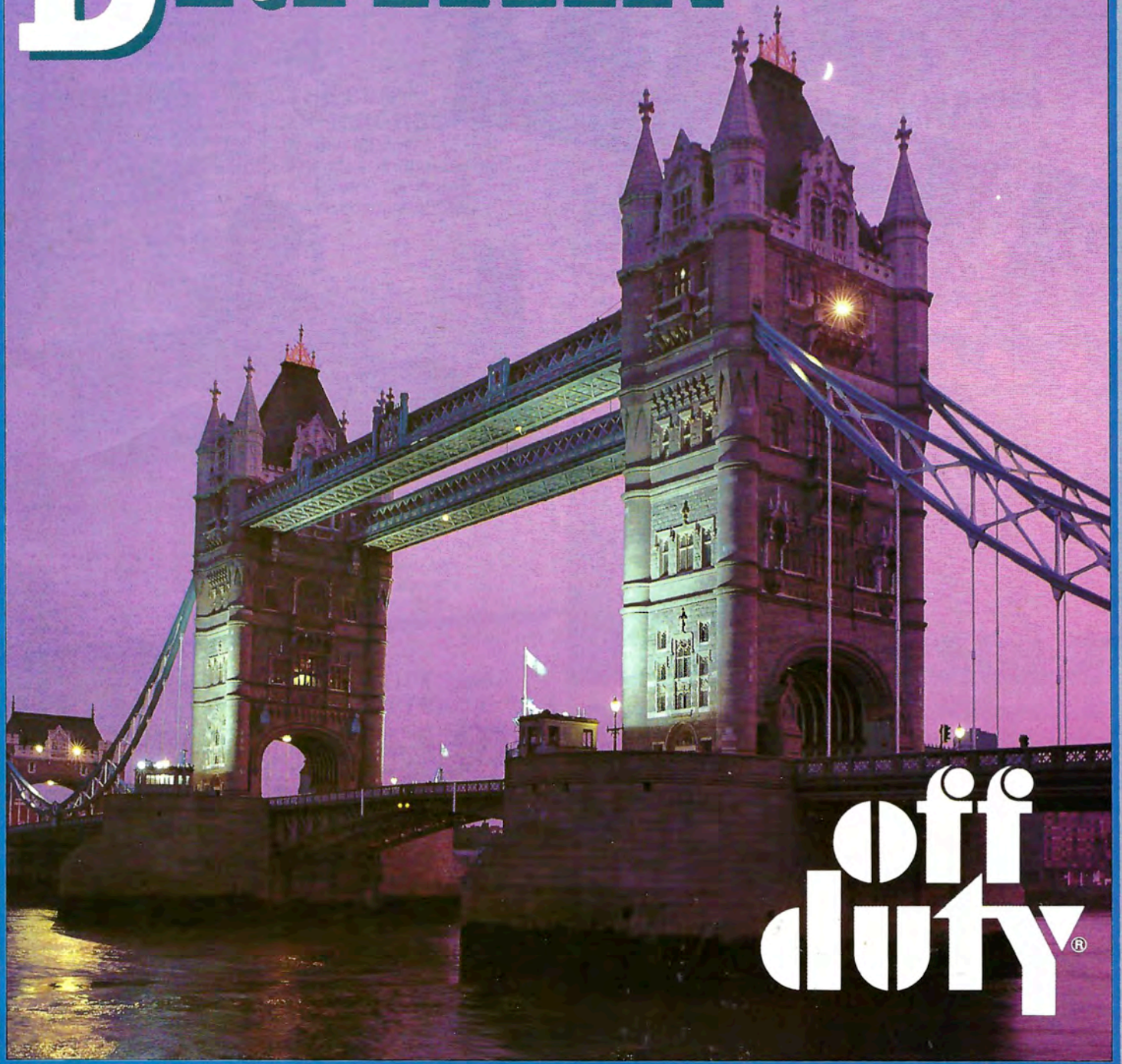


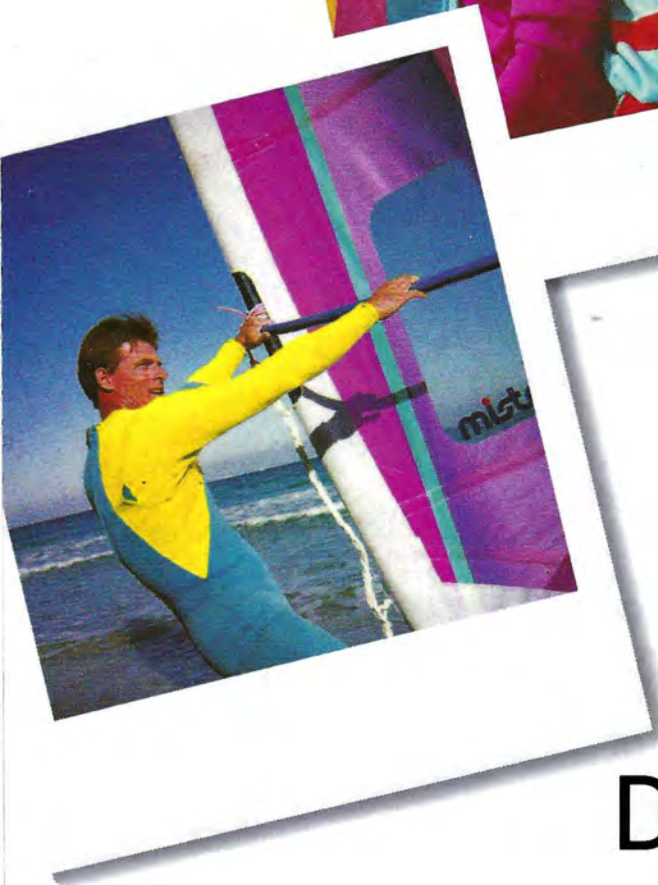
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The Best of Neighbors



ERIC MINTON

Our British next-door neighbor was on the phone when I answered.

"Eric," he said, "this is Eric. I can fix your lawnmower now. How 'bout dropping it over the fence."

"I'll be right down," I said and went out to meet the other Eric.

It is not enough that he and I share the same first name. Our wives share first names, too. This double coincidence is all the more ironic in that it leaps some 3,500 miles of ocean. That an American Pam and Eric stationed at RAF Mildenhall should live in a tiny Suffolk village right next door to a British Pam and Eric, a gardener for a local estate, is remarkable.

Yet shared names are not what make us such close neighbors. All it does is cause confusion in our backyards when all four of us hear our names twice as

A special relationship: A U.S. serviceman chats with his British neighbor.

often as we are used to. Eric and Pam, the British ones, are good neighbors simply because they are so. The couple that lived in their house before were good neighbors, too. Keith from two houses down comes up to help us with our flower bed, and the young couple who were our next-door neighbors in the first village we lived in remain our close friends.

We seem to have a special relationship with all our British neighbors.

"Special relationship" is a phrase that not only describes our feelings toward our friends here, it is an official term used to describe the political and military associations between the governments of the United States and the United Kingdom. We are more than

mere allies; we are out-and-out partners. Not only do we share language and names, ideals and institutions, and history and customs, on a day-to-day basis we share facilities and equipment, intelligence and information, missions and good times, too.

Since the mid-1800s, Great Britain and the United States have never fired shots at each other in anger, though disputes once serious enough to warrant wars often arose. These the two nations always settled by negotiations.

In World War II the U.S. and U.K. took the unprecedented step of uniting forces and commands to combat totalitarian aggression. The special relationship was sealed in the warm friendship shared between President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill, the two corresponding at least every other day throughout the war. "It is fun to be in the same decade with you," Roosevelt once cabled Churchill in response to a birthday greeting the prime minister sent.

Rows have arisen between the United States and Britain since then, but the rifts always healed, stronger than ever. Through Labor and Conservative governments in Britain's Parliament, through Republican and Democratic administrations in the White House, the countries have remained good friends.

The United Kingdom is a foreign country and not to be mistaken as another American state, but in that sense it is like a good friend compared to family. In childhood, who didn't love to spend the night at a best friend's house where the parents were always nice and you were always on your best behavior? Their meals and manners may have differed from your family's, and you may have had to sleep on the floor, but that was nothing to the fun and excitement, let alone the security in adolescence, of enjoying the company of a best friend.

The British are good company. They are gracious hosts. And their country is worth getting to know for its history, for its pageantry and for its beauty, but mostly for its personality. Since the British are so welcoming, living and traveling here is made that much easier, not to mention fun and exciting.

So enjoy the fruits of this special relationship and, in turn, sow some good feelings of your own. Test for yourself the prevailing truth repeatedly verified since the last World War: that an American who makes a friend with a Briton has a friend for life.

From presidents and prime ministers, to Erics and Pams, Britons and Americans do indeed make good neighbors.

—ERIC MINTON



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Peace-keeping Partnership

Twice this century, military aggression by a totalitarian regime embroiled Europe in war.

In both wars, the United States initially took an isolationist stance, as 3,500 miles of ocean were seen as ample room to keep the Old World squabbles at bay. In both wars, however, the U.S. finally joined the allies to help defeat the aggressors.

The U.S.'s eventual entries into World Wars I and II are usually explained via events. But while Pearl Harbor and, likewise, German U-Boat activity in World War I, may have ignited the country to action, in both wars the U.S. government had already come to the realization that as long as Europe was not free and at peace, no amount of ocean would ensure America's security. At the same time, governments in Europe, and Britain in particular, realized that to ensure freedom and peace in their hemisphere they would need the manpower, resources and resolve of their ideologi-

The Prince of Wales, Prince Charles, meets an air crew at RAF Mildenhall.

cal kindred across the Atlantic.

A lesson twice learned in 25 years did not need a third testing for either the U.S. or Western Europe's governments. Hence, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, established in 1949 to counter the Soviet Union's aggressive tendencies in Eastern Europe, resumed the military partnership of the Western democracies. The idea was that since this alliance had won Europe's peace and freedom from Nazi Germany, then it could keep that peace and freedom, too, in the face of the threat from the Soviet Union and her satellite nations.

For 40 years NATO has accomplished just that, plus some. Under the Alliance's auspices and because of the stability it has created, the individual countries of western Europe have forged stronger bonds than ever before in the history of this old continent. From the doom and devastation of war, two generations have seen Europe rise to become a community of nations with healthy economies and happy people.

NATO today consists of Belgium,

Canada, Denmark, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, West Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States. It is a full-fledged military partnership of these 15 countries. The U.S. has more than 300,000 personnel assigned to, or in support of, NATO, most of whom belong to one of the three major commands: United States Army Europe (USAREUR) headquartered at Heidelberg, Germany; United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) at Ramstein Air Base, Germany; and the United States Naval Forces, Europe (USNAVEUR) in London.

These forces are not an occupation force in Europe; they stand and operate at each country's invitation and free consent, and in times of war they are automatically turned over to NATO and the Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR). Nor is the United States merely carrying the Europeans' defense burden for them; by serving in NATO, the U.S. is defending itself, too.

The military partnership between the United States and United Kingdom predates NATO and is one of the healthiest in the Alliance, an outgrowth of the unification of forces in World War II. Symbol of this heritage is the building at No. 20 Grosvenor Square in London. Now the headquarters for the commander in chief of the U.S. Navy in Europe, the building housed Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters during World War II, along with several other Navy and Army commands.

The U.S. Air Force bases at RAF Alconbury and RAF Molesworth are also historical links to the American role in World War II when they served as 8th Air Force bomber bases, while Greenham Common, earlier a U.S. fighter base, launched the 438th Troop Carrier Group in C-47s on the eve of D-Day.

Of all the American forces, the Air Force has the strongest historical ties and largest presence in Britain. In World War II, the mighty 8th Air Force was based in England, flying B-17 and B-24 bombers and their complement of escort fighters on daytime raids over Nazi Europe. The 9th Air Force and its tactical missions started operating out of England midway through the war.

The U.S. Air Force returned to England with another force of bombers in 1948 to lend muscle to the Allied airlift during the Berlin Blockade, and the 3rd Air Division was activated to handle the rotational SAC units operating in England. The Air Force remained in Britain upon NATO's formation, though it gradually changed to a tactical and support mission. Meanwhile, 3rd Air Force replaced the 3rd Air Division in 1951 and now commands all USAFE units in



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US FORCES IN BRITAIN

the United Kingdom with its headquarters at RAF Mildenhall. Additionally, 3rd Air Force provides support for all American forces in the U.K.

With some 28,000 personnel based in Britain, the Air Force carries out a variety of missions, the bulk of its bases arrayed in a belt north and west of London, from Norfolk to Gloucestershire. Tactical fighter wings fly out of RAF Lakenheath (F-111Fs), RAF Upper Heyford (F-111Es and EF-111As), RAF Bentwaters (A-10s) and RAF Alconbury (A-10s and F-16s). EC-135 airborne command and control aircraft operate from Mildenhall, which is also the Air Force's U.K. aerial port handling rotational MAC C-130 squadrons and transient transport aircraft. Mildenhall also hosts SAC's European Tanker Task Force and its rotational KC-10s and KC-135s, a mission RAF Fairford shares in with their rotational KC-135s. Meanwhile, the Electronic Security Command operates a communications center at RAF Chicksands, and RAF Woodbridge houses aerospace rescue and recovery aircraft.

The U.S. Navy has about 4,000 personnel assigned in the United Kingdom, from the shores of Cornwall to the tip of Scotland with missions about as extreme in scope. The largest contingent is that of the Submarine Refit Site One at Holy



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A ground crew services an A-10 of the 81st TFW at RAF Bentwaters.

Loch, a U.S. Atlantic Fleet base. The Atlantic Fleet also has operational command of the Naval Communications Station at Thurso and the oceanographic mission at RAF Brawdy. RAF Edzell has a Security Group Activity supporting Navy and NATO operations, while RAF Mildenhall hosts the Naval Air Facility

and St. Mawgan houses the Aviation Weapons Facility. All of the missions are administratively supported by the U.S. Naval Activities, United Kingdom (COMNAVACTUK), based in London, which also supports CINCUSNAVEUR.

The U.S. Army, meanwhile, operates depots at RAF Burtonwood and Caerwent, and has other personnel stationed in various capacities on a few of the Air Force bases, including the Airborne Command and Control wing at Mildenhall.

Not to be overlooked are two other USAF bases currently seeing major changes in their function as their missions become "obsolete": RAF Greenham Common and RAF Molesworth, homes for the cruise missile. The shifting status of these two bases best exemplifies NATO's purpose and effectiveness, since the cruise missile units will be deactivated because of the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty signed by the U.S. and Soviet Union last spring. The alliance's resources and resolve have again stanchied the aspirations of military aggression, but this time without throwing the continent into another devastating war.

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Sceptered Isle: Britain still is ruled by a monarch with all the trappings of royalty to awe her people.

Sceptered Isle: Britain still is rich with man's craftsmanship, the inspiring cathedrals, foreboding castles, and palatial mansions as well as the intimate pubs, peaceful windmills and thatched cottages.

Sceptered Isle: Britain still sparkles with the jewels of nature, the emerald forests, the sapphire lakes, the garnet fields, the onyx lowlands, the amethyst highlands and the pearl cliffs.

Sceptered Isle: Even in geographical shape, Great Britain resembles a scepter, 600 miles long, 340 miles wide at its base, narrowing to 80 miles in the middle and topped with the diamond land of Scotland.

Shakespeare certainly packed a lot into a phrase; but, then, Great Britain packs a lot into itself.

In area, the nations of England, Scotland and Wales make up 88,769 square miles. If it were an American state it would rank 11th in size, behind Oregon and ahead of Utah. Great Britain's population of 54 million people, though, would put it first, exceeding top-ranked California by more than 30 million people, though the Golden State has almost twice the area of the Sceptered Isle.

These figures make Great Britain sound like a packed elevator, but it is more like a popular garden party, where most of the people are standing in the food and drink tents, while out on the lawns, around the flower beds, in the woods and by the fountains, people stroll in relaxing solitude.

Great Britain is vast and truly varied. Personnel stationed in East Anglia who think England is flat need to take a two-hour drive west. Servicemen in the Cots-



DENNIS MANSELL

Britain isn't all somewhere else. Every county has at least a half-dozen castles, ruined or occupied, three or four monastic ruins, a couple of cathedrals, a handful of museums, many mansions and maybe even a royal residence.

The exasperating thing about Great Britain, in fact, is that there is too much to see and do. This tends to happen when a nation accumulates 2,000 years of history and culture in a land mass half the size of California. It is best to sift through your particular tastes and explore first those things that most intrigue you.

So, if you fancy:

—King Arthur, visit Cornwall and Avon, where the legendary Arthur was

wold region who think Britain is boring need to take a 90-minute drive into London. Navy families in London who think the United Kingdom is one hectic congested place need to jump on any motorway and go any direction to find peace and privacy.

Furthermore, England is only one-third of Great Britain. Out west is Wales, land of misty mountains and mysterious people, the true Middle Earth for J.R.R. Tolkien's hobbits and wizards. Up north is Scotland, Highland home of the clans and a nation with two of Europe's most dynamic cities, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

But before looking too far afield, take a quick glance around your installation's horizons. The "so much" of Great

A magnificent view overlooking Derwentwater in the Lake District.

born, reigned and died;

—Robin Hood, visit Nottingham and Sheffield and the Sherwood Forest in between;

—Castles, visit Warwickshire and Shropshire for the classic medieval castles Hollywood emulated, visit Wales for the massive military fortresses, visit Kent for the Tudor palaces and visit East Anglia for the Norman keeps;

—Mansions of the lords and ladies, visit the biggest and the best in Derbyshire and Norfolk;

—Prehistoric monuments, visit the Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire for Stonehenge and its cousins, and visit the

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—Cathedrals, visit the large ones at Canterbury, Durham, Lincoln, York and Winchester, visit the tall ones at Norwich and Salisbury, visit the small ones at Portsmouth and Rochester, visit the artistic ones at Wells and Peterborough and visit the modern one at Coventry;

—Christian heritage, visit Yorkshire for its many picturesque abbey ruins, and visit the region around the cathedral cities of Hereford, Gloucester and Worcester, known as the Angel's Triangle;

Left: The castle at Bodiam, Sussex. Below: Like days of old, two knights joust at Belvoir Castle, Lincolnshire.



ERIC WINTON

Wessex region of Dorset and the Orkney Isles of Scotland for other pre-historic mysteries;

—Romans, visit the still-working baths and temple at Bath, and Hadrian's Wall crossing from Carlisle to Newcastle-upon-Tyne;

—Vikings, visit York where the award-winning Jorvik Viking Center recreates a tenth-century city street;

—China, the fine kind you eat off of, visit Stoke-on-Trent;

—Maritime history, visit Portsmouth for British Naval history, visit Liverpool for ocean-liner history, visit Greenwich for all other seaworthy exploits;

—Air power history, visit Biggleswade for the early birds, visit Hendon for the war birds, visit Duxford for all types of birds;

—Real birds, visit the Norfolk Broads (it's a network of coastal waterways), and the Caithness coast of Scotland;

—Zoos, visit Howletts in Kent to see big cats and baby elephants, visit Dudley near Birmingham to see crocodiles while away their time in a castle, and visit Edinburgh to see penguins on parade;

—The Beatles, visit Liverpool and take the Magical Mystery Tour;

—William Shakespeare, visit Stratford-upon-Avon to see where he was born and retired to, and to see his grave and his plays, too;

—Charles Dickens, visit Rochester, the childhood home he returned to live

in after attaining success;

—Other literary figures, visit Dorset for Thomas Hardy, visit Bradford for the Bronte Sisters, visit Cumbria for William Wordsworth and Beatrix Potter, visit Hampshire for Jane Austen, visit Ayr and Dumfries for Robert Burns, visit the Borders region for Sir Walter Scott, visit the Yorkshire Dales for James Herriot;

—Mary, Queen of Scots, visit any castle in Scotland and half those in England—she slept in them all, it seems;

—Winston Churchill, visit Blenheim Palace in Woodstock, where he was born and near where he is now buried, and visit Chartwell in Westerham, Kent, where he lived;

GLOSSARY

Coach: Tour bus. National Express runs a coach service, London Transport drives buses. Americans are often baffled by restaurant and service station signs on the highways that say "No Football Coaches Allowed." It means buses carrying soccer fans are prohibited.

Inn: A pub that has rooms where people can spend the night. Some inns are excellent value, some are noteworthy for their rusticity, some are luxurious, but an inn is not synonymous with hotel or motel.

Bed and Breakfast: An establishment that rents rooms for the night and serves a homemade breakfast the next morning

all in one price. It does not mean you get breakfast in bed.

En suite: A room in an inn or bed and breakfast with its own private toilet and bath. In most guesthouses, the toilets and bathrooms are down the hall and used by several guests.

Nought: Zero. For instance, should the Nebraska football team get three touchdowns while shutting out Oklahoma, the score would be given as "21-Nought." The game of Noughts and Crosses is the British equivalent to Tic-Tac-Toe.

Zed: The last letter in the alphabet, "Z." The name "Rizzo" would be spelled R-l-zed-zed-O."

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Once you settle on the wheres and wherefores, turn now to the wherewiths. Even without your own car, getting around Great Britain is easily managed by either rail or bus.

British Rail is excellent for both price and convenience. Every city and town has a station, most of them ideally located near anywhere you would want to go. For those who like to explore the countryside, carry a bicycle on the train and pedal from the stations.

Except for the outer reaches of Scotland, British Rail keeps up constant service to all its stations throughout the day every day. With more lines becoming electrified, the already fast trips will run even faster. Currently, London to Edinburgh is a five-hour train ride, made all the more convenient with the run's overnight sleepers.

Single-destination ticket prices can run high, but for longer trips get the multi-day Rail Rover passes, which allow unlimited travel on the entire system for seven or 14 days. Even more economical are the Regional Rail

Rovers that, for no more than 50 pounds, permit a week of unlimited travel in a specified but large region.

Competitive with British Rail on single destination tickets is National Express, Great Britain's counterpart to Greyhound and Trailways. National Express runs regular service to all the major and minor towns of Britain, including many of the U.S. bases.

For information and tickets on either British Rail or National Express, contact the travel agent on your base or check with the recreation center's tour office.

Whichever mode of transportation you take, take the load off your feet for

visor on base, whose office has brochures for almost all the tourist regions in Great Britain as well as key attractions around the area. Regional brochures include addresses for that area's tourist board; write or call those offices to get even more information. Another source is the British Travel Center in London, 12 Regent St., SW1Y 4PQ; tel. (01) 730 3400.

Browse through the library or *Stars and Stripes* bookstore; both are well stocked with guide books. One out-

A prehistoric mystery: Stonehenge on Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire.



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the night at a Bed and Breakfast. Though in America B&Bs are in vogue for the trendy types and so expensive, in Britain they are the economical night's lodging, ranging in accommodation from purpose-run guesthouses to farms and private homes with an extra room or three. Though B&Bs start at 10 pounds per person and average in the 25-35 pounds range, the personal attention customers get usually means better service and food than patrons of large, starred hotels will find.

B&Bs are so abundant you can find one with a vacancy almost any night in any town by driving or walking around. A better strategy is to buy books listing B&Bs (AA's *Guesthouses, Farmhouses and Inns in Britain* updated annually is an excellent buy at 5.95 pounds), or contact any town's Tourist Information Center. All should have a list of B&Bs, and some tourist information centers run book-a-room services.

Information is the most important baggage a traveler in Britain needs, and there are plenty of places to get that. Check with the community relations ad-

standing series of books is the Automobile Association's (AA) *Ordnance Survey Leisure Guides and Town And City Guides*. These are colorful, entertaining and especially helpful books available at most bookstores.

If you need more impetus to get out and around Great Britain, or you would prefer more experience in traveling around Britain before setting off on your own, sign up for one of the recreation or community center tours. These packages offer military members excellent prices on one-day and weekend outings, allowing individual freedom as well as group security.

Whatever you decide to do or see, don't procrastinate before setting out to see this sceptered isle. Though Great Britain is so readily accessible to American service families, there is so much to see that most families inevitably PCS back to the States sorry that they didn't do all that they could have.

That's unfortunate, too, for so rarely do we get an opportunity to have hold of such a scepter with all the glories it contains at our fingertips. ■

Cities off the Beaten Track

Great Britain has so much to see people often forget how small the country really is. Americans stationed here can, in fact, see most of Britain's key attractions on weekends. Three to four hours of driving will put all but the farthest stretches of the land in reach of all but the remotest of American bases. A weekend here, a weekend there, soon the heres and theres add up to culminate in a thorough exploration of Great Britain.

Here follows a list of the best of Britain's "Weekend Cities," chosen for their own historical value, their character, their shopping, their amenities and the territory they give access to.

YORK, North Yorkshire: At the top of everybody's list, a medieval walled city with one of Europe's most famous cathedrals, narrow streets of outstanding shops, quaint architecture, excellent museums and wonderful people, with the Moors and Dales nearby and a dozen great ruined abbeys. Tourist info: De Grey Rooms, Exhibition Square, York, North Yorkshire YO1 2HB; tel. (0904) 21756/7.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, Warwickshire: William Shakespeare's home, a tourist-inundated town with good reason to be so, for its many attractions, shopping and outstanding theater. Nearby, is Warwick Castle and the Cotswolds. Tourist info: Judith Shakespeare's House, 1 High St., Warwickshire, CV37 6AU; tel. (0789) 293127.

EDINBURGH, Lothian: Scotland's capital, with an imposing castle at the top of the Royal Mile, a street lined with historic houses, museums and shops down to the royal Palace of Holyrood. Easy to reach by train, this is Scotland's cosmopolitan delight. Tourist info: Waverley Market, Princess Street, Edinburgh EH2 2QP; tel. (031) 557 1700.

CANTERBURY, Kent: This ancient city contains too many historic buildings to list in addition to its inspiring cathedral. A friendly town with enticing



The entrance to the medieval, stone Ely Cathedral in Cambridgeshire.

shops, and a perfect base for the castle-laden county of Kent, not to mention a short drive from Dover. Tourist info: 13 Longmarket, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2JS; tel. (0227) 766567.

BATH, Avon: Both ancient and elegant, a resort since the Romans, Bath displays the opulence of Roman architecture, Georgian society and Victorian wealth. Bath is a short drive from Glastonbury and King Arthur country as well. Tourist info: Abbey Church Yard, Bath, Avon BA1 1LY; tel. (0225) 62831.

SALISBURY, Wiltshire: Itself an interesting city containing a fine cathedral and its perfectly preserved precincts, but most popular as a base for exploring the mysteries of Salisbury Plain, especially Stonehenge, Avebury and so many other ancient monuments. Tourist info: Fish Row, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 1EJ, telephone 0722 334956.

WINDSOR, Berkshire: Not only is Windsor's the largest inhabited castle in

the world, it is the queen's home. The royal borough also has a Madame Tussaud's exhibit, is outstanding for shopping and overlooks the Thames Valley. Tourist info: Central Station, Thames St., Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1QU; tel. (0753) 852010.

CAMBRIDGE, Cambridgeshire: One of Britain's two great university towns, Cambridge is one architectural splendor after another, climaxing with King's College Chapel. See it all by walking through the colleges or "punting" on the River Cam. Tourist info: Wheeler St., Cambridge, Cambridgeshire CB2 3QB; tel. (0223) 322640.

OXFORD, Oxfordshire: Larger, older and perhaps more prestigious than Cambridge, Britain's other great university city loses out in ambience. Still, its many colleges are worth walking through, and nearby is Blenheim Palace and the Cotswolds. Tourist info: St. Aldates, Oxford, Oxfordshire OX1 1DY; tel. (0865) 726871/3.

PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire: Three eras of the British navy are docked at the Royal Navy base—Henry VIII's *Mary Rose*, Lord Nelson's *HMS Victory* and the first battleship, *HMS Warrior*. Many military museums add points to this city within reach of the New Forest, the South Downs and the Isle of Wight. Tourist info: The Hard, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO1 3QJ; tel. (0705) 826722.

CUMBRIA: Not a city, but an area, England's Lake District, with high hills, lovely valleys and crystal lakes around every bend of the road; home to William Wordsworth and Beatrix Potter. At the center is Windermere, where the Cumbria Tourist Board is located: Ashleigh, Holly Road, Windermere, Cumbria LA23 2AS, tel. (09662) 4444.

CHESTER, Cheshire: A walled city with its center consisting entirely of timber-frame shops and an eclectic cathedral, Chester is ideal as a base for exploring northern Wales and launching a jaunt into Liverpool, hometown of the Beatles. Tourist info: Town Hall, Northgate St., Chester, Cheshire CH1 2NF; tel. (0244) 40144 ext. 2111.

INVERNESS, Highland: Lying on the River Ness with a monster lurking a couple of miles away in Loch Ness, this town could easily be spoiled by tourism, but isn't. Friendly and quiet, it serves as the gateway to the Scottish Highlands and some stunning scenery. Tourist info: 23 Church St., Inverness-shire IV1 1EZ; tel. (0463) 234353.

SHREWSBURY, Shropshire: A city of timber-framed shops lying along the Welsh Marches, the mountains on the England-Wales frontier, offering beautiful countryside and many castles. Tourist info: The Square, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY1 1LH; tel. (0743) 50761/2.

A Hop, Skip and Jump Away

A day in Bruges, a night in Amsterdam, a weekend in Paris, all are readily available to the American in England.

People stationed in the U.K. can stop dreaming about a visit to Europe some day and do it almost any day since they are *in* Europe. The rest of the continent is just a hop (on a military flight), skip (across the Channel on a ferry) and jump (onto a train) away.

The most inexpensive means of seeing Europe is on military Space-A, available to all personnel and to accompanying families. Family members traveling alone are not authorized Space-A travel. Unless traveling on orders, personnel must be on leave to use Space-A. Since no seats are guaranteed, there are risks in this mode of travel, but with RAF Mildenhall's terminal handling some half a dozen flights to the continent daily—including bases in Belgium, Germany, Italy, Spain, Turkey and Iceland—the number of potential spaces makes the \$10 ticket worth the risk.

Driving tours through Europe are possible by using any of the many ferries that ply the English Channel and North Sea waters.

Some ferry companies offer discounts for American military personnel stationed with NATO. Check your SATO or travel office on base.

The two biggest companies, P&O and Sealink, compete on the quickest and most popular route, Dover to Calais, France, a 75- to 90-minute crossing. The port at Dover resembles a major international airport, with a terminal, gates and huge departure notices.

A longer route, less expensive but with better amenities, is Sally Line's Ramsgate-to-Dunkirk, France, a 2-1/2-hour crossing with all the pros and cons of less congested ports.

Sealink and P&O also sail other French connections from their British ports of Folkstone, Newhaven, Portsmouth and Weymouth to France's



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Dover, where the crossing begins.

Boulogne, Dieppe, Le Havre and Cherbourg. Brittany Ferries also serves this stretch of the Channel with sailings from Portsmouth to several ports in Normandy and from Plymouth to Spain.

Meanwhile, P&O links Dover with Zeebrugge and Ostend, Belgium, and sails a six-hour journey from Felixstowe to Zeebrugge, a particularly convenient service for personnel in East Anglia who can sleep on the night ferry and arrive in Bruges for breakfast.

For more luxurious sailings, Sealink offers its Harwich-Hook of Holland line, and Olau serves Sheerness and Vlissingen, Holland. DFDS Seaways has car-carrying cruises connecting England to Northern Europe: Harwich to Esbjerg, Denmark; Gothenburg, Sweden; and Hamburg, Germany; and from Newcastle-upon-Tyne to Esbjerg and Gothenburg. North Sea Ferries runs routes from Hull to Zeebrugge and Rotterdam.

For something different, there's Hoverspeed's Hovercraft. It's a little costlier, but it crosses the Dover Straits in 35 minutes and takes cars, too.

Ferries also provide the overseas links for railway travelers, making Great Britain part of Europe's vast and efficient railroad network. You can grab a train at a station near the base, ride into London, take the tube to Victoria Station, ride to one of the ports where the train platform is only a short walk

from the ship, sail to the other side and continue on as easily as ever. Eurail passes and British Rail tickets cover every leg of the journey in one cost.

Service personnel may travel on their ID cards and Form 80s or leave authorization to other NATO countries, but a tourist passport is recommended anyway, both for your personal safety in case terrorism increases again and to ensure hassle-free travel through all countries. Currently, passports cost just \$42 and can be obtained through the base personnel office or legal office.

There are some restrictions on travel. France requires entry visas for Americans, except active-duty personnel serving in NATO countries. Because so many recreation-center and community-center tours go across the Channel to coastal towns and Paris, these offices can provide information and assistance.

Political developments may change requirements in other countries at a moment's notice, so when planning a trip through the continent, call the London consulate offices or embassies of each country you plan to visit and ask about visa requirements.

REQUIREMENTS

WHEN PLANNING A TRIP anywhere in Europe or to the Middle East, U.S. servicemen should remember the following:

- Any restrictions on destinations because of a serviceman's clearance or job are listed in the personnel records. Always check there before planning a trip or ask your unit's security officer.

- When planning a trip to Warsaw Pact countries in particular, get a security briefing on that country, which will give travelers information on political situations and health concerns travel agents don't normally provide.

- When traveling to Arab countries, be aware of religiously motivated legal restrictions, such as bans on pornographic material, alcohol and such.

- When traveling to any country, find out how much money you may be allowed to carry in and out. Concerning any such legal restrictions, check with your travel agent or the country's consulate.

- When driving on the continent, be sure your insurance company will cover you. Don't take this for granted; check your policy or call the company. Get a rider added if you are not covered.

- If, while abroad, you or a family member needs medical care, after life-threatening situations are stabilized, contact the military attache at the U.S. embassy in that country so the patient can be air-evacuated to a U.S. military hospital.

- If a legal problem ever arises while traveling abroad, also call the U.S. embassy's military attache.

- Remember, when taking a trip out of the U.K., even on a weekend, personnel must take leave.

A Cash Course

Since the British sterling, like the dollar, is based on a metric system where one pound equals 100 pence, spending money in Great Britain is as easy as in America. It's worth learning the worth of each pence coin and pound note, because though services on base use American money, off base you will have to use British cash.

Americans would also do well to open sterling checking accounts while in Britain. American Express banks on military installations offer checking accounts that carry both sterling and dollar balances, and major British banks, such as Barclays, Lloyds and Bank of Scotland, offer sterling accounts with nationwide accessibility, including cash machines. Branches of these banks located near U.S. bases are used to working with American customers and geared to handling servicemen's specific needs, including accepting U.S. checks.

Do not close your Stateside checking account before leaving for Great Britain because American checks are honored on base, and American companies do not accept checks drawn on British banks.

In addition to sterling checks, most British merchants and services recognize the major U.S. credit cards—Mastercard (Access in the U.K.), Visa (Barclaycard), American Express and Diner's Club.

The only difference between spending dollars and pounds is the exchange

rate, or the value of dollars against sterling on any given day. The exchange rate shows how much a single pound is worth in dollars. For instance, an exchange rate of 1.75 means that one pound equals \$1.75. To convert pounds into dollars, multiply by the exchange rate; to change dollars into pounds, divide by the exchange rate.

Like the weather, the exchange rate changes every day, is unpredictable and beyond the control of us common folk. What is high or low is all relative to what it was last week, month or year. Currently the exchange rate is hovering around 1.70; one year ago it was 1.85, four years ago it was 1.05, and 10 years ago it was 2.30.

Banks offer the best exchange rate, while military clubs on base change money for members' convenience but at a higher rate. Check also with your base's Accounting and Finance or Disbursing office to see if they offer any money-changing service.

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GLOSSARY

Current account: Checking account.

Quid: Slang for pound. Something that costs 5 quid costs 5 pounds.

Shilling: Before Britain went on the metric system with its currency, a shilling was one of the values. The value is obsolete, but the term is still used, and some shilling coins are still in circulation; namely the 2 shilling piece, which is identical in size, shape and value to the 10 pence coin.

Bank card: Credit card (Visa, Mastercard, etc.).

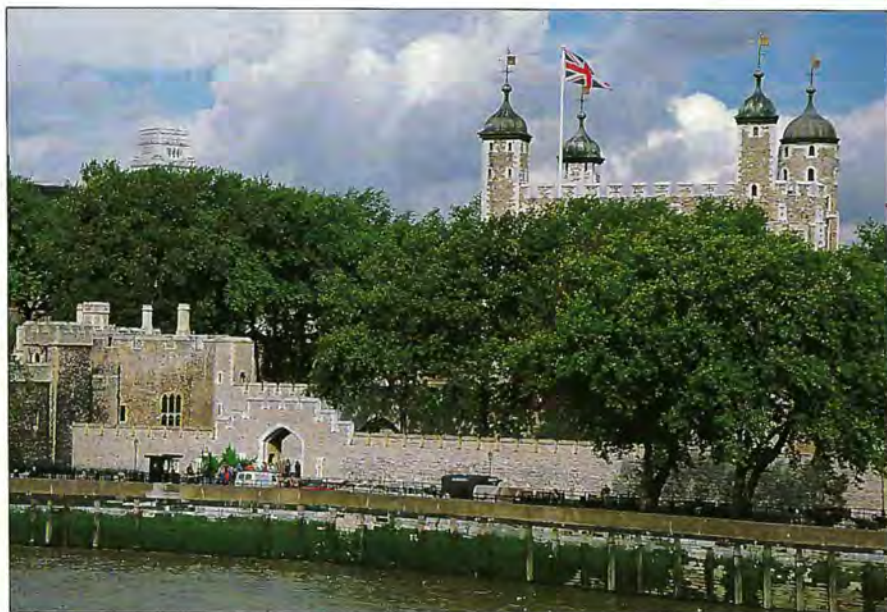
Fruit machine: A slot machine, usually the electronic version of the one-armed bandits.

Bill: What you ask for at the end of your meal in a restaurant. Do not ask for your check; that's what you could pay with.



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The White Tower on the Thames (left) and a Yeoman Warder, or "Beefeater," leading a tour of the Tower (above).

London is a city of superlatives, and whatever your personal preferences—be they sight-seeing, museum musing, shopping, theater or club hopping—London can cater to your desires with the "oldest," "largest," "best" and "most" in Europe.

If you want a taste of royalty and a trapeze through history, venture through the Tower of London, the oldest fortress in continued use in the Western World. The Tower houses the Crown Jewels and a vast collection of armory among its museums, and many of its once-royal apartments and notorious prison chambers are open to the public.

The Yeoman Warders stationed there, popularly known as Beefeaters and wearing traditional uniforms, give tours every half hour. The Tower also is the best place to see a ceremonial changing of the guards, held weekdays about 11 a.m.

Buckingham Palace, the queen's London residence, has the more popular

and much grander Changing of the Guard. But the crowds are also massive. Scheduled daily at 11:30 a.m., the action takes place far from the gate-restrained spectators, but the guardsmen's band—replete in red coats and beaver hats—entertains the crowds.

The mounted sentries of the Household Cavalry change their guard at Whitehall every day at 11 a.m. (10 a.m. on Sundays) in a ceremony during which even the horses act to precision.

It's sometimes hard to remember with all of its royal pomp that Britain is the world's oldest democracy, yet at Parliament Square the church representing one of the few monarchies still in power sits catercorner to the palace containing the Houses of Parliament. The latter is the Palace of Westminster, a gothic-style building on the banks of the Thames, featuring the largest square tower in the world, as well as the more famous clock tower, Big Ben.

Across the street is Westminster Abbey, the semi-cathedral where every English monarch save two has been

crowned since William the Conqueror in 1066. Westminster Abbey also houses the tombs of 16 British monarchs as well as graves for most of the country's greatest statesmen and warriors, poets and writers, scientists and explorers. A lot of these people and also many of today's popular figures can be found (in wax) at Madame Tussaud's.

From the glitz of Madame Tussaud's to the glory of St. Paul's Cathedral, London still displays the glamour of its days as the capital of the largest and wealthiest empire in history. Christopher Wren's masterpiece, St. Paul's, dazzles the senses with its splendor and architectural dimensions while awing the soul with its spiritual ambience. Wren's 365-foot dome is famous from World War II pictures showing it standing stalwart amid the smoke of The Blitz.

The other famous image of London's withstanding the destruction of the blitz is Winston Churchill's Cabinet War Rooms and extensive bunker underneath the government offices on Whitehall. Open to the public, they offer a tantalizing glimpse into the operations of England's most famous leader during the nation's darkest hours.

There are dozens of museums throughout London, with appeals so varied anyone can count on suiting his or her own particular—and peculiar—interests, from toys to labor unions to war. Two outstanding museums, located on London's outskirts, deal with Britain's prowess in



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water and air. The Maritime Museum in Greenwich showcases England's glorious sea-power days in a sprawling building and Thames-side grounds incorporating the Old Royal Observatory. In Hendon, the RAF Museum beckons air enthusiasts. The complex contains an impressive fleet of historical military aircraft, with two separate galleries devoted to Bomber Command and The Battle of Britain.

The greatest museum of them all is the British Museum. It encompasses the world. Part of the ancient Parthenon from Athens is displayed there as are ancient Roman, Egyptian, Indian and Oriental treasures, and monuments from all areas of every continent. It's impossible to do in a day, and it's free.

So is the National Gallery on Trafalgar Square, home for art masterpieces from all the great European movements spanning seven centuries. Adjoining the National Gallery is the National Portrait Gallery, also free and also overwhelming in content, with portraits of anybody important from King Richard II to Mick Jagger.

A week's worth of museums of art and objects is located in a block of South Kensington near Hyde Park. If it is made either by God or man, you're likely to find it under one of these roofs: the Science Museum, the Geological Museum, the Natural History Museum and that popular eclectic collection of collectibles, the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Up the road is another museum of sorts, Harrods, the largest department store in Europe. Other large stores can

Big Ben and Westminster Bridge (left) and a fruit stand on Oxford Street, London's retail sales center (right).

be found on Oxford and Regent streets, the retail center of London. More exclusive and expensive shopping is found on New and Old Bond streets, Sloane Street and the sidestreets of Mayfair. The other side of London shopping is the many street markets. The trendiest of them are Portobello Road, famous for antiques, and Petticoat Lane, famous for all else. Covent Garden has been redeveloped and tops most street markets because of its many stalls, competitive prices and central location.

When the day is done, London truly lights up. Visitors can choose between two types of entertainment London does better than anywhere else in the world: live theater and nightclubs.

How good is London theater? New Yorkers come to London to plays, while London productions go to Broadway and sweep the Tony Awards. Ticket prices for all London shows are ridiculously low compared to their New York counterparts, especially when purchased in advance direct from theater box offices.

Then it's party time. The largest and most popular discos are at Leicester Square, London's nightlife center. The city magazines *Time Out* and *City Limits* have full listings of nightclubs.

One thing London noticeably lacks is good, native restaurants. To chance a good English dining experience, try a carvery—an elegant all-you-can-eat buffet—or eat at a pub or wine bar.

More satisfying are the fine Chinese restaurants near Leicester Square, or the many Italian and pasta places around the city. There are also outstanding samples of Indian, Middle East and Greek cuisine in the West End and Kensington.

Picking a time to eat is as important as picking a place. Londoners eat lunch from 1-2 p.m.; so get your table at 12-12:30. Most restaurants re-open in the evening about 7 p.m.

Aside from its own culinary dearth, London, once capital of a worldwide empire, is still the world capital of culture and a city of immense historical wealth. By all means, make time for sightseeing in London during your stay in Britain. ■

TIPS FOR LONDON

THE EASIEST WAY to get around is in a London taxi. Most distances come to less than \$8 including tip. A cheaper alternative is the subway, the Underground or Tube as it is popularly known. Then, of course, there's the city's famous fleet of red double-decker buses.

To get a good introductory tour of London, take one of the London Transport Round London Sightseeing Tours. These board at Piccadilly Circus, Marble Arch, Victoria and Baker Street Stations, last less than two hours and cover an 18-mile circuit taking in most of London's famous landmarks.

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Choosing Your Castle



ERIC MINTON

In America we're fond of saying, "A man's home is his castle." In Britain, a man's home could very well be a castle.

Americans stationed in Britain are unlikely to buy or rent a castle, but a castle gatehouse is not beyond reach. Americans could also live in a medieval abbey ruin, a disused windmill, a converted barn, an estate's stable block, or an old railroad station. We're not talking squatting here, but comfortable, full-of-character homes, for the British are resourceful in creating new homes out of any standing structure—one architect is even converting an old rail bridge.

Most servicemen buying or renting homes on the British economy are likely to take on more typical residences, but in Britain "typical" ranges from idyllic thatch-roof cottages to modern ranch-style houses. "Typical" can be a 400-year-old Tudor timber-frame village cottage, a 200-

Off base, it's possible to find lodging in a thatched-roof row house.

year-old Georgian brick town house, a 100-year-old Victorian country home, or a twentieth-century row house.

Obviously, it is impossible to generalize on what to expect in British housing. Most British houses are small by American standards, but Texas-size homes do exist. Many British houses may look to be in poor repair, but some have been around longer than the U.S.

The Air Force and Navy both provide base housing at all their installations, some of it new or, as in the case of RAF Alconbury, recently improved. Base houses are wired for both 110- and 240-volt currents, and most are hooked up to the new cable TV system. Additionally, the military offers Anglo housing to personnel, leased from British landlords for use by service-members.

On the economy, time will find the

near-perfect home for anybody, be it an old village school or a flat. Unfortunately, most service families don't have much time to find a place to live, with TLA restrictions and a new job calling. Nevertheless, many avenues are open to finding a selection of homes in a short amount of time.

Military housing offices have lists of rentals in the area, a good first source since the housing office must approve all leases. Local newspapers list some rentals, but a more thorough approach is to drive around and ask at village post offices or pubs; post mistresses and publicans often know of places for rent that have not been publicized. Finally, phone or visit estate agents (British realtors), some of whom handle rentals.

One boon or bane to Americans is that many rentals come furnished, though the term "furnished" is always a relative term open to interpretations of taste, too. One option for newcomers is to seek a furnished dwelling and supplement it with items from AAFES or NEX furniture stores or the many used furniture stores in their area.

When looking over a British house, either to rent or buy, be prepared to sacrifice some American standards, especially in bathrooms, kitchens and storage space, not to mention window screens and insulation, two bits of technology the British haven't embraced. Additionally, watch out for

GLOSSARY

Flat: An apartment.

Garden, Yard: What Americans think of as a lawn is a garden in Britain, whether it has flowers or vegetables or not. Any plot of ground with things growing—including merely grass—is a garden. However, a yard is a paved area adjoining a house. Many houses in British towns have yards instead of gardens.

To let: To rent. When looking for a rental, look in newspapers under "To Let" or ask somebody if they know of any houses to let in the area. If you need to rent a car or a piece of equipment you "hire" it. When you move into the house you're letting, you may need to go to a tool hire place and hire a lawnmower.

Lounge: A living room. So is the "reception room," which could also mean a dining room, study or den.

Fire: A gas or electric heater, not a fireplace.

Semi-detached: A duplex.

Bungalow: One-story house. The term has no other connotations.

Terrace house: Houses built in a continuous block. It could be something like a cheap condominium complex, or it could be the prized row houses of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Estate agents: Realtors.

Solicitors: Lawyers.

these particular pitfalls:

—Does the house have closets? Built-in closets to hang clothes are a recent development in British homes. In older homes Britons normally use wardrobes, a piece of furniture you might need to buy. Kitchen cabinets are another rarity in British homes.

—Are the stairways and doors wide enough to get furniture through? In many homes tight passages may deny dressers, chests, sofas and box springs.

—There is a place for a washer, but what about a dryer? Clotheslines are still the norm in this country. Be sure the hook-ups will work on your washer.

—What is the plumbing like, especially hot-water pressure? Two things you might as well accept is that 99 percent of British houses have separate spigots in their baths and sinks, as well as temperamental toilets. Most also lack showers, though shower hoses are easily rigged. The drawback is that British houses rely on gravity to course hot water through the pipes. So, while cold water pressure is good, hot water comes out in dribbles and makes for a trying time regulating the temperature of a shower. Separate spigots and poor water pressure also render American dishwashers useless.

—How is the carpeting laid? The British will sometimes use old carpet as padding for new carpeting, and with the moisture that seeps through these older houses, things begin to grow.

—Are rates included in the rent? Rates are the local property taxes that cover water and trash pick-up. Some landlords pay it, others don't include rates in the rent. Always ask.

—How is the house heated? This is a make-or-break question.

New homes have central oil heating with a boiler and radiators, or gas central heating, the most efficient form for most rentals. Check to see if every room has a radiator.

Don't let the term "central heating" fool you. It does not mean forced-air coming through vents. In addition to the boiler/radiator system, central heating also applies to a coal fire which heats a water tank positioned above the coal stove and sends water to radiators around the house. It takes a constantly blazing fire to keep the system effective, and you are the one that has to keep feeding the fire; you are the thermostat, as it were.

Some houses only have heating in individual rooms. One type is electric heat burners which raise utility costs higher than the room's temperature. Another is storage heaters. These are cabinets containing bricks that are heated electrically at night when rates are low and radiate the heat during the day. ■

IF YOU BUY

BUYING A HOME in Britain involves more time, a couple of additional costs and greater potential for suspense than it does in the States. The decision, though, has more to do with financial concerns and personal preference than any cultural differences.

As America has realtors, Britain has estate agents, and they are the first stop for interested buyers. Estate agents in communities around the bases deal often with Americans and will guide servicemembers through any British peculiarities. For assurance sake, personnel can have the base legal office review any contracts.

The first step is to get the mortgage amount approved by a building society or bank. Banks on base do not handle home mortgages. The amount a customer is allowed to borrow is based strictly on salary. This sets the limits on what price range a buyer can afford.

Then the househunting begins. Once a house is chosen, the process is turned over to a lawyer to change the deeds over. This can take six to eight weeks and becomes complicated and precarious if there is a long chain of buyers, i.e. the person selling house A is buying house B, whose owner is buying house C, and on and on. For servicemembers

buying, this process threatens to outlast TLA availability. For sellers, it is potential for catastrophe on the eve of PCSing.

Another danger that enters at this point is that in Britain no earnest money is placed on a "sale agreed." An owner or buyer can pull out of a deal—for instance if a better offer comes along—up to when the deeds are changed without breach of contract.

Buyers pay the solicitor's fee, as well as the building society's surveyor, who inspects the property to make sure it is sound and worth the asking price. Buyers also pay a Stamp Duty of one percent of the house's purchase price, a tax American servicemembers are not exempt from.

Whether buying in Britain is a sound investment is up to the individual's judgment. Currently, prices are rising absurdly fast, especially on the peripheries of London's commuting range. This means the housing market is particularly hot in East Anglia, Bedfordshire, Oxfordshire and Thames Valley, where U.S. Air Force bases are located.

Americans must not only consider the value of a house going up or down, but the exchange rate, too. Prices may go up in three years, but a drop of the exchange rate would negate the gains.

Measuring Up

All you cooks, beware! The British not only use metric measurements, they also use ounces, pints and pounds, too.

Believe it or not, it's those ounces, pints and pounds you have to worry about, for the British measures differ from American.

To wit:

A British pint is 20 ounces, a U.S. pint is 16 ounces.

A British cup is 10 ounces, an American cup is eight ounces.

A tablespoon in Britain is 5/8 ounce, in America it is 1/2 ounce.

A British teaspoon is 1/5 ounce, an American 1/6 ounce.

An Imperial gallon is about one-fifth more than a U.S. gallon, so leave it to the slide rule sorts to figure out your American-standard miles-per-gallon. Miles are the same, thank goodness.

Before you get out your calculator, though, there's more bad news. Ounces and quarts are not even measured the same in both countries. A British fluid ounce is 1.734 cubic inches, an American fluid ounce is 1.805 cubic inches. A British quart is 69.35 cubic inches, liquid or dry, and an American quart is either 57.75 cubic inches liquid or 67.2 cubic inches dry.

Furthermore, solids in Britain are measured in pounds, with one pound equaling 16 ounces. This seemingly innocuous bit of information wreaks all sorts of havoc with recipes, for an American cup of sugar does not weigh the same as an American cup of flour.

No wonder the best chefs measure with pinches, dashes and "That looks about right."

Finally, the British commonly measure body weight with a unit called a stone, which equals 14 pounds. The NFL Chicago Bears' William Perry weighed "23 stone" in Super Bowl XX, or 322 lbs. So, if someone says, "I started dieting and lost a stone," commend them, don't offer condolences. ■

GLOSSARY

Biscuit: Cookie or cracker. Saltines and Oreos are biscuits.

Tin: Can. Tea, tuna and tomato paste come in tins.

Corn flour: Cornstarch.

Prawn: Shrimp.

Minced meat: Hamburger.

Aubergine: Eggplant.

Corgette: Zucchini.

Your Home Away From Home



ERIC MINTON

Great Britain is not everybody's cup of tea. It *is* a foreign country, and things we take for granted are not so commonplace in Britain. No public water fountains? You've got to be kidding! What does a guy do when he's thirsty in Britain? Well, he can go to a vendor and buy a can of unrefrigerated Coke.

Little annoyances like these all Americans encounter, but for some they are needles that collectively form the path of nails that their tour in Britain becomes.

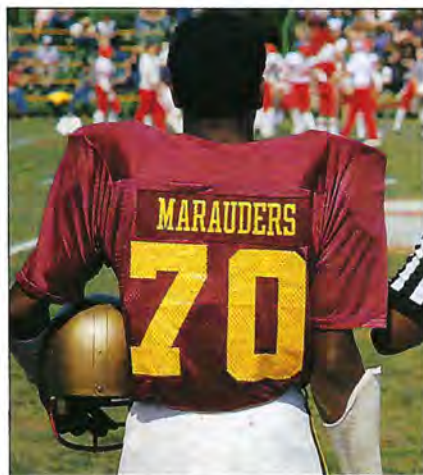
The Air Force and Navy each exceptionally address the problems of those military families unable to adapt to life in a foreign country and those who are homesick. It is not, frankly, a matter of "knowing where to look"; that phrase, too many people toss about, either as an

The bases have tackle football teams (top), as well as fully-equipped recreation centers (above).

excuse for not seeking assistance or as an excuse for letting people founder. The military's services and amenities are there and obvious.

The most important phone number newcomers should note is that of the Family Support Center (Air Force) or Family Services Center (Navy). Visit them: if you have any apprehensions about your new life in this old country, even just a casual conversation with someone there will boost confidence or provide some reassurances.

The centers help in solving crises, be it in the home or with the world. They help spouses seek jobs or find ways to keep their qualifications competitive



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for returning to the job market in the States. They offer financial counseling, an especially valuable service for people having trouble translating the pound-dollar differences to their budget. They even have a pet advisor. Most importantly, the centers have lists and information on all agencies and services, both on base and in the local community, and can refer people to the proper source of help.

Many Britons have commented that the U.S. bases are "Little Americas," sometimes saying so with disdain. That they are "Little Americas," however, is a good thing for the servicemen worrying out this overseas tour. For all the encouragement this magazine gives military families to get out and experience the country and its culture, we cannot deny an equally important option: to live out a tour of duty in the American environs of the base.

Most noteworthy is that, except for the London installations, every major base has a bowling alley, from the 24-lane center at RAF Lakenheath to the four-lane alleys at Edzell and Thurso. The big deal about that is exemplified at Thurso, which has the only 10-pin alley north of Aberdeen. The sport of bowling in Britain, you see, is slowly rolling palm-size balls at other balls on a lawn. Only one U.S. base (RAF Lakenheath) has an indoor swimming pool because every town of any size in Britain has public pools; likewise, Lakenheath alone among the U.S. bases in the U.K. has a golf course, but this is the country that invented the game. Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) programs try to meet all American interests, making up for those sports that are not common pastimes for the British.

This goes for team sports, too. In addition to intramurals, MWR runs USAF varsity leagues for basketball, volleyball, softball and, for men, tackle football. The football teams are fully

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outfitted and play the other U.K. bases for the right to play in USAFE titles.

For the true jock and the casual exerciser alike, gymnasiums on the American bases not only have full-size basketball courts, but racquetball courts, weight rooms and fitness machines, too. Most bases have aerobics teachers among their population, and their classes are popular for men and women.

Every base has clubs for enlisted personnel, NCOs and officers, offering restaurants, American bars, discos and lounges with a popular British amenity unavailable in the clubs back in the states: slot machines. Most bases have even carried out major refurbishments of their clubs in the past two years or, as at RAF Bentwaters, built new ones. Recreation Centers provide personnel their fill of billiards, table tennis and video games, as well as other services (the Dunoon Armed Services YMCA does the same for Holy Loch personnel). *Stars & Stripes* bookstores sell American magazines and books, while libraries on every base stock books, records and CDs. Every base has a movie theater, showing first-run American releases, some often six months before they open in British cinemas.

American taste buds are not forgotten, either. In addition to the clubs and dining halls, all bases have

fast-food snack bars, and Alconbury and Bentwaters have Burger Kings on base. Baskin-Robbins is a fixture at most bases, American-style doughnut shops are opening on many installations and pizza parlors serve American-style pies.

Most of the U.S. bases also have crafts, woodwork and auto hobby shops. As for other hobbies and interests, popular American clubs and organizations have chapters or counterparts on base and in the communities, from Lions International and Scouting to kit modeling and computer clubs.

MWR also runs sports and recreation programs for kids to fill the void left from community programs in the states. The American Youth Activities centers on each USAF base give kids their own recreation center with gamerooms, arts and crafts, dance and martial arts instruction, discos and, at RAF Alconbury, a gymnasium.

Services on base are even geared to meeting another particular interest of Americans—getting out to experience the country and culture of Britain. In addition to the Scheduled Airline Travel Office—which also handles coach and ferry tickets—every base has a commercial travel agent who can book airline tickets, cruises, hotel rooms and tours, while the Air Force recreation centers



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RAF Lakenheath's indoor swimming pool is the only one in USAFE.

and the Navy community centers regularly organize activity trips and run tours to British sites and to the continent, too. Service families can thus explore Britain and the continent or do their shopping and relaxing in a familiar environment. ■

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RAF Lakenheath, Suffolk; tel. (0638) 523000; APO 09179. On A1065 16 miles NE of Newmarket, 19 miles N of Bury St. Edmunds; London 75 miles. Mission: 48th Tactical Fighter Wing flying F-111Fs. Military pop. 4,500.

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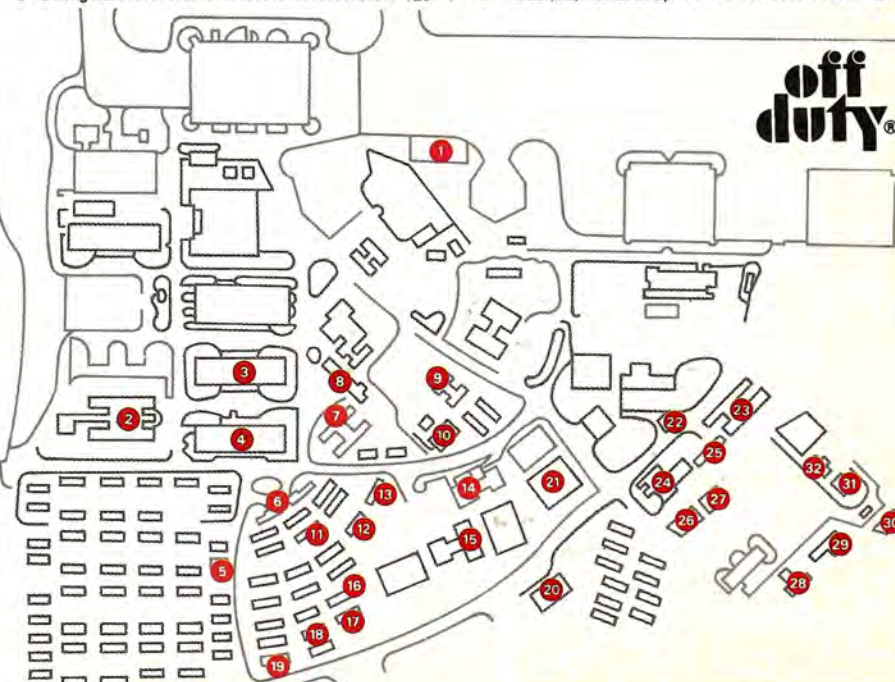
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RAF Kemble, Gloucestershire; tel. (028 577) 261; APO 09243. Between A429 and A433, 8 miles SW of Cirencester, 20 miles NW of Swindon; London 105 miles. Mission: Support Center Europe (AFLC), depot level maintenance for USAFE. Atch. RAF Fairford.

RAF Little Rissington, Gloucestershire; tel. (0451) 20606; APO 09198. Off A424 north of A40, 7 miles S of Stow-on-the-Wold, 22 miles NW of Oxford; London 79 miles. Mission: 66th USAF Contingency Hospital. Atch. RAF Fairford.

RAF Machrihanish, Strathclyde; tel. (0586) 53021; FPO 09515. Between A83 and B843, 6 miles W of Campbeltown, 1 mile E of Atlantic Ocean; London 430 miles. Mission: Naval Aviation Weapons Facility; Mobile Mine Assembly Group Det. 2; Naval Special Warfare Unit Two. Atch. Holy Loch.

RAF Molesworth, Cambridgeshire; tel. (0480) 843000; APO 09236. Off B660 north of A604, 12 miles W of Huntingdon, 28 miles NW of Cambridge; London 82 miles. Mission: 303rd Tactical Missile Wing with Ground Launch Cruise Missiles; Defense Reutilization Marketing Office. Atch. RAF Alconbury.

Menwith Hill, North Yorkshire; tel. (0423) 503024; APO 09210. Off A59 and B6451, 7 miles W of Harrogate, 20 miles N of Bradford; London 222 miles. Mission: National Security Agency satellite communications relay station.

RAF Sculthorpe, Norfolk; tel. (0328) 3141; APO 09048. Off A148, 20 miles E of King's Lynn, 27 miles NW of Norwich; London 119 miles. Mission: Det. 1, 48th Tactical Fighter Wing standby support. Atch. RAF Lakenheath.

RAF St. Mawgan, Cornwall; tel. (0638) 512209; FPO 09511. Between A3059 and B3276, 5 miles E of Newquay, 21 NW of St. Austell; London 268 miles. Mission: Naval Aviation Weapons Facility; USAF communications site.

Thurso, Caithness; tel. (084 780) 271; FPO 09516. On A836, 6 miles W of Thurso, 24 miles W of John O'Groats; London 664 miles. Mission: Naval Communications Station, U.K.

RAF Upwood, Cambridgeshire; tel. (0480) 823000; APO 09238. Off B1040, 10 miles N of Huntingdon, 14 miles SE of Peterborough; London 80 miles. Mission: 608th Contingency Hospital; 3rd AF NCO Leadership School; 7028th School Squadron (NCO Academy). Atch. RAF Alconbury.

RAF Uxbridge, Middlesex; tel. (0895) 37144; APO 09083. Between A40 and A4020, 15 miles W of central London. Mission: 2119th Communications Squadron supporting Defense Communications System. Atch. RAF Upper Heyford.

RAF Welford, Berkshire; tel. (0635) 38111-7323; APO 09607. Off M4, 6 miles NW of Newbury, 21 miles W of Reading; London 58 miles. Mission: 850th Munitions Maintenance Squadron operating 3rd AF's central UK depot.

RAF Wethersfield, Essex; tel. (0371) 850317; APO 09120. Off B1053, 11 miles S of Haverhill, 25 miles W of Colchester; London 60 miles. Mission: 819th Civil Engineering Squadron, providing runway repair.

OTHER U.S. MILITARY SITES AND FACILITIES

Other U.S. military sites and facilities in the U.K.:

RAF Barford St. John, Oxfordshire: Operating location for RAF Croughton.

RAF Barkway, Hertfordshire: USAF communications relay station.

Botley Hills, nr. Worlingham, Surrey: USAF communications relay station.

RAF Bramley, nr. Basingstoke, Hampshire: Communications Relay Station.

RAF Caerwent, nr. Newport, Gwent: U.S. Army bomb depot.

Cheltenham, Gloucestershire: Navy cryptologic shore support.

RAF Chitwell, nr. Nottingham, Nottinghamshire: Logistical storage for vehicles and heavy equipment.

Dunstable, Bedfordshire: Navy Resale Activity distribution center.

Felixstowe, Suffolk: 584th Transportation Det. (Army); Defense Subsistence Office and logistics center.

Fylingdales, Yorkshire: Early warning radar and satellite tracking station.

Glen Douglas, Strathclyde: NATO ammunition depot; Mobile Mine Assembly Group Det. 4.

Guildford, Surrey: Map and Chart Depot.

Heathrow, Middlesex: 313th Tactical Airlift Group contingent (MAC).

RAF Hythe, Hampshire: Army Reserve Storage Activity; U.S. Army Europe Marine Fleet headquarters.

Liverpool, Merseyside: Army U.K. Transportation Terminal.

Mormond Hill, Grampian: USAF communications site.

Murkle, Caithness: Operating site for NAVCOM-MSTA UK, Thurso.

Oakhanger, Hampshire: USAF Satellite Control facility.

Prestwick, Strathclyde: 313th Tactical Airlift Group contingent, MAC staging facility; Navy Air Traffic Coordinating Office.

Ruislip, Middlesex: USAFE Headquarters for Civil Engineering; American Red Cross Headquarters (3rd AF).

Swingate, Kent: USAF communications relay station.

US FORCES IN BRITAIN

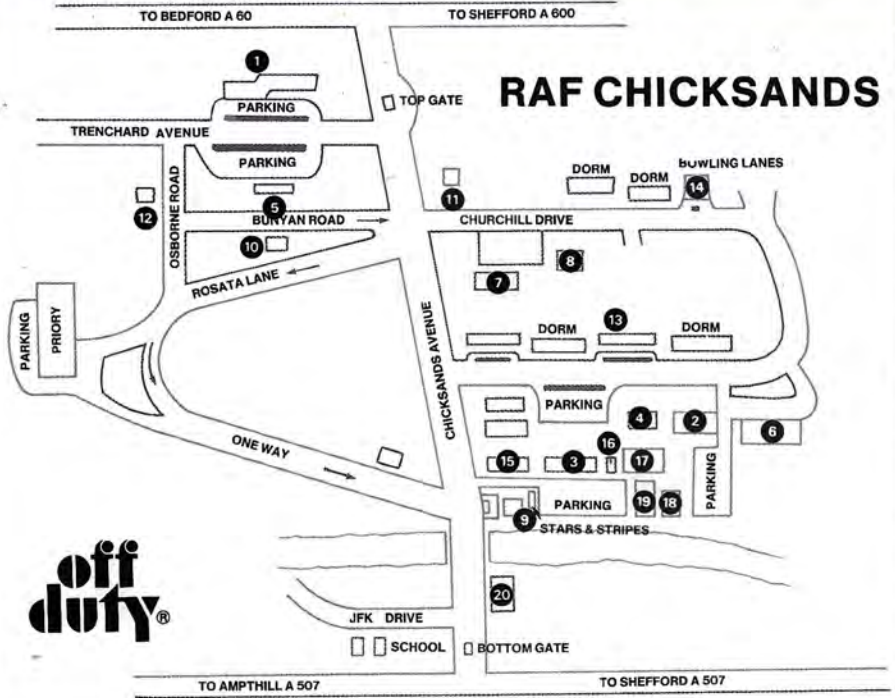
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2	663	10 CBPO	646
3	681	11 Chapel	592
4	686	12 Child Care Center	700
5	679	13 Civilian Personnel	655
6	584	14 Class VI Store	660
7	584	15 Commissary	620
8	678	1 Credit Union	582
9	584	21 Dependent Schools	693
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18 Finance	562		
19 Foodland	684		
20 Gymnasium	585		
22 Housing Office	659		
1 Legal Office	582		
7 Library	678		
23 NCO Club	586		
24 Officers' Club	637		
7 Pizza Parlor	678		
25 Post Office	502		
7 Recreation Center	678		
26 Service Station	596		
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RAF ALCONBURY

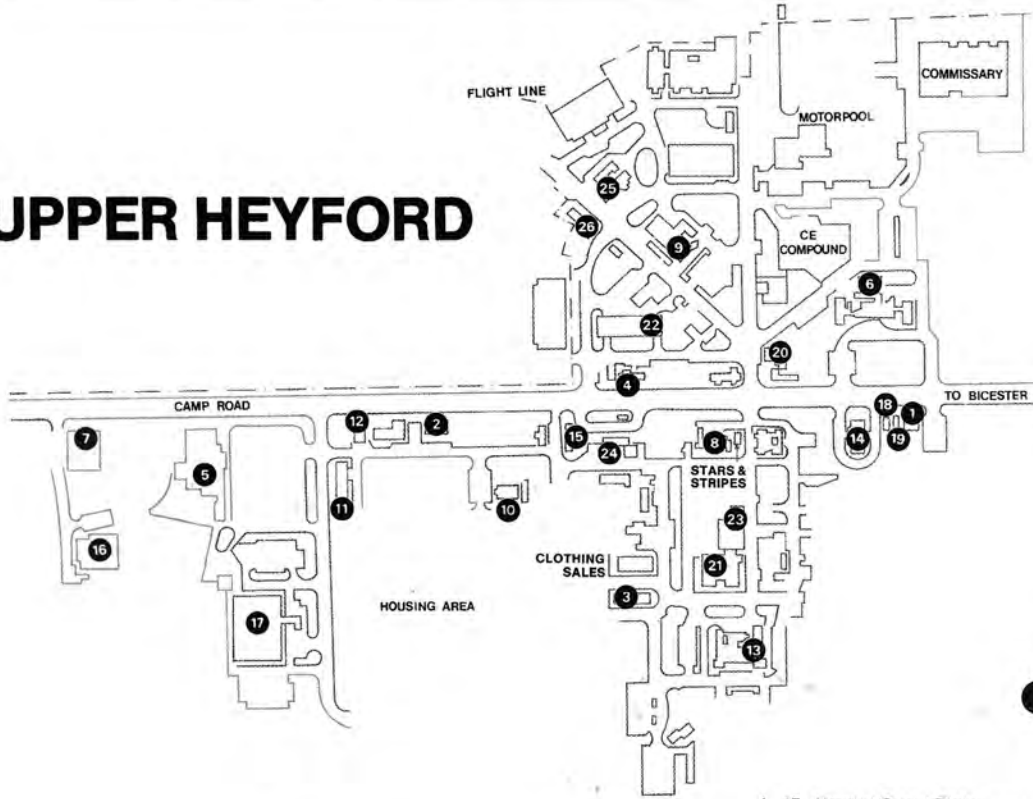


US FORCES IN BRITAIN

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1	7274th ABG Hq. 250
3	Alexandre Tailoring 357
3	American Express Bank 357
7	Arts & Crafts Hobby Shop 407
3	Barber Shop 357
3	Base Exchange 357
7	Baskin Robbins 407
7	Beauty Shop 357
13	Billeting Office 403
14	Bowling Center 408
7	Burger Bar 407
1	CBPO 250
9	Chapel 360
18	Class VI Store 359
10	Clinic 100
19	Commissary 354
1	Community Relations Advisor 250
6	Consolidated Open Mess 390
8	Dining Hall 414
3	Dry Cleaners (AAFES) 357
20	New Child Care Center 795
1	Finance 250
3	Florist 357
15	Foodland/Four Seasons 414
	Black Knight Gift Shop
	Wedgwood Shop
17	Gym 340
1	Legal 250
16	Library 325
3	Military Clothing Sales 357
11	Officers' Club Annex 357
7	Pizza Parlor 414
5	Post Office 125
2	Recreation Center 380
12	Service Station 135
4	Theater 330
2	Tour Office 380
3	TV/Video Rental 357



RAF UPPER HEYFORD

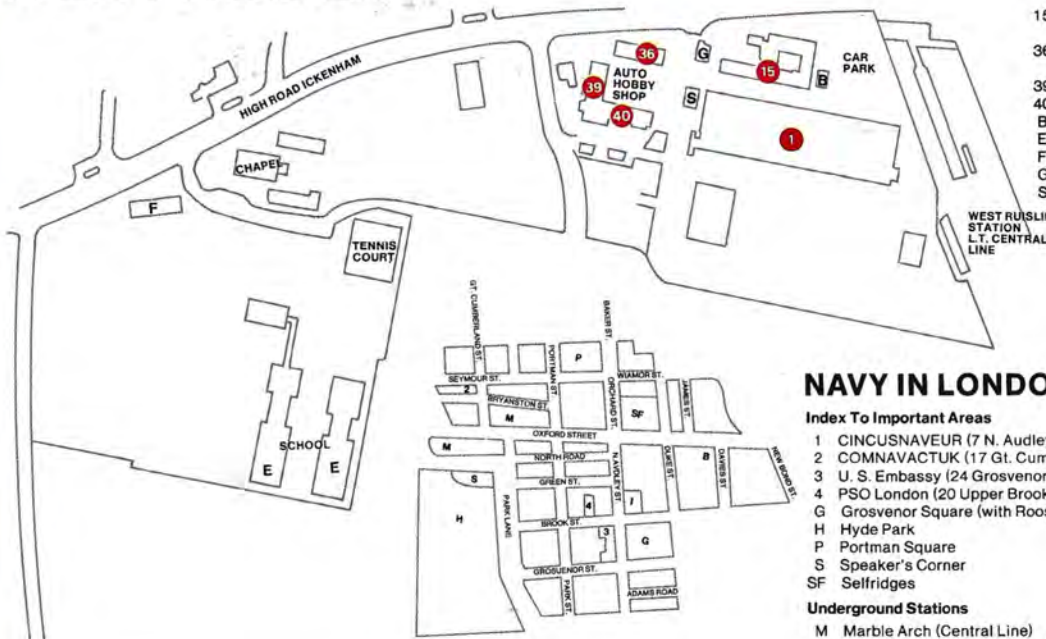


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26	20th TFW Hq. 125
1	American Express Bank 404
2	Arts & Crafts Hobby Shop 575
3	Audio Club 529
4	Auto Parts Store/Garage 103
5	Base Exchange Complex 581
6	Billeting Office 74
7	Bowling Center 576

8	Burger Bar/Pizza Parlor 457
9	CBPO 133
10	Chapel 572
11	Class VI Store 588
12	Credit Union 546
13	Education Center 488
14	Finance 400
15	Foodland 463
16	Gymnasium 583

17	Hospital/Dental Clinic 582
18	Housing Office 401
13	Lamplighter Inn 488
19	Laundrette 402
20	Legal Office 52
3	Library 529
21	NCO Club 472
6	Officers' Club 74
23	Post Office 106
23	Recreation Center 472B
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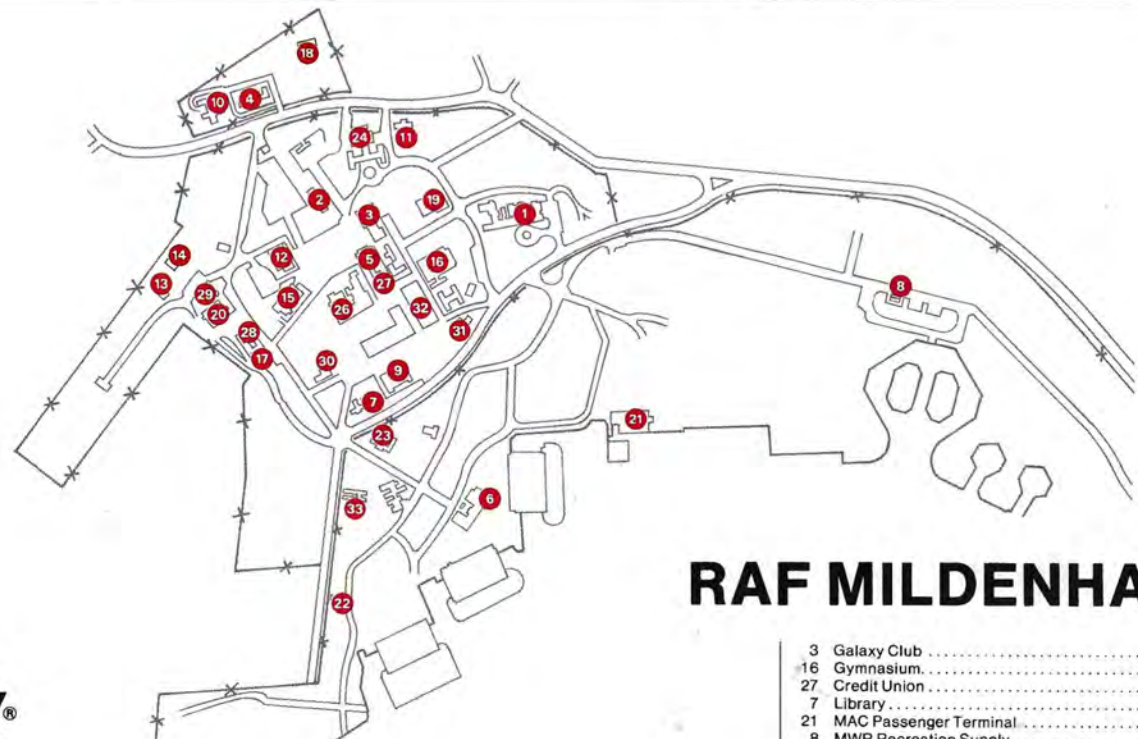


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 - SF Selfridges
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- M Marble Arch (Central Line)
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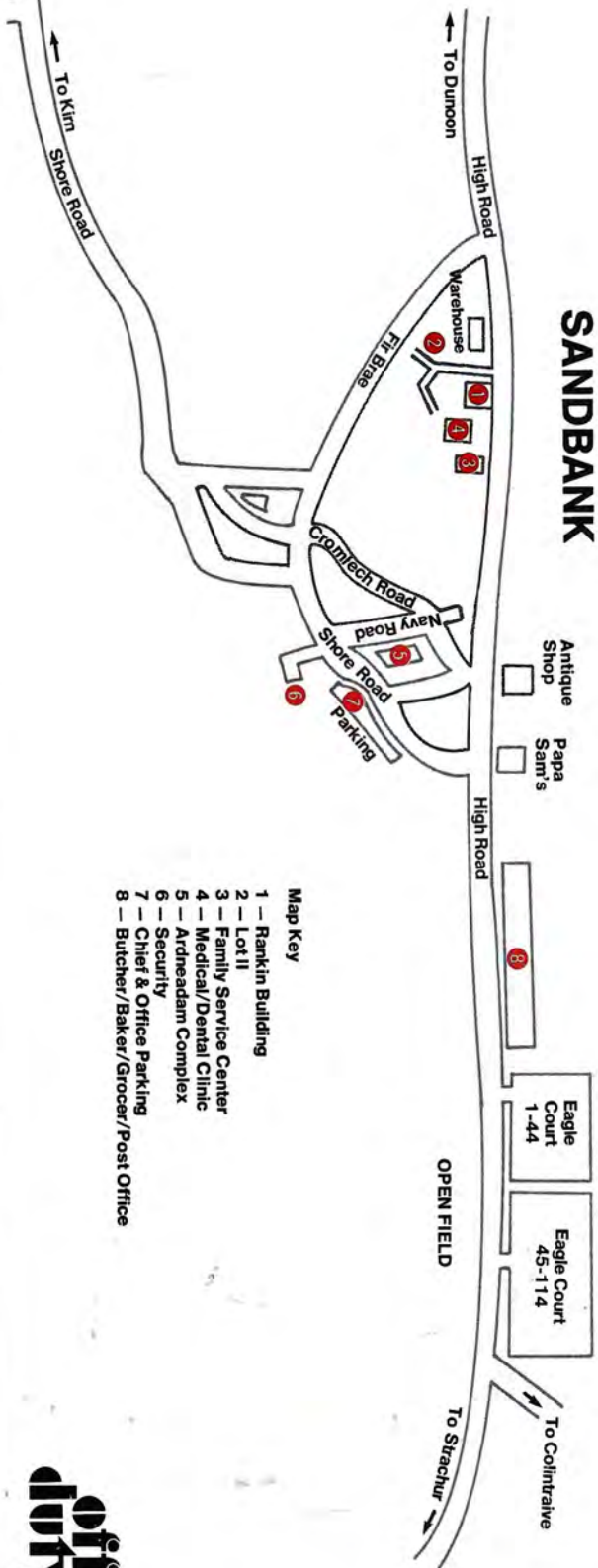


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12	Bowling Center	400
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19	Chapel	474

13	Child Care Center	99
17	Class VI Store	129
31	Clinic	444
28	Commissary (branch)	131
23	Community Relations Advisor	562
32	Dental Clinic	446
26	Dining Hall	436
9	Family Services	442
33	Finance	504
20	Four Seasons/Shopette	127
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3	Galaxy Club	449
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27	Credit Union	448
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6	NAFMOB	545
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4	NCO Club	291
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14	Pre-School	116
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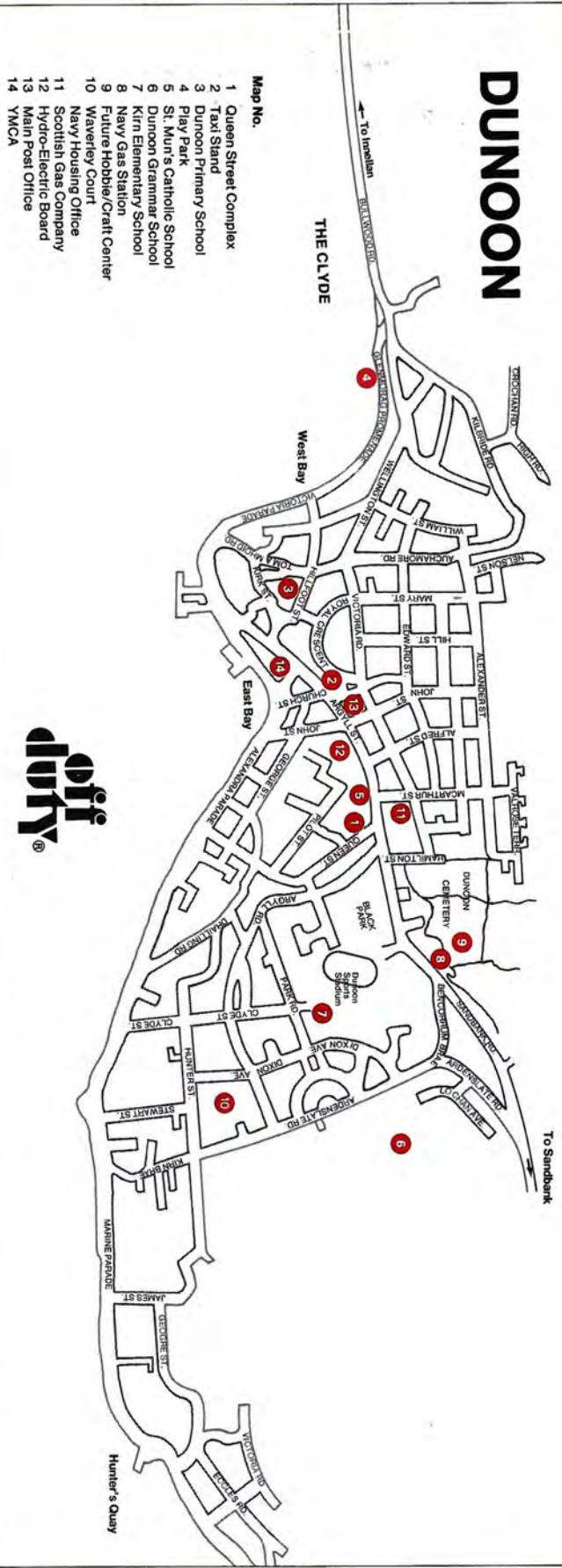
SANDBANK



- Map Key**
- 1 - Rankin Building
 - 2 - Lot II
 - 3 - Family Service Center
 - 4 - Medical/Dental Clinic
 - 5 - Ardnadam Complex
 - 6 - Security
 - 7 - Chief & Office Parking
 - 8 - Butcher/Baker/Grocer/Post Office



DUNOON



- Map No.**
- 1 Queen Street Complex
 - 2 Taxi Stand
 - 3 Dunoon Primary School
 - 4 Play Park
 - 5 St. Muri's Catholic School
 - 6 Dunoon Grammar School
 - 7 Kirn Elementary School
 - 8 Navy Gas Station
 - 9 Future Hobbler/Craft Center
 - 10 Waverley Court
 - 11 Navy Housing Office
 - 12 Scottish Gas Company
 - 13 Hydro-Electric Board
 - 14 Main Post Office



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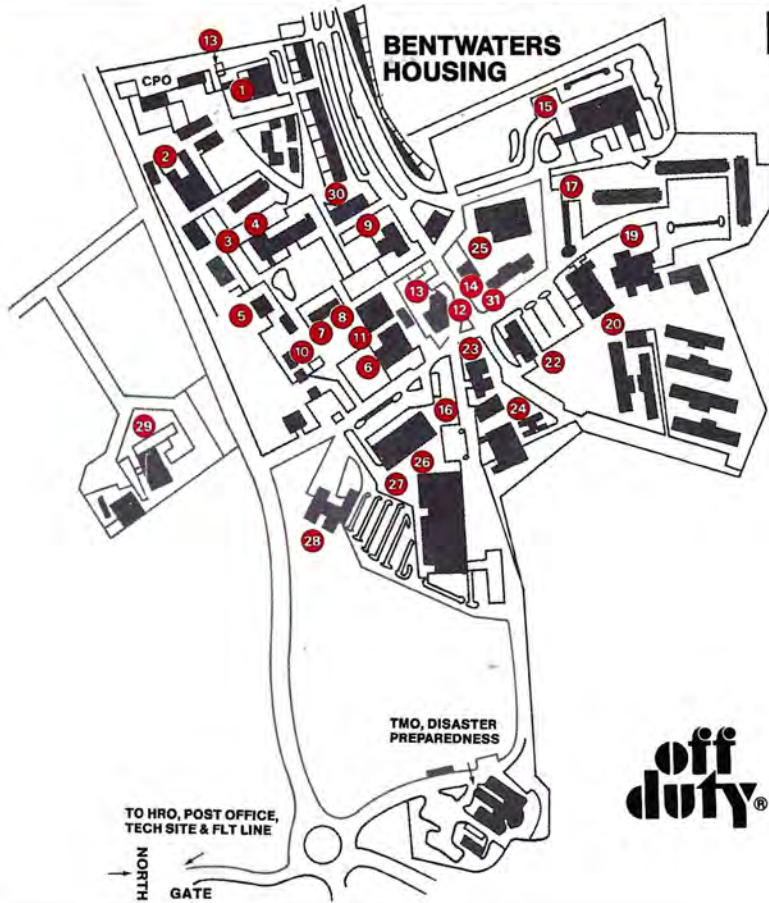
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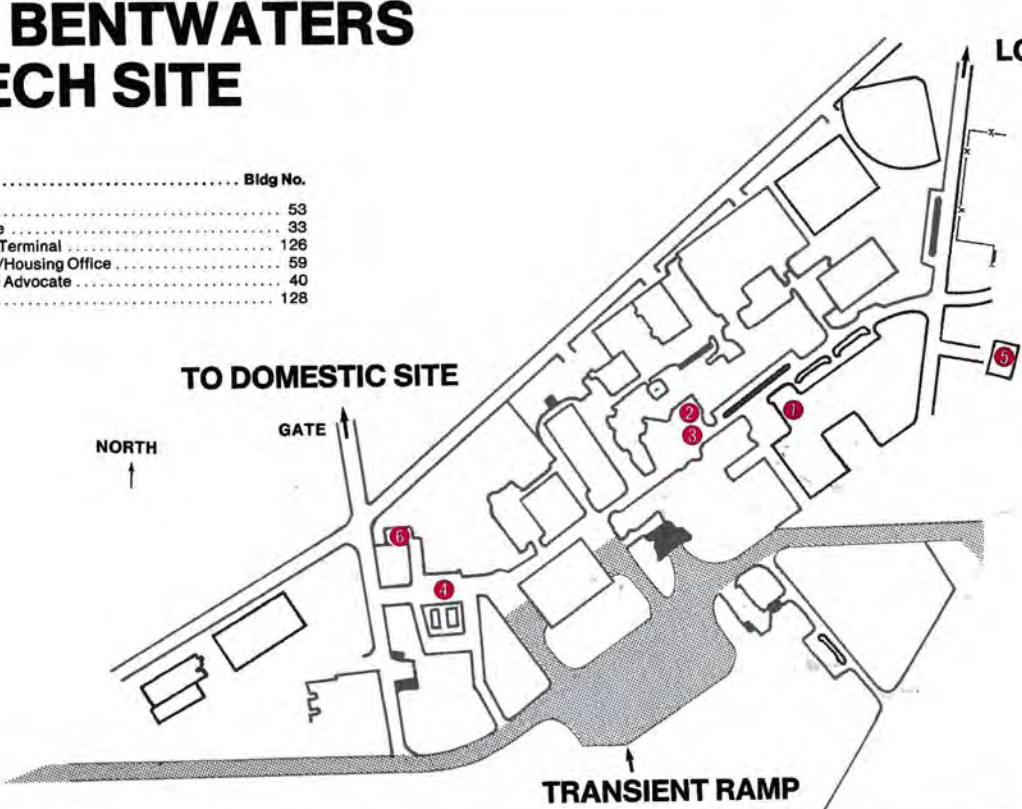


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5	American Express Bank 222
28	Audio-Video World 517
28	Auto Hobby Shop 517
26	Base Exchange 515
3	Billeting Office 629
20	Bowling Center 747
31	Burger King ?
23	Chapel 153
1	Child Care Center 161
9	Class VI Store 150
15	Clinic 523
27	Commissary 521
17	Credit Union 762
19	Dining Hall 777
24	Education Center 452
7	Family Services 17
29	Finance 111
6	Foodland 776
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25	Gymnasium 766
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13	Laundry/Dry Cleaners 141
12	Library 210
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4	NCO Club 740
2	Officers' Club 172
11	Recreation Center 145
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6	Snack Bar 776
26	Sound Center 515
8	Stars & Stripes Bookstore 241
22	Theater 745

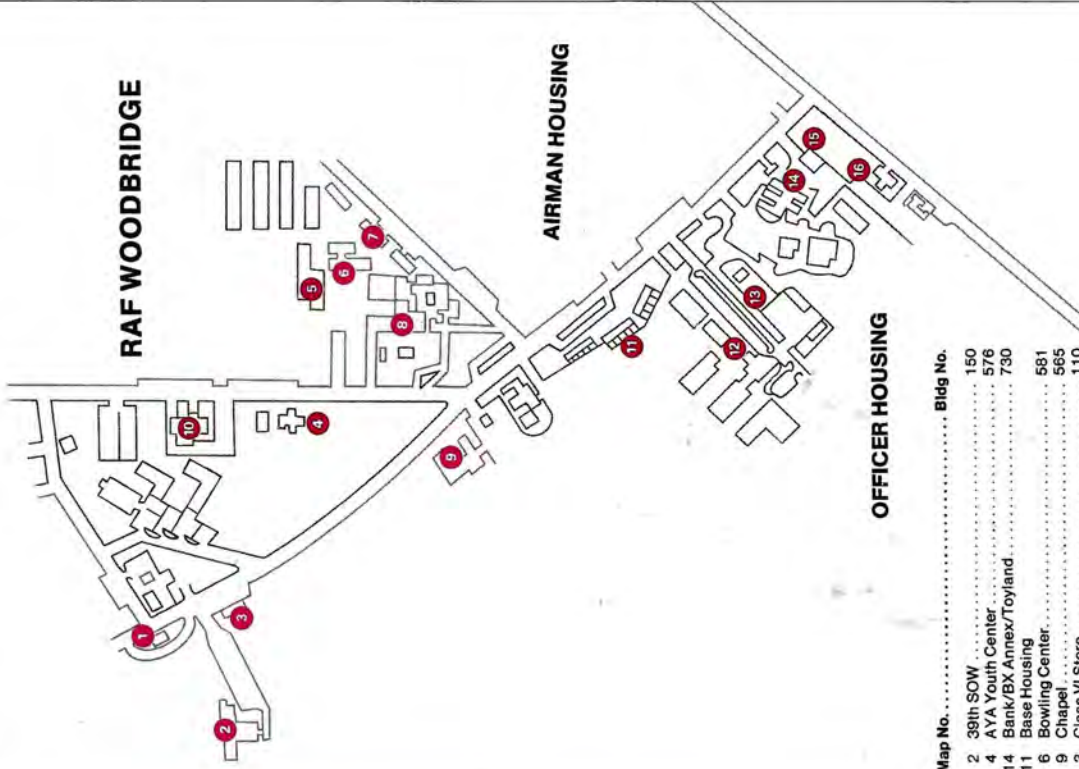


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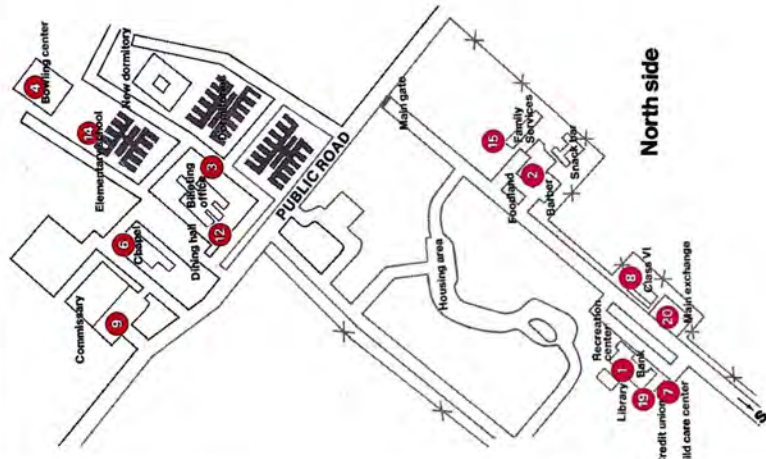
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3	Post Office/Housing Office 59
6	Staff Judge Advocate 40
1	Wing Hqs. 128



RAF WOODBRIDGE



Map No.	Bldg No.
2	39th SOW
4	AYA Youth Center
14	Bank/BX Annex/Toyland
11	Base Housing
6	Bowling Center
9	Chapel
3	Class VI Store
10	Dining Hall
12	Elementary School
15	Foodland
5	Gymnasium
8	High School
7	Hobby Shops
13	Kindergarten
16	MWR Audio-Video Club Annex
1	Post Office



Map No.	Bldg No.
13	7020 ABG Hq
1	American Express Bank
20	Base Exchange
2	Barber Shop
2	Baskin Robbins
3	Beauty Shop
2	Billeting Office
4	Black Knight Gift Shop
5	Bowling Center
6	CBPO
6	Chapel
7	Child Care Center
8	Class VI Store
9	Commissary
13	Community Relations Advisor
2	Consolidated Open Mess
12	Dining Hall
2	Dry Cleaners
14	Education Office
15	Elementary School
15	Family Services
13	Finance
2	Florist
2	Foodland
16	Four Seasons/Toyland
17	Gymnasium
18	Housing Office
12	Housing Supply
1	ITT
19	Keastler Credit Union
13	Legal Office
1	Library
16	Military Clothing Sales
1	MWR Recreation Supply
11	Pizza Parlor



21	Post Office	66
1	Recreation Center	157
22	Service Station	80
2	Snack Bar	490
1	Stars & Stripes Bookstore	157
23	Theater	79
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RAF FAIRFORD



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RAF LAKENHEATH

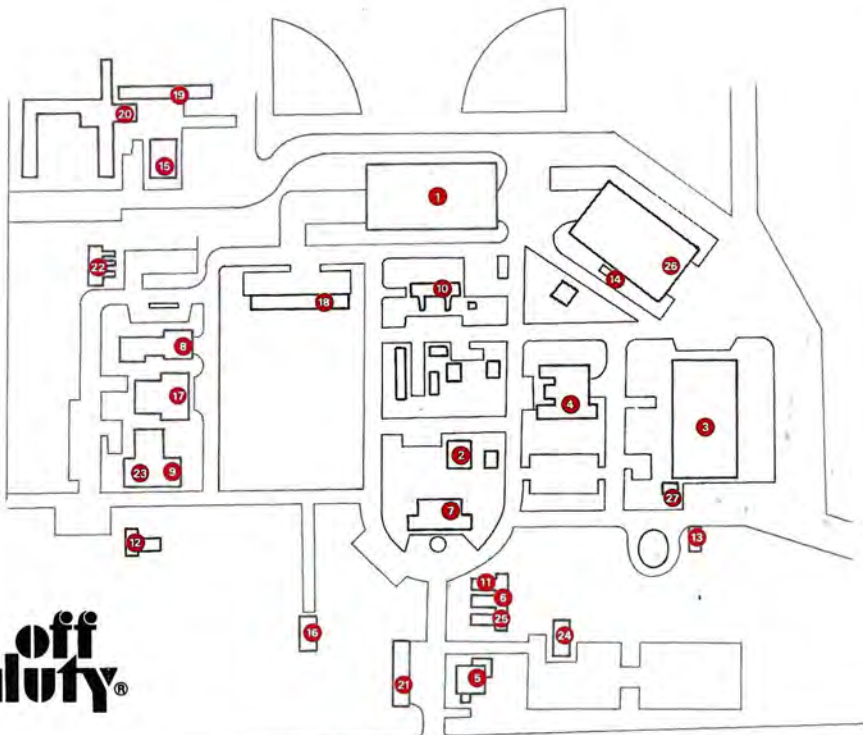
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15	Chapel	990
26	Child Development Center	659
4	Class VI Store	658
5	Commissary	650
6	Credit Union	987
31	Dental Clinic	944
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8	Education Office	991
18	Elementary School	60
22	Foodland	641

25	Gymnasium	900
17	High School	816
28	Hospital	932
29	Library	907
11	NCO Club	682
12	Officers' Club	958
24	Pizza Place	670
20	Post Office	426
21	Recreation Center	642
33	Rod & Gun Club	777
23	Stars & Stripes Bookstore	669
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19	Teen Center	421
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Map No. Bldg No.

1	Auto Hobby Shop	88
2	Bank of Scotland	32
3	Barber Shop/Hair Salon	25
20	BEQ	333
4	Boston University	77
3	Bowling Alley	25
4	Career Counselor	77
3	Ceramic Hobby Shop	25
5	Chapel	3
6	Child Care Centre	7
25	Classroom	8
3	Class VI Store	25
21	CMAA	1
22	Co. B Hq.	104
3	Commissary	25
7	Community Relations Advisor	22
19	CPO Qtrs.	101
3	Deli	25
8	Dental Clinic	93
4	Dispursing	77
3	Exchange	25
15	Galley	392
9	Gangway Club (EM)	96
3	Gymnasium/Gear Issue	25
10	Housing Office	69
11	Legal Office	6
4	Library	77
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8	Medical Clinic	93
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26	Ready Issue	81
12	Rod & Gun Club	19
13	Service Station	132
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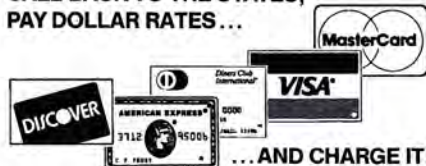


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The peculiar hazards of driving in Britain are not so obvious to the newcomer. For instance, most roads are narrow, their curves are not banked and they have no shoulders. Yet, parking along most roads is legal, and many Americans have cursed the British habit of leaving a car parked right around a curve or over the crest of a hill.

Furthermore, horses have as much right on the road as cars do, and drivers must take care going past them. Ducks have the right of way on the roads, too. And have you ever seen a goose charge head-on at a car going 50 mph?

Another natural phenomenon peculiar to Britain, as in central and northern Europe, is black ice. Moisture on the road surface freezes and creates invisible ice patches, especially in shady spots. Since there is no warning for black ice, when the weather turns cold, motorists simply must keep their speed down and stay alert. Black ice is a killer.

All drivers should read the *Highway Code Book*, available in most book stores and at the libraries. This is Britain's driving manual, with descriptions of British driving and parking laws, and definitions of the international highway signs, including how to get on and off roundabouts, what not to do on double yellow lines and what the warning sign picturing a man opening an umbrella really means. Learn these; being a foreigner is no excuse for breaking a law.

Three highway laws deserve special mention. One is that the driver and front-seat passengers must wear seat belts, and small children must be restrained in infant car seats. Second, crash helmets are required for all motorcyclists.



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First, learn to drive on the left.

The third concerns DUIs. The legal level of intoxication in Britain is 35 micrograms of alcohol per 100 milliliters of breath, a lower level than in most states. Furthermore, the police have wide powers to stop a car and conduct a breath test. Those who are nabbed face a 12-month suspension of driving privileges, up to six months in prison and \$1,000 in fines. Furthermore, the U.S. military in Britain staunchly supports the British police in DUI cases. Both on base and off, those who drink and drive get into serious trouble.

GLOSSARY

Dual carriageway: Divided highway. Motorways are the equivalent of freeways in America.

Lorry: Truck. A tractor trailer is an articulated lorry.

Verge: Edge of the road or shoulder, if there is one.

Car park: Parking lot. If you use the term "parking lot," Britons will not have the slightest idea what you mean.

Zebra crossing: Paradise for pedestrians, this is a black-and-white-striped road crossing with flashing orange bulbs on poles on each end. If a pedestrian places a foot in the road on a zebra crossing, all traffic must stop to let that person cross. If you're a pedestrian, especially in a city, look for these to cross streets on; if you're a driver, beware of these and be prepared to stop.



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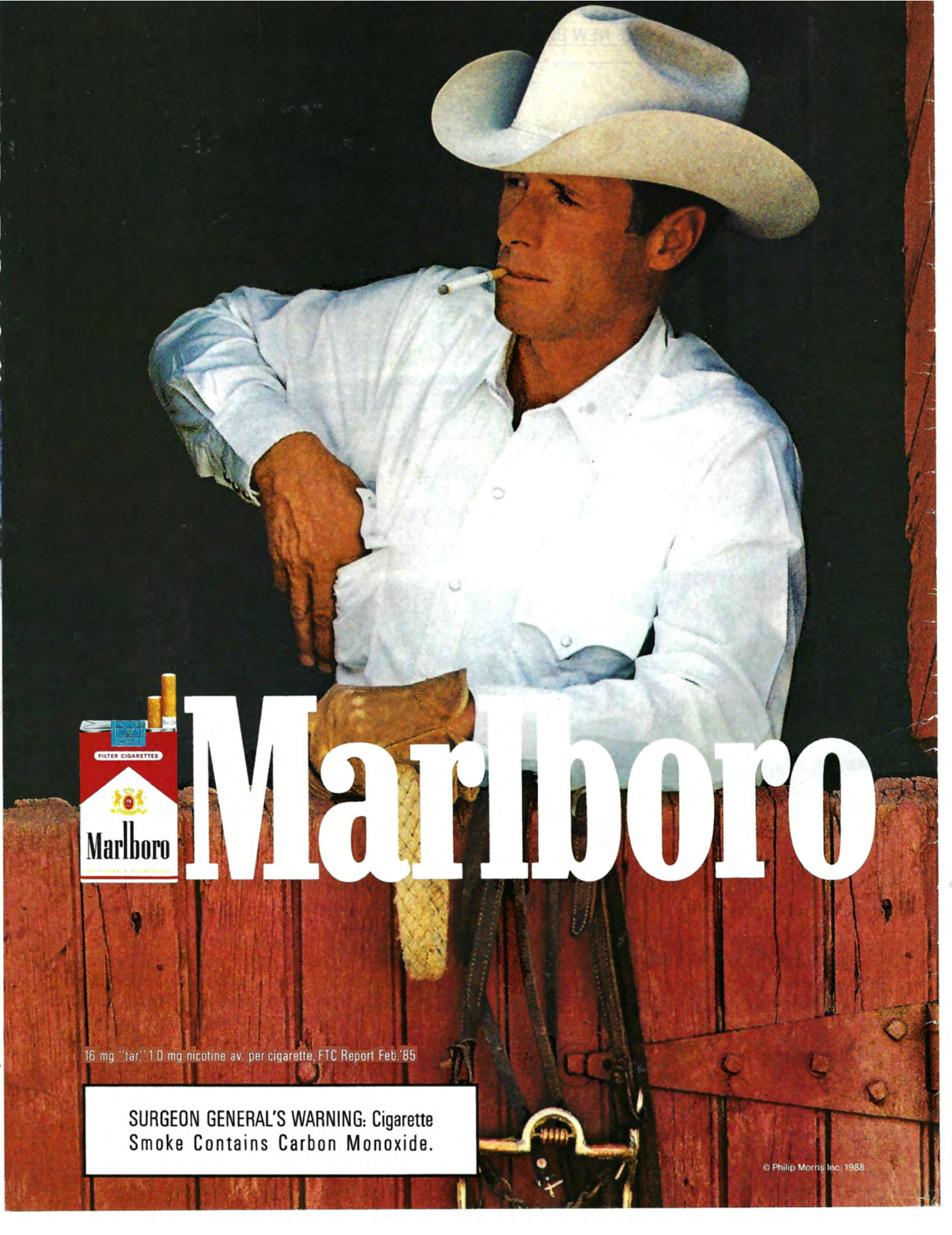
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**SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Cigarette
Smoke Contains Carbon Monoxide.**