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ANDY'S 'SOLDIER' WINS A SILVER DISC AWARD



RECORD MAIL congratulations go North of the Border this month to Glasgow-born Andy Stewart, who has topped the 250,000 sales mark with his Top Rank hit, "A Scottish Soldier", and so won for himself a Silver Disc (awarded by the musical paper 'Disc'). Andy, who was 15½ when he decided to make the stage his career, wrote the words of "Scottish Soldier" during a break in rehearsals for the Scottish TV show, "The White Heather Club". The "Soldier" tune was heard, he tells us, by a Scottish piper in Sardinia during the Crimean War and he transposed it for the bagpipes.

'GEE WHIZ!' SAYS CLIFF

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ANOTHER success for Columbia singing star Cliff Richard — but this time it's a success with a difference. It concerns his recording of a song called "Gee whiz it's you" — and it might well be put under the heading of The Mystery of the Unsung Hit. 'Unsung' meaning unheralded, of course.

For — unannounced, unpublicised, unexpectedly (and unheralded) — "Gee whiz it's you" raced into the British Hit Parade. 'Unexpected' because it had never been released officially as a 'single' in this country. Taken from Cliff's "Me And My Shadows" LP, it was, in fact, issued several months ago for the overseas market only.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Said a spokesman of E.M.I Records: "We issued this disc of 'Gee whiz' last December at the special request of our overseas distributors. We couldn't release it on the home market at the same time because we had only just issued his 'I love you' single.

"Then came his 'Theme for a dream' — and, as far as we were concerned, 'Gee whiz' was still only a special overseas issue. But somehow — and we don't know how — word of it got back to his British fans. They then asked their dealers for it and the next thing we knew was that it was in the Hit Parade."

ANOTHER SILVER DISC

News of this latest success comes to Cliff at the same time as the announcement that he has won his eighth Silver Disc (awarded by 'Disc') to mark the quarter-million-plus sales of "Theme for a dream." "Gee whiz it's you" is on Columbia 45-DC756.