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MP caught in Albania tangle

Stroud MP David Drew has been left red-faced after confusion over whether Albania is a member of Nato.

The Labour MP, who is a shadow minister for environment, food and rural affairs, submitted a written question to the defence secretary asking him whether he plans to support the Balkan state's application to join Nato.

But [Mark Lancaster](#) replied that Albania had been a full member since April 1, 2009.

Mr Drew, who has been prolific at submitting written questions to the Government since he won his seat back in last year's general election, admitted the question was "asked in error".



Thousands left in limbo as Carillion jobs saved

Alexandra Freat

The fate of thousands of staff at Carillion was still uncertain last night, despite hundreds being told that they had kept or lost their jobs.

The Insolvency Service said that 919 people had been told that their jobs were safe and that 377 had been made redundant, leaving a huge question mark over a further 16,700 workers at the collapsed construction contractor.

The official receiver said that those whose jobs had been saved worked primarily in back-office functions, such as administration and sales. They will be transferred to new employers.

“Most staff are transferring on existing or similar terms and I will continue to facilitate this wherever possible as we work to find new providers for Carillion’s other contracts,” the receiver said yesterday.

The receiver has not managed to secure the jobs of 377 people, mostly back-office staff. They include 253 who had been working on public sector contracts and a further 124 working on private sector contracts. Those affected will be entitled to claim statutory redundancy payments, funded by the taxpayer.

Carillion went bust last month owing more than £1 billion to its suppliers and banks, putting the future of 18,000 directly employed workers in doubt, plus tens of thousands more in its supply chain. Its failure has raised questions over many of its public sector contracts in hospitals, schools, prisons and for the Ministry of Defence.

As the Insolvency Service picks over the rubble of the collapsed company, trying to salvage what it can, a spokesman said yesterday that, for the time being, those who had not been made redundant or officially offered a new job must “turn up for work until told otherwise”, even though many of the construction contracts they were

working on had been halted.

He added: “Employees who have been working since the liquidation was announced will be paid for their work. The payments will be from the customers (some private, some government) on whose behalf the work is being done.”

● Small businesses and workers affected by the collapse have been promised a multimillion-pound package of support. The state-owned British Business Bank said it would provide £100 million worth of lending via high street banks and other finance firms.

British soldier dies serving on Iraqi base

Deborah Haynes Defence Editor

A British officer has died at a base in Iraq where UK forces are operating as part of a mission against Islamic State.

Captain Dean Sprouting of the Adjutant General's Corps died on Wednesday at the al-Asad airbase in Anbar province, where British troops are training their Iraqi counterparts.

An investigation has begun into the death, which was not caused by enemy fire, the [MoD](#) said. No firearms are thought to have been involved and it



Captain Dean Sprouting was not killed by enemy action

was not a suicide. Defence sources said it could have been a vehicle accident.

Captain Sprouting, 46, from Denny, near Falkirk, was married with children. He is the second British soldier to die on Operation Shader, the British element of the US-led mission to combat Isis. Lance Corporal Scott Hetherington was shot dead in an accident at another base in Iraq last year.

Lieutenant Colonel Rob Hedderwick described Captain Sprouting as “an indispensable part of the battalion, not only for his professional expertise but also for his compassionate manner”.

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Soldier's Iraq end

A BRITISH Army captain has died in Iraq but it wasn't linked to enemy activity, the **MoD** says.

Married dad-of-two Dean Sprouting died in an incident at Al Asad Airbase on Wednesday.

Cpt Sprouting, of Denny, Stirlingshire, was with the Adjutant General's Corps serving with the Black Watch, 3rd Battalion, Royal Regiment of Scotland. CO, Lt Col Rob Hedderwick, said: "He was indispensable."





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SOLDIER DIES AT AIR BASE IN IRAQ

Tributes to father of two

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A SCOTTISH soldier has died in an incident at an air base in Iraq.

The Ministry of Defence said the death of Captain Dean Sprouting was not the result of enemy activity.

The incident at the Al Asad base on January 31 is being investigated.

Captain Sprouting, of the Adjutant General's Corps, was serving with Black Watch, 3rd Battalion, Royal Regiment of Scotland.

Lieutenant Colonel Rob Hedderwick, Commanding Officer of The Black Watch, said: "In no time at all he had become an indispensable part of the battalion, not only for his professional expertise but also for his



EXPERTISE Dean Sprouting

compassionate manner and camaraderie.

"His loss is keenly felt by us all and our thoughts and prayers are with his wife and children."

The father of two, from Denny, Stirlingshire, joined the army in 1989.

Minister for the Armed Forces **Mark Lancaster** said: "Our thoughts are with his family and friends."





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Black Watch soldier dies in Iraq base incident

By **RICHARD WOODWARD**

A British soldier has died in an incident at an air base in Iraq.

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) said the death of Captain Dean Sprouting was not the result of enemy activity.

An investigation has been launched into the incident that occurred at Iraq's Al Asad Air Base on 31 January. The exact cause of his death remained unknown last night.

Capt Sprouting, of the Adjutant General's Corps at the air base, was serving with the Black Watch, 3rd Battalion, Royal Regiment of Scotland.

Lieutenant Colonel Rob Hedderwick, commanding officer of the Black Watch, said: "It is hard to do justice to a man such as Dean Sprouting with simple words.

"In no time at all he had become an indispensable part of the battalion, not only for his professional expertise, but also for his compassionate manner and camaraderie. His intelligence and sharp wit was apparent from the outset. There was an ever-present twinkle in his eye."

The father-of-two from Denny in Stirlingshire joined the army in 1989 and had served in places including Northern Yugoslavia, Cyprus and Kosovo, Sudan, Angola and Germany.





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Army probe as Black Watch captain dies at Iraqi air base

Tragedy: Death of Highland-based officer 'was not result of enemy activity'

BY ALISTAIR MUNRO

A Scottish soldier who had been based at Fort George in the Highlands has died in an incident at an Iraqi air base.

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) said the death of Captain Dean Sprouting was not the result of enemy activity.

An investigation has been launched into the incident at Al Asad Air Base in Iraq on Wednesday.

Captain Sprouting, of the Adjutant General's Corps, was serving with Black Watch, 3rd Battalion, Royal Regiment of Scotland.

He had been based at Fort George in Ardersier, near Inverness, before flying out to Iraq.

On an MoD website paying tribute to the soldier, his sister Joanne Sprouting said: "My Big Bro, so proud of what you achieved in your life that was took far too soon."

Black Watch Commanding Officer Lt Col Rob Hedderwick added: "It is hard to do justice to a man such as Dean Sprouting with simple words.

"In no time at all he had become an indispensable part of the battalion, not only for his professional expertise but also for his compassionate manner and camaraderie.

"His intelligence and sharp wit was apparent

from the outset.

"There was an ever-present twinkle in his eye and he would gladly admit that his youth had been full of adventure.

"Dean was simply one of those people whose infectious humour and enthusiasm drew others to him.

"His professional knowledge was second to none and his sage advice was already something I had come to rely on.

"His loss is keenly felt by us all and our thoughts and prayers are with his wife and children whom I know he cherished more than anything else in this world. I am hugely proud and thankful to have known him."

Warrant Officer Tam Millsip, of 51 Infantry Brigade, said: "Dean's warm, personable nature was never diluted while conducting his duties and those who he had dealings with were always left smiling after Dean imparted his unique wisdom and outlook on life."

The father of two, of Denny, Stirlingshire, joined the Army in 1989 and had served in places including Northern Yugoslavia, Cyprus and Kosovo, Sudan, Angola and Germany.

Minister for the Armed

Forces **Mark Lancaster** said: "Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this very difficult time.

"An investigation is under way to establish the

detail but it is not a result of enemy activity."

Other tributes on the MoD tribute page included one from Joe McNally, of Liverpool, who said: "RIP

Sir. Stand easy your duty is done."

Les Roberts, also from Liverpool, added: "Such sad news. All the more tragic as it wasn't caused

by 'enemy actions.'" The Fort George barracks became the home of the Black Watch in 2007. In 2016 the MoD announced that the site would close in 2032.

"His infectious humour and enthusiasm drew people to him"



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LOSS: Captain Dean Sprouting was praised for his wit and compassion and the 'ever-present twinkle in his eye'



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MoD probe into mystery death of Scots officer in Iraq

JODY HARRISON
NEWS REPORTER

DEFENCE chiefs have launched an investigation into the sudden death of a Scottish soldier at an army base in Iraq.

Black Watch Captain Dean Sprouting, from Denny, near Falkirk, was serving with the Adjutant General's Corps at the air base when he died on January 31.

The Ministry of Defence has said that his death was not the result of enemy action, but have not commented further. Royal Military Police are leading the probe into his death.

A spokesman for the MoD said: "It is with regret that the MoD must announce the death of Captain Dean Sprouting of the Adjutant General's Corps at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, on 31st January 2018.

"He was serving with Black Watch, 3rd Battalion, Royal Regiment of Scotland. The incident is currently under investigation, but we can confirm that it was not the result of enemy activity."

Tributes have been paid to the father-of-two by soldiers who served with him, describing Mr Sprouting as a professional and compassionate soldier.

Lt Col Rob Hedderwick, Commanding Officer, The Black Watch, said: "It is hard to do justice to a man such as Dean Sprouting with simple words.

"In no time at all he had become an indispensable part of the battalion, not only for his professional expertise but also for his compassionate manner and camaraderie. His intelligence and sharp wit was apparent from the outset.

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to none and his sage advice already something I had come to rely on. His loss is keenly felt by us all and our thoughts and prayers are with his wife and children whom I know he cherished more than anything else in this world.

"I am hugely proud and thankful to have known him. He was a very good man."

Warrant Officer Class One Tam Millsip, Visiting Warrant Officer, 51 Infantry Brigade added: "Dean's warm, personable nature was never diluted while conducting his duties and those who he had dealings with were always left smiling after Dean imparted his unique wisdom and outlook on life.

"Dean was a tremendously entertaining man to be around. He would bring a great deal of joy and laughter to those around him often at the expense of himself; there was never a boring day spent with Dean and my thoughts go out to his family at this very sad time."

Minister for the Armed Forces, **Mark Lancaster**, said: "It is with deep regret that the Ministry of Defence confirms the death of Capt Dean Sprouting of the Adjutant General's Corps, who died earlier this week at Al Asad Air Base in Iraq.

"Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this very difficult time. An investigation is under way to establish the detail but it is not a result of enemy activity."





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Council at loggerheads with MoD over sale of historic military hub

Royal Clarence Yard 'left to rot'

by **DAVID GEORGE**

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A STAND-OFF has arisen between councillors and the government over the future of an old defence site that could be key to revitalising Gosport waterfront.

The retained land at Royal Clarence Yard has been offered to the town's council for £1 by current owners the Defence Infrastructure Organisation.

But Gosport Borough Council snubbed the offer, claiming the dilapidated site would need millions of pounds pumped into it to bring it up to standard.

Instead, the authority is demanding a £2m cash sum to take on the site's renovation, a proposal the DIO claims it has not received.

It's the latest twist in a saga that has been dragging on since initial negotiations began more than 20 years ago.

The council says that despite wanting the yard, a number of conditions have to be met by the DIO to combat the flood risk, contamination, lack of services and the

state of disrepair of the listed buildings.

According to the authority, the site could come under part of the plans for the waterfront development – but that tens of millions would be needed to even restore the buildings.

Councillor Stephen Philpott, chairman of the economic development board, said: 'The DIO has kept the site in a state of managed decline, so the area is in a shoddy state.

'There's contamination in the buildings, the land is at a flood risk and there is no power, gas, water or drainage services.

'They say that we have the first refusal on the land and we do want the site, but there have to be conditions that are met, given the current market value.

'We want the land because it would be great for the waterfront development, but at the moment it is too big a risk to take.

'There should be a dowry that comes with the site, given how many problems

there are because we will not play Russian roulette with taxpayers' money.

'The DIO needs to accept there is a level of responsibility on its part.'

Councillor June Cully added: 'The MoD has the ability to walk away from sites and let them rot, not maintaining sites and keeping them in good order – I find that appalling and I am glad the negatives of this site can be explained.

'This site has a lot of potential and we hope that the DIO will come to its senses and talk to us, but in the current economic climate I fear it will avoid us.'

An MoD spokeswoman said the yard was originally offered to the council for a 'nominal value' of £1.

She added: 'This offer was not accepted by the council and DIO has not made or received any further offers.'



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“ We want the land because it would be great for the waterfront development

Councillor Stephen Philpott

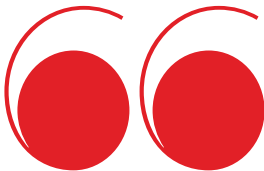


RUNDOWN How Royal Clarence Yard looks today

Picture: Ian Hargreaves

Mea culpa: a bad metaphor can spoil the whole barrel

John Rentoul's regular roundup of our errors and omissions



A comment article this week took issue with the view that Carillion, the company that went bust last month, was a one-off failure, rather than evidence of a widespread problem among public contractors. “Many will say the firm was just one rotten apple,” the article said.

This is not what the rotten apple metaphor means. It refers to the way a single rotten apple can contaminate a whole barrel. The question is whether Carillion is a single, self-contained and non-contaminating instance of rottenness, or whether private contractors for public services are all a bit rotten to start with.

Make history: Saturday's Daily Edition carried an article with the headline “[Gavin Williamson](#) confesses to historic office romance”. As Philip Nalpanis pointed out, the Defence Secretary's affair is unlikely to be historic. It might have made history in the two families affected, but what we meant was “historical” – that is, something that happened a while ago.

The distinction between historic and historical is arbitrary, and there was no ambiguity here, but it is worth knowing the convention and observing it because it inspires confidence, among those readers who know the convention, that we care about language.

Battle forgone: The struggle to maintain the difference between two other similar words has probably been lost, if indeed it was ever won. We referred in News in Brief in the Daily Edition this week to Casey Affleck's “decision to forego giving away” the Best Actress Award at the 2018 Oscars. Forgo means “go without”, but is usually spelt forego, which can also mean “go before”. Hence “forgoing” pleasures means doing without them, while “the foregoing” means the stuff we have just been writing about.

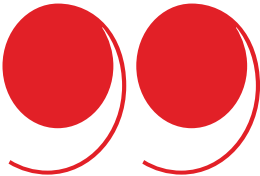
The Oxford Dictionary tries to preserve the version without the “e”, citing the difference between the Old English prefixes for- (against or without, as in forbid and forget) and fore- (before or in front). But I am not sure forgo was ever widely used. A search of Google Books (using Ngram Viewer) suggests the “e” form was always more common, and that forgo was rarer in the 19th and early 20th centuries than it is now.

Sometimes we pedants need to know when we are beaten, and this is one of those times. “Forgo” just looks

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odd to most people. My advice is to rephrase. On this occasion we used the word only because we had already referred to “the actor’s decision to withdraw from presenting”. At the second mention, we could have talked about his pulling out of the ceremony instead.



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Apples, seemingly uncontaminated

DUST OFF YOUR...

DUFFEL COAT

*From the MoD to
modern-day mods,
this winter menswear
classic bears revisiting,
says **Stephen Doig***

In today's tumultuous world, it's understandable that many of us might wish to retreat to a more innocent age. On the catwalks, models strut their stuff in camo prints and utility attire, like soldiers preparing for conflict, but we are also seeing more clothes that hint at happier, simpler, bygone times.

There are few items more redolent of blissful childhood years than the duffel coat. This is in part due to its association with a certain London-centric bear, as well as its mass appeal as a primary school cover-up (toggles are easy for little hands to master).

Which is ironic, because the duffel coat has its roots – like so much of men's fashion – in military wear. The Belgian town of Duffel became famous in the 15th century for its heavy, rough wools; by the 18th century it had become incorporated into coats for the British Navy, which were substantial enough to withstand North Sea winds. It saw active service during the Second World War, but it wasn't until the Fifties that British outfitters Gloverall – who had been supplying the coats to

the Ministry of Defence – rolled them out for public consumption.

And as with other traditionally British "uniforms", it wasn't long before the subcultures came calling. The duffel coat became an essential part of the mod wardrobe, from Sixties scooter boys to modern-day mod Liam Gallagher. It has long been a student staple (see Art Garfunkel and Jack Nicholson in 1971's *Carnal Knowledge*) and has even been thrust into the high fashion limelight by the likes of Saint Laurent and Dior Homme. At the more accessible end of the scale, Coatmaker is a new outerwear brand that employs wool from British mills and creates covetable coats in a variety of colours, from standard beige to myriad cobalt, teal and poison green shades, as well as striking tartan. And while it's perfectly fine to shrug a duffel coat on over your work suit, we'd err on the side of classic and casual; pair with a slim cut pair of jeans to modernise it a touch. A word of caution: when fastened, this coat can look too cosily Paddington, so if the weather allows, leave it undone for a certain French insouciance. No one wants to be compared to a stuffed animal.



TRACKING THE TREND

FORMATIVE YEARS

The duffel coat evolved as a hardy perennial for the British military, including Field Marshal Montgomery, thanks to the weight of the wool.



BEST DRESSED

Jean Cocteau, the French writer, artist and filmmaker, was a fan of the duffel coat, and could be found lunching with Coco Chanel while wearing his cream number. A young Prince Charles admired the coat, while David Bowie's alien wardrobe in 1976's *The Man Who Fell to Earth* featured an avant-garde duffel.



FRONT MEN

Manchester band Oasis adopted the duffel as their signature mod-redux attire, while fashion houses since have turned the coat into a four-figure luxury item.



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Jack Nicholson,
left, and Art
Garfunkel in
Carnal Knowledge



Abbreviation worthy of the Royal Navy's largest warship

By Ben Farmer

SAILORS have long been known for speaking their own nautical language that leaves landlubbers baffled.

That tradition continued yesterday when the Royal Navy's largest-ever warship published its daily orders for the public to see on Twitter as the 65,000-ton vessel left Portsmouth.

As the £3.1-billion HMS Queen Elizabeth was prepared for departure, commanders shared the string of shorthand orders given to the 700-strong crew, joking that it was the "longest abbreviation known to humankind".

The orders, reading: "SSDCUADCS-3CYHTHSHOOTROTDCOTUDCAS-DAH" equated to "Special Sea Dutymen Close Up Assume Damage Control State 3 Condition Yankee Hands to Harbour Stations Hands Out Of The Rig Of The Day Clear Off The Upper Deck Close All Screen Doors And Hatches". Or, as naval sources explained for those still none the wiser: "Get ready to go".

The UK's future flagship sailed for the first time since being officially commissioned into the Royal Navy in December and will be launching her first helicopter trials at sea.

Two Chinook helicopters from the aircraft test and evaluation facility at **MoD** Boscombe Down landed on the warship before it sailed and two Merlin Mk2 helicopters will join later.

Specialist equipment on the aircraft will test landings, take-offs and manoeuvres in different seas and winds. Flight trials for the new F-35B stealth jet will take place later in the year.

Capt Jerry Kyd, the ship's commanding officer, said: "This is an important milestone in the ship's progression towards embarking the F-35B Lightning jets later this year, and ultimately the achievement of carrier strike capability."





MORTEN WATKINS/SOLENT NEWS

The Royal Navy's HMS Queen Elizabeth departing from her home base of Portsmouth yesterday morning

US defence wants a 'credible' UK military after voicing concerns over budget cuts

By **Ben Farmer**
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN must keep a "credible" military as part of the special relationship with the US, Donald Trump's defence chief has said.

Jim Mattis called on Gavin Williamson, his new British counterpart, to strengthen transatlantic defence ties, making the relationship "stronger than we inherited it".

He is the latest US military leader to suggest concern about the prospect of further cuts to Britain's Armed Forces as the Ministry of Defence wrestles with a black hole of more than £20 billion over the next decade.

Leaked proposals show that chiefs last year considered cutting 11,000 soldiers, more than 1,000 Royal Marines

and up to seven frigates to save money as part of a Whitehall security review.

Two months ago, Lt Gen Ben Hodges, who was the commander of



Jim Mattis, the US Defence Secretary, wants to make the special relationship 'stronger'

the US army in Europe at the time, warned that Britain risked losing its place at Nato's top table if it continues military cuts.

Mr Mattis met the Defence Secretary at the Pentagon on Thursday to discuss "ways to bolster our defence coopera-

tion as we carry out our responsibility to strengthen the special relationship, turning it over to the next generation stronger than we inherited it".

Dana White, the chief spokesman for the Pentagon, said after the meeting: "Secretary Mattis emphasised the value of the US-UK special relationship and reaffirmed the importance of credible defence capabilities."

One diplomatic source said there was alarm in the US at the prospect of its closest military ally shrinking its armed forces.

One US source told *The Daily Telegraph*: "We get you have got other things like the NHS to spend money on, but so have we."

"When we see your forces now, you have got some great capability, but how sustainable is that?"





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3 FEBRUARY

1660: General George Monck led his army into London.

1730: The first stock exchange quotations were published in the Daily Advertiser, London.

1807: British forces under Sir Samuel Auchmuty took Montevideo.

1830: Greece was declared independent under protection of France, Russia and Britain at London conference.

1848: Britain's Sir Harry Smith annexed country between Orange and Vaal Rivers in South Africa.

1877: Chopsticks, the novelty piano piece, was registered at the British Museum. Arranged as a duet and solo for piano by Arthur de Lull (a pseudonym for Euphemia Allen, the music publisher's sister who wrote it when she was 16).

1916: Parliamentary buildings in Ottawa were destroyed by fire.

1917: US and Germany broke off diplomatic relations.

1919: The first meeting of the League of Nations was held in Paris, with American president Woodrow Wilson as chairman.

1935: The jingle "We are the Ovaltineys, little girls and boys" was first sung on radio. Listeners were invited to join the Ovaltiney Club (with badge and rule book) and a coded message was given out each week. Harry Hemsley and his imaginary family formed the nucleus of the series.

1945: United States forces recaptured Manila in Philippines from Japanese.

1945: Berlin was bombed by more than 1,000 Allied aircraft in a daylight raid.

1960: Harold Macmillan, speaking to the South African parliament in Cape Town, made the historic statement: "The wind of change is blowing through this continent, and whether we like it or not, this growth of national

consciousness is a political fact."

1966: First "soft" landing on the Moon was made by unmanned Soviet Luna IX, which began sending signals back to Earth.

1973: Fighting in Vietnam came to virtual halt after formal ceasefire went into effect.

1982: Kodak marketed first disc film and camera.

1991: A government report on climate changes announced that Britain could face all-year hosepipe bans next century, with drought being a permanent fact of life.

1991: Allied aircraft claimed

complete air and sea supremacy over Iraq in Gulf war.

1993: The government made a U-turn on defence cuts, relieving four regiments.

1993: The Netherlands parliament backed plans to allow euthanasia under controlled conditions.

1994: The Crown Office decided not to prosecute alleged war criminals living in Scotland.

1998: Twenty skiers died in the Italian Dolomites when a Nato jet cut through the wires of their cable-car.

2007: A Baghdad market bombing killed more than 130 people and injured a further 339.

2009: A Royal Navy nuclear submarine was involved in a collision with a French nuclear sub in the middle of the Atlantic.

The Ministry of Defence confirmed the incident two weeks later.



↑ The Ovaltineys children's club began promoting the drink that survives today with songs on the wireless



Thousands march in call to end troops witch-hunt

By **Ian Drury**
Home Affairs Editor

THOUSANDS of campaigners will march on Parliament today demanding an end to the 'witch-hunt' against troops who served in Northern Ireland.

They are calling on Theresa May to halt the 'appalling' decision to re-examine historical killings during the Troubles.

Up to 1,000 ex-soldiers, many in their 60s and 70s, are now potential murder or manslaughter suspects over actions at the height of the IRA's campaign.

The Prime Minister was urged to act over the Police Service of Northern Ireland's controversial move to hold a fresh investigation into every Army killing in the fight against Irish republican terrorism.

The rally, which begins in Horse Guards Parade and ends in Parliament Square with rousing speeches, has been organised by the protest group Justice For Northern Ireland Veterans and is expected to attract 2,000 campaigners.

They will hold up 200 placards, each bearing the name of a soldier, police

officer or civilian murdered by the IRA in Ulster.

The Daily Mail has long campaigned for an end to the hounding of our troops.

Justice For Northern Ireland Veterans says action is unjustly being taken against soldiers while IRA members who committed atrocities get off scot-free.

The group wants to highlight the disparity in treatment between the veterans and 187 on-the-run paramilitary suspects who received 'comfort letters' from Tony Blair's government which told them they were not being sought by police.

Organiser Alan Barry, who served in the Grenadier Guards, said: 'We want to show the imbalance between the terrorists who received get-out-of-jail-free cards giving them immunity from prosecution and the unacceptable decision to prosecute British soldiers.'

'We want to send a message to Parliament that we will not tolerate the hounding of veterans who went to Northern Ireland on the side of law and order to fight terrorism.'

'To haul them before the courts is grotesque.'

Tory MP Julian Lewis, chairman of the Commons defence committee, is set to speak at the event. He has demanded an end to the prosecu-



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tions and says the Government should pass a statute of limitations to prevent veterans facing legal action over the killings.

This would effectively grant immunity to those who served in Ulster from 1969 to the signing of the Good Friday Agreement in 1998.

Retired soldier Dennis Hutchings, who is facing an attempted murder charge over a fatal shooting more than 40 years ago, will also attend the rally.

The 76-year-old said the veterans had been 'abandoned' by ministers.

He said: 'It is imperative we get the politicians to start listening. My gripe is that they and the serving generals in the Ministry of Defence are not speaking out and trying to stop this injustice.'

The Police Service of Northern Ireland's taxpayer-funded Legacy Investigation Branch is re-examining 302 deaths during the Troubles.

Critics are angry that, although 90 per cent of the 3,500 killings in Northern Ireland were at the hands of terrorists, the investigation has focused on the actions of British forces.

The former soldiers' treatment has been compared to that of John Downey, who escaped prosecution for the 1982 Hyde Park bombing because he was given a police guarantee of immunity.

Downey has always denied involvement and pleaded not guilty at the Old Bailey in 2014.

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WAKE me up when [Gavin Williamson](#) resigns. He sounds a bit of a prat. The current Defence Secretary once worked for a fireplace company called Elgin & Hall, flirted with a colleague and kissed her. In 2004. That's 14 years ago. He told his wife. Now he's told everyone. And to think we used to rely on the Tories for cracking sex scandals to add to the gaiety of the nation.

Elgin & Hall's parent company is Aga, so I thought about working up an Aga saga joke.

But in the end I really couldn't be bothered.



Callum Jones Market report



Cobham sale fails its first test with City investors

The chief executive of Cobham said yesterday he was “delighted” that the aerospace and defence group had agreed to sell its test and measurement businesses, but his suggestion that it was “a good deal for Cobham shareholders” wasn’t necessarily shared across the City.

“We have been able to conclude the portfolio review of the Avcomm and Wireless businesses expeditiously, after a competitive auction process,” David Lockwood said. “Today’s announcement [of a sale to Viavi Solutions for £325 million] is a good deal for Cobham shareholders, as we can now focus on delivering value-added technology and capabilities to our defence, aerospace and space customers, supported by a more resilient balance sheet.”

Shares in Cobham might have risen after news of the deal, peaking at 130½p in the first minute of trading, but then they sank into the red. The company closed down 8p, or 6 per cent, at 116¾p last night.

Executives are seeking to revive Cobham in the wake of five profit warnings in a year. They pledged to use the money raised by the sale to strengthen the balance sheet and reduce its £440 million in debt.

Cobham wasn’t alone in struggling on another difficult day for the London market. The FTSE 100 closed down 46.96 points, or 0.63 per cent, at 7,443.43, completing its worst week in nine months. Over the course of five sessions, it surrendered 222 points, or 2.9 per cent.

Glencore led a mining slump, shedding 17p to 382½p. **Anglo**

American fell 42p to £16.48, **BHP Billiton** slipped 23¾p to £15.37¼ and **Antofagasta** dropped 20½p to 901½p. **BP** came under pressure, retreating by 12p to 489½p after it unveiled a

plan to expand its retail business in China, working with Dongming Petrochemical across three of the country’s provinces.

Vodafone provided some light, jumping 5p to 219½p after confirming “media speculation” that it was in talks with Liberty Global, the cable company controlled by John Malone, and was considering whether to buy “certain overlapping continental European assets”.

The FTSE 250 stooped back below 20,000 for the first time since early December, closing down 1.11 per cent, or 223.08 points, at 19,962.46. Over the course of the week, it gave up 653 points, or 3.2 per cent.

On the junior market, a temporary seating and structures provider with

clients including ITV’s *Dancing On Ice* slipped. **Arena Events Group** shed a penny to 58p after saying that it had agreed to buy GLD Productions, which hires out furniture for events including the *Strictly Come Dancing* tour and London Fashion Week.

Avanti Communications closed flat at 9p after announcing that Kyle Whitehill would become its chief executive in April. Alan Harper, its interim boss, will resume his previous role as non-executive director.

Investors were disconnecting with **Mobile Streams** after the AIM-listed seller of games and apps for portable

devices revealed that persistent challenges in India had almost halved its revenue in the last six months of 2017. Shares in the company dropped 35 per cent to 1¾p as investors and traders contemplated why, with a base of more than a million users, Mobile Streams had only 180,000 active paying subscribers. The company warned in September that fresh competition and a failure to get some customers to pay for content had pushed earnings “materially lower than current market expectations”.

Simon Buckingham, chief executive, said: “Our primary focus during the period was to reduce losses with our key accounts in India through a process of marketing and customer churn optimisation, as well as working to convert zero-rated mobilegaming.com customers into active paying subscribers.”

Mobile Streams said that it had generated revenue of £1.8 million in the six months to December 31, down from £3.6 million. While the company reported an earnings loss of £700,000 before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortisation, it insisted that losses would be lower during the present half-year.

Executives conceded, however, that they were not out of the woods yet. “Trading conditions in the company’s core markets of India and Argentina are unlikely to change materially in the second half of the current financial year, meaning that the company expects that second-half revenues will be slightly below those recorded in the first half of the year,” they said.

Vaguely describing how “certain



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challenges” with billing partners had “hindered growth”, Mobile Streams sought to soothe concerns by insisting that directors believed such problems have been addressed.

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Cobham offloads two non-defence divisions to cut debt

By Alan Tovey

COBHAM has agreed the sale of two non-defence businesses that it acquired during its disastrous takeover of the US communications specialist Aeroflex in 2014.

The British-headquartered Wireless division – which tests wireless and mobile phone networks – and the US-based aircraft electronics division will be bought by US-based Viavi Solutions for \$455m (£325m) in cash, with Cobham using the proceeds to help cut its debt.

Last year Cobham ran a £500m rights issue after putting out five profit warnings in the preceding 15 months, and cleared out management.

It was widely considered to have overpaid when it bought Aeroflex for £870m. Problems with Cobham's biggest contract – building an in-flight refuelling system for the US air force's new KC-46 tanker – only compounded the problems.

Shares fell 6.4pc to 116.8p, a decline analysts attributed to the wireless business performing better than the market had expected.



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An SAS soldier at
the 1980 Iranian
embassy siege



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BOOKS

Troubled waters

The sinking of troopships off Islay during the First World War – and the heroic efforts of islanders to rescue survivors – is movingly retold in this brilliantly researched account

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The trenches and the slaughter on the Western Front dominate our memory of the First World War; understandably. It was a war like none before it and, happily, none since, a war fought by huge armies, mostly men who were civilians until the autumn of 1914 who had volunteered or been conscripted for service. Our understanding of it has been fixed by photography and the writing of the war poets. But even the British war wasn't fought only in Flanders and Northern France. It was a naval war too, and the war in the Atlantic and northern waters was as terrible and important as the war on land. It was vital because both Britain and Germany were seeking to win an economic war, a war of blockade which would deny food and material to civilian populations. And the war of blockade was a close-run thing.

One of the many merits of Les Wilson's account of how, as his sub-title has it, "war came to the Hebrides" is that he sets his story of the impact of war on the island of Islay in this wider context. In brief, he tells the story of the sinking of two troopships and an armed merchant cruiser which collided with one of them in a terrible storm, and of the generous and heroic response of the islanders. The ships were bringing some of the first American troops to Europe after the German policy of indiscriminate submarine attacks on merchant shipping had provoked the United States to declare war on Germany. The U-boat campaign was a gamble that Germany lost, although one should add that the war on the Western Front had turned against Germany after the failure of the March 1918 offensive – a point when significant numbers of American troops were yet to be deployed.

In February 1918 the troopship

Tuscania, a **British** vessel, was sunk by a U-boat off Islay. Wilson describes the confusion, the horror and the bravery of the islanders, some of them boys in their teens, who risked their own lives to rescue the shipwrecked soldiers and crew from the sea. Nevertheless, 123 bodies were washed ashore "for the islanders to gather, attempt to identify and bury with dignity." Over the previous years, Islay had lost many of its own sons in the war.

Eight months later, in the last weeks of the war, HMS Otranto foundered off Islay after that collision in a terrible storm. This time the loss of life was greater. "It was," Wilson says, "the greatest tragedy in the history of the convoys that took more than a million young America soldiers to the Great War in Europe."

Wilson tells his story vividly, with sympathy and intelligence, showing



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great skill in blending the events of these frightening nights with the larger picture of the war. The book is evidently thoroughly researched and there is a great deal of material in the form of official documents, letters (many between the parents of American soldiers and the islanders), and oral memories handed down from one generation to the next and then the next. Communication wasn't always easy. Eighty percent of the islanders then were Gaelic speakers, though a great many would have been bilingual. The book comes with an introduction from George Robertson (Lord Robertson of Port Ellen), the former Minister of Defence and Secretary-General of NATO, whose grandfather was the police sergeant on Islay then – with three constables to assist – and who had to keep a record of the bodies and their identification, if that was possible.

This is an absorbing and moving book. Somehow by focusing on the impact of two disasters on one little island, Wilson brings the madness let loose on the world in that stupid, unnecessary war into close focus. At the same time his book is a tribute – a humble, even reverent tribute – to the survival in war of essential virtues: courage, kindness, and the selflessness which leads people to put their own lives in danger in an attempt to save others. He has a harrowing story to tell, but also an uplifting one. There are horrors here, but you are likely to think better of your fellow human beings after reading this book. ■



The Drowned And The Saved

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Les Wilson tells his story vividly, with sympathy and intelligence

How I found out Dad was one of the 3,000 heroes sacrificed by Churchill to save Dunkirk

Darkest Hour shows the British soldiers ordered to hold back the Germans 'to the last man' so the rest of the Army could evacuate. Here one man's memoir recounts those days – and his horror at bayoneting a German

by John Jay

THEY were the lost brigade, just a few thousand British soldiers, doomed by a mortified Winston Churchill to fight to the last man to hold up the Germans at the French port of Calais.

They courageously did as ordered, sacrificing their futures and lives to delay the advance of Hitler's armies, buying time for the miracle evacuation from the beaches of Dunkirk, just 30 miles up the coast, in May 1940.

And at last the heroic stand of the Calais garrison has been widely recognised, figuring prominently in *Darkest Hour*, the marvellous film starring Gary Oldman that depicts those desperate days when Churchill inspired the nation to defiance rather than surrender.

I have just watched it at the cinema, choking back the tears. I have a very personal interest. My father, Alec Jay, then just a 20-year-old rifleman, was one of those who fought in that battle — and at great cost. It left scars on his mind from which he never recovered. And nor, indirectly, have I. I never really understood my Dad when he was alive. He was a remote figure,

angry, impatient and rude, both in his job as a City stockbroker and at home with his family. I wasn't close to him. In truth, I barely knew him and much of what I knew I didn't like. When he died suddenly in 1993, aged 73, from a ruptured aorta, I deeply regretted our failure to talk more.

Only years later did I sift through dusty papers he'd left in carrier bags, notes summarising the chapters of the autobiography he never got round to writing. He had made a start, though — just seven precious pages.

As I read them, my real father emerged. Not the curmudgeon of my childhood, but a hero — first on the battlefield at Calais; then as a prisoner of war from 1940 until 1945 who made five attempts to escape; and finally a freedom fighter who, as the war neared its end, fought gun in hand alongside partisans in Eastern Europe. That he was Jewish and in constant danger of his Nazi captors discovering his origins and consigning him to an extermination camp only added to his remarkable bravery.

I needed to know more and set off on years of research — following his footsteps around



Europe, tracking down those who knew him, seeking the understanding of him that had eluded me when he was alive.

I discovered that he was in Calais only because he was brave and principled and had gone willingly to war as a volunteer, not a conscript. Motivated by an intense hatred of fascists and racists, he joined Britain's Territorial Army in 1938.

When Hitler's forces marauded through Belgium and France, his regiment, the Queen Victoria's Rifles (known as the Queen Vics), was rushed across the Channel on what was always going to be a suicide mission. He was caught, as he put it in his notes, 'with a one-way ticket and no passage home'.

For four critical days 3,000 lightly armed **British** riflemen held at bay 25,000 crack troops of two fully-mechanised German tank divisions, while being constantly pushed back house by house in vicious fighting.

Barrage after barrage of shells pulverised them. Waves of Stuka dive-bombers dropped their deadly loads. But, unlike French soldiers in the town — whose white flags and cowardice under fire would be a grievance for my father all his life — the British refused to surrender.

AS THEY fell back to the port, they could see the white cliffs of Dover bathed in sunshine 21 miles across the Channel. Three British destroyers cruised offshore. But the order to evacuate did not come.

With backs to the sea, 'we still fought on,' he recalled, 'having to withdraw yard by yard, being Stuka'ed unmercifully, mortared and shelled by German heavy tanks.'

In the Queen Vics' regimental aid post, the hard-pressed doctor amputated arms and legs with just a knife and a hacksaw.

Outside, corpses littered the ground as German advances compressed the area of Calais still occupied by the British to the size of a school sports ground.

There could be no more illusions about rescue and the Queen Vics decided 'the only thing to do was to make the best of it'. An officer ordered a last counter-attack to take out a machine-gun nest giving them a heavy pounding, and rounded up a few soldiers, including my father.

They fixed bayonets, he recalled, crept through the dunes and charged 'like dervishes'. Screaming, he

plunged his bayonet into a German soldier.

It was an act of primeval violence that would always haunt him. 'In ten minutes I must have gone back 2,000 years,' he recalled with distaste. 'We were complete savages. This was warfare at its most basic, undiluted by distance, fighting a single opponent whom one must kill to avoid being killed.'

The sortie silenced the machine gun, but there it had to end. The choice was to surrender or die pointlessly. My father's Bren gun was empty and he had just six rounds left in his revolver when an officer announced, 'Sorry, fellows, it's bloody hopeless,' and the white flag was finally run up.

The next thing I knew a very large, very aggressive German soldier was ripping away at my revolver, putting the muzzle within an inch of my nose and yelling, "Soll ich? Soll ich?" which I jolly well knew was German for "Shall I? Shall I?" Fortunately, he didn't.

Their faces pale, eyes bloodshot from lack of sleep, throats sore through breathing smoke and their tattered uniforms covered in mud, grease and dried blood, the Queen Vics were herded between rows of triumphant Germans. For some of them, the surrender felt honourable — they had fought hard and yielded only when encircled and out of ammunition. They had also achieved Churchill's objective. The German advance on Dunkirk was slowed. The rest of the **British** Army got home when all seemed lost.

To my father, though, this was little consolation. For him, Calais would always be an inglorious humiliation. He would also come to see the five years he then spent in captivity as a terrible waste, as well as an awful and terrifying ordeal. He was never able to move on.

That first night as a prisoner he slept on earth in a graveyard — 'downcast, dispirited, dejected and disillusioned'. And that was just the start as the men set off on a gruelling three-week march through France, Belgium and Holland to Germany.

If a prisoner stumbled, a guard would club him over the head or shoot without warning. Even stopping to urinate was punished. They had to scoop water from ditches to quench their thirst and grab

dandelions and dock leaves to eat.

When they finally crossed into Germany, teenagers in Hitler Youth uniforms shouted: 'England ist kaput! A girl spat in my father's face.'

They were unshaven, their uniforms in tatters, their boots disintegrating, yet a message spread down the ranks: 'Get in step and march to attention.' Shoulders were pushed back and weary heads raised as, unbowed, they whistled *There'll Always Be An England*. My father continued in that defiant mood. For some POWs, the easiest way to survive behind the barbed wire was not to make waves — particularly if you had a secret to hide, as my father did, being Jewish.

Back at Calais, he had covered his tracks, burying in the sand his identity disc and Army pay book identifying him as Jewish and registering with his captors as 'C of E'. But he was not the sort to cower in the background. He had a smattering of German — which he'd studied — and so he put himself forward as interpreter in whichever of the camps he found himself in.

He felt he had no choice. 'Rows would break out between guards and prisoners, each yelling in his own language, neither understanding a word of what the other was saying. Then I'd see the guard unshoulder his rifle and I just had to step in.'

But his facility with languages might also raise suspicions about his background, and he had much more to lose than other prisoners if his identity ever came out.

On one occasion it did. He claimed an anti-Semitic fellow Brit had turned him in. An SS officer called out to the assembled camp: 'Where is Alec the Jew? Where is the hook-nosed bastard?'

Before my father could respond, as one man, his prison-camp comrades formed a protective ring around him, booing and hissing the Germans. The guards levelled their rifles, safety catches off, but a British sergeant stepped forward and addressed them: 'I don't care whether Alec is a Jew.'

'He is in British uniform and there is no way you are going to take him away from us. If you try, you will have to shoot us all.' There was a

dramatic silence, broken finally by Alec who calmly and politely explained to the SS officer how his language skills enabled him to act as a useful mediator between prisoners and guards. Taking him away would be counter-productive. The Germans backed down.

He was forced, however, to wear a distinguishing mark to show he was different — a long, white bandage, which a guard wrapped round his head until it resembled a turban. It was so humiliating to him he went to his grave without telling his children. It was only after his death that his best friend in the camp told us the story.

His time as a POW was hard. The men were undernourished, yet forced into hard labour breaking stones in a quarry. Dysentery left him passing blood. His weight fell to seven stone. A 'Dear John' letter from home told him the girlfriend he'd been with since school and hoped to marry had ditched him.

This broke his heart and almost his spirit, but not quite. At one work camp he dared lead a strike when the commandant halved the potato ration. He made numerous attempts to escape. Once, disguised as a migrant Czech worker, he got within 50 miles of the border before being caught.

The Gestapo beat him with rubber truncheons and made him dig his own grave in a mock execution before returning him to the camp. On his fifth escape attempt, he made it. All the POWs were being evacuated west away from the advancing Russians at the beginning of 1945, on the infamous Death March through the snow, in which some 3,000 prisoners died.

He dodged away with six men and over the mountains into Czechoslovakia, where they fell into the hands of anti-German partisans. For the remaining six weeks of the war my father was part of a guerrilla group which lived in the forest, bombed troop trains and attacked police stations.

He also took part in an uprising in Prague, and, to his lasting horror, witnessed the partisans dousing Germans in petrol and setting them alight as 'living torches' in

revenge. He struggled to make sense of this carnage. 'War is not a civilising influence,' he would say.

But at least his war was now finally over. It had been a long haul from that defeat in Calais, but after four years and 354 days he arrived home to Golders Green in London to a tumultuous welcome from his family. He went back to his stock-broking firm, soon as a partner.

But his jangled nerves simply couldn't cope with normal life. There was an emotional chasm between him and civilians who did not understand the stress of combat or the privations of imprisonment. It was as if he and they lived on different planets.

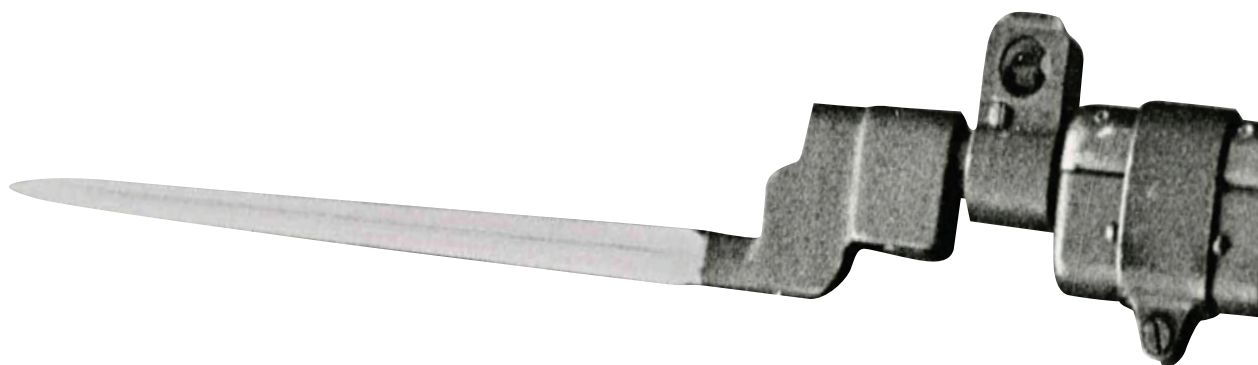
He was obsessed with the fact that five years of his life had disappeared, 'eaten by the locusts', in the poignant words of one of his comrades, 'and gone for ever with the wind'.

He was overwhelmed by all the sub-human cruelty he had not only witnessed, but taken part in. With that man-to-man killing with his bayonet at Calais, he felt he had crossed a line, and there was no going back.

This was the man I knew as my father. Five years after his return home, he met my mother, and their marriage lasted the rest of his life, producing three children.

But it was always rocky. His torment impacted on all of us around

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Ready to do his bit: Alec Jay in 1938 and (right) after his capture

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him, casting a shadow over my childhood.

He would wake up screaming after some nightmare. When we burned toast, he said the smell was like burned bodies — and he had been ‘within smelling distance of Auschwitz’.

Unquenchable anger was his biggest demon. Hatred of ‘the Huns’ had kept him going during his captivity, yet it served little purpose in peacetime, poisoning his relationships with family, friends and colleagues.

The guilt felt by a survivor pursued him like a demon, causing anxiety, depression, social withdrawal, sleep disturbance, nightmares. Why was he still alive when others he’d fought alongside were decomposing in some foreign field?

Once, he reluctantly agreed to see a psychiatrist, who, unsurprisingly, quickly spotted the canker beneath the surface. ‘Alec,’ he said, ‘I need to break you down.’

‘Well, you won’t,’ my father replied. ‘The Germans spent five years trying that and they failed.’ With that, he marched from the consulting room.

He tried to ease his private pain, making pilgrimages of regret to Calais as well as the places in eastern Europe where he was imprisoned. ‘I left an awful lot of friends in Calais,’ he recalled. ‘There are times when one feels one has no right to be alive.’

He was always hoping to find a catharsis ‘but so far I have not’. And so he was still at war and consumed by guilt the day he died in 1993. For his funeral, his side cap and rifleman’s

bayonet were placed on his coffin and a bugler blew The Last Post.

It was Queen Mary I who apparently said that, when she died, ‘Calais’, which she lost to the French in 1558, would be found engraved on her heart. The same could be said of my father. It was there his life changed for ever and for the worse.

The sacrifice of the British forces there was a necessary evil — as Darkest Hour shows. I’m not quibbling about that.

And it was not taken lightly. Churchill knew his order ‘meant certain death or capture’ for the garrison and his moral dilemma made him feel sick. ‘It was the only time during the war that I couldn’t eat,’ he once wrote.

It was the pivotal point of World War II because it meant Britain still had an army to defend itself against invasion.

Without the self-sacrifice of the garrison at Calais, the war might well have ended in defeat.

But the cost was greater, and lasted longer, than many of those audiences, as they stream from the cinemas after a truly great and inspiring film, can possibly realise.

■ FACING Fearful Odds — My Father’s Story of Captivity, Escape & Resistance 1940-1945 is published by Pen & Sword Military, RRP £25.

‘The Germans tried and failed to break me for five years’

Falklands hero honoured by both sides

SURGEON CAPTAIN Rick “Doc” Jolly saved the lives of hundreds of **British** and Argentine troops during the Falklands War and was the only person to have been decorated for distinguished conduct by both Britain and Argentina.

The Royal Navy surgeon, the senior medical officer of 3 Commando Brigade, ran the field hospital at Ajax Bay where 1,000 troops, including around 300 Argentines, were treated in freezing and basic surroundings as war raged outside for three weeks.

Two unexploded bombs remained lodged in the roof as surgical operations went on below.

When HMS Ardent was devastated by Argentine fighter bombers on May 21, 1982, Dr Jolly was lowered from a helicopter to pluck a drowning sailor from the sea. “I tapped my crewman on the arm, leant across and shouted ‘Me – down’,” he said

Plumes of smoke poured from the frigate as he was lowered into the near-freezing water and bear-hugged the sailor as they were winched to safety. Moments later he saved a second man.

Every **British** soldier whom he treated at his improvised hospital in an old refrigeration plant, nicknamed the Red and Green Life Machine, survived, including veteran Simon Weston who called him an “incredible man”. Weston

Rick Jolly

Naval surgeon during Falklands war

BORN OCTOBER 29, 1946 - DIED JANUARY 13, 2018, AGED 71

said: “Without his organisational skills the surgeons and medics would never have functioned. I can only thank him for saving my life and many others.”

Following the conflict, Jolly was appointed an OBE by the Queen and in 1999 received the Orden de Mayo, one of Argentina’s highest honours, to reflect “the nation’s gratitude”.

Born in Hong Kong, Jolly was educated at Stonyhurst College before studying medicine at St Bart’s, London. He qualified as a physician in 1969 and joined the Royal Navy, serving in Belfast with the 3rd Parachute Regiment.

He retired from the Navy in 1996 and launched a campaign to highlight the problems of post-traumatic stress disorder among Falklands survivors. His memoir published in 1983 was the first book written by a serving participant in the UK Task Force.

In 1999 he accompanied Prince



DECORATED: Hero Rick Jolly

Charles on an official visit to Argentina, taking with him a list of 79 Argentinian wounded operated on at Ajax Bay.

In 2002 he led 250 former British personnel on a visit to the islands to mark the 20th anniversary of the conflict and five years later he stood outside the Imperial War Museum in London to welcome former Argentinian pilots to the opening of a major exhibition on the war.

He died of complications of a heart condition and is survived by his wife Susie, whom he married in 1970. Their son James predeceased him.



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National memorial to honour Sikh soldiers

The communities secretary, Sajid Javid, has announced that the government will fund a national memorial in London to honour the Sikhs who fought in the world wars. During the First World War about 130,000 Sikhs served in the colonial Indian army. A working group will identify possible sites for the war memorial.



Readers to kit out home for SAS Bob

**EXCLUSIVE by
ANDREW PARKER**

SUN readers are helping homeless SAS hero Bob Curry furnish the pad won with their support.

We told yesterday how a council will house him after 400,000 people signed a petition worldwide.

Now a Leeds reader wants to supply and fit carpets free for the veteran, 64 – star of the 1980 Iran embassy siege.

Another in home city Hereford will provide a three-piece suite and bed.

Others offered kitchen appliances for his bungalow as well as temporary accommodation.

Bob said: "I'm overwhelmed by Sun readers' support. They got me the bungalow and are helping me back on my feet."

A charity put him up in a B&B after a marriage split and business failure left him broke.



Happy now . . . Bob

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READERS ALL GAVE BOB HOPE

WE were all sickened by the treatment of SAS hero Bob Curry after he was left penniless and homeless.

Bob, *above*, famously freed hostages in the iconic 1980 Iranian Embassy siege in London but was left down on his luck and without a roof over his head.

Council officials in Herefordshire claimed they couldn't help, yet thanks to a magnificent 400,000 of you signing a petition and demanding action, the authorities have been shamed into doing a U-turn.

Members of the council have finally pulled their heads out of their collective butts and discovered they did in fact have a house for this brave man.

Never underestimate the power of Sun readers. God bless every one of you.



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Platell's People

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□ MORE than 400,000 people signed a petition to force Herefordshire Council finally to find a home for a hero who served for 17 years with the SAS and distinguished himself in the Iranian Embassy siege. Bob

Curry, 64, has been living in B&Bs paid for by his former regiment. It is a scandal that while one in ten council homes goes to foreigners, veterans in need who fought for our freedoms are left to fend for themselves.

Battle to halt Canada VC's export to UK

BY **LOUIE SMITH**

THE family of a Canadian Victoria Cross hero want their Government to stop a British collector taking it out of the country.

In September £400,000 was paid for medals tank commander Lt Col David Currie won in a fierce battle to cut off retreating Germans after D-Day.

Now his son, also called David, 83, wants Canada to refuse a cultural export licence for its only VC from the Normandy campaign.

He said: "That medal is part of our heritage."

"My father believed in duty for his country, now his country should do their duty by him."

Lt Col Currie, given his VC by King George VI, died in 1986 aged 73 in Ottawa.

His hard-up widow Isabel sold the medals to a Canadian collector.



HERO Lt Col David Currie



Wills' poetry competition to find a new Wilfred Owen

By **Rebecca English**
Royal Correspondent

PRINCE William launched a poetry competition yesterday to find a modern Wilfred Owen.

The contest, to mark the opening of a £300 million centre for wounded military personnel, is inspired by the likes of Owen, Siegfried Sassoon and Rupert Brooke and seeks work that reflects on 'humankind's ability to triumph over adversity'.

The winning entry will be chosen by the public and will be read by William at the Defence National Rehabilitation Centre at Stanford Hall near Loughborough later this year.

The prince, a patron of the centre, said: 'The centenary year of the end of the First World War is a very appropriate year to be launching a national poetry prize. Many of the memories of that conflict, and our understanding of it, have been shaped by the remarkable works of poetry written by those caught in that struggle.'

'I, like countless other readers over the decades since the war, have always been moved by sentiments invoked by the brave young soldiers. I am delighted to help launch this competition to find a new poem

that, inspired by those earlier works, will have its own modern-day perspective on service, conflict and humankind's ability to overcome adversity.'

The DNRC centre will provide neurological and complex trauma care and a full suite of rehabilitative facilities, and aims to be one of the best of its kind in the world.

It is the brainchild of the late sixth Duke of Westminster, who served in the Army reserves for 40 years and died at the age of 64 in 2016. His son-in-law, historian and broadcaster Dan Snow – who will lead a panel of judges during the competition – said: 'My father-in-law said he wanted a centre that made young men and women that have been in combat feel like someone cared about them.'

'He said, "if they drive up the front drive of what used to be this big magnificent stately home and they see these state-of-the-art buildings, all modern, they will be left in no doubt that their country and fellow citizens are backing them all the way to their fullest recov-

ery that they can make".'

'He said it was the most important thing he had ever undertaken in his life, and he worked tirelessly fundraising and giving his own money, and it will be a great tragedy that he won't be there to see it open.' The winning entry will be displayed in perpetuity at the DNRC and its writer will receive £2,000. Four runners-up will each receive £500.

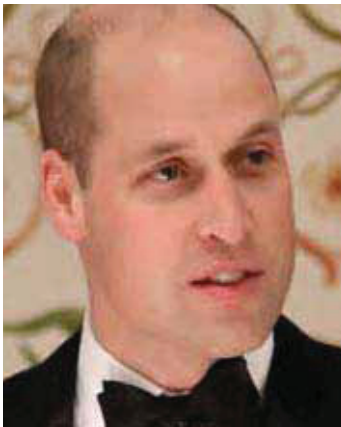
A Poem to Remember is open to anyone over the age of 17. Entries close on April 9, and 25 poems will be selected to go forward to the judges. They will choose five finalists and the winner will be decided by a public vote.

To publicise the competition, Stewart Hill, a former Army officer badly injured in a roadside bomb attack in Afghanistan, read an abridged version of his poem, Identity, reproduced right, on Radio 4's Today programme yesterday.

In July 2009, Lt Col Hill was blown into a hedge by the explosion. He still has two pieces of shrapnel in his brain.

**For information on how to enter visit
www.poemtoremember.co.uk**

**'Brave young
soldiers'**



Patron: Prince William

**Afghan hero's verse which
captivated Radio 4 listeners**

Identity by Stewart Hill

My last memory in Afghanistan
Watching a war horse in the sky, carrying
away the worst of loads
My dead and injured soldiers
I remember thinking of a nebulous soul
in a suit and tie
Who soon after would be knocking beside
the door of a next of kin
These thoughts exploded, replaced by
burning, broken metal bursting through
the blancmange of my brain
How little I knew, as I am splayed
on the floor
No awareness of the knock on my wife's
door, my worried colleagues, nor the shards
that tore through my skull
Thirty eight years of personal development,
stuffed out like the post fire-fight cigarettes
we smoked about in Afghanistan
No longer can I serve to lead, although I
plead just to see again the person I grew to be
Now I have a new identity, a poet and
a painter of portraits
From Sandhurst to the stage, turning the
page, new chapters in life, no longer in strife
From deployment with colour sergeants,
to the enjoyment of John Singer
Sargent's colour
From fighting with platoons to grappling
with Sassoon
I am living a wonderful life

*Abridged



**Rose
Wild**
Feedback

@TIMESFEEDBACK

Mocking witches is a recipe for double trouble

Among this week's emails the best sign-off was the one that went: "Sincerely, A very pissed off pagan". The writer had taken exception to Kevin Maher's Monday column in Times2, in which Kevin expressed some amusement at the earnest tone of a protest by a Wiccan at Cambridge about plans for a solstice-themed May ball.

Back in the day, witches used to hang around cauldrons, boiling newts and scaring Scottish kings. Now they're in chatrooms. Brenda Brock in Florida wrote to say she was alerted to Kevin's article by social

media. "Your writer makes fun of a sacred religion. This upsets me. I have been a practising Pagan Witch for 18 years, my daughter is also a Pagan Witch and many people I know are also Pagans/Wiccans who don't think this is very funny at all."

Lee-Anne Haye wrote: "Wicca is a recognised religion in the UK, and no doubt many of your readers will be Wiccans. I think an apology is in order." Dieter Kok-Joseph went further: "I suggest this writer be sent for sensitivity training."

I've struggled to find backing for

Ms Haye's assertion, and those of the many other pagans and Wiccans who wrote to us, that Wicca is an official or recognised religion in this country. It seems to be based on the fact that the 2011 census collected data on people who designated themselves as pagans, Wiccans and witches. The census also collected data on those who put their religion down as Heavy Metal, the Flying Spaghetti Monster and the Arsenal.

While 11,766 respondents identified as Wiccans, 176,632 affiliated themselves as Jedi knights — a fall from the 2001 census when the knights beat Sikhism, Judaism and Buddhism, with 390,127. (In case you're wondering, the long-awaited fourth *Star Wars* came out in 1999, but there hadn't been one for six years before the census of 2011.)

In response to the hoo-ha over the solstice May ball, the Pagan Federation has now publicly acknowledged that the solstice is an astronomical phenomenon that predates religions of all kinds. Even so, they suggested that anyone going to the ball in white robes could be guilty of "religious defamation".

Again, this seems to be pushing it. Three years ago the blog Law and

Religion UK (lawandreligionuk.com) debated the question of whether the courts were moving towards recognising paganism and witchcraft as religions that would fall under the protection of human rights legislation. Not yet, was the conclusion, although things were changing. The writer cited the case of a naval chief petty officer who in 2004 was given permission to register as a satanist and to perform satanic rituals on board a royal naval vessel — apparently the Royal Navy felt this was required by its status as an equal opportunities employer.

In the United States the armed forces allow the Wiccan pentangle to be engraved on headstones in military cemeteries, but then they also allow the hammer of Thor. I wonder if the president knows.



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Kung fu for 'soft' soldiers

SOLDIERS are being given martial arts classes – because they are not aggressive enough.

Kung fu master Neil Webster has been called in to teach fighting skills.

Lessons are being given at Lille Barracks in Aldershot, Hants.

Neil, of Epsom, Surrey, said: "Close-quarter combat demands strength, speed, skill and bravery."



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Army officer killed in Iraq

AN “enormously popular” Army officer has died while serving in Iraq.

Captain Dean Sprouting, 46, was not killed by enemy action but the incident on Wednesday at Al-Asad air base, outside Baghdad, is under investigation.

The married dad-of-two, from Denny, Stirlingshire, was serving with the Black Watch, 3rd Battalion Royal Regiment of Scotland and had 29 years of service.

His commanding officer Lt Col Rob Hedderwick said yesterday: “His loss is keenly felt by us all.”



Court Circular



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Queen sees base for fighter force

The Queen has visited what will be the home and main operating base of Britain's new multimillion-pound F-35B stealth fighter jets.

Giving the royal seal of approval to the state-of-the-art Lightning Operations Centre at **RAF** Marham, the Queen officially opened the facility and unveiled a plaque during her visit to the Norfolk base yesterday.





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Queen's jet mission

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Saudi leader's visit to Britain is likely to reveal tensions as well as ties

Crown prince to receive red carpet treatment, despite human rights record

Patrick Wintour
Owen Bowcott

The powerful Saudi crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman, is set to meet senior royals on a visit to London this month that will give him a chance to present himself as a moderniser but could see him face protests over Saudi Arabia's human rights record and its conduct in the Yemen civil war.

The visit, announced in principle by Boris Johnson, was discussed by the two men when the foreign secretary went to Riyadh last week. The crown prince, known as MBS, is also expected to visit Paris and Washington.

They will be his first trips out of his country since the start of an anti-corruption purge on 4 November in which hundreds of Saudi princes and businessmen were arrested and detained in the Ritz Carlton hotel on "corruption charges". As much as £100bn has been confiscated for the kingdom's use in exchange for their freedom.

The London trip is likely to be one of the most sensitive diplomatic visits this year. Britain is keen to endorse MBS's 2030 vision, an attempt to turn Saudi Arabia into a market-based economy less dependent on oil, and ministers hope for a bonanza for the City of London by winning the planned flotation of Aramco, the state oil group valued at up to \$2tn (£1.4tn), over rival bids from Wall Street and the far east.

In an interview with the Saudi-

owned al-Arabiya television channel this week, Johnson stressed Britain's links with the Gulf and a burgeoning personal relationship with MBS. "The relationship between Britain and Saudi Arabia it is historic, it's more than 100 years old, it's an extraordinary partnership, it's a partnership based on a common view of the world in many ways, not every way, but in many ways," he said, adding: "Reform in Saudi Arabia, the custodian of the Holy Places, will be a change in the whole Islamic world, and what's happening now is of momentous importance."

Johnson, who was once broadly in favour of British neutrality between Iran and Saudi Arabia, has in recent months increasingly echoed the anti-Iranian sentiment coming from the White House and Riyadh. The British government regards Saudi concerns about Iranian-supplied missiles fired by Houthi rebels from northern Yemen as valid. Arms deals are also a mainstay of the relationship.

But there are also areas of tension. Britain, like France and Germany, has resisted Saudi and US pressure to abandon the Iran nuclear deal. Nuclear proliferation is also an issue. Riyadh wants the right to produce nuclear fuel by enriching uranium and reprocessing plutonium from spent reactor fuel. The Bush and Obama administrations rejected such requests. The Trump administration may take a dif-

ferent view, or find it does not have the leverage to prevent it.

In Yemen, Britain has been pressing the Saudi-UAE coalition fighting to restore the president, Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi, to power to recognise there is no military solution. Britain has also helped persuade Saudi Arabia that an all-out blockade of Hodeidah, the main port for aid into the rebel-held north, was not only killing Yemenis, but MBS's international reputation. A stronger UN inspection regime has been agreed, and the number of ships entering the port has risen to eight a week, six for food and two for fuel. The Saudis have also pledged \$1.5bn of aid.

Britain would also like to see Saudi Arabia cut its losses in another conflict - the blockade of Qatar. If the Saudis thought the blockade would lead to internal chaos in Qatar, and a chance to intervene militarily with US support, they have miscalculated.

The Qatari economy, built on liquid gas exports, has proved more resilient, and the emir returned from a visit to Washington with a US commitment to deter and confront any "external threat to Qatar's territorial integrity that is inconsistent with the United Nations charter". The US is expanding its huge air base in Qatar.

Finally, there is the issue of human rights. British lawyers have in recent days submitted complaints to the



UN Human Rights Council on behalf of more than 60 Saudi activists who were detained last September, some of whom have disappeared. The submission from the former director of public prosecutions, Lord Macdonald QC, and Rodney Dixon QC calls for Saudi Arabia to be suspended from the council because of the “deteriorating human rights situation” in the kingdom.

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 Foreign secretary

The players Prince, rebels and protesters

Who is Prince Mohammed bin Salman?

Prince Mohammed, 32, is the Saudi crown prince and defence minister. He was named heir to the throne last year by his father, King Salman, and his powers have soared. He has launched reforms dubbed Vision 2030, designed to transform the kingdom’s moribund economy and recalibrate the relationship between the state and its citizens. Last year he led a corruption purge in which 11 princes, one of the country’s richest men and scores of former ministers were arrested.

Who’s fighting who in Yemen?

The conflict is between Houthi rebels allied with the former president Ali Abdullah Saleh, who led the country until 2012, and forces loyal to Saleh’s successor, Abdu Rabbu Mansour Hadi, backed by Saudi-led coalition air power. Houthi fighters control the capital city Sana’a and have spread across the country. Saudis and their Sunni Arab allies view Houthi fighters as Iranian proxies.

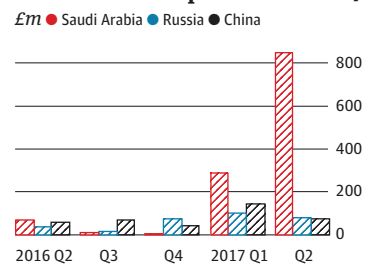
Who is protesting against the visit?

On 25 January, Stop the War Coalition, the Arab Organisation for Human Rights in Britain and War on Want signed an open letter calling for Bin Salman’s visit to be cancelled, citing the Saudi role in the Yemeni war and human rights record. “The interests of the people of Britain and the peoples suffering from the Crown Prince’s adventurism, are not served by this visit,” it said.

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The war in Yemen has killed or injured more than 5,000 children and left another 400,000 severely malnourished, according to Unicef

The UK sold £841m worth of arms and security equipment to Saudi Arabia between April and June 2017



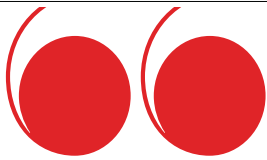
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▼ *Mohammed bin Salman's trip is likely to be one of the most diplomatically sensitive of the year*
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Beware of Trump's nearest and dearest – they read from 'the Washington playbook'

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People sitting in cafes in Baghdad under the rule of Saddam Hussein used to be nervous of accidentally spilling their cup of coffee over the front page of the newspaper spread out before them. They had a good reason for their anxiety, because Iraqi newspapers at that time always carried a picture of Saddam on their front page. Defacing his features might be interpreted as an indication of disrespect or even of a critical or treasonous attitude towards the great leader.

Saddam Hussein invariably got star billing in the Iraqi press, but he would be impressed at the astonishing way in which it has become the norm in the US media for the words and doings of President Trump to monopolise the top of the news. Day after day, the three or four lead stories in *The New York Times* and *CNN* relate directly or indirectly to Trump. And, unlike Saddam, this blanket coverage is voluntary on the part of the news outlets and overwhelmingly critical.

Trump's outrageous insults and lies have succeeded in keeping the spotlight firmly on him ever since he declared his candidacy for the presidency in 2015. Whatever else he may be, he is seldom boring, unlike so many of his defeated rivals and opponents, who believed that his obvious failings must inevitably sink him.

One day they may be proved right, but that day is a long time coming; the open loathing for Trump on the part of much of the American media is curiously ineffectual because it is repetitious and no great disaster has so far hit America one year into his presidency. Commentators note that, for all his bellicose rhetoric, he has yet to start any wars – unlike all his Republican predecessors going back to President Ford.

The constant demonisation of Trump carries another danger that is underappreciated and may produce a real-world disaster. The US media blames everything on him and respectfully portrays the bevy of generals who populate the upper ranks of his administration – Chief of Staff John Kelly, Secretary of Defence Jim Mattis and National Security Adviser HR McMaster – as the only adults in the room. Yet it may turn out that they and other business and political figures, such as Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and the CIA chief Mike Pompeo, are more likely to bring about a war than Trump himself.

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Just how poor is the judgement of the very people who are meant to be a restraining force on Trump was shown last month when Tillerson made a classic blunder that may have negative results for the US for years to come. On 17 January, he announced the US military forces would stay in Kurdish controlled north-east Syria after the defeat of Isis, in order to weaken Iran and President Bashar al-Assad. Just three days later on 20 January, Turkey, predictably enraged at what it saw as a US territorial guarantee of a de facto Kurdish state, sent its forces across the Syrian border to invade the Kurdish enclave of Afrin.

Tillerson had unwittingly initiated a new phase in the Syrian conflict in which the US is self-isolated and Turkey, Russia, Iran and Assad had been brought closer together. The Kurds in Afrin, one of the few places in Syria not devastated by war, have to hide in caves as the direct result of the new US initiative.

Trump's isolationism may be less risky than the neo-interventionism of his senior advisers. Reports from Washington suggest that the decision to get more fully engaged in the Syrian civil war was contrary to what Trump himself wanted. By this account, he would have preferred to use his State of the Union address to announce that the US mission in Syria had ended in triumph with the defeat of Isis and that he was withdrawing US ground forces. Instead, the decision went the other way as McMaster and Mattis, supported by Tillerson, successfully argued for keeping US ground forces in Syria and Iraq.

These senior officials were only advocating the consensus opinion of the US foreign policy establishment, as was swiftly illustrated by media commentators. Even as Turkish tanks were rolling into Syria, an editorial in *The Washington Post* was applauding Tillerson for having "bluntly recognised a truth that both President Trump and President Barack Obama attempted to dodge" – which is that the US needs a political and military presence in Syria.

What Trump and Obama were really dodging was repeating the post-9/11 US mistake in pursuing open-ended military ventures against multiple enemies in fragmented countries like Afghanistan and Iraq where it could not win. In the case of Obama, this sense of caution and ability to see what might go wrong was carefully calculated; in the case of Trump, the caution is instinctive and not always operative, but the end result was often the same.

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Despite all Trump's condemnation of Obama's supposed weakness, his strategy in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria did not differ much from his predecessor – that is until his chief security officials switched to an interventionist policy in Syria last month.

Traditional policy of relying on force to overcome all obstacles, or what Obama nicknamed “the Washington playbook”, looks as if it is back in business. He privately condemned the US foreign policy establishment for being wedded to dubious allies like Saudi Arabia and Pakistan in pursuit of overambitious objectives.

American strength in the world was ebbing before Trump, though the divisive and mercurial nature of his presidency is speeding up the decline. In every continent a power vacuum has opened up which is being filled by many eager candidates. They generally have the same ingredients of populism, demagoguery, authoritarianism and nationalism, though the quantities of each may differ, and they are certainly making the world a more dangerous place because they do not know the limits of their own power.

From Manila to Warsaw, there has been the rise of the mini-Trumpes who tend to know the politics of their own country well, but be dangerously ignorant of that of other countries. It is in the nature of arbitrary rulers who have suppressed domestic criticism, such as Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in Saudi Arabia, that they pursue exaggerated ambitions, moving over ice that is always thinner than they imagine.

US power in the world is declining, having reached its peak between the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991 and the start of the Iraq war in 2003. Two dangers are emerging: one is the feckless nature of Trump administration which acts as a sort of out-of-control wrecking ball, though the damage done is limited by Trump's low attention span and divisions in Washington.

A second danger is the US foreign policy establishment, which has learned nothing new from past failures, which would like to restore US power to what it once was and which does not understand that this can no longer be done. This is “the Washington playbook”, which Obama came to deride and ignore and is just as dangerous as anything Trump may do.

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The US foreign policy establishment is far more dangerous than the President (AFP/Getty)

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Nuclear strategy shift

Washington The Trump administration is planning to develop a new generation of low-yield nuclear weapons to counter changes in Russian military doctrine. US officials believe that Moscow would consider using low-yield weapons, similar to the strength of the Hiroshima bomb, in a conflict in Europe. America should have its own stockpile to preserve “credible deterrence”, a review of US nuclear policy says.



Army's new regimental goat evades capture

By Harry Yorke

A WILD goat gave Army officers the slip last night after an eight-hour chase to capture a new mascot for the Royal Welsh battalion.

Officers were forced to call off their attempt to capture a goat from the Royal herd on the Great Orme in Conwy county. They were trying to catch a successor to Shenkin III, who died in September last year.

An Army team, accompanied by an RSPCA vet, was sent to select and capture a new Shenkin, to be taken to Maindy Barracks, Cardiff, where it will be tamed. However, after pursuing their chosen Kashmiri goat across difficult terrain, they were forced to end the chase when darkness fell.

Sgt Mark Jackson, the regiment's goat major, said: "He's a cheeky looking chap. He's got a lovely quiff on top of his horns. He's the one we want."

Once Shenkin IV is caught, Sgt Jackson will be tasked with training him to become accustomed to the battalion. Shenkin IV will hold the rank of fusilier and it is hoped its first public appearance will be at the National Armed Forces Day in Llandudno on June 30.

The Royal Welsh and its predecessor units have adopted goats as mascots since the 1770s. The tradition stems from the Battle of Bunker Hill during the American War of Independence when a wild goat is said to have strayed into the battle and led the Royal Welsh Fusiliers' colour party from the field.

