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Banking and climbing high over Wavell Barracks, Benghazi, home of the 14th/20th King's Hussars, an *Anster* of the Regiment's new Army Air Corps section leaves on another mercy flight over the Libyan Desert. Since the Hussars became airborne earlier this year with the delivery of two *Ansters* and promise of a third, the versatile aircraft have flown hundreds of miles to evacuate casualties hurt on exercises deep in the desert. Though the Regiment had no previous knowledge of aircraft, the section has been built up from scratch. The Flight Commander, Captain Henry Joynton, 16th/5th Lancers, who is starting his second tour with the Army Air Corps, hopes to train men from each squadron of the Hussars in aircraft techniques.

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The British garrison in Libya but our troops, still plagued sand, find life remains full



Men of the 14th/20th King's Hussars are spending much of their spare time excavating a Byzantine fort, probably built around AD 300-400. Well-preserved walls and staircases have been found and the entrance to the fort uncovered. The structure is about 65 feet square and it is believed that the walls were between 16 and 20 feet high. The Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel C A L C Talbot (in trilby), is shown visiting the site at Tika, ten miles from Benghazi.

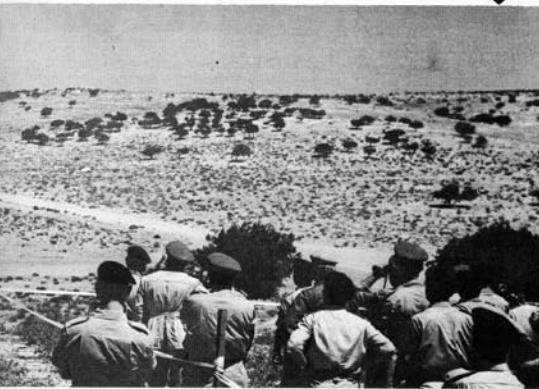


Latest recruit to the 14th/20th King's Hussars' Army Air Corps Section is Private Cassius—a donkey. Cassius was bought for £7 from an Arab trader by Corporal Michael Wilcox, an aircraft technician in the section. After Corporal Wilcox had gained special permission to keep Cassius (christened after boxer Cassius Clay) the donkey was given a billet on the airstrip and has become a firm favourite with the section. Corporal Wilcox comments: "I wanted a camel, but it was too expensive!"

LIBYA

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of interest — and news

Men of "C" Company, 1st Battalion, The Green Howards, had the Libyan Desert for a stage and an audience of Libyan Army officers. The play, commissioned by the Libyan Government, was a 48-minute demonstration of platoon attack supported by armoured personnel carriers and *Forrest* scout cars of the 14th/20th King's Hussars. The two Benghazi-based units rehearsed for ten days to ensure that the action, staged at El Charruba, battle ground of former desert campaigns, was slick and realistic. The audience was given a commentary in Arabic, and also heard orders being passed between the armoured vehicles.



Acting Number Two in this Green Howards' mortar crew is Sergeant O Turner, from Michigan. Sergeant Turner was one of a detachment of United States Marines which travelled from Naples to Tripoli to share the 1st Battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment's celebrations for Alma Day. As well as taking part in weapon demonstrations, the Marines—14 of them—marched with The Green Howards in the anniversary parade, for which Marine Sergeant Lewis E Cunningham took over a drum major's mace that the Marines had presented to The Green Howards 36 years ago when the two Regiments served together in the Shanghai Defence Force. The Americans spent a week with the Yorkshiresmen, who provided a non-stop programme of training sessions and social events. In return the Marines entertained the officers and other ranks of The Green Howards to a cocktail party.



Corporal Louis Devey, helped by his three-year-old daughter, checks his car at the entrance to the Tripoli Services Car Club. Motoring in Libya, where the donkey cart and the camel are still the biggest road hazards, is an economical proposition for Servicemen as they have no purchase tax to pay. As a result, the two-year-old club has doubled its membership over the past 12 months—and 90 per cent of the 200 members own new cars! The club has its own ramp, bought with a gift of £250 from the Nuffield Trust, enabling members to maintain their cars cheaply and efficiently.



The weapon is a smoke-making machine; the enemy—millions of germ-carrying flies. Staff-Sergeant Alan Hecks, Royal Army Medical Corps, is attacking the suspected cause of a polio outbreak which had already killed two and paralysed 35 people. Lieutenant-Colonel R J P Blyth, Deputy Assistant Director of Army Health, called in by the Libyan health authorities, discovered the epidemic coincided with a rapid increase in the fly population. He promptly sent Warrant Officer Clifford Edwards, Staff-Sergeant Hecks and Sergeant Grant Davies, of 2 Hygiene Wing, Royal Army Medical Corps, Tripoli, on a fly-killing mission. Their first "fog" assault was estimated to have eliminated half the flies. The Colonel's next move was to intensify the immunisation campaign and 100,000 doses of British Trivalent oral vaccine were provided.

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