

# Gunner Troop of Glasgow and Strathclyde Universities OTC



*About to start the Glasgow Marathon 1984 . . .*

Since the end of the last University year, in June 1984, the Gunner Troop of Glasgow and Strathclyde Universities Officers Training Corps has seen many comings and goings and has appeared in many exotic and not so exotic locations.

Practically the entire Troop stowed away on Exercise Lionheart, with both 102 AD Regt (V) and 101(N) Fd Regt (V) as well as in more unusual roles such as escort officers. Indeed two young ladies, for reasons of their own, attached themselves to the RCT. We were also represented at the Edinburgh Tattoo by JUO Hilda Slavin who, in between dancing, also manned a FH 70 on the last night.

As the Exercise finished the Troop found itself again in the public eye as it provided two guns to start the Glasgow Marathon. Having astounded spectators with synchronised starting guns, the television audience were treated to the sight of the Troop Commander, Capt Graham Bryson, and

OCdt Gordon McCalman stripping off their uniforms to join in. Both finished in a respectable 4 hrs 13 mins having taken 8½ mins to cross the start line. Also taking part from the OTC were Drum Major Scott (from the sublime to the ridiculous?) and 2Lt Rick McKeown of the REME Sub Unit.

Further public displays at the Corps Open Day followed. Tiring of our super-star status we returned to the mundane surroundings of Otterburn, Larkhill and Warcop for live firing weekends and various courses.

We were in a position to celebrate at our annual dinner in November, amongst other things, the commissioning of Mike Paige into 101 Regiment, the transfer of 2Lt Jim Sibbald to 102 Regiment, and the forthcoming wedding of Lt John Docherty, a former Officer Cadet and Troop Commander.

We are now preparing for our summer camp at Westdown when we shall be firing our King George VI Competition. Our public will not be deprived, however, since we will be appearing to start the Dunoon Half Marathon, the Marathon Oil Marathon in Aberdeen and have already been booked for the 1985 Glasgow Marathon, when BSM Phil Shinn has promised that the entire Troop will join in this year, with him leading. Await further reports.



*. . . then coming out of action.*