A mounted Cossack soldier in Rostov-on-Don, Russia. The photojournalist Simon Roberts spent a year travelling through Russia to compile a visual record of its modern people and landscapes. Taken from Motherland (Chris Boot, £25). An exhibition of Roberts’s photos opens on April 13 at the Photofusion Gallery, Brixton, London SW9 (020-7738 8774)

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