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FORCES IN THE NEWS.

The Prime Minister was in a new role at Sandhurst, taking the Sovereign's Parade on behalf of Her Majesty. Of nearly 800 officer cadets on parade, 171 were passing out from Sandhurst.

The Royal Military Academy has set its own high standard for formal parades, and War Minister Christopher Soames could note that this term the standard was maintained. Senior-Under Officer R.M. Gamble came forward to receive the Sword of Honour. No stranger to soldiering Mr. Macmillan was a Grenadier Guardsman in World War One.

In traditional manner the parade concluded with the Adjutant riding into the ground entrance of the College.

The Queen Mother attended a rather different military ceremony, with the 9th Queen's Royal Lancers, of which she is Colonel-in-Chief. Her Majesty presented the Guidon, which bears the battle honours of the famous regiment. The Royal Lancers were long ago converted into an Armoured regiment, but on this occasion they appeared in the ceremonial glory of their cavalry days.

The Army Air Corps held an At Home at their Centre, Middle Wallop in off duty hours, one feels, an appropriate name. It was the first public display ever mounted by the Corps. Used for reconnaissance and Liaison, the Army Air Corps was formed in 1957.

A Bristol Bulldog of the First World War; quite a plane in its day. Nearly half a century after the Bristol, helicopters have come into their own as reconnaissance machines.

If you own a Skeeter you can laugh at traffic jams.

Aerobatics by gliders showed the versatility of the Corps.

Finally parachutists coming down to the field of action.

Meanwhile, about to go-up, were Ghanaian police and soldiers to join the United Nations order restoring Army on the Congo. This is a job that only UNO can do, without giving loopholes to trouble-makers, of one sort or another. The Ghanaian contingent is well equipped and apparently proud to be given this responsibility. Air transport was the only means of getting the troops there in good time. As there happened to be on the airfield at Accra some Russian transport planes, the Ghanaian authorities asked if they could use them. Russia said "Yes", so embarkation proceeded faster.

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It's understandable that Ghana, which attained independence peacefully, should be helping her Congo neighbours in their early struggles.