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SOLDIERS and families of 35 Engineer Regiment enjoyed a fun-packed array of events at Barker Barracks cricket pitches as they celebrated their annual summer families day. Full story, page 2

TALKIN' TRASH

Anti-fly-tipping campaign aims to combat dumping of personal waste on camps across BFG

A CAMPAIGN is being launched to reduce fly-tipping on the MoD estate in BFG.

There are still incidents within BFG where household items such as fridge-freezers, old tyres and three-piece suites are being dumped in skips and bins in Army camps.

Such containers are provided for the disposal of rubbish from the activities and processes carried out within the wire. Anything else is unauthorised waste disposal.

OFFENCE

Fly-tipping is a criminal offence in Germany as all additional costs involved in the disposal of the waste must be paid for by the owner of the area where it has been dumped. In the case of camps or

barracks in BFG, this cost falls to the British taxpayer.

Mark Richmond, SO2 Safety, Health, Environment and Fire (SHEF) at HQ BFG, said: "The German authorities take a hard line against such behaviour as fly-tipping.

"Personal bulk items should be taken to a Stadt recycling centre – or collection arranged by the Stadt."

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● A car headlight was just one of many items found dumped irresponsibly on one of the barracks in BFG recently

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BUILDING BRIDGES

A TEAM from Mongolia was the surprise guest at a NATO competition held in Mönchengladbach.

by Helmut Michelis

609 West Riding Squadron RAF from North Yorkshire did likewise, only beaten by two very strong teams from France and Latvia.

The national anthem of Mongolia may well have been played for the first time on the premises of the Zentrale Militärkraftfahrstelle at Mönchengladbach-Rheindahlen.

SURPRISE

Only hours before, four soldiers from Asia had registered as surprise guests for the 34th IMM.

The Mongolians, who were attending a language course at the Bundeswehrschule at Hürth, enthused spectators by their brilliant performance.

In spite of tropical temperatures they did not just jog the 14.5km of the patrol course like many other teams, they ran.

They also coped admirably with the 10 stations, from pistol shooting, to a quiz on aspects of security politics.

So, at the end of oldest regularly organised military competition in Europe nobody was really surprised about Mongolia having obtained the first place in the class Active Soldiers International, followed by American soldiers from Grafenwöhr and the RMP stationed at Paderborn.

The longest journey to the IMM was undertaken by the four-man team of the Latvian National Guard from Jekabpils, Jakobstadt.

TOUGHNESS

The 1,800km journey by car via Lithuania and Poland was their first test of endurance and toughness, although no trophies or medals were awarded for it.

The IMM is considered to be a meeting for and of nations; so far 23 nations have participated, including New Zealand.

This year, eight nations showed up. Still, teams of the German Bundeswehr reserved the

overall victories for themselves: reserve soldiers from Marbach, Hesse, took home the winner's plate that bears the engraved signature of the German Minister of Defence, Ursula von der Leyen.

RUNNERS UP

Runners-up were active soldiers of the 2nd Company Paratroop Regiment 31 from Seedorf and of the 2nd Battalion of the Air Force Regiment from Schortens, both in Lower Saxony.

Markus Stops, 37, First Lieutenant Reserves in charge of the IMM, and in his civilian life the production manager at a company for electrical supply systems, described the aim of the competition.

He said: "The IMM is meant to build bridges between nations. Therefore, we were very happy when we learnt that a team from Drammen in Norway had enrolled for the first time."

The 35th IMM, which will be organised by the Mönchengladbach Reserve soldiers and the Landeskommando Nordrhein-Westfalen of the Bundeswehr, is scheduled to take place on June 30, 2018.

British teams impress at international military competition



● A member of 74 Sect SIB RMP from Paderborn runs the obstacle course



● Team 609 West Riding Squadron RAF, Team 1 during the rubber dinghy exercise



● An IMM participant on the assault course



● The Defence School of Policing and Guarding, Portsmouth, during a team event



● The participating nations and organisations at IMM 2017, held in Mönchengladbach last month



● 609 West Riding Squadron RAF Team II, from North Yorkshire



● 74 Sect SIB RMP Paderborn at one of the 10 stations at IMM