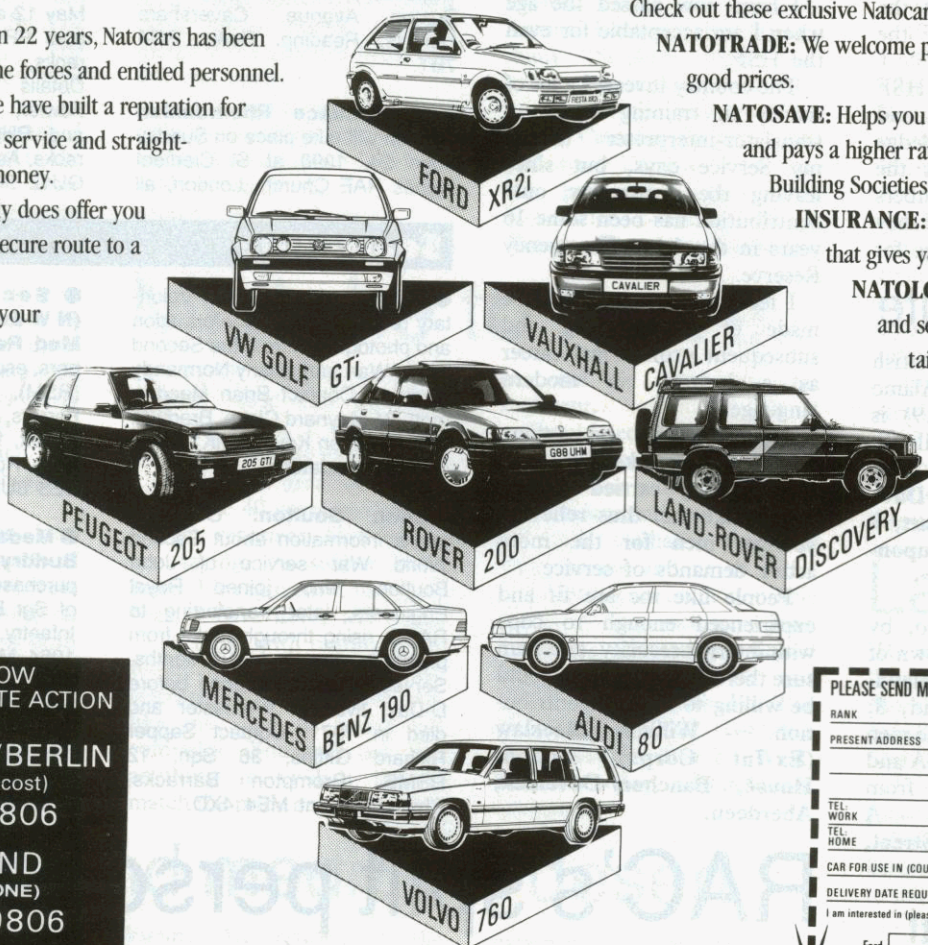
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## QRIH take over 2 RTR's Challengers

FIVE hundred men of the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment which has been stationed at Fallingbommel, near Hanover, for six years should be in their new stations in Britain

this month. The unit is doing a straight swap with The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars who will take over 2 RTR's Challenger tanks. Three squadrons of 2 RTR will be

based at Catterick, one at Bovington and another at Lulworth.

In 1992 2 RTR is due to return to BAOR and will be based at Osnabrück.

## Separate service charges waived

ALTHOUGH a full assessment of the Review of Allowances is not due until next year, some changes have already been made and will be implemented from April 1.

An initial assessment last year of the allowances package introduced in 1988 revealed that while there were considerable benefits for married accompanied Servicemen, there were people for whom it had done very little.

In particular, these were identified as single personnel and married personnel for whom accompanied service was no longer attractive or necessary.

Consequently changes have been made in four areas of the Review of Allowances.

**Separated Service.** At the age of 37 and at each subsequent posting, personnel may now opt to serve unaccompanied without incurring accommodation charges.

Those who do will also be entitled to claim separation warrants and separation allowance under the normal rules. Eligibility for Boarding School Allowance will be reviewed on an individual basis.

**Home Owners' Package.** The qualifying age for Home Owners' Package has been reduced from 30 to 25 for both married and single personnel. The package consists of a refund of legal fees for house sale and purchase to a combined total of £2,500, Disturbance Allowance at the higher rate and removal expenses.

It is hoped the £2,500 ceiling will be raised to £5,000 next year. The package was

**ARMY sappers answered an SOS from the police at Ripon, North Yorks, when the River Ure rose overnight following torrential and prolonged rain high in the Yorkshire Dales, flooding fields and farmland and trapping a number of animals. From their nearby Claro Barracks, a party of 12 Royal Engineers**

designed to encourage soldiers who already own homes to move house on posting by meeting their major expenses, provided the move was in the interests of the Service and the new house was within a specified travel-to-work limit (normally 50 miles or 1½ hours).

**Food Charge Waiver.** No food charges are to be levied on married accompanied personnel for the first 30 days of any course or detached duty. The waiver also applies to single personnel who have no liability for food charges at their permanent duty station.

**Final Tour of Duty.** Married personnel on a pensionable engagement whose final tour of duty is not at a location of their choice will become entitled to removal expenses and Disturbance Allowance to assist them to establish themselves in the area to which they intend to retire.

**with assault boats were rushed to the river bank just outside the town where they helped to move more than 30 sheep and goats trapped by flood water.**

They assisted local farmers and the emergency services throughout the morning and were able to transfer all the animals safely to dry land.



Picture: Ripon Gazette

## Gen Vincent to be CDS

THE appointment of General Sir Richard Vincent to be Chief of the Defence Staff next March in the rank of field marshal has been announced. At the moment he is VCDS.

Gen Vincent, 58, began his career as a National Serviceman in the Royal Artillery in 1950.

From 1970-72 he was commanding officer of the 12th Light Air Defence Regiment during which period the unit served in Northern Ireland.

His previous senior appointments include Commander 19 Airborne Brigade and Commandant at the Royal Military College of Science. He was appointed Master General of the Ordnance in 1983 and Vice Chief of the Defence Staff in 1987.



Gen Vincent

## Dutch engineer Weser crossing

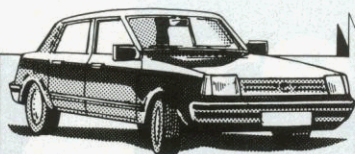
DUTCH army engineers, based at Wezep, north east of Amsterdam, built a bridge across the Weser for a British Army convoy to cross during Exercise Hurst Park. The exercise, staged by the 1st Armoured Division in West Germany, involved the

river crossing by troops from the 7th and 12th Armoured Brigades.

The 140m pontoon ribbon bridge was built across the Weser on the outskirts of Verden, near Bremen, the home of the 1st Armoured Division.



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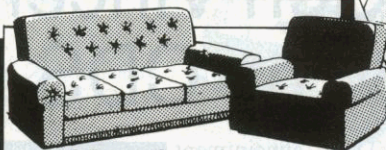


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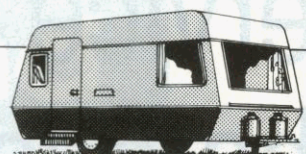
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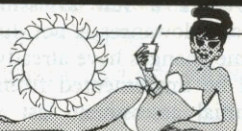
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## Ambulance emergency medics praised by Minister

AROUND 1,200 members of all three Services were deployed on duty during the ambulance strike which began on November 8 last year.

At the peak of the operation 209 military ambulances were available in 19 counties, as well as the West Midlands and London conurbations. Many of the troops taking part in providing emergency and accident services were bandsmen and musicians who fill that role on active service.

Defence Secretary Mr Tom King, who visited Chelsea Barracks, London where military ambulances were first deployed, and where the operational staff were based, paid tribute to the work done in the following words:

"None of us could have predicted when the Services were first deployed back in November that they would eventually have worked more than a million hours and answered well over 120,000 accident and emergency calls.

"The public have undoubtedly been impressed by the quiet, good-humoured and professional way in which you have gone about providing this vital service, and you deserve every credit for the service that you gave.

"Included in my appreciation are all those who helped in the essential administrative backup and those back in units who have coped with ever-changing states of readiness and an increased share of the remaining tasks."

The withdrawal operation began on March 15.

## Yorks Vols in the Falklands

MEN of the 1st Battalion, Yorkshire Volunteers took part in a three-week reinforcement exercise with the 1st Battalion, The Green Howards in the Falkland Islands – the first TA soldiers to take part in such an exercise, it is believed.

They encountered temperatures of 70 degrees in the shade. A 120-strong detachment of the battalion is due in Gibraltar next for another exercise.



The world is their oyster. RAOC Transworld Venture drivers (back, from left) SSgt Mal Biggs, Cpl Neil Shaw and Lt Gerald Morgan, and (front) LCpl Olive Kerr, Capt Samantha Steele and Lt Rachael Cooper

## RAOC gets ready to take on the world

THE RAOC's ambitious Transworld Venture attempt to drive around the globe in less than 45 days is all set for take-off from the Tower of London on May 13. Six drivers, three of them women, will be flagged away in two Rover 827Si cars on a 25,000-mile non-stop marathon.

Capt Samantha Steele leads the women's team with 2nd Lt Rachel Cooper and LCpl Olive Kerr in her car. The men's team is 2nd Lt Gerald Morgan, SSgt Mal Biggs and Cpl Neil Shaw.

They were chosen from nearly 200 applicants from the RAOC worldwide, and will be backed up by ten other short-listed personnel.

Tremendous logistic support has been given by commercial organisations, with Rover supplying cars and maintenance

vehicles, BP providing petrol for the cars and aviation fuel for the Boeing 707 which will fly the teams between continents, Michelin donating tyres, and Marconi a communications system.

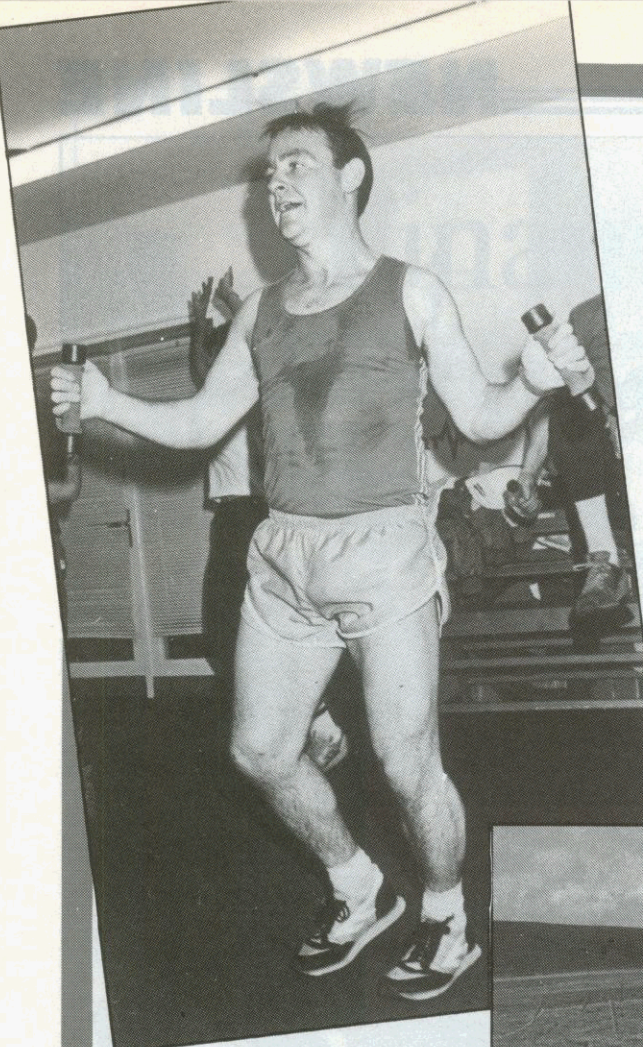
The route will take the team across six continents and 22 countries.

Money raised in sponsorship during Transworld Venture is to be given to the Army Benevolent Fund.

## Parachute accident

GNR Martin Bell, 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery, based in Plymouth, has died a week after a parachuting accident. He was taking part in Exercise Pendulum North in Norway and parachuting on to water at Molde Fiord. An inquiry will be held.





Sgt **Bagor Reid** of Osnabrück-based 1 R Irish gets into the groove during an aerobics session. Rangers of B Company in Belfast Barracks were persuaded to give aerobics a try at a club across the road, and have found that the sessions improve lung and heart fitness. Aerobics now feature regularly in the B Coy training programme. And those pretty leotard-clad instructors have one or two advantages over your average sweaty PTI!

Picture: Peter Griffiths



**WOODSMAN:** Lt Col Fred Baker on the site of the woods in Staffordshire that will bear his name

## Mark's hobby is developing nicely

Capt Mark Figura, serving with 39 Engr Regt, Waterbeach, wanted to improve on his amateurish snaps of adventure training in Cyprus, so he invested in a more expensive camera.

Things soon clicked into place with an exhibition, photographs appearing in a quality daily newspaper, and several in a book.

The exhibition, *Larkhill Racecourse*, will be staged at Salisbury Arts Centre from April 8 to May 5, and other venues are in the pipeline. His work is also featured in a book, *Point to Points*, to be published later this year.

Mark concentrates on social documentary photography and the RA racecourse at Larkhill was his first subject.



**IN FOCUS:** Capt Mark Figura, in front of the camera

## John picks up baton for Cheshires

New man behind the baton of the Band of the 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment is 31-year-old WO1 John Huggins, the British Army's first black bandmaster. John has taken over from WO1 Eddie Pickering, who is leaving the Army after 25 years' service, and will be based with The Cheshire Regiment at Dale Camp in Chester.

Bandmaster Huggins joined the Army 14 years ago, first playing cornet and tuba in The Staffordshire Regiment band. After instructing the junior band at the Prince of Wales's Divisional Depot, he was selected to train as a bandmaster at the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, and graduated with the Besson Award for the best marks in the MoD bandmaster examination.

Originally from St Kitts in the West Indies, he emigrated to the UK at the age of two and was educated in Birmingham.

WO1 Pickering spent eight years with the Cheshires and was made MBE in the New Year Honours for his services to music.



**BATON CHANGE:** WO1 John Huggins (left) takes over from WO1 Eddie Pickering as bandmaster of the Cheshires

# PEOPLE



## Wise guys

The gunners of 32 Heavy Regiment at Dortmund are a brainy bunch. Their team of LBdr **James Collier** (pictured), Bdr **Andrew "Cooxmish" Cook** and Bdr **Mark Riley** of the OP Troop, beat off fierce opposition from the Int Corps and other 3 Armd Div minor units to win the division's military intelligence competition. All three had just returned from an extended tour in Northern Ireland.

## Older and bolder?

Taking up the gauntlet thrown down by the RAOC at Kineton (237 years) and The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire (217 years).

Staff of the Army Personnel Selection Centre at Sutton Coldfield believe the

combined years of service of their late entry and special service commission officers is the highest at 665 years four months – unless another unit can beat that!

Elder statesman is Maj

**Eric Elcock**, QOH, with 34 years seven months, and the baby, Capt **Keith Tomlinson** RAOC, 18 years five months. The centre boasts 42 different cap badges. Can anyone beat that?



Spr **Del Delaney** of 35 Engineer Regiment keeps very still and does his bit for Anglo-German community relations in Hameln. He was one of five sappers

"volunteered" by their RSM to help local German hairdressing students get in some practical experience.

The five with the trendiest cuts

in town are (from left) Spr **Taff Evans**, Spr **Del Delaney**, LCpl **Scotty Scott**, LCpl **Jock Balanda** and Spr **Trigger Spooner**.





As a young girl Lady Butler had visited the fields of Waterloo and Quatre Bras, escorted by an old soldier who had been present at the battle. Sergeant-Major Mundy's description of the action so impressed her that she later wrote: "I set my heart on painting the 28th Regiment in square receiving the last charge of the French cuirassiers at Quatre Bras". In 1875 she completed the painting and it was exhibited at The Royal Academy where, like The Roll Call the year before, it received a tremendous reception. The painting was purchased by the National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia in 1884. It has been reproduced by The Pompadour Gallery with the kind permission of the Trustees of the National Gallery of Victoria.

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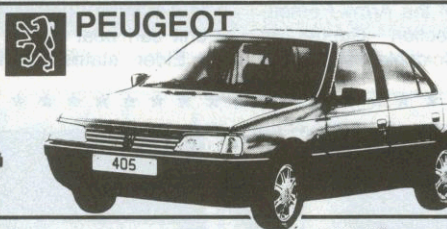
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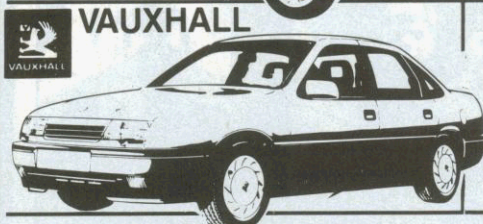
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# Officers ordered to pull up socks

UNDER new Army dress regulations, officers of field rank and above are to be required to wear standard khaki socks when in Service Dress in future. The only exception applies to the Royal Tank Regiment, which will be permitted to wear black socks to match their berets.

The new regulation, promulgated in Defence Council Instructions, comes into force at the beginning of April and is believed to follow an aside made by a member of the Royal Family attending a gathering of senior officers on a formal occasion.

Viewing the front row from the platform the Royal, whose dress sense is acknowledged to be impeccable, is said to have murmured: "I wonder what they would think if I appeared with wrinkles in my stockings."

Immediately after the conference a senior officer carried out a discreet check on all who had been in the front row.

Though most had been guilty only of wearing sloppy socks, he was startled to discover other irregularities -

- red socks (two members of the Household Division)
- green socks (officer in the Light Division)
- football socks (King's Division)
- odd socks (Queen's Division)
- Gortex socks (Parachute Regiment)
- no socks at all (visiting Commonwealth officer).

According to the DCI, the wearing of suspenders is mandatory and officers will be expected to obtain items "of an approved neutral shade" from military tailors or suspenders in "the regimental colours without embellishments".

**FOOT-NOTE:** Supplies of suspenders in the War Reserve stocks at COD Donnington were traced but the elastic had perished.

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# SOLDIER to Soldier



RSM Harry Scott of The King's Own Royal Border Regiment enlightens actors Adam Lewis, Richard Gay and Kevin Shaw on some of the finer points of soldiering. Harry is Garrison Sergeant Major at Salisbury and the thespians are from Salisbury Playhouse Theatre, currently touring Wiltshire schools with their production of *Killed on July 17th*, 1916.

## Salad days?

Among all the heavy topics of the day - German unification, chemical warfare, the poll tax - the subject of fried salad must have been welcomed in the House of Commons on March 6 with relish.

During questions on Services catering, Mr Tony Banks, MP for Newham NW, mentioned that his uncle had served in the Army Catering Corps.

"If people did not eat the salad," he said, "he had a habit of frying it, which produced a most peculiar dish to eat."

"Can the Minister give an undertaking that our troops no longer have to eat fried salad?"

Mr Archie Hamilton, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, replied that he had never been offered fried salad at any Service establishment.

Mr Hamilton had earlier told Mr Tony Speller, MP for Devon N - a former catering officer - that he had received no formal complaints on the standards of catering in the Armed Forces. Mr Speller rejoined that it was unlikely that he ever would - the standard of catering was now probably "at its highest ever level".

**Army Benevolent Fund coffers and the charitable funds of the Household Division will benefit from a floodlit military musical spectacle due to take place on Horse Guards, Whitehall this summer. Tickets for the Beating Retreat by the Massed Bands of the Guards on June 5, 6 and 7, and can be obtained from the Treasurer, Household Division Funds, Horse Guards, Whitehall, London SW1 (tel: 01-873 6173).**

civilians are once again joining together - this time to raise funds to build a new residential home in memory of Dunkirk.

The Dunkirk Memorial Appeal, organised by the Royal British Legion, is supported by the Royal Naval Association, the Dunkirk Veterans Association and the Association of Dunkirk Little Ships.

Donations should be addressed to the appeal at the Royal British Legion, Effingham, Surrey KT24 5JP.

## Naafi report

Our report on the All-Ranks Army General Institute Committee (March 5) inadvertently stated that Naafi borrowings had risen from £6.3m to £27m. In fact they had risen by £6.3m to £27m during the previous 12 months.

Naafi is also keen to point out that where loss-making shops and clubs are identified, the vast majority will continue to operate because there is a welfare need which Naafi, under the terms of its charter, is obliged to meet.

It is up to the Services themselves to decide whether an establishment remains open or not.

## Return to Dunkirk

Fifty years on, 6,000 veterans and a flotilla of more than 60 of the original Little Ships will return to the Dunkirk beaches on Sunday, May 27.

They will be taking part in a memorial service which will form the centrepiece of events recalling that historic operation when civilians and armed forces combined to evacuate 340,000 men and women from Dunkirk and La Panne.

This year veterans and

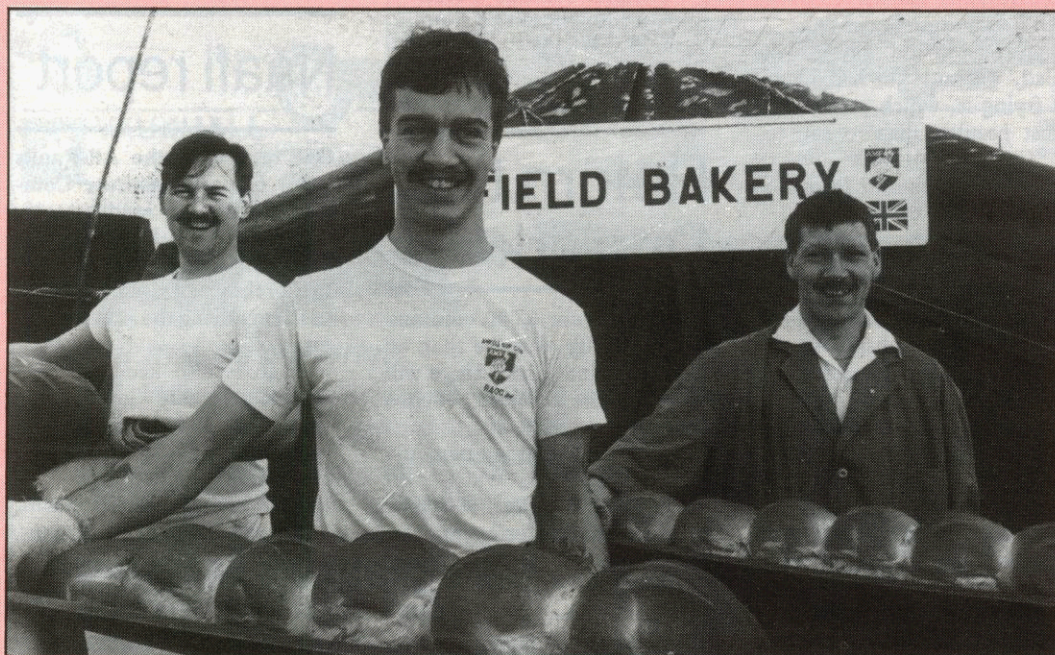




Best foot forward. Men of 2 RRF on skis



No go area. Cpl Don Stubbington of 158 Provost Company RMP involved in accident traffic control duties



Delivering the daily bread. Some of the 1,000 loaves produced every day by the RAOC field bakery

# ACE ARRAY

NEARLY 2,000 soldiers from six different countries joined forces north of the Arctic Circle to take part in Exercise Array Encounter. All were members of the Ace Mobile Force (Land), the multi-national unit designed to react quickly to reinforce Nato flanks in time of tension.

The four-stage exercise involved troops from the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, Italy, the United States and Luxembourg, and initially involved the movement by air and sea of 6,351 soldiers, 1,571 vehicles and 32 helicopters from the six participating countries.

An absence of problems spoke volumes for the professionalism of the movers, in particular for 50 Movement Control Squadron RCT who ran the British end of the operation. The UK contingent was more than double the size of any other national contingent.

Men of 2nd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers did their bit to win the hearts and minds of the Norwegians, with

A mobile news team from HQ UKLF joined Nato soldiers on exercise in northern Norway. Here is a selection of the images they brought back. Words by Capt **Jonathon Polin**, pictures by Sgt **Dave Miles**

## 2 RRF, 13/18 H in the Arctic Circle

every member of the battalion contributing money for the local avalanche dog rescue team. Commanding officer Lt Col Gordon Henderson was able to hand over a sizeable cheque.

When it came to the combat phase of the exercise, the British element undertook to play the enemy as AMF(L) prepared to defend its contingency area by force.

The enemy, in the form of 2 RRF and 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own), gave the friendly forces a good run for their money.



LBdr Green of 5 Field Battery RA keeps a sharp lookout on Exercise Array Encounter

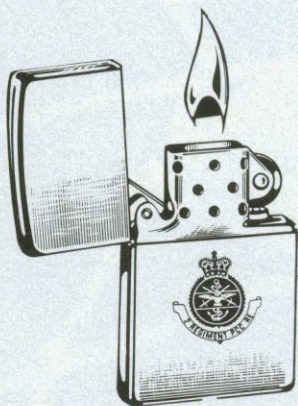


Supply Company BVs drive off the RFA Sir Percivale at Sorreis Port



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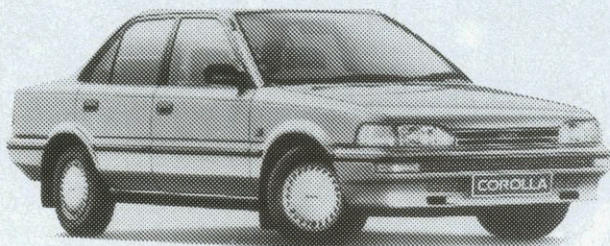
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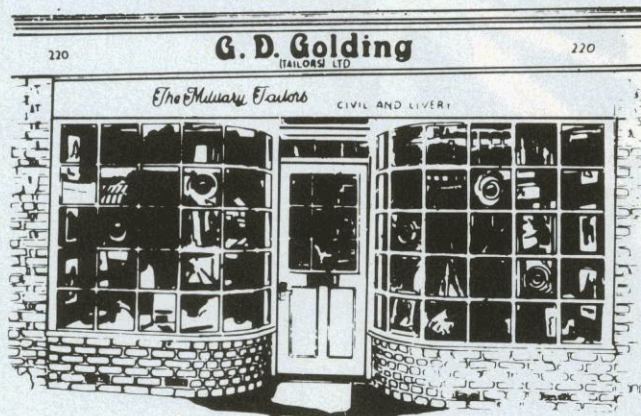
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Are we sitting comfortably? Cpl Steve Hirons (third from right) instructs a squad in 432 armoured personnel carrier drills

# It's the Old Pals Act

ABOUT the last description which is likely to apply to an infantry battalion in these days of the demographic trough is "overstrength".

So how does the 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire manage to be manned above establishment . . . and is forecast to remain in that happy position throughout 1990?

One reason is a healthy network of recruiters in a productive area, combined with the encouragement of family connections with the regiment and its predecessors.

Another reason is that each serving soldier carries with him a piece of pasteboard worth a week's leave.

That is what he is granted if he recruits one of his pals . . .

and the pal produces his "committal card" later.

It is a system which ensures that young soldiers find themselves among friends when they join the battalion.

Lt Col John King, commanding officer, explained: "The badging policy of The King's Division (the group of regiments to which 1 PWO belongs) is very fair to everyone, but unless a soldier wishing to join us has either



Lt Col John King

family ties or is in possession of a regimental committal card it is likely that when he starts training he will be badged to another battalion in the division which may have a less happy manning position."

Yet another reason for the success of 1 PWO is that though Yorkshiremen may be short on smooth talk on occasions, they are long on memory.

Though it is 32 years since

two famous regiments amalgamated to form 1 PWO, many people still remember that on D-Day only the East Yorkshire Regiment had two battalions in the first assault wave to land in Normandy. The 2nd (3rd Division) went in on King Beach; the 5th (50th Northumbrian) on Queen.

On the other side of the county they have not forgotten the bloody battle fought by the 1st and 2nd West Yorks in Burma and the Imphal Plain in particular.

Yorkshire's ability to

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**Words:**  
**Bill Moore**  
**Pictures:**  
**Terry**  
**Champion**





Soldiers firing on the ranges at Ponteland, Northumberland during freezing squalls



Sign of the times. 2nd Lt Claire Pridgeon is the first woman to hold the post of assistant adjutant in 1 PWO. She used to work for a bank in the City but opted for a more interesting life



A Milan section waiting for the word "go". The man with the book is their instructor

## Old Pals Act boost for 1 PWO

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produce good soldiers is complemented by its sporting reputation.

"One of the attractions that bring young men into the battalion is our sporting record," said Lt Col King.

"We like to think of it as second to none.

"We have a policy of entering all competitions in the Army at whatever level, and we are particularly good at cross-country and athletics.

"In the cross-country we

have been in the top two teams in the past seven years and won the championship between 1984 and 1987."

Being overstrength enables the battalion to meet its operational requirements and develop other interests ...

## Honours for the fighting ferrets

"REGIMENTAL ferrets ready for your inspection, sir."

Capt Christian Schofield, adjutant of 1 PWO, looked at the two bright and bushy-tailed residents of the cage painted in the maroon and gold colours of the battalion and decided they passed muster.

"Carry on, RFM."

And Honorary Regimental Ferret Major WO2 Brian (Jock) Kelly carried on.

The story behind the ferrets - traditionally called Imphal and Quebec after two battle honours - was explained by Lt Col John King, the commanding officer.

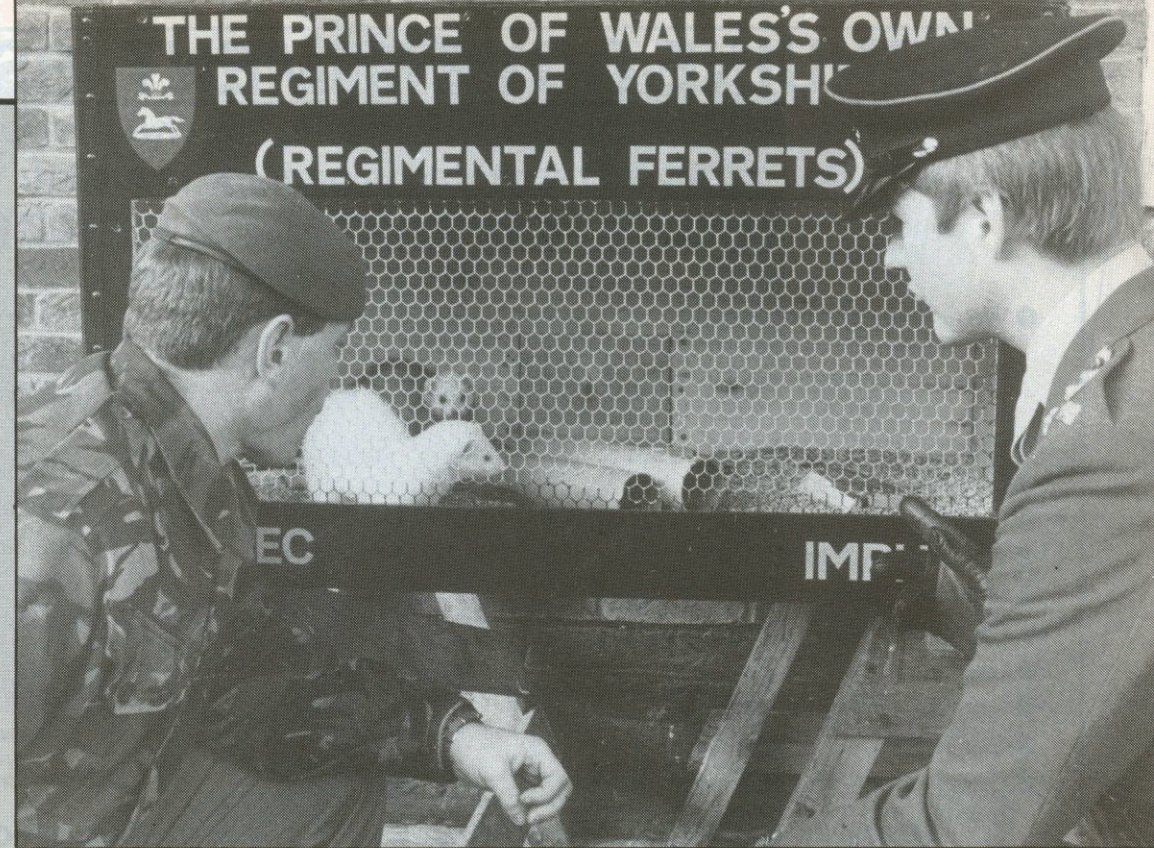
"It goes back to the Normandy campaign. As you know, Yorkshiremen love their ferrets and a Sgt Weeks in the East Yorks couldn't bear to be parted with his, even on D-Day. They went with him in his small pack along with his nets.

"One day, when the battalion was fighting in the bosage, the rations failed to come up - the Germans were bombarding the lines of communication. Sgt Weeks had already noticed that the high banks were riddled with rabbit holes so he went into action. The result was that his company lived on rabbit for days.

"These ferrets, and their owner, you'll be pleased to know, survived the war, all three retiring gracefully in 1952.

"Since then it has been traditional to keep ferrets in the battalion and they have reached the status of regimental mascots.

"We have an honorary appointment of regimental ferret major, at the moment held by WO2 Kelly, directly



The adjutant of 1 PWO, Capt Christian Schofield (right), inspects the regimental ferrets



Above - Regimental Ferret Major (RFM) Brian Kelly with Imphal and Quebec. Left - Somewhere in France. A rare photograph of Sgt Weeks working one of his ferrets during a quiet spell behind the line

responsible for care and maintenance of the quarters and employment of the ferrets."

WO2 Kelly, incredibly a Scot in an almost solidly Yorkshire unit, has the skills of a gamekeeper, poacher and soldier rolled into one (which is why he is a Master

Sniper among other things).

His present charges, he explained, are both jills (females)", one a thoroughbred, the other crossed with a polecat.

With a licence to destroy vermin on the Catterick training area, WO2 Kelly disposes of magpies and

crows - and rabbits.

"I keep the cookhouse supplied with rabbits," he said.

He also provides them for survival exercises.

Quebec and Imphal, however, are fed on ... tinned catfood.

\* A male ferret is called a hob.

such as the creation of a youth team in Humberside and East Yorkshire and the training of a six-strong free-fall parachute team.

At the lower levels of battalion life it means guard duties come round less

frequently. Currently 1 PWO is serving in 24 Airmobile Brigade but they move to Osnabrück, Germany, later in the year and are converting to mechanised infantry - revising old skills and in some cases learning new ones. As a grim Northumbrian

dawn broke over Otterburn, B Company stalwarts in tracksuits or T-shirts and shorts were making the first tracks in the six inches of snow which had fallen overnight.

On Ponteland ranges just outside Newcastle muffled

riflemen were calculating the effect of a howling icy wind on the 5.56 rounds of their SA 80s. Squalls lashed another squad setting up a general purpose machine-gun in the sustained fire role. The SOLDIER team

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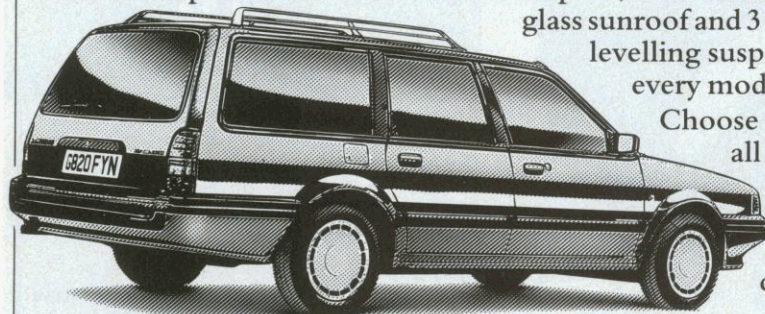
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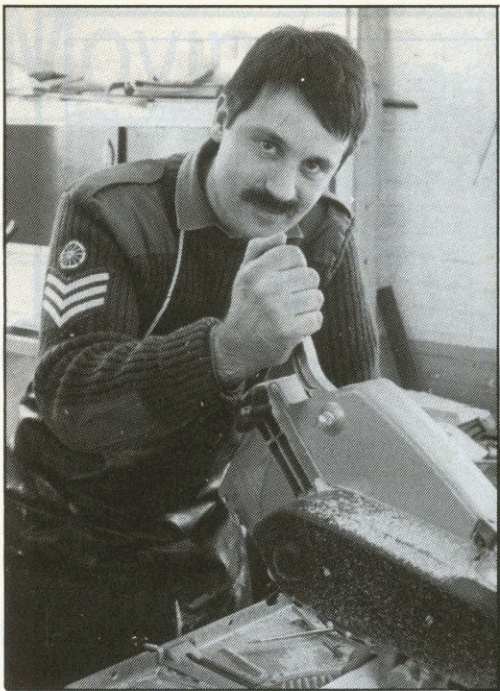
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The wheel on Sgt Daz Cone's sleeve indicates a carpenter. Sgt Cone runs the domestic pioneer section of 1 PWO with two other carpenters and a signwriter

# Old Pals

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was relieved to find refuge in a building where the qualities of the 94mm LAW (you're not supposed to call it LAW 80 now we're in the 90s) were being explained.

The news that it can penetrate almost two feet of armour at up to 500 yards clearly made an impact (what else?).

Meanwhile back at the barracks the "L" signs were out on the 432s and Cpl Steve Hirons was doing his bit to obtain the 100 track vehicle drivers that are required by a mechanised battalion.

Nearby, under the practised eye of Cpl Malcolm Clark, a Milan squad was being put through its paces.

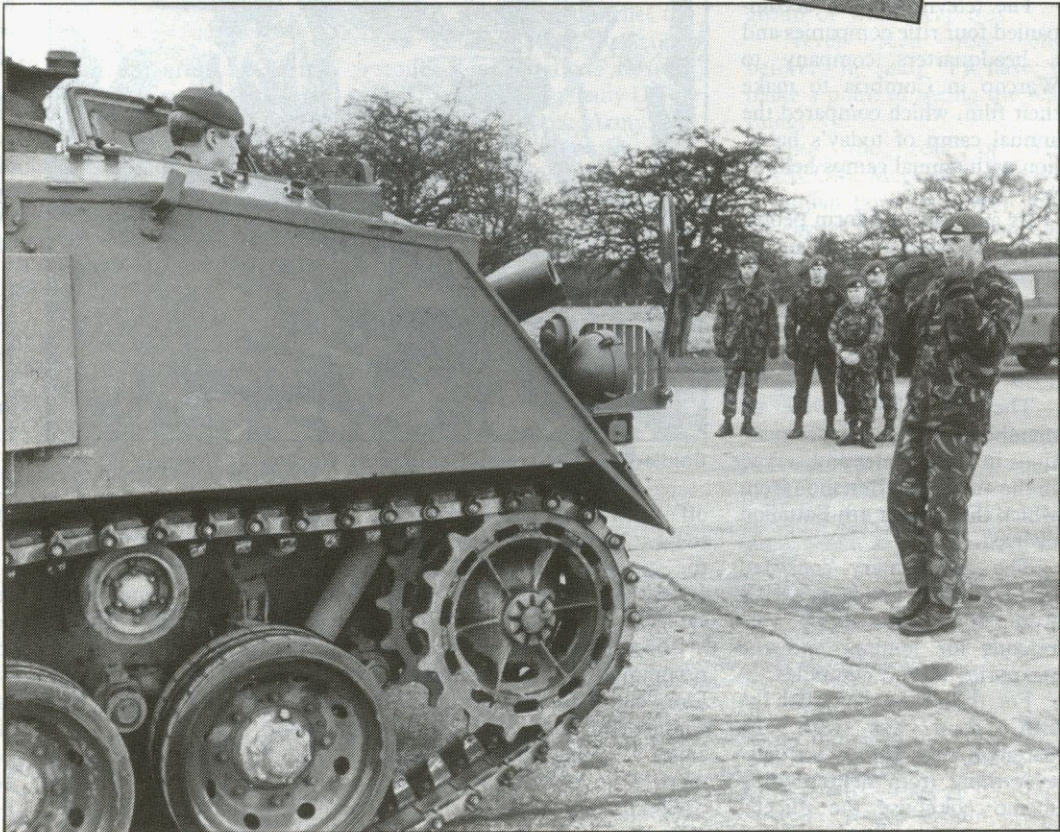
Being an airmobile battalion each company has its firing posts and the performance of Ptes Richard Fenton and Olly Alderson over wire and through water was impressive.

They ended up wet, muddy and breathless – ever the foot soldier's lot – but still able to raise a smile.

The air of change was all around. Though the battalion has enjoyed its stay in its home county, which has enabled soldiers to get home to their families easily, the troops are looking forward to a change from Catterick ... and, perhaps, escape from the frozen wastes of Otterburn and Ponteland.



Setting up a GPMG on Ponteland ranges



Driver under instruction at the controls of a 432 armoured personnel carrier





The BBC crew films D (City of Swansea) Company on the assault course during 4 RRW's Prince of Wales competition

# TV crew puts 4 RRW in the picture

MEN of the 4th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales were joined on their last annual camp by a television team from BBC Wales. The result was a documentary called *Territorials* transmitted by the station on March 13.

The television team accompanied four rifle companies and a headquarters company to Warcop in Cumbria to make their film, which compared the annual camp of today's battalion with annual camps held 50 years ago.

Its aim was to inform people of the Territorial Army and in particular a West Walian unit, using the backdrop of memories from ex-Servicemen who were in the Reserve Forces in 1939.

The old soldiers were all members of comrade associations in West Wales and served in the 4th Welch Battalion from which the present 4th Battalion evolved.

The commentary consisted of Maj David Crowley, OC B Company, describing his reasons for joining, and the memories of the comrades.

For the seven days that the BBC team was with the battalion they filmed virtually everything from field training to the cookhouse, the officers' mess to the soldiers' weekend



Soldiers on the assault course at Warcop in Cumbria

off. With the occasional return to what happened 50 years ago, the programme produced a series of thought-provoking cameos.

"From start to finish the programme took five months to film, cut, edit and produce," commented producer Wynford Jones. "I only wish we had more time scheduled for the programme instead of the 30 minutes."

*Territorials* is part of a series of programmes reflecting different lifestyles in Wales. John Geraint Roberts, senior producer of the series, believed that *Territorials* turned out to be the best of the programmes because of its action and comment.

"All the team thoroughly enjoyed working on location with the battalion, as the Army has its abbreviations so the

BBC had its . . . by the time a WA created a GV and produced a 'wrap' both BBC and Army were suitably confused but working in unison," explained Wynford Jones.

David Crowley, a solicitor in civilian life, provided the main commentary. "Wynford and his team made what initially appeared to be an ordeal turn into something which was a lot of fun," he said.

"The programme turned out to be a lot more than people initially thought and it has proved to be the perfect video to show potential recruits who are thinking of joining the battalion."

Lt Col Andrew de Lukacs Lessner, commanding officer of the 4th Battalion commented: "The programme produced by the BBC has recorded many aspects of TA battalion life at an annual camp in an untypical way. The result was an interesting and entertaining programme encompassing members of each company based in Swansea, Llanelli, Neath and Bridgend. It was a pleasure to host the BBC TV unit."



# Moving story of the little Grey Ghost



Maj Gen Richard Collier (right), US Army Reserve, raises a smile with an anecdote about the famous Confederate States soldier Col John S Mosby while visiting Col Jeramy Lucas, Commander Transport and Movement, HQ UKLF. On the wall behind them is a certificate appointing Col Lucas an honorary colonel in the Mosby rangers. The statuette is of the great man ... who stood only 5ft 2in tall

FINDING the picture of fiddle-playing American cavalymen over a British officer's desk is about as unusual as discovering Confederate States colonels serving in the Royal Corps of Transport, writes **Bill Moore**.

But both exist – at United Kingdom Land Forces Headquarters at Wilton, near Salisbury, Wilts.

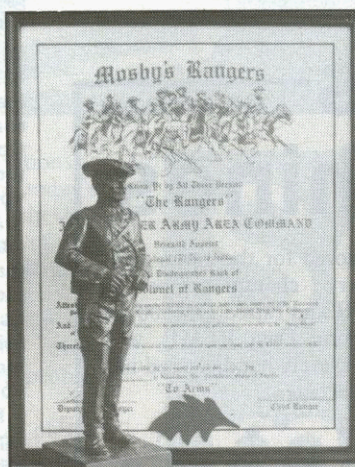
The picture, frontispiece of a calendar, hangs on the wall of Col Jeramy Lucas, Commander Transport and Movement HQ UKLF.

Near it is a frame scroll certifying his appointment as a colonel in Mosby's Rangers, an honorary rank conferred on a handful of British officers serving on the United Kingdom Commanders-in-Chief Committees staff.

Mosby's Partisan Rangers were one of the best-known units of the Civil War, but today are closely associated with the 310th Theatre Army Area Command, otherwise 310 TAACOM.

Members of 310 TAACOM, plus US Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force officers, recently flew to Britain for Exercise Wyvern Julep II (a strange mixture of the ancient badge of Wessex and a cooling drink from the Deep South).

Broadly speaking it was a joint exercise for "movers" on both sides of the Atlantic including 496 Movement Control Liaison Unit RCT(V) to



Every picture tells a story ... through a misunderstanding Lt Col David Seddon, a retired RCT officer at HQ UKLF was made a colonel of the Mosby Rangers twice ... hence the oak leaf added to his certificate

study and test plans for the transport, reception and onward movement of US troops in a variety of scenarios.

With the prospect of US troop reductions and redeployment in Europe, even greater demands are likely to be made on British and US movement controllers.

Paradoxically, Col John Singleton Mosby, Confederate States Army, was one of the greatest ever threats to lines of communication.

A lawyer by profession, he did not make a great impression on the 1st Virginia Cavalry which he joined as a private, saying of sabres – "the only real

use I ever heard of them was to hold a piece of meat over a fire for grilling".

He came into his own as a scout for General Jeb Stuart, the legendary Confederate cavalryman, and eventually ran a successful guerilla war with a command known as the "Partisan Rangers" ... later officially the 43rd Virginia Cavalry. His nickname was "The Grey Ghost".

Only five feet two inches tall and weighing less than nine stones, his operations are said to have diverted so many Union troops from Grant's Army that he prolonged the war.

Mosby disbanded them rather than surrender in 1865.

After the war he annoyed the South as much as he had the North by supporting Grant's presidency. His reward was to

be made US consul in Hong Kong.

Unpopularity didn't bother the little man. He died in 1916 at the age of 83.

Maj Gen Richard Collier, US Army Reserve, Commanding General of 310 TAACOM and now Chief Ranger, was delighted to see the mounted fiddlers' picture while on a visit to HQ UKLF (the Raiders were serenading a bedraggled group of Union captives).

"Never seen that one before," he said. "I'll have to make a point of seeing the real thing."

Like the rest of 310 TAACOM, Maj Gen Collier is a Virginian born and bred, and an expert on Mosby. But the Grey Ghost had once again proved to be elusive ... which is what you might expect.

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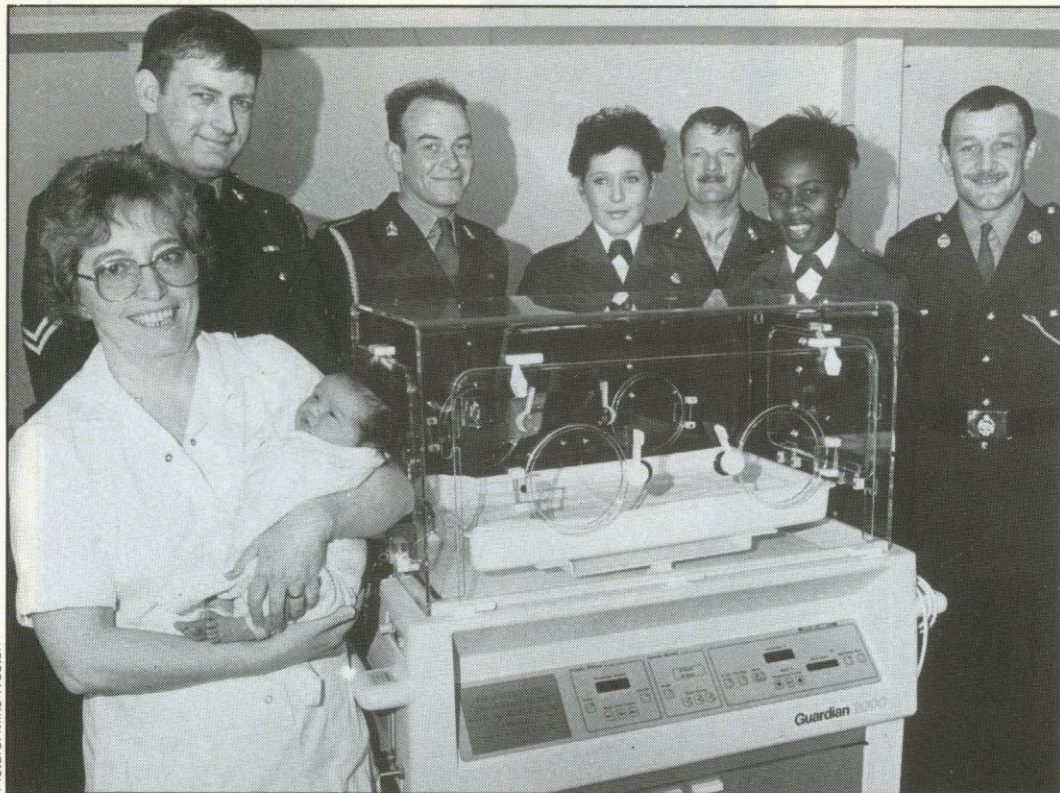
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A year of fund-raising by members of the RMA Sandhurst junior ranks' club came to fruition with the presentation of this incubator to the special baby care unit at nearby Frimley Park Hospital. Pictured with Ward Sister Sylvia Morgan and baby Hanna Brown are (from left)

club entertainments committee chairman Cpl Fred Caygill who started the appeal, LCpl Simon Cude, Pte Maxine Steele, RQMS George Colville, Cpl Tracey Hart and Cpl Ted Brett, the mess president. Members raised about £5,000 for the incubator.

## UDR fund-raisers buy speech machines

THE first of six electronic speech therapy aids has been presented to Muckamore Abbey Hospital, Antrim Town by the 1st/9th Battalion, The Ulster Defence Regiment. Money for the machine was raised by all ranks and their families at a series of sponsored events, including discos, raffles and football matches.

During the past 12 months the nine battalions of the UDR have given more than £60,000 to charity. In many



cases the regiment can take no public credit for its work.

REME members attached to the 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) at Werl were

sponsored for the corps cross country championships in BAOR and raised DM500 for Sgt John Day, REME, who was severely handicapped in a road accident.

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The six battalions of The Queen's Regiment raised £33,000 for charity during 1989 and were largely instrumental in donating a further £30,000, despite having two battalions on duty in Northern Ireland.

## Sappers on hell volcano



Lt Jamie Weir raises his arms in triumph as he and Capt Paul Deverill celebrate reaching the summit of Cotopaxi, at 5,897m the world's highest active volcano.

A ten-man team from Osnabrück-based 23 Engineer Regiment spent a year planning an expedition to Ecuador to scale El Sangay (pictured below), the world's most continuously active volcano.

Four men (Deverill, Weir, Sgt Steve Little and Spr Steve Dale) reached the craters before being driven back by a large eruption.

A sapper-led expedition to Sangay (Quecha Indian for "hell") in 1976 ended in tragedy when two climbers were killed and three very seriously injured. A sixth earned the George Medal for his part in the subsequent rescue operation.



## Top team

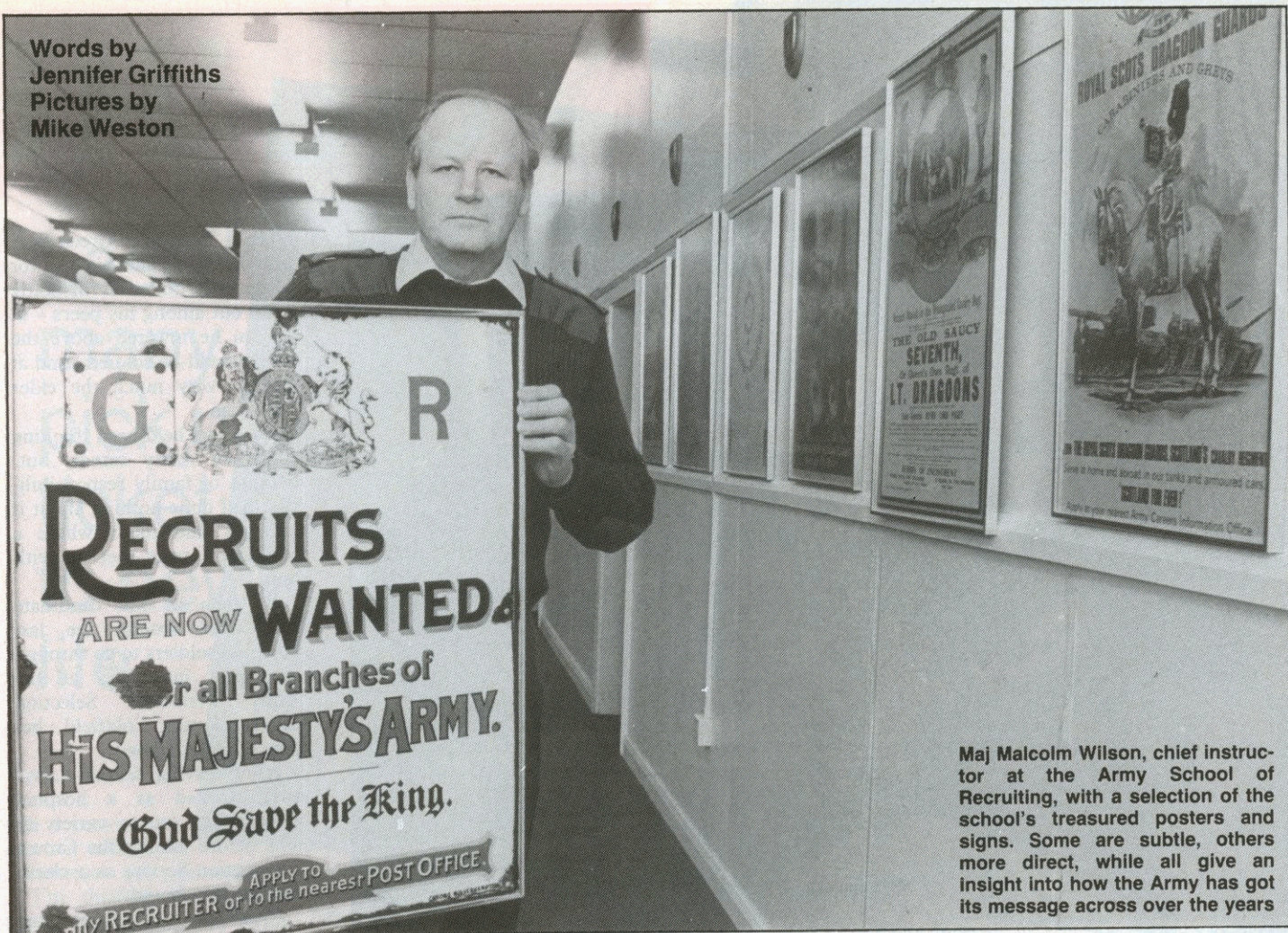
Spr Paul Brunneye (left) achieves the first ascent of the Nevada De Toluca (4,583m) by mountain bike during a seven week expedition to Mexico by six members of Hameln-based 28 Amphibious Engineer Regiment.

The cyclists crossed Mexico from Pacific to Caribbean, riding 2,028 miles in a total of 32 days in the saddle. Capt Tony Welsh, who also reached the Nevada Del Toluca summit, led the party.





Words by  
Jennifer Griffiths  
Pictures by  
Mike Weston



Maj Malcolm Wilson, chief instructor at the Army School of Recruiting, with a selection of the school's treasured posters and signs. Some are subtle, others more direct, while all give an insight into how the Army has got its message across over the years

IMPORTANT changes and innovations at a barracks where 90 per cent of today's soldiers have passed muster will help take the British Army into the end-of-the-century employment battle with all guns blazing.

It is all part of a plan to secure for the Army a bigger slice of the ever-diminishing labour pool of young people. The new look includes:

- Closure and decentralisation of the Army Personnel Selection Centre (APSC) at Sutton Coldfield, with its personnel selection officers (PSOs) moving "into the field";
- Opening of a new preliminary training wing to improve the physical, literacy and numeracy standards of youngsters who fall just short of Army requirements;
- Possible re-siting of the Army School of Recruiting (ASR) from its co-location with the APSC;
- The ASR providing an inspectorate service to ensure PSOs maintain the same standards nationwide;
- Moving of the London-based senior personnel selection officers (SPSOs), who handle applications of transfers from one cap badge to another to the ASR, where they now have additional responsibilities;
- Transfer of the Recruit Selection and Control Cell, which keeps a computer record of Army vacancies, and the

# Selectors move into Front Line

Depot Intake Control Cell, which issues joining instructions to recruits, from the APSC to the ASR.

St George's Barracks, Sutton Coldfield, has housed the APSC since 1971. Each year since then 25,000 civilian hopefuls have passed through its portals to be academically and physically tested for their suitability for an Army career.

The centre's commanding officer, Lt Col Jo Griffiths-Eyton, said: "Decentra-

lisation is very much a reflection of today's needs. We have to be more reactive, we have to co-ordinate our recruiting more, and save money.

"Putting the PSOs in the field and attached to careers and recruiting offices means they can react more immediately to the needs of the applicant in his own environment. The PSOs can also talk to applicants' families and teachers, and help with recruiting efforts, such as school visits."

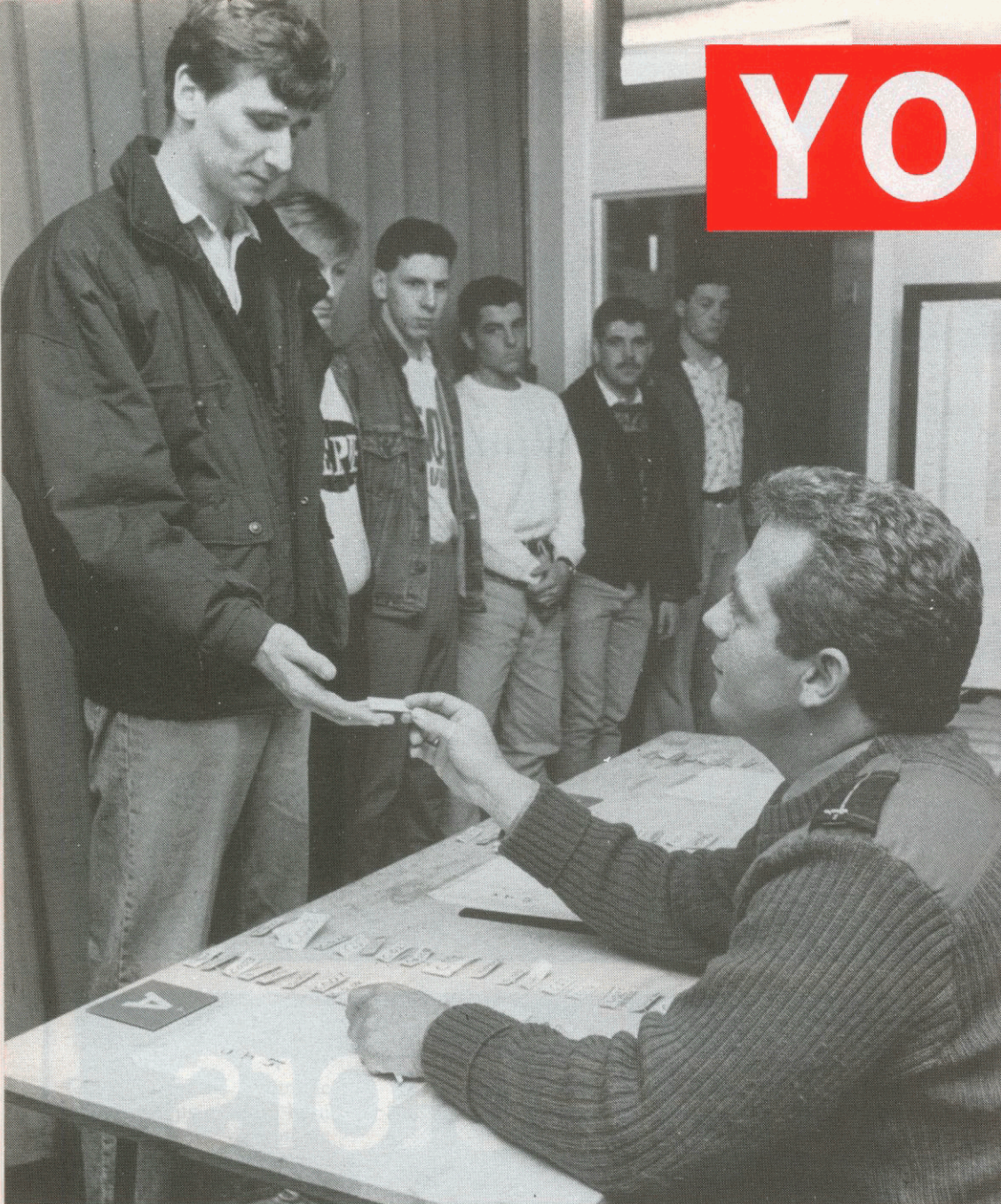
The Preliminary Training Wing offers physical development courses to help youngsters become stronger and run

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**As the battle for recruits heats up, APSC at Sutton Coldfield closes its doors**



# YOU'RE IN!



Lawrence Grech is booked in by Sgt Stuart Charlton at the Army Personnel Selection Centre

WHEN Lawrence Grech presented himself and his c.v. for military scrutiny he instantly stood out among his peers – at 6ft 5in he towered above the other would-be soldiers, and at 29 was very much the elder statesman.

For years he'd been thinking about an Army career, but, because of family responsibilities, had done nothing about it until... and that's where a SOLDIER team met up with him.

By then he was candidate A006 and among the last potential soldiers to go through tests and interviews at the Army Personnel Selection Centre, Sutton Coldfield, before it closed down.

After leaving school Lawrence worked as a hospital porter, then took a variety of jobs before joining the Crown Prosecution Service as a clerk. But he was bored.

"I also wanted to put some order into my life. I have mechanical aptitude which I want to develop, and the discipline and challenge of Army life appeals," he said.

Fitness was assessed in a gym work-out, mile run and other tests, and if the going was tough, he was proving a match for his younger rivals. Academic assessment included computer tests and interviews

## Last of many pick up ticket to new life

with a personnel selection officer.

Lawrence was successful.

"I'm thrilled. It's been a good atmosphere here with everybody trying to help each other. When I started to slow down on the run, I thought I was going to blow it."

He has now handed in his notice and joined REME for training.

It was a happy ending, too, for 20-year-old Edward Guildea, a warehouse storeman looking for a challenging career with comradeship. He found

Soldiers in the making. Proudly showing their pass certificates from the Army Personnel Selection Centre are, from the left (standing) Edward Guildea, Shaun Hogg and Leslie Dowling (seated) Pascal Martin, Gary Leech and Anthony Wilson;

the gym tests easier than expected and was second in the run. He is now hoping to become a combat engineer.

And it was a dream realised for 20-year-old labourer Leslie Dowling, who has his eye on a career with the Royal Irish Rangers.

Pascal Martin (19) will go

into training at Chichester with the Royal Military Police.

Anthony Wilson (22) took a chance and gave up his job as a sales assistant because he felt he was not going anywhere. His first choice was the Royal Armoured Corps, but there were no vacancies so he opted

for the Infantry.

Garry Leech (17), a stonemason, wanted to become a sapper but was too light.

"I'm switching to the Infantry, and I'm not too

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## Recruiter's job has become



Lt Col Jo Griffiths-Eyton, CO Army Personnel Selection Centre

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faster. There will be up to 40 on each of the 16, two-week courses.

The ten-week preliminary education course is for those weak on literacy and numeracy. There will be 12 courses a year, each catering for 15.

Lt Col Mike Carver, Commandant ASR, said the aim is to build up the standard of would-be recruits, rather than lower the limits to let them in.

"We are trying to identify youngsters who have the potential either to have their physical fitness and strength developed enough to complete their basic training, or, with more time spent on their education, get them ready to take their place in the field army."

In the long term, the ASR may be on the move, relocating in the UK but linked to an existing military set-up. The earliest a decision is expected is July.

The ASR was founded in 1961 and has been sited in Sutton Coldfield since 1984.

It caters for 600 soldiers a year who are trained how best to promote the Army, and what to look for in recruits. The school's responsibilities are now significantly enlarged, with the additional roles of inspectorate and preliminary training wing, and with the SPSOs on its establishment.

The recruiter's job has risen in prestige as increasing importance has been laid on attracting youngsters into the Army. He is now taught how to interpret body language in interviews, and how to employ a softly-softly approach.

Maj Malcolm Wilson, ASR chief instructor, said: "You can shout at a soldier because he is familiar with the military system. But if you shout at a civilian, he will quite rightly walk away. That is not to say we don't portray a full picture of Army life."

And now for the 64 billion dollar question. How does the potential recruit compare with those of the previous

## more and more important

generation? For one thing, their attitude to discipline is different.

Maj Wilson explained: "The guidelines of acceptable behaviour have become blurred and youngsters do not know when they have crossed them. So they don't understand why they are being disciplined when they do cross over."

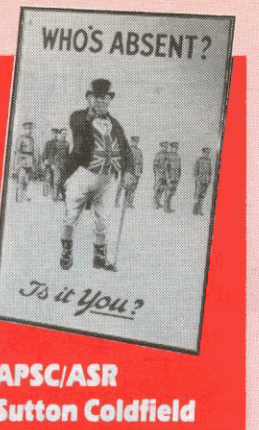
Col Griffiths-Eyton said: "Today's recruit is far brighter, but because there is less emphasis on sport and exercise in schools, they are often not as fit. They are looking for a good career and job satisfaction that they can't find in civilian life."

"There are times when I think they hope they will be able to take a pill for instant fitness and instant self-discipline. The discovery that this is not possible sometimes brings disillusionment."

"With the general relaxing of attitudes in society, the discipline and fitness requirements of the Army can come as a tremendous shock."



Lt Col Mike Carver, Commandant Army School of Recruiting



APSC/ASR  
Sutton Coldfield





A chilly morning start for potential recruits on the mile run



**APSC/ASR  
Sutton Coldfield**

## Oscar tribute

Below – Military staff at the Army School of Recruiting often find themselves the butt of humorous farewell gifts from soldiers who have passed through on courses – such as this Oscar “for fine acting”. Pictured are (from left) Capt John Starling, R Signals, Maj Bill Forster, RCT, admin officer Roy Stearn ex RAEC, WO2 Bill Reddy, RGJ, Capt Trevor Bill, 2 PARA, and Cpl Peter Wilson, RAOC



## Ticket to a new life

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disappointed. I realise the training will be tough, but I'm determined to get through."

Shaun Hogg (19) has been unemployed since he left school. He was accepted for training with The Royal Green Jackets. "I'm thrilled because one of my mates is with them."

"The APSC instructors were very good, encouraging us all the way."

Youngsters who gained their pass certificates left the APSC with a job offer and can consider themselves as Army recruits. They go on to depots for military training before being posted to various units as fully-fledged soldiers. In the meantime they will have been sworn in at a careers' office.

For them, an exciting new world of opportunity is about to open up.



## Knees on test

Left – Capt Allan Fairbanks, adjutant of the Army Personnel Selection Centre, tests his own health on a machine used to assess potential knee problems of would-be soldiers



# Collection that just grew and grew

A LIFELONG fascination for militaria and a collection that grew too big lie behind a new display of uniforms and headdress opening at Aldershot Military Museum, writes Jennifer Griffiths.

It is the culmination of a boyhood interest that started during the Second World War and continues to this day for 62-year-old architect Gerald Flint-Shipman, a major in The Honourable Artillery Company.

In common with many other avid collectors, he discovered that the delight of acquisition was tempered by the problem of where to display, store and care for his treasures.

He explained: "While I lived in a large country house there wasn't a problem. The problem of what to do with a collection that includes 200 uniforms and 200 headdresses started when I moved to a smaller home in London."

That is when Aldershot Military Museum stepped in. The Flint-Shipman Display of Yeomanry 1794-1908 was the result. It was opened by the Duke of Wellington on March 25.

When museum staff first inspected the uniforms they found a number had been made by an Aldershot military tailor called Lehmann, and consequently the display is designed with a tailor's shop theme.

Although the collection is on permanent loan, only a limited selection is actually on display. Each year different items will go on view to cover different aspects of Yeomanry or volunteer history.

Maj Flint-Shipman said that when he was a boy in the 1940s he "used to go around chivvying soldiers and trying to get badges from them."

"Most boys grew out of it,



Picture: Mike Perring

Maj Gerald Flint-Shipman prepares the full dress uniform of a Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry officer for display in Aldershot Military Museum

but I just carried on collecting."

He said it was difficult to put a value on his collection.

A uniform of the Oxfordshire Yeomanry, reputedly owned and worn by Winston Churchill, was sold for about £15,000. He reckoned it was

not in as good a condition as the one in his collection – and did not include the boots.

Other rare items include several Light Dragoon helmets with a bearskin crest of the late 18th century.

"They are probably the rarest, but the item I like best is

the Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry uniform, which is very attractive."

He acquires items from fellow collectors, a firm of military auctioneers, and a dealer who looks out for items for him. "There is only one other serious collector of the items that interest me. We are occasionally in competition, but we also swap and are friendly rivals.

"As a younger man I tried on the uniforms, but I have put on weight since then, so few actually fit. And in those days, men were smaller than now. Of course, you shouldn't really try them on as you are likely to damage them."

## Duke opens new display

**THE Flint-Shipman Display was being officially opened in Aldershot Military Museum by the Duke of Wellington on March 25.**

Administered by the Aldershot Military Historical Trust, the museum is situated in Evelyn Woods Road beside Queens Avenue. It tells the

story of the home of the British Army from its origins as a muddy landscape of wooden huts to today's modern barracks. That story started in 1854 when 10,000 acres of heathland, once the haunt of robbers and highwaymen, was converted into the "camp at Aldershot".



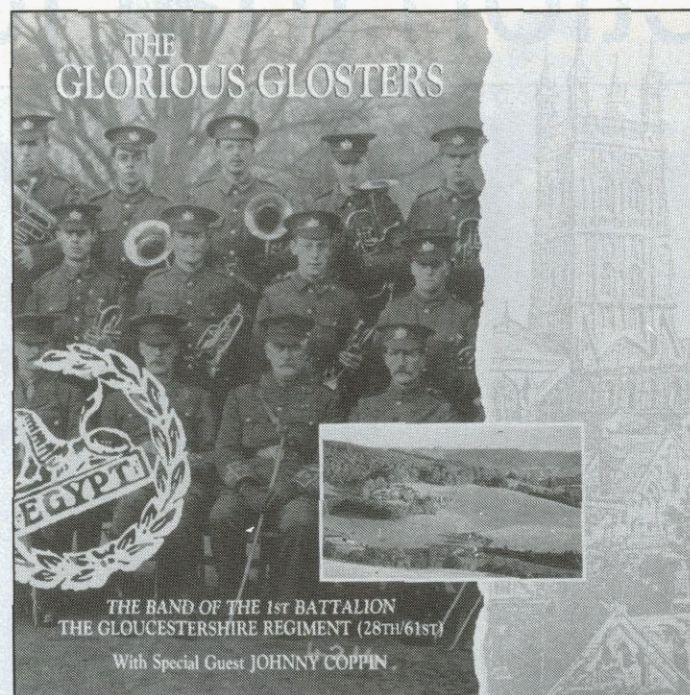
# Bravo! A great success

**The Glorious Glosters**  
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"A BRAVE EFFORT" from a reviewer usually implies a brave effort, but not a great success. This disc is both a brave effort and a great success.

I am always banging on about certain bands making the very best of what resources they have, and here is an inspired example of a band of a mere 18 players in a programme of music entirely associated with their home county, which stretches neither their resources nor their ability.

The county of Vaughan Williams, Ivor Gurney, Gustav



Holst, singer Johnny Coppin, and of whose green fields Sir John Falstaff dreamed.

With such glorious material to hand there was no question of producing yet another pier-head bandstand programme. Mr Bennett, in partnership

with the well known singer Johnny Coppin, gives us a charming hour of music and song in the fashionably-scorned English pastoral tradition, at least by the musical yuppies.

There are six songs, all sung by Johnny Coppin with band

accompaniment, all of them set to music by Johnny, either to his own words or those of Will Harvey, composer and poet Ivor Gurney (born in Gloucester and gassed at Passchendaele), Leonard Clark and Frank Mansell.

Of the band's contribution, we have a Southfield Overture by Trevor Sharpe, Vaughan Williams's *English Folk Song Suite* (he having been born at glorious Down Ampney), Cheltenham-born Gustav Holst's *Intermezzo* from his *Suite in E flat*, and the real find on this disc, Roger Quilter's *Three English Dances* which I haven't heard for many years.

All in all, a glorious Gloucestershire wallow for all who love that pastoral tradition.

The only thing I regret is the record's title, implying as it does a programme of martial oompah. A simple "In Gloucestershire" would have better expressed its underlying elegiac mood.

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A final outing for horses and men of H Squadron RCT at Aldershot in 1970. Such squadrons were to become a thing of the past

# Transport neglect linked to military failure

TRANSPORT has been a prime consideration for military commanders from earliest times and one can never cease to wonder how, with only wind and animal power available, it was possible even to contemplate the movement of large numbers of men and the stores of war to faraway campaigns.

In *From Horse to Helicopter* John Sutton and John Walker examine the problems involved from the mid-17th century, ranging from major campaigns to peace-time support of overseas garrisons.

The authors are well qualified to write this history, both having achieved high rank in the Royal Army Service Corps and the Royal Corps of Transport.

They describe all forms of transport on land, sea and air, organisation and administration, with examples to illustrate that where a transport system was neglected, it was a major cause of military failure.

Moving an army on land often meant long, forced, marches in terrible climates over mud or dust-covered routes. That is not to say that

no efforts were made to improve the fighting man's lot; specially designed troop-carrying vehicles (TCVs) go back further than is generally believed.

In the book there is a reproduction of a c1798 print depicting a horse-drawn "Expedition" or "Military Fly" carrying men of the City and Westminster Horse Volunteers.

Although steam carriages were successfully running on British roads in the early 1830s, it was not until 1858 that traction engine development was considered by the Army, when an eight-ton Bray steam tractor was used to haul 68-pounder guns round the arsenal at Woolwich.

But it took another ten years before the Royal Engineers were to adopt their Steam Sappers.

The eventual acceptance of steam-power for road vehicles was largely due to the enthusiasm of one officer, R E B Crompton.

In these days of rapid hi-tech developments, we are apt to forget that the bicycle once had an important role as battlefield

transport. Although mainly used for message carrying, there were more ambitious and aggressive uses. One involved the rail tandem, "which consisted of a number of cycles fixed together, and fitted with lightweight flanged wheels. They provided transport for scouts who used the railway lines to cover greater distances . . ."

The British Forces can boast the world's very first scheduled airmail service, jointly run by the Army Postal Service and the RAF between the United Kingdom and Cologne for an experimental period from December 1918 to August 1919.

In Russia in 1919, the British used dog and horse sleighs. There was also a Reindeer Transport Corps, employing about 2,000 beasts and 1,000 Laplander drivers.

This is an impressive story of improvisation and developing technology. - BJ

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Here we have R B Hall's *General Mitchell*, George Willcocks's *Sarafand*, Hughes's *To Your Guard*, Losey's *Waldmere*, and Ridgewood in the latter category, while Sousa, Alford, Teike, Duthoit, and Ganne are well represented

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## No quibble with this!

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Various Bands

IF I have been tempted to quibble as to whether all the marches in this series are actually great, I have no such temptation this time, for am I not represented as having written one of them?

As with a symphony or an opera, if it is performed often then it must be great in one way or another, and these are certainly played the world over.

Alford and Sousa rightly take pride of place, here as on

Volumes 1 and 2, with the other greats - Teike, Blankenburg, Starke, Karl King, R B Hall, and Earle Brigham well represented.

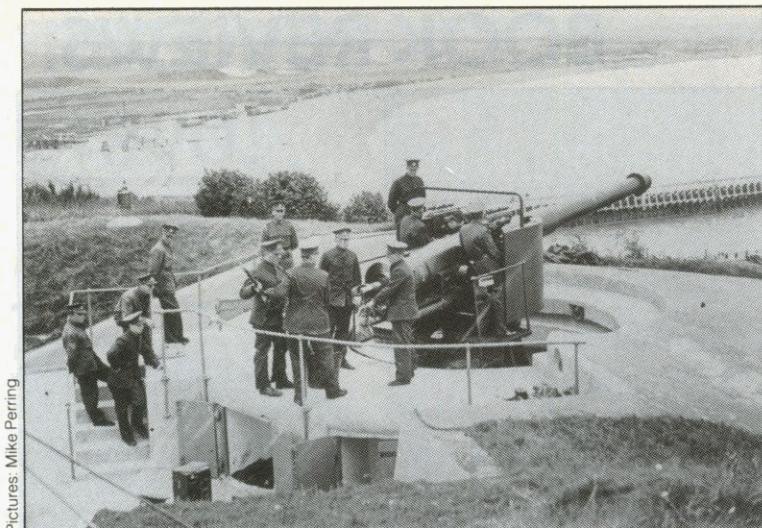
Twenty-five marches is too many to mention, but Sam Rhodes's great slow march *Golden Spurs*, D Thorne's *The Gunners*, Starke's little-known *Barvada*, Belton's *Down The Mall*, Don Pryce's *Iron Regiment*, and Edrich Siebert's *The Trumpet Major* should interest you.

As might *Imperial Life Guards* by W J Mansfield, who wrote *The Red Cloak*, Rettenburg's *Chief of Staff*, and Elgar's *Imperial March*, the outgoing voluntary for the most recent Royal Wedding.

Apart from Don Pryce, mentioned above, the other living composers grateful for inclusion among the greats are myself with *Inkerman* and Jimmy Howe with *Pentland Hills*.

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Men of 159 Battery RA training on a 6in breech-loading gun before the outbreak of the Second World War



Do you recognise anyone on this photograph from the fort archives? Manager Ian Everest would welcome details

# Newhaven Fort goes back to basics

THERE were coastal fortifications near Newhaven on the Sussex coast 1,000 years before William the Conqueror's invasion in 1066, and its comparatively modern fort, completed in 1871 as a defence against a French invasion, is listed as an ancient monument.

But the fort has probably experienced more drama since 1956 when coastal artillery was abolished and the Army moved out, than in any preceding century.

It was handed over in pristine condition in 1962 to the now-defunct Newhaven Urban District Council. Five years later the council approved a plan to convert it into a holiday village.

All structures above rampart level were demolished. Most of the underground tunnels were filled in with slurry from a newly-dug marina, and the moat disappeared under builder's debris. The developer tried to break up the place . . . but the project failed.

For several years the site lay dormant. It was extensively vandalised and became an eyesore.

A £250,000 plan to develop it as a leisure centre was allowed

by Lewes District Council, who had succeeded the UDC as owners. But its pub, restaurant, cafes and amusement arcade failed to attract visitors.

Rather than let the site again, Lewes District Council decided to run the fort itself. This time there is a different approach, and thanks to the foresight of manager Ian Everest it seems to be quietly paying off.

It has been open for two-and-a-half years, and last summer there were 20,000 visitors.

Mr Everest said Newhaven had never got the credit for the part it played in both world wars.

Visitors had included many returning Canadians who took part in the Dieppe raid and he was planning a special event in 1992 to mark the fort's 50th anniversary.

"Newhaven was an important embarkation point for Operation Overlord – the D-Day Landings – so there are lots of stories to tell.

"I am concentrating very much on the military side.

"All we are doing at the moment is preserving the present state. We haven't ventured into doing more

restoration."

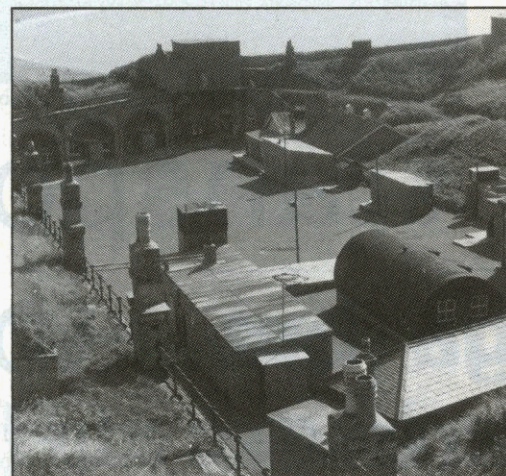
Mr Everest's father, Les, helps with maintenance, along with ex-Commando Bob Browne.

The three-man team relies heavily on the goodwill of groups such as the Fort Society, which helps run the museum. Various Army units have lent support.

583 EOD Sqn RE (V), based in Brighton, made improvements to the perimeter fencing, which has greatly helped in keeping out vandals. 133 Corps Troop Workshop REME, based in Maidstone, repaired and added obstacles to create a junior assault course for visiting children.

28 Training Squadron RE, from Camberley, helped with maintenance. 33 Engineer Regiment (EOD) from Rochester exercised their bomb disposal skills, and visitors were able to watch. Soldiers from the School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, Bordon, have also helped with restoration.

Most recent innovation has been the restoration of a barrack room into how it used



The barrack rooms before developers got to work and ordered that all structures above rampart level were to be demolished

to be.

The most eerie attraction is a visit to the Counterscarp Galleries, a series of chambers in the outer wall of the moat. They are on two levels and allowed cannon and rifle fire to be directed into the moats.

They were used during the war as a base for crews of motor torpedo boats, who painted murals on the wall depicting their craft. Numbers tally with historical records.

The fort is supposed to be haunted. Mr Everest, and his son and others have heard a mystery pipe band playing the same, unidentified tune. Despite a search of the area, they have been unable to trace the source.

He would be delighted to hear from anyone with connections with the fort which could be useful in his research.

by  
Jennifer Griffiths

## Concrete first for young builder

THE man who built Newhaven Fort was Lt John Ardagh, Royal Engineers. He was just 22 and commissioned for only three years when, in 1862, he was given the job of designing and constructing it.

Work started in 1864 and Ardagh made use of concrete for the first time in military fortifications.

Shingle to mix with the cement was obtained from the beach, and was hauled 120ft up the cliff face on a specially-built steam engine powered lift.

The fort was completed in 1871 and first troops to move in were from the Royal Artillery 17th Brigade, tasked to mount new guns coming from Woolwich by barge.

All the guns were muzzle-loaded and unwieldy in use and by 1914 they had been replaced by the faster breech-loading types.

The fort's peacetime regulars were the Royal Garrison Artillery. On the outbreak of the First World War, the Sussex Royal Garrison Artillery (Territorial Force) took over, with reserve sappers manning searchlights on the harbour breakwater. There was an infantry battalion of The Royal Sussex Regiment encamped at nearby Meccing Rise.

Below the fort, Newhaven harbour became the main military supply port for the British Expeditionary Force in France, as well as being a base for naval vessels on escort and other duties in the Channel.

The fort's six-inch guns were manned to protect the harbour.

With heavy casualties on the Western Front, fit men were posted to more active service, and when the war ended the garrison consisted largely of troops in low medical grades.

The Kent and Sussex Heavy Brigade of the TA became responsible for the defence of the ports of Dover and Newhaven, but the status of Newhaven had been reduced to Class C – not manned on mobilisation.

After Dunkirk, it was obvious that Britain's new front line was its coast – nowhere more so than in Sussex. All along the coast emergency measures were implemented to strengthen defences. More men were moved into the fort and defensive positions around Seaford Bay.

In the German invasion plan, its 9th Division was to land in Seaford Bay to capture Newhaven. But



Bob Browne – "Nosh" to his prisoner of war pals – is now resident caretaker at the fort. He and guard dog Sam are pictured with a Napoleonic muzzle-loading cannon

**FORMER Commando Bob Browne, resident caretaker at Newhaven Fort, escaped seven times from German POW camps during the Second World War, but was re-captured on every occasion.**

Nicknamed "Nosh" because of his skill in stealing food for fellow prisoners from German guards, he was first captured after being wounded in 1942.

For his first escape, he tied hospital blankets together and climbed out of a window. But his efforts re-opened a leg wound, and he was forced to return. Nobody realised he had been absent.

Later on there were several tunnel escapes.

"It was just like the film *The Great Escape* portrayed, digging under the sleeping quarters and under the prison fence. We had

## Bob just kept on escaping . . .

false passes, but they weren't very good, and we got caught."

The furthest his escapades took him was about 1,000 miles to the Swiss border.

"We used local trains which weren't checked and got by on German phrases we had picked up, but again got arrested."

Bob recalled less ambitious escapes he called "spring handicaps".

"There were some prisoners who didn't want to travel far. They escaped so they

could go and live in the woods for the summer, just to get away from the camp."

One day Bob and an Australian prisoner decided to escape – "just for the hell of it" – by failing to return with an outside working party.

"We walked into a pub where the Australian played the piano, and I sang English songs. It went down well with the locals who applauded us. Then the German police arrived and arrested us for being drunk and disorderly."

British defence arrangements anticipated this with minefields, tank traps and flamethrowers.

The invasion did not happen, but the fort and surrounding area received much attention from the Luftwaffe. Bombing, machine gunning and incendiary attacks took place almost daily.

In August 1942, Newhaven played a major part in the Dieppe

raid. About 5,000 troops, mainly Canadian, but also British Commandos and some US Rangers, left from the fort, and the 1,400 survivors returned to it.

In November 1944, Britain's biggest bang of the war happened just beneath the cliffs below the fort. A barge carrying ammunition was being towed up the Channel when it broke loose and struck a

mine. The explosion was heard and felt for many miles. Around Newhaven 1,700 houses were damaged.

A decade after the war coastal artillery was abolished and the remaining guns were removed. An Army Battle Area Clearance Unit moved in until the fort was handed over to the local council in 1962. Its military career had ended.



# Sgt DUFF's SECRET — A WEDDING FEAST

SGT Richard Duff, who, with the help of a team of Zimbabwe National Army cooks, is responsible for seeing hundreds of recruits are fed daily, had a hush-hush job the other day.

And when Maj Brian Nicol and his bride Pera returned from their marriage ceremony at Nyanga, they found their wedding breakfast laid out on a flat rock overlooking the Magombe river only five minutes walk from the camp ... champagne and all.

## TEAMWORK — Report No 2 from ZIMBABWE

When it is realised that the camp lies ten miles from the nearest tarmac road the difficulties (wait, those wine glasses) may be imagined.

However he declared that it was "a pleasure ... and a nice change".

Sgt Duff normally has to deal with food in bulk using

a cramped wooden cook-house and roasting most of his meat dishes in fires in the open.

To add to his headaches there are occasional problems with the electricity supply and keeping any item cool in a temperature of 100 degrees is difficult.

His trump card is that unless he gets transport when things run out people just don't eat. There is no Naafi as an alternative and all the supplies have to come from Nyanga 12 miles away. Sgt Duff always gets the transport...

## It's going to be tougher on the termites in future

The British Military Assistance and Training Team camp at Nyanga is a picturesque place with white huts interspersed with exotic plants and flowers but it is shortly to be transformed.

New buildings will withstand the termites and white ants — and there will be lecture and dining halls, new living accommodation and more efficient water

and electricity supplies.

But nothing will change the vivid scenery and the noise of the river or, I guess, the singing of the recruits who, accompanied by some very fit British sergeants — Mat Faulkner, Tot Taylor and Ken Dowsell — were setting out for a run in the bush.

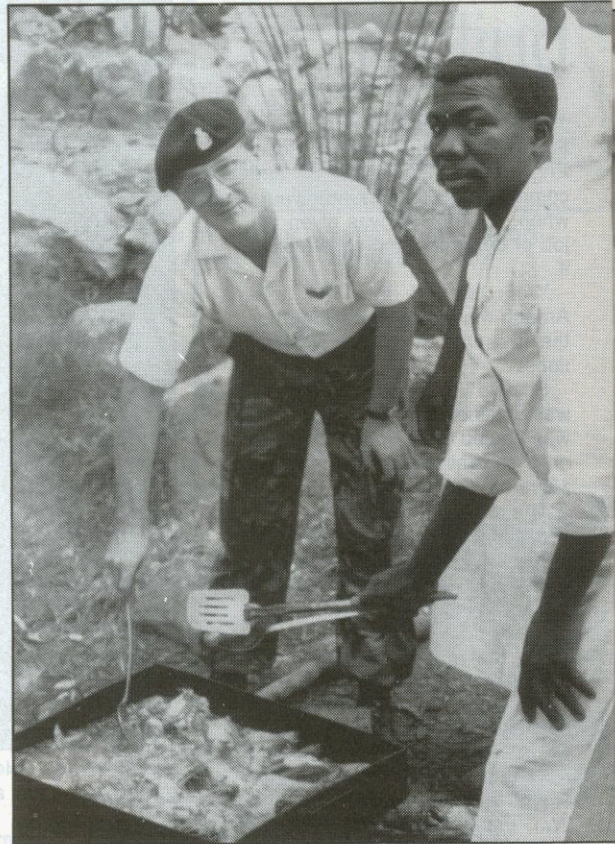
The financial incentives were attractive, they told me, but the posting was still

a matter of swings and roundabouts.

Lt Col David Black and Maj Brian Nicol, who run the Nyanga training team and battle school, were also enjoying their jobs.

The families live in hirings, individual thatched bungalows and houses with such names as Cotswold Bothy, Chelsea and Rose Cottage ... all nestling on the side of a tree-covered hillside called the European Village.

And what of the wives? Pam Stock, a midwife, is expecting her first baby and Maggie Finch, a nurse, hopes to be able to work for the charity Help the Aged which has projects in the area.



Alison Smethurst, who was a personal assistant in a big firm in the UK, is determined to learn golf and "Peeps" Nicol occasionally provides a free Range-Rover taxi service over the rough roads.

The willingness of BMATT vehicle drivers to give lifts has made many friends among the local population.

The Training Team and Battle School is manned by

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# WITH FAMILIES IN MIND Anne Armstrong

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## A video to help house buyers

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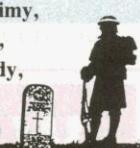
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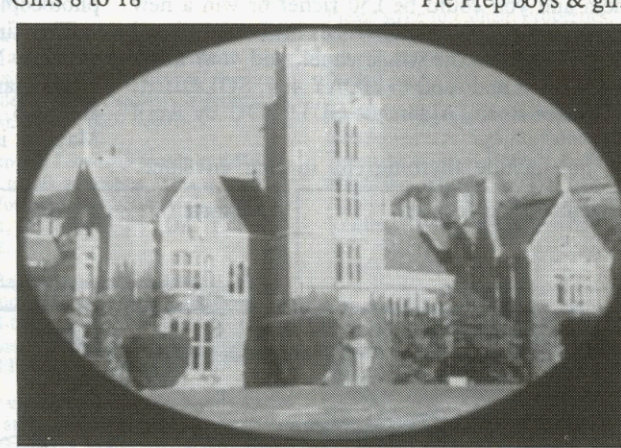
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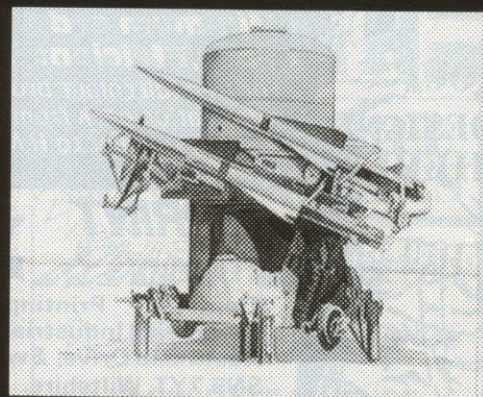
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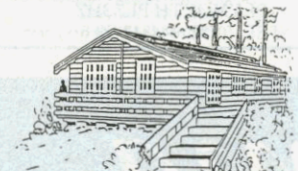
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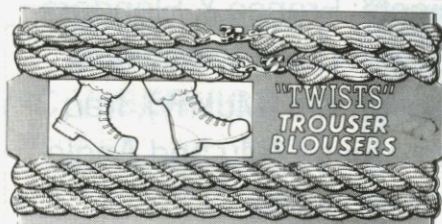
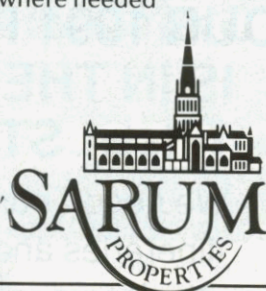
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Royal Navy 3, Army 0

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Smith cleverly slipped a Royal Navy defender before crossing for Cox to head wide a chance he should have put away.

Then, just before half time, with the home defence standing still, a ball turned across the face of the goal was headed on to the underside of the crossbar by Turner before it bounced clear.

The Navy scored in the second half and from then on there was only one winner. Two further goals shattered Army hopes and left the Royal Navy holding the trophy for the third successive year.

# Champions out of the cup

28 Amph Engr Regt RE 2,  
10 Corps Tpt Regt RCT 1

HOLDERS of the BAOR and Army Challenge Cups, 10 Regt RCT, were beaten by the odd goal in three in the final of the BAOR Challenge Cup by old rivals 28 Engr Regt RE.

Both play in the same area of BAOR and there is little that they don't know about one another.

In consequence, it was a dour and scrappy game which never rose to the heights expected of two of the most talented sides in the Army.

The sappers took the lead but conceded an equaliser before the break.

The game was decided in the dying minutes by a penalty kick awarded for an off-the-ball incident. Brown made no mistake from the spot and it was too late for a recovery act.



SEME celebration from (left to right) LCpl Henry Heard, LCpl Sean Smith, Sgt Micky Spencer and Cfn Phil Barron with the King's Cup

Picture: Mike Weston

# SIX OF THE BEST

94 Loc Regt RA 0,  
SEME Bordon 6

A CROWD of about 1,200 watched SEME Bordon dismantle 94 Locating Regiment RA at Aldershot Military Stadium in the Wilson's Hogg Robinson Army Challenge (UK) Cup Final. Their six-goal rout of the gunners gives the Bordon outfit the right to meet BAOR champions 28 Amphibious Engineer Regiment in the Challenge Cup final at the same stadium on April 11, writes Pat Massey.

SEME are already a "big name" in Army football, but the unheralded gunners of 94 Loc Regt RA were unlucky not to score in the first real action of an entertaining final.

When SEME's defence made

its only mistake of the night Jackson slipped through and shot marginally wide.

At the other end the SEME strike force, ably supported by a tireless midfield, and two speedy fullbacks, slowly destroyed a gallant opposition.

Cfn Phil Barron, who had earlier hit the crossbar and shot wide when well placed, opened the scoring midway through the first half. Cfn Nigel Hetherington chased a ball that looked like running out of play, hooked it back into the box and Barron did the rest.

Barron and Cpl Ian Beale created havoc in the gunners' defence as SEME moved up a gear, and Beale shot over the bar. But they went two up when the 94 Loc Regt 'keeper palmed a curler from Sgt

## Bordon blast gunners

Gordon Stephen into the path of LCpl Sean Smith who rapped it home.

Four minutes from the interval a delightful piece of football produced the third goal, Barron heading delicately to skipper Sgt Micky Spencer who finished the job by lobbing goalkeeper Smith.

Hetherington killed off the game as a contest on the stroke of halftime by firing in the fourth from a Barron flick.

Although the gunners battled

on after the break they could make little impression on the SEME defence, and 'keeper Sgt Derek Bennett had a very quiet game.

Sean Smith completed his hat trick in the last ten minutes with two fine individual goals. For the first he waltzed past the whole gunner defence before slotting the ball into an empty net, and then raced clear from midfield to make it six.

This SEME side might not be as talented as some of their formidable squads of the past, but with their defence playing well (they have conceded just two goals in seven ties and none in the past six) and Spencer, Smith and Barron on song in attack, they could prove a handful for the Rhine Army champions on April 11.



# Missed kicks open the way for 7 RHA

DWR 6, 7 Para RHA 8

SO the scene is set for the final of the Schweppes Army Challenge Cup Final for 1990 to take place in BAOR on April 4 between Germany champions 1 RWF from Berlin and the new UK champions, 7 Para RHA, writes John Quin.

The UK final saw the two strongest major unit challengers once again play a cat and mouse game with each other, so often have these two sides been thrown together in one rugby final or another.

Whereas there were the usual sprinkling of battleworn veterans in each side, what was pleasing was the new talent on display.

7 RHA, led by that old war horse WO2 (TSM) Martyn Lewis - making a telling return to the airborne gunners complete with his natty line in long shorts - were in front by a single point at half time, after Pte Cook had scored an unconverted try in reply to a Dukes' penalty by full-back Jones.

In fact, the Dukes must have regretted not converting four penalty chances in that first

period. It cost them dear.

The Yorkshire team's full-back kicked a successful penalty half way through the second half, and for a time that looked as if it was going to see them through.

However, four minutes later, Commander, the gunners' fly-half, recently returned after breaking his jaw, drew the Dukes' cover on to the blind side, switched and then released his backs on the open for winger, Urquhart, a newboy, to run in a try with such blistering pace that it left the Dukes' cover for dead.

The Dukes must be reflecting on chances at goal that failed and too many dropped passes; however they are a good side and will be back. But for this year the stage belongs to 7 RHA and the Royal Welch to decide who is going to claim the prize of Army champions 1990.



Army centre Lt Simon Hopkin, who scored two tries, bursts through a



Royal Navy tackle at Twickenham. Supporting players are 2nd Lt Tim Rodber and SI Chris Spowart (left)

## Flying backs steal march on Navy

Royal Navy 7, Army 16

THEY knew it was going to be tough. With the Royal Navy side arriving at Twickenham unbeaten in their warm-up matches to the Willis Trophy, those involved in the Army's preparation knew that it wasn't going to be easy; and how right they were, writes John Quin.

The Army v Navy day at Twickenham always has something of a festival-type atmosphere, with everything thrown to the wind and all an occasion of "bonhomie".

Everywhere, of course, except on the park! The Royal Navy were determined that the Army were not going to make it three in a row in 1990, and had arrived at the hallowed ground with the reputation of a very good side, particularly up front.

The Army's secret weapon was again that seasoned campaigner Maj Brian McCall (REME) who led his troops, old and new, into what he described afterwards as one of the hardest matches of his career.

It was not a game for the purist who wanted to see flowing movement and individual skills, rather a contest for the realist, of hard graft and sheer determination.

The Navy went at the Army hard, with their excellent pack cutting down, at source, everything that the boys in red tried to do. The two sets of forwards, as expected, cancelled each other out effectively and it was left to the backs to sort out who had the edge to win.

A very large crowd, possibly as many as the hoped for

15,000, were there to see fair play, and the pre-match bun fight in the car parks was as good as ever.

At half time the Army were ruing missed penalty chances but were indebted for their first try to SI Chris Spowart, the Dukes' and Moseley centre. The Royal Navy came at the Red Line in the second half full of determination and at times it looked as though they might overrun the Army.

It was not to be, thanks again to the tenacity of Brian McCall's men and their strength of purpose.

First an attempted drop goal by 2nd Lt Mike Walker, a young Army doctor, rebounded off the crossbar. Following up at speed was Lt Simon Hopkin who took the ball before any of the Navy players could even think of a hornpipe, and

**MATCH FILE** (a minute-by-minute breakdown of the major incidents)

- 5 - RN backs offside. Army fly-half 2nd Lt Michael Walker misses penalty kick.
- 8 - Sgt Inst Chris Spowart follows up his own 'up and under' to score near corner. Walker wide with conversion. **4-0.**
- 11 - Lt Robert Preston pushed into touch just short of Navy tryline after sweeping Army movement gained 45m.
- 18 - Walker misses penalty chance from inside 22.
- 20 - Walker misses from 40m.
- 33 - POMEA Andrew Kellett (RN) misses penalty after intense Navy pressure.
- Half time**
- 2 - Kellett misses penalty from in front of posts.
- 14 - Kellett pushes another chance wide from 28m.
- 18 - Sub Lt Bryan Nicholas converts penalty. **4-3.**
- 23 - Walker drop kick attempt rebounds from crossbar to Lt Simon Hopkin who scores. Spowart converts. **10-3.**
- 29 - Navy skipper Lt Chris Alcock crosses for unconverted try in corner. **10-7.**
- 37 - Spowart wide with penalty attempt from 35m against the wind.
- 40 - Hopkin intercepts Navy pass on halfway line and races in under the posts. Spowart converts. **16-7.**

crossed the try line under their noses. Spowart converted.

And it was the young King's Own Border centre who finally crushed the heart out of the matelots when he intercepted what looked like a dangerous Navy attack in midfield, and

sprinted almost the length of the park to score under the posts, Spowart again adding the extra points.

There were periods when the Army line was under sustained pressure and only sheer guts and determined tackling kept

the Navy out. In gridiron football you have two separate teams for attack and defence; in rugby the same players do both, and although it may not be very attractive to the spectator, it is very hard work on the field.

It was a team effort and the post match party reflected the satisfaction of an objective achieved - the troops were shattered, but very happy. They will take stock before meeting the RAF, but if the same commitment is displayed by the boys in red, then the airmen can look out!

ARMY: Lt Robert Preston (DWR); LCpl Steve Barcliff (R Sigs), SI Chris Spowart (APTC); Lt Simon Hopkin (Kings Own Border), Sgt Chalky Atkins (R Sigs); 2nd Lt Michael Walker (RAMC), Lt Brett Taylor (DWR); Sgt David Coghlan (RHA), Lt Johnny Caskey (R Irish), 2nd Lt Adam Ellery (RAMC), Maj Brian McCall (REME, Capt), Lt Richard Castleton (ACC), LCpl Kenny Ferdinand (REME), LCpl Richard Nelson (RE), 2nd Lt Tim Rodber (Green Howards).

## Paddlers' challenge founders

A STRONG challenge by the Army in the Inter-Services wild water racing championships on a flood-swollen River Nith at Sanquhar in Scotland failed to dislodge the Royal Air Force dominance of the event.

Spate conditions throughout the championships challenged the cream of Services paddlers, with the river running six feet above the level of previous years and reducing racing times by many minutes.

Best Army team results came from the Canadian classes. LCpl Pete Durham (1 RTR) and Capt Paul Hepworth (ACC) won the doubles and WO1 Neil Martin and Hepworth finishing equal second in the Canadian singles. The Canadian team event was also won by the Army, but the RAF successes in the kayak classes ensured an overall win for them by 153 points to 123.



**WELSH international cross country star SSgt Maggie Smith (WRAC Centre) is moving up to marathon. Her first attempt at the classic distance will be the Berlin event in September.**

**Last month Maggie (pictured above) won the Army cross country championship for the ninth time. She will not be defending her title next year. It means also that she will not be competing on the track again, having won the Inter-Services 3,000m title for three consecutive years. She has also won the Inter-Services title three times in succession.**



# RAOC win corps hockey title in extra time

DESPITE the Royal Signals twice coming from behind to level the score at 3-3, the RAOC scored three extra-time goals to win the final of the Inter-Corps hockey tournament held at Bournemouth.

Eleven corps took part in ten

teams, the odd one out being a first-time combination of RAEC and RMP.

The RAOC's success was ironic because the corps had not originally entered the tournament. But when ambulance strike emergency duties

caused the RAMC and RADC team to withdraw, the ordnance corps stepped in.

In the semi-finals, RAOC beat REME 4-2 and Royal Signals defeated RE 3-1. The play-off for third and fourth places resulted in a REME win.

Preliminary round results:

RCT 0, RE 6; RA 4, RAEC/RMP 0; REME 2, Infantry 0; R Signals 0, RAOC 2; ACC 0, RCT 5; APTC 2, RA 0; REME 2, RE 5; RAOC 6, RAEC/RMP 1; APTC 0, R Signals 0.  
ACC 0, REME 10; RAEC/RMP 1, APTC 4; Infantry 2, RE 1; R Signals 0, RA 3; RCT 1, REME 3; RAOC 8, APTC 0; RE 10, ACC 1; RA 0, RAOC 1; RCT 2, Infantry 3; RAEC/RMP 1, R Signals 9.

## Super six on the march

SIX Army boxers are through to the England semi-finals of the George Wimpey ABA national championships at Gloucester on April 4, writes **John Elliott**.

It is a feather in the cap of Army boxing that it should have so many representatives still involved in the latter stages of Britain's premier amateur competition.

But for injury to LCpl Steve Burford, who broke his right hand while winning the Combined Services heavyweight title at HMS Dryad, there could well have been seven of WO2 Mick Gannon's squad heading for the West Country.

Only Army loser on the Combined Services-Western Counties ABA quarter-final bill at HMS Daedalus, near Gosport, Hants, was featherweight Cpl Alan Lesbirel (2 RGJ) - and he was involved in the outstanding contest of the night.

Lesbirel needed every ounce of his considerable courage and stamina against Jersey's Kevin Hodkinson, brother of British and European featherweight champion Paul. On several occasions Hodkinson's savage two-fisted attacks appeared to have the Greenjacket in trouble, but every time Lesbirel answered fire with fire, remarkably forcing the islander to take a count of eight in the second.

Wembley will be fortunate if it stages a more memorable final.



**Roll-call of champions.** The Army's eight Combined Services titleholders are (from left, back) Spr Lee Innes, LCpl Steve Burford, who broke his right hand, Pte John Culwick and LSgt Dave Abbott; and (front) Pte Pete Campbell, Cpl John McLean, Cpl Alan Lesbirel and LCpl Neil McCallum

The Services' two internationals, Scottish flyweight LCpl John McLean (39 Engr Regt) and England super-heavyweight LSgt Dave Abbott (Gren Gds) started and finished the programme with convincing victories.

McLean was too sharp for Trevor Tyrell (Dawlish) and the contest was stopped in the second round, while big Dave Abbott celebrated his recent promotion - and a rare chance for ring action - with a unanimous points victory over Swindon's Harold Scott.

## Paras foiled by the Welsh

WINNERS of the UKLF inter-unit novice Grade 3 boxing championships were 1 RRW. They beat 3 Para by five bouts to four and now meet 3 RRF at Deilinghofen, Germany

Impressive LCpl Neil McCallum (10 Corps Tpt Regt RCT) won smoothly at bantamweight and Pte Pete Campbell (1 Staffords) jabbed his way to a majority decision over Poole mauler David Maton.

Light middleweight Pte John Culwick (23 Para Fd Amb RAMC) also won easily enough on points, stepping up the pace whenever he needed to against outclassed Paul Richards of Swindon.

LCpl Lee Innes (22 Engr Regt) was drawn into a brawl by David Nardiello of Yeovil

but won an extremely close majority decision. He will need to be at the top of his form to progress in the welterweight division, one of the most competitive in the championships.

The Royal Navy had a disastrous night, with AB Quinton Shillingford (light-welterweight) being knocked out in the second round, Mne Brian McDermott (substituting for the damaged Steve Burford) surviving just half a round of the heavyweight contest, and Mne Gary Grounds losing to defending middleweight champion Seymour Johnson of Gloucester.

RAF light-heavyweight Cpl Dave Taylor took a battering from Swindon's Paul Rogers and the referee intervened in the closing stages of the second round.

in the Army final on April 5.

The result was decided in the final bout when Pte Clarke (1 RRW) beat Pte Hearsum (3 Para), the referee stopping the contest in the third round.





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