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Cpl. Brian David—Chief Instructor the Parachute Regiment Free Fall Team—being fished by Judge Mick Turner during the precision landing event.

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“Just our cup of tea”

by *Flying Officer G. D. Greenland,*
Leader of the Falcon Parachute Display Team

It was during a recent R.A.F. Falcons training detachment to the vast wastes of the Libyan desert, whilst carrying out the more serious aspects of free fall parachuting such as relative work, air-to-air filming and photography, that the possibility of a Falcons tea party in free fall was suggested.

At first the idea of a tea party seemed plausible in theory; in practice impossible. But enthusiasm had been whetted and after considerable thought and planning, the idea became more feasible.

The Falcons have achieved some remarkable aerial feats in the past, so new challenges and ideas are not easy to come by. There are definite limitations to what one can accomplish in free fall, the time element being the major factor.

The good fortune of operating from El Adem gave us a large, obstacle free dropping zone and clearance up to 12,000 feet, allowing approximately one minute of free fall before operating parachutes at 2,000 feet. Past experience has shown that even a relatively small item of equipment, carried in the hands, causes tremendous lift as the parachutist reaches terminal velocity (i.e. approx. 120 m.p.h.). For example, a reinforced newspaper can be snatched out of the hands within seconds by the upward pressure of air on the descending body. An item the size of a tray would be impossible to hold, let alone control.

This problem was eliminated to some extent by using a wicker-work tray so allowing an escape for the pressure of air. The teapot, plastic cups, milk bottle and plates were carefully secured, including the sandwiches and sugar lumps!

Two further problems could be foreseen:—

- (a) If the tray was not held in a flat plane, the air pressure would be deflected at an angle, causing the parachutist to gyrate and somersault violently.
- (b) The cameraman must be able to adjust his rate of descent sufficiently to fall alongside the airborne waiter long enough to record the episode.

The tray duly assembled, Sgt. D. Jones was selected to serve “High Tea” and Flt. Sgt. Allen with his helmet mounted Nikon camera prepared to record the occasion.

An Argosy from R.A.F. Benson climbed to 12,000 feet, and on the green light, the two Falcons leapt from the aircraft via the rear doors, thus enabling the parachutists to retain contact with each other right from the start. The remainder of the team viewed the whole proceedings with great interest, but on this run decided to give “tea break” the miss.

After some initial tumbling as he passed through the slipstream, Sgt. Jones managed to assume a stable, realistic enough position for Flt. Sgt. Allen to take photographs.



High tea Sir?

The particular shot illustrated was taken at 8,000 feet. (Incidentally, there is no truth in the rumour that Sgt. Jones is a “one-legged Falcon”). The tray was released at 5,000 feet allowing Sgt. Jones ample time to concentrate on assuming a stable position prior to operating his parachute at 2,000 feet.

Pressure of work on the more serious aspects of the Falcons’ training prevented further experiment on these lines; in any case an adequate supply of trays and crockery was not available.

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From the newspapers:

Dangerous Drop

According to Mr. Denis Howell, Minister for Sport and M.P. for Small Heath, Birmingham, there are 85 different sports activities in this country and he is trying to take a personal interest in them all.

Visiting Heanor recently, Mr. Howell, already known as a former Football League referee, said it meant that his weekends were fully occupied.

One sport, however, in which he has not participated is parachute jumping.

He told members of the local Labour Party that he had received an invitation from the British Parachute Association.

"This was at a time when we only had a majority of three in the Commons and the Prime Minister would have taken a poor view of me jumping from an aircraft flying at 3,000 feet," he said amid laughter.

Mr Denis Howell

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Ray Etchell

To those of us who were fortunate enough to know Ray Etchell, it came as an awful shock to learn of his death in a motor car crash on Tuesday, 12th March.

His first free fall descent was in November 1963, although he had a wealth of military parachuting experience behind him. After this, he gained experience rapidly, doing his first display on his 33rd descent at the Army Catering Corps Barracks in Aldershot. He was fourth in the Army Championships last year and 6th in the Nationals. The four hundred descents in his log book make colourful reading in character with his alive personality.

Students who benefited from his instruction are unlikely to forget his patient and dedicated teaching, and he covered many miles and visited many DZ's in this pursuit.

Apart from his being a fine parachutist and instructor, he had served many years in 16 Parachute Brigade as a cook and was running the 2 Para Cookhouse at the time of his death. The Brigade will undoubtedly miss his cooking talent and organizing ability.

We will miss his humour, his dedication and his generosity, and to Lorna and his small son, Raymond, we send our deepest sympathy in their tragic loss.

G. C. P. Shea-Simonds.

Soviet Parachute Jumpers' World Records

Seventeen world records in precision and combined jumps from different altitudes were set by the U.S.S.R. national team at Tashkent competitions on April 26th. Eight out of eleven men's records were broken and six women's records.

A five-man group consisting of world champions Oleg Kazakov, Vladislav Kestyannikov, Vladimir Gurny, Yevgeni Tkachenko and U.S.S.R. champion Anatoli Osipov gave a particularly brilliant performance. Jumping from an altitude of 600m. (simple and combined jumps) and from 1,500 metres (combined jump) they landed in the very centre of the circle. The three records have now become absolute and cannot be improved.

Here are the other records:—

Precision jump from 600m. (Kazakov, Krestyannikov, Gurny, Tkachenko, Osipov, Vyacheslav Zharikov, Leonid Yachmenev, Alexander Parfen and Boris Lenov) landed within three centimetres of the centre of the circle (0.03 metres).

Combined jump from 600m. (Kazakov, Krestyannikov, Gurny, Osipov, Vyacheslav Sharabanov, Zharikov, Yachmenev, Perfenov and Leonov) 0.32m.

Precision jump from 1,000m. (Kazakov, Krestyannikov, Gurny, Tkachenko and Sharabanov) 0.29m.

Combined jump from 1,000m. (Kazakov, Krestyannikov, Gurny, Sharabanov, Zharikov, Yachmenev, Parfenov and Leonov) 0.04m.

Precision jump from 1,500m. (Kazakov, Krestyannikov, Gurny, Tkachenko, Osipov, Sharabanov, Zharikov, Yachmenev and Leonov) 0.22m.

Combined jump from 1,500m. (same group of nine men) 0.01m.

Precision jump from 2,000 m. (Kazakov, Krestyannikov, Gurny, Osipov, Sharabanov, Zharikov, Yachmenev, Parfenov and Leonov) 0.07m.

Combined jump from 2,000m. (Kazakov, Krestyannikov, Osipov, Sharabanov and Yachmenev) 0.11m.

The six women's world records were:—

Precision jump from 600m. (Valentina Seliverstova, Lydia Yeremina, Alexandra Khmel'nitskaya, Maya Kostina, Nadezhda Lamberg, Tatiana Morozycheva, Margarita Novgorodtseva, Svetlana Rodionova and Irina Mukhina) 1.08m. from the centre of the circle.

Combined jump from 600m. (the same group of nine women) 1.29m.

Precision jump from 1,000m. (Seliverstova, Yeremina, Khmel'nitskaya, Tatiana Voinova and Kostina) 0.29m.

Precision jump from 1,000m. (Seliverstova, Yeremina, Khmel'nitskaya, Kostina, Lamberg, Morozycheva, Novgorodtseva, Rodionova and Mukhina) 0.41m.

Combined jump from 1,000m. (Seliverstova, Yeremina, Khmel'nitskaya, Kostina, Lamberg, Morozycheva, Novgorodtseva, Rodionova and Mukhina) 0.76m.

Precision jump from 1,500m. (Seliverstova, Yeremina, Kostina, Lamberg, Morozycheva, Novgorodtseva, Valentina Zakorestskaya, Rodionova and Mukhina) 0.61m.

Combined jump from 1,500m. (Seliverstova, Yeremina, Khmel'nitskaya, Kostina, Lamberg, Morozycheva, Novgorodtseva, Deretskaya and Mukhina) 0.92m.



BRITISH NATIONALS, NETHERAVON 1968

Photographs by Doug Peacock.

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1 *Tony Charlton, R.A.F.
Practice jump at Weston.*

2 *Bob Ranney, U.S.A.*



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3 *Candy Ranney,
Mick Turner,
Ron Griffiths.*

4 *John Harrison,
British Skydiving.*

5 *Les Woolgar,
British Skydiving. DC.*



British National Parachute Championships 1968

Final Results

STYLE EVENT

No.	Name	Club	Jump 1	Jump 2	Jump 3	Total	Place
1	David	PARA Regt. "A"	245	252	232	729	6th
2	McNaughton	"	220	219	241	680	11th
3	Cathro	"	201	218	226	645	14th
4	Power	"	230	244	251	725	7th
5	Jones	PARA Regt. "B"	211	228	222	661	12th
6	Strickland	"	—	—	—	—	—
7	Whitney	"	228	200	225	653	13th
8	Wright	"	—	—	—	—	—
9	Card	RCT SPC	215	232	240	687	10th
10	Carrie	"	—	—	—	—	—
11	Acraman	"	240	238	245	723	8th
12	Raine	"	—	—	—	—	—
13	Charlton	RAF SPC	251	243	251	745	4th
14	Peacock	"	256	242	248	746	3rd
15	Mapplebeck	"	252	261	261	774	2nd
16	Robinson	"	Z	232	231	463	19th
17	Meacock	British Skydiving	262	269	259	790	1st
18	Harrison	"	—	—	—	—	—
19	Beard	"	—	—	—	—	—
20	Hounsome	"	—	—	—	—	—
21	Hagan	"	—	—	—	—	—
22	St. John	B.P.C. "A"	—	—	—	—	—
23	O'Brien	"	—	—	—	—	—
24	Cole (Mr.)	"	—	—	—	—	—
25	Hall	"	—	—	—	—	—
26	Parkington-Smith	"	—	—	—	—	—
27	Cole (Mrs.)	B.P.C. "B"	—	—	—	—	—
28	Gayler	"	—	—	—	—	—
29	Field	"	—	—	—	—	—
30	Plummer	"	—	—	—	—	—
31	Slattery	Nomads	Z	233	Z	233	23rd
32	King (Mr.)	"	Z	211	216	427	21st
33	King (Miss)	"	180	Z	176	356	22nd
34	Rixon (Miss)	"	230	Z	204	434	20th
37	Swainson	RAF SPC	—	—	—	—	—
38	Scott (Novice)	1st RHF	—	—	—	—	—
39	Ranney (Mr.)	U.S.A.	253	246	256	755	3rd (V)
40	Carr	Kestrel	175	172	225	572	17th
41	Biscott (Novice)	BPA	—	—	—	—	—
42	Doyle (Novice)	Canada	—	—	—	—	—
43	Schofield	PARA Regt.	—	—	—	—	—
44	Bramhill (Novice)	"	—	—	—	—	—
45	MacLennan	1st RHF	183	207	180	570	18th
46	Kemley	Kestrel	188	216	223	627	15th
47	Woolgar	British Skydiving	236	240	222	698	9th
48	Knott	Zambia	—	—	—	—	—
49	Anderson	RGJ	196	208	180	584	16th
50	Lonsdale	REME	—	—	—	—	—
51	English	REME	—	—	—	—	—
52	Ranney (Mrs.)	U.S.A.	243	240	224	707	9th (V)
53	Davage	Nomad	243	252	246	741	5th
54	Harber (Miss) (N)	APA	—	—	—	—	—

INDIVIDUAL ACCURACY

No.	Name	Jump 1	Jump 2	Jump 3	Jump 4	Total	Place
1	David	250	250	246.6	250	996.6	1st
2	McNaughton	228.9	226.4	239.9	Z	695.1	24th
3	Cathro	200.8	223	242.6	240.8	927.2	8th
4	Power	234.5	250	111.0	219.3	814.8	17th
5	Jones	232.1	240	224.1	249.5	945.5	3rd
6	Strickland	246.1	220.8	191.7	232.3	890.9	12th
7	Whitney	234.6	242.0	238.0	221.5	934.1	5th
8	Wright	Z	239.1	119.2	54.5	412.8	29th
9	Card	165.6	242.5	196.0	Z	604.1	28th
10	Currie	196.7	233.1	223.3	234.0	887.1	13th
11	Acraman	177.6	235.3	223.2	124.3	760.4	22nd
12	Raine	232.1	211.2	233.0	217.7	894.0	11th
13	Charlton	236.7	231.5	250.0	179.8	898.0	10th
14	Peacock	232.5	216.6	246.0	234.3	929.4	7th
15	Maplebeck	236.0	220.4	237.4	237.8	931.6	6th
16	Robinson	227.2	176.5	221.0	186.5	811.2	19th
17	Meacock	223.4	204.9	246.8	244.7	919.8	9th
18	Harrison	—	—	—	—	—	—
19	Beard	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	Hounsome	—	—	—	—	—	—
21	Hagan	—	—	—	—	—	—
22	St. John	—	—	—	—	—	—
23	O'Brien	—	—	—	—	—	—
24	Cole (Mr.)	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	Hall	—	—	—	—	—	—
26	Parkington-Smith	—	—	—	—	—	—
27	Cole (Mrs.)	—	—	—	—	—	—
28	Gayler	—	—	—	—	—	—
29	Field	—	—	—	—	—	—
30	Plummer	—	—	—	—	—	—
31	Slattery	187.7	233.3	247.2	146.0	814.2	18th
32	King (Mr.)	153.9	210.0	206.0	250.0	819.9	16th
33	King (Miss)	191.4	198.0	110.5	151.0	656.9	25th
34	Rixon (Miss)	191.4	217.4	243.7	217.4	869.9	14th
37	Swainson	—	—	—	—	—	—
38	Scott (Novice) (1st)	142.8	247.0	218.6	193.9	802.3	20th
39	Rannoy (Mr.)	240.5	225.1	246.3	232.0	943.9	4th (V)
40	Carr	199.8	202.0	232.9	98.5	733.2	23rd
41	Biscott (Novice)	Z	126.8	50.0	Z	176.8	31st
42	Doyle	—	—	—	—	—	—
43	Schofield	—	—	—	—	—	—
44	Bramhill	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	MacLennan	212.4	Z	201.0	224.5	637.9	26th
46	Kemley	241.0	194.0	214.9	218.4	868.3	15th
47	Woolgar	86.0	233.3	193.5	250.0	762.8	21st
48	Knott	—	—	—	—	—	—
49	Anderson	236.7	250.0	244.8	228.0	959.5	2nd
50	Lonsdale	—	—	—	—	—	—
51	English (Novice) (2nd)	242.4	217.9	Z	158.7	619.0	27th
52	Rannoy (Mrs.)	238.2	222.3	Z	242.6	703.1	24th (V)
53	Savage	216.0	237.9	240.9	239.7	934.5	4th
54	Harber (Novice)	Z	Z	185.0	Z	185.0	30th



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6 *John and Sue Meacock.
After 53 centimetre jump.*

7 *Anderson, Green Jackets.
2.20 metres.*

8 *Jock Currie, RCT.
1.60 metres.*

9 *Candy Ranney, U.S.A.*

10 *Chief Judge Mick Turner,
Sherdy Vainsdal,
Sue Meacock.*

TOTAL INDIVIDUAL SCORES

David	PARA Regt. "A"	1725.6	1st
Mcacock	British Skydiving	1709.8	2nd
Mapplebeck	RAF SPC	1705.6	3rd
Savage	Nomad	1675.5	4th
Peacock	RAF SPC	1675.4	5th
Charlton	RAF SPC	1643.0	6th
Jones	PARA Regt. "B"	1606.5	7th
Whitney	PARA Regt. "B"	1587.1	8th
Cathro	PARA Regt. "A"	1572.2	9th
Anderson	RGJ	1543.5	10th
POWER	PARA Regt. "A"	1539.8	11th
Kemley	Kestrel Club	1495.3	12th
Acraman	RCT SPC	1483.4	13th
Woolgar	British Skydiving	1460.8	14th
McNaughton	PARA Regt. "A"	1375.1	15th
Carr	Kestrel Club	1305.2	16th
Card	RCT SPC	1291.1	17th
Robinson	RAF SPC	1274.2	18th
King (Mr.)	Nomads	1246.9	19th
MacLennan	1st RHF	1207.9	20th
Rixon (Miss)	Nomads	1203.9	21st
	Women's Champ.		
Slattery	Nomads	1047.2	22nd
King (Miss)	Nomads	1012.9	23rd
Raine	RCT SPC	894.0	24th
Strickland	PARA Regt. "B"	890.9	25th
Currie	RCT SPC	887.1	26th
Scott	1st RHF	802.3	27th
English	REME	619.0	28th
Wright	PARA Regt. "B"	412.8	29th
	Visitors		
Ranney (Mr.)	U.S.A.	1698.9	4th
Ranney (Mrs.)	U.S.A.	1410.1	15th

TEAM RESULTS

Team	Jump 1	Jump 2	Jump 3	Jump 4	Total
Nomad	566.8	762.5	217.0	449.1	1995.4
RCT	753.3	863.9	242.5	869.1	2728.8
PARA "A"	854.6	933.5	599.4	989.2	3376.7
PARA "B"	806.0	949.5	767.1	922.9	3445.0
British Sky Diving	914.0	932.2	672.3	799.5	3318.0
RAF	809.9	820.1	863.9	937.8	3431.7

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WINNING TEAM RESULTS

1st	3445.5	Parachute Regt. "B"
2nd	3431.7	RAF SPC
3rd	3376.7	Parachute Regt. "A"
4th	3318.0	British Sky Diving
5th	2728.8	RCT SPC
6th	1995.4	Nomads

OVERALL WINNING TEAM

1st	9729.9	RAF SPC
2nd	9589.4	Parachute Regt. "A"
3rd	7942.8	Parachute Regt. "B"
4th	7284.3	RCT SPC
5th	6506.3	Nomads
6th	5227.8	British Sky Diving



Club News

Northumbria Para Club

You will have realised by now that a newsletter was not issued for the month of June. To make up for this we have issued a bumper edition setting out the news for both June and July. Your copy is enclosed. Now read on, and savour the fantastic adventures of the Northumbria Parachute Club. Give up the "Beano" you fools.

Weekend 1—22/23 June

Although this weekend was marred somewhat by the weather, all members present managed at least one descent each on the Sunday, jumping in between thunderstorms no less, and when we say thunderstorms we mean—thunderstorms!! Of those who did jump our congratulations go out to our Sheffield members who carried out their very first descents. Well done lads you had a long wait but you finally made it. Let us hope you go on from strength to strength.

No doubt everyone present will agree that this particular weekend will be remembered for a grand "ding-dong" held in the Flying Club on the Saturday evening. It was originally organised as a Barbecue but the weather unfortunately put paid to that. There was even some suggestion that your Secretary was intoxicated. This of course is quite untrue because as you all know, he does not drink.

During the evening, under the leadership of Bob "The Human Sink" Burns, our Boat Race Team took on and beat the Flying Club Team. Well done lads, keep in training because we have a return match on the 6th July.

Our thanks go out to the organisers for a grand night, and for inviting us to take part in the fun.

Weekend 2—29/30 June

This particular weekend must undoubtedly have been the best we have held so far this year. The weather was kind to us but definitely the making of the weekend was the appearance, for the first but not the last time, of a Rapide aircraft flown by Bill Downs. A great jump ship flown by a great pilot. Thanks Bill.

Another factor towards the success of the weekend was a visit by 12 members of the Scottish Parachute Club, kilts and all, led by their Chairman Tom Dickson. A grand bunch who we hope to see over our DZ again very soon. As a point of interest our Boat Race Team made it two wins on the trot although our Scottish friends insisted they did not have their "A" team with them. In the circumstances it should make for a good return match.

On the Sunday our numbers were increased by a visit by three of our Lincolnshire friends who we hope to see at our next weekend.

Over the two days 86 descents were carried out which is without doubt the highest number for a weekend so far this year.

Weekend 3—6/7 July

On Saturday, 6th July, the Club gave its very first "demo" when we produced 8 parachutists to give a display during the Air Day held by Sunderland Flying Club. The display comprised two passes at 6,000 and 8,000 feet respectively with four parachutists per pass. Out on the first pass went, Mick Johnson, Arthur Lowthorpe, Dusty Miller (all from Lincoln) and yours truly, and believe it or not we all hit the airfield. The parachutists on the second pass all jumped with smoke and were Vic Pollitt, Kevin Milligan,

Charlie Mahon, and Tony Unwin. During the descent Tony and Kevin pulled off a link up which was the first such link up carried out over Sunderland. All in all the "demo" went off very well and appeared to go down equally well with the crowd.

After the Air Display, which in itself was extremely good, a certain amount of fun jumping took place which was continued on the Sunday. At the end of the session 46 jumps had been carried out with more link ups between Kevin, Tony and Charles. (That Milligan's lad is getting good). The weekend also saw Charles back in harness which was very good to see and produced another free faller amongst the boys namely Bob Burn. Well done Bob.

At three o'clock Sunday, the Rapide took off for its return flight so ending another good weekend of parachuting.

Our thanks go out to Bill Downes once again for flying us, Sunderland Flying Club for producing the Rapide and giving us a spot during the Air Display and to Tony Unwin who jump mastered the demo jumps and produced some extremely good parachuting. When are we going to see you up our way again Tony?

Weekend 4—20/21 July

Another weekend marred by bad weather but for those who patiently waited jumping took place on Sunday afternoon and saw four new members take to the skies, two beginners to sport parachuting Jim Richardson and John Toulmin, a budding local parachutist, Roy Foster and Ed Lazenby the R.A.F. Parachute Jump Instructor attached to 4 Para Bn.

We also welcomed Ken Vos to Sunderland. For those of you who don't know of Ken let me just say that he is one of the best relative workers in this Country and he showed his abilities by getting a link with Charles Shea-Simonds from a little over 4,500 feet. Let us hope that we see him up our way again.

This weekend also saw the return to the fold of instructor Aussie Power who has been very busy this year giving demos all over the country with the famous "Red Devils" it wasn't long before he was back in business throwing—uhm—I mean despatching students from the Cessna.

At the end of the day regardless of the weather a reasonable number of descents were carried out by the few people available.

So endeth the chat concerning the parachuting which took place during June and July.

Now for some points which arose out of the four weekends. This Club is quickly becoming a Fair Weather only concern and this attitude must stop if we are to survive. Everyone would love to turn up for a weekend's parachuting to find glorious weather but it is about time we all realised that this cannot be guaranteed, especially in the North of England. To press home this point I would like to point out that Weekends Nos. 1 and 4 were both marred by some terrible weather but parachuting still took place. In future I would like everyone who can to turn up at weekends regardless of the weather, because a break can come at any time, and we all must take advantage of these breaks if we are to progress and grow.

Secondly I would like to quote what is stated in the "form letter" which is sent out to prospective members.

"Members should be prepared to put considerable enthusiasm and effort into his or her early parachute training and subsequent participation. Far too often pupils

expect everything to be arranged and done for them. This, unfortunately cannot happen where all the Committee and/or Instructors are working voluntarily for your enjoyment and their own. It is only fair that you help them in every possible way. The 'Fair Weather Only' attitude should be avoided".

This statement not only applies to Students but extends very much to all members of the club.

Secondly those of you who were there will know that Vic Pollitt was voted Equipment Officer on weekend No. 1. However, this does not mean that Vic is the only one who does any work as far as kit is concerned at the end of a jump session. All Club members must in future give a hand in clearing up before the drinking starts and before they disappear home. Please have a little thought for Vic, he likes a pint now and then himself, and also has a home to go to, when he gets away.

A third point which has arisen is the failure of members to return the "pro formas" which we send out giving news of forthcoming weekends. It is from these returned pro formas that we are able to decide which aircraft should be used on a weekend. They only take a couple of minutes to complete and only 4d. to post. I know we are living in hard times but surely we can all afford 4d. If not form a syndicate.

Finally certain Club members are forgetting their "Runway Drill". Remember carelessness on your part could close our Club and worse still could cause a nasty accident.

South Staffs Sky-Diving Club

Well the wettest month for 25 years has just past by but not to worry we have managed to get a record number of jumps in, reason being we are now jumping Wednesday evening from 7.00 p.m. to dark and Saturdays 3.00 p.m. to dusk, plus all day Sundays. We have to make the most of the light evenings it is only about 12 weeks before it starts getting dark at 8.00 p.m.

Enclosed with this Newsletter is your Membership Card to the Air Centre, the only privilege you have with this card is that you may use the Flying Club Bar, no one is allowed in the Flying Club Bar unless he or she carries this membership card. Please carry it with you, you may be asked to produce it.

Mr. A. E. Marsh, our Club President, has donated a trophy to the Club, we would like Club Members to write in and let us know what they would like to see it presented for. We would also like someone in the Club to design a Club Badge, will you please send your ideas and designs to The Secretary, South Staffs Sky-Diving Club before the end of this month.

Barbeque

The Club made only £20 out of the Barbeque, which wasn't bad but we have had plenty of good ideas on how to do the next one, much better we think amongst other things a group would have been much better.

Club Competition

Well its still the same six people battling away, but is a little reversed. Amanda West leads now (fiddle???) with Dave Powell and Ann Reed, Jim Fairweather, Ray Davies and Bill Ford seems to be poking his way through. Good luck to them all. We are very glad that Manchester are not in it because if they were then we are sure that the South Staffs would have to fight for a place.

Club Display

GOODYEAR AIR RACE, 1968. We are in the process of picking the best seven free fallers for the Club Exhibition jump at the Goodyear Air Race, Halfpenny Green. The Halfpenny Green Flying Club are paying the Club £1 for each jump made, and they have asked us to do 14 jumps, two Rapide loads. As well as paying us, they are buying each jumper a coloured smoke cannister at a cost of £2 5s. each, so you can see why we must have the seven *best*, qualifications to get into the Team are Category 7 Parachutist, have made at least two link-ups, we are aiming for a seven man hook up and burst away at about 4,000 ft. It should be very effective with smoke trailing behind us. Training for the Team starts this Sunday under supervision of Mike West, Ken Forsdyke and Brian Thompson.

Next Course

20th and 21st July. We already have eight people on this course but would like to have about 10. If you know anyone who is keen to do a jump then get him or her to write to Mike West, we need another 50 first jumpers by the end of the year to cover overheads and some more equipment.

Tony Rose

We welcome Tony Rose who was soldiering in the Far East, he will be with us for six weeks and we wish him lots of luck and hope he gets plenty of jumps in.

First Jumpers

Congratulations to Ron Townson, Phillip Taylor, Barry Bradford, Bryan Edwards, Diane Denby, Jim O'Neill, Colin Miller, all landed safe and sound and we're pleased to say near the target.

Sandown, Isle of Wight

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO GO. Mike and Amanda West are going to the Isle of Wight from the 6th to the 14th August. The only people who have let him know who are going are: Steve Talbot and Lynn, Dave Powell and Ann Reed, Paul Dean. If there is anyone else please write to Mike and let him know, he can fix some accommodation, or the boss of the Airport will let you tent it at no charge. One last thing if we don't have the Rapide Mike has fixed up an Auster at £5 10s. per hour, which should make cheap jumping. Static lines will only cost £1 a time.

Forthcoming Events

1st ANNUAL DINNER DANCE---Sometime in November.

BARN DANCE—12th October.

COURSES—7th and 8th September, 26th and 27th October.

DON'T FORGET

JUMPING EVERY WEDNESDAY

Stop Press

IS THERE ANY TRUTH IN THE RUMOUR THAT THE CLUB HAVE BEEN GIVEN A £200 GRANT BY THE B.P.A. TO BE PAID BACK IN SIX MONTHS, AND SIX RIGS ON LOAN?

Cyprus News

This newsletter fills in the gaps from October last year until June this year, and of course quite a lot has happened. No sooner had our October competition finished than clouds appeared on the Cyprus Political front. Although there was tension building up the free-fall world did not take too much interest, which is as it should be. However,

one day early in November as we were dropping students, a couple of Turkish Air Force F 104's flashed across the Airport at almost one hundred feet and not far short of Mach One. We had just finished a programme, otherwise we would have had some rather shaken students. We did manage to get Baxter Gavin of Benson and Hedges two jumps before he left for East Africa. He landed in the pit both times.

Unfortunately all light aviation was halted for nearly two months because of the political situation, so we had to kick our heels for a while. Everyone was pretty busy at work so the suffering was not as bad as it might have been. At the end of the doldrums Captain Ray Ryan arrived on the island thirsting for jumps. Thanks to Colonel Ken Wilson, our Defence Advisor in the Mission, we got started again just before Christmas. We held a very good club Christmas Party and also an AGM. We have developed a system for club meetings whereby the committee sit behind the bar and the members sit in front, after all if the members get dry throats they cannot argue, with the "well-wetted" committee members who are busy replenishing their tankards. Christmas saw the departure of Reg Ruston and Len Walton, both of whom are now jumping in the U.K.

In January and February we said farewell to the boys from the York and Lancaster Regiment, they have all done very well, particularly Geoff Ellis. During this period Ray took over as club secretary and what a great job he is doing. We now run training sessions in the garrison Gymnasium at Dhekelia every Thursday night and these sessions have produced a host of new members including one or two girls. Lets hope more girls come and have a go because all our latest additions have done very well. From Ray's sessions at Dhekelia, the club has gained Bill and Gladys Elliot, and Bill will soon be up to Ground Instructor standards. No doubt some of their old friends at Hereford will remember the Elliots.

The Committee now stands with the A.V.M. as President, myself as Chairman, Ray Ryan as Secretary, Hugh Bennett as Treasurer, Peter Kingston as Army Member and Stuart Cameron as R.A.F. Member.

We are very lucky to have Stuart and Peter out here and the club is now going to have a strong committee for the next years. We also have Tod Sweeney looking in now and again. On the instruction side we have Jan, myself, and Ray as qualified instructors (congratulations Ray), and we have Harry Parkinson, Joe Forster, John Jupe, Mike Forge, Hugh Bennett, and shortly Bill Elliot and Rod Cheyne as Ground Instructors. We also welcome a new Canadian Group under the auspices of Jerry Vida who sends his regards to all at the APA and RAPA. Jerry is a Canadian Instructor and was an instructor at RAPA so all in all we are fairly thick on the ground. With him are four very good jumpers, plus we hope many more from the Princess Patricias.

From the beginning of the year we have been concentrating on student training and publicity for the club. We have done a good 600 jumps this year, trained about 100 students, and we have done Press and Publicity Displays at least twice a month. We decided to run the first Cyprus Parachute Championships this Easter, with Ron Griffiths as Chief Judge and teams entered from all over the island. Benson & Hedges very kindly agreed to sponsor the Championships and very generously donated all the trophies as well as £100 towards the cost of the flying. They also made

sign boards, laid on refreshments for the public, printed the programmes and did all the advertising. The club carried out one little publicity exercise on its own and that was a jump for the Press at Nicosia by Jan, Mike and myself. We then had a beer in the club with the Press and Mr. Bill Jewell of Benson & Hedges. This produced a very nice article on the sport page of the *Cyprus Mail* about the championships. Stuart Cameron, and Fred Matthews of the B.I.S., did the honours. As we walked into the bar Stuart gathered us in a corner and quickly informed us that 'we were the first free fallers to travel at 60 miles an hour across the sky'. After all, Cyprus is not yet California! Anyway it was a very good prelude to the actual contest which secured us not only Press, but also TV coverage for we had a C.B.C. News Item and about five minutes on the Sports Programme a week or so later.

After the usual list minute flaps—including a U/S Radio in the aircraft, the championships got off to a good start in perfect weather. The winds dropped and the clouds rose on the morning of Saturday the 12th April, and we commenced the most successful weekend we have yet held. The contest consisted of an individual accuracy event and a team accuracy event. Two jumps in each—both to count, and a team of three jumping on one run-in for the team event. Novices could be spotted by an instructor. We had thirty-four individual entries and seven team entries.

The first day was taken up with the individual accuracy, both rounds were jumped off except for Jan, Hugh and myself. The second day was the team event, but the wind got up just as the first round was completed. As we had a large crowd we decided to put the display programme on earlier and the experienced people went up and did high lifts with smoke for the amusement of the crowd. Ron Griffiths was getting a pretty good sun-tan by this time, as were Jackie Sparkes and Steve Aniliades doing a fine job on the scoring and commenting. Jackie was also organising the competitors refreshments with Jenny Burley and Glad Elliot. These girls are worth their weight in gold and I do not know what we would do without them. Jay Bunyan was also doing good work on the DZ including organising a telephone.

As a climax to the day Ron and I went up for his 700th jump. I hope the C.O. is not reading this! We did a link from ten thousand and then landed in front of the crowd. For once we had a team with PC's the same colour and so it looked quite neat. The A.V.M. and Mrs. Knott and Squadron Leader and Mrs. Ted Nicasse (the C.O. of R.A.F. Nicosia), were up at the DZ by this time. Stuart Cameron was again doing the honours explaining what was going on.

The next item was Ray Ryan's "mass drop" of five jumpers from the Tri-Pacer and the two Colts for a grand finale, Ray did a beautiful stand-up on target which really impressed the crowd. The final fling was a very nice display of low flying by Spyros and Eleftheris of the Aero Club, which was so good that Mrs. Knott ended up giving the prizes out in the dark.

The final results were Individual Champion yours truly, 897 points, Hugh Bennett, 843 points, Harry Parkinson third, 830 points, with the team trophy going to the Royal Signals who did a very good jump indeed.

The ladies' trophy was won by Sandy Botterell, Sheila Beatty second and Cathy Craig third. Sheila was on her first jump.

Jan unfortunately had to use a LOPO and a PC on his jumps and thus was unable to obtain any continuity, otherwise he would have beaten the lot of us without a doubt. Ray, Jan and Ron Griffiths put in a great deal of hard work, and many thanks must also go last but far from least to Mr. Manglis whose land we jump on.

Nicosia was acting as Akrotiri that weekend but the local ATC were great and very few holdups occurred, and then they were unavoidable. The only time I was ever worried was when two Lightnings were given clearance for finals and we were still warming up on the runway. That old Tri-Pacer has never been off the deck so fast! We had a great barbecue and were highly honoured by the Knotts attendance. The R.A.F. Nicosia group, the RBQ's set up shop by the control tower and a late night shake session went full blast. Visiting aircrew were a bit shaken by all the bodies leaping around all over the road by the tower, and one lot reversed for a second look to make sure that it was really happening! Ask Ron and his Greenjackets—jumping is different over here.

Displaywise we have been very busy since Christmas Day, when we did a Santa Act, 500 kids all tried to empty Santa's sack at once and so we had to retreat to the roof of the fire truck—and even that got bashed in. We have done jumps for Dhekalia Gymkhana, the R.A.F. School Brownies at Nicosia, the Aero Club and a water jump for Larnaca Fair to mention a few. The other Saturday I had to do DZ for a display in my DJ so that I could be at the Queen's Birthday Party Reception on time. The following evening after the water jump watched by the whole of Larnaca we go up to the Town Hall in our weekend casuals for a kebab. Instead we find that we are at a cocktail party on the Mayor's balcony with a lot of senior officials and civic dignitaries and the first person we are introduced to is the C-in-C—Fortunately everybody understood or else it would have been rather embarrassing, especially as Harry Parkinson's plimsolls were still leaking sea-water.

Future plans are more members, purchase of the aircraft (now well under way) and eventually Peter Kingston to take over from me as chairman, (congratulations—his wife has had the twins). We are also hoping to set up a proper centre within the SBA somewhere. Ray Ryan and Hugh Bennett did well at the Army Championships and Ray is now an instructor. We plan to hold a big display contest in the late autumn so get training all you Red Devils, Falcons, and Golden Knights. We intend to push the invites out fairly internationally—so a strong British showing would be very welcome. We are hoping to see Don Hughes and Joc Reddick out here then so it should be a good session. What about some of the girls coming out and jumping for a holiday here—we've heard a lot about you—besides which, I want to see whether Gerry King has still got that writing on her wrist?

Malawi Rifles Parachute Club

The past quarter has been a fairly full one in Malawi and the Club continues to grow in strength and enthusiasm. We are kept fairly busy with students and have some quite promising ones on the books.

The Club has been able to reduce fees to 32s. 6d. (including equipment hire) for static lines and 5 second delays. Now that we have a turbo charged Cessna 206, delays from 12,000 feet in 30 minutes cost on average 35s.

The first link-up and water-jumps have now been done

in Malawi. These were achieved on 18th May, 1968, at Monkey Bay on Lake Malawi. Ingrid Price and Brian Gunn achieved the link-up and Roger Ker, Ingrid and Brian did water jumps into the Bay. This event was lived up by the presence of a hippo in the Bay and a very watchful eye was kept to ensure that one didn't do a stand-up landing in his throat.

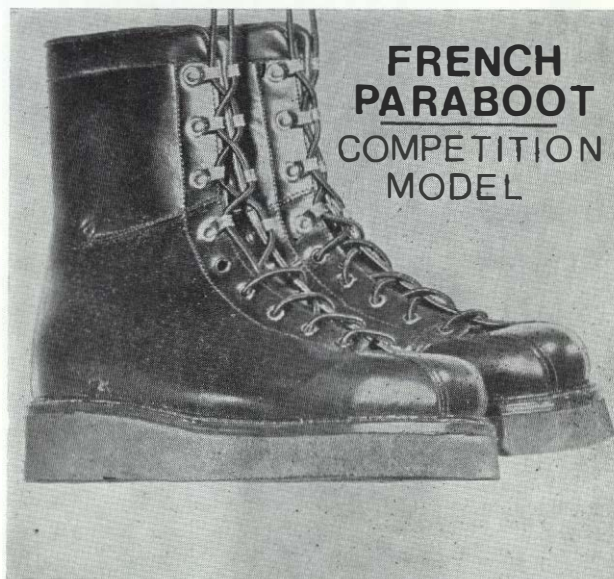
The weekend of 25th-26th May sees a team from Rhodesia visit us, including the Chairman of the Rhodesian Parachute Association, Buster Brown. I think really their visit is an attempt to find out our form prior to their Championships being held in Salisbury from 14th—16th Junc. Seriously though we look forward to their visit and hope to gain a great deal of knowledge from them. We have got them booked into an air show at Luchenza Flying Club. This should prove interesting as its only slightly larger than a pocket handkerchief.

We are expecting Rod Murphy, one of South Africa's most experienced jumpers to pitch up here any day with his para-wing and already some of our members are thinking of ways in which to get one.

Brian Pook has resigned as an instructor for personal reasons and we welcome Brian Gunn in his place. Ingrid will be celebrating her 150th jump this weekend and Brian Gunn and Roger Ker are fast approaching their 100th.

We are lucky in having a Government sawmill on Zomba Plateau and this week we have managed to put a two foot thick layer of sawdust on our pit. All members have to do now to get a soft landing is to hit it!

We have just lost a promising member in Sue Tayles of Nottingham, who is now in U.K. Before she left we fixed up a course for her at Netheravon but we have heard on the grapevine that she didn't complete it. However we hope that she is still jumping and wish her soft landings wherever she may be.



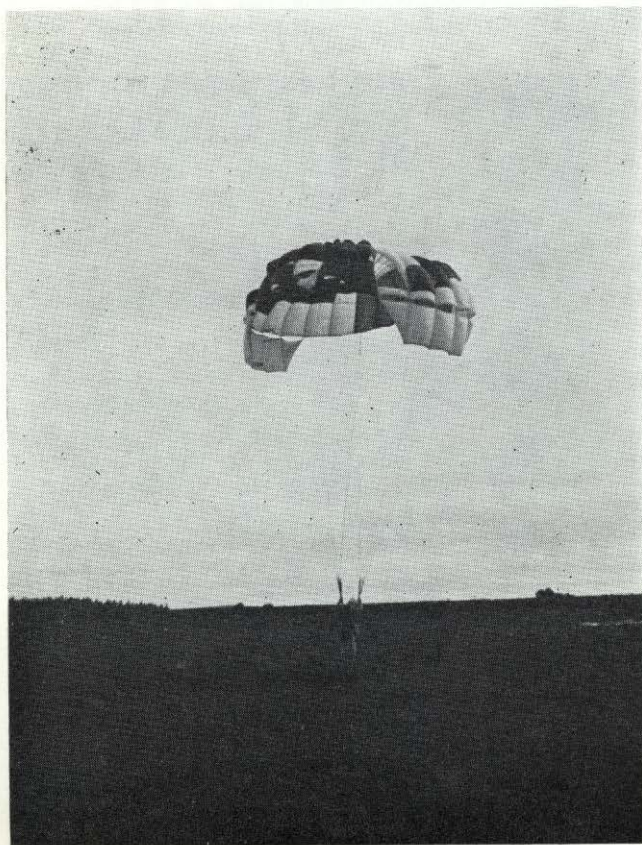
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Dear Sir,

Enclosed are some photographs which I thought you might be able to use in the magazine. I have put numbers on the back of each to help identify them!

Numbers 1 and 2, those of the single P.C., were taken at Strathallan in October, I think it was, last year. They were taken within seconds of each other on the same jump and the parachutist is an S.P.C. (Scottish Parachute Club) member. We'd been up at the airfield all day but couldn't jump because of high winds and low clouds. Eventually, in the evening, the weather improved enough and everybody piled into the plane for a swift plummet and I managed to get these shots.

The others, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, were taken on June 20th this year at an air display at Edinburgh Airport, R.A.F. Turnhouse, and the people are the Falcons. I know that the photos are not as close as those you normally print, but I thought you could use them as a sequence, Numbers 4, 5, 6 and 7 were taken literally within seconds of each other. Again there was bad weather. The Scottish Parachute Club did a demonstration jump at the start of the show and the Falcons were at the end. The cloud base was about 3,000 ft., I think, and there was a fair old wind blowing! But, I think the public enjoyed it!

Yours faithfully,

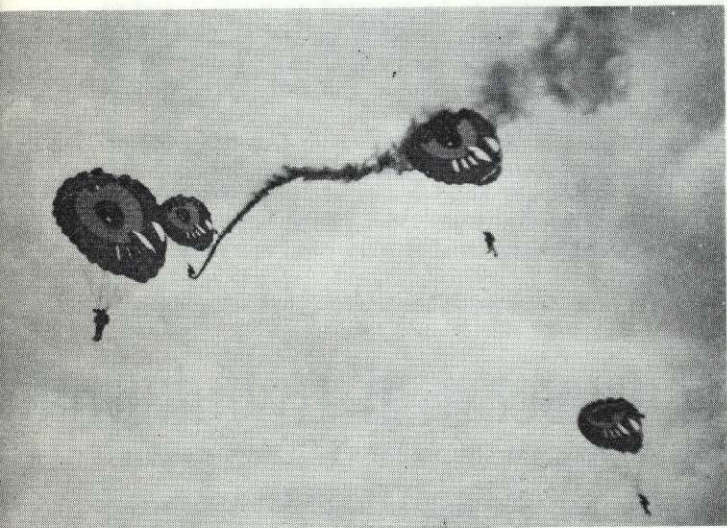
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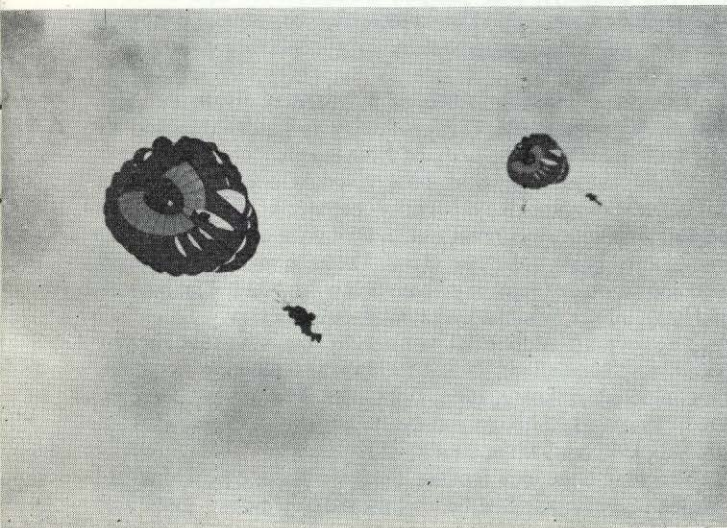
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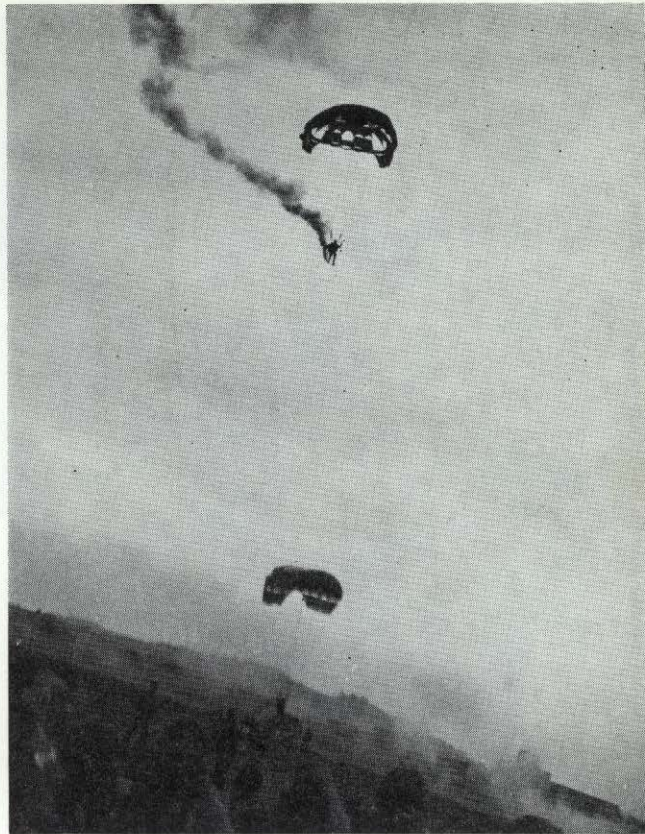
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Second in the Team event—an Anglo-American team. Candy and Bob Ranney from Arizona with Tony Unwin in the middle. Candy and Bob are hitch-hiking round the world from meet to meet. Candy won the Australian Ladies' Championship and Bob the Style event earlier this year. They'll be at the World Championships.

No two Scottish Championships have had the same proportion of competitors of different nationalities. In 1964, the Parachute Regiment dominated the scene; in 1966, eight of the fifteen teams were from U.S. Forces, Europe. This year, only one American Forces team was present; that of the 7th Army comprising Bob Donahue, Gus Gutshall and Bill Thornsberry.

Newcomers in 1968 included Bill MacLennan and Ronnie Scott of the Royal Highland Fusiliers, the first ever entrants from a Scottish Regiment. Their third team member was Jim Fairweather, who jumps at Halfpenny Green.

Bob and Candy Ranney from Arizona made up a team with Tony Unwin, that well known itinerant Anglo-Scot, Anglo-American, Anglo-Irish competitor. Bob and Candy, who did 2½ years parachuting in Australia, will not know it until they read this, but they were invited to lunch the day after the meet ended by the Earl of Dalhousie at Brechin Castle, where the Scottish Parachute Club President, Sir Fitzroy Maclean, was staying.

The S.P.C. fielded two teams new to competitive jumping, made up of: Alex Mills, Andy Howie, Jim

Liddle, Gordon Fernie, Andy Cuthbert and Dougie Gibb. Gordon Fernie injured himself in a heavy landing during practice jumping and had to withdraw from the competition.

A team from Dortmund, West Germany, with Michael Cramer, his sister Charlotte, and Helmut Dorka, flew in by Tripacer, but had to leave before the start of the meet, after receiving a telegram announcing sickness at home.

The start of the competition was delayed for four days due to bad weather. However, it was possible to finish the events between Wednesday 17th and Friday 19th July, before rain returned to prevent jumping on the public day.

The flying was done by Con Greaves from R.A.F. Abingdon in Seaglider's Cherokee 6, and Ian Cooper of Edinburgh Flying Club in their Cessna 172.

The Judges were: Peter Rayner, whose association with the S.P.C. dates back to 1960, and Dave Wells of 44 Para Brigade O.F.P. Roy Peake of U.S. 7th Army had come as a judge, but switched into the team, when Bob Donahue had to leave suddenly, posted to Vietnam. Unfortunately Roy had the only serious injury during the meet; a broken leg.

A record turnout of Scottish Parachute Club members allowed a shift system to be operated on the D.Z. and so, for the first time, Club members got in a considerable number of training jumps, during the Championships. Help was also given by Kerry Noble and Bob Burns, visiting from the Northumbria P.C.

Jim Basnett of the G.Q. Parachute Company demonstrated the Dominator sport parachute, then lent it to Reg Whittaker of 44 Para. Bde. to compete with. The S.P.C. is raising funds to buy four Dominators, so the canopy's stable handling characteristics were observed with interest at the target.

The Team Demonstration event, judged purely on

Scottish Invitational

audience appeal by a panel of Royal Navy officers, was won by Bob Reid's 44 Para Bde. Team (Bob, Reg Whittaker and Tex Baseley), who jumped from 3,000ft. and came in flying flags, wearing kilts, blowing bagpipes, dropping smoke candles, paper streamers, and miniature chutes with sweets attached.

The prize, a Giant Bottle of Whisky, equivalent to five normal bottles or one U.S. gallon, was kindly donated by Mackinlay-McPherson Ltd., of Edinburgh.

While the competition progressed, George Phillips of S.P.C. trained six Royal Navy personnel for their first jumps, which were carried out in fine style at the end of the week, and Meet Director Tom Dickson achieved a long held ambition by jumping from a Royal Navy Tiger Moth of 1935 vintage, piloted by Lt.-Cdr. Eric Taylor.

The overall individual winner of the Chandy Trophy was Gus Gutshall of U.S. 7th Army, following on from G. Goetzke 7th Army, 1966; T. Jickells, Special Air Services, 1965; P. Wenk, U.S. 8th Infantry, 1964; A Tyre, Golden Knights 1962 and Mike Reilly, U.K., 1961.

The first Scot was Ronnie Scott of the Royal Highland Fusiliers. Previous Scottish winners have been: 1966 and

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Tom Dickson—meet Director, “posing” for the press. Tom is currently Chairman of the Scottish Parachute Club, who organise the Championships.

Gus Gutshall—on his final jump in the Championships. It looked as if it hurt! Gus is the Chandy Trophy individual winner, and team Captain of the 7th Army Team who won the Chandy Bowl.

Gus Gutshall (U.S. 7th Army Team) and L/Cpl. Ronnie Scott of the Royal Highland Fusiliers. Gus is Individual winner of the Chandy Trophy and Ronnie the Scottish National Champion. They are holding “replicas” of the trophy.



Parachute Championships

for the Chandy Trophy and Chandy Bowl
RNAS ARBROATH, 1968

by Tom Dickson

RESULTS

CHANDY TROPHY—INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

1st	MSG	G. Gutshall	U.S. 7th Army	1612.6 pts.
2nd		B. Ranney		1555.1 pts.
3rd	SPEC. 4	B. Thornberry	U.S. 7th Army	1501.2 pts.

CHANDY TROPHY—SCOTTISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

1st	L/C	R. Scott	Royal Highland Fusiliers	1475.9 pts.
2nd	W.O. II	R. Reid	44th Para. Bde. Ofp.	1337.7 pts.
3rd	Cpl.	W. MacLennan	Royal Highland Fusiliers	1144.6 pts.

CHANDY TROPHY—TEAM CHAMPIONS

1st	U.S. 7th Army Parachute Team	2890.4 pts.
2nd	Anglo American Team	2785.0 pts.
3rd	Royal Highland Fusiliers	2420.1 pts.

TEAM DEMONSTRATIONS

1st	44th Parachute Brigade Ofp. Parachute Team
2nd	7th U.S. Army Parachute Team
3rd	Anglo American Parachute Team
4th	Scottish ‘B’ Team
5th	Scottish ‘A’ Team
6th	Royal Highland Fusiliers



Candy, the Scottish Championship pin-up. Candy Ranney of Arizona was the most attractive competitor at the Chandy Trophy Meeting. Gus Gutshall challenged her title but was unanimously out-voted!

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1965, Bob Reid, R.A.O.C.; 1964 and 1962, Dr. Charles A. Robertson, S.P.C.; 1961 J. McDiarmid, S.P.C.

The Chandy Bowl was won by the U.S. 7th Army Team. This prize donated in 1965, was won in 1966 by U.S. 7th Army "A" Team, and in 1965 by the Special Air Services.

The Scottish Invitational Parachute Championships 1968, was rounded off by a dinner at the Clifftown Hotel, Abroath, where the guests of honour were Club President, Sir Fitzroy Maclean, Bt., M.P., and Dr. Charles A. Robert-

son, Founder, first Chairman and Life Member of the S.P.C.

Sir Fitzroy Maclean joined the Special Air Services in the Middle East in 1942 and was parachuted into Yugoslavia in 1943, to assist Tito. Sir Fitzroy remained in Yugoslavia organising partisan warfare until 1945. He was approached by the S.P.C. and became Club President in 1967. He is at present Member of Parliament for Bute and North Ayrshire.

Dr. Charles A. Robertson was Club Chairman from 1960 to 1965, when he departed to practice medicine in Canada. His last official meeting with the Club had been at his farewell dinner in 1965. The timing of his reappearance was so neat that the gap of three years seemed to vanish, and by midnight one could have sworn that the 1965 festivity had taken up again where it had been left off. By then of course no-one was even sure which day it was, or which way was up.

The Scottish Championships are now biannual. The location of the 1970 event is not yet known. The Club is very grateful to the Royal Navy for the hospitality received at Arbroath over the past four years, and would like to take this opportunity to thank Captain Mott and his staff for their kindness and co-operation in 1968. The future of H.M.S. Condor is in doubt and it may have closed by 1970. If it is possible to go back for one more time, the Club would like to do so. If not, then another location will need to be found.

By 1970 it may be possible to include style events in the competition and so broaden its appeal. Any suggestions as to the composition of events will be welcomed by the organisers.

The last word is reserved for the Chandy Bottling Company, to thank them for their generous donation towards the provision of prizes and the administration of the meet, without which it would be difficult, if not impossible, to run it; and thanks again to Mike Pearce, P.R.O. for Chandy, for his continued interest and support over the years.

See you again in 1970; somewhere in Scotland.

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Parachuting as I feel about it

by a B.P.A. Member

Inspired (if that's the word) by David Pierson's plea for criticism and comment on the BPA in particular and parachuting in general, here goes!

I have not used the title "What I think," because if ever a sport was "all in the heart" this is, and I have never yet met two jumpers who felt the same about it.

David kicks off by saying that 1968 sees the BPA and its members entering the year in a position of real strength, and so forth. Do we honestly accept this? There's no doubt that the average competitive jumper or topline is doing fine and improving all the time and that a fair supply of genuine talent is or should be coming along, but the general picture is not really one of an expanding, swinging space-age sport but one of a small band of selfish disorganised enthusiasts hemmed in by restrictions which are increasing almost daily and possessing no national prestige or status value whatever. The unfortunate state of affairs affects all the super-experts as well as the ordinary back-runners like myself. The question is, why is it all so, and what's to be done? Of course cash (that almost non-existent commodity) is at the very root of our troubles, but what about the BPA itself? To my mind there seems an immense gulf between the most impressive list of officials and members, and the apparent performance thereof. The old saw about "justice must not only be done, but be seen to be done" seems to apply here, and no error. In spite of the publication of the minutes, contact between the BPA Council and the members seems shaky to say the least. So I must strongly disagree with the suggestion that we should not stick to set dates for Sport Parachutist. We need more "gen" and to be certain when we're about to get it! Not less!! D.P. wants constructive comment, but boy it is difficult not to be destructive! I feel that the task of the BPA is so demanding that only folk who can put in really regular appearances, and make a lively showing, should be around.

I have always been one of the civilian types who tried to ensure that the civilian/military distinctions in parachuting are completely eliminated, and I feel that the present situation is very good indeed in this respect, but are so many middle-aged non-jumpers with impressive service titles the best answer? Perhaps they are? Some of them must be too well fed, too old and too complacent, and with many other interests to be what we need. I have never believed that "rank" or a seat on the board (the civvy-street equivalent) made a man out of a monkey. Don't take this personally, gents! Unless you feel the cap fits! The next obvious conclusion is that apart from the council proper, the Secretary General must be for all public purposes the BPA itself. So we need a really live, dynamic type with a flair for public relations and one who can

overcome the ennui induced by being cut off from the world in the BPA office! Have we had it, and are we going to get it? The honest answer tends towards the negative. I don't even know the next Secretary's name (be honest, you've forgotten it!) but I had to ask to get it in the first place!! Neither do I know (officially) why we're apparently suddenly so hard up! "I liked Letts" but was he the best man for the job? I doubted it, and many were unpleasant and tactless enough to be much more blunt about it. So he got fed up (and I don't blame him) and off he went. As I've said, we need a superman for our money, so the first thing is to see we get one if humanly possible.

Next point, Dave Waterman says he thought we had some friends in high places. He is well placed in his profession to know enough about human nature to know that some of the better jumpers, reasonably placed in the sport, could never get a friend in a high place anywhere, unless it be the Deity! They're too selfish, ill-disciplined and uncouth not only to strangers, but to each other. Notice I didn't say deliberately unpleasant. I do hope Dave is wrong about our not being ready to get MOD airfields, even if there aren't likely to be any! I see no bad thing in joint civilian/service centres at Netheravon and Weston, but there's room for other DZ's and we want to keep 'em. I never feel satisfied that East and North-East Anglia has been sufficiently explored and drained without anything to show. So what I need is a bright and breezy BPA, ditto with knobs on Secretary General, more co-operation amongst jumpers (surely one of the most self-centred sections of the community on God's earth!) and I like a lot of them well in spite of it! Good public relations and "gen" for outsiders' enquiries. As for technique, it's excellent, but please let's have no more instructors who are keen, safety conscious, expert in every way, until it comes to dealing with human beings. Then flop, utter and complete. The result being a lack of confidence in the student and depression all round. Learners most of all need nourishment not punishment. Too much wastage amongst jumpers without driving 'em away! Offenders please note!

Another thing that irks me is the short-sighted outlook that jumping is the only thing in the world. Of course it isn't. It's marvellous, wonderful, exhilarating, etc., etc., etc., but once it's not priority No. 1 (or 2 or 3) that's it!! Remind the super-crank (you get 'em in all pursuits) the world is so full of a number of things from love-making to fishing. Somewhere, someone enjoys them too. So don't put a man in the doghouse because he doesn't jump a thousand a year, or even at all! When the keen boy stops or eases off, he's the same as the rest, then he begins to be rational. Well there it is folks, wot a rambling old mess, but sort out some of these points, and we'll do better!



Eltringham, Samler and Stratford exit the 180 at the 1967 Championships in Rhodesia.

In view of your request for articles contained in the Christmas edition of "Sports Parachutist" I thought that perhaps you might like to hear a bit about jumping in Rhodesia. We did at one stage consider re-naming our club and instead of being The Rhodesia Skydivers Club we thought of changing it to The Rhodesia Rebels Skydiving Club. We reluctantly decided against this as in the not too distant future the name might have become a misnomer!

So, the Rhodesian Skydivers Club we remain. We are based at a small airfield about 10 miles out of Salisbury called Mount Hampden where we have our clubhouse and at which point we congregate at weekends. We have a following of about 40 jumpers and many more social members. The club was the first in the land and commenced activities somewhere back in 1957. Since then a couple more clubs have sprung up, notably the S.A.S.



One of the two Zambian teams, Marzari, Nelmapuis and Higgins.

Individual 1967

Skydivers together with the "Saints Free-Fall Club" both of which are military clubs and both of which join us at weekends either because their following is too small or through an acute shortage of suitable aircraft.

Because of various administrative and technical difficulties, which club hasn't got them, the regular Cessna 172 we had until December last year has failed to materialise this year and we are only jumping off and on at the moment when we can manage to scrounge an aircraft from the local flying club. Because of this "troublesome" situation we had only one course to follow and at the moment negotiations are taking place for our own 180.

The 172 is great for kicking up the sand around the disc but not very good for relative work. Consequently we have a club of great accuracy jumpers but very few relative workers and stylists. The few we do have have got more money to throw around and because most jumpers always seem to be broke we have only got a very few! Our jump costs from the 172 to 5,000 feet are £1 12s. 6d. which includes the use of a club rig and when we are lucky enough to get hold of a 182 or 206 an 8,000 footer can cost anything up to £2 15s. As a result every jumper really gets maximum value from each jump and even though numbers of jumps go up relatively slowly the standard is pretty good. Although the club actually formed around 1957 it only really got a fair following and became active about 3 to 4 years ago and because of this, the restrictive ceiling of 5,000 feet on the 172 (remember that's 10,000 asl here) we only managed to get our first 2-man and first 3-man in the last 6 month period. The first 2-man was made by Dave Parks and Frank Hales from 5,000 ft. and the first 3-man (the fourth only in the whole of Southern Africa) by these two again and Rod Murphy from South Africa.

We charge students £10 to join the club and this includes all aspects of training and use of club equipment. Each year thereafter subscription rates are £5 per annum and 3 guineas per social member per annum. Our training programme is pretty comprehensive and each student must



John Benham : Individual Accuracy Champion, Rhodesian Championships 1967.

Bernie Massyn : Natal.

Rhodesian Accuracy Championships by Keith Samler

complete a minimum of 20 jumps, including 5 static line jumps, before he gets his General Permit. We have no follow up licencing system to the G.P. and it is assumed that a G.P. can do anything. This is quite ridiculous of course and never works in practice. However the newly formed Rhodesia Parachute Association which will control the sport in future instead of D.C.A. is in the process of altering this to a more sensible system, and we now have the very desirable situation of parachutists controlling parachutists.

The club owns quite a fair amount of equipment and apart from quite a few personally owned rigs the club has something like 20 LL and TU, (majority of the latter) rigs most of them being ex-U.S. Army surplus C.9 canopies with a sprinkling of G.Q. Our first P.C.'s arrived early last year and these only due to sponsorship. I think that perhaps considering the number of jumpers in the country we have more sponsored rigs per head than anywhere else I can think of. This sponsored rig business certainly is an admirable state of affairs and at present we have three sponsored P.C.'s with two more en route. At £150 per time it took our Chairman "Buster" Brown some doing but it certainly was worth it.

Since these arrived and the lads started using them I am afraid to say that wives and families, girls friends, etc. etc. started losing out and I am happy to say that about half a dozen P.C.'s are now privately owned. I really went daft and bought a Crossbow "piggyback" system—but with P.C. canopy—and have never looked back. Needless to say our accuracy work has improved considerably.

In April last year we promoted a spot landing competition and invited teams from South Africa and Zambia. The Portuguese team were unfortunately unable to attend but we managed to get 42 jumpers competing altogether. None of us had had any previous competitive jumping experience so our placings of sixth (myself), ninth Dave Parks and 13th Buster Brown stood up favourably to the Springboks. The overall winner was John Benham with an average over three jumps from 3,500 ft. of 8ft. 6in. with a P.C. so I was

quite happy with my 12ft. 3in. with an old cheapo after only 90 jumps.

The South African lads said that the Championships were the best organised they had ever attended and so we felt justly proud of our first attempt. Apart from the lousy weather and the tragic death of two jumpers while performing a relative fun jump the weekend turned out to be a great occasion. We are holding a similar event in June this year shortly after the South African Nationals.

The event was held over a week-end beginning on the Saturday at mid-day and finished at last light on the Sunday. In all about 200-odd drops were made and as the event was simply accuracy each competitor was allowed four drops and only three to count. Interspersed between the spot jumps were a few 8- and 9-thousand footers. These were very few though as the weather closed in on both Saturday and Sunday—needless to say Monday was clear as a bell—and on Sunday Morning the first lifts away were making hop and pops from about 2,200ft. The P.C. boys were somewhat apprehensive but apart from one reserve opening prematurely due to opening shock of the main there were no malfunctions. It was primarily a fund raising scheme for our own aircraft and being the first such event ever in Rhodesia we managed to make a few hundred pounds on it. We lost a good few more because of the weather and because of this we have set June down this year as we can guarantee no cloud.

The following (see page 27) is a list of the results and although the distances are not impressive they are considerably better now after a year on P.C.'s.

Stylists here are just about non-existent, mainly due to the fact that we cannot get a decent height to practice from but the one or two of us interested in competitive style jumping are making the best of a bad job and at the moment after a little bit of practice I have managed to turn out a reasonable series in 13 seconds and as soon as we get our own 180 more and more of the guys will be practising. Our big trouble has been lack of experienced jumpers to

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Each day's jumping was rounded off by a mass jump from the S.A.S.

instruct and in fact everything we know at the moment has been learnt more or less by trial and error and only recently have we been able to gain some good experience from the experienced South African jumpers.

Nevertheless, let me not decry our standard too much as we are not very far behind South Africa and I feel that we could give a reasonable account of ourselves anywhere and to this end moves are afoot to get a team across to the World Champs in a couple of years time. We obviously wouldn't get anywhere in the placings but our jumping would benefit tremendously from the experience we would gain.

Safety standards here are high and I think it is to our credit that over the last three years—I haven't got the exact figures—there have been only two reserve deployments, both from total malfunctions. The first was mine on 18 jumps when the top pin in the B4 pack jammed down into the cone as I got out onto the wheel after sitting with my back to the instrument panel in the 172 and the second by a student about a year ago who reckoned it wasn't necessary to look at the handle when pulling and consequently grabbed some harness which he found a poor substitute for a ripcord. He opened his reserve and smashed his foot on landing and has not jumped again. B.P's over the same

period you can count on two hands. The most serious one necessitated only sixteen patches and one complete panel.

Since 1960 when a young girl was killed on her first jump, I can remember reading about it in the British press at the time, we have had two fatal accidents, Terence Daly and Eric Rule from South Africa and Zambia respectively who were killed at our 1967 Championships. They collided whilst tracking in to an already formed 2-man and were either dead, certainly unconscious, when they hit the ground. They were fourth and fifth out of the aircraft and the odds against this happening must be colossal. An official enquiry was held and a report compiled. (If your association should be interested in the details of the accident a copy could possibly be obtained for your information).

Although our club is managed as a non-profit making organisation — we only accept donations! — money for equipment and our own aircraft has to be found somewhere. To raise this money various functions are arranged such as dances etc. However this sort of thing brings in very little so our main money making ventures take the form of show jumps around the country. These take place mainly at the numerous agricultural displays and run normally for two or three days. Three to six jumpers put on

the skydiving display and as these jumps are always taken out of expenses there is normally no lack of willing participants. Some of the D.Z's at these shows are really hairy and I remember one where the D.Z. measured about 30 yards by 30 yards with three 150-foot radio masts on the upwind side, the arena surrounded by public stands and side shows etc. and the downwind side comprising the cattle pens. All three of us made the arena O.K. but our ground controller who was busy with the radio didn't notice the very considerate gentleman place the six foot length of steel 4in. piping across the cloth target because the wind kept flapping it, and upon which I executed a rather painful PLF. The gentleman concerned was politely informed that 4in. steel piping was not the sort of thing jumpers made targets out of. Anyway I still consider a few bruises small price to pay for a weekend of free grog!

At the Salisbury agricultural show, the biggest show of the year the club usually makes about £250 to £300 and on top of that a number of large firms have donated trophies and shields for which the jumpers can compete which certainly makes things interesting for the crowd as they love to see a guy trying to steer a cheapo between a 6-bar show jump and the water jump (horse jumps that is) and not quite making the water.

Periodically the club travels up to Lake Kariba for a weekend of water jumping and this is really good fun mainly because it is impossible to miss the water. I say this because just outside Salisbury is a small lake and one of the boating clubs, situated in a small creek there often ask us to jump in for tea, and on the first occasion I went along I managed to find a beautiful thermal which very promptly took me back up to 3,500 from 2,200 and I finished up bouncing like a yo-yo in an 80 foot tree at least half a mile from the water. Apart from being clad in only life jacket, tennis shoes and swimming trunks it took 2½ hours to get the chute out of the tree by which time I had missed tea!

About 18 months ago on a trip to Kariba Brendon Whitehead jumped from 21,500ft. over the water and was officially timed at 109.1 seconds. The plane he used was an unsupercharged Cessna 206 and Kariba was chosen as it is the lowest part of the country being only 1,200ft. asl. Some weeks before this jump he did a cutaway just off shore in front of the township which stands another 1,200ft. above the water, but so many old dears fainted and had palpitations that this practise has since been discontinued.

Our public image in Rhodesia is improving all the time but many people still insist that there can be no genuine enjoyment in the sport and class us as daredevils etc., etc. Considering the size of the population in Salisbury we have an incredibly high membership but it will take a long time before people stop calling us daft. Troubles we have, which para-club doesn't, but nothing insurmountable and as soon as we have that 180 the club, indeed jumping generally, will really get a firm foothold and the improvement is going to be something worth watching.

If any of you "Pommies" and I use the word endearingly because I am also one, ever venture this far into the world look us up as we are always interested to meet new faces and learn. We have a great place here and nothing ever happens, sometimes I wish it would as it would at least make things lively. So, from the sanction-torn land of the rebels (the joke must surely be on Harold) I bid you adieu and Happy landings.



Rob Ender receiving 1st Team prize from Mrs. Dunlop, wife of the Minister of Transport and Power. The Minister is our club President.

RESULTS

		Individual				(Average over three jumps)	
1	Benham	...	...	...	...	8ft.	6in.
2	Massyn	...	...	...	...	8ft.	8in.
3	Murphy	...	...	...	...	8ft.	8in.
4	De Jager	...	...	...	...	9ft.	10in.
5	Swanepoel	...	...	...	...	11ft.	9in.
6	Samler	...	...	...	...	12ft.	3in.
7	De Jongh	...	...	...	...	17ft.	7in.
8	Ender	...	...	...	...	18ft.	9in.
9	Parkes	...	...	...	...	19ft.	4in.
10	Petheram	...	...	...	...	25ft.	11in.
11	Chivers	...	...	...	...	26ft.	5in.
12	Cresswell	...	...	...	...	26ft.	6in.
13	Brown	...	...	...	...	34ft.	3in.
14	Clarke	...	...	...	...	34ft.	8in.
15	Slatter	...	...	...	...	35ft.	6in.

Team

- 1 NATAL (Pietermaritzberg): De Jongh, Ender, Bronner.
- 2 AERO CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA: Massyn, Swanepoel, Schmidt.
- 3 SOUTH AFRICAN SKYDIVING CENTRE: Slatter, Murphy, Galbraith.
- 4 S.A.S. (Rhodesia): Parkes, Chivers, Simmons.

Massyn, Swanepoel and Schmidt with the runners-up team trophy.





(Left to Right): Captain Peter Schofield (Team Leader of the Red Devils), Tim Byford (B.B.C. film director) and John Noakes (Star of B.B.C. TV's "Blue Peter") discussing the problems of camera jumping at Pau. (Note Peter Schofield's "Blue Peter" badge!)

Right

Top: John Noakes exits from 3,500 feet over Pau.

Bottom: John Noakes shortly after exit from 3,500 feet over Pau.

Photos by Charles Shea-Simonds 1/500 @ f16 Tri-X.

Le Pierre Bleu en France

G. C. P. Shea-Simonds

Recently I was fortunate enough to have been asked to take air-to-air film of John Noakes of BBC TV's "Blue Peter" during his first free fall descents. Originally I viewed the job with some misgivings, as sometimes it's bad enough indulging in air-to-air photography with experienced jumpers. (There was the memorable occasion I jumped at 900 feet over Thruxton as the photogenic instructor concerned had omitted to wave me off). However, I need not have worried as John turned out to be, without doubt, the most "switched on" student I've ever seen, and the assignment was drama-free!

The first attempt at Netheravon was dogged by bad weather, although we did manage to film John on his 2nd, 3rd and 4th free fall descents, which provided enough material for the programme; the highlight of which was John's remarkable commentary, which many experts wrongly assumed had been added afterwards.

As a result of this, it was decided to go to Pau in France, which is the French Military Parachute School, and here do some further jumping with the Red Devils, who were training for the Army Championships.

In spite of the cost of TV licenses going up, the BBC couldn't afford to send out more than three of us; John Tim Byford (the director) and yours truly. The journey out, via Paris, was a story in itself as Tim, complete with beard, was mistaken for a rioting French student! The train journey through the night provided little sleep and we

finally reached Pau at about midday on the Tuesday.

Pau is the parachutists paradise with fantastic weather and scenery (with the Pyrenees close at hand), and a singularly mature and progressive outlook on parachuting as a whole. Over a quarter million descents were carried out there last year and during the second morning we saw 1,200 descents between 8 in the morning and 12 midday! The highlight of a spectacular demonstration we saw on the first afternoon was 60 free fallers in the sky together from 14,000 feet—an unforgettable picture.

Soon after arrival, John was bundled into the Rapide for his first descent at Pau and I took still photographs of this jump from the aircraft. Later in the day, a second jump after John had gahhed 40 winks to recover from the train journey, and this, together with the remaining two jumps the following morning, provided interesting material for the free fall cameraman! John surprised everyone with his remarkable progression and the general feeling was that another poor sucker had been bitten by the bug!

After an equally hectic journey home by three different airlines, the first being in a Rapide of TWA (Teeny Weeny Airways) we arrived back home to pouring rain on the Wednesday evening. Our thanks go to the French Army and the Parachute Regiment Free Fall Team for their hospitality during our lightning visit and we think it necessary at this stage to squash the gathering rumour that "Blue Peter" is shortly to take up where "Ripcord" left off.





*Left, top to bottom:
Sherdy Vatnsdal with Gerry King, Sh
Tony Born.*

*Above:
Tony Dale.*

*Right, top to bottom:
Rapid load.
Norman Addison.
Bob Swainson.*

*Below:
Ken Maplebeck.*

Photographs taken at Weston-on-the





herdy's 1,000th descent.



-Green, by Doug Peacock.



My first month up North

by Charles Shea-Simonds

When you've never been further north than Oxford you get some pretty odd ideas about what goes on up there in the Sport Parachuting world. Well, now I'm "up there" and parachuting-wise it's been one of the most interesting months I've had.

My first descent was at the Teeside Carnival with the Red Devils, which was an interesting jump, in marginal winds, on to the race course. Luckily the wind was blowing down the course and we all managed to land between the railings safely enough.

The following Wednesday I took up the Manchester Skydivers' offer of going over and seeing them at their mid-week beer-up. This is a really thriving little club which made a newcomer to the North feel very welcome. John

Partridge, the Treasurer, and John Cook, the Secretary, do a grand job running this club who jump at Halfpenny Green under Malcolm Reid's instructions. After such a friendly evening I resolved to visit them as soon as possible at Halfpenny Green.

The weekend after this was Easter and I had been asked by the Northumbria Parachute Club to instruct for them at Usworth, near Sunderland. George Russell is the secretary here and Turner Fielding the Treasurer. The President of the club is George Bamborough who owns and runs the Flying Club with his son Lee. The welcome and hospitality that Sarah and I received up here were out of this world. We had the use of a Cessna 172 flown by Ted Hemsley, and Aussie Power and myself dispatched 22 lifts in two days of fine weather. I did a jump for the press on the Sunday as the winds were up for the students; this resulted in a photo and good publicity for the Club in the *Newcastle Journal*. All these things, together with the enthusiasm of all, the quantities of ale consumed and George's magnificent steaks, made the weekend truly memorable.

The following Sunday I journeyed down to Halfpenny Green to see the Manchester Skydivers and the South Staffs Club. Andy Anderson from 22 SAS was instructing as was Malcolm Reid and Mike West, and they were kind enough to allow me to dispatch a couple of lifts myself. Another grand day's jumping even if the last high relative jump did result in an interesting trip back to the airfield!

The next Wednesday I was up at Newcastle where I was to do a display, solo-type, to mark the opening of a new motel at Knowesgate, near Kirkwhelpington. As I was on my own, I decided to do something a little novel and managed to get a Union Jack flying behind my P.C. A grand jump from Ted Hemsley's 172 which was followed by more splendid northern alcoholic-type hospitality!

The next day, a long drive down to the APA Centre at Netheravon for a long weekend to film John Noakes of B.B.C. TV's "Blue Peter" doing his first few free fall descents for the programme. Anyone ever tried doing relative work (with a cine-camera helmet-mounted) with a guy on his second five-second delay?! It was good to be at Netheravon again and all the Thruxton crowd were in evidence as the Brown Bomber was being See of Aied!!

Back up North again to find a letter from Barney Ward kindly inviting me to go and see the North Lancs Club at Lancaster which is next on the priority list.

This all sounds a little like Jennifer's Diary but is really designed to inform all you Southerners that there's a good deal happening up here. The basic problem is the shortage of instructors, so if any instructor wants to sample this Northern parachuting hospitality, I can guarantee they'll have a great weekend. So please come on up and see us; after all, Sunderland is only 328 miles from Thruxton!



Viewpoint-May 1968

by T. O'Neill, BPA No. 1655

With 1968 marching steadily on, what an unexplicable contradiction and misrepresentation of facts we are met with in the "Editorial" of our Spring issue of Sport Parachutist! We are told that "1968 sees the BPA and its members entering the year in a position of real strength. Every year, is a leap forward from the preceding one . . .", and in almost the *next* line (tears please) comes ". . . what worries me is the lack of facilities at home for ordinary jumpers."

Well I never! If I had no real idea what Mr. David Pierson was prattling on about, I would conclude that he certainly didn't—perhaps he may like to untangle this messy contradiction of facts in the next issue—just for those who like myself do not possess a degree in literary ability. In actual fact the entire comment is absolute nonsense. How on earth can we be increasing our yearly popularity when almost every year without fail another one of our cherished clubs is axed for some reason or reasons best left unsaid.

Over the last three years the list of civilian clubs that have been *allowed* to pass on into oblivion is alarming. There must be well over half a dozen in the midlands and southern areas of England alone, and as Dave Waterman vividly points out in his more realistic comment it seems highly likely that that corner stone of English sport parachuting namely British Skydiving is well on the way to joining them.

It doesn't take much common sense to appreciate what B.S.D. at Thruxton has meant to sport parachuting, particularly during the past five years. Without beating about the bush, Thruxton was looked upon as an unofficial "National" Centre where anybody was made extremely welcome and weather permitting jumping took place without hinderance.

What then have we the BPA done about this catastrophe (and it jolly well is, make no mistake about that), well let me tell you—like the rest of those unfortunate clubs aforementioned, **NOTHING!**

It is really sickening isn't it? Dave Waterman again points out that we are supposed to have friends in high places. If this is so then they are no more than damned useless and should be politely given the boot. IF we cannot hold on to what we already have, how in heaven's name are we supposed to be thinking of a brand new National Centre? The whole complex is utterly ridiculous; with all the problems involved together with our internal balance of payments it resolves into one of those games which our current Government are so fond of playing—chasing your own tail.

Running parallel with this matter also in the Spring issue of our journal comes the heart rending story of how our finances cannot meet the cost of forming a National Team unless a means of subsidy is found—and indeed Mike Turner has asked us all to donate a small amount towards this goal.

Well after the tears had receded and my red eyes strained to read this plea again, I could not for the life of me understand what is going on. Here we are with no worthwhile jump centres in the southern part of England

other than Netheravon and Weston (both for military use only) and all our efforts appear to be concentrated towards the formation of a National Team, leaving a deficit of some £800 or so in our coffers. The whole idea is absurd.

Of course every single one of us would like to see a team entered for both National and International events—we have the talent and no doubt we could give a praiseworthy performance, but as the exercise takes so much of our bank balance and effort, then the hard truth of the matter is unfortunately that we must withdraw financial support. I know this line of action is against the present course set by our committee but that's exactly what it is supposed to be.

Give us the clubs and centres first so that we can participate in our HOBBY at weekends without fear of any restrictions except the weather, and when all is running smoothly on the domestic routine jumping front, then I am sure every one of us will give our support to the concept of forming a regular National Representative Team.

As an afterthought it must be added that obviously if we are going to doggedly pursue this "pie in the sky" vision of a National Centre then it seems very likely that owing to the usual overwhelming mass of obstructive measures which normally go hand in glove with such projects, then we simply will not achieve anything but a waste of time and expense.

The solution is simple (not without problems of course, but nothing ever is)—make use of what we have at present. Main contenders?—how about Halfpenny Green or Weston for a start.



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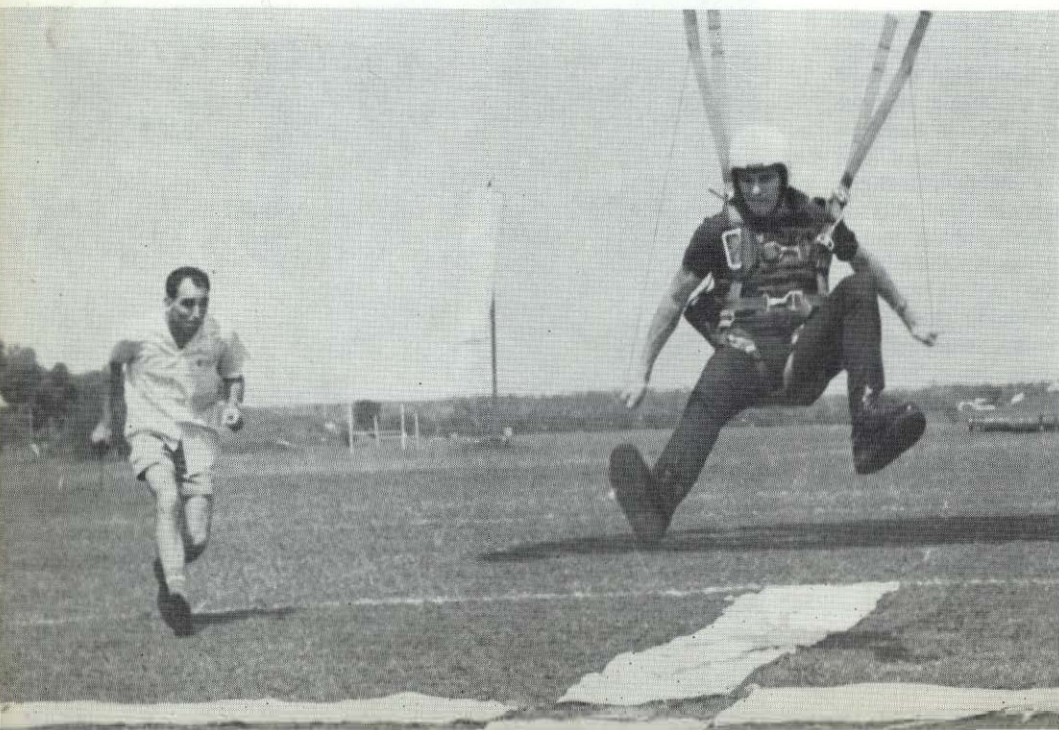
After a great deal of argument over what should constitute this year's Championships, they finally took place with a bang on the 4th and 5th of August. All events were accuracy and there were a record number of entries: 7 in the open event, 22 in the senior event, 9 in the novices, and 7 in a beginners static-line event—which public opinion decreed should take place.

Mysterious is the only adjective that could be applied to the weather. The surface wind varied from zero to 15 m.p.h. while the 2,000 ft. wind, remaining strong, swivelled drastically throughout the two days of the competition. The result of it all—jumpmasters and parachutists could often be seen shrugging their shoulders helplessly with question marks on their faces, the Commonwealth Free Fall Club from Malacca walked off with the first places in the Senior, Novices' and Beginners' Static-Line Events, the Open Event went as a foregone conclusion to a member of the Australian National Team, John Fraser, with two D.C.s, and the Team Event fell by a very narrow margin to the R.A.F. 'B' Team. The tricky weather conditions seemed particularly apparent in the Team Event—there was at least one Z.A.P. or drastic miscalculation in every single one of the eight teams! A further result of the weekend was that everyone seemed absolutely "shattered" after a weekend in which 172 jumps were performed. However, everyone recovered sufficiently to enjoy a "pot night" two nights later at the Singapore Flying Club. The closest jump of the Competition went to Mick Squires who crunched in at 15 cm., beating by 3 cm. a rather daintier jump by "Smokey" Furness.

Just to show the progress in accuracy over the last



Above: John Fraser going for a D.C.



Jack O'Donnell of the Australian team reaching for the disc. Intensive fichting by Bill Hough.

year: the distances that would have got one to third place last year would have meant tenth place this year. Those who have maintained the image of a "Mickey Mouse" set-up in the Far East might have been surprised at the number of P.C.s and Patches that were being aired over Malaysia this year! In the Championships, there were ten and five respectively.

One disgusting fact did emerge from the Senior Event, however. In first place came "Sticky" Windwood from the Malacca club with a very nice run of 1.70, 5.09, 1.40 and 1.85, jumping a C9 TU. In second place came Alan Skenerton jumping a LoPo—also a TU. Following these, led by Kevin Dinneen, came a phalanx of Patches, P.C.s, and Conquistadors! Patch and P.C. drivers alike consoled themselves that they were still learning how to get their D.C.s. Anyway, special congratulations to Sticky and Alan.

The Competition once again took place at Kluang on ground as hard as concrete—we are still unable for airfield reasons to acquire a pit. Once again, as seems to be the tradition at the Kluang Championships, caution got thrown to the winds and competition landings on to the rock hard surface on and around the Cross seemed to be the order of the day. Surprisingly, there was only one injury over the entire weekend and this honour, perchance, fell to O'Donnell of the visiting Australian Team who managed to break a thumb.

Our thanks must go to the three pilots of the weekend: Don Spiers, Kit Blewitt, and Terry Kelly. Those who have been out in Singapore will have heard of Kit's recent propeller losing episode. Kit was flying back to Singapore from Batu Pahat when, just north of Johore Bahru, the propeller just fell off. By a superb piece of airmanship Kit got the Cessna down on to a very narrow road on a canal bank. Only the presence of a 'mouth open' Chinaman on the road centre line impelled Kit to swerve off and damage the aircraft. Anyway, this is digressing—the three pilots did a great job over the Championships and, what with the two Cessnas operating non-stop for two days and the numerous visiting and filming aircraft, Kluang looked rather like the scene of a flying regatta.

What else is happening in Malaysia? Steve Silander did a magnificent "cutaway" from under his malfunctioned Patch and made a very clean opening under his unsteerable 26 ft. conical. He was very unlucky in that on landing the only thing he can remember is striking a pylon 15 ft. up at what seemed great downward speed. Numerous visitors to Changi Hospital have since found him muttering about LoPo, 28 ft. or even 35 ft. reserves. Hope to see you out soon, Steve!

Our instructor problem seems to have eased somewhat—but not, it might be added, because of any outside help—as Christ Herbert's work commitments have eased sufficiently to ensure that he can always be available to put our first static-liners and first free fallers. Thus our bottleneck trouble seems to have gone. Another easing factor is that new students have been coming in a steady flow rather than in big monolithic blocks. However, while the Chief Instructor sits perpetual and indomitable on his Far Eastern throne, Secretaries come and go—"strutting their hour upon the stage"—before leaving for the misty land of moonmen. In March of this year we witnessed the fade out of Roy Ransley and in December Tony Oliver will be setting off on a two month overland journey via India, Afghanistan, etc., etc., to the land of U.K. Come to think

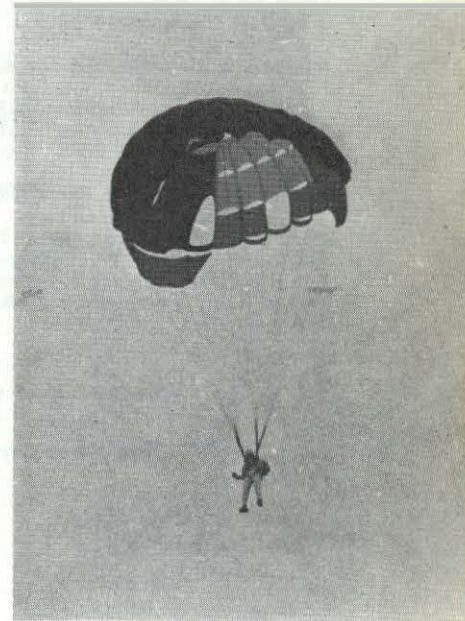
of it, are they jumping P.C.s in Afghanistan?

Oh yeh, man, hi there baby! muscle-man ("smoothie") Wheller has just left for the U.K. after being extended for two weeks to take part in the Championships. We did notice that for some reason, over the last few months, he seemed to be on *every* lift. Rumour has it that he is going home to sort Bobby out.

A special word of thanks to Reenie Herbert for keeping the Association floating on indemnity certificates, medical forms and records, and also for feeding so many people so often. Reenie has been for a long time our most active lady jumper—in terms of publicity coverage Reenie can claim more for a recent display jump at Kuala Lumpur than the rest of the members put together throughout the year.

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Chris Herbert jumping his Keyhole Patch.



Below: A very good try by Mike Deakin of the Royal Air Force.



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Tony Oliver wangled himself on to a HALO Course with the Americans at Okinawa. How he got on he never did say! We think perhaps he knew somebody. Anyway he came back fairly quickly to get some jumping in.

So far this year (6th August) the Association is two short of 900 jumps—so we are not doing too badly. Since the beginning of '68 something like 30 newcomers have been introduced to the sport ("introduced" in this context means doing at least one static-line jump) and we have had numerous visitors from overseas. Constitution-wise, with

our fairly even mixture of navy, marine, army, air force, and civilian members—all existing at the moment without any violent arguments—we are probably more "joint services" than ever before.

At a higher level we have just exchanged Chairmen. Lt. Col. Carr has just left for England—he takes with him our sincere thanks for the great help he has given the Association and the vast reserves of patience he has exercised over the last two years. In his place we welcome Lt. Col. Goss who—rumour has it—will be a jumping chairman.

Joint Services Sport Parachuting Association (Singapore) Open Championships 1968 Trophy Winners and Results

TROPHY WINNERS

Open Event Overall Champion J.S.S.P.A.(S).

Overall Champion: Fraser, J. (Aust.). Runner-up: Stafford, B. (Aust.).

Senior Precision Landing Event, J.S.S.P.A.(S).

Winner: Winwood, C.F.F.C. Runner-up: Skennerton, J.S.S.P.A. Third: Dinneen, J.S.S.P.A.

Novices Precision Landing Event, J.S.S.P.A.(S).

Winner: Palmer, C.F.F.C. Runner-up: Lawrence, J.S.S.P.A. Third: Cooper, J.S.S.P.A.

Beginner's Static Line Event, J.S.S.P.A.(S)

Winner: Barr, C.F.F.C.

Open and J.S.S.P.A.(S), Team Event

Winners: R.A.F. "B" (Dinneen, Squire, Oliver). Runners-up: R.A.F. "A" (Teasdale, Furness, Thomas).

Closest Jump Competition J.S.S.P.A.(S).

Winner: Squire, J.S.S.P.A.

RESULTS

Closest Jump of the Competition

Squire .15

Open Event Overall Champion

Final Name Pos'n	D'cent 1	D'cent 2	D'cent 3	Aver. Best
1 Fraser J. ...	DC	DC	2.2	DC
2 Stafford B. ...	.20	2.49	—	1.34
3 King ...	.22	4.16	—	2.19
4 Stafford J. ...	6.26	4.55	—	5.40
5 Millard ...	ZAP	8.30	—	N/A
— O'Donnell ...	DC	R't'd	—	N/A
— Moir ...	3.92	R't'd	—	N/A

Senior Precision Landing Event J.S.S.P.A.(S).

Final Name Pos'n	D'cent 1	D'cent 2	D'cent 3	D'cent 4	Aver. Best
1 Winwood ...	1.70	5.09	1.40	1.85	1.65
2 Skennerton ...	31.58	4.79	5.42	3.65	4.62
3 Dinneen ...	6.96	1.12	6.11	25.00	4.73
4 Deakin ...	32.00	9.20	3.60	2.63	5.14
5 Thomas ...	3.88	4.19	8.42	ZAP	5.49
6 Oliver ...	12.44	3.64	24.24	3.24	6.44
6 Herbert C. ...	6.76	16.50	3.61	8.95	6.44
7 Heburn ...	8.00	6.27	ZAP	5.95	6.74
8 Squire ...	11.60	11.64	.15	ZAP	7.74
9 Furness ...	5.70	21.08	.18	ZAP	8.77
10 Todd ...	13.00	8.29	10.21	ZAP	10.40
11 Teasdale ...	13.98	8.83	11.18	ZAP	11.33
12 Hanratty ...	19.12	ZAP	11.34	4.30	11.58
13 Crissel ...	15.30	18.50	13.88	9.63	12.93
14 Collins ...	17.48	10.54	25.45	ZAP	17.80
15 Henry ...	26.49	24.35	10.16	ZAP	20.30
16 Wheller ...	49.00	11.65	8.00	ZAP	22.80
17 Reynolds ...	2.85	18.57	65.94	ZAP	29.12
18 Guignard ...	11.54	ZAP	28.83	ZAP	ZAP
— Vinales ...	4.96	ZAP	R't'd	—	N/A
— Herbert R. ...	12.57	R't'd	—	—	N/A
— Mardle ...	ZAP	ZAP	R't'd	—	N/A
— Perry ...	ZAP	R't'd	—	—	N/A

Novices Precision Landing Event J.S.S.P.A.(S)

Final Name Pos'n	D'cent 1	D'cent 2	D'cent 3	Aver. Best
1 Palmer ...	25.71	11.85	11.63	11.70
2 Lawrence ...	51.18	26.85	4.70	15.77
3 Cooper ...	45m.	26.12	ZAP	16.00
			Re-jump	
			5.88	
4 Rickard ...	55.00	ZAP	6.85	30.90
5 Linnell ...	85.00	22.84	43.36	33.10
6 McDermott ...	65.00	47.55	R't'd	56.27
7 Malcolm ...	21.50	ZAP	R't'd	ZAP
8 Batten ...	ZAP	65.00	ZAP	ZAP
9 Frazer ...	ZAP	76.74	ZAP	ZAP

Beginners' Static Line Event J.S.S.P.A.(S)

Final Name Pos'n	D'cent 1	D'cent 2	D'cent 3	Aver. Best
1 Barr ...	ZAP	15.63	ZAP	15.39
			Re-jump	
			15.15	
2 Levenspiel ...	84.50	17.81	ZAP	17.92
			Re-jump	
			18.03	
3 James ...	ZAP	15.25	14.90	32.50
4 Keen (MR) ...	ZAP	11.30	ZAP	37.05
			Re-jump	
			62.80	
5 Walker ...	ZAP	71.80	13.00	42.40
6 Yealding ...	ZAP	47.16	41.00	44.80
7 Keen C. ...	ZAP	85.35	21.88	53.12

Open & J.S.S.P.A. Team Event (Precision Landing)

Final Pos'n	Team Name	Jumpers	Dist.	Aggregate 3 Jumpers
1	R.A.F. "B"	Oliver Squire	28.35 5.52	39.00
		Dinneen	5.13	
2	R.A.F. "A"	Teasdale	3.28	42.27
		Thomas	16.12	
		Furness	22.87	
3	Comwel 2	Mardle	14.63	75.33
		Palmer	2.39	
		Hepburn	58.31	
4	Joint Services	Wheller	20.20	77.78
		Henry	59.83	
		Deakin	8.75	
5	Army	Collins	4.17	ZAP
		Guignard	12.81	
		Linnell	ZAP	
6	Comwel 1	Reynolds	24.39	ZAP
		Hanratty	ZAP	
		Winwood	27.75	
7	Australian	Moir	ZAP	ZAP
		Millard	ZAP	
		Fraser, J.	2.2	
8	Royal Marines	Skennerton	ZAP	ZAP
		Chrisell	ZAP	
		Todd	ZAP	

Parachuting in France

by Diana Parker

There have already been articles written in our magazine about the merits of French jump centres, but I still think they can never be given too much praise. I am fortunate enough to be working in a city which has an active parachute club in its suburbs, allowing people to go jumping during the week after working hours.

Bordering the Rhine and Germany, Strasbourg is the seat of the Council of Europe, giving her a number of foreign inhabitants, made more international by overseas students at the large University.

The Parachute Club of Alsace is based at the Aerodrome du Polygone, an expansive area bordered by would be hazards, a lake, small woods and tall apartment buildings, the field itself constantly used by model aeroplane enthusiasts and the Gliding and Aero Clubs. From time to time the Army make practice drops from a Nord Atlas holding up the impatient sport parachutists for what seems to be hours: one day the liaison between the two parachuting authorities went haywire and I was in the Dragon for an hour, circling at 2,000 metres, waiting for the Nord Atlas to drop its load, needless to say everyone was thankful for fixed jump prices!!!

Jumping in Strasbourg is a six day a week affair lasting, weather permitting, until sundown. The eight place Rapide (called a Dragon by the French) takes off over the Rhine, skimming the near countryside of Germany to turn in over the city. The ride is made comfortable by two bench seats and double doors which close to keep the draught out.

There is always a continual flow of students and round canopies are a common sight, but with the vast experience of the instructors and their fluent knowledge of the terrain and winds, I have never seen one land off the airfield; the students work so hard with the risers that many succeed in making the pea-gravel.

The French are very serious in their approach to the sport and the more advanced jumpers work very hard at free-fall, perfecting manoeuvres before progressing. Consequently, at this club, there is not much relative work done: however last year I took advantage of the constant height (2,500-3,000m.) to do relative work with the "Chef de Centre" while George Perlowski took photographs. This year though, all my high jumps have been style with *critiques* from the instructor who follows me out, or from another on the ground. This *critique* is invaluable and in most cases I have been lucky enough to go up again immediately and try to correct my faults.

Because of its proximity to Germany, the Club has a number of regular members from that country, as well as a small group of keen jumpers from the Canadian Air Force about 25 miles away. From time to time, Americans come down from the 7th Army when their plane is not available, the sky is then filled with more colours as the French chutes are still the standard red and white. On

weekends parachuting forms a great attraction for the Strasbourgeois, who descend in great hordes when it's fine to surround the pit and generally get in the way of the non-steerable chutes, but the French don't lose their tempers until they start crossing the runway when a plane is about to land or take-off!!

Two-week courses are run here during the summer, and although there is no accomodation at the Club, one can stay in a cheap hotel for parachutists or camp on the airfield, using the large club tent or one's own. There are packing table as at Chalon, and a well-furnished clubroom with bar, always full of a "joie de vivre."

Foreign visitors have to pay 62 Frs. insurance, as at Chalon, and are expected to produce their licences and log books of course.

British Parachute Association Parachuting Statistics 1967

Number of descents by members

(a) Great Britain ...	18,639
(b) Overseas Clubs	6,362
Total ...	25,001

Injuries Sustained

(a) Fatal ...	1 (abroad)
(b) Severe ...	26 (M) (14 abroad)
(c) Slight ...	33 (N) (14 abroad)

Parachute Malfunctions 41 (O) (9 abroad)

Reserves Deployed

(a) Intentionally ...	60 (30 abroad)
(b) Non-intentionally	5 (1 abroad)

K. R. C. Letts,
Secretary General.

Notes:

(M) 13 broken legs	(N) Minor injuries
7 broken ankles	
1 broken arm, leg	(O) 16 PC.
and ribs	13 LL.
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2 chipped ankles	4 Unknown
2 torn ligaments	

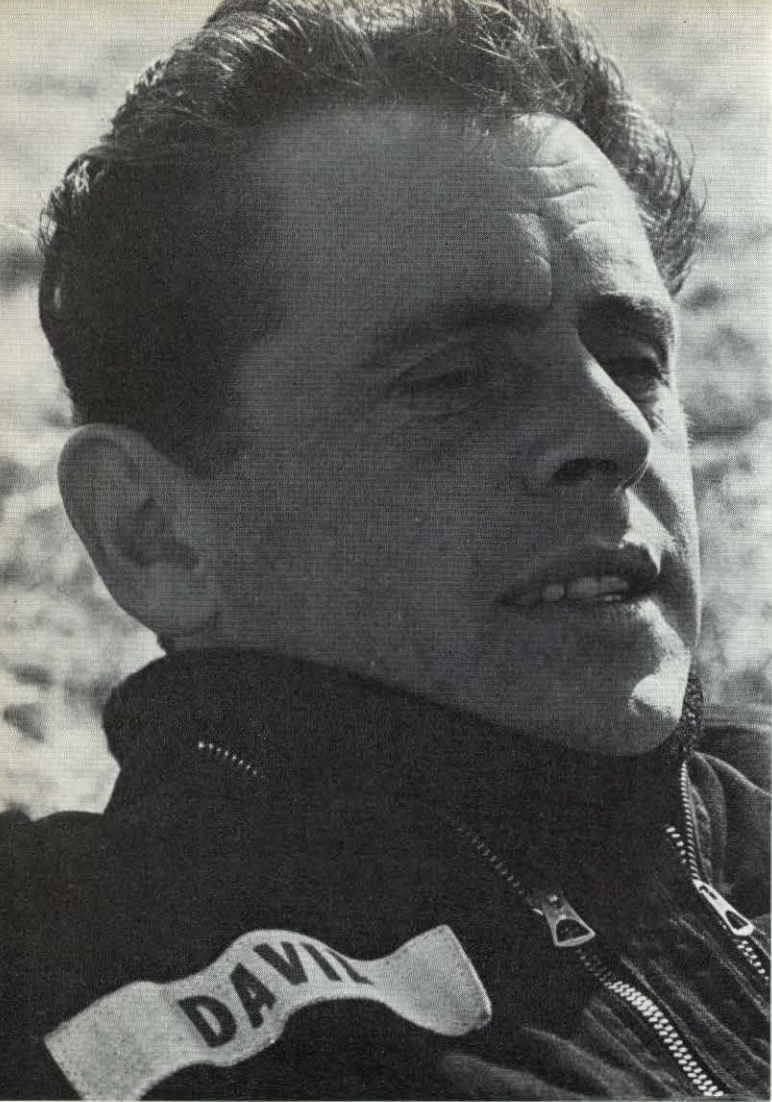
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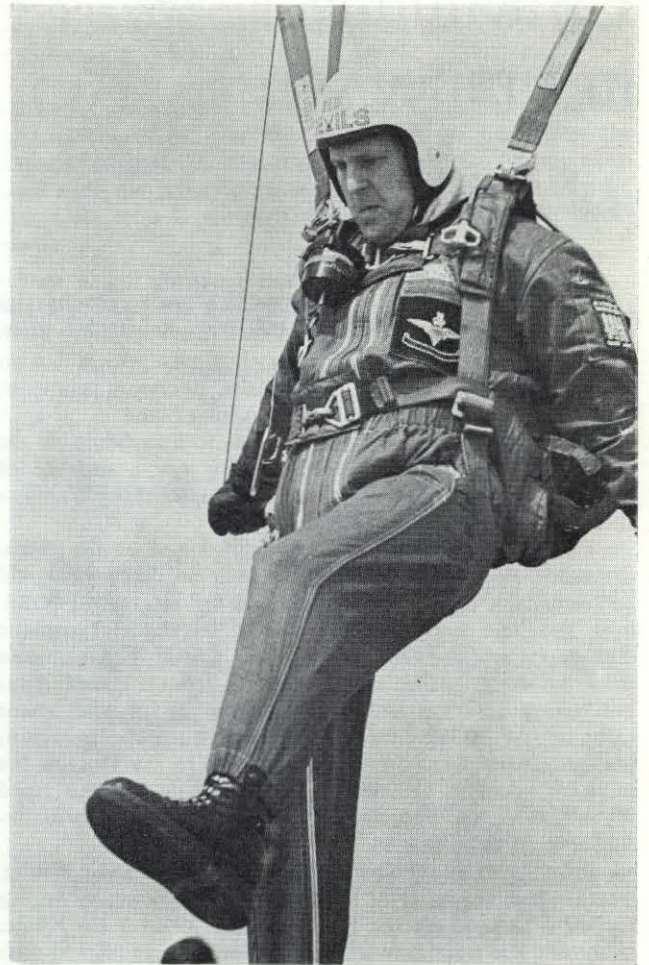
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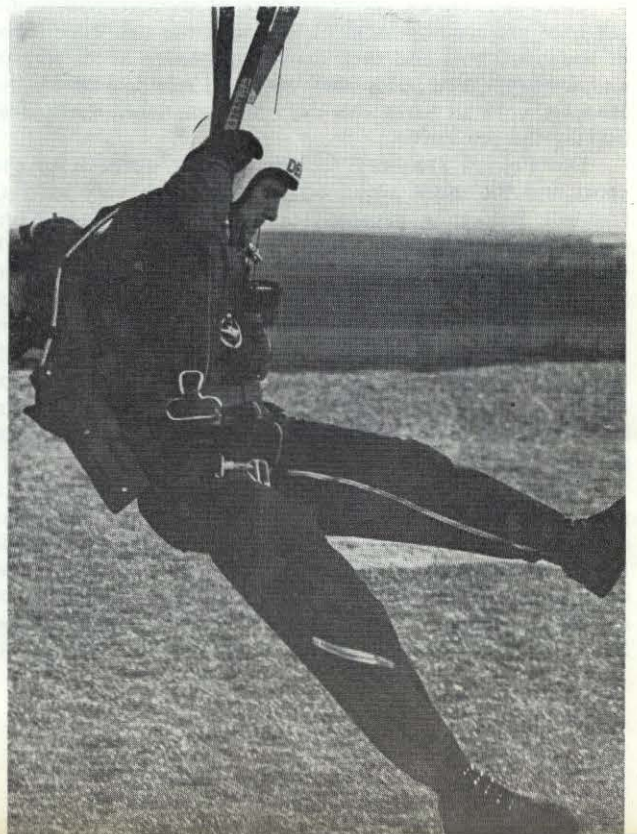
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Army Parachute Association

News Letter 1968

1. Annual General Meeting

This meeting was held at 18.00 hrs. on Thursday, 30th May, 1968, at the APA Centre.

The following were present:

Brigadier P. D. F. Thursby, O.B.E.	Chairman
Major G. B. Hill	Secretary
Major J. G. Clark	Championships Director
Major G. C. Stacey	Aircraft Secretary
CSMI D. Hughes, M.B.E.	Chief Instructor
Captain B. S. Schofield	Red Devils

LCpl. Scott	1 R.H.F.	Sgt. Milligan	4 PARA
Gnr. Melville	7 R.H.A.	LCpl. Pollitt	4 PARA
Pte. Cathro	1 PARA	Cpl. David	2 PARA
Gnr. Kemley		Pte. Bramhill	1 PARA
	40 Lt. Regt., R.A.	Sgt. Griffiths	1 R.G.J.
Cpl. Ellis	1 Yorks & Lancs	Sgt. Card (PSI)	R.C.T.
LCpl. Acraman		Sgt. Anderson (PSI)	
	65 Sqn. R.C.T.		3 R.G.J.
Sgt. Carr (PSI)	7 R.H.A.	Pte. Power	2 PARA
LCpl. McLennan	1 R.H.F.	Lt. Bennett	261 R.Sigs
Cpl. English, R.E.M.E.		Lt. Cangley	1 Glos.
	Para. Sqn. R.A.C.	Gnr. Cook	7 R.H.A.
Sgt. Russell	4 PARA	Cpl. Maddy	R.E.M.E.

Unidentified on Check Sheet: Mickey Mouse, Pinky, Perky, Dracula.

The Chairman opened the proceedings by thanking the Committee for their efforts in organising the Championships, stating that from what he had seen, it appeared to have gone extremely well and everyone had enjoyed it. He went on to state that he proposed to review events over the past year and then throw the meeting open for comments and suggestions for the future.

The review covered many aspects, the first being that it had now been decided that, with the exception of some 20 specialists from 22 SAS and Para Bde, there was NO military requirement for Free Fall Parachuting. Thus, all hopes for recognition and establishment as a Military Free Fall Training Centre were finished. We have had to re-think our aims and policy and were now officially recognised by the Army Sport Control Board as a sport, and with the able assistance of our President, General Harington, were now firmly established at Netheravon. We retain the Packing Hangar, but will probably move into a new Aircraft Hangar at the end of the year. We will inherit proper living accommodation with the established messing and catering facilities already in existence in Airfield Camp.

1 *Army Champion 1968—Brian David studying opponents' form during the Precision Landing event.*

2 *Judge Pete Sherman lands on his 1,000th descent. When are the B.P.A. going to produce gold wings for this achievement?*

3 *Rapt concentration as Keith Jones goes for the Disc.*

4 *Keith Jones about to place his foot on the Discs.*

It will be seen, therefore, that there is absolutely nothing to be gained in an amalgamation with the RAFSPA at this stage, and the whole project is being shelved until we put our house in order.

The time has now come to take on a full time Secretary, and it is hoped that by the end of the year we should have a retired officer filling the post and being paid for from the Army Central Fund. This RO, based at Netheravon, would take over the normal day to day running of the Centre from the Administrative side, as well as handling the flow of paper. This in turn would relieve CSMI Hughes from the problems of rations, etc., and release him to spend more time as the Chief Instructor.

The Parachute Regiment had reviewed the Red Devils Display Team, and had come to two conclusions: firstly that, although they drew great crowds and were a great asset to recruiting in the Army as a whole, they did NOT in fact recruit for the Regiment in particular, and secondly, with the slowing down in recruiting for the Regiment, the display team was a luxury they couldn't really afford in manpower. Thus, it was proposed that the Army should sponsor a Free Fall Display Team based on Netheravon and properly established, paid for from recruiting funds. This proposal was currently being passed from desk to desk at MOD.

The Chairman then called on the Aircraft Secretary to report on the year's activities.

Major Gerald Stacey stated that we now are the proud owners of four aircraft, three Rapides and one Jackeroo:

a. *Hotel Oscar*, had been re-engined with Queen II engines, which gives a 20 per cent better performance, the variable pitch propeller gives a better rate of climb, and most important is much safer, thus should HO lose an engine just after take off, the new engine would give the pilot room to manoeuvre; with the old engines the pilot would be obliged to land in a straight line! These engines are considerably cheaper as they come from Proctor Aircraft which are on the market at about £300, as opposed to buying one Queen III engine at £1,000.

b. *Delta Lima*. A very sound plane with two engines nearing end of their life; there are good spares backing for these engines.

c. *Tango Mike*. This was purchased very cheaply from the Red Devils after their crash. Although it looks a mess at the moment, it will be rebuilt very shortly. All the spares required for the job, including wings are in the stores. This aircraft may be fitted with the new Queen II engines, and when NOT being used for courses at Netheravon, will be available for hire.

d. *Jackeroo*. This aircraft has been purchased as a 'Hack' vehicle, for cutting down the hours spent on the road by CSMI Hughes and other members of the Staff. It also has the advantage of taking two parachutists up for a jump, when it would be uneconomical to wheel out a Rapide.

Generally, the aircraft side is in very good order, and the Rapides have at least ten, and possibly twenty, years of work left in them. It is thought that CSMI Hughes has

gathered together about the largest spares backing for Rapide aircraft in the country.

Before throwing the meeting open, the Chairman gave a brief resumé of the financial state of the Association. It was apparent that the accounts were in good order and showed a healthy balance. Our income was dependent on Nuffield Trust and Rothman's, who had just agreed to repaint HO for £250, and had allocated a further £250 to purchase advanced canopies. Much of the money shown in the credit balance was, of course, earmarked for future expenditure in the form of Certificates of Airworthiness, etc.

The meeting was thrown open to questions from members of the Association.

The first question dealt with the possibilities of obtaining Parachute Courses at Pau. The Chairman stated that about 19 vacancies per year are offered, but obviously they were allocated to the very small band of Military Free Fallers previously mentioned, and were allocated by 16 Para Bde. Captain Schofield added that any vacancies obtained by the Red Devils were on another net and paid for by themselves.

Major Clark thought that from a purely sporting aspect, the courses at Chalon were a better bet. Pte. Power asked what size the proposed Army Recruiting Free Fall team would be. The Chairman stated that it was thought to be 31, all ranks selected from volunteers on a one or two year tour. These volunteers would be trained up to 100 jumps with Service aircraft based at Netheravon with a cash allocation of around £6,000 for parachutes and equipment.

It was pointed out by many that there was a requirement at Netheravon for advanced training, and that those who had completed the basic course wished to continue training in Style and relative work.

The Chief Instructor stated that each basic course accepted more advanced students, but experience showed that few applied. It was generally thought that this may be due to lack of publicity. The Chairman agreed to look into the matter at the next Committee meeting.

There was a general request for information on Exercise Parashoot 1968.

The Chairman stated that, although the tactical exercise was a great success last year, it was asking too much for an understaffed Sports Centre to run a repeat performance, and that anyway, it gave the wrong impression to laymen that a Military Free Fall operation of this type could be undertaken by novice parachutists at the drop of a hat. He had thus given the responsibility to his Staff at 44 Para Bde (V) and intended to run this as a second Novices Sport Parachute Competition, introducing the comparatively new sport of orienteering as a combined second event. Details would be published in Command and District Orders any day now.

Pte. Power asked whether the Jackeroo could be used to give flying lessons. The Chairman replied NO, the aircraft had a role to play at the Parachute Centre, and that anyway he thought that 2 Wing would quite rightly query yet another activity on a small airfield which already supports four types of flying. We were NOT, and had NO intention of becoming, a flying club.

Lt. Bennett queried the fact that the weekend appeared to be dominated by civil club jumpers and that military jumpers were being eased out. Statements in protest to this statement were heard from many quarters.

Sgt. Carr stated that during the weekend in question, he had been responsible for marshalling, and any approved jumpers who arrived wrote their names on the blackboard provided, stating the delay times required. There was NO question of a take-over bid—it was the most practical way for the smooth running and full sticks per lift.

The Chief Instructor added that he had never known or heard of a soldier being turned away or asked to give up his place on an aircraft, and added that if it wasn't for civil members arriving, there had been times when they would have been unable to fly the aircraft through lack of numbers.

The Secretary added that relationships between Service and civil jumpers had, only eighteen months ago, provoked angry statements at BPA meetings. Relations were now cordial, and this had been brought about by give and take on each side. As we were all BPA Members, the idea was to work together as closely as possible to promote Sport Parachuting for as many as possible without, of course, losing sight of our own Charter.

The Chairman closed the discussion by stating that we offer two vacancies per course to the BPA, and that he had noted that at the last BPA Meeting, the only discord had been generated by the Royal Air Force announcement that Weston-on-the-Green had now been closed to civil parachutists.

The question of the Shop arose; members seemed to think that it had died a natural death. It was pointed out that the display cabinets were NOT in use owing to a security problem, but would be back in evidence in due course. Para boots were on order and should be here in about a month, selling at about £7. The attention of members was drawn to the fact that the APA tie had arrived and was on sale from Mrs. Button.

Major Clark suggests that more girls should be encouraged to take up the sport with a view to forming a National team, and suggested we contact the School of Physical Training and offer courses to girls who have an aptitude for gymnastics. The Chairman thought this a good idea, but suggested we wait until we have suitable accommodation to offer.

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

2. Committee Meeting

The next Committee Meeting will be held at Netheravon on Wednesday, 17th July, provisionally at 14.00 hrs. Confirmation of time and Authority to Travel, will be sent with the Agenda.

3. Cyprus Combined Services Parachute Club

Adrian Hill reports continued progress and consolidation of their position at RAF Nicosia. They now have a large bar, locker room and an office; the bar being ably run by Mrs. Jackie Sparkes. A packing section with two tables and a thirty-metre jump pit; not including private equipment, the Club owns twenty mains and 14 reserves.

The Command structure has altered and now reads:

President: Air Vice Marshal Ronnie Knott, C.B.E.,

D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C.

Chairman: Mr. Adrian V. Hill.

Secretary: Captain Ray Ryan, R.E.M.E.

Treasurer: Lt. Hugh Bennett, Anglians.

C.P.I.: Sgt. Jan Sparkes, R.A.F.

Army Rep.: Capt. Mike Forge.

R.A.F. Rep.: Sqn. Ldr. Stuart Cameron, R.A.F.

Flying Rep.: Sqn. Ldr. Todd Sweeney, R.A.F.

It is thought that now Adrian Hill has a first class club organised, he would rather leave the Staff work and do more instructing and jumping and is busy persuading Major Peter Kingston (Late Captain, Red Devils) to take over his rather hot typewriter!

There is a project afloat to buy an aircraft for the club and hire it out to the Cyprus Aero Club with Todd Sweeney at the controls.

Mr. Manglis—a prominent citizen has allowed the use of his ploughed field as a DZ just off the airfield, which will be a great boon to student parachutists. It is hoped the club's parachutists will not again be mistaken for Enemy Agents sneaking in!!

4. Parachute Association of Malawi

The Malawi Club are now planning to hold their Parachute Meeting in September, 1968. Already they have received replies from Rhodesia, Angola, P.E.A., and South Africa; provided they can obtain automatic openers, they may have some entrants from the KAR.

The main problem centres round the instructors, or rather the lack of them. There are no BPA Instructors in Central Africa, nor anyone recognised by them, so all hopes are now pinned on Mr. R. C. (Buster) Brown getting himself qualified whilst in UK on leave. 'Buster' Brown is the Chairman of the Rhodesian Parachute Association.

5. Joint Services Sport Parachute Association—Singapore

This active and enthusiastic club again suffers from lack of instructors, either willing or capable of instructing advanced free fall work and competitor techniques.

Roy Ransley will have handed over as Secretary by now, and all queries, bills, protests, etc., should be addressed to: Flt. Lt. A. R. Oliver, R.A.F., c/o ADC to Chief of Staff, H.Q. F.E.A.F., R.A.F. Changi, c/o G.P.O., Singapore.

The instructor situation should resolve itself shortly, as WO II R. Reid is to be posted to Singapore in October.

The team that entered for the Labertouche Cup appeared to have had a very enjoyable visit. For the record, the team came 5th out of 7; individually Deneen was 12th, Bob Leepmans 14th and Roy Ransley 15th out of twenty-one entries.

6. APA Ties

Would all members please note that APA ties are now on sale from Mrs. Pat Button at the Centre. Please note that all orders should be accompanied by a £1 postal order or cheque.

7. Cash Transactions

Please note that treasury notes arriving through the post unregistered can be an embarrassment, and that all transactions where possible should be conducted through the medium of cheques or postal orders.

8. APA Centre

All visitors to the APA Centre are strongly advised to bring their own knife, fork and spoon and a mug. Regrettably, the losses in APA eating equipment have been catastrophic.

G. B. HILL, Major,
Secretary.



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5 Judges Mick Turner, Ron Griffiths and Pete Sherman quick off the mark with their fichets as Robert Acraman bites the Disc!

6 Sean Strickland exits the Beaver in the Precision Landing event!

7 Robert Acraman showing interesting form. Definitely not for beginners!

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Charles Shea-Simonds



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Army Parachute Championships 1968



After last year's weatherwise "ZAP" it was an optimistic and apprehensive band of gladiators who assembled at Netheravon on Sunday, 19th May. Twenty-two novices classified in three groups, those with 30-50 descents in 'A', those with 50-100 in 'B' and thirdly those who had qualified to fly a PC but who had still less than 100 descents in 'C'. All fresh men to the game in 1967-68 season they made the most of their six accuracy descents and produced some very satisfactory results. Particularly interesting were the results between those using TU (under 100 descents) in comparison with those who used PC. With approximately the same number of jumps, of which perhaps a third of their total jumps on PC, the performance of this class was not as accurate as their less fortunate brethren on the unsophisticated canopy. Good weather permitted this event to be completed on Thursday with L Cpl McLennan of 1 Bn. R.H.F. as overall winner. Sgt. Scott of 1 Bn Royal Green Jackets won Class 'A' and Bdr. McQueen of 7 (Parachute) Light Regiment, R.H.A. Class 'C'. If any lesson is to be deduced from this excellent little competition, it is simply that we must encourage all novices to "have a go", for having completed their basic course plus a few coaching jumps, nothing will give them a better appetite for more

sport parachuting than this sort of meat, it was extremely encouraging and enjoyable.

On Saturday, 25th May, the assembled gathering began to swell with the arrival of some who could tell you a thing or two about parachuting, six teams and thirty-five competitors for accuracy of which twenty-six felt they had a little style in them. This year we had asked Captain Günter Roth of the West German Army team, to be our Chief Judge, we also, for the first time placed most of the responsibility for judging on three of our own veterans. The competent trio, Mick Turner, Peter Sherman and Ron Griffiths added a flavour of informed confidence to the whole affair.

On Sunday, in the usual way, we got off to a shaky start with rather marginal conditions for individual accuracy. The wind, puffing rather than gusting intermittently 4-6.5 mps permitted a start at 1000 hrs. It was Sean Strickland who got a big foot on DC within the hour, shortly after his team mate Wright almost reflected his skill, but had to be content with 246.9 out of the possible 250. Rain plus low cloud in the early afternoon stopped play until the following morning when we completed the first round of the individual accuracy by 1030 hrs. At the start of the second round, just to show us how versatile he could be Sean Strickland "zapped" his second jump. Then as the weather got kinder, winds settling to a steady zephyr of 4 mps, the boys gained confidence and found time to try the opportune protest. The extraordinary quality of imaginative inventiveness exercised in the human cranium when the outcome could be a re-jump—is worth at least a quid of any aspiring re-jumpers cash. Despite bawdy words of encouragement by all concerned our first protester ascended, (at least he did not descend) in a thermal for 4-5 minutes. The thermal was such fun that one cannot conceive that the delights of this experience should rob him of all concentration and his ability to steer his canopy with his customary versatility. Such was the subject of his protest. With the improving conditions the supremacy of 2 Para team started to become evident. By the afternoon Marshal Power had collected two of his three DCs and Brian David his first of two. Tuesday evening saw the completion of two rounds of individual accuracy and two rounds of style. The conditions for style on Tuesday evening were near perfect; against a background of grey strato-cumulus each competitor was clear to the naked eye, and spectacularly obvious to those with telemeters. Perhaps this was fortunate because as usually happens the early jumpers came rather close to making their descents directly above the panel of judges who were quite mellowed in patience by the weather. An early start on Wednesday morning saw the completion of the style event in which Brian David excelled. Then followed the third round of the individual accuracy.

The first lift included Jock Melville of 7 (Parachute) Light Regiment, R.H.A. who sped earthwards with a malfunction; good slick reserve drill landed him safely near the hangar. The problem? A ripcord securing plate on his backpack had snapped in two pieces thus jamming one of the pins against the mouth of the ripcord housing, an exceptionally difficult fault to check before emplaning—perhaps it occurred on exit?



Sgt. Scott, 1 Royal Green Jackets — Winner, Novice Class "A".



Above: Cpl. David, Army Champion.

Below: Cpl. Power, Winner Accuracy.



The contrast from last year's weather was now quite unbelievably good, this being so both the Navy and the RAF started to take the business of low level flying seriously, their determination to catch up on many lost days became a significant factor in the progress of the event.

After a frustrating day of interruptions I counted eight streamers at the west side of the DZ. All good stuff for the judges on the streamer runs!

Despite interruptions by tea time on Tuesday we had completed the third round of individual accuracy and started the first round of the team competition. Using our two Rapides we whistled through the first two rounds before dark.

Inevitably the result of concentrated competitive parachuting is often two-fold, this event was no exception. Both injuries and the incidence of a thirsty palate (particularly among the judges) became commonplace. In the former Staff Douglas, Sgts. Morgan and Walmsley all became casualties and unfortunately Charles Shea Simonds did so too, but perhaps a little more seriously! Congratulations to HQ 2 Wing AAC for producing an Ambulance Scout in ten minutes to lift him from the pit to BMH Tidworth. In the latter, the increase of streamer runs encourage a little private accuracy skill among the judges. I found Günther Roth full of Dominator confidence encouraging the drinking habits of Pete Sherman who, with his "old piece of cloth" slipped a little nearer to disc for a litre or two of "Red Barrel". He had by this time completed his 1,000th descent and had to start at the beginning again. Perhaps he had earned the quaff of ale in either case! !

By Wednesday tea time the event was complete, so on a perfect parachuting Thursday we invented a little knock-out competition. Again an accuracy event, each team of two were permitted a C9 x DL and a PC. The prize of two hundred "King Size" for this event became the property of David and McNaughton. Friday, 31st May, was, as usual, our final day and what a day!! We had great pleasure in entertaining all the friends of the APA. In particular General Sir Francis de Guingand and Mr. Don Randle, both of Rothmans. After a good morning's fun jumping from a Beaver, the afternoon, which ought to have been a great sport was bedevilled by the shortage of aircraft; in fact we only had one Rapide, which we put to good use for team jumping and an excellent display by the Red Devils team. Our RAF friends arriving in an Argosy at 12,000 ft. stimulated many envious remarks as they gave an immaculate and spectacular display.

The meet was a good one, due mainly to the hard work of Major G. F. Hill the APA Secretary and Captain J. Benham-Crosswell who did a great deal to publicize the event. And what about next year? Let us have twice the number of novices and lots of guest teams from overseas.

Army Parachute Championships 1968

NOVICES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Name	Rank	Unit	Jump 1	Jump 2	Jump 3	Jump 4	Jump 5	Jump 6	Total Score	Place
Class "A" 30-50										
Scott	Sgt.	1 RGJ	442	408	411	377.5	136	269	1907.5	2
Cook	Gnr.	7 RHA	498	457.5	345.5	274.5	213	493.5	2069	1
Preston	Cpl.	16 Hvy. Drop	176	Z	247.5	322	450.5	381.5	1577.5	3
Benham Crosswell	Capt.	RE	Z	260.5	140	63	Z	Z	463.5	6
Morgan	Sgt.	Gds. Indp. Coy.	189.5	150	376	374.5	Z	211	1301	4
Bcverley	Cpl.	Logistics	354	185	Z	Z	48	Z	587	5
Class "B" 50-100										
Allmont	Sgt.	7 RHA	299	442.5	Z	357	Z	Z	1098.5	9
English	Cpl.	Para. Sqn. RAC	349.5	462.5	440.5	327	55	448	2027.5	3
Gullan	Lieut.	2 PARA	398	Z	Z	393.5	470	468	1729.5	6
Bramhill	Pte.	1 PARA	10	303	Z	330.5	220.5	430	1294	7
Brinton	Lieut.	1 PARA	121	Z	304.5	312.5	386	166.5	1290.5	8
Scott	L. Cpl.	1 RHF	66	447	457	480	71	278	1733	5
MacLennan	L. Cpl.	1 RHF	473	396.5	430.5	453.5	475	471	2303	1
Barnett	Mne	RM	482.5	451.5	457.5	374	482	416.5	2290	2
Thompson	L. Cpl.	Gds. Indp. Coy.	Z	420.5	432.5	377	271.5	374	1875.5	4
Class "C" P.C.										
McQueen	Bdr.	7 RHA	498	457.5	Z	420	389.5	477	2242	1
McGill	Gnr.	7 RHA	490.5	498.5	428	433	309.5	387.5	2237.5	3
Bennett	Lieut.	261 R. Sigs.	486	407	423.5	437.5	430.5	462	2239.5	2
Ellis	Cpl.	Yorks. & Lancs.	342	271	474	395	296.5	464	1971.5	5
Newman	Sgt.	Gds. Indp. Coy.	435	293.5	Z	435	473.5	467.5	2104.5	4
Maddy	Cpl.	REME	442	294.5	416.5	360.5	434	Z	1947.5	6

INDIVIDUAL ACCURACY

No.	Name	Rank	Unit	Jump 1	Jump 2	Jump 3	Jump 4	Total	Place
1	David	Cpl.	2 PARA	218.8	240.4	242.6	246.8	729.8	3
2	Walmsley	Sgt.	2 PARA	225.7	250	248.8	228	726.8	4
3	Power	Cpl.	2 PARA	211.1	250	250	250	750	1
4	McNoughton	L. Cpl.	2 PARA	221.7	230	240	235.8	705.8	7
5	Jones, K.	Cpl.	2 PARA	242.4	250	223.2	250	742.4	2
6	Jones, A.	L. Cpl.	1 PARA	227.2	226.3	239.8	240.4	707.4	5
7	Strickland	Sgt.	1 PARA	250	Z	216.2	241.1	707.3	6
8	Cathro	Pte.	1 PARA	195.1	196.3	233.6	246	675.9	11
9	Wright	Pte.	1 PARA	246.9	189.3	231.1	Z	667.3	12
10	McArdle	Sgt.	1 PARA	209.7	232	242.6	202.4	684.3	9
11	Anderson	Sgt.	3 RGJ	224.5	Z	219.9	174.7	619.1	18
12	Cangley	Lieut.	1 GLOS	150.5	116.2	137.1	168.4	456	31
13	Kemley	Gnr.	40 Lt. Regt.	225.8	232.6	225.8	205.2	684.2	10
14	Bennett	Lieut.	261 R. Sigs.	Z	201.5	194.6	121.4	517.4	29
15	Ellis	Cpl.	Yorks and Lancs.	Z	125.9	212.7	184.2	522.8	28
16	MacLennan	L. Cpl.	1 RHF	211.5	237.1	191.5	187	640.1	14
17	Russell	Sgt.	4 PARA	Z	Z	94.3	218.8	313.1	34
18	Shea-Simmonds	Capt.	4 PARA	10	139.1	175.3	104.1	418.5	33
19	Milligan	Sgt.	4 PARA	203.1	19.2	200	198.2	601.3	22
20	Pollitt	L. Cpl.	4 PARA	53.5	58	196.3	192.9	447.2	32
21	Schofield	Capt.	PARA Rcgdt.	185.4	238	178.7	133.2	602.1	21
22	McQueen	Bdr.	7 RHA	155.2	Z	160.9	210.4	526.5	27
23	Laing	WO II	7 RHA	86.9	218	203	201.1	622.1	17
24	Carr	Sgt.	7 RHA	211.0	Z	127	232.4	570.4	25
25	Norris	Lieut.	7 RHA	63	160.7	180.7	220	561.4	26
26	Melville	Gnr.	7 RHA	232.1	204.3	213	241.4	686.5	8
27	Card	Sgt.	7 RCT	210.8	165.5	48.5	227.5	603.8	20
28	Douglas	S. Sgt.	REME	Z	136.6	Z	Z	136.6	35
29	●xley	W.O. II	REME	118.7	206.7	207.2	242.9	656.8	13
30	Lonsdale	Sgt.	REME	Z	231.9	217	130.7	579.6	24
31	Maddy	Cpl.	REME	179.9	193.8	235.1	202.4	631.3	15
32	Acraman	L. Cpl.	65 Sqn. RCT	184.1	230.3	192	191.8	614.1	19
33	Curry	L. Cpl.	63 Sqn. RCT	210	208.8	204.2	104.8	623	16
34	Raine	Cpl.	18 Sqn. RCT	211.7	100.4	170.3	131.6	513.6	30
35	Hackett	Cpl.	RM	Z	175.8	185.6	235.6	597.8	23

INDIVIDUAL STYLE

No.	Name	Rank	Unit	Jump 1	Jump 2	Jump 3	Total	Place
1	David	Cpl.	2 PARA	251	250	252	743	1
2	Walmsley	Sgt.	2 PARA	Z	184	192	376	16
3	Power	Cpl.	2 PARA	Z	251	246	497	10
4	McNaughton	L. Cpl.	2 PARA	223	230	222	675	2
5	Jones, K.	Cpl.	2 PARA	Z	Z	211	211	17
6	Jones, A.	L. Cpl.	1 PARA	215	209	212	636	3
7	Strickland	Sgt.	1 PARA	Z	195	Z	195	19
8	Cathro	Pte.	1 PARA	210	204	199	613	4
9	Wright	Pte.	1 PARA	Z	Z	Z		
10	McArdle	Sgt.	1 PARA	Z	201	Z	201	18
11	Anderson	Sgt.	3 RGJ	195	186	Z	381	15
12	Cangley	Licut.	1 GLOS	175	195	179	549	9
13	Kemley	Gnr.	40 Lt. Regt.	210	210	Z	420	13
14	Bennett	Lieut.	261 R. Sigs.	Z	Z	Z		
15	MacLennan	L. Cpl.	1 RHF	Z	178	Z	178	21
16	Shea-Simmonds	Capt.	4 PARA	190	210	197	597	6
17	Schofield	Capt.	PARA Regt.	200	184	194	578	8
18	McQueen	Bdr.	7 RHA	Z	Z	Z		
19	Laing	W.O. 11	7 RHA	Z	Z	176	176	22
20	Carr	Sgt.	7 RHA	121	178	191	490	11
21	Norris	Lieut.	7 RHA	Z	Z	Z		
22	Copeland	Lieut.	7 RHA	Z	213	202	415	14
23	Melville	Gnr.	7 RHA	Z	Z	180	180	20
24	Card	Cpl.	7 RCT	184	204	218	606	5
25	Acraman	L. Cpl.	65 Sqn. RCT	Z	229	238	467	12
26	Curry	L. Cpl.	63 Sqn. RCT	203	193	200	596	7

7th Para. Regt. Royal Horse Artillery "A" Team.



2nd Battalion Parachute Regiment Team.



CHAMPION ARMY TEAM

Name	Rank	Unit	Jump 1	Jump 2	Jump 3	Jump 4	Total	Place
David	Cpl.	2 PARA	250	250	204.9	238.4	738.4	1st 2917.8
Walmsley	Sgt.	2 PARA	245.8	248.4	202.7	235.2	729.4	
Power	Cpl.	2 PARA	199.1	246.7	240.7	250	737.4	
McNaughton	L. Cpl.	2 PARA	238	238.6	236	228.9	712.6	
Jones, A.	L. Cpl.	1 PARA	247.7	244.7	204.1	133.1	695.5	2nd 2771.6
Strickland	Sgt.	1 PARA	230.4	213.4	224.5	245.9	700.8	
Cathro	Pte.	1 PARA	220.4	248.6	250	240.1	738.7	
Wright	Pte.	1 PARA	115.5	244.5	213.1	178	635.6	
Laing	W.O. II	7 RHA	181.8	247.6	60.5	221.0	650.4	"A" 3rd 2519.4
Carr	Sgt.	7 RHA	190.8	144.3	134.8	232.7	567.8	
Copeland	Lieut.	7 RHA	131	220.3	212.9	173.9	607.1	
Melville	Gnr.	7 RHA	204.8	231.1	226.6	236.2	694.1	
Douglas	S. Sgt.	REME	225.5	246.2	246.4	73.0	718.1	4th 2444.5
Oxley	W.O. II	REME	166.6	176.2	236.3	189.5	602	
Oonsdale	Sgt.	REME	168.2	167.2	177.0	212.3	557.5	
Maddy	Cpl.	REME	210.6	122.6	149.5	206.8	566.9	
Russell	Sgt.	4 PARA	186.8	220.4	219	191.7	631.1	5th 2128.3
Shea-Simmonds	Capt.	4 PARA	210.2	220.5	246.8	197.2	677.5	
Milligan	Sgt.	4 PARA	137.5	153	168	131.6	458.5	
Pollitt	L. Cpl.	4 PARA	154.2	Z	207	Z	361.2	
McQueen	Bdr.	7 RHA	219.4	183.3	Z	224.7	627.4	"B" 6th 2119.3
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McGill	Gnr.	RHA	146.2	Z	158.4	99.7	404.3	
Norris	Lieut.	7 RHA	61.3	200.4	225.7	86.8	512.9	

7th Para. Regt. Royal Horse Artillery "A" team



PRIZE LIST

<i>Event</i>	<i>Recipient</i>	<i>Trophies</i>
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2. Runner up to Army Champion	L. Cpl. McNaughton 2nd Bn. Parachute Regiment	1 Pint Tankard
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4. Runner Up Style	L. Cpl. McNaughton 2nd Bn. Parachute Regiment	1 Pint Tankard
5. Individual Precision Landing	Cpl. Power 2nd Bn. Parachute Regiment	Para. Regt. Cup 5½" Rose Bowl
6. Runner Up Precision Landing	Cpl. Jones 2nd Bn. Parachute Regiment	1 Pint Tankard
7. Team Accuracy	2nd Battalion Parachute Regiment	Para. Regt. Trophy 4x3½" Rose Bowls
8. Runner Up Team Accuracy	1st Battalion Parachute Regiment	4 x ½ Pint Tankards
9. Highest placed competitor stationed outside United Kingdom	Lieut. Cangley	BAOR Cup
10. Overall Team Champions	2nd Battalion Parachute Regiment	Rothman Trophy 4 x 1 Pint Tankards
11. Highest Placed Member Parachute Regt	Cpl. David 2nd Bn. Parachute Regiment	The Penley Trophy 1 x 1½ Pint Tankard
12. The Best Bn. Team of The Para. Regt.	2nd Battalion Parachute Regiment	The Para. Regt. Association Trophy 4 x 3½ Rose Bowls
13. The Best RA/RE Team	7th Para. Regt. Royal Horse Artillery "A" Team	RE Trophy 4 x ½ Pint Tankards
14. The winning Novice "B"	L. Cpl. MacLennan Army Catering Corps RHF	Green Jacket Cup Tankard
15. The Runner Up to Novice "B"	Marine Barnett 45 CDO+	½ Pint Tankard
16. Class "A" Novice	Gnr. Cook 7th Para. Regt. Royal Horse	½ Pint Tankard
17. Class "A" Novice Runner Up	Sgt. Scott Royal Green Jackets	½ Pint Tankard
18. Class "C" Novice	Bdr. MaQueen 7th Para. Regiment Royal Horse Artillery	½ Pint Tankard
19. Class "C" Novice	Lieut. Bennett Royal Signals	½ Pint Tankard

2nd Battalion Parachute Regiment.



The way it is on Vancouver Island, B.C.

by **ROGER FOLEY**

When I arrived here 18 months ago there was very little jumping on the Island; one club which did the odd jump at Campbell River. They had all the well known difficulties plus a few others including an 18 mile drive between D.Z. and airfield. The nearby Airforce base at Comox has all the facilities (gravel bowl etc.) but is closed to civilian clubs unless those clubs have a percentage of airmen members.

Things have improved now because I have started a school and am now instructing full time and dropping students by the dozen. Since Christmas I have trained and dropped 53 beginners and revived a number of semi-retired jumpers, so we have quite a good group now. Forty-one of the first time jumpers have been Officer-Cadets from the Military Academy at "Royal Road," Victoria. They are very keen and have big plans for the future, including a meet in September at the U.S.A.F. Academy in Colorado Springs. They are hiring me as coach and we will be heading for Colorado in a C.130 Hercules.

We will be having a lot of other competitions against other University teams throughout Canada; it should be a

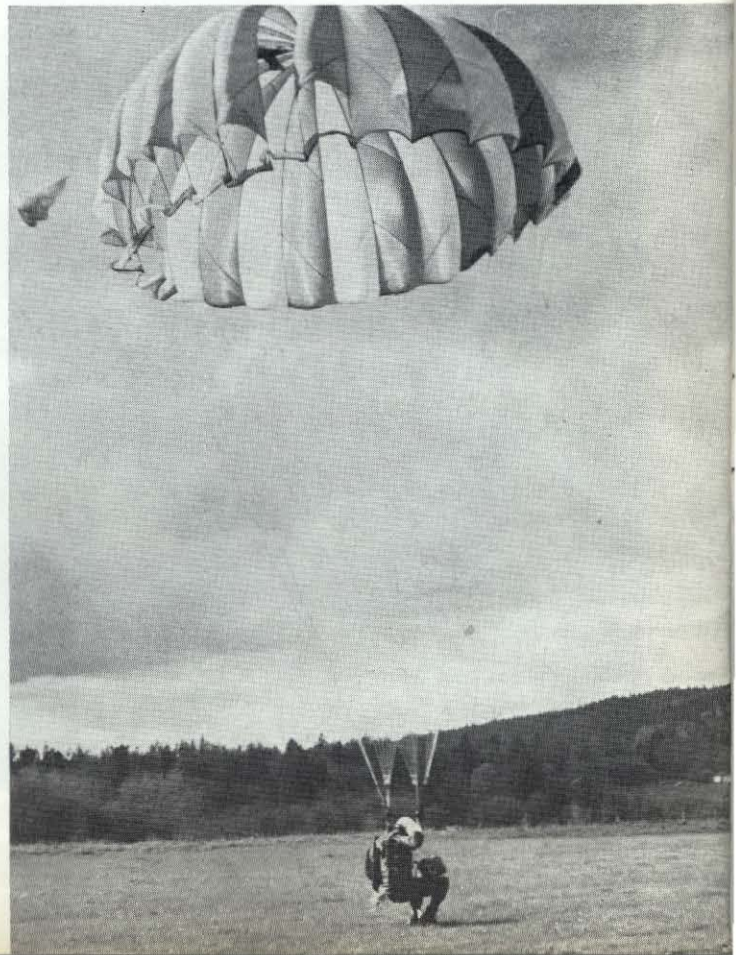


Roger Foley.

A "Royal Roads" cadet lets fly.



More training needed!





Foley and the Cessna Super Skymaster.

very interesting season altogether. Because of being connected with the Services there is no aircraft problem, and for a jumper who was brought up on the Prentice and Tripacer jumping from the Beaver and Otter takes some getting used to.

I am negotiating for my own aircraft now, a Cessna 182 and hope to have it in action in the next two or three weeks, with 230 H.P. and controllable pitch propellor we will be up and down like yo yo's and I might even make enough money to afford the occasional tin of beans.

I'm sure that parachuting is going to grow like mad here in the next year. I haven't even scratched the surface yet. Civil Aviation and Air Traffic Control have both been very helpful, local residents and flying clubs are for us and we have one of the directors of C.S.P.A., Brian Bowman (a Canadian Team man) living nearby. We are outside controlled airspace too, so there should be a lot of 20,000 ft. relative jumps this summer!

Keep your eyes on the news from Vancouver Island this summer Sports Fans, because there will probably be a big record broken. I am hoping to return home for a short visit soon, so that I can have another of those 2,000 ft. jumps from a Tripacer in the pouring rain again.

Best wishes to all my former jumping friends and acquaintances.

Officer cadets from Royal Roads Military Academy.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

On the 9th June, this year, whilst jumping at Halfpenny Green Airfield, with the Manchester Sky-Divers and South Staffs Parachute Club, I sustained a fracture of the left femur.

It is not of the fracture that I wish to write to you about, but of the simple and no doubt stupid manner in which it was caused, which with your co-operation and that of the Safety Committee in publicising this, may serve as a warning to all others, who otherwise, may be as stupid as I was on this occasion.

Shortly after fitting my equipment, as is my normal habit, I lit a cigarette and after doing so placed my lighter in my trouser pocket. At this time the lighter would be lying flat against the side of my leg. After leaving the plane and opening my chute, the leg straps of the harness moved slightly up to the top of my leg, and unknown to me at the time, pulled the lighter still in my trouser pocket, to a side-on position with the sharp edge against my leg.

Had I landed on grass, I may have got away with it. But unfortunately my landing was on concrete and though I made a reasonably good left side landing, the lighter was hammered into my leg by the hard surface.

I am certain that this kind of accident can also happen when carrying a simple yale key or other such like solid article in similar circumstances. I hope that this letter may prevent other parachutists from making the same mistake as I. I am certain at least, none of the Manchester Club will.

Yours sincerely,

J. HOSKINS (1606).
12 Royalthorn Drive,
Benchill, Wythenshawe,
Manchester 22.

Dear Mr. Letts,

Thank you for sending me a copy of the new Safety Regulations. I think that all concerned should be congratulated on a very excellent final product.

My copy has been much admired by many people here at Fort Bragg, and I promised to try to obtain copies for the 82nd Division Club and for the Area Safety Officer. I therefore enclose a cheque for 30s. to cover the cost of two copies and the air mail postage.

Has a copy been sent to the U.S.P.A.? I think they might be interested.

I have not yet received my 1968 Membership Card. I realise that they take time to distribute, but I thought that I should mention it in case it has been lost in transit.

The first part of my exchange tour, spent at Fort Campbell, resulted in very limited jumping due to shortage of aircraft and poor weather. However, while travelling on duty I was able to call in at Orange and Lakewood for brief visits.

Since my transfer to Fort Bragg in late October, jumping has improved considerably. The Golden Knights very kindly allowed me to spend my leave with them as they were running an intensive training session. In six weeks I made one hundred jumps, most of them from a

C-130 at over 12,000 feet. I am hoping to be able to train with them again from time to time when they can fit me in and my other duties permit. Their standards are, of course, exceptionally high; they are also the nicest, most unassuming bunch of parachutists I have met.

I am jumping regularly with the 82nd Airborne Division Club, which is very active and efficient. I have become fairly heavily involved with the training and instructional side. The B.P.A. Categorisation System has aroused a lot of interest and we are considering adopting it in a slightly modified form.

Later this month I am due to take the military HALO course. So by the time my tour ends in a year's time, I should have done quite well on the jumping side!

In Britain you frequently hear parachutists talking with envy of their American counterparts. The latter certainly have the advantage with weather, and American Service Clubs are far better supported than their British opposite numbers. On the other hand, there are many problems over here which we do not have to contend with at home; despite all its good work, the U.S.P.A. does not have such good control over all sport parachutists, nor in many respects does it do so much for its members as the B.P.A. Relationships with Government departments are not as close and a protracted battle is still being fought with the Airline Pilots Association which is a powerful enemy to all sport parachutists. My overall impression is that British parachutists are far better off than they realise and have little cause for complaint, except against the weather and the many problems that stem from it. I fear that even the B.P.A. is powerless to alter that!

I fear that I am a long way from the California office of the U.S.P.A.; however, if I can be of any service in a liaison capacity with any parachuting organisation over here, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

EDWARD GARDENER (U.K. D.113).
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M. N. ST. JOHN.

Dear Sir,

Recent references to the the Malawi Rifles Parachute Club, and Helen Flambert getting married and coming out to Kenya, etc., prompts me to get down to writing you a

letter I had intended doing last year.

Parachuting in Kenya got off the ground (no pun intended!) when Norman "Paddy" Hoffman and Ken O'Rourke arrived a couple of years ago. At the time I was working in Uganda, and had no idea that they were parachuting here. I discovered Norman in Nakuru when I came down to work for the pyrethrum Board, and within a few months I had bought his Para-Commander and was jumping regularly at Lanet just outside Nakuru.

When the Paras were out last year I was on leave in U.K., so that was one chance missed, especially for some relative work.

Ken and I did a 47in. at the Nakuru Aero Club Display last year (if you think that not much, remember we are 6,000 feet above sea level before we even get off the ground!) and Ken has tried some relative work when Sheila Bodley-Scott, working in Nairobi, but so far we haven't seen Helen, who is living now in Mombassa.

Ken and Norman and a few others started a parachute Club in Nairobi, but pressure of work and a shortage of 'chutes (and a rigger) curtailed activities a bit, and Safari Air, the Cessna agents, who had two T.U.'s, are trying to sell them off. In Nakuru, we have a number of folk very interested, but once again lack of reasonably priced chutes have put the whole thing on a peg for the time being.

There has been nothing really spectacular happening here, apart from a newspaper report that the first 60in. plus was done at the coast last year, in June, and last Guy Fawkes night a night jump with a 20 sec. delay gave a bit of added interest to the Nakuru Bonfire. Tony Ryan—at present on leave in the U.K.—was Father Christmas at the Dr. Banado's Homes Party, and Ken is regularly seen smoking in the Nairobi skies.

Parachuting here is not really governed by the weather, because it is rare indeed that one cannot fit in a jump at the weekend because of cloud, etc. The biggest snag is aircraft, although I have found that if there is a plane about, not booked, there is no shortage of pilots to take one up.

Our D.C.A. leans over backwards to help us over displays, a recent descent at the Nakuru Motor Racing being a case in point.

If there are any of you readers coming out this way in the near future, the Kenya parachutists can always be contacted somehow, either at Wilson Airport, Nairobi, or myself at Nakuru, and if they bring some spare chutes they will be doubly welcome.

I must say how much I enjoyed the Report on the Adriatic Team 1967, by Mike Turner. I do not think I have seen a more graphic description of the training of a team, and subsequent performances, in your magazine prior to this. I was there, man, with him all the way, especially during the Exhibition jump. Would you please pass on my congratulations to Mike for this? Judging by the Team arrangements, British Parachuting has come a long way since the Adriatic Cup 1959. You should ask Peter Lang one day how he nearly came to be locked up by the Yugoslavian Police in Zagreb, and how Tony Miller nearly married a very pretty girl from Ljubljana—although this was after he had been through some sort of Jewish Marriage Ceremony on the airfield at Tivat with a charming Israeli parachutist.

I don't know how many of your readers remember the Ripcord Club at Stapleford Tawney, but I have recently come across the description of the "Coat of arms" we had

made up, which used to hang on a bracket over the old Packing Room, and was painted on a board about three feet square.

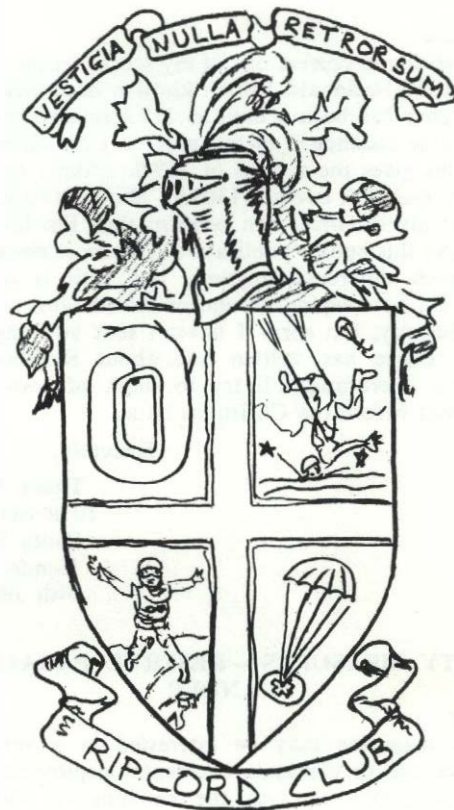
Quarterly, in the first quarter, argent, a ripcord with handle gules, cord sable, circling to dexter with three pins in sinister chief. Second quarter, on a landscape field, a parachutist inverted rampant, parachute cords thus: dexter to dexter chief point, sinister to middle chief, all proper. In sinister chief, parachute deployed or. In third quarter, on a landscape field, parachutist sejant affronte erect proper. In the fourth quarter, argent, parachute deployed or, canopy in sinister chief, lines terminating in dexter base in on a pomeis a saltire of the first. And in an escroll over same the motto "Vestigia nulla Retrorsum", on a compartment below this motto: "Ripcord Club". Above the shield is an helm befitting their rank, with a mantle azure, doubled argent.

In conclusion, it is not true, Mr. Kelly (1226) of Northern Ireland, that one can miss Strangford Lough. I distinctly remember hearing a cry "He's fallen in the water!" in 1960. Ask Rex McAndless.

Many thanks, Mr. Editor, for a very interesting magazine, although a few more Technical articles would, I think, give it just that edge over the "others".

Yours sincerely,

MALCOLM MORRIS.



Dear Sir,

Readers of *Sport Parachutist* may be interested to hear of events in Sydney. Last weekend we had a Cessna 182s and a Cessna 206 (six jumpers) operating at Camden, so the "waffos" had plenty of entertainment. Comic relief is provided once a month by students dangling from trees,

the best effort to date being a three-hour hanging from the top of a 90-foot gum tree. Photos appeared in all newspapers with witty captions such as "Three hours of suspense". A line was finally got to the man and he attached it to one riser, capewelled out and slid down to earth.

We all had a great long weekend in June at Gloucester, 200 miles north of Sydney. The attraction was a Norseman (11 bodies), maximum altitude for a flat \$2. Best effort that weekend was a clean five-man star with a sixth man hanging on somewhere. The Sunday commenced with two reserve landings and somebody suggested re-naming the D.Z. "Malfunction Junction", but no more incidents occurred.

Camden (Sydney) provides Australia's cheapest jumping at \$2.30 for eight grand or \$3 for 10 grand and 17 cents per half-pint. At present we are inconvenienced by travelling four miles back from the D.Z., but a move is afoot to prepare a landing strip in the field next to the D.Z. I'll vote for that.

Enough snippets for one letter.

Best wishes,

RAY MORRIS.
7/58 Susan Street,
Newtown, N.S.W.,
Australia.
30th July, 1967.

Dear Dave,

I'm writing to correct one of my scores on the Accuracy Jumps in the Nationals. I don't know it happened, but my second jump has been scored as 117.4 instead of 217.4. I got the same distance (3 metres plus) as I did on my fourth jump. This gives me a total of 869.9, making me 14th in Accuracy and 17th overall (1303.9). Shirdy Vatnsdter, who measured my distances can confirm this. I'm hoping you can correct this before publication. I know it doesn't really make much difference anyway, but 14th is quite bad enough; I'll be creeping around in shame until next year!

By the way, I'm sorry I haven't sent you any articles recently. Diane has written one about Strasbourg that should be interesting. I'll try to think of something to write about before the Christmas issue.

Sincerely,

TRACY RIXON.
10 Ruskin Street,
South Lambeth,
London, S.W.8.
14th July, 1968.

SAFETY MEASURES — RESERVE PARACHUTE HANDLE

Dear Sir,

Your magazine may be interested in a very simple device we use to eliminate accidental deployment of the reserve parachute through the catching of the reserve handle. As you know, this occurs fairly frequently by being knocked against the aircraft door or with contact with some other foreign body, and especially if the reserve handle pocket becomes loose.

I have enclosed a fairly rough diagram of our method and it consists purely and simply of a rigging line retaining band. Perhaps if you think it is a workable idea you

could get your experts at work and produce a decent diagram for inclusion in the magazine.

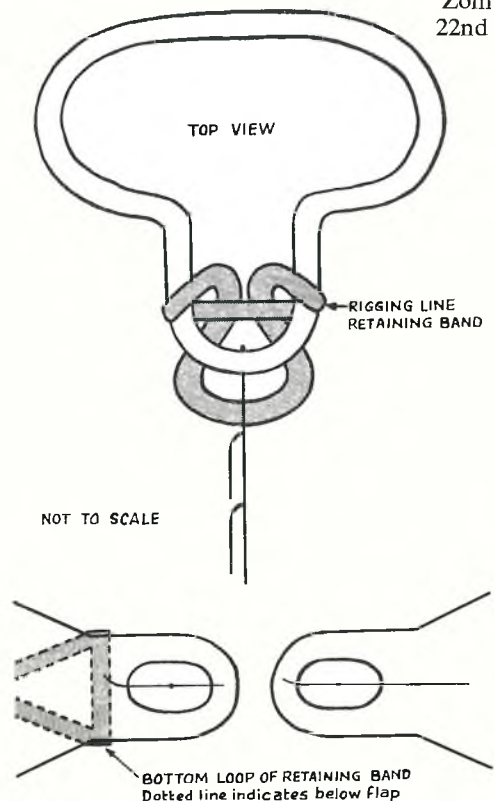
It may be that this idea has been tried before and discarded, although I cannot see any objections against it. At the recent Rhodesian Championships where teams from Rhodesia, South Africa, Zambia, Mozambique, South West Africa and Angola, plus Australia and New Zealand competed, all who saw it thought it a good idea. I would be interested in the views of your safety committee.

Our two teams came 9th and 11th respectively out of 19 teams, and we are rather pleased with one of our jumpers who has only been jumping for four months by taking 7th Individual out of 57, thus beating the best of the others, and using a 5 gore TU.

One other point—as regards our people obtaining licences! Now a frequent visitor is Rod Murphy, South African D Licence Holder No. 28, Chief Instructor of the South African Sky-diving Centre and an ex-B.P.A. Instructor until he came out to South Africa four years ago. He has over 600 jumps, including over 40 on the Irvin Parawing, which he demonstrates in Africa. He has expressed his willingness to certify our people for B.P.A. licences if approved by you. Would you please let me have a decision as to whether you will accept his recommendations?

Best wishes for the Nationals.

G. L. PRICE
(Secretary).
Malawi Rifles Parachute Club,
Cobbe Barracks,
Zomba, Malawi.
22nd June, 1968.



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Gentlemen,

I am presently preparing a technical history paper on the history of parachutes between 1900 and 1925. I would like to obtain additional information and pictures (photographs) on the work accomplished in Great Britain during this period, especially during the World War One period. Specifically:

Information on the *Guardian Angel* and Mr. Calthrop's other efforts in the field of parachute design for aircraft.

Information on the use of parachute by observers flying in the sausage lighter-than-air observation balloons. Many lives were saved in this area.

Information on the initial use of parachutes by fliers in aircraft (circa 1918).

Sport (?) and exhibition jumping during this period. I imagine the jumps of Sylva Boyden and Lt. Caldwell were outstanding examples.

Any other information relative to this period would be appreciated. I do hope you will reply.

Best regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

DAVE GOLD.

4093 Presidio Drive,
Santa Susana, California 93063.
18th May, 1968.

G.Q. PARACHUTES ANNOUNCE NEW APPOINTMENT

The appointment of Wing Commander G. F. Turnbull, O.B.E., A.F.C., R.A.F. (Ret'd), as Controller of Research and Development is announced by G.Q. Parachute Company Limited of Woking.

The new appointment has been made following the retirement of Air Marshal Sir Gordon Harvey, K.B.E., C.B., who has held the post for the last eleven years. During this time he organised and led a highly skilled research team which has successfully developed many of the well known G.Q. Parachute designs.

Wing Commander G. Turnbull has had many years of active experience with parachutes since joining the Royal Air Force in 1939, and following service abroad involving special parachute duties, and later in the United Kingdom, he was appointed Deputy Head of Parachute Division of the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough. In 1963 he was posted to R.A.F. Abingdon as Officer Commanding the No. 1 Parachute Training School, which post he held until joining G.Q. Parachute Co.

Wing Commander Turnbull is the only B.O.T. examiner for Private Pilots' Licences for Balloons and Airships, is the Chairman of the British Parachute Association, and the Safety Member of the British Balloon and Airship Club.

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FOR THE BENEFIT of B.P.A. Members who may otherwise be inconvenienced, would you please publish my new address in the "News Letter". I have quite a lot of correspondence from members, mostly enquiring after para equipment.

Yours faithfully,

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Abingdon,
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Parachuting—Italian Style

It came as a surprise to learn last year that the B.P.A. received no reports from Clubs in Italy, and did not know the addresses of any Clubs there. I certainly did not expect to find one at Cattolica, an Italian Blackpool-type resort on the Adriatic coast; and I was right, there wasn't one. But on arrival there I did learn eventually that there was a "School of Parachuting" at Pisa. I say "eventually" because "paracadutisma" takes some pronouncing. With visions of a "clear and pull" from the leaning tower I drove over to Pisa. There the Tourist Bureau staffed entirely by ex-paratroopers to listen to them, directed me to the School of Parachuting. It needed no feat of intelligence to realise that the sentries, red berets and smocks were not what I was looking for. I declined their offer to join the Italian Army in order to jump, and after much sign language (I did feel a fool showing them a stable spread position in the guard room) my steps were directed to the civil club in Pisa. There, rejoicing in the title of "Presidente della Seyione", lived Attilio La Sala. He was a most charming man, with that international stamp of sport parachutists, an eager desire to help any person genuinely interested in the sport. Unfortunately the club only jumped on certain days in the year, and they were few and far between, the next one being outside the dates of my holiday. From La Sala however, I received the address of a club at Bologna. This in fact was only about 100 miles north of Cattolica, but I had driven across Italy to discover the address!

With a letter of introduction from La Sala I drove back across country and next day presented myself at "Borgo Parigale Aeroporto Civile, Bologna." I had assumed that Borgo Parigale was a man; it was in fact a house standing next to the terminal building of the airport. It contained a small parachute store, a long club room cum office, and five or six empty rooms. The dozen or so parachutists there showed me the same warmth and friendliness as had La Sala. The chief instructor was Buldrini, an Air Force Captain who occasionally flew the aircraft. With a brief glance at my permit, of which he understood nothing, and at my log book, in which he understood only the figures, I was in.

For days past the sun had shone from a cloudless sky. Now that I had finally found the club there was no sky to be seen. So it was for the whole day, a day spent pleasantly, however, meeting the club members and learning about sport parachuting Italian style. All students begin their static-line training with the Army, and then move on to civilian clubs to begin free fall. Apparently, not long ago a national ban was imposed on sport parachuting in Italy following a series of accidents. Although this is now in the past it has meant that there are few clubs in the country and membership is small. There are no regulations about the size, quality or security of a main 'chute, but the reserve must conform to certain strict standards. The 'chutes used at Bologna were in fact Double L's, Conquistadors and Olympics. Only once was a P.C. used in the week I was there. The worst 'chute on show was clearly my battered C9 TU, at which Buldrini rolled his eyes and

muttered "molta antica"—which, roughly translated, means "rather you than me, mate."

The aircraft used was an Aermacchi Lockheed, carrying five jumpers. Although three or four of the members had over 60 jumps behind them no one went above 5,000. As my altimeter was in metres, having been loaned by the club, it was explained that I must count 20. By the end of the week I could convert metres to feet at the drop of the hat, but the memory will be long with me of that first jump, when forgetting to count, I was doing mental arithmetic at computer speed. There was a small gravel pit alongside the main runway, and two or three hundred yards on the other side were houses and fields. On the same day on which the wind blew, at about 10 knots, two students draped their 'chutes over the hedges and gardens of these houses, and that was the end of jumping for the day. In fact even the experienced members only did an average of two jumps daily that week. To do three was exceptional, and being spoiled by good weather virtually on tap, they were in no hurry. So jumping scheduled for 0600 never started before 0800. Then at 10.00 the daily Milan jet came in. The 12.00 to 3.00 lunch break ended at 5.00, and by 7.30 we were having a drink at the tables outside the main building. It was gentle placid existence, broken only on my final night.

This was when three of the regular club members invited me to play "poliaire." The gleam in their eyes spelled trouble. But the trouble began when I started winning, for the winner had to drink one of the miniature bottles of spirits provided. At 2.00 a.m., with a pocket full of lira and a belly full of whisky I was shown the sights of Bologna. I say shown, but the pictures were like an old movie—all speed and jerks. In a car reminiscent of a retired stock car, and with a driver who believed in following the shortest distance between two points (the throttle having been apparently nailed down to the floor) we inspected Bologna. We paused only twice, once for a gross piece of water melon each, and once when my companions offered me, like a lamb to the slaughter, to one of Bologna's female night-workers. She rejected me out of hand. At some stage not long after this oblivion took over and my stay at Borgo Parigale came to an end.

It was apparent that the standard of jumping was lower than at English Clubs. By this I mean that, although their best may be equal to ours, their rate of progress appeared to be slower. People with 60 jumps there were below the average standard of jumpers here with similar experience. This, I think, (and I speak only as a parachutist of limited experience myself) is not due to any lack of training or skill, but purely to the surfeit of good weather. When you can be 90 per cent certain that you will have continuous jumping weather ahead there cannot be the same urgency to learn. What I have just said may well be wrong and completely unfounded, but what is right is the spirit and friendliness which I met amongst parachutists in Italy. If for no other reason, parachuting Italian style was worth it just for that.

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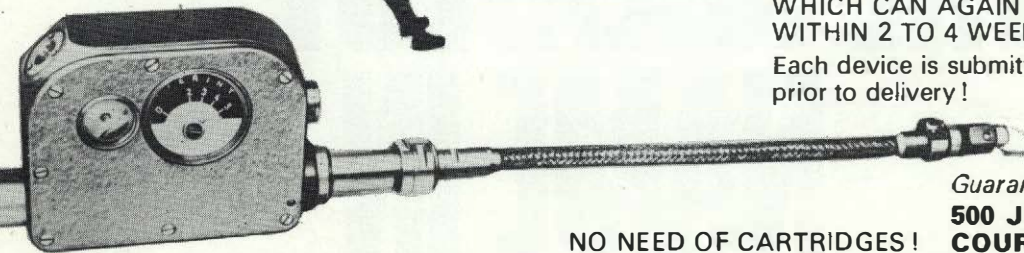
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