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YOUTH CAMP IN LAND OF MIDNIGHT SUN.....

Following the enormous success of last year's International Youth Camp, the 1987 Camp will again be held in the Madlamoen Naval Training Centre just outside the town of Stavanger.

This excellent centre is on the south west coast of Norway situated on the shores of the HAFRSFJORD.

Over 200 youngsters from Britain, USA, France, Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Canada, Holland, Germany and Northern Ireland will come together to enjoy rowing, windsurfing, canoeing, climbing, mountain walking, a wide range of sporting activities, visits to places of interest, Discos, barbecues, swimming and hopefully sunbathing.

If you are between the ages of 15 and 18 years of age and would like to spend two weeks with your contemporaries from nine other countries then this unique experience is for YOU!

The camp will run from Monday 6th July 1987 to Friday 17th July 1987 and the cost which is inclusive of travel to and from Norway is DM450. An interest in the activities outlined above is a must and only 30 places are allocated to the British Forces.

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(Natasha Bray)

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Exercise WRECK QUADRANT
was an expedition carried out in March by the Detmold Garrison Sub Aqua Club to explore undersea wrecks off the shores of Gibraltar. The eleven team members drawn

from units in Detmold enjoyed exciting and varied dives and included the discovery and recovery of a speed boat complete with outboard motor. The expedition leader, Staff Sergeant

John Bradstreet of 4 Regiment AAC, declared the expedition to be a complete success. Novices and qualified divers alike gained useful and varied experience.

NAAFI NEWS NAAFI NEWS

Fresher Fresh Produce

Allowing the irradiation of fresh produce is a topic currently under close scrutiny in the UK. Recent reports that the Netherlands allow this process have caused questions to be raised over the produce sold in Germany and in Naafi, much of which originates from Holland.

A representative of the Netherlands Agricultural Council has advised that it is certainly not a recommended practice in Holland and, generally speaking, there are very few products treated with gamma rays. They are aware of the sensibility in West Germany towards radiation and atomic energy and they do not export irradiated products to this country.

Although exemptions to the radiated product importation legislation exist, any retailer in West Germany requiring radiated goods has to apply to the Embassy for an exemption licence. Naafi does not and has never applied for any exemption to the current importation legislation, and does not sell any irradiated foodstuffs.

Raffles BFG Golf Classic

Good news for the golfers in Germany is that the 1987 BFG Raffles Golf Classic competition is taking place at the RAF Germany Golf Club, RAF Bruggen, on 16 and 17 May.

Open to all Forces and civilian entitled personnel, the competition has already attracted a sackful of entries. If you've been slow teeing off, you can still get an entry form from your Golf Club or contact Ron Powell on Bruggen Military extension 463. The closing date for entries is 8 May, although Ron will accept late comers if he has the space on the day.

Professionals Noel Huht and John Garner will be playing exhibition matches on the Saturday and Sunday, so even if you're not competing it's worthwhile going along to watch the spectacle.

First prize for this year's competition winner is an all-expenses-paid trip for two to compete in the 1987 Raffles Golf Classic at the Belfry course in the West Midlands, on 10 and 11 September. If you've ever wanted to rub shoulders with professionals, then now's your chance!

THE ROSEBOWL CLUB

LATEST NEWS by G. Best..

Welcome back to both the 4/7DG and 15/19 H from their recent visits to Hohne and Soltau.

The ladies section still insist they are going to win the pram race at the Hakedahl Fete on the 9th May. The men who are representing the club have other ideas, so we may see a good race on the day.

Sadly, the Monday night disco for the children of Kings School age has finished for the spring/summer period. It will however re-start later in the year if the response is as good as it has been.

Dates for entertainment have not been decided upon as yet. After the Hakedahl Fete I will hopefully be able to inform you of any coming events.

Meanwhile, "Robbo" is sorting out a Parachute Jump for the ladies, of which all the details are on the club notice board. The brave and not so brave assure me that no-one will have last minute nerves and drop out of the jump, so on behalf of everyone in the club, "Well done Ladies".

Due to Army commitments the club darts competition has been delayed in getting organised, everyone is asked to keep an eye on the notice board in the club for details of dates and times.

Each Sunday where possible we have videos on for the young children. All parents who bring their children in are asked to watch them whilst the videos are on.

Lastly, please remember: "If you drink then DON'T drive, its cheaper to walk - and safer!"

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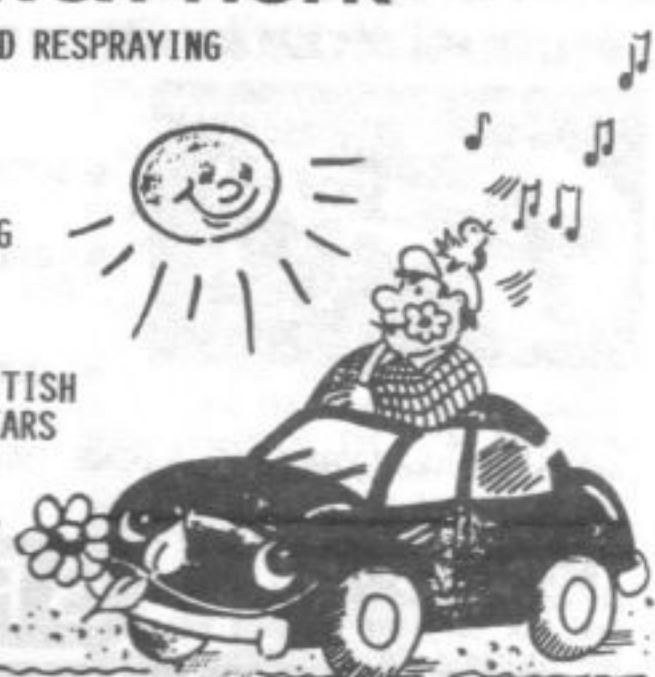
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Getting to know
you... a royal
encounter with the
Duchess of Kent
for Sgt Vince Rose
of 4/7 Royal
Dragoon Guards.

Chat and a cuppa with the Duchess

RELAXED and radiant, the Duchess of Kent put at ease soldiers of 4/7 Royal Dragoon Guards when she rounded off her visit to Northern Ireland with an informal teatime chat.

During a private meeting at Alexander Barracks on January 23, the Duchess spent an hour talking mainly to NCOs and troopers of 4/7 RDG, the Regiment of which

she is Colonel in Chief.

Joining groups of the soldiers at tables for six, she spoke to each man, asking them about their jobs, their training and what they thought of their task in Northern Ireland.

She said that it was not sufficiently well known that most people in Northern Ireland were very, very friendly - "and so very grateful to have you here."

Currently the unit's 150-

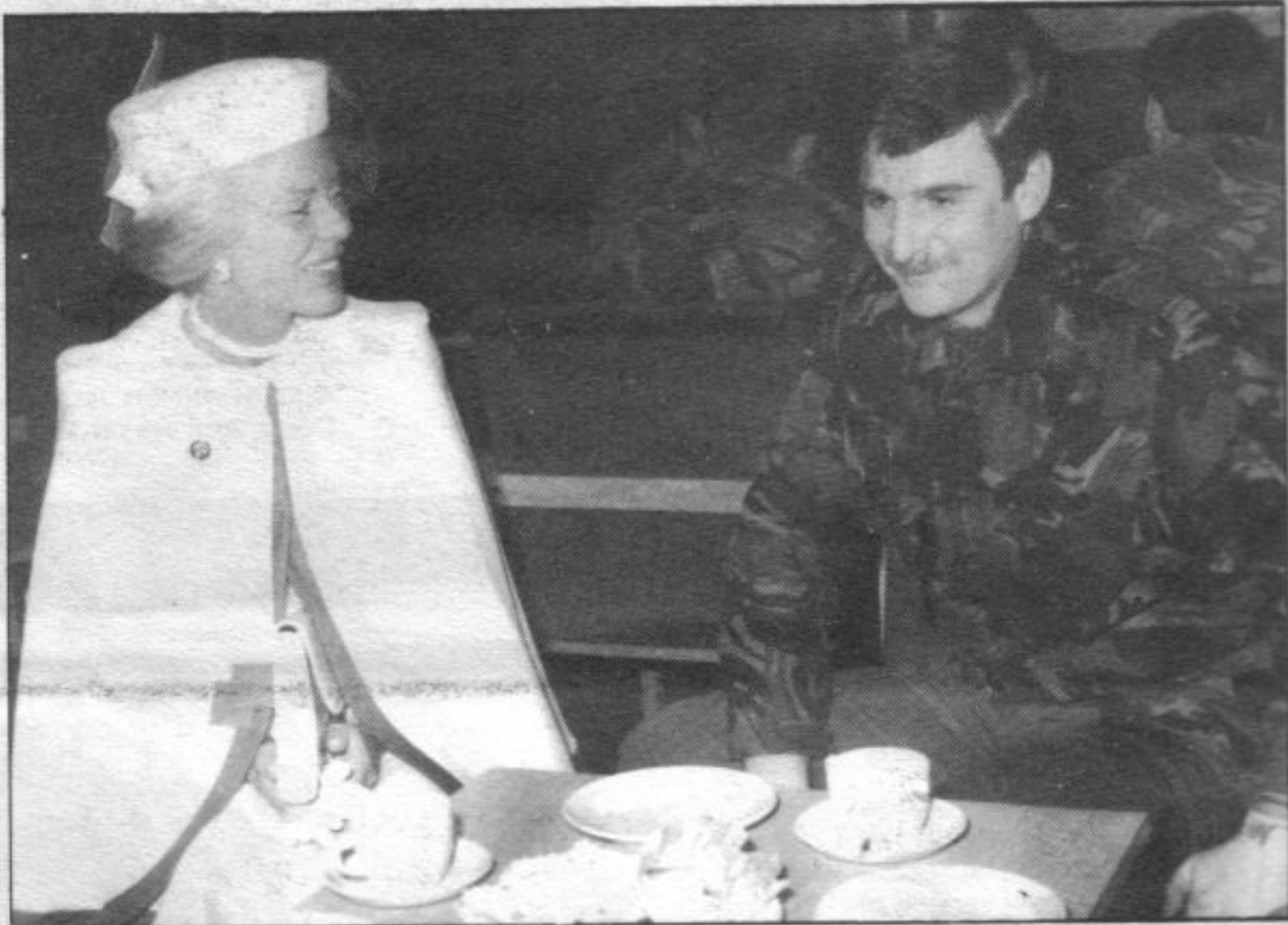
strong A Squadron is spending two months as military guard group at the Maze and Crumlin Road Prisons. The 60 officers and men who attended the royal meeting represented the maximum which could be spared from duty at one time.

The Duchess of Kent visits her Regiment as regularly as possible - at least

once a year. Later this year she is due to attend the unit's tercentenary celebrations at the Regiment's base in Detmold where she will present new Colours.

Her Royal Highness arrived in the Province on the afternoon of January 22. She met organisers of Northern Ireland's Festival of Youth at a reception at

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Exit for the last Saracen

NORTHERN Ireland has seen the last of the Saracen. The sole remaining operational vehicle in the Province left Moscow Camp, Belfast on January 31 to join a number of others laid up at the Royal Army Ordnance Corps Depot at Kinnegar.

From there they will be transferred to the mainland and eventually on a 4 1/2 month replacement tour.

4/7 Royal Dragoon Guards welcome the Duchess of Kent



Greetings for the Duchess of Kent from the officer commanding A Squadron, 4/7 Royal Dragoon Guards, Maj Ian Talbot (right) and the commanding officer of the Regiment, Lt Col Peter Gilruth.



A joke with the lads... among them, Cpl Ken Southey (right) of the Army Catering Corps and Royal Scots Dragoon Guards Trooper Anderson. Both are attached to 4/7 RDG.

Exit for the last Saracen

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ambulance work as well as their primary function as armoured personnel carriers.

Their tasks have now been taken over fully by the Humber Pig. The Special Water Dispenser version of the Saracen was equipped with a turret mounting a high velocity cannon which could shoot a "slug" of water to deal with terrorist bombs.

Few left

Newer, more effective equipment has since been introduced for use by the Explosive Ordnance Detachment in the Province.

Relatively few Saracens remain fully operational with the British Army, although several foreign forces are equipped with the vehicle. When it appeared in 1952 it was the first true, purpose-built APC to be designed for the Army, which during the Second World War used American-designed half-tracks or specially converted tanks.

Backbone

With the entry into service of the FV432, the Saracen faded from the scene. Many

the early 1970s the Saracen returned to duty to form the backbone of the Army's APC fleet in Ulster. Some Mark 3s, originally intended for sale to the Middle East

equipment such as CS canister or smoke dischargers, anti-wire posts to protect the commander, and loudspeakers.

dischargers in their place.

The Saracen's ability to remain operational after any two of its wheels had been blown off by a mine proved invaluable on many



Salute to the last Saracen by Sgt Maj Bob Macpherson as it leaves Moscow Camp with Maj James Forrest at the wheel.

AT EASE!

From front page

Hillsborough and later attended a dinner hosted by the Northern Ireland Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, and Mrs Hurd. Among the guests was the commanding officer of 4/7 RDG, Lt Col Peter Gilruth.

The next day, with severe weather forcing cancellation of her flying programme, the Duchess drove to the Fire Service HQ at Lisburn where she met staff and witnessed a demonstration of techniques used to free road accident victims from their vehicles.

From there she travelled by road to Harland and Wolff's yard in Belfast where she launched a new Blue Star Line container vessel named English Star. After lunch she presented RUC service medals at Antrim police station.

Following her meeting with the soldiers of 4/7 RDG, she left Aldergrove in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight. Among those present to bid her farewell was Commander Land Forces, Maj Gen David Pank.

Letter to the Editor