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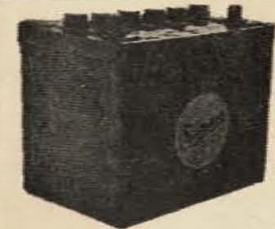
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EDITORIAL

No one would dispute that the Portuguese Army has got itself into a mess since the revolution of April, 1974. Besides dabbling in politics, refusing to obey military commanders and indulging in inter-unit fighting, it is now subject to "rule by committee". Even the most minor matter has to be debated by a committee, and the trend seems to be spreading. In the Low Countries there is already one soldiers' trade union, and another on the way. Such unions can only mean a relaxation of military discipline.

Whilst the Rhodesian soldier's hair is not as short as it used to be, it is certainly not as long as the German soldier's became. However, even in the long-haired armies of Europe there has been a return to normality. They have come to realise (as though it were something new) that an efficient fighting-machine must have discipline enforced by superior ranks upon inferior ranks.

Because of their particular brand of politics, the Russian and Chinese Armies might be expected to be ruled by committee. Far from it! Their discipline is most rigid and vigorous.

The U.S. Army has learned its lesson about discipline in Vietnam, where the over-pampered GIs were defeated by the Spartan, and rigidly-controlled Vietnamese. The Americans are forming a professional and disciplined army, and having amazing success in finding volunteers to join it. They have found that being too "buddy-buddy" on the battlefield does not make for easy victory.

In contrast, there is growing pressure in the Dutch Army to allow the lower ranks to take part in decision-making. Many conscripts believe that they have the right to discuss and decide things which have normally been the prerogative of higher authority. Perhaps the past thirty years of peace have lulled them into a state of forgetfulness. They lacked an efficient army in 1940 and were defeated by the Germans in only four days.

Discipline is essential in all military situations, in peace and in war, in victory and in the face of defeat. This is something which the Israeli Army realised in 1973. Behaviour was very good in victory, but in uncertain situations personal initiative too often replaced overall discipline — everyone thought that he knew better than his superiors.

Fortunately the Rhodesian Army, perhaps because of the terrorist-threat, perhaps because of the education in Rhodesian schools, has not yet suffered the suggestion of indecisive rule by committee. We have an outstanding Army, manned by outstanding soldiers. Sound discipline keeps it that way.

"The Assegai" wishes to pay tribute, at the time of his death,
to that great soldier of the Second World War,
Field Marshall Viscount Montgomery of Alamein.



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HOOTERVILLE HERALD

The School of Infantry has pleasure in bringing good news to all its readers: The Hooterville Herald, after some considerable absence, will once more become a regular feature in the Assegai.

To fill the gap between now and our last contribution would be impossible because such records as do exist are now in our archives! Of recent events we have much to tell.

The two main events of our recent past are the Commissioning Parade and Ball, and the School of Infantry Rifle Meeting. Last month's edition of Assegai gave a full report on the former and all that remains to be said is "Good Luck" to the ten young men who were commissioned on that memorable day. Details of the School of Infantry Rifle Meeting and the results are shown at the end of this article.

At the beginning of the month we saw the departure of "The Old Grey Winjer," Lt Col George Lloyd. We understand that he is now held captive in the corridors of Army HQ from whence there is no escape (not even for his own farewell party which we enjoyed in his absence!) To you, Sir, and Mrs. Lloyd we say farewell and wish you success and many grey hairs in the future.

Departures are usually followed by arrivals and in this case the news that Lt Col Leon Jacobs, MLM, was about to take over led to a flood of applications from the batmen for import permits to supplement their supplies of Kiwi boot polish. Notwithstanding the foregoing, we extend a warm welcome to our new Commandant and Mrs. Jacobs.

Other changes of staff include the departure of Maj Bob Davie and arrival of Maj Tony Wells. Maj Davie, whose present posting ends a long tour of four years and an aggregate of eight years and two months service at the School, now moves to a staff post in Salisbury. We shall miss the experience and continuity of his presence in Regimental Wing, but his achievements will always be reflected in the much-improved instructor-standards and organisation in the Army.

The last farewell goes to Capt Ron Marillier, BCR, who returns to operational duties. Good luck and happy hunting. Replacing Capt Marillier is Capt Bruce Snelgar, fresh from his Company Commanders' Course and bristling with knowledge! Welcome, Bruce.

OLD SOLDIER!

A common controversial point among other units, is the "pressure of work" at Hooters. Here is an illustration that might clarify the position. A short while ago whilst conducting an Attack TEWT, Maj Mick McKenna (a sprightly 25 years of age) was propounding the type of tactics that would be used in the real thing. A well-meaning cadet then asked Maj McKenna what part he had played in the last war! It is a hard life.

SPORT

On the sports field the School has enjoyed a fairly successful start to the various seasons. This has been partly attributable to the influx of more National Servicemen to the School.

The Rugby sides have acquitted themselves well to date. A summary of results is shown below:

1st XV vs. Air Force, Thornhill	: Won 38—0
vs. Llewelin	: Won 37—0
vs. Que Que	: Won 36—6
2nd XV vs. Air Force, Thornhill	: Won 46—0
vs. Llewelin	: Won 24—8
vs. RISCO	: Won 39—10

On the Basketball side, the School has entered two league sides, one being made up of School Staff and the other of Cadets. These two sides are holding first and second positions in the league at the moment. The Cadets have the edge after an exciting game in which they narrowly beat the Staff side 53—48.

Congratulations to Lt Deon Kriel for his selection to the Rhodesian Colts Basketball side which recently toured the Republic of South Africa.

RHODESIA WOMEN'S SERVICE

Weekly training of all RWS members got under way early in March and our ladies are

really getting stuck in. Drill parades are held three mornings a week from 0730 to 0815 hours and other regimental training takes place every Wednesday afternoon. The syllabus includes orderly-room and operations-room duties, map-reading, voice-procedure, weapon-training, first aid, Q accounting, military law and physical training.

This training was introduced at the request of our ladies, but one of them, when told of the PT involved, remarked: "But they can't give us PT; we didn't ask for it!" All readers are requested to note that there has been no change to the syllabus.

MAKE WAY FOR THE NEW

On Monday, 15th March, 1976, the National Service Cadets' kitchen and dining-room became the target of a building contractor's demolition-squad. Lt Col Jacobs, seen here striking the first blow with a 14 lb. hammer will be back on duty soon! The building in question (a pre-war structure) will be remembered nostalgically by the many officers who had it as their home whilst on course at the School. The new building

Making way — Chain-gang style



will incorporate a modern kitchen, large dining room and a caterers' office. On completion we hope to show our readers the official opening.

Mrs. Irene Cumming seen presenting the Cumming Cup to Lt-Col Jacobs, M.L.M.



Mrs. Anna Engela presents the the Trophy to Lt-Col Jacobs, M.L.M.

RIFLE MEETING, 1976

On 7th March, 1976, exactly 100 marksmen from Rifle Clubs around the country, and as far afield as Salisbury, Fort Victoria and Bulawayo, gathered at Gwelo to take part in the School of Infantry Rifle Meeting.

Maj Terry Hammond, the organising committee, and all helpers, are to be congratulated for a well-organised and efficiently-run shoot.

Congratulations also to Brady Barracks for winning the team event and to John van der Berg for winning the individual event together with the Gold Cross and the magnificent Cumming Cup. This trophy, which was presented personally by Mrs. R. G. Cumming, has not been competed for since 1922 when it was won outright and retained by her late husband.

Four days before the actual shoot, Mrs. R. G. Cumming and Mrs. A. Engela officially presented their trophies to Lt Col L. Jacobs, MLM.

The main results are:

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| (a) Winning Team | : Brady Barracks |
| (b) Runners-up | : The "Blues"
(New Sarum) |
| (c) Best Individual | : John van der Berg (Sby. A.) |
| (d) Runner-up | : Roy Edley
(Brady) |
| (e) The G.P. Engela Trophy (Deliberate Aggregate) | : Butch Pelsler (S Inf.) |
| (f) The Officers' Mess Trophy (Snap Aggregate) | : Louis Nel (New Sarum) |
| (g) The Sgts' Mess Trophy (Rapid Aggregate) | : Arnold Whitehead King (New Sarum) |

The Hooterville Hotshots thank all those who participated and look forward to seeing them and other aspiring shottists at next year's meeting.

KEEPING IT IN THE "FAMILY"

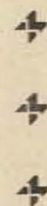
On Saturday, 6th March, an all-army wedding took place in Gwelo between Sgt Richard Neilson Delaney and RWS Dawn Kipps.

Sgt Delaney, an American serving in the Rhodesian Army, hails from Utah. He spent 18 years in the American army, serving in many places, including Vietnam, and reached the rank of Chief Warrant Officer. He came to Rhodesia last October.

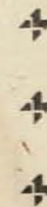
RWS Kipps was born in South Africa, and came to Rhodesia in 1951. She attended Chaplin School in Gwelo, and ran her own hairdressing business before joining the Army.

The couple was married by Captain the Rev. Mike Veary and the Best Man was Sgt George Moffat, making the wedding almost entirely a military affair.

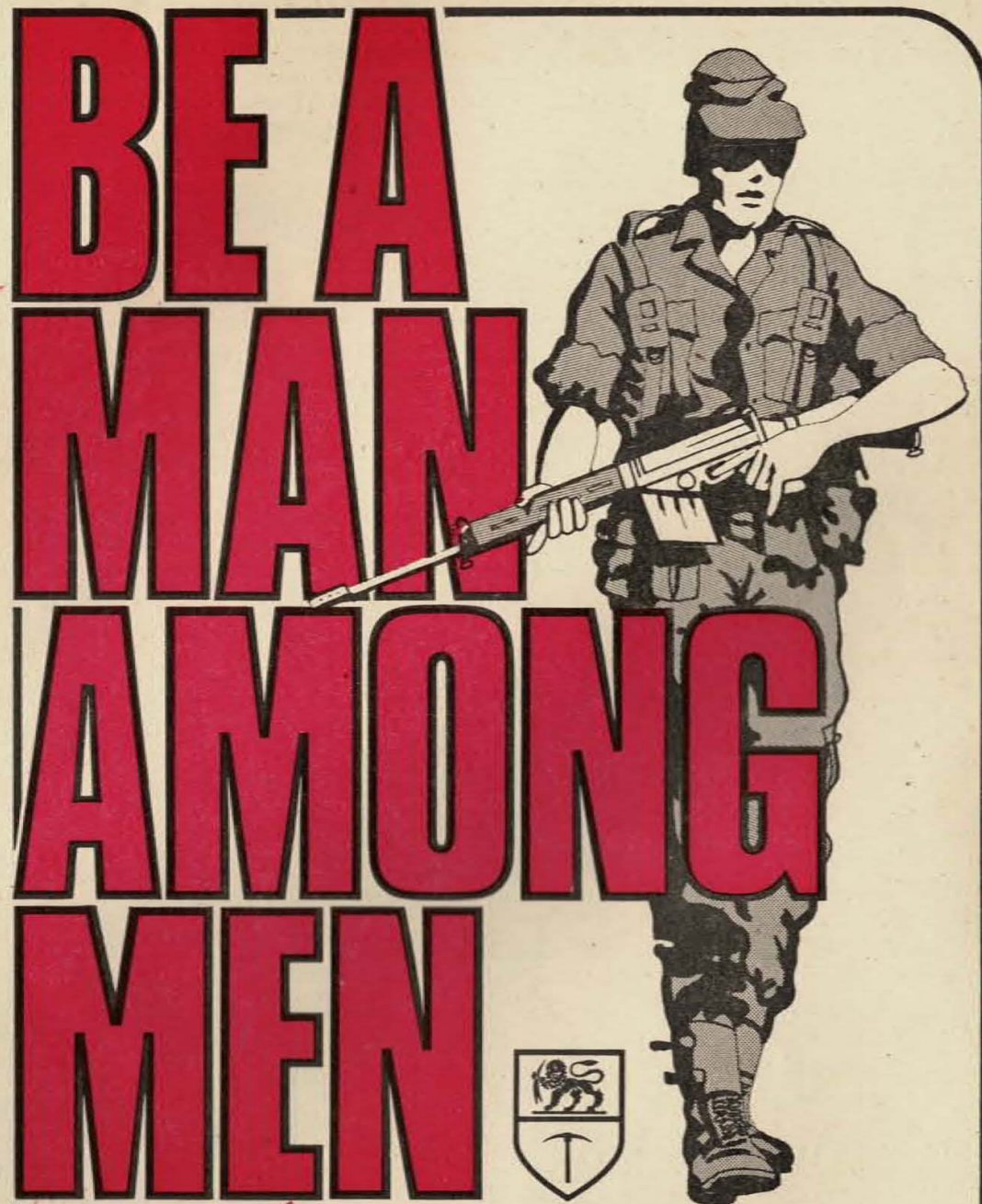
After a reception at the WOs' and Sgts' Mess the couple left for a honeymoon at Kariba.



Sgt and Mrs. Delaney photographed in Gwelo on the day before their historic wedding.



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STAR BUILDING IN FREEFALL

by
 MAJ JOHN PEIRSON, Rhodesian Army

As I am frequently approached by individuals who would like to know how it is possible for a large number of skydivers to leave an aircraft separately, and join hands together in freefall to form a star, I feel that an article on the subject might clarify the art of star building or relative work, as it is correctly called.

The present world record star stands at a 33-man star. As it is manifestly impossible for this number of jumpers to exit the aircraft simultaneously, it stands to reason that there is a considerable vertical separation between the first jumper and the last to leave the aircraft. As the aircraft is moving through the sky at about 100 miles per hour, there is also a horizontal separation in the region of 130 feet for every second.

Clearly then, to all arrive at the same time at the same point in the sky, freefallers have to overcome vertical and horizontal separation. To understand how a link up is accomplished, a basic comprehension of the mechanics of freefall is necessary.

When a skydiver leaves an aircraft, like Isaac Newton's apple, he is subjected to the force of gravity. He accelerates for the first 12 seconds from 16 feet per second to about 175 feet per second or 120 miles per hour, if he is flat, stable and face to earth. This is known as terminal velocity. The lack of further acceleration beyond this speed is due to a balance being struck between the force of gravity, and air pressure and friction caused by the density of atmosphere. The amount of friction depends on the apparel worn by the skydiver. Large, bulky, heavily-woven overalls will tend to decrease terminal velocity, whereas skin-tight sheer nylon overalls will increase it. Terminal velocity also increases with altitude, due to the thinner atmosphere encountered.



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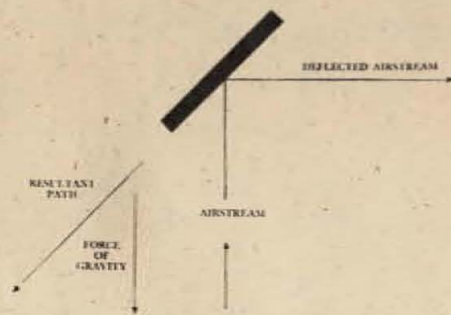
Terminal velocity can also be altered by offering less surface area to the airstream. Thus a skydiver falling head to earth, with his arms by his sides and his feet together and pointed can increase his speed to about 200 m.p.h.

Vertical separation can thus be overcome by varying terminal velocity. The first skydiver out of the aircraft, or base man, goes straight into a stable position and "grabs air" to fall as slowly as possible. Those following him go into increasingly more radical positions until the tail-enders are literally standing on their heads like darts. Simple arithmetic will show that the

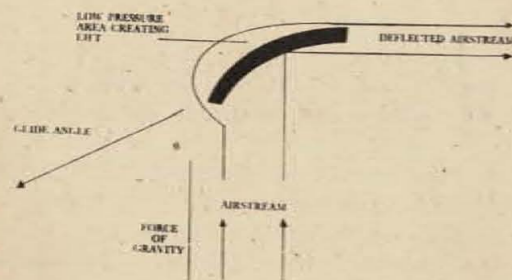
vertical speed differential between the first and the last jumpers can be in the region of 80 miles per hour. Of course it is not as simple as that, as the tail-enders have to accelerate to 120 m.p.h. before trying to link, or fatal consequences may ensue. This is done by flaring out above the base man or star, and decelerating to close in at the same speed as the other jumpers.

Having overcome vertical separation we still have the problem of horizontal separation to overcome. To understand how this is achieved, once again we must look at the mechanics of freefalling.

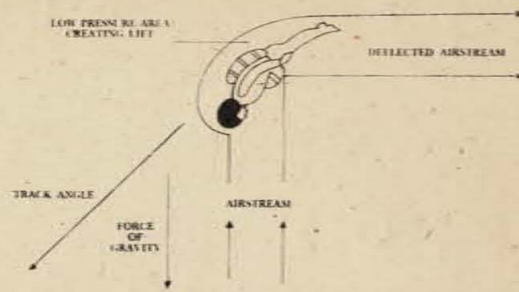
If a flat article, such as a metal sheet is dropped, it will tend to fall straight down. However, air pressure builds up underneath the plate and can only escape by tilting the plate. The resulting deflection of the air causes the plate to move in the opposite direction, as to every action there is an equal and opposite reaction, thus:



If we now bend the metal into a simple curve, or airfoil, we create a new force, known as lift. The resultant lift enables the plate to overcome the force of gravity to a greater degree, and the resultant glide angle is much flatter.



Skydivers use this principle to move forward and overcome horizontal separation. They deflect the airstream with their arms and legs to move forward slowly. Other parts of the body are



brought into play to increase forward speed. This is known as tracking.

The fastest track is obtained by a radical body position known as a "Dereve", in which the jumper assumes a position very similar to a snow-skiier going off a ramp but head down.

The feet are about six inches apart with toes pointed to decrease drag, legs straight, stomach sucked in, waist bent forward slightly, chest pushed out, shoulders hunched and rounded, and the arms touching the sides, slightly bent with palms curved and facing down. In this position the body forms a simple airfoil or wing, with a span of the width of the jumper's body, and a chord of the jumper's height, say eighteen inches by seventy. The lift created off the jumper's back gives a theoretical possible glide angle of 45 degrees, and a forward speed of 80 miles per hour. At the same time the vertical speed of the skydiver increases due to the lessened area subjected to the airstream.

Using his arms and legs as control surfaces such as those on an aircraft, a skydiver is in perfect control of his flight. He can move forward or backward, increase or decrease his speed, do spins or turns, somersaults and barrel rolls at will — in fact anything an aircraft can do, except go upwards or land without a braking device such as a parachute, as gravity is remorseless.

It is by using these techniques that stars are built. Let us follow the tenth skydiver out of the door of a DC3 flying 10 000 feet above ground level, and see what transpires.

The exit from the reasonably small door has been quite fast, but five seconds have elapsed since the first jumper or "base man" left the aircraft. The base man and the tenth man are separated by about five hundred feet in height, and six hundred feet horizontally, with the other jumpers strung out like beads between them.

The first thing the skydiver needs is airflow over his body, so that he can start flying properly. He gets his head down, arms to the side and falls vertically for a few seconds to build up speed, never taking his eyes off the

base man below him, and keeping sight of the other jumpers to avoid collisions. Having achieved the speed he requires, he must now set about overcoming the horizontal separation by tracking. However, he must close the gap cautiously so as to arrive at the star, which is building all the while, with the same vertical speed as the star, and absolute minimum forward speed. The resulting path is a graceful curve and is thrilling, as speeds approaching 200 m.p.h. are reached. In skydiving parlance this is known as "Boogie-ing".

By the time the tenth man is close to the star, and on a slightly higher level, he has decelerated to 120 m.p.h. by flaring out his body, and cancelled most of his forward speed by using his body as an airbrake, almost standing up in the process.

Now by gentle leg, arm and particularly hand movements, which deflect air, he moves forwards and downwards into his appointed place or "slot" in the star. Each jumper has a specific slot, to prevent several jumpers vying for the same place, creating "traffic jams", and possibly breaking the star. Another reason for having individual slots is to keep the star balanced, as too many people entering a star on one side will cause that side to drop, and the star to disintegrate.

The next stage in the process needs patience, and it is at this stage that most stars are broken, either by skydivers entering too fast and "bombing" the star, or by lost grips, causing the star to break. The jumper slides smoothly into his slot, and cleanly grabs the wrists of the jumpers on either side of him, who are linked at this stage. At the same time he washes off any forward speed by dropping his knees like air brakes. Once he is firmly in, and settled down, he gives the wrists he is gripping a firm and positive shake, and only then do his neighbours break their grip, allowing him to become a fully-fledged member of the star.

The ten man star now settles down and falls for a few seconds. A few seconds of elation; grins and even shouts of joy, although no noise is heard by the participants, as it is whipped away in the 120 mile per hour gale. However, it can be heard on the ground, and in fact if the plane is quiet, even the noise of the passage of the star through the air can be heard.

The base man, and at least one other of the early entries into the star have the responsibility of watching their altimeters. At a predetermined height, normally 3 500 feet above the ground, the watchdogs break away from the star, turn 180 degrees and track outwards for about ten seconds. This is the signal for all participants to do likewise, resulting in a spectacular looking

bomburst.


By tracking outwards the jumpers once again achieve horizontal separation, for to open their chutes without separating is to risk collisions, parachute entanglements and death. At about 2 000 feet the skydivers pull their ripcords and open their chutes, having given a vigorous wave with both arms to signal their intention to "dump", and having checked that there are no other jumpers close, and in particular, above them.

Much has occurred during the freefall, and to the adrenalin charged participants it feels as though several minutes have elapsed, but incredibly, the whole performance has lasted a mere 45 seconds. At the 2 000 feet opening height a mere 10 seconds of freefall time is left before the skydivers leave a lasting impression on the spectators — and the ground! This is why 2 000 feet is the legal minimum height for opening a sport parachute following a freefall.

Now a three minute gentle canopy ride gives time for the adrenalin to subside, and the pulse rate, which has soared during the exhilarating freefall, drops to normal.


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SLIM REVISITED

(In 1961 Field Marshal Viscount Slim spoke to the British Institute of Management on Leadership. In present circumstances both on National and International scenes, his remarks have perhaps even greater significance than when he first made them. The following is an abridged version of his address).

All leadership, civilian or military and at all levels whether of 10 men or 10 million men, is essentially the same and calls for the same qualities. Its problems come in infinite variety but it is remarkable especially at the top, how basically similar they are — problems of organisation, transportation, communications, finance, choice of technical methods, selection of subordinates, of forward planning and above all of human relations.

Leadership is that combination of persuasion, compulsion and example that makes men do what you want them to do. All three elements are essential. Even in an army, more is done by persuasion, encouragement and confidence than by shouting orders.

Yet in every kind of leadership there must be in reserve a determination, when needed not to shirk the inevitable and mutual unpleasantness (or worse) of compulsion. Example must be there; it is the purest, most simple and most effective form of leadership because it says not "Go on!" but "Come on!" and that is what men respond to most.

QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP

I've already said leadership is a very personal matter and if I were asked to define it I would say it is the projection of personality. That being so, a leader must have a personality to project. Now what sort of personality, what qualities of character, ought he to have? It is

most important that we should have clear in our minds what these qualities are, because we should not only cultivate them in ourselves but be able to recognize them especially in our subordinates since they are the people who have to take our place. We can, of course, go on adding to the requirements until we get a list as long as your arm, but to my mind the basic essentials for leadership, all readily recognizable, are only half a dozen:

Courage, Willpower, Judgement, Flexibility, Knowledge (I know that's only five, but we will come back to the sixth later).

First, **courage** because courage is the virtue in man or beast. Without courage there are no virtues for faith, hope, charity and all the rest do not become virtues until it takes courage to exercise them. The leader must have courage, physical courage at some levels but at every level moral courage, readiness to do a thing because he believes it to be right without very much attention to consequences. He must have courage to take decisions and to stand by them. That's the main duty of a leader.

Next, **willpower**, the determination to see and if need be, to force decisions through against the opposition of his enemies, of man and of nature.

Then I put **judgment**, a cool balancing of the pros and cons, essentially because the greater a man's courage, the stronger his determination, the bigger the disaster if he chooses the wrong course.

Today, when conditions in all spheres, political, social, scientific, change with bewildering rapidity, **flexibility** of mind is vital. History no longer trots sedately along with an occasional gallop; she has her foot down hard on the accelerator of a fast car, and looks like keeping it there.

The only living organisms which survive are those which adapt themselves to change. The leader must have this ability to cope with new and altered circumstances, with sudden and unexpected developments. Here is a crucial test of leadership; can you hold the balance between will-power and flexibility and see that determination does not degenerate into mere obstinacy, flexibility into vacillation? If you have these two qualities and can hold the balance between them you are well on the way to being a leader.

Knowledge a leader must have; he must keep a jump or two ahead not only of competitors or enemies, but also of his followers, otherwise he has no justification for trying to lead them. He can never, therefore, afford to stop learning. How detailed and specialized his knowledge

should be, will depend on what level in the hierarchy of command he has reached. If he is platoon commander, or foreman, he ought to be able to do everything his men do and do it better than they can. When he rises higher and becomes a general or a chairman or a managing director, he cannot possibly have the skill of every man under his command but he must know how each task is done, how long it should take, the strain and labour it entails and the conditions needed for it to be properly performed.

The nearer a man gets to the top the more will he need knowledge to understand expert, scientific or technical advice; when to accept it, change it, or reject it. But above all he will need knowledge of men — for the raw material of leadership is men and women. It deals with their lives, their motives, hopes, fears, their feelings and instincts; with emotion as well as reason; with individuals, no two of whom are exactly alike; with things that cannot be measured or weighed. Thus, leadership is an art, not a science as is much of management.

Any man, in any walk of life, who has the five qualities I have mentioned, courage, will power, judgment, flexibility and knowledge, will inevitably be a leader. But he will have to have one more if he is to be the kind of leader we want — he will have to have **integrity**. And integrity in a leader is more than just plain honesty; it means the old Christian virtue of loving your neighbour — your neighbour, in this case, being the men who work with you or under you. This integrity of which I speak is not so much a separate quality as the element in which all the other qualities function, as fish live in water. To have it, and to be guided by it, is not only good ethics but good business.

THE PERSONAL TOUCH

It is not always easy for a man to project his personality — supposing he has one — over even half a dozen men with whom he is in hourly contact. As their number grows, and his remoteness increases, so in geometrical progression does the difficulty of personal leadership. Yet all effective leadership is personal, and always has been. The great problem then is to make this leadership from the top real, recognized and effective throughout the organization. However neat the diagrams of management and communication look on paper, they will have failed if they do not do this.

Leadership is the mainspring of the clock, but it requires a lot of big and small wheels, a lot of cogs and balances rightly interlocked, before the drive of leadership can thrust steadily through the whole machine. These cogs and

wheels, in their varying sizes and places form the command structure, the system of management — which, while fostering the delegation of authority, passes on to all the will and purpose of the top leadership.

Whether the command set-up does this, and a great deal more, success depends mainly on three things: the commander — the top man himself; the subordinates to whom he has, in their own spheres, delegated authority; and the communications system through which touch is kept with all parts of the organisation.

Another thing the commander should do is to ensure that he is known throughout his command. He obviously cannot know thousands of men himself but they must know him. The head of any organization, commander-in-chief, chairman, managing director, should be able to walk unannounced into any camp, bivouac, workshop or office under his control and be at once recognized. He ought to hear, as I have so often, the muttered: "Here's the old so and so! What's he going to do with us now?" That does not matter because it is more important to be recognized than to be popular.

One of the most difficult things in any large organization is keeping in touch inside it, and many of our troubles come from the fact that some of us have not been very good at keeping in touch. Perhaps it sounds like over-simplifying when I say if you want men to know something the best thing to do is to tell them. And the best way of telling them is to tell them yourself. An occasional talk by the top man, who holds responsibility for the whole show, counts for a lot. You need not be an orator but you must have two qualifications. First you must be clear in your mind what you are trying to put over, and second, you must believe it yourself. The latter is very important.

LEADERSHIP ALL LEVELS

I have talked a great deal about leadership at the top but leadership must go much further than that.

An army in which the only leaders are the generals will win no victories. There must be leaders at every level from the commander-in-chief, the chairman, the managing director, right down to the lance-corporal with his section, the foreman with his gang. And these subordinate leaders must be supported. They must be made to feel that they are a part of management. One way is to see that information of the intentions of the commander is passed down through the channel of command.

A lot of Dismal Jimmies go about moaning that we live in a changing world. Of course,

we do, but why should that worry us? Change is only another word for somebody's opportunity, and why shouldn't it be ours? In the next decade, our nation will face new problems and new situations which will need leadership on every level, because the essence of leadership is to recognize and seize the opportunities which changes bring.

A THREE-PRONGED ATTACK

This need will be greatest in industry (of which the trade unions are an integral part), and on three fronts. The first of these is long-range planning.

The second front lies in the early recognition of potential leaders; in watching their progress and planning it well ahead, so that when executive responsibility comes to them they are ready for it.

The third front consists in bringing management and labour to a mutual recognition that they are not opponents, but allies fighting on the same side and, broadly speaking for the same objectives.

There's more than opportunity for leadership, there's stark necessity for it.
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"My car had to turn sharper than was necessary owing to an invisible lorry."

"After the accident a working gentleman offered to be a witness in my favour."

"I collided with a stationary tree."

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"WATCHING"

Currently employing his artistic talents in the PR Department at Army HQ, is Rfn Allan Taylor. Educated at Falcon College, whilst his father was mining in Zambia, Allan tried his hand at working for a couple of airlines before being called up for National Service.

Working for airlines gave him a chance to travel, but not, unfortunately, in the direction in which he would like to travel. He was able to move about Africa and take a look at African art, but his great wish is to travel to the East, there to study Eastern art-forms, philosophies, cultures and religions. He is especially interested in Confucianism and Taoism and how they have determined social life, and in Chinese art as an expression of Chinese philosophies.

The Eastern influence can be seen in this book — illustration, "Watching", by Allan Taylor.



RHODESIAN FORCES OFFERED FREE HOLIDAY IN NATAL

by
VAL GIBBONS

Good news from the Republic, men! Someone down there likes you, and what is more he is offering tangible proof of his regard for you. Your friend's name is Mr. J. N. Abrams, owner of The Happy Wanderers' Caravan Park at Kelso, on the Natal South Coast, where we recently spent a most enjoyable holiday.

On our arrival at the Park, we were greeted by a smiling Mr. Abrams, who, on noting that we were Rhodesians, invited us to go in and choose our own site. This proved rather difficult because, since it was out of season, the park was only about 30% full, leaving about sixty shady, beautifully-grassed and level spots to choose from. Over and above the first rate accommodation, each site has a concrete floor to put your tent on. For those who like to take their pooch along on holiday, that too is O.K. by him, providing of course it's well behaved.

After we'd made our choice of site, and were booking in, Mr. Abrams told us all about his holiday plan for Rhodesians.

If you are a member of any of the armed forces, Police Reserve included, you are welcome (out of season) to stay at his park absolutely free of charge. However, if you are not a member of any of the forces, he will not accept payment, but instead he asks you to pay your dues to the Army Welfare Fund on your return to Rhodesia.

I asked Mr. Abrams his reasons for being so kindly-disposed towards Rhodesians, and he told me the following story, here it is in his own words.

"The reasons for my wanting to help the fund are two-fold. Firstly, I was born and brought up in Kenya, and left in 1960, basically because there was no hope of doing what you Rhodesians are doing. I am a bit too old and decrepit now to give you any manual support, but I can help out on the troop-welfare side. Secondly, when I was a young man, I joined the R.A.F. in Kenya, and was sent to Rhodesia to train as a pilot. The reception and hospitality we Kenyans got in your country can only be described as fantastic. Later during the war I was posted to Britain. There I was a very lonely little bloke amongst millions who didn't want to know my troubles. Then I decided to visit Rhodesia House in The Strand, and once again the hospitality was terrific. I was treated as a Rhodesian, with welfare parcels and many other benefits. In those days I could only say 'thank you'. Now I am in a position to do something about it, hence my plan."

It's great to know that Rhodesians have a good friend like Mr. Abrams, and I'm sure you will all join me in saying, "Thank you, Sir."

TWENTY FIVE YEARS ON . . .

Strangers passing through Cranborne Barracks on the night of 12th March, 1976 may have been intrigued by the peculiar sounds emanating from the 1 RLI Sports Pavilion.

On paying closer attention one could clearly hear the words of such old time ballads as "We Haven't See Old Stalin for a Hell of a Time" disturbing the peace of the night.

The occasion was of course the celebrating of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the departure from Rhodesia of the Southern Rhodesia Far East Volunteer Unit (FEVU) alias Malayan Scouts alias "C" (Rhodesia) Squadron 22 Special Air Services Regiment.

Thirty-eight stalwarts arrived from all corners of the country and were warmly welcomed by the Commander of the Army Lt Gen Walls, who proposed a toast to the occasion. Others present who are still serving in the Regular Army were Col Bruce (Kampong) Campling, Majs Ron Reid-Daly and Geoff Turner Dauncey and WO 2 Benny Welensky. Sqn Ldr Cyril White was showing the flag on behalf of the "Blue Jobs".

Most of those present are still involved in the security forces in one way or another, for instance Capt Mike Slaven was on his way from Bulawayo to the sharp-end for LO duties when he "got lost" for the night in Salisbury. His state of fitness for duty was somewhat suspect when he resumed his journey the next day!!

The way Billy Conn and Alec Mackie greeted each other one would have thought this was their first reunion in years — in fact they had both been stood down about a week before from the same stick after a long spell of PATU duty in the bush, where they must have got sick of the sight of each other!

As the Commander mentioned, the faces of all present were much the same except some were greyer round the temples, thinner on top but wider round the middle. All aspects of civilian life were represented, businessmen, farmers, railwaymen, miners, etc., but the only one who attended in his working attire was good old Jock Laidlaw.

The unit's oldest teenager, Bill Weitz, was really on form, and considering the state the Hon R. S. Mackay was in by morning, his law studies must have taken a severe setback.

Choir master for the evening was the "Rev." Ron Reid-Daly who stood precariously perched on a bar stool looking more like Abe Lincoln than the president himself. The boys joined in

the singing of certain ballads with a fervour that would have made the chairman of the Board of Censors cringe.

Big Viv Johnson was treasurer for the night, and set about his task of collecting the loot with the enthusiasm of a biblical tax collector (you know, those were the guys who were paid a commission for bleeding the peasants!). He is still as shrewd as ever and no one managed to pass him a Straits Dollar instead of the real thing during the course of the evening.

John Oxden-Willows now looks like "mine host", the trade mark of a certain brand of Worcestershire cause, and Frank Wentzel looks prosperous enough to be the owner of the mine he works on at Mashaba.

Much to everyone's surprise "Bud" O'Connell had settled down at last and is now a garage owner in Karoi.

Dudley Duvenage, who farms at Tengwe, would not commit himself as to whether or not he was prepared to take his tractors to Bud's garage for repairs . . .

Also present were Don Campbell-Morrison and Chick Bartlett-Harris both now working for Salisbury Municipality, and Nobby Clark who works for ESC Norton. "Jungle Jim" Edwards' huge chest has slipped slightly over the last twenty years. Chris Fenton-Wells is still the

Squire of Centenary. "Boes" Ferguson is working for the PTC between Bindura and Mount Darwin, and Pee Wee Fitzgerald is herding mombies for the CSC in South Matabeleland. Wally Hansen, the Unit's own Omar Sharif, is still as suave as ever, and Eddie Howell is running an electrical business in Gatooma. Les Kessler who now wears glasses works for a sheet metal firm, and Stack Morris is working for the Municipality in Salisbury. Bert Blackbeard (nee Plane) is a clerk on the Railways in Bulawayo, and Garth Cockburn also works for the Railways. Neill Moran is farming at Norton, and Peter Hawkins is now a big shot in the motor industry.

Apologies were received from Lt Col Clem Langton down in Bulawayo, Capt Eddie Poulton who was absent on duty, Monty Thane who was away on operations with PATU, and Maj "Dill" Dill-Powell.

Congratulations must go to Paul Eckard for his stout efforts in procuring suitably embossed commemorative beer mugs and for organising and running what turned out to be a most memorable and enjoyable re-union.

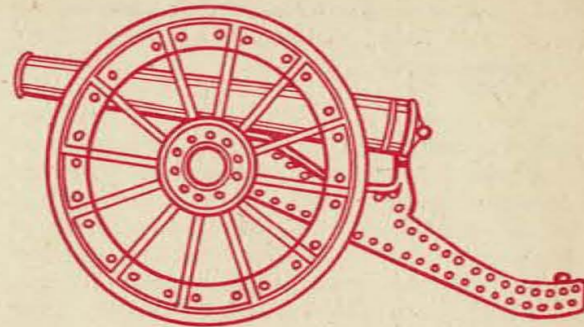
To Paul we say "Trime Kaseh!" To those who attended we say "Selamat tinggal sambai laun tahun!"



SNIPPETS FROM SITREPS

Heavy rain fell . . . as the Crusaders were endeavouring to locate spoor . . .

THE PATH OF THE PELLET



THE GUN

Artillery, unlike Cavalry and Infantry Regiments, do not have "Battle Honours". In 1833 the Royal Artillery was instead granted the motto "Ubique" ("Everywhere") as an indication of the Gunner's part in every battle and campaign. Gunners are proud of this honour, but sometimes as a result of it there is a lack of knowledge of the battles where the efficiency and inspired handling of the Artillery were decisive.

Field guns have until recently been short range weapons and their detachments have necessarily shared the hazards of those they supported. However, as always, things are a-changing. The introduction to N.A.T.O. forces of the F.H. 70 155 mm Field Howitzer in the close and general support role is a prime example. This is an outstanding gun combining in a single equipment many carefully designed improvements. More about this gun and other NATO equipment in comparison with Communist equipment in a later article.

Undoubtedly one of the finest field Artillery equipments of its time is the 25-pounder (88 mm). It has performed its task with satisfaction for over 30 years, and in many armies, continues to do so.

One wonders if the capabilities of the 88 mm are truly recognized. With a maximum range of

13 400 yards in the indirect role and an effective range of 800 yards in the anti-tank role, it continues to be a formidable weapon. With a rate of fire of up to 5 rounds a minute the weight of fire is sufficient to turn a Regiment of tanks. Thumb sucking? Negative. A Regiment of Israeli 88 mm guns, using indirect fire, turned a massed Syrian tank attack on the Golan Heights.

Many tank/gun duels in North Africa proved beyond doubt the success of the 88 mm gun as an anti-tank weapon. When one remembers that it is the same calibre as the renowned German Tiger Tank, one can see the reason why.

Its accuracy too is largely underestimated. The reason being that the definition of accurate fire varies from person to person. It will take time and ammunition to hit a pin point target, but (with certain sophisticated means) a first round hit and certainly a third or fourth round hit (with less sophisticated means) can be obtained on an area target such as a base camp. It is perhaps significant to note here that up to 80% of all German military casualties during the last war were caused by Mortar and Artillery fire.

The effects of Artillery fire as against air/ground support will be discussed in the next issue.

so on. Often their descendants have continued to use such arms.

To fill a gap in our history, plans are in hand to compile a roll of arms borne by private persons and corporate bodies in Rhodesia. The editors of the roll have already made a collection of some of the coats of arms borne by members of the Pioneer Column, and ask for your co-operation in making the record complete and worthwhile. To this end, would anyone who might have a coat of arms in his family, or simply a record of heraldic insignia he thinks might belong to his family, please contact **J. G. Storry, P. Bag 7714, Causeway, Salisbury.**



Rhodesian Corps of Signals Birthday Celebrations



The Rhodesian Corps of Signals was 19 years old this year. As is customary, the event was celebrated by a number of sporting events and social gatherings and a church service in the two main centres, Salisbury and Bulawayo.

In Bulawayo the two Signals Units, 1(Bde) Sig Sqn and the School of Signals held a soccer knock-out competition in which both units entered two teams. School of Signals B team reached the final where they met and were defeated by 1(Bde) Signal Squadron A Team to the tune of three goals to one.

The Matabeles also staged a cricket match with no particular unit presentation. One side, ably led by S sgt Cockcroft who scored 89, declared at 149 for 9 wickets. Their opponents, under the leadership of WO 2 Dixon, could not equal that score although given three attempts to do so. There were no Rhodesian selectors present.

Salisbury-based units also held a soccer competition in which 2(Bde) Signal Squadron, 4 Signal Squadron and 5 Signal Squadron each entered a team and the Signals Band entered three teams.

The first round resulted in the Band A Team's defeating Band B Team by seven goals to two; 2(Bde) Sig Sqn disposing of Band C Team by four goals to three and 4 Sig Sqn ensuring 5 Sig Sqn took no further part by scoring seven goals to their nil. Band A Team then met 2(Bde) Sig Sqn in a semi-final to decide who should meet 4 Sig Sqn in the final. Band A emerged winners by seven goals to nil and they faced 4 Sig Sqn at 1515 hours that afternoon in the final. After an exciting game, the Band won by three goals to nil and were worthy winners of the competition. It should be noted that, although the Director of Music organized the soccer competition and entered three teams, the referee of the final match, WO 2 Van Heerden of Services, has no ear for music.

After the final, a most enjoyable braai was held at the Band Room for all AS at which D Sigs, Lt Col A. H. C. Munro, presented the trophy to the winners.

One of the Corps Week highlights was the

shoot for the Grainger Trophy. Due to operational commitments this was carried out, this year, on a postal basis. Each unit entered a team of four, of whom all fired the rifle, two fired the pistol, the other two fired the SMG and any two the MAG. The RWS members also took part in a pistol shoot for which Mrs. Boss the RWS member of 4 Sig Sqn has most generously donated a trophy.

The Grainger Trophy was won this year by 1(Bde) Sig Sqn and the Boss Trophy for the best RWS pistol shottist was won by Mrs. Marshall of S Sigs with a score of 67.

The Unit scores overall were:

1(Bde) Sig Sqn	: 1 961
2(Bde) Sig Sqn	: 1 770
S Sigs	: 1 632
4 Sig Sqn	: 1 535
5 Sig Sqn	: 1 205
3(Bde) Sig Sqn	: 779

On the Friday the Bulawayo units held a dance at the 2RR Mess which was attended by Lt Col and Mrs. R. T. O. Tilly. During the evening the local Signals Wives Association presented twelve slide rules to the Technical Wing of the School of Signals.

The Annual Church service, attended by representatives of all ranks of 1(Bde) Sig Sqn and S Sigs was conducted by the Rev. K. Edgar.

Salisbury units of the Corps attended a Church service in the KG VI Chapel on the same day. The Bishop of Mashonaland, the Rev. Paul Burroughs, an ex-member of the Royal Corps of Signals, officiated.

Following the church service a Band Sunday was held at the Army Recreational Centre. The Corps of Signals Band under Director of Music Capt Frank Hayes provided a pleasant background to a family get-together. The occasion also provided the opportunity for our recently-appointed Director, Lt Col Tilly, and Mrs. Tilly to meet newer members of the Corps and their families.

The present circumstances and commitments placed certain restrictions on the week's celebrations, but those functions which were held were enjoyed by all participants.



DEPOT DIARY



"The balance of Power."—Sir Robert Walpole

It was with pride and pleasure that we were able to greet President J. J. Wrathall, I.D. on his first visit to Llewelin Barracks in his capacity as Commander-in-Chief.

The President viewed many aspects of training and took the opportunity to speak to many trainees. At midday he was given lunch by the Officers and left Bararcks in the early afternoon expressing satisfaction with what he had seen.

Colonel D. T. Hopkins and Lt Col J. L. Thompson also paid us a visit during March. We wish the latter well on his forthcoming promotion and in his new appointment.

A COMPANY

The CO's Inspection is over and done with, much to the elation of Intake 151, and, with the advent of weekend passes, ear-to-ear smiles are the order of the day.

At the time of writing, first phase "square-bashing" is drawing to a climax and soon a number of the company will be leaving for training as signallers, gunners, engineers, medics, armoured-car personnel, military policemen and in other specialist tasks. To them we say "Goodbye and Good Luck!"

We welcome Sgt Peter Royan to A Company and wish him a long and happy stay.

Rfn de Meyer will undoubtedly have to redeem himself in the eyes of the Adjutant for when he was asked, during the CO's Inspection, whether he had had enough sleep the previous night, he replied haltingly, "Yes, Corporal".

C sgt John de la Rue, No. 1 Platoon, made a clean sweep of the day by having the best platoon, best lecture-room, best armoury and "stick-man". Well done, chaps!

Essays on "The Best Day in My Army Life" drew some interesting comments and most centred around the first leave pass and canteen pass. Beer sales rocketed and many war stories reverberated through the Trainees' Canteen. Army life clearly is the secret of speedy transformation from boyhood to manhood, and it is

delightful to witness this interesting phase. So, after all, there is some method in the Army's madness.

The OC has for some time been involved in a paper-collecting campaign in the national interest, and the word is going around that, with all the bumf being pushed out by Depot HQ, the campaign should assist in the saving of foreign currency to the degree where we would be able to start our own navy. Who said that a rifle company should not have paper work?

Overheard in the Staff-room — "Where is Rob Korb and his platoon?" "Out duck-shooting in the weapon-training area". One could really think we've had a lot of rain lately.

B COMPANY

During March a very successful Battle Camp was held on a farm in the Matopos area. Early morning rises and lack of sleep left little time for relaxation. This enabled a wide spectrum to be covered, and Intake 149 gained a great deal of value from those seven days. The rain in the Matopos added realism and much discomfort to those who paid little attention to their platoon commander's advice. Needless to say, only one night of sleeping in wet bivvies made the non-conformists make rapid changes for the better—so we do learn the hard way!

It was during a recce to find an ideal site for a terrorist camp that an enormous rock kopje was negotiated by the acting OC, Capt Wells, and CSM Mally Foulkes. It was very evident that, although the mission was accomplished, the agility of the "bobos" (baboons) in that area was unequalled. On the return journey to the main base camp, CSM Mally nearly walked into a rather large and stationary mamba. He maintained that its head was about a metre above the ground. Yet the acting OC, who at this stage was perhaps thirty metres behind the CSM, declared its head was only about thirty centimetres above the ground. These disputed facts could have been the other way around if the acting OC had been nearer to the snake. He who is nearer the danger area tends to have

a better perspective of the situation . . . so we would like to think.

After the Battle Camp, Intake 149 left for Kezi where the COIN exercise was held. Certain members of Intake 149 who were on a course at the S Inf joined us for the exercise. Men from HQ Coy DRR and CSM Mally, the enemy commander, kept Intake 149 on the move. But there was one occasion when enemy commander Mally and his band of dissidents had their escape-routes cut off very effectively by C sgt Kluckow's No. 4 Platoon. The enemy's attention had been focused on the follow-up group of C sgt Maidwell's No. 5 Platoon and, thinking they were safe, failed to check their rear, which was rapidly being cut off by No. 4 Platoon. Well done, chaps!

Sgt Stapleberg of No. 6 Platoon, who was a member of the directing staff for the exercise, bivvied up some distance from his platoon. He fortified himself amongst a maze of fencing-wire as protection against being snatched by the enemy — who in his right mind would want to tangle with him? . . . The platoon would have been easier bait!

The inter-platoon Boxing Tournament was held on 17th March. It was encouraging to find the hangar packed with spectators. Undoubtedly, the best bout of the evening was between Pompies van der Westhuizen (South African Lightweight Champion) and Chris Ashley (Rhodesian Light Welterweight Champion). 4 Platoon were the winners of the Tournament — well done!

One would imagine that, with a nickname like "Lurkers", we would attract plenty of staff. However, we seem to be having a problem with

our officers! Congratulations to Maj Wells on his recent appointment and (would you believe it?) farewell on his temporary attachment to Hooters. Lt Piggott has stepped into the breach until Maj Pearce completes his course and Lt Gillespie arrives back.

C COMPANY

We welcome to the company, Lt Barry Taylor, who has recently arrived from Hooters. May your stay with us be happy and not too long!

On the farewell scene, we bid farewell to Lt Peter Piggott, who for such a short time was our Training Officer. He was told at 8.00 a.m., "You are posted to B Company", so, by 8.30 a.m., he was gone. Anyway, we wish you all the best in your new position with the "Lurkers".

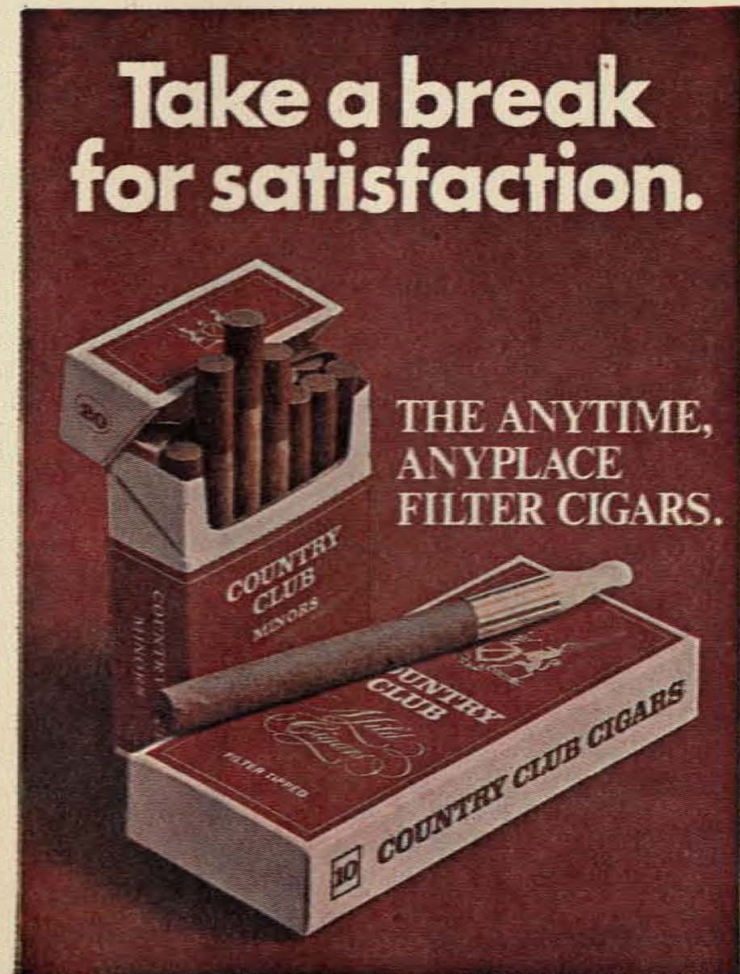
Friday, 5 March saw some happy, smiling faces amongst the Staff, when we lost our Specialists in large numbers. Intake 150 was the largest ever seen at Depot so far, so it was something of a relief to see our numbers dwindle. Roll call now is a much simpler task than it used to be. Our CSM went off swanning to South Africa for the Armed Riding World Games. He

certainly chose the right time to "swan", for, when he got back, the chaos of dispersal of specialists was over and we had settled into a nice routine. Nick van den Bergh was Acting CSM for this period. Please, Nick, next time try and be serious; we don't like "Acting".

This month we also bid hello and welcome to C sgt Barny Mullen. May your stay with us be a happy and lengthy one.

HQ COMPANY

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The President, Mr. John Wrathall, toured Llewellyn Barracks and watched recruits training during his first official visit to Bulawayo since his inauguration. Escorted by Brig B. Barnard, and Lt Col Hugh Rowley, commander of Depot, Rhodesia Regiment, Mr. Wrathall watched a weapons display, and lunched with officers at the barracks. Col Rowley and Mr. Wrathall (above) inspect a guard of honour at Llewellyn Barracks. (Courtesy: Bulawayo Chronicle).

has handled another double intake which settled down after a few days of fathoming out its new home for a year. In addition to the normal intakes, Depot received its first allocation of RWS. In true form, HQ Coy received its RWS complete with sprained leg and graded B Minus! We welcome RWS Jenny Davidson, daughter of WO 1 Davidson, to the happy throng and are glad to see her ailment now completely recovered.

B Coy invited the Camp to an evening's boxing. HQ Coy, not to be outdone, issued an all-comers challenge against our own wild man, Basher Burnett . . . Alas! 40 seconds later, and after much disagreement between judges and HQ cheerers, the fight was given to the C Company challenger!

LT WING

The Wing has seen a good many changes over the last few weeks. Maj Geoff Cook left for Inkomo at the end of the month. Our best wishes to him in his new posting. Now in the hot seat is Capt Ron Burrows who has brought about many of the recent changes and LT Wing is now an autonomous body. We also welcome WO 2 Alan Shaw, C sgt Andy Hosking, S sgt Les Webb and RWS Mrs. Dawn Delany (part of the OC's "Wing Beautification Plan" perhaps?). We hope that their stay here will be an enjoyable one.

Forty-seven members of C Company arrived on the 8th March and are now at the end of their second week of training as Junior NCOs. We have coped with intakes of this size before,

but another forty-five-odd bodies will be descending upon us in two weeks time from A Company, so for a few weeks the instructors will be having a busy time.

Our 150 Intake has settled in well and seems to be enjoying the course. Competition is a strong incentive because of the large numbers, which helps keep the standard high, although the offices have already rung with the evocative cries of, "Orders Shun!" instead of the usual musical, monosyllabic call for "Teeea!"

A magnificent new sign outside the office proclaims that we are now open for business (we deal exclusively in the trading of NCOs), much to the embarrassment of Rhosigns who painted the sign to read "Leader Training Wing."

RIDING SECTION

In early March our Senior and Junior Rhodesian Armed Riding Teams left for South Africa to compete in the World Games. They competed against such teams as England, Australia, Israel and South Africa.

The competition was held at Beaufort West in the Cape Province. From our Llewellyn Barracks Saddle Club, we were proud to have two clum members participating, namely, Michael van Blerk, son of WO 2 Steve van Blerk of 1 Wksp Coy, and Rifleman Richard Mostert of HQ Coy. Michael rode for our Junior team and managed to gain himself two Gold, 4 Silver and 8 Bronze Medals. Well done, Michael! We are all very proud of you. Rifleman Richard Mostert rode for the Senior team and he won himself 2 Silver and 4 Bronze Medals. Well done to you Richard. You both certainly made us all very proud.

Because it was an Olympic-style event, the individual scores were counted and Rhodesia obtained the grand total of 9 Gold, 11 Silver and 19 Bronze Medals.

The standard of riding was excellent, and, upon their return, all members agreed that they had had a super time down there.

Once again Rhodesia showed the Springboks they are made of strong stuff and can provide them with strong competition. In December, at the International held here at Llewellyn, we managed to beat the Springboks and again this time we secured ourselves more Medals. Well done, Rhodesia! — Keep up the good work.

BOXING

(By Johnny "Southpaw" Spinner).

The boxing tournament, promoted by CSM Foulkes assisted by Sgt Stapelberg, took place at the Basketball Hangar, Llewellyn, by kind permission of Lt Col H. St. J. Rowley, M.L.M., CO DR.

As a national holder of Referees' and Judges' licences, both amateur and professional, I feel this was a great effort by B Company and the lads of Intake 149 (CAE) who, in the main, had never put a glove on before and had only a few hours' practice. They showed great spirit and sportsmanship through eighteen bouts. I was assisted in the ring by WO 2 Pretorius and RSM Hubbard; WO 2 Heldsinger and Sgt Retief were judges.

The organisation was terrific and was rewarded by an enthusiastic crowd of trainees from the other companies, and staff and families. Lt Piggott's address, opening the show, was excellent and also the closing speech by Lt Col Rowley which augured well for future boxing in Depot.

My special thanks to RSM Hutton and WO 2 Seiler for services rendered and to Mrs. Rhodes who had the clerical attack to meet.

LLEWELLYN BARRACKS ATHLETIC CLUB

The Llewellyn Barracks Athletics Club this year has had the good fortune to be able to draw from two double intakes to date and has, as a result, had a good crop of athletes to choose from.

Whilst we have had some outstanding successes both in track and field, these could have been improved upon had more facilities been available at Llewellyn Barracks.

Most of the athletes available are in the U/19 age group where they excelled themselves. However, several meetings in which Llewellyn participated were Open Meetings and, needless to say, our athletes did very well in spite of this.

The first meeting of the season to which Llewellyn Barracks' Athletic Club was invited was the Milton Athletic Club's Club Championships (Denis Shore Memorial Shield Meeting) held at the Putt Jackson Athletic Track on Sunday 1, February 1976. This meeting was an Open Meeting and, although Intake 150 had only been in Depot for three weeks, with virtually no training, they acquitted themselves well with Guy Sheppard and Adam Sutherland-McLeod featuring in the sprints supported by Piet (Seun) Pelsler in the Hurdles and Field events.

The following weekend, the Ann Wartski Shield was competed for and Llewellyn Barracks entered both an A and a B Team. This competition was open to all senior athletics clubs throughout the country. However, only five clubs participated, two of which were from Llewellyn, our numbers having been swelled by the recent arrival of Intake 151.

Team placings in the Ann Wartski Shield were:

1st Wankie	152 points
2nd Bulawayo Harriers	82 points
3rd Llewellyn Barracks A	77 points
4th Milton	33 points
5th Kamativi	15 points
6th Llewellyn Barracks B	3 points

The athlete who took the honours in this meeting was Greg Boncker who was unbeatable in the long and triple jumps. Greg also did a sterling job in the 4 x 100-metre relay to pull us up from 6th to 3rd place. Ian Hayes-Hill did well in the Javelin to take 1st place, and gained a creditable 3rd in the Discus without having had any training since the previous athletic season.

On the 6th March, 1976, Bulawayo Harriers held their 50th Annual Athletic Meeting and Llewellyn Barracks fielded a team of some 50 athletes. Llewellyn unfortunately did not feature in the track events, except for the U/19 110 and 400-metre hurdles which were dominated by Big Piet Pelser who ran in unopposed in both events, gaining the Rhodesian Record in the 400 metre hurdles. Well done, Piet! However, the field events were dominated by Llewellyn which gained 1st and 2nd places in most cases. Once again Greg Boncker and Ian Hayes-Hill dominated, with assistance from Piet Pelser and Steven Janse van Rensburg. Young Pete (Jacko) Jackson retired injured in the U/19 Pole Vault which he would have won if it hadn't been for his unorthodox approach which caused his injury — a 5 inch gash from his spikes, from a bad landing. He did, however, come in 2nd with the same height as that of the winner.

The following weekend, 13/14th March, saw Llewellyn Barracks Athletic Club competing in the Matabeleland Athletic (Senior and Junior) Championships at the Putt Jackson Athletic Track. Once again Llewellyn fielded a large team of some 50 athletes in spite of inter-unit postings which had taken place the week previously. The results were much the same as for the previous week, with Burly Piet Pelser equalling his Rhodesian Record in the 400 metre hurdles. He was just pipped at the post by Dave Smith in the U/19 110-metre hurdles and ten minutes later went on and won the open 110-metre hurdles. Once again, well done, Piet! Not to be out-done by this, he also won the Shot Put and was placed second in the Discus. Greg Boncker lost the edge in the U/19 long and triple jumps to come a close 2nd to Dave Smith, whilst in the Open events he once again dominated. Guy Sheppard came to the fore once again in the sprints in the Open division—Ian

Hayes-Hill was pipped in the U/19 Javelin by 0,04 metres by Chris Hodder who normally throws in the U/17 age group, but nevertheless, managed to maintain his usual high standards. Mark Bray has shown that the longer distances are definitely more in his line, and improved considerably in the 3 000 and 5 000-metre races. The finals of the 200 metres, 800 metres and 1 000 metres and 4 x 400 metre Relays were cancelled because heavy rain saturated the track, as were the U/19 High Jump and the Open Triple Jump.

On Sunday, 21st March Llewellyn Barracks Athletic Club was to have participated in a Triangular Athletic Meeting at Wankie between Llewellyn Barracks' Athletic Club, Milton Athletic Club and Wankie Athletic Club. Unfortunately, however, after all the necessary preparation, the meeting was cancelled, because of inclement weather, much to the disappointment of the athletes selected to participate.

A further blow was still to come Llewellyn's way in that, after much preparation and earnest training for the Mashonaland Senior Athletic Championships on 28th March, we were only to be informed that the meeting was closed and that no athletes from Matabeleland would be allowed to enter in these championships.

On a brighter note, the following have been chosen to represent Matabeleland and carry the flag for Llewellyn Barracks' Athletic Club in both the Junior and Senior Inter-Provincial Athletic Championships to be held in April:

- P. Pelser — 110 metre hurdles, 400 metre hurdles, Shot Put and Discus.
- G. Boncker — Long Jump and Triple Jump.
- I. Hayes-Hill — Discus and Javelin.
- B. Tobias — High Jump.

Llewellyn Barracks' Athletic Club congratulates these athletes on their selection and wishes them all the very best and good luck in the Inter-Provincial Championships. Well done, Piet, Greg, Ian and Brian.

Our task now is to put in as much training as possible and prepare ourselves for the Rhodesian Athletic (Senior and Junior) Championships which take place in Salisbury over the weekend 1st/2nd May.

In conclusion, all athletes are to be congratulated on their results gained to date. May they have even more success in the future! The Athletic Club wishes to give a big vote of thanks to Capt Ron Burrows (Chairman, Llewellyn Barracks Athletic Club) for having made it possible for such large numbers of athletes to compete, and also to C sgt Tony Wohlters who has devoted many hours to coaching and training athletes who have in all respects produced

results beyond all expectations, putting Llewellyn Barracks right on top of the Matabeleland Athletic scene.

Tony Wohlters is also to be congratulated on his excellent management of the Llewellyn Barracks Athletic Team. To all of the Llewellyn Barracks Athletics Club, athletes and officials—good luck in all future events. May you go from strength to strength in the Depot tradition! Well done! Keep it up!

RhASC HISTORY

The history of the Rhodesian Army Services Corps is to be written in the near future. To ensure that the maximum material is included, and a complete history is assembled, I appeal to all serving members and ex members of both the Federal and Rhodesian Armies who may have articles, photographs, or any information whatsoever concerning the Corps, to contact me at 3 Ordnance and Supply Company, P.O. Box 8085, Causeway. Telephone 708390.

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1 RAR VIGNETTES



A COMPANY — SIMBA

Once again our notes are written from "somewhere" in the bush so we are short of material. Hence the short article.

2 Lt Kieran Elliot has left us to return to "civvy" street after completing his one year national service. We were very sorry to see him go as he was a popular and hard working Platoon Commander. We hope that he will re-join us after seven months when he has worked off his contract with his civilian firm.

Congratulations to A/Lcpl Dani Jonathan and A/Lcpl Chibwowa Piason on their recent promotions. We wish them luck in their new appointments and hope it is only their first step on the promotional ladder.

It looks as though we are going to be unable to win back the coveted Champion Company title with our present Operational commitments. Tanlwe Chaung Week looks a very doubtful proposition.

However we are willing to bide our time before regaining the trophy.

C COY 1 RAR

Since last writing it has been our pleasure to welcome 2 Lt "Spider" Webber to the company. He arrived "in the field" at 1800 hours and had the dubious welcome of being told by the OC that he was in the wrong "field" and was promptly dispatched to his platoon and told to get into stop position — who said the OC was anti social? Anyway, welcome, Spider. One day you'll see Coy HQ—fleetingly?

Farewell to the intrepid Norman Dolphin that cool, cold calculating killing-machine — hi Andy! Norman has served us well and we are sorry to see him go, but he insists on being a member of the traditionally-poor of the world — farmers. Good luck for the future, tobacco and all that sort of thing.

The Company was the source of considerable amusement as a result of what could be described as the "Saga of the flag". It started when WO 2 Kasirayi Gumure got on the radio claiming, "I've captured a ter." Reply: "How do you know?" "He's got a ter flag. The "ter" was escorted to Coy HQ where we found that the flag was a union jack which was duly flown upside down and at half mast as a captured

trophy of war — a good military tradition. Our fun was spoilt, however, by some mickey-taker who said it might offend.

We couldn't think who, other than some retired Brit Dreadnought who didn't like standing on his head to look at it — Anyway it's down now and we are going to present it to the Museum, complete with story.

HEADQUARTER COMPANY 1 RAR (MOYO UMWE CHETE)

The excuse given for these notes being a little later than usual was that, as Major Ward has been away at "the sharp end", pressure of work has been so terrific back with the Company that no one has had a minute to write them. Some people will believe anything!

More changes are about to take place, and Lt Dick Trafford is due to leave us to go to Depot RAR. He is, however, fighting a brilliant rearguard action, and one never knows, he might not go after all. His place will (on current planning) be taken by Captain Bill Quigley, recently back from sojourning with "C" Company — to him we extend a warm welcome.

In the more rarified atmosphere of Battalion Headquarters, we have more moves.

Strapping on both his automatic pistols, plus dagger, Captain Edmund Kirby leaps into his Mercedes and heads for "E" Company. We know he will enjoy life there, and wish him luck.

Our new Administrative Officer is Captain Bill Bennett, M.B.E., and we know his wealth of experience will stand him in good stead in his responsible post.

The rest of the Company seems to be remarkably stable at the moment, with no changes to speak of for some time — long may it last!

We survived a brief but searching administrative inspection by the Commanding Officer recently, and were pleased when all seemed to go well.

It is still raining, and, if this continues, we shall require assault boats and snorkling gear to keep functioning, as the area between Headquarter Company and Battalion HQ is steadily disappearing under water.. CQMS — WO 2 "Fred" Richard — please note!

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Pilgrimage to Dachau Concentration Camp

By

LT B. W. A. CLARKE, Rhodesian Army.

My feelings as I stepped off the bus at Dachau Concentration Camp were mixed, for this was not a tourist attraction that I was about to visit but a grim reminder of an international holocaust. No candy-bar and cold drink stands here; in their place stand grey walls, watch-towers, barbed wire and crematoria. The weather suited the surroundings too, for it was overcast, bleak and cold; a fitting background to Dachau Concentration Camp, the camp in which an estimated 27 000 people died during the years 1933-1945. The camp has been preserved as a Museum in an effort to show future generations what really happened and in the hopes of preventing such acts occurring again. It is very effective.

The first sight that greets one at Dachau Concentration Camp is the walls. Colourless and forbidding, interspersed with watch-towers (No. 1) and fenced with barbed wire. Passing through the gate in the North wall, one realises that this is where it really happened, that what one reads in history books took place in this very camp. The silence and stillness become more acute and a new significance surrounds the pilgrimage.

On the left as one proceeds into Dachau stands a white building (No. 2) which is now the museum. The museum tells all by means of photographs, documents and personal relics. It is a sobering and devastating collection. Particular relics that spring to mind are prisoners' clothing and the actual rod and wooden block used for corporal punishment.

As one stands outside the building, facing north, the camp proper reveals itself. Two roll-call squares (Nos. 3 and 4), the innumerable barracks-blocks and the infamous exit to the crematorium can be seen. There are no prisoners or guards, no beatings to be witnessed; yet, for the visitor with a vivid imagination, it still exists. For, when one is standing on the roll-call square, the photographs in the museum come to life and one can see again the humiliation, degradation, hate and cruelty that must have been rife on this very square.

Off the square stands a reconstructed barrack-block (No. 5) area for inspection by

the visitor. The inspection brings home forcibly that up to 1 000 prisoners were accommodated in quarters suitable for 180.

Leaving the barrack-block, one walks north along Camp Street. This street separated the blocks along a North-South Axis (No. 6). The

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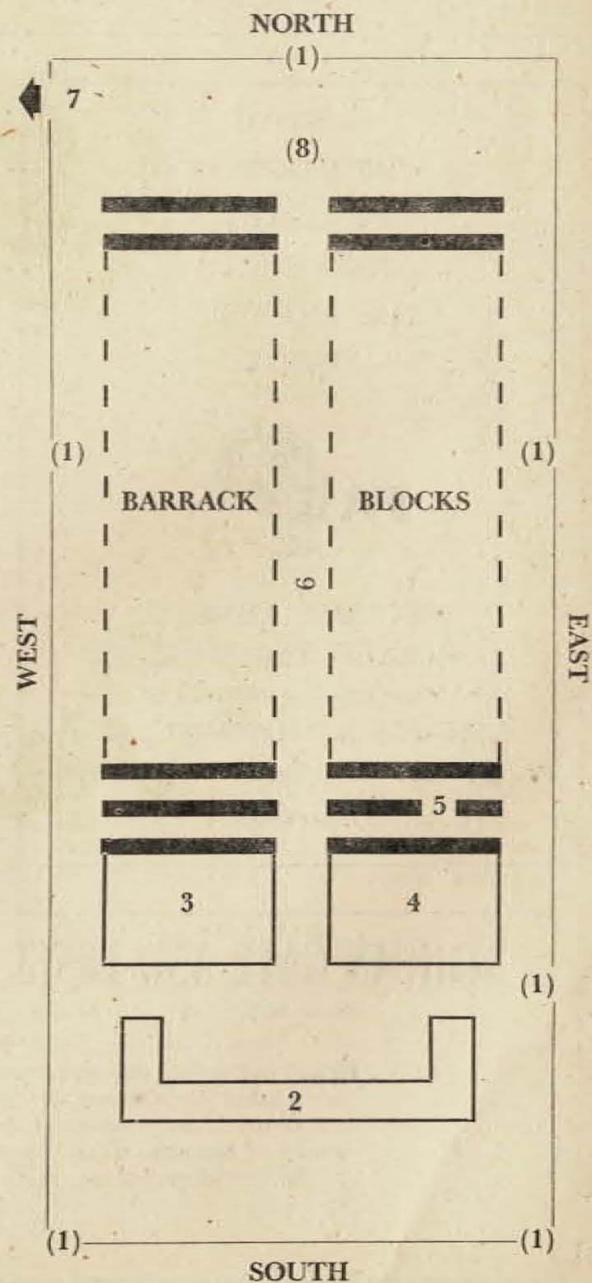
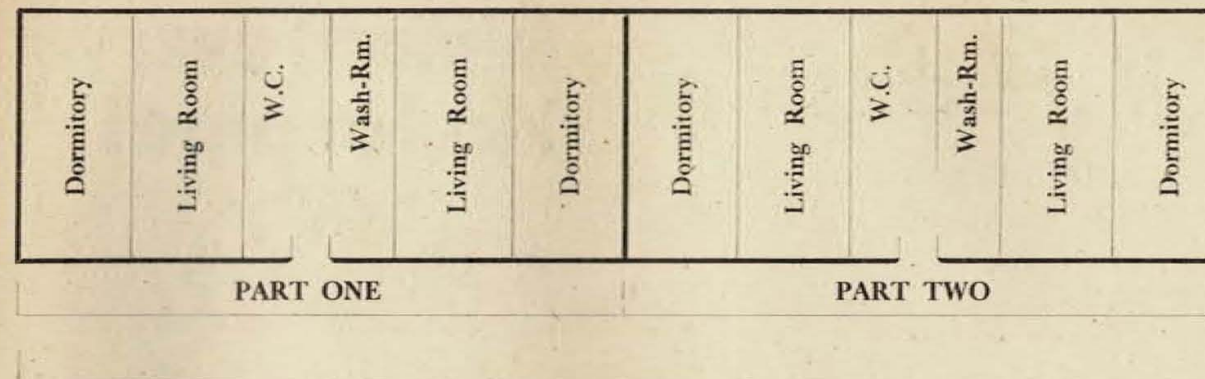


DIAGRAM OF A BARRACK BLOCK



333 Feet

barrack blocks no longer exist, but their foundations do, and as one walks down the street, one becomes part of Dachau. The ill-dressed, undernourished and unkempt men seem still to be sitting outside the barrack-blocks, seeking shade under home-made canopies, talking of liberation, hope, life . . . and death. Ghosts of the past.

From Camp Street there is a left turn to the small exit on the West Side (No. 7). One crosses a little bridge, over a waterway towards a red-brick house surrounded by trees. A change perhaps? Not at all. Instead the worst legacy of all — the crematoria. The building confronting one is very innocuous at first glance, but, as one nears the building, its character with its barred windows, steel doors and a plaque outside stating that the original gallows stood here. The building houses rooms for cleansing, de-lousing, and a gas chamber (never used). From here one goes to the actual crematorium. Stark, and embarrassingly-vivid in their function, the two ovens squat in the centre of the room. The doors are open and the stretchers in place—as though awaiting their next burden. From the ceiling above hangs a sign proclaiming that prisoners were hanged from these beams. Outside stands another crematorium.

By this time one has had enough and retreats back into camp to seek reassurance from the monument of atonement (No. 8), and to collect one's thoughts. Did it really happen here? Why did it happen? Why was it allowed? Can one turn a blind eye to such evil?

In trying to answer these questions, one might quote from a pamphlet issued by the City of Dachau and the International Dachau Committee:—

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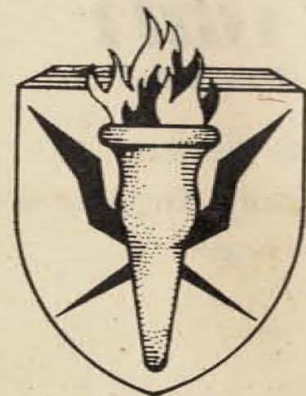
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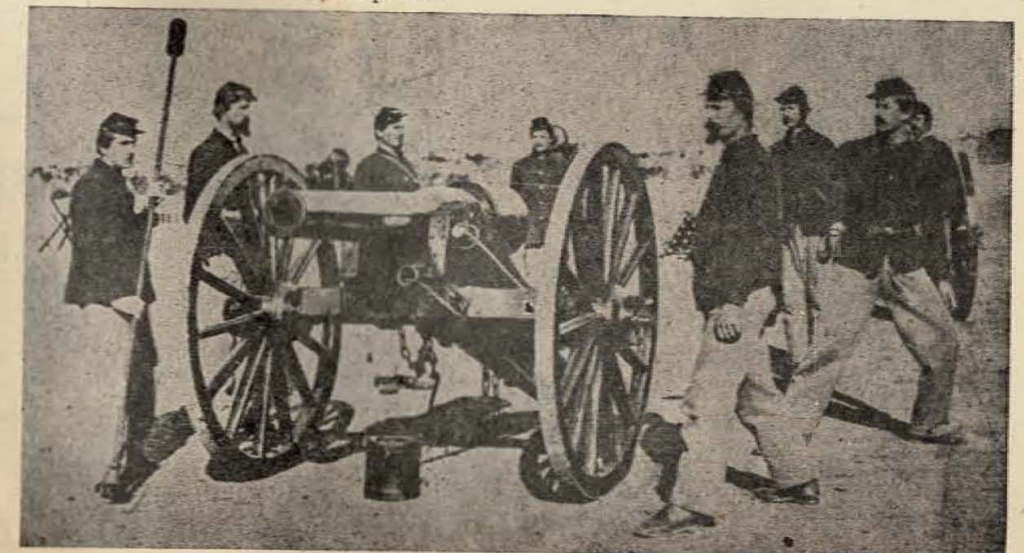


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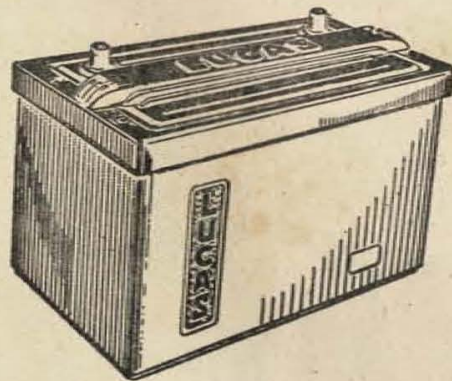
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