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At Khaw in Jerdan, far from the troubled Israeli borders, the soldiers of Jordan - the famous Arab Legion - hold their great annual parade before 21 years old King Hussein and their English born Ohief of General Staff, Glubb Pasha.

Sandhurst trained, King Hussein is now married to the Princess Deina, watching the parade with the Queen Nother.

In the centre of the parade of armoured vehicles, a hawk is carried. This is the Corps' traditional mascot. Just as traditionally part of the Arab Legion is the regiment of cavalry.

The Arab Legion numbers about 20,000 men and with assistance from Britain has been built up into a strong and mechanised fighting force.

But the Camel Corps still have their place in desert warfere.

The parade over, King Hussein, leaves the dais to drive off at the salute. The Queen Mother leaves followed by Princess Deina who next year will watch the parade as the wife of Jordan's young and conscientious King.