



TEN TORS

1961



TEN TORS

A Youth Expedition across Dartmoor

(for young men and young ladies) followed by a Jamboree

on

20th - 21st May, 1961

Under the distinguished patronage of:

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Sponsored by

The Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals.

Details are as follows:

- (1) **Entry** Open to patrols of six between the ages of 14 — 20 years.
- (2) **Assemble** Denbury Camp by 14.00 hours, 19th May, 1961.
- (3) **Distance** 50 miles—covering ten tors.
- (4) **Time** 36 hours.
- (5) **Jamboree** 10.00 — 23.59 hours, 22nd May, 1961.
- (6) **Entrance Fee** £3 for each patrol.

*"If there is anything more important than the will to succeed
it is that the will shall not falter —"*

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Haytor, looking out from Denbury.



The Medallion



The 1960 Certificate



The Medallion

INTRODUCTION

*... Still through Chaos works on the ancient plan,
And two things have altered not since first the
world began —*

*The beauty of the wild green earth
And the bravery of man.*

P. P. Cameron Wilson.

"On a still night in September, when the inscrutable face of Dartmoor lay hidden under the mesmeric glory of a starlit sky, a small party of Junior Leaders moved slowly across the moor towards their camp. The magic of the elements lay about them and the glory of God's creation filled each mind. It was then that the idea was born: 'TEN TORS'."

It was in this manner that Ten Tors was conceived in 1959 and, as had been the intention, the expedition took place in September of the following year. After it was all over, representatives from the three Services got together and talked about it. The result of these deliberations, which included all the points raised by the competitors themselves at the post-Ten Tors discussion in Denbury, have led us to make certain alterations in the details of Ten Tors as published in 1960. These are:—

1. Each patrol shall consist of six and not ten members.
2. The Medallion shall be awarded to each individual ONLY if the whole patrol completes the course within the time limit.
3. The certificate shall be awarded to all individuals who complete the course in the time.
4. A modified course shall be included for ladies, and for boys under 16 years of age.
5. The lower age limit shall be reduced to 14 years.
6. The top age limit shall be increased to 20 years.
7. The greater part of the expedition shall take place on Dartmoor—avoiding the long road trek back to base.
8. Transport will be provided to and from the base.
9. Hot soup and a barbecue type of meal will be provided at the finish, and before returning to Denbury.
10. The cost to each patrol will be increased in order to cover the minimum required for actual expenses and no more.

11. The date of Ten Tors shall be fixed around the Whitsun week-end in order to facilitate more entries from civilian clubs and schools.
12. The Ten Tors Tie and Scarf will be available for sale at the Thrift Shop at Denbury to all those participating in, or in any way concerned with Ten Tors.

All these details may prompt newcomers to ask themselves: "What are Junior Leaders? What is Ten Tors? And what have Junior Leaders to do with it?" The answers to these questions are simple.

A Junior Leader is a cadet Non-Commissioned Officer, or a boy between 15 and 18 years of age, who is being trained in all those aspects of leadership with a communications consciousness that will prepare him, if he is a success, to be a young Non-Commissioned Officer in the regular Royal Corps of Signals. The Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals, is based at Denbury, looking out West towards Dartmoor and Haytor, and they are in fact the only regiment of this kind living under the watchful eye of that ageless and mysterious symbol of the power of Nature.

The other two questions are best answered by short extracts from the booklet *Ten Tors 1960*.

"Junior Leaders from Denbury have had the good fortune to roam over Dartmoor's lovely hills and valleys, its streams and woodlands, and to watch the ageless, timeless Mother Nature, dressed according to her seasonal mood in wistful submission or breath-taking splendour. Three hundred square miles of moss, peat and heather, over which is inscribed in hard granite the facts of self-reliance, initiative and leadership; the pattern of the will that never falters, and the determination that survives when all but the mind lies exhausted. And underlying it all, in an endless tapestry of silver, the singing streams of the Dart and Tavy, the Erme, the Plym, the Yealm, the Teign, the Okement and the Tor, emphasize with their music the importance of these things in the quest for Peace."

"Dartmoor has many tors—meaning peaks or summits—the highest of which is Yes Tor, over 2,000 feet above sea level. The best known is North Hessary Tor overlooking Princetown. The tors provide a wealth of picturesque history, and although it is easy to see how Vixen Tor, Fox Tor, Hawks Tor, Hen Tor, or Sheeps Tor got their names, the imagination is intrigued by the appearance of Great Mis Tor or Little Mis Tor.

"Perhaps the spirits of those remarkable ladies still haunt these places."

Anyone reading this Introduction might be intrigued to learn a little more about Dartmoor, and for their benefit a small book entitled *The Dartmoor Story* by Sylvia Sayer, reprinted in conjunction with Ten Tors, is available from the Thrift Shop at Denbury at 2/6 a copy (2/9 post free).

THE DARTMOOR EXPEDITION

Instructions.

1. THE AIM.

To encourage teams of young men and teams of young ladies to take part in an expedition across Dartmoor, and to meet in a festival setting and a Jamboree.

2. THE MECHANICS

(a) The Mechanics will be simple, involving no more expense than the total contribution received from all competitors. The entrance fee from each patrol of six—including the patrol leader—will be £3. This will cover transport to and from the expedition and a meal afterwards. The only accommodation offered will be a piece of ground to set up camp. Water and latrines will also be available.

- (b) All patrols must arrive by 14.00 hours on 19th May, 1961.
- (c) Patrols will leave Denbury for Haytor (the starting point) as directed between 04.00 and 06.30 hours on 20th May, 1961.
- (d) Patrols will be released from Haytor at 07.00 hours on 20th May to a fanfare of trumpets and, after the playing of the National Anthem, the expedition will begin.
- (e) By 19.00 hours on 21st May, all patrols should have completed the course, and the time taken by each patrol will be made known for the general interest of all taking part. There is, however, no question of the expedition being organised on competitive lines, nor are prizes to be awarded.

3. THE EXPEDITION

- (a) Patrols will walk a course across Dartmoor calling at Ten Tors.
- (b) All competitors will travel by bus from Denbury Camp to Haytor and this will be the starting point of the expedition.
- (c) At Haytor, patrol leaders will receive a sealed envelope containing a map of Dartmoor.

- (d) Each team must then decide for itself the route to take, and set off.
- (e) At every one of the Ten Tors there will be a check-point, wireless post, and first aid facilities.
- (f) Patrols may approach these in any order they please, in spite of the check-points being numbered 1 - 10.
- (g) At each check-point patrol captains will report their patrols present, and hand in their route cards for stamping.
- (h) To qualify in the expedition it will be necessary to complete the course in 36 hours, and each member of a qualifying team will receive a medal.

4. THE CONDITIONS

- (a) Patrols must carry all they need for the entire journey. Only water may be obtained en route.
- (b) There will be no marching between 20.00 and 06.00 hours, and all patrols must camp.
- (c) Each patrol of boys will carry sufficient of the following for all its members :—

Sleeping Bags or Blankets, Ground Sheets,

Food, Cooking Equipment, Toilet Kit, Compass and Protractors. Other miscellaneous items they may wish to carry

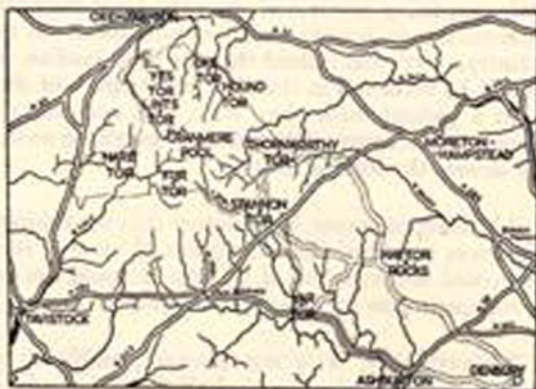
- (d) Patrols of girls will carry only Food and Cooking Equipment. Tents, Blankets, and Ground Sheets will be provided at their camp site.
- (e) NO LITTER WILL BE LEFT. STREAMS AND RIVERS WILL NOT BE POLLUTED. NO FIRES WILL BE LIT.
- (f) ANIMALS, ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND WALLS WILL BE LEFT UNDISTURBED.
- (g) NO TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY OR LAND MARKED IN BLACK ON THE PATROL MAP.
- (h) Should it be necessary to open a gate, the gate will be fastened after the patrol has passed through.
- (i) The highest standard of courtesy, consideration and good manners is expected from all competitors.

An infringement of any of the regulations enumerated above will render a patrol liable to disqualification.

5. THE JAMBOREE

- (a) Throughout the day of 22nd May, 1961, a Youth Jamboree will be held in Denbury Camp culminating in a floodlit display, community singing, folk dancing, and associated activities.
- (b) Ten Tors Ball will be held in the evening, and will include folk dancing, modern dancing, and jiving.
- (c) Refreshment stalls and ice cream kiosks will function throughout the day.
- (d) Refreshments cannot be free, but will be provided on a "non-profit" basis.
- (e) Photographs of Dartmoor taken by Junior Leaders, and copies of various works on Dartmoor including the *Outline of the Dartmoor Story* by Sylvia Sayer will be available in the Thrift Shop.
- (f) Special transport arrangements will be made between Denbury and Newton Abbot with the Devon General Omnibus Company. Details of these will be published on the Central Notice Board, DENBURY CROSS.
- (g) All information concerning TEN TORS, including train and bus timings, will be published on the Central Notice Board at DENBURY CROSS.

- (h) The arrangements for all the above will be the responsibility of the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals.



ROUTE OF TEN TORS 1960

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"The pilot run of Ten Tors was carried out by the three Services with comparatively well-trained individuals. Although no one had had much experience of this particular type of expedition—and certainly no one had any knowledge of the course until General Cubbon started them off from Haytor at 7 a.m. on the morning of 15th September—the results were as good, and possibly a little better, than expected. The single civilian entry of three from Exmouth is significant enough; but not a little surprising in view of the very large distribution of information to county youth organizations all over the country. Very sad indeed that the total civilian response should be recorded in the very small figure of three, but what a gallant three they were, and not only did they complete the course, but did so in excellent style, finishing among the leading patrols.

"It must, of course, be admitted that the timing of Ten Tors was not ideal from the point of view of the school year, and confirmation of its advent could not be given in sufficient time for leisurely planning.

"Nevertheless, it is not always possible to plan at leisure, and not infrequently half the fun of adventure is to be found in quick decisions and enthusiastic execution. An element of spontaneity is always a stimulating factor!

"When the patrols assembled at Denbury on Wednesday, 14th September, the weather turned sour. Haytor was enveloped in cloud and it began to drizzle; so it was decided at very short notice to concentrate all patrols in two drill sheds, and this was done in order to preserve morale! This year, patrols will camp at Denbury no matter what the weather is like, and nothing will be provided apart from a tent site, water, latrines, and a shop from which a few last minute essentials may be purchased; for that, after all, is part of Ten Tors. One concession that has now been accepted is to provide a hot meal for the patrols as they return to base.

"Patrol captains must therefore come prepared in advance to establish a firm base at Denbury, to carry sufficient food for the expedition, and to return to Denbury without any assistance apart from that which has already been mentioned."

LAST WORD !

One of the objects of Ten Tors is that those taking part shall enjoy their visit to Dartmoor. In order to do this they must be properly trained in map reading, walking with a ruck-sack, and in light weight camping. Do not let lack of training reduce your enjoyment.

APPLICATION FORM

Send to The Secretary, Ten Tors, Denbury Camp, NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.

Name of Club/Unit

Full Names in BLOCK CAPITALS:—

We will be entering patrols for the

1. (Captain) Age.....

TEN TORS in 1961, and we hope to arrive in Denbury

2.

at..... on.....

3.

Enclosed herewith is postal order/cheque for.....

4.

pounds entrance fee for patrols.

5.

6.

Signed.....

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and particulars of the patrol/patrols is/are attached.

Date.....1961.

