



BRAGANZA



1st BATTALION THE QUEEN'S REGIMENT

BELFAST

1989 — 90



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FOREWORD

By Lt Col C G F Charter

This is the Battalion's tenth tour in the Province and of course a great deal has changed since that first tour in August 1969 in Londonderry. There are now very few members remaining in the Battalion who deployed on that tour and none could have envisaged that we would still be returning to the province some twenty years later. The Army's role has changed over the years and so has the sophistication of the enemy. The Army's method of operation has developed since those early days and perhaps the most significant change has been the increasing co-operation and understanding between the Army and Royal Ulster Constabulary, which has resulted in a true partnership with the common aim of defeating terrorism. One aspect that has not changed is the total dedication and professionalism that has been displayed by all ranks who have served with the Battalion on the various tours.

This tour in Belfast has been extremely and challenging for every single member of the Battalion. Everyone has shown great strength of character in carrying out their respective tasks whether it be patrolling the streets or behind the scenes in stores or in operations rooms. Everyone has played their part in ensuring that the tour has been an outstanding success. I would like to make special mention of all those soldiers from outside the Battalion who volunteered to join us for the tour. It has been a pleasure having you all with us and I hope you will all look back on the tour with fond memories of a shared experience.

You can all feel justly proud of the significant contribution that you have made in supporting the Police in defeating terrorism in Northern Ireland.

Belfast

February 1990

EDITORIAL

The publication of this edition of Braganza to commemorate our time in Belfast has only been possible because of the contributions made by individuals. My thanks to all those who have sent in pictures or articles and I am only sorry that not everything submitted can be published. Special thanks to SSgt Hickey, Ptes Lynch and Delieu and particularly Cpl Ayears who provided the bulk of the photography. I hope you all enjoy reading this as much as I have enjoyed reading all the articles sent in.

JPSW

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

Battalion Headquarters, redesignated Tac Ops (or Planet Tac as it was fondly referred to) was situated on the ground floor of North Howard Street Mill. In addition to its normal command and control functions, Tac was responsible for the Tac Int Cell, the COMCEN the RUCLO cell at Grosvenor Road, and the provision of hours of endless helpful advice via the Battalion net.

Tac Ops was also responsible for receiving a great deal of similarly welcome help from Brigade and for the tasking of agencies in support of the Battalion; City Flight, the Sappers from Antrim, the Drivers from Moscow camp and the two ATO teams based at Girdwood.



"The Mild Bunch"

The Tac Ops personnel from L to R:

Sgt Carter, LCpl Fisk, Pte Walker, CSgt Walker, Capts Powell and Wright, 2Lt Tallis, Cpl Ellingham, LCpl Morris, Pte Emery



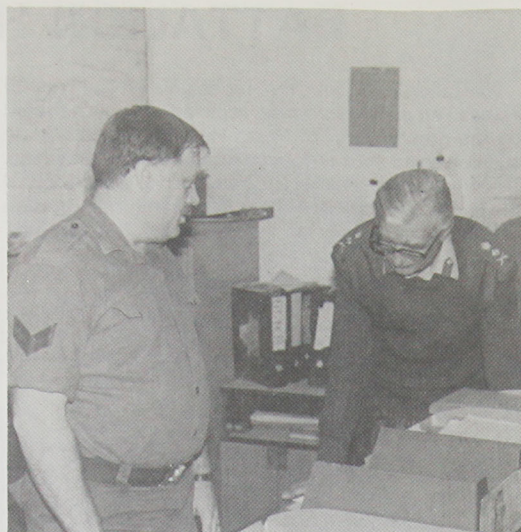
*"A corner of a foreign field that is forever.....Scotland!"
WPte Farmer and Sgt Kindness manning (?) the COMCEN*



The IO Major Keyes, turn a blind eye to his assistant 2Lt Naylor WRAC, rummaging through the pockets of one of his collators.



Under Pressure 1: Sgt Sullivan attempts to deal with the complexities of life as the RUCLO.



Under Pressure 2: Cpl Janes' belt buckle as he briefs the C in C UKLF, Gen Huxtable, in the Tac Int cell.

1001 USES

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A DEAD

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PROVISIONAL



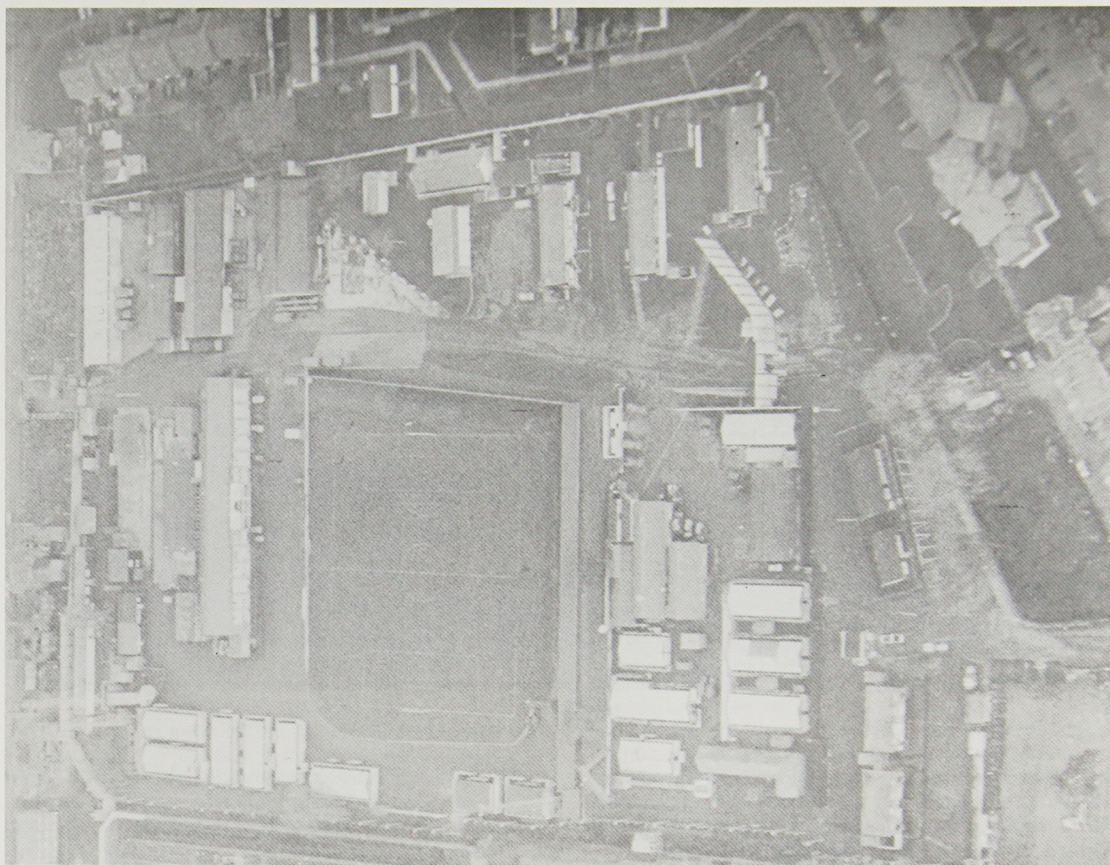
Under Pressure 3: The RSM WO1 Farrow, unable to decide which weapon will inflict most casualties opts for both rifle and cane stick.



CHIMNEY BRUSH.

MORE TO FOLLOW...

TANGIER COMPANY



An aerial view of Girdwood Park SF Base.

The company was based at Girdwood Park SF base, which they shared with 74 Regt RE (v) (The less charitable members of the Battalion have claimed it was difficult to tell them apart). Tangier Company enjoyed the largest of the company TAORs stretching from the Shankill Road in the south to the rolling fields of Bellevue and Greencastle in the north. The area included the Ardoyne and New Lodge estates which were patrolled in support of RUC from North Queen

Street, Tennent Street, Old Park and Antrim Road. Tangier Company were also responsible for manning Templar House and Funeral Parlour OP's and Divis Mountain KP and for the security of Crumlin Road Prison via the APLO CSgt Easton.

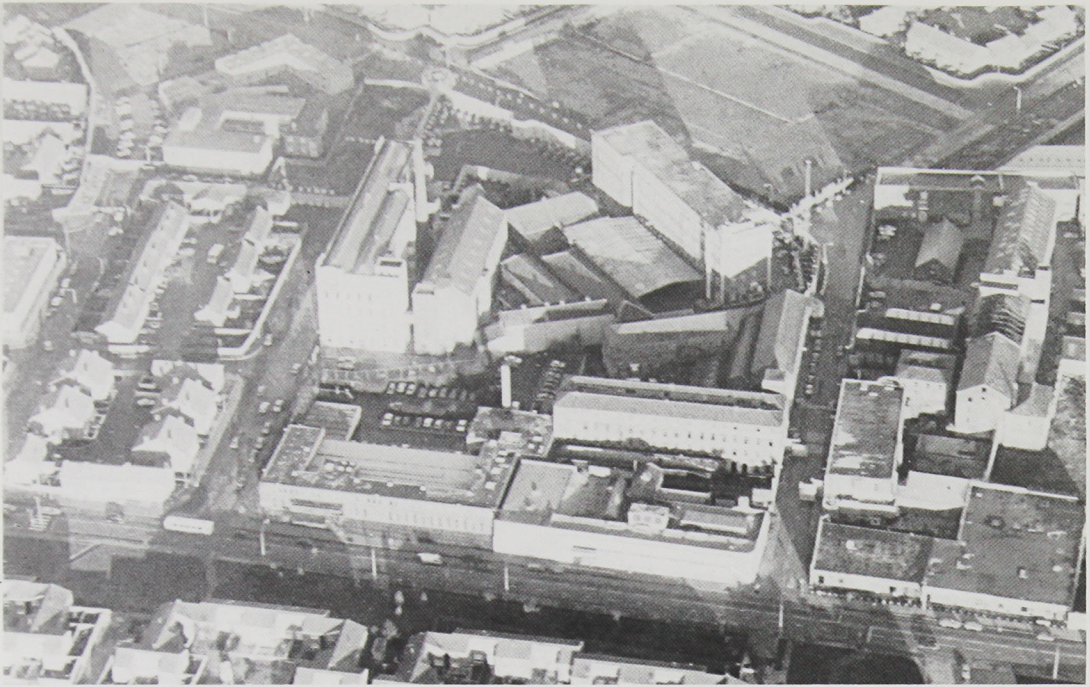


CSgt Sullivan practices his deception plan by walking away from his patrol.



Pte Hoad enjoys the view from Templar House OP.

HOLLAND COMPANY



North Howard Street Mill, nestling between the Falls Road, North Howard Street and Conway Street.

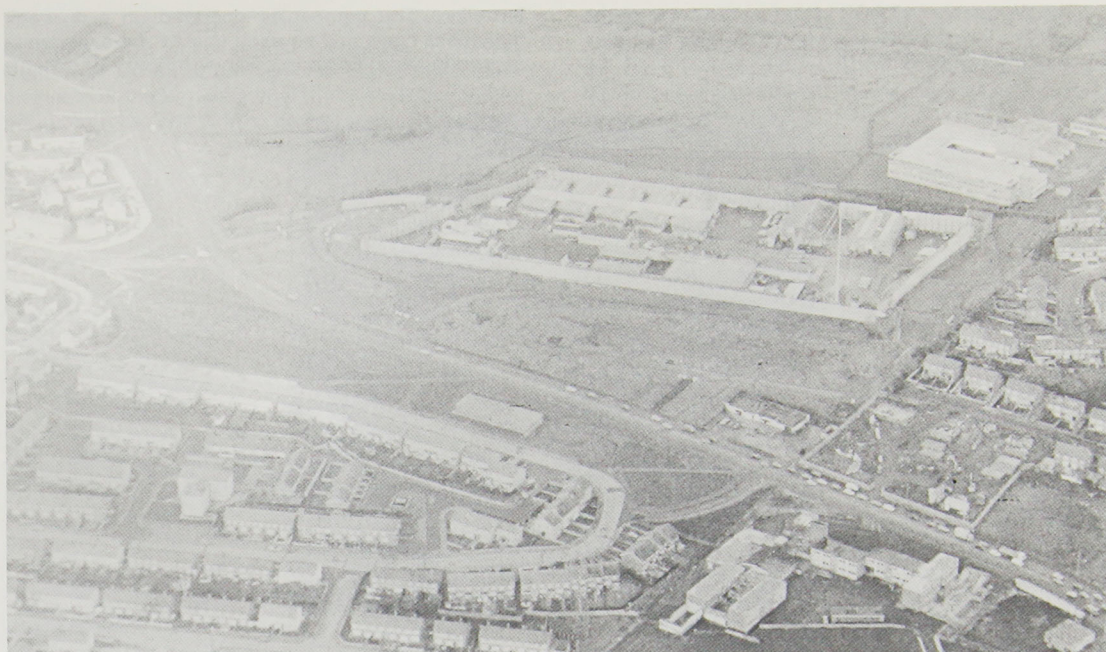
Holland Company — or should that be Battalion — was based at North Howard Street Mill. The original Company was reinforced by a Pl of 3 RGJ, Milan Pl, Drums Pl, Recce Pl and individuals from RH, 16 Fd Amb, 8 Fd Wksp and AVSD Ludgershall (who they? — Ed) providing a total of some 230 all ranks. This enlarged company were responsible for patrolling such areas as the Beechmounts, the Ballymurphy, the

Clonards and the Lower Falls in support of RUC from Grosvenor Road, Springfield Road and New Barnsley. Holland company also manned Divis Tower and Broadway Tower OP's ably commanded by CSgt Turrell and Sgt Coomber respectively. Despite having the smallest company TAOR Holland company were certainly kept extremely busy and had a testing but rewarding tour.



Local artwork in Springfield Avenue.

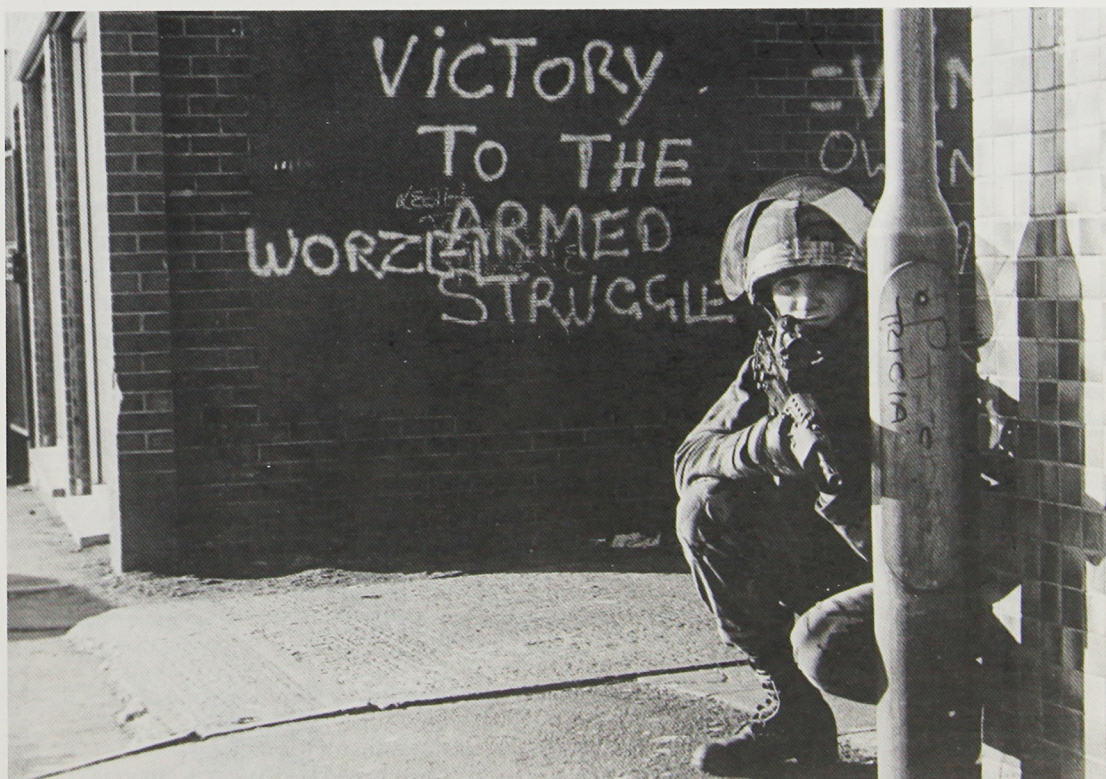
KIRKES COMPANY



Fort Whiterock and the Northern end of the Turf Lodge.

Kirkes Company reinforced by the Mortar Platoon occupied Fort Whiterock, known to all as Fraggie Rock and patrolled a TAOR including Andersonstown, Turf Lodge and the Riverdales in support of RUC from Woodbourne and Andersonstown. In addition to the

normal patrols Kirkes company also produced more complaints and RTA's than any other company and underwent a change in leadership mid-tour, Major Ashton taking over from Major Riley who could be seen departing for BAOR smirking mightily.



Pte Fanthorpe and some local colour on the Andersonstown Road.

WOODBOURNE COMPANY

The Woodbourne TAOR including the areas of the Poleglass, Twinbrooks and Lenadoon was patrolled by a company of 3 PARA under command of the

Battalion. The companies operated on a 4 week roulement basis and so each shared the experience of working with England's Senior Infantry Regiment.



Sgt Beale, the RUCLO at Woodbourne, runs the IO Major Keyes through a few exercises on the parallel bars.



'ERE TOM
WHAT DOES F.W.R
STAND FOR?"

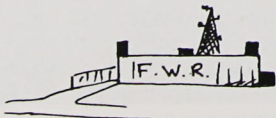


FLAP WHEN REQUIRED!

HELLO
MØ THIS IS M4Ø
QUARRY BLASTING
NOW COMPLETE
OVER:



"HELLO MØ
THIS IS M3Ø
CONTACT 2X EXPLOSIONS
LOCATION UNKNOWN
WAIT OUT!"



HENRY
EAGAN
and his
UNFEASIBLY
LARGE
TESTICLES

DURING AN ELECTRICAL STORM, HENRY FAGAN WAS STRUCK IN THE TESTICLES BY A METEORITE WHICH ADMITTED NUCLEAR COERCION RAGE... HIS TESTICLES GROWN TO TITANIC PROPORTIONS. & AS FAGAN FOUND OUT WITH GONADS AS BIG AS SOME-THING QUITE BIG, FUGA WAS NEVER VERY FAR AWAY!



BUT THE
FIANNA WERE
LYING IN WA
AND.....



THE IMMEDIATE FOLLOW-UP



LUCKILY,
SOME
TROOPS
FROM FWR
WERE IN
THE
AREA....



AFTER
THE TOUR,
IT'S OFF'
TO RHQ—



- FOR THE
BIG
REWARD



ECHELON

Echelon occupied a small camp adjacent to Musgrave Park Hospital, just across the motorway from Fort Whiterock TAOR. It housed all those elements of the Battalion vital to the smooth conduct of operations; the QM's department, Pay Office,

Ration Store, LAD and the Signals stores. Inevitably MPH became known as Slipper City but they provided the most travelled parts of the Battalion; the Armed Escort Service and the MT Platoon as well as providing their own base security.



ECHELON AT WAR

L/Cpl Pilbeam and L/Cpl Rennocks boldly patrolling the streets of Belfast. Intrepid action such as this deterred the enemy from crossing into C Coy's TAOR, giving the opportunity to the subalterns and SNCOS to attend nurses parties, pop concerts and shopping trips!

THE GEARS OF THE MACHINE

While the remainder of the Battalion has been busy on the streets, the "real" workers of Belfast have been busy with their calculators and have come up with a few facts and figures:

1. Did you know that the total cost of R & R flights has been £45,174.33?
2. It has cost roughly £63,000 per month to feed the Battalion. A total of £290,768.53 has been spent on rations this tour.
3. To pay the Battalion NI pay has cost £249,145.20.
4. Did you know that the CO has relieved certain members of the Battalion a total of £6675 for various misdemeanours?
5. Cpl Woolton has made 272 trips to Lisburn to collect the mail, a total of about 6852 miles.
6. The Battalion's vehicles have driven approximately 204,928 miles, using roughly 196,912 litres of petrol and 34,000 litres of diesel. If the fuel was costed at civilian prices it would have cost about £227,694. 204,928 miles is roughly equivalent to seven time around the world.

THE ECHELON ESCAPE COMMITTEE



LCpl Pilbeam is nabbed as he attempts to tunnel his way out.



The OC and committee president practises his camouflage and concealment by pretending to be a door.



The TQMS WO2 "clean hands" Leighton tries a cunning disguise — well it must have fooled someone.



The Quartermaster, Major Ebbens makes a successful escape in the most cunning disguise of all — a soldier.



TAC HEADQUARTERS



The CO's Rover Group from L to R: Pte Barker, LCpl Davies, SSgt Hickey, CO, RSM, Cpl Thompson, LCpl Wheeler, LCpl Wiseley.



TAC HEADQUARTERS



*And here's one I prepared earlier. . . .
Sgt Townsend caught in mid — whisk.*



LCpl Faith and eponymous graffiti.

MURPHY'S LAW OF OPS IN THE PROVINCE

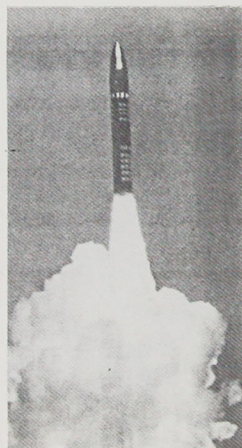
1. Remember, your weapon was made by the lowest bidder.
2. Automatic weapons usually aren't.
3. Suppressive fire won't.
4. Incoming fire has right of way.
5. If the terrorist is in range, so are you.
6. Don't look conspicuous, it draws fire.
7. Never draw fire, it irritates those around you.
8. Try to look unimportant, PIRA is always short of ammo.
9. Team work is essential—it gives them someone else to shoot at.
10. Anything you do can get you shot, including doing nothing.
11. Never take cover with someone braver than you.
12. The only thing more accurate than incoming enemy fire is incoming friendly fire.
13. When you have secured an area, don't forget to tell the enemy.
14. Remember, while making it hard for the terrorist to get in to a location, you're also making it harder to get out of.

AND LASTLY

15. The terrorist will attack on only two occasions — when you're ready for him and when you're not.

LOOKALIKE

I wonder if any reader has noticed the similarity between the Battalion 2IC and a well known internationally sold missile. I wonder if they are in any way related?



Nigel



Exocet



COFFEETABLE

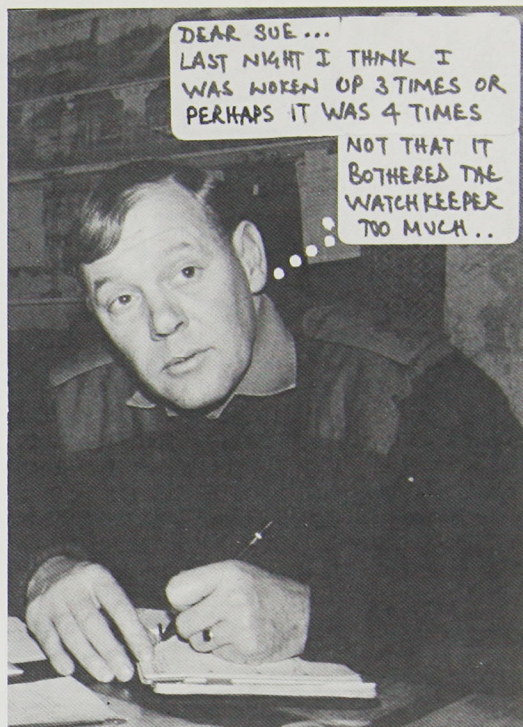
A COMPANY



N30B ever mindful of the easy option waiting for their pick-up.

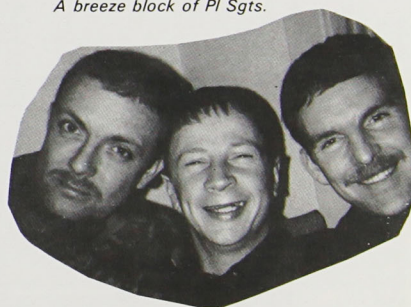


LCpl Fuller, on loan from 2 Queens, encourages community relations. . . .

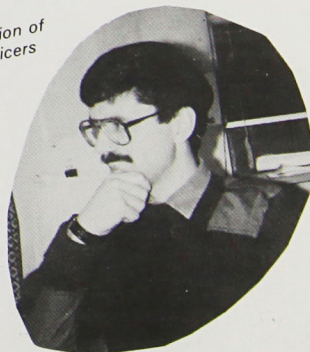
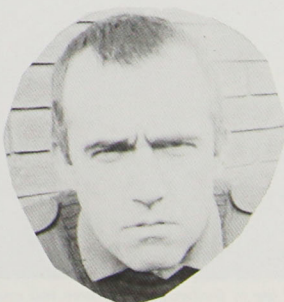


. . . while Capt Abbott fights the real war in the Ops Room, against his watchkeepers:

The crèche of subalterns.



*and a confusion of
warrant officers*



A COMPANY



LCpl Bowart is so busy posing for the camera that he fails to notice that he is about to drill a hole in his foot. Luckily Cpl Minnis is on hand to save the day. (and the foot)



The hectic pace of life in Girdwood all proves too much for WO2 CSM Lewis.

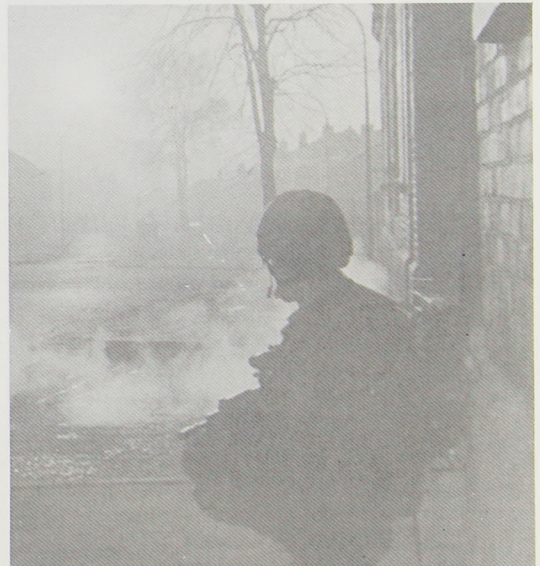
B COMPANY



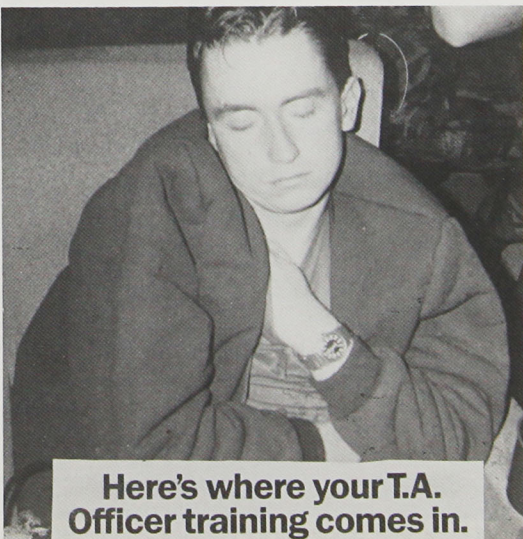
The Drums Sgt, Sgt Barden, explains why he hasn't answered the net his audience, WO2 Weaver, Maj Knight the GOC and CO are obviously sceptical.



Lt Williams and Y30A prepare to support the RUC on Christmas Day.



Early morning in the city.



**Here's where your T.A.
Officer training comes in.**

When the going gets tough. . . .



A mobile escort (ME) with an RUC mobile in the "shooting gallery" in the Beechmounts.

B COMPANY



Sgt Patrick, LCpl Anderson with Henry and the RUC with some multi-national graffiti on the "RPG Avenue".



Pte Budd on patrol in the Iveaghs.



Cpl Lewis combining work and leisure.



Pte Rumble displays an obvious talent for a career in horror films.



Capt Levene RAOC reacting to the company Ops Offr getting to the Ops Room before mid-day.

WELL SIR IT WAS LIKE THIS

Tangier Company
1 QUEENS
BFPO 801

Lisburn Mil Ext 43591
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12 Dec 89

STATEMENT BY 2.....LCPL T.....

Sir,

On 12th December 1989, I was Guard Commander ofKP with Pte T..... and Pte E..... on duty with me. The Classic Sensors alarmed 8 to 9 times and when, after 5 minutes neither a vehicle nor a pedestrian appeared at DMKP, I decided to investigate the cause of the alarm.

I then instructed Pte E..... to get into the passenger seat of the KP landrover which I drove down the hill to carry out a routine check. In the approximate area of the sensors I noticed a number of cows, however I thought it unlikely that they would have set them off, so I continued my investigations. Having completed my checks I started to drive back up the hill. The visibility had deteriorated to approx 50m. A cow suddenly loomed out of the mist and to avoid it I had to take evasive action which resulted in me losing control of the vehicle. In escence I swerved off the track and in trying to regain it I put the landrover into a broadside skid, hit a slight bump which caused the vehicle to roll over.

OR WAS IT LIKE THIS?

STATEMENT BY 2.....LCPL T.....

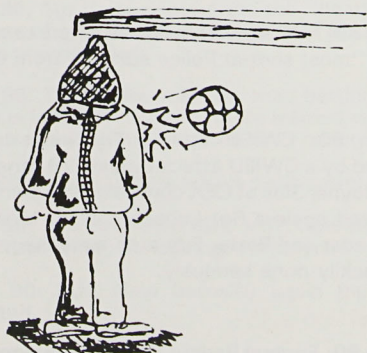
Sir,

On 12th December 1989, I was Guard Commander ofKP with Pte T..... and Pte E..... on duty with me. The Classic Sensors alarmed 8 to 9 times and when, after 5 minutes neither a vehicle nor a pedestrian appeared at the KP, I decided to investigate being rather bored and in need of some entertainment.

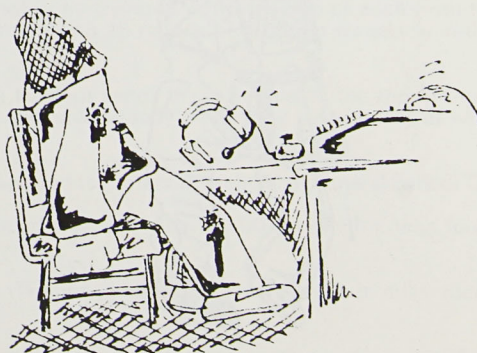
I told Pte E..... to get in the passenger seat because I wanted to drive and off we went like a rocket (as luck would have it) on rather greasy rails. As we got to the bottom of the hill I executed a particularly racey handbrake turn and started back up the track to the KP having forgotten the original purpose of the trip. The visibility was none too good so I had to sit with my nose pressed against the windscreen but nothing daunted, I continued at an unearthly speed. All of a sudden at the limit of visibility, or 50m. whichever sounds better, I noticed a cow in mid flight heading towards my bonnet; in retrospect it might have been a mud splatter on the windscreen. Anyway I felt duty bound to emulate Tino Makinnen the world famous rally driver and took evasive action by swerving onto the verge. Forgetting the cow or mud splatter I felt an urgent need to remain alive so I put my boot down and attempted to steer back on course. By so doing I put the vehicle into an awesome broadside skid which culminated in Pte E..... screaming, me filling my boxer shorts and the landrover executing an immaculate 360 degree roll.

On regaining my cool I flapped dreadfully and tried to concoct a suitable alibi the denial of which would result in Pte E..... getting filled in. Fortunately I noticed on the work ticket, a pencil scrawl about dodgy brakes (not that I had noticed it over the past four days) so my story might now take on a semblance of credibility. It seemed that the cow must have leaped from verge to verge because try as I might I was unable to find the merest hint of a hoof print.

In summary, a combination of slippery tracks, dodgy brakes, poor visibility and excessive speed has landed me in the phantom cow's proverbial 'pat' without a leg to stand on.



FOOTBALL POST



THE DUTY SIGNALLER

A SUMMARY OF

25 Oct 89: Sgt Barden and Y30B get the tour off to a flying start by being on the receiving end of 2 RGD—5 grenades donated in the Springfield Road and fortunately escape injury.

30 Oct 89: A planned clearance by Holland Coy produces a CWIED cunningly concealed on an inside wall of the CMC Joinery Cabinet factory in the Beechmounts. 2.1 Kg of Semtex was recovered.



01 Nov 89: RUC Old Park was rudely awoken by a burst of gunfire presumed to have been fired at the CCTV camera. Culprits are thought to have been provisional TV critics.

04 Nov 89: An RUC Hotspur was struck by an RPG 7 round in Edenmore Drive. A military escort made a vain attempt to apprehend the firers. 1 RUC constable suffered minor injuries.

08 Nov 89: RUC Old Park on the receiving end again and again emerges unscathed.

17 Nov 89: A planned search of 81 Duneden Park led to the find of a CWIED containing 0.5 Kg of explosive.

27 Nov 89: A CWIED attack in the Poleglass estate injured 2 members of a patrol from 3 PARA. Thanks to the much derided helmet, LCpl Stacey and Cpl Panter (RCT att 3 PARA) suffered relatively minor injuries.



RIOT SHIELD

28 Nov 89: Find of CWIED at 41c Ramoan Gardens. LCpl Gallett on patrol with E40A discovered a device consisting of 1 Kg of Semtex and 1.75 Kg of scrap metal concealed in a baby food tin under a hedge.



30 Nov 89: A hoax IED together with an anti-handling device was recovered from a hijacked taxi in Conway Street. Target was thought to be North Howard Street Mill but the driver is thought to have taken directions from Lt Nelson.

12 Dec 89: Find of van bomb. Information received led to the find of 1000lbs of HME at 30 Stewartstown Park and 8 subsequent arrests. WBN Coy celebrate early Christmas present.

13 Dec 89: RUC New Barnsley attempts to wrest the title of "most shot-at Police station" from Old Park.

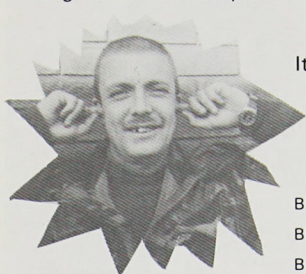
03 Jan 90: CWIED attack. The new decade is heralded by a CWIED attack outside 79 Etna Drive in the Ardoyne. 3lbs of CEX concealed in a paint tin was detonated against Sgt Loosely's team N30B. Pte's Flint, Kadar and Potter-Edwards were injured by the blast luckily none seriously.

05 Jan 90: Funeral Parlour OP enters the most-used target competition.

MAJOR INCIDENTS

08 Jan 90: Find of CWIED. Extreme vigilance on the part of the WBN Coy led to the discovery of a CWIED on the Old Colin Mill Road. 10 kg of HME inside a gas cylinder was recovered.

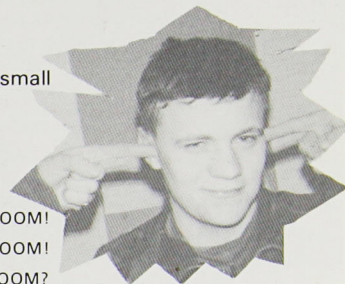
10 Jan 90: CWIED attack. Sgt Loosely's team again the victims, this time outside 37 Stratheden Street in the New Lodge. Again casualties are inflicted; LCpl Fuller, Pte's Wilson, Ducille, Flint and Potter-Edwards are all injured but again none seriously. Sgt Loosley claims he is suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder but is diagnosed as mere paranoia.



It's at this point Pte Flint has asked for his small contribution to be included, a wee poem.

THE BOMBS

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM?



10 Jan 90: IAAG attack. A mobile escort from FWR Coy was struck by 2 IAAGs thrown on the Springfield Road near New Barnsley. Luckily the throwers are not members of the 1 QUEENS cricket team and the missiles miss their intended target, causing only minor casualties to the vehicle crew; Cpl Courtney, Dvr Bigginton RCT and Ptes Singleton and Aldridge.



12 Jan 90: Sgt Berry reinterprets the "hearts and minds" policy by trying to remove some of each from the occupants of a car travelling along the Falls Road. Despite employing 25 rounds of 5.56mm surgery in this instance unproductive.

13 Jan 90: The Whiterock/Falls road betting shop shooting incident sends West Belfast to the top of every front page in Britain. Several more learned writers than this one have already made their assessment of what actually happened but the truth may never emerge.

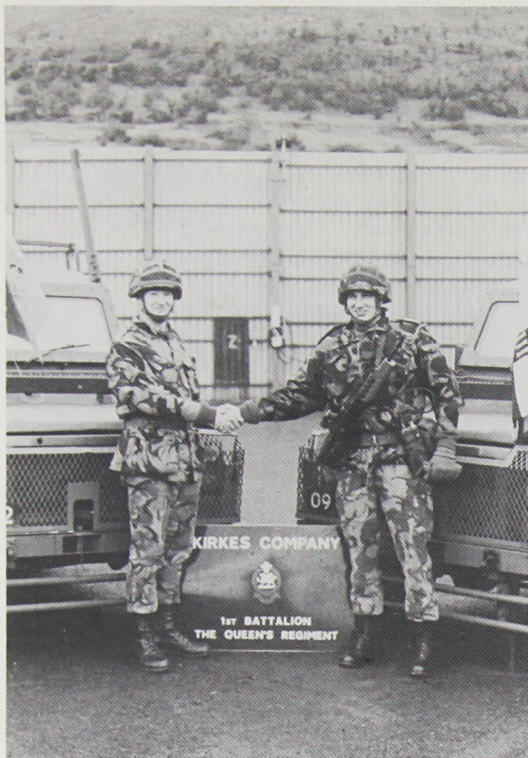
21 Jan 90: 8 HV rounds were fired at a patrol from 3 PARA deployed to protect the rebuild of Funeral Parlour OP.

24 Jan 90: A well-known RUC VCP Operation finally produced visible results. 80-90 Kg of HME was found in a car attempting to leave the Ardoyne.

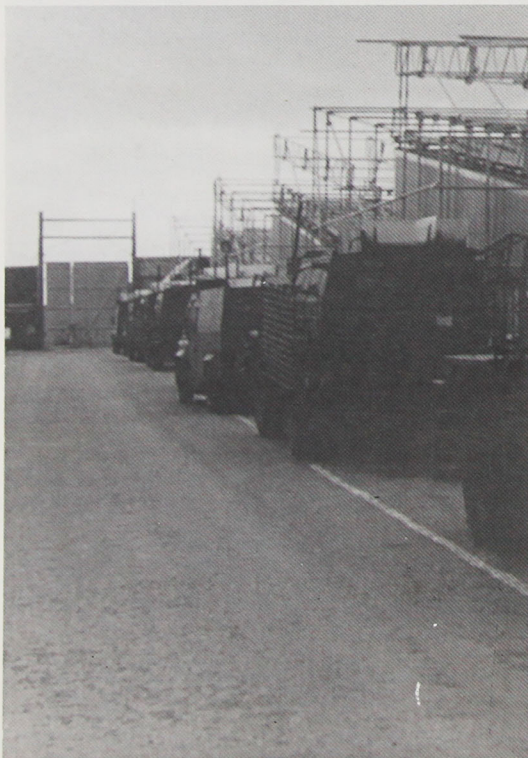
27 Jan 90: RUC New Barnsley again the target as 2Lt Truman and Y10A find their exit drills rudely interrupted.

03 Feb 90: A civilian worker at RUC New Barnsley presented the police with a nail bomb containing 0.25 Kg Semtex. Luckily he had already carried out his own EOD action and removed the fuze.

C COMPANY



The moment of truth — Major Ashton takes over command of the company from Major Riley.



A whole herd of pigs gathering at Fort Whiterock.

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4. A CAS
(1) 447496 MAJ JP RILEY PUNCTURE WOUNDS TO ARM FM ROTTWEILER BITE
UN PTL.
B NIL



**Northern Ireland Detachment
Army Legal Group UK**
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Date 28 November 1989

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497496, MAJOR J P RILEY, 1 QUEENS

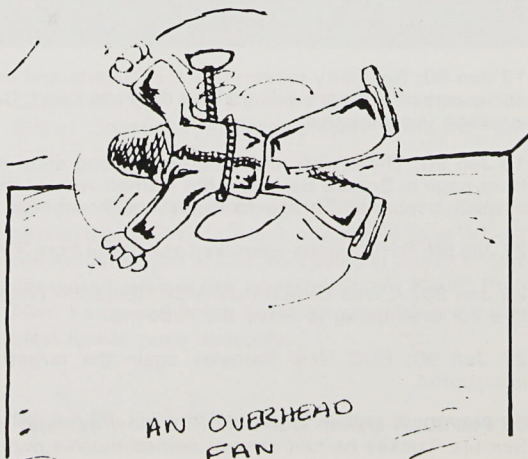
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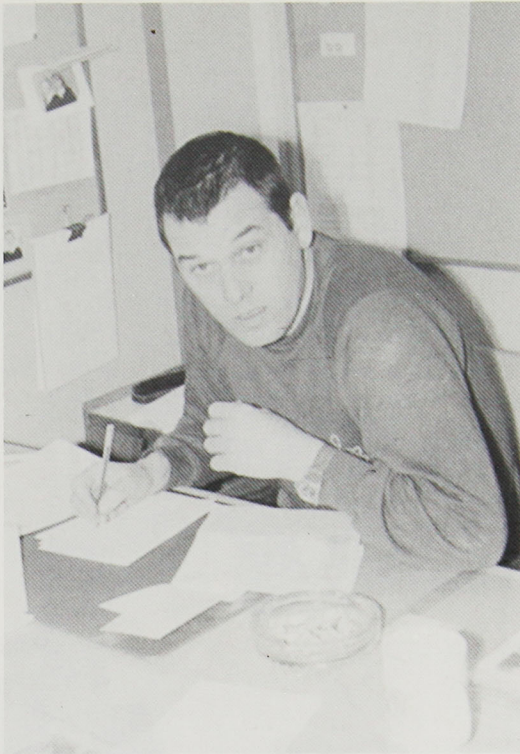
1. In my opinion Reference A does not disclose a valid claim for criminal injury compensation, as the injury sustained by Major Riley was not caused as a direct result of a violent offence as required by the legislation governing such claims.
2. If Major Riley wishes to pursue this matter he can do so by instructing a civilian solicitor to sue the owner of the dog concerned.
3. I will be only too happy to give Major Riley names and addresses of solicitors who may be prepared to take this case on on his behalf.



WO2 Dale attempting to blend in with the local scenery.



C COMPANY



*Why is WO2 (CSM) Dale looking so guilty?
Answers on a postcard to OC Kirks.*



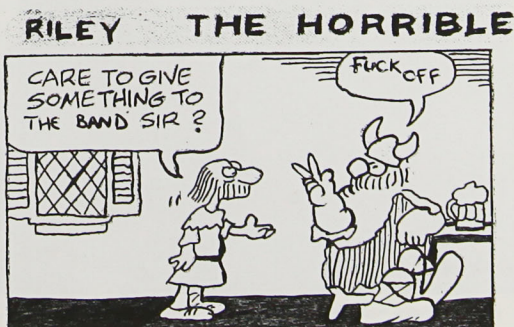
BA—RUC Andersonstown. A second home for many of Kirks Company.



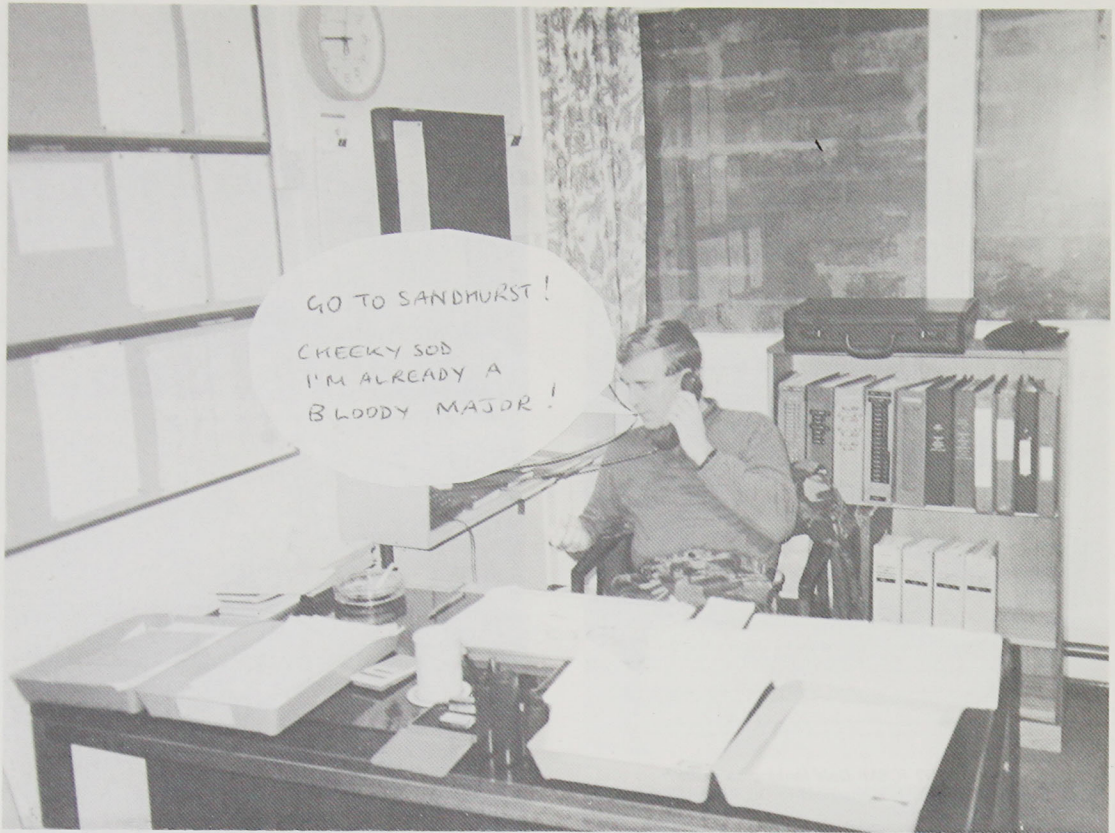
Lt Moore, OC Mortars, supporting the RUC on the Andersonstown Road.



Major Ashton on the phone to MPH to see which disease he is suffering from this week.



Sgt Berry interrupts his lesson to Cpl Marshall on the yellow card to pose for this picture.



WO2 (CSM) Jacobs showing off both his lobotomy scar and his LCpl Lauman styled haircut.



The Padre relives his days as a missionary amongst (other) savages.

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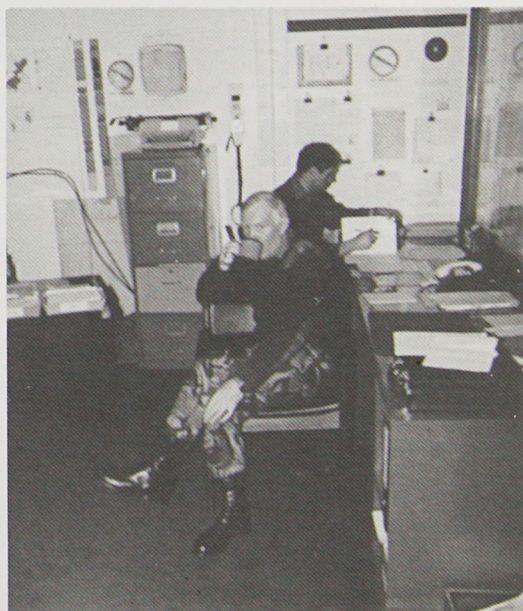
LCpl Gander and CSgt "Ayatollah" Meade in practice for the Echelon log race competition.



Combat postie Cpl Woolton searches for "the one that got away" in the Battalion's mail.



CSgt Nicol hears the news from a pensive Sgt Wood that he won't be allowed to finish the left-overs.



Major O'Gorman, OC Echelon, in his usual position but without usual cigarette (shurely shome mistake — Ed)

TUESDAY 30th JANUARY

Dear Diary,

Bad, Bad day, lots of stress and pressure. Why? The OC was demanding blood for Braganza articles, keff buckled immediately and cried.

Previous artful dodgers, sneaking off on R & R, feigning writers wrist (wrongly diagnosed by some as something squalid), and even hiding in cupboards, having failed, desperate situations, etc. I decided valour the better part of discretion, I would seek sanctuary in the Ardoyne and the Lodge.

Panting through the rear gate we came, safe from my first sally into the Lodge (which, according to Buffy the Old Walrus, could, during his day absorb an entire brigade and more; Silly old fart!) saw Keff, Girdwood's self styled Rupert Brooke, rewriting his love poems, and turning them into agonized pleas for peace and for everyone to hold hands, (strange considering his massive predilection for indiscriminate violence, see RV Rumbelow). Spitefully told him Rupert Brooke was killed, he broke down and cried. Only good thing about NI is making Keff cry! Sgt Loosely, who can't write anyway, was scratching a piece of paper with the wrong end of a pen, a brave, but ultimately futile gesture I fear! Sgt Clements was in bed....Still, and C/Sgt Sullivan was in the Shankill....Still, well done 1 Platoon.

Ate lunch under the table when the OC came in, ran away to the Lodge again. Maybe if I got an MID, he would leave me alone.

"Hello N20A, this is NOA, where is the Article, Over".

"20A, No say again you've very difficult, almost impossible, Over".

Turned my radio off.

Hard target around the Lodge, dodging the Rover Group: he even followed me into the Lodge. Would I never find peace? Luckily, the OC was on unfamiliar ground (most of the TAOR was!).

"Hello N20A this is NOA, send locstat, Over".

"20A, No, out".

Came back in, hid in Keff's room, no-one would ever find me, or even dare to look. Considered hiding with C/Sgt Sullivan in the Shankill, but the OC actually knew the ground there!



Listened to Buffy reminising about Uncle Joe and the Russian Convoys, he really should write a book.....

"Buffy remembers.....sometimes". Whereas Henry never forgets.

Run away, yet again, maybe a couple of "Skulls" would help my defence.

Sought sanctuary in the Ardoyne.

"20A, this is NOA send locstat, Over".

"20A New Lodge, Over".

Snuck back into Girdwood, disguised as Sgt Freeman's steroid delivery man, hid the rest of the multiple in the back of the lorry.

Successfully got to bed without writing my article.

Thus getting one over on the OC, and putting the boot into Urban Terrorism.

Stephen.
BRAM

Lt Brann

Aged 6

CAST

Self

Aged 6 OC 2PI

Keff

Lt Rumbelow Aged 46 OC 3PI

Buffy The Walrus Capt Abbot Aged 86 Ops Offr

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THIS WEEK.....RED!

CSE SHOW



The audience in the NAAFI at NHSM try to concentrate on the song rather than the singer during the CSE Show.



The Padre gets all steamed up with one of the CSE Show dancers — to the great enjoyment of the rest of the audience.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE WORKFACE

NIREP FROM 250001Z DEC 89 TO 252359Z DEC 89

1 QUEENS SER 063

1. A. SILENT NIGHT HOLY NIGHT ALL IS CALM ALL IS BRIGHT. -



The CO and SSgt Hickey APTC present the children's ward of the Royal Victoria hospital with the winning entries in the Christmas Cake Competition in return for a few tips on hairstyles from the recipient.



WANTED

Deranged knife-wielding Adjutant last seen mugging defenceless children.



A CHRISTMAS TREE

CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE WORKFACE



2Lt Parsons gets ready to dispense christmas cheer — Cpl Webb looks optimistic.....



....LCpl Creech looks extremely worried.



Cpl Hollis and friends.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE WORKFACE



Cpl Belsham and LCpl Coffey in party mood at NHSM.



The Echelon Christmas Dinner Cpls Walker, MacGuire, Hall, LCpls Challis Hayman and Lamb WRAC enjoy the festive offerings.

MORE HASTE LESS FEED

IT WAS A QUIET AFTERNOON
AT TAC OPS
TOO DAMN QUIET..
WHEN WORD OF AN
IED IN 'A' COY'S AREA
BROKE THROUGH THE
CRASHING SOUND OF
ZEDS



CAPT CROWLEY EVER
ANXIOUS TO SMITT
THE OUTSIDE WORLD
SUGGESTED A BIJOU
VISITATION TO THE
ICP .. BUT WITH ONE
PRIVISO ...

IT WAS NOT A QUIET
AFTERNOON IN THE
NHSM KITCHEN ...
BUT THEN IT NEVER
IS

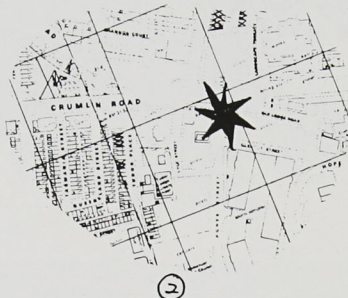


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AFTER A SPECTACULARLY WELL HANDICED
INCIDENT THE SOUND OF BELLY RUMBLES
PROMPTED A MOVE BACK TO NHSM .. AND
THE PROMISE OF
A YUMMY SCOONE
OR TWO ...



IN THE HURRY
TO GET BACK THE
INEVITABLE OCCURRED



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THE ADJT WAS MORTIFIED, HE HAD
LEFT HIS WINNIE THE POOH BIRO SET BEHIND
AND HE COULDN'T
COMPLETE
THE
PAPERWORKS
IN
THE
REQUISITE
TIME ..



THE COLONEL WAS DISPLEASED ...



... VERY DISPLEASED

THE END.

(FROM COY)

③

YOUR COMPANY NEEDS YOU OR DOES IT?

PTE SOLDIERS

A simple questionnaire to assess whether you've been living on borrowed time! Be honest (if remotely possible) and compare your score with the chart in paragraphs 10 or 11.

1. After a particularly gruelling day on patrol you're granted a bye on the next serial. Do you:
 - a. Clean your weapon and go to bed? _____
 - b. Throw your weapon under the bed and go to the NAAFI? _____
 - c. Go to the multigym to develop those biceps, forearms and posterior deltoids, and then grimace in front of a full length mirror for 30 mins? _____
 - d. Go on patrol because you thought the multiple commander was talking to someone else? _____

2. On getting into bed having cleaned your weapon, you are told that the Ops room require a runner. On arriving you are immediately told to make the OC and Ops Offr a cup of tea. Do you:
 - a. Make them both a cup of coffee liberally laced with EXLAX? _____
 - b. Ask them if they want to drink or wear it? _____
 - c. Inquire how they like it and then quietly retire to the bog with a grot book? _____
 - d. Willingly comply and ask if they would like a biscuit as well? _____

3. Having poisoned the Ops room staff, you are warned off for an extra stag in the sangers. On entering your sanger do you:
 - a. Pull out of your combats a handful of grot books, a miners torch and a personal stereo? _____
 - b. Close all the observation slits, turn up the heating and crash out on the floor? _____
 - c. Inflate Sgt Freeman's doll, dress it in webbing and practice your words of command? _____
 - d. Put on your G1098 longjohns, turn up your collar and dutifully watch a barren, windblown, rainswept landscape for 6 hours? _____

4. There's a bit of blank and then you realise that you've been admitted into the Med Centre with a hole in your foot and ringing ears. You awake to find the RMO(A), RMA2 and CMT asking questions questions questions, based on the hazy recollections of your last sanger duty do you:
 - a. Call them, Northern Git, Big Ears and poof, respectively nut all 3 and do a runner? _____
 - b. Blame it on Cpl Smith's latest curry? _____
 - c. Challenge them to count your rounds and attribute it to a top attack heat warhead fired from a PIRA mortar? _____
 - d. Admit that it could have been an "ND" but you can't think how it happened because you don't recall cocking your weapon though on second thoughts the recoil spring is a bit weak? _____

5. Having served your 28 days in Holywood Barracks for sleeping on duty and having an "ND" you return to Girdwood Camp. As you walk to your accommodation you pass the OC. Do you:
 - a. Inquire whether his parents have got married in the last 28 days? _____
 - b. Pass the time of day and start up a conversation about CFT's and parachuting. _____
 - c. Look the other way and greet Pte Moggridge like a long lost friend. _____
 - d. Ask if the recoil spring on your SA80 has been replaced yet? _____

SUBALTERN'S CORNER

6. On reading the patrol programme relevant to your next patrol phase. Do you:
 - a. Go into a cold sweat and decline any invitation to leave the comfort of your room? _____
 - b. Do nothing because you've been looking at the wrong days and dates? _____
 - c. Seek advice from the Belfast Samaritans? _____
 - d. Rub your hand together and sharpen your bayonet the night before STARTEX? _____

7. Having deployed late and returned early from all but the first serial (which you missed altogether) you are summoned to the OC's office for an interview without coffee. Do you:
 - a. Claim that the OC and Ops Offr do not understand the stresses and strains involved with multiple patrolling in a hostile urban environment against well equipped, highly motivated terrorists? _____
 - b. Wonder what all the fuss is about? _____
 - c. Seek advice on what a well dressed city slicker should wear? _____
 - d. Prostrate yourself, apologise profusely and demand a sound thrashing...by the RMO(A) in the sauna? _____

YOUR COMPANY NEEDS YOU OR DOES IT?

8. Your platoon sergeant decides that you should do all 7 hours of the night Ops stag. Do you:
- a. Appear at the Ops room at 2345hrs armed with 2066s, shooting record cards and a fully amended version of 'Administration in the Field'? _____
 - b. Put a grot film on the video, turn on Helitelly, put your feet on the desk, light up one of the signallers cigarettes and demand a cup of coffee? _____
 - c. Fail to turn up because you thought he meant tomorrow night? _____
 - d. Refer all queries, both operational and administrative to the Ops Offr who you know for a fact bubbled you to the OC about missing that original patrol and being late for all the others? _____
9. Having resigned yourself to a dull 7 hour stag and realising that the Ops Offr has taken his phone off the hook, you decide to comply with the OC's memorandum to write some Braganza notes. Do you:
- a. Copy some of the less sensitive portions of BRB op order No 1/90 and colour in the map traces? _____
 - b. Try to recall a rare moment of interest in which the rest of the battalion might be interested? _____
 - c. Try to curry favour with the Bn 2IC by cutting and painting a selection of batting and bowling averages from Wisdens Almanack? _____
 - d. Make a number of dark comments about the OC's handwriting, bin the memo and run the risk of an interview without coffee? _____

SCORES AND ASSESSMENT

10. **Soldiers' Score.** Match up your score with the values given below:

QU1	QU2	QU3	QU4	QU5
A20	A10	A 5	A 5	A10
B15	B 5	B15	B10	B20
C10	C15	C10	C15	C 5
D 5	D20	D20	D20	D15

11. **Subalterns' Score.**

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|---|---|
| <p>a. QU6</p> <p>A. Fingers on one hand.</p> <p>B. All fingers.</p> <p>C. All toes and fingers on one hand.</p> <p>D. All fingers and toes.</p> | <p>b. QU7</p> <p>A. All fingers.</p> <p>B. All toes and fingers on one hand.</p> <p>C. Fingers on one hand.</p> <p>D. All finger and toes</p> |
|---|---|
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|---|
| <p>c. QU8</p> <p>A. All fingers and toes.</p> <p>B. All fingers.</p> <p>C. All toes and fingers on one hand.</p> <p>D. Fingers on one hand.</p> |
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12. **Analysis**

a. **Soldiers**

- (1) 80 — 100 : Sign on with the Foreign Legion ASAP.
- (2) 45 — 80 : Stick around Tangier Coy.
- (3) 25 — 45 : You should make an excellent JIB instructor.

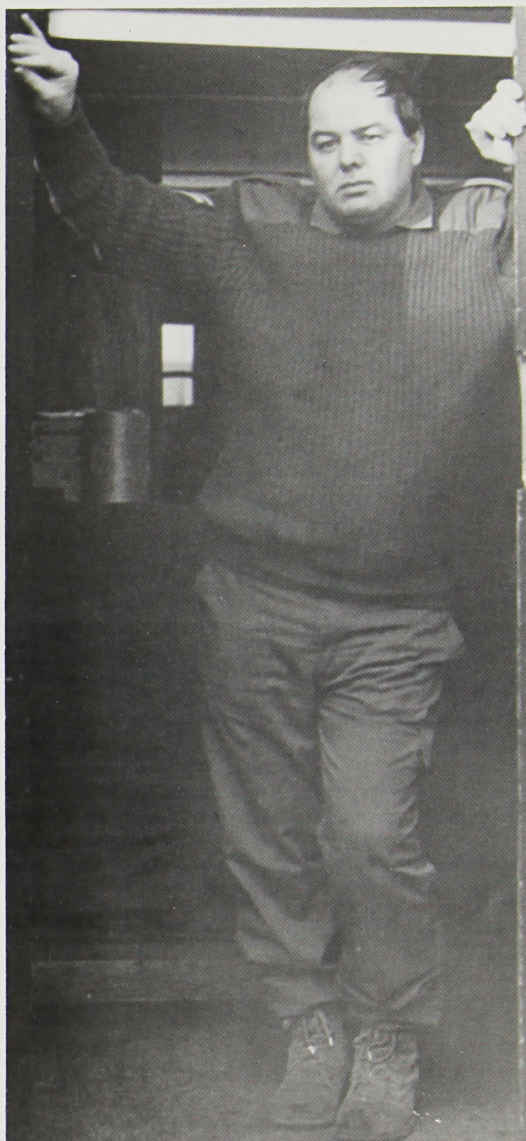
b. **Officers**

- (1) Lots of fingers and toes : Apply for the Adjutants job.
- (2) Lots of fingers and one or two toes : Remain in Tangier Coy.
- (3) Not too many of either : You should benefit from some instruction at JIB.

THE MR 1 QUEENS 1990 COMPETITION



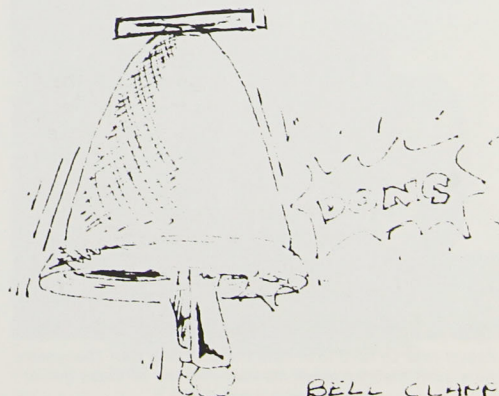
A good try from the Echelon Ops Officer Capt Bolton but not quite good enough.



The title goes to that seasoned campaigner Cpl "The Body" Smithurst — what an athlete!



Sgt Curry, RMP, the senior CONCO got a bit confused — we said MISTER 1 QUEENS not MISS!



BELL CLAPPER

VISITORS TO THE BATTALION



The CO and OC Tangier Coy, Major Eagan obviously see the funny side of the Secretary of State for Defence, Tom King's joke, CSM Lewis is not so sure.



Capt Bulpitt tries so hard to imitate the CLF, Maj Gen Thompson, that he's even tried to shape his hair into one of those quaint Scottish Hats.



D Inf Maj Gen Pank is cautioned by the Battalion's tame policeman, 2Lt Tallis RMP attached.

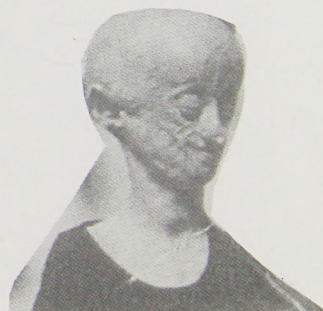
VISITORS TO THE BATTALION



A frequent visitor to the Battalion was Comd 39 Bde, Brig Jackson. Here he picks up the Adjt for not wearing a belt. The RSM waits his turn.



An old friend returns



WO2 Jacobs appears to have overdone it under the sun lamp again.

VISITORS TO THE BATTALION



Pte Walker desperately tries to look busy to avoid having to join in the Ops room aerobics with the C in C UKLF, CO and Ops Offr.



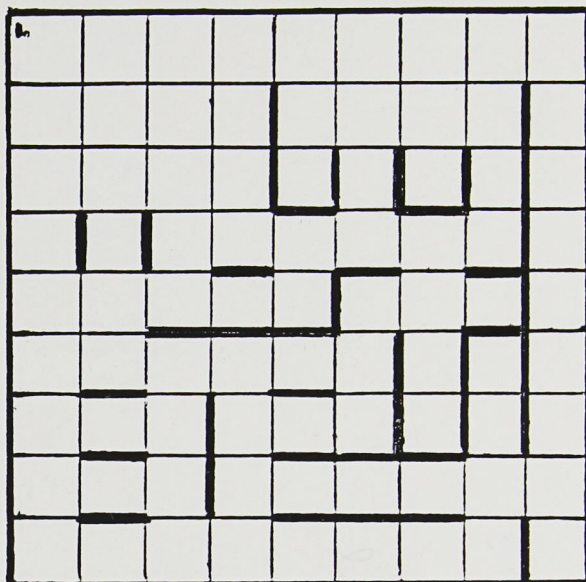
Major Knight explaining to the GOC now far he had to extend his belt before his diet while the RSM is dying to pick up General Waters for having his top undone.



ARMCHAIR

THE BRAGANZA CROSSWORD

ONLY 1 ACROSS AND 1 DOWN ARE NUMBERED SOLVE THE CLUES AND JUGGLE THE REST



CLUES

ACROSS

1. Five of these need to charge Artillery Regiment. (9)
— — — McKay V.C. (3)
- 1914 Battle Honour on the Queen's colour. (5)
- Major Eagan. (3)
- The French Corporal. (8)
- Every Tom, Dick, Harry and A.T.O. turn up here. (3)
- Danish Buff who won V.C. while with the S.B.S. (6)
- Rear.....?? Sweep Search. (4)
- Had a set to with Greece over Mediterranean Island. (6)
- Outlawed Loyalist Organisation. (3)
- Say goodbye to RSM's Old Radio nick name. (4)
- Petrol.....?Regiment Water? (4)
- Bar Tim from Kealy's finest Hour. (6)

DOWN

1. Body of Infantry. (9)
- Worn on shoulders or arm. (4)
- Lawrence fought there. (6)
- Stand— — — —! (4)
- Heavyweight Japanese Fighter. (4)
- Shooting at opportunity targets. (4)
- Accomodation for REMFS in field. (5)
- — — — Forts. (4)
- Spanish Terrorist Organisation. (3)
- Footsloggers in short. (3)
- Middle Eastern State connected with 6 lettered clue across. (4)
- Estranges. (9) (ANAG)
- Sappers in short. (2)
- Phonetic, repetitive noise. (4)
- Official and Provisional. (3)

