

Story of a Denbury Junior Leader

Almost a complete record from signing on to man service posting thanks to documents supplied by Alan Starkie – 11 May 65 to 10 Aug 67 – Slim Squadron – Lion Troop – later B Squadron – 6 Troop John West – 15 Sep 65 to 10 Aug 67 – Alexander Squadron – Beaufighter Troop – later A Squadron – 4 Troop



Tel: YORK 23653

68 Army Information Office,
6 Bridge Street,
YORK.

Date: 16 February 1965

Dear Alan,

Following your tests and interview, your application for enlistment into the Regular Army as a Junior Entrant has been forwarded to the Ministry of Defence (Army) for consideration.

Pending their decision I would like to issue you with the badge of the Junior Army Association, the aim of which is to foster the interest of young men in the Army as a career. If you are successful in being selected for a vacancy you will cease to be a member on enlistment and will be asked to return your badge on being called in.

As soon as I receive the decision on your application I will write to you again.

Yours sincerely,

Alan David Starkie,
37 Lincoln St
Leeman Rd,
York.

Major RA.

OIC No. 68 Army Information Office.

(G.H. MEDLEY.)

FORM 1

NOTICE TO BE GIVEN UNDER SECTION 2(1) OF THE ARMY ACT, 1955, TO A PERSON OFFERING TO ENLIST IN THE REGULAR FORCES.

This paper sets out the general conditions of the various enlistments and the questions you will be required to answer before the officer who will attest you for Her Majesty's regular forces.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENLISTMENTS

1. You must serve for the whole of the term for which you enlist, unless you are enlisted for 22 years' colour service, when as explained below you will have a right to leave the service or to transfer to the reserve before its end. If you have not previously served in the regular army you have a right to purchase your discharge during the early months of your service (see 6 below). Her Majesty and the military authorities have the right to discharge you at any time if your services are no longer required.

Service with the colours means full time regular army service, and during that service you may be called on to serve in any part of the world, unless you are enlisted overseas for local service. During reserve service you will return to civilian life but will be liable to be called on in an emergency.

After completing army and reserve service you will remain liable until you are 45 to be recalled for service with the colours in certain emergencies when men of the reserve are liable to recall (see 15 below).

2. The terms of enlistment which may be open to you are as follows:—

NORMAL REGULAR ENLISTMENTS

(1) *For men over the age of 18—*

The 22-year enlistment with the colours

On this enlistment you will have the right if you wish to be transferred to the army reserve at the end of 6 years, or at the end of 9 years, from the date of your attestation, or to terminate your service at the end of 12 years, or of any succeeding period of 3 years, from that date. Not less than 6 nor more than 12 months notice must be given if you desire to exercise any of these rights.

If you exercise a right to be transferred to the army reserve at the end of 6 years' service with the colours you will be required to serve in the reserve for 6 years; if you exercise the right to be so transferred at the end of 9 years' service with the colours you will be required to serve in the reserve for 3 years.

You may also be allowed, with the consent of the competent military authority, to be transferred to the army reserve at any time before you have completed 12 years' service with the colours. Such consent is, however, granted only in exceptional circumstances. If, before you have completed 12 years' service with the colours, consent is given for you to be transferred to the reserve at a time when you have no right to be so transferred, you will be required to serve in the reserve for the balance of the period of 12 years from the date of your attestation.

In certain cases which will be explained to you by the Recruiting Officer, a soldier can exercise a right to be transferred to the army reserve at the end of 3 years' service with the colours and if he does so is required to serve in the reserve for 4 years. The transfer to the reserve of a soldier enlisted on these terms may, in exceptional circumstances, be allowed before this right to be transferred is exercisable. He will then be required to serve in the reserve until the date when his reserve service would have ended if he had exercised the right.

(2) *For men under the age of 18 but over the age of 17½—*

The 22-year enlistment with the colours

The term is up to the 18th birthday and then for 22 years.

The same conditions as specified in paragraph (1) apply save that the periods at which you are entitled to break your service with the colours, *etc.*, will be reckoned from your 18th birthday and not from the date you are attested.

(3) *For women over the age of 18—*

The 4-year enlistment with the colours

You may, if the competent military authority consents, extend this enlistment by 1 or 2 years at a time up to a total of 12 years from the date of your attestation. You may also, when you have completed 3 years' service and with such consent, change this enlistment into a 22-year enlistment, and if you do so you may terminate your service at the end of 6 years from the date of your attestation or at the end of any subsequent 3 years.

(4) *For women under the age of 18 but over the age of 17 if enlisting into the W.R.A.C. and of 17½ if enlisting into the Q.A.R.A.N.C.*

The 3 or 4 year enlistment with the colours

The term is up to your 18th birthday and then for either 3 or 4 years, whichever you elect at the time of your enlistment.

You may, if the competent military authority consents, extend this enlistment by 1 or 2 years at a time up to a total of 12 years reckoned from your 18th birthday. You may also, when you have completed 3 years' service from your 18th birthday and with such consent, change this enlistment into a 22-year enlistment, and if you do so you may terminate your service at the end of 6 years from the date of your 18th birthday or at the end of any subsequent 3 years.

(5) *For boys (other than those enlisted into the Brigade of Gurkhas), i.e. males under the age of 17½ years.*

(a) a term of service with the colours up to the age of 18 and thereafter 9 years with the colours and 3 years in the reserve.

This enlistment is open to all boys.

(b) *A term of service with the colours up to the age of 18 and thereafter 6 years with the colours and 6 years in the reserve.*

This enlistment is not open to apprentice tradesmen, apprentice chefs nor to boys enlisted for training as bandmen or for medical duties.

(c) When you have attained the age of 17½ years you may change an enlistment referred to in sub-paragraph (a) or (b), if the competent military authority consents, into the 22-year enlistment referred to in paragraph (1), or, in exceptional circumstances you may be allowed to extend your service up to 12 years with the colours. In the case of the enlistment referred to in sub-paragraph (b) you may whether or not you have attained the age of 17½ years and with the consent of the competent military authority, extend your service to complete 9 years with the colours and 3 years in the reserve.

SPECIAL ENLISTMENTS

(6) *For men (other than those enlisting into the Brigade of Gurkhas)—*

(a) *The S Type enlistment*

This enlistment is for a term of 6 months or 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12 years' service with the colours. If you are between 17½ and 18 the term is until your 18th birthday and then for one of these periods. You may apply later to extend up to 12 years. This enlistment is normally only open to men who are not eligible to enlist on a normal regular enlistment by reason of age, length of previous service or other cause.

(b) *The T Type enlistment*

This enlistment is for a term of 4 years' service with the colours. It is limited to men to be enlisted as instructors in the Territorial Army or for other special employment.

(7) *For women—*

(a) *The S Type enlistment*

The terms and conditions are the same as for the S Type enlistment for men ((6)(a)above).

(b) *The R Type enlistment*

This enlistment is for a term of 3 years' service with the colours. It is limited to women to be enlisted as instructors in the Territorial Army, as Recruiters or for other special employment.

(8) *For men enlisting into the Brigade of Gurkhas—*

You may enlist for one of the following terms of colour service:—

(a) If you are over 18, for 1, 2, 3 or 4 years;

(b) If you are between 17 and 18, up to your 18th birthday and then for 1, 2, 3 or 4 years;

(c) If you are under 17, up to your 18th birthday and then for 4 years;

(9) *Special enlistments for men enlisting in the West Indies for local service—*

You may enlist for one of the following terms of colour service:—

(a) If you are over 18, for 1, 2, 3, 4 or 6 years;

(b) If you are between 17½ and 18, up to your 18th birthday and then for 1, 2, 3, 4 or 6 years;

(c) If you are under 17½, up to your 18th birthday and then for 6 years.

(10) *Special enlistments for men enlisting in Malaya or Singapore for local service—*

You may enlist for one of the following terms of colour service:—

(a) If you are over 18, for 7, 9 or 12 years;

(b) If you are between 17½ and 18, up to your 18th birthday and then for 7, 9 or 12 years;

(c) If you are under 17½, up to your 18th birthday and then for 7 years.

GENERAL

3. You may be enlisted into a corps of your choice if there is a vacancy in that corps and you are duly qualified. While in the corps to which you are appointed you may be posted from one regiment or branch to another.

If at any time during the first 6 months of your service you are found unsuitable for the corps to which you are appointed but suitable for service in another corps, you will be given the option either of transferring voluntarily to another corps for which you are suitable and in which there is a vacancy or of being discharged; unless the interests of the Army render necessary your compulsory transfer to another corps. You can only be compulsorily transferred from one corps to another by order of a member of the Army Council except in war time or other imminent national danger or great emergency.

4. When you have been attested you will be subject to military law, and you will be required to carry out whatever duties may be ordered by those in authority over you.

5. No guarantee can be given that you will be employed on any particular duties, but—

(a) If you are enlisted with a view to being trained in a particular trade, you will normally be trained in that trade and if the requirements of the service permit, you will be subsequently employed in that trade.

(b) If, because of your civil qualifications and/or experience, you are enlisted with a view to being employed in a particular army trade, you will normally be employed in that trade. If, however, having so enlisted, you cannot be employed in

that trade (or in a parallel or advanced trade) through no fault of your own, you may apply for your discharge, which will be granted if the requirements of the service permit.

Employment in a trade depends on passing a specified trade test and there being a vacancy in the trade.

6. (1) If this is your first enlistment in the regular army you will be entitled to claim your discharge on payment of a sum not exceeding £20; provided that the claim is made during whichever of the periods mentioned below applies to you.
- (2) Discharge on payment of a sum not exceeding £20 may be claimed—
- (a) by men who when enlisted are over 17½ (17 if enlisted into the Brigade of Gurkhas) at any time after the expiration of eight weeks and before the expiration of three months from attestation;
- (b) by men who when enlisted are under 17½ (17 if enlisted into the Brigade of Gurkhas) at any time within three months after attestation;
- (c) by women at any time within three months after attestation.
- (3) If you make a claim for discharge during the appropriate period you will then be discharged with all convenient speed unless, when you make your claim, a proclamation has been made ordering that soldiers who would otherwise be transferred to the reserve shall continue to serve with the colours. In such a case your discharge will be deferred for as long as the proclamation remains in force.
7. You will be liable to forfeit service if you are found guilty of, or confess to, deserting Her Majesty's service. Such forfeited service will not count towards the period of service for which you enlisted and consequently the date of your discharge, and, if you are serving on a 22-year enlistment, will alter the dates of the ends of the periods on which you have a right to be transferred to the reserve or to terminate your service, and the dates on which notice should be given.
8. You may be discharged if you make a false answer to any of the questions at the end of this Paper or because of any other irregularities concerned with your enlistment.
9. Examples of other grounds on which you may be discharged before the termination of your engagement by order of the competent military authority are misconduct, unfitness on medical grounds or the benefit of the public service.
10. If when a soldier would otherwise be entitled to be discharged or to be transferred to the reserve, he is liable to be proceeded against by court-martial, or is serving a sentence of imprisonment or detention abroad, his discharge or transfer to the reserve will be postponed. What is said above about entitlement to be discharged or to be transferred to the reserve must be read as subject to this.
11. If on the expiration of the term for which you have enlisted, or any lesser period after which you would otherwise be entitled to be discharged or transferred to the reserve you are serving with the Forces:—
- (a) outside the United Kingdom,
- (b) while a state of war exists, or
- (c) while soldiers in the reserve are called out on permanent service,
- you may be retained with the Colours for a further period not exceeding 12 months.
12. If you are transferred to the army reserve you are liable to be called out as follows:—
- (a) *Without Proclamation*
- (i) for training up to a maximum of 12 days or 20 drills in any one year;
- (ii) for permanent service in defence of the United Kingdom against actual or apprehended attack;
- (iii) for permanent service overseas when warlike operations are in preparation or in progress, if designated as so liable on your transfer to the reserve. You will remain so liable for the period specified in the designation. This will not exceed three years from the beginning of your reserve service. It is not intended in practice to designate men for more than two years;
- (iv) in aid of the Civil power.
- (b) *After Proclamation*
- For permanent service in the United Kingdom or overseas in the event of imminent national danger or of great emergency.
13. If during your service in the army reserve you are called out after proclamation, or without a proclamation, for service in defence of the United Kingdom, you may be retained with the Colours for the rest of your term of service in the reserve and for a further 12 months. If, however, you are called out without a proclamation for overseas service you may not be required to serve beyond the end of your term of service in the reserve nor for more than 12 months.
14. Women are not liable for service in the army reserve.
15. Your liability until attaining 45 to recall for service after completion of your colour, or colour-plus-reserve, service (see 1 above) renders you liable to be recalled for service with the colours when men of the army reserve are called out:—
- (a) for permanent service in defence of the United Kingdom against actual or apprehended attack (para. 12(a)(ii) above, or
- (b) for permanent service in the United Kingdom or overseas in the event of imminent national danger or of great emergency (para. 12(b) above).

A woman, if already married on enlistment will not have the right subsequently to claim her discharge as a married woman. If her family circumstances change after enlistment she may apply for discharge on compassionate grounds and her application will be judged on its merits.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT TO THE RECRUIT BEFORE ENLISTMENT

Under the provisions of Sections 19 and 61 of the Army Act, 1955, if any person knowingly makes a false answer to any question contained in the attestation paper he is liable to punishment.

Q. 1. What is your full name?	(a) Christian or Fore Name(s) ALAN DAVID	(b) Surname STARKIE
Q. 2. What is your address?	37 LINCOLN ST. LEEMAN ROAD. YORK	Q. 3. What is the date of your birth? 30.11.49.
Q. 4. Where were you born (give parish, town, county)?	YORK. YORKSHIRE.	Q. 5. What is your nationality now? BRIT ENG
Q. 6. What was the nationality at birth of:—	(a) yourself? BRIT.ENG	(b) your father? BRIT.ENG
Q. 7. Are you single, married, widowed, divorced?	SINGLE	(c) your mother and (d) your wife/husband? BRIT.ENG
Q. 8. How many children are dependent on you?	NONE	Q. 9. What is your trade or calling? SCHOLAR.
Q. 10. Do you belong to, or have you ever served in Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces or in any Commonwealth Force? If so, state which, and the periods of service and the reasons for and dates of discharge. No		
Q. 11. Have you at any time been found guilty by any civil court of any offence? If so, give particulars of all the offences in respect of which you have been found guilty. No		
Q. 12. Have you ever been rejected for service in Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces or in any Commonwealth Force? If so, on what grounds? No		
Q. 13. (a) Are you, or have you ever been an indentured apprentice? No (b) If so, when will, or did, the period of your apprenticeship expire? N.A.		

Q. 14. (a) Into what corps do you wish to enlist? **ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS**
 (b) If you have been informed that there is no vacancy in that corps, into what other corps in which there is a vacancy do you wish to enlist? **N.A.**
 (c) In which regiment of the corps for which there is a vacancy do you wish to serve and why? **N.A.**

*To be completed by recruits wishing to enlist into Royal Armoured Corps or Brigade of Guards.

Q. 15. Have you received a notice paper setting out the questions to be answered on attestation and the general conditions of the enlistment to be entered into including a liability until you are 45 for recall to the colours in an emergency? **YES**
 Do you understand the contents of the notice paper and wish to be enlisted? **YES**

Q. 16. Are you willing to serve Her Majesty, provided Her Majesty shall so long require your services for:—
 (a) a term of years with the colours
 or,
 (b) if you are under the age of 18 years, for:—
 the period from the date of your attestation up to the date on which you attain the age of 18 years and thereafter for either:—
 a period of years with the colours;
 or,
 a period of **NINE** years with the colours and **THREE** years with the reserve. **YES.**

DECLARATION

I, **ALAN DAVID STARKIE**, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.
30.11.65. (Date) *Alan Starkie* (Signature of Recruit) *Starkie* (Signature of Witness)

Note.—On signing the above declaration and taking the Oath the recruit becomes a soldier of the regular forces and subject to military law.

From:- Lt Col. D.E.HIGGINS, MBE, Royal Signals.



*Junior Leaders Regiment,
Royal Signals,
Denbury Camp,
Newton Abbot,
Devon.*

Tel. Appleton 361

24 May, 1965.

Dear Mr West

I was pleased to learn from the War Office to-day that your boy will be joining this Regiment with the new intake on **14th September 1965**. I am writing, as your boy's Commanding Officer, to introduce myself to you and to give you a few details of life in the Regiment.

The Regiment is stationed at DENBURY CAMP in the heart of South Devon, 3 miles from NEWTON ABBOT and 7 miles from TORQUAY. The accommodation consists of comfortable wooden buildings and all the sleeping accommodation is centrally heated. The Camp has a Church, a Cinema, two Gymnasias, a Social Club and two Canteens, one run by the NAAFI and one run by the Church Army. There is also an indoor miniature rifle range and three large playing fields, and the indoor swimming pool for the training of non-swimmers is now nearing completion.

The new intake joining the Regiment is held for the first term in Junior Squadron. At the end of the term the boys move to one of the Troops in the Junior Leader Squadron. Each troop, which holds up to 50 boys, is normally commanded by an officer, with a specially selected sergeant as his assistant. Within Troops, the boys are allotted to patrols, each of 6 or 7 boys. The patrol is arranged so that it contains one or two boys from each term. This enables the older boys to help the younger ones and gives all boys the opportunity of acting as patrol commanders in their last term.

The daily training programme starts at 8.00 a.m. and ends at 4.30 p.m. On two evenings a week regimental activities such as the Regimental Band, the Highland Dancing Team and the Regimental Choir are organised and instruction in a wide variety of hobbies is available.

The training programme is split into three main parts:-

Academic Studies
Military and Trade Training
Physical Training, Sport and Adventure Training

The academic studies include instruction up to the Army First Class Certificate of Education and boys passing this Certificate are thereafter encouraged to study for 'O' level GCE or City & Guilds examinations. Military training includes foot and arms drill, the use and firing of weapons and etc. Trade training is directed towards producing qualified tradesmen in two basic trades, Communications Centre Operator and Radio Operator. This will be increased to include the trades of Lineman and Electrician Driver from 1 January 1966 onwards. It is intended that wherever possible, boys will be given continuation trade training in the Training Brigade Royal Signals or in this Regiment. This will ensure that they reach a high degree of skill in their trade before they join their regular army units.

There is a driving school in the Regiment and selected boys are taught to drive and pass their test for a road licence during their last term at DENBURY.

There is compulsory church on Sunday with services for Church of England, Non-Conformist and Roman Catholic boys. The Regiment has its own Church of England Padre and many boys are prepared by him each term for Confirmation.

The Camp has its own medical centre with a full-time Army doctor, a qualified nursing staff and a full-time dentist. A specialist catering officer supervises the preparation of the boys' meals and draws up the menus. There is always a wide choice of courses and the standard of the meals, both in quality and quantity, is high.

Your boy will, of course, be provided with a full scale of military clothing and necessaries, when he arrives at DENBURY. A copy of the scale of issue is enclosed for your information. There is a NAAFI Shop in the Camp which sells soap, tooth-paste, writing paper, ink etc. He should bring with him his own toilet requisites and writing materials.

On arrival in the Regiment boys are required to purchase a number of items which are not provided by the War Department. These are:-

Regimental Stable Belt	9/9d)	
Regimental Tie	10/-d)	These prices are
Truck Suit	40/-d)	approximate

In addition, boys are required in the Autumn and Winter terms to provide their own soccer or rugby boots. Those boys who do not have their own boots may purchase them at DENBURY at very reduced rates. Army swim shorts are provided but boys may wear their own if they prefer. Boys are not required to pay cash for any of the items that they purchase on arrival. The normal arrangement is for the individual to repay the sum involved at the rate of a few shillings a week from his pay, during the first term.

Boys are encouraged to make a small daily allotment from their pay into the Post Office Savings Bank, and we hope that most of them will join the special kit insurance scheme which cost only a few shillings a year and insures their personal belongings against loss by fire, theft, etc. Boys are paid a reasonable and increasing scale of pocket money which is more than adequate to meet their needs and to purchase the items I have listed above.

The Regiment works on three terms a year, and all boys are given leave and a free return rail warrant home at the end of each term. The total leave is 70 days per year, and pay and ration allowance is paid during leave.

At the end of each term a Parade is held for boys graduating to Colour Service. The Summer Parade is made the occasion of a Regimental Parents' Day and I hope you will be able to visit DENBURY on at least one of these occasions. We normally able to offer accommodation and meals to parents and guardians who wish to stay overnight in the camp.

It is our aim at Denbury to give your boy a flying start in the Regular Army. The Regular Army, and Royal Signals in particular, offers a fine future to the young man of to-day, and my staff and I will do our best to ensure that your boy, on graduating to Colour Service, is able to make the most of his Army career. We will endeavour, during the period that your boy is with us, to train him not only as a good soldier and future NCO, but also a good citizen.

In conclusion, I would like to wish your boy a happy and successful stay with the Regiment, and to express the hope that I may have the pleasure of meeting you on a future Parents' Day. Should you have any worries or queries regarding your boy during his first term with us, will you please write to me personally, or to the Officer Commanding Junior Squadron.

Yours sincerely

LIST OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT ISSUED

Jackets No. 2 Dress	1	Anklets, pr	1
Jackets, overall green	2	Badges, collar	2
Jerseys, pullover	1	Badges, cap	2
Raincoats	1	Bags, kit	1
Greatcoats	1	Holdall	1
Laces, pr	3	Suitcases	1
Pyjamas, prs	2	Smock, Combat	1
Shirts, No. 2 Dress	2	Brasses, cleaning	1
Shirts, Flannel	2	Brushes, button	1
Collars, khaki cotton	4	Brushes, clothes	1
Shoes, black leather, pr	1	Brushes, blacking	1
Shoes, canvas, pr	1	Brushes, polishing	1
Boots, ankle, pr	2	Buttons, regimental large	10
Shorts PT kit	2	Buttons, regimental small	15
Socks, worsted, pr	4		
Studs, front and back, set	1	Discs, identity	1
Towels, hand	3	with cord set	
Ties	1	Knife	1
B.D.	1	Fork	1
Braces, pr	1	Spoon	1
Trousers, No, 2 Dress	1	Housewife	1
Trousers, overall, green	2	Slings, rifle	1
Trousers, DB U/S	1	Straps, shoulder	2
Vests, PT kit, white	1	Attachment Brace	2
Vests, PT kit, red	2	Tins, mess	1
Drawers, swimming, pr	1	Sheets, ground	1
Drawers, short, prs	3	Padlock w/keys	1
Gloves, knitted, pr	2	Bottles, water	1
Cap, forage	1	Braces, normal	3
Beret	1	Carriers, water bottle	1
Trousers, combat	1		
Belts, waist	1	Frogs, bayonet	1
Lanyard	1	Haversacks, WE	2

Army Form B 2540

JOINING INSTRUCTIONS FOR A RECRUIT

To: J. WEST From: ARMY INFORMATION OFFICE,
14, WREN CLOSE 148 NORTHGATE,
NEWTON ABBOTT DARLINGTON,
8 / 9 / 19 65

You have today been enlisted into the (corps) ROYAL SIGNALS
on a normal Regular Army engagement of 6 years with the Colours and 6 years with the
Royal Army Reserve. You are required to join (unit) ROYAL SIGNALS, REPT. SIGNALS
DUNSBURY CAMP
on (date) 14 / 9 / 19 65 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. NEWTON ABBOTT
Devon
Movement Details (Route times, etc.) 9-8- DARLINGTON - SHEFFIELD - NEWTON ABBOTT (met by Transport from
Camp)

P.T.O.

*As you have elected not to join immediately you will be given Leave without pay and allowances.

from 4-9-65 until 13-9-65 which is the day before you have been told to join. This period of Leave will NOT count towards pay, or towards any gratuity or pension which you may receive at the end of your service. You will, however, be able to serve for an additional period equal to that spent on Leave to enable you to qualify for the full gratuity or pension.

A railway warrant for your journey to NEWTON ABBOTT is attached.

When you go to join your unit, take with you Form MS 124, health and pension card, and medical and membership record card.

†You should take civilian clothing with you as they may be worn during off-duty hours.

Copy to: Records
 O. I. C. Army Information Office

(Cases of deferred joining only.)

*Delete this paragraph as necessary.
†Delete this paragraph in the case of Junior Soldiers.

P. F. H. O. G. A. C. H. E. L.
COMMANDING,
ARMY INFORMATION OFFICE, DARLINGTON

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Captain.C.S.Ward. Royal Signals.
Officer Commanding Junior Squadron.
Junior Leaders Regt. Royal Signals.
Denbury Camp.
Newton Abbot.
S.Devon.

15th September 1965.

Dear Mr West

I am writing to let you know your son John
has arrived safely at the Junior Leaders Regiment at Denbury.

He will be in the Junior Squadron for the first term and then on
successful completion of his initial training he will join a Squadron
of this Regiment. You will receive reports of his progress at the end
of each term, but if at any time you have any worries about him, please
do not hesitate to write, and we will let you know how he is getting
along. Similarly if any circumstances arise at home which would affect
his work here, we would be grateful if you would let us know, so
that he can be given that extra encouragement and support to enable him
to get over it.

I enclose a copy "An Introduction to Junior Squadron" and trust
that it will be of some interest and assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO THE JUNIOR SQUADRON.
THE JUNIOR LEADERS REGIMENT ROYAL SIGNALS.

1. INTRODUCTION.

A recruit Junior Leader joins Junior Squadron for his first term in the Regiment. Whilst in Junior Squadron the recruit is transformed from a schoolboy into a Junior Leader who can take his place in his Troop and Squadron for all Regimental activities. The culmination of training in Junior Squadron is ceremonially portrayed at the Graduation Parade at the end of term.

2. STAFF.

a) OC. Squadron	-	Captain C.S. Ward, Royal Signals.
Education Officers	-	Captain M. Huggins, RAEC. Lieutenant T. Orme, RAEC.
Civilian Lecturer	-	Mr. D.J. Mann
SSM.	-	WOII S. Stuckey, Royal Signals
A. Group	-	Sgt Kelly
B. Group	-	
C. Group	-	Sgt Loveday
D. Group	-	
E. Group	-	Sgt Dobson
F. Group	-	Sgt Bumby

The intake this term is 122 Boys.

b) In addition there are a number of Junior NCO's (Who are specially selected from their troops). These Junior NCO's each have one barrack room to supervise and they assist the Group Instructors during the evening and off duty hours.

c) There is at all times a member of the staff on duty in Junior Squadron. Each boy rises at 0600 hrs reveille and lights out are at 10p.m. daily.

3. TRAINING.

Training is divided into two main aspects.

a) EDUCATIONAL TRAINING.

This includes the following subjects : Drill, PT, Games, Regimental Organisation (including some Corps History), First Aid. An introduction to Trades and trade Training, a little Fire Prevention and a few other lectures e.g. Pay and Army Health etc.,

b) EDUCATIONAL TRAINING.

Boys from many parts of the country and many types of schools with varied levels of ability arrive in Junior Squadron each term. The task of the educational staff of Junior Squadron is to grade these boys into convenient groups and commence their further education. Those boys with high natural ability are exempt the lower grade of Junior Educational Tests and are prepared for those classes in Academic Wing whose course is most appropriate. Those boys with fundamental weakness in the basic skills are placed in a group which will concentrate on the basic skills of calculation. These classes are kept to the smallest economic size and should average no more than 20 boys per group.

4. OUTLINE PRORAMME - FIRST SIX WEEKS.

During the first few days the Junior Leader receives a medical and dental inspection, a complete issue of kit (and of course a haircut). He takes an examination to place him in a suitable academic class. The emphasis of training for the first six weeks is on Drill and Education. The aim being to qualify as a Junior Leader by "Passing of the Square" this entails following:-

- a) The minimum education standard (Junior Test).
- b) A through knowledge of all basic drill movements.
- c) A kit inspection to check:-
 - 1) Completeness.
 - 2) Marking.
 - 3) Neatness.
 - 4) Cleanliness

The qualified Junior Leader is then granted certain privileges:-

- a) He may wear a Regimental Stable Belt.
- b) He will remove the white bar from his troop flash.
- c) He will not make a bed pack except on Inspection Mornings.

5. OUTLINE PROGRAMME - SECOND HALF OF THE TERM.

The second half of the term the Junior Leader is prepared for his future Training in his Troop / Squadron.

6. RELIGIOUS TRAINING.

Each boy receives a period once a week of Religious training from a qualified Padre of his own faith. Each boy is also required to attend one service at his own church. Confirmation and church membership classes are held regularly and boys may be confirmed at the end of term.

7. GRADUATION DAY.

A Graduation Parade is held at the end of each term and parents of boy's in Junior Squadron are encouraged to visit the Regiment for two days at this period.

Assistance can be offered to arrange accommodation. Invitations are sent out with further details

8. HALF TERM - STAND DOWN.

There will be a break from Training from 1000 hrs Friday 5 November 1965 until 0600 hrs Monday 8 November 1965. Boys who do not have a travel great distance may go home during this period but it is not considered worthwhile for those who live in say, Scotland.

7. LEAVE.

Christmas leave will be from 16 December 1965 until 6 January 1966. A free travel warrant is issued for this leave.



Junior Squadron

Junior Leaders Regiment Royal Signals

End of Term Report Summer Term 196 5Name Starkie Initials AD Rank JSignalman Number 24038792Age 15 years 8 months Future Squadron Slim Future Troop LionDate Joined Unit 11 May 1965 Provisional Output Term Summer 1967ACADEMIC TRAINING

English

He is not a scholarly boy but he does try hard to achieve results. He has

Maths.

passed the Junior examination but none of his marks were high. He will have to work hard next term in order to pass

General Studies

the Intermediate examination.

Instructors Initials

Apt.

MILITARY REPORT

Drill Good. Stanke has worked hard on his drill and has produced a good result.

Turnout and Bearing Fair He must learn to concentrate and to put in more effort in this aspect of his training.

Games Has shown much enthusiasm in all aspects of games in which he has participated.


EXTERNAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING.

Hobbies Has reached the required standard.

GENERAL REPORT

He has made a fair start and has appeared to enjoy his first term. He will require to work much harder at Education where he has just scraped through his Junior. He has a pleasant personality and has been of good behaviour.

Date 5 Aug 61


Royal Signals
Officer Commanding Junior Squadron

JUNIOR LEADERS REGIMENT ROYAL SIGNALS

MILITARY TRAINING REPORT FOR Winter TERM 1965

SQUADRON SLIM No. 24038792 NAME STARKIE A.D. LION TROOP GRADUATION DATE Summer 1967 JUNIOR RANK J Sig TERMS COMPLETED 2

GRADINGS: 'A' Very Good 'B' Good 'C' Average 'D' Unsatisfactory

PHYSICAL TRAINING

Application C Performance C- Progress C

Passed Standard 'A' Test YES/NO
Passed Standard 'B' Test YES/NO

WEAPON TRAINING

Application Progress

Passed Standard 'A' Test YES/NO
Passed Standard 'B' Test YES/NO

DRILL AND TURNOUT C
KIT AND MAINTENANCE C
CONDUCT C
POWERS OF LEADERSHIP C
PAY GRADE 5

GAMES Football / Troop sports
HOBBIES Cycling
SPECIAL COURSES -

TROOP OFFICERS REMARKS
He has settled down well, but must try and use his own initiative more often, instead of being shown what to do.
D. Grawstock (Signature)

SQUADRON COMMANDERS REMARKS
He must endeavour to seek out responsibility and demonstrate his abilities. This coupled with good hard work in all his studies should bring reward.
Date 22 Dec 65 (Signature) [Signature]

Squadron: Slim

Number: 24038792 Name: Starkie. A.D.

Grading: 'A' Very Good
 'B' Above Average
 'C' Average
 'D' Unsatisfactory

Subject	Inter	Senior	Applic- ation	Progress	Remarks
English	P		B-	B-	Fair work. AC
Maths/Mil Calcs	✓		C	C	A little more effort next term should produce the desired result. SW
Map Reading	✓		C+	C+	JW
Current Affairs	34%	-	-	-	This result is rather disappointing &
General Science	Pass.		C	C	He could improve.

Examination Record

Passed Army Certificate of Education ACE Junior Test ... YES/✓

Subject	ACE Intermediate Test		ACE Snr Test			G. C. E.	
	Passed previously	Passed this Term	Passed previously	Passed last Term	Taken this Term	Passed previously	Sat this Term
English		✓					
Maths/Mil Calcs							
Map Reading (WR)		✓					
Map Reading (PR)		✓					
Current Affairs							
Gen Sci		✓					

Passed Certificate ~~YES~~/NO

~~YES~~/NO

Senior Education Officer's Remarks

The English result is encouraging, but clearly a greater effort is needed in every other subject. I expect this effort to be forthcoming next term.

P. J. Willett

Major,
Senior Education Officer

Date: 15 Dec 65

JUNIOR LEADERS REGIMENT ROYAL SIGNALS

MILITARY TRAINING REPORT FOR EASTER ... TERM 1966...

SQUADRON... SLIM ... No 24038792 ... NAME... STARKIE, A.D.

TROOP... LION ... GRADUATION DATE SUMMER 67 ... JUNIOR RANK... JSIG

TERMS COMPLETED... 3...

GRADINGS: 'A' Very Good 'B' Good 'C' Average 'D' Unsatisfactory

PHYSICAL TRAINING

Application... C ... Performance... C ... Progress... C

Passed Standard 'A' Test YES/NO

Passed Standard 'B' Test YES/NO

WEAPON TRAINING

Application... C ... Progress... C+

Passed Standard 'A' Test YES/NO

Passed Standard 'B' Test YES/NO

DRILL AND TURNOUT... C

KIT AND MAINTENANCE... C

CONDUCT... C

POWERS OF LEADERSHIP... C

PAY GRADE.....

GAMES... Cycling Troop sports

HOBBIES... Cycling

SPECIAL COURSES...

TROOP OFFICERS REMARKS

A cheerful boy who appears to have enjoyed his term. He has done reasonably well and has enthusiastically supported the troop in all its activities.

(Signature)..... [Signature]

SQUADRON COMMANDERS REMARKS

A good term's work. He has made satisfactory progress.

Date... 6 Apr 66

(Signature)..... [Signature]

Squadron Slim Number 24038792 Name Starkie. A.D.

Gradings "A" Very Good "C" Average
 "B" Above Average "D" Unsatisfactory

Subject	Inter	Senior	Appli cation	Progress	Remarks
English		✓	C	C	AC
Maths/Mil Calcs	73%		B	B	He really tried this term
Current Affairs	45%				He has focused but only just. He will have to maintain his efforts to reach senior standard of
Science Physics		✓	C	C	Still room for improvement.
Map Reading		✓	C	C	JW

Examination Record

Subject	Jnr	Certificate of Education Tests		
		Intermediate	Senior	G. C. E.
English		✓		
Maths/Arith				
MilCalcs		✓		
Map Reading		Written ✓	Practical ✓	
Current Affairs		✓		
G. Science		✓		
Physics				
Passed Certificate	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	

AR = Sat this term - awaiting results.

Senior Education Officer's Comments

I am very pleased to see that he has completed his Intermediate Certificate. Well done. Now for Senior

JW Helt.

Date 6 Apr 66

Major RAEC.
 Senior Education Officer.

JUNIOR LEADERS REGIMENT ROYAL SIGNALS

MILITARY TRAINING REPORT FOR... ~~SUMMER~~ ...TERM 196.6...

SQUADRON... SLIM ... NO. 24038792 ... NAME STARKIE ...
TROOP... LION ... GRADUATION DATE... SUMMER 67 ... JUNIOR RANK... JSIC ...
TERMS COMPLETED... 4 ...

GRADINGS: 'A' Very Good 'B' Good 'C' Average 'D' Unsatisfactory

PHYSICAL TRAINING

Application.....Performance.....Progress.....

Passed Standard 'A' Test YES/NO
Passed Standard 'B' Test YES/NO

WEAPON TRAINING

Application.....Progress.....

Passed Standard 'A' Test YES/NO
Passed Standard 'B' Test YES/NO

DRILL AND TURNOUT..... C
KIT AND MAINTENANCE..... C
CONDUCT..... B
POWERS OF LEADERSHIP..... C-

PAY GRADE.....

GAMES..... TROOP SPORTS
HOBBIES..... CYCLING
SPECIAL COURSES.....

TROOP OFFICERS REMARKS

Starkie has not made much of an impression this term. He seems quite prepared to let everyone else make all his decisions for him. He is polite, likable boy, but must show more character and drive next term

RP Graverstock
(Signature).....

SQUADRON COMMANDERS REMARKS

He does not seem to have put quite so much effort into his work this term although his results are still satisfactory. I should like to see him put his back into his work next term.

Date.....

Thurington
(Signature).....

Squadron Slim Number 24038792 Name Starkie, A.D.

Gradings "A" Very Good "C" Average
 "B" Above Average "D" Unsatisfactory

Subject	Inter	Senior	Appli cation	Progress	Remarks
English		✓	C	C	AR
Maths /Mil Calcs		✓	C+	C+	Very satisfactory job
Current Affairs			C-	C	AR
Science Physics		✓	C+	C+	A satisfactory term
Map Reading		✓	C	C	JS

Examination Record

Subject	Jnr	Certificate of Education Tests		G. C. E.
		Intermediate	Senior	
English		✓		
Maths/Arith		✓		
MilCalcs				
Map Reading		Written ✓	Practical ✓	
Current Affairs		✓		
G. Science		✓		
Physics				
Passed Certificate	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	

AR = Sat this term - awaiting results.

Senior Education Officer's Comments

A good term's work. He should be up to Senior level in most subjects by the end of next term.

J.W. Helt.

Date 6 Aug 66

Major RAEC.
Senior Education Officer.

JUNIOR LEADERS REGIMENT ROYAL SIGNALS.

TRADE TRAINING REPORT FOR SOMMER TERM 1966.

SQUADRON SHIM No. 792 Name STARKIE

TRADE Rap TERMS COMPLETED 4

GRADINGS 'A' Very good. 'B' Good 'C' Average 'D' Unsatisfactory

SUBJECT	APPLICATION	PROGRESS	REMARKS.
RADIO SETS			
VOICE PROCEDURE.	C	C	Works very well and trues hard.
MORSE	C	C	Trues very hard, but is having a little difficulty with this subject.
TELEGRAPH PROCEDURE			
BATTERY CHARGING.			

PASSED TRADE TEST - RADIO OPERATION CLASS III - YES/NO.

SUBJECT	APPLICATION	PROGRESS	REMARKS
TYPING			
TELEPRINTING			
COMCEN PROCEDURE			
TAPE RELAY PROCEDURE			
ARMY ORGANISATION			

PASSED TRADE TEST - COMMUNICATION CENTRE OPERATOR CLASS III

DRIVER TRAINING - PASSED DRIVING TEST - YES/NO.

REMARKS BY OFFICER-IN-CHARGE of TRADE TRAINING.

A good terms work - keep it ~~up~~ up. Must try
and do extra training in Morse

Date 21 Feb 66

(Signature) [Signature]

JUNIOR LEADERS REGIMENT ROYAL SIGNALS

MILITARY TRAINING REPORT FOR CHRISTMAS TERM 196.6

SQUADRON : SLIM No... 24038792... NAME... STARKIE A.D.

TROOP... LION... OUTPUT DATE... SUMMER 67... RANK... JSIG

TERMS COMPLETED... 5

GRADINGS 'A' Very Good 'B' Good 'C' Average 'D' Unsatisfactory

PHYSICAL TRAINING

Application... C+ Performance... C+ Progress... C+

Passed Standard 'A' Test YES/NO
Passed Standard 'C' YES/NO

WEAPON TRAINING

Application... Progress...

Passed Standard 'A' Test YES/NO
Passed Standard 'B' Test YES/NO

DRILL AND TURNOUT... C

KIT AND MAINTENANCE... C... PAY GRADE... 3

CONDUCT... C

POWERS OF LEADERSHIP... C

GAMES...

HOBBIES... CYCLING

SPECIAL COURSES...

TROOP OFFICERS REMARKS

Starkie is still very immature, this leads him to be cheeky with a rather light hearted approach. He must settle down and realise that he will soon be regular soldier in the service. He is a good worker, and his turnout is normally quite satisfactory. I hope that he will show more definite leadership as he matures. Signature... [Signature]

SQUADRON COMMANDERS REMARKS

Once again I feel he has not given of his best. His results are average but with a little more effort he would do much better

Date... 9 DEC 68

Signature... [Signature]

EDUCATION REPORT Xmas Term 1966

Squadron Slim Number 24038792 Name Starkie. A. D.

(Gradings "A" Very Good "C" Average
"B" Above Average "D" Unsatisfactory)

Subject	Inter	Senior	Appli- cation	Progress	Remarks
English		✓	C	C-	Rather weak. <i>HW</i>
Maths/Mil Calcs		✓	C+	C+	<i>JW</i>
Current Affairs		✓	He has had to learn his written material before sending Senior started		The way of assembling Senior started
Science <i>Physics</i>		✓	C+	C+	He has worked well. <i>87</i>
Map Reading		✓	C+	C+	Works well. <i>HW</i>

Examination Record

Subject	Jnr	Certificate of Education Tests		G.C.E.
		Intermediate	Senior	
English		✓		
Maths/Arith		✓		
Mil Calcs			AR	
Map Reading		Written/Practical ✓ ✓		AR
Current Affairs		✓		
Gen. Science		✓		AR
Physics				
Passed Certificate	Yes/ AR	Yes/ AR		Yes /No

AR = Sat this term - awaiting results.

Senior Education Officer's Comments.

On the whole a satisfactory report. He has one more term of education. I trust he will make good use of it.

P. W. Willett.

Date 10 Dec 66.

Major RAEC.
Senior Education Officer.

JUNIOR LEADERS REGIMENT, ROYAL SIGNALS.

TRADE TRAINING REPORT FOR XMAS TERM 1966.

Squadron..... SLIM No..... 792 Name..... STARKIE

Trade RADIO OPERATOR. Terms completed..... 5

GRADINGS 'A' VERY GOOD, 'B' GOOD, 'C' AVERAGE, 'D' UNSATISFACTORY.

SUBJECT.	GRADING.	REMARKS.
RADIO SETS.	/	
VOICE PROCEDURE.	'C'	Making Progress <i>[Signature]</i>
MORSE	C	after a slow start has picked up well.
TELEGRAPH PROCEDURE	"C"	Making Progress <i>[Signature]</i>
BATTERY CHARGING.	/	
THEORY.	C	

PASSED TRADE TEST FOR RADIO OPERATOR CLASS III. - YES / NO.

REMARKS BY OFFICER-IN-CHARGE of TRADE TRAINING.

Making up this term for previous slowness in learning and if he sustains this effort should pass his trade test eventually

DATE 25.11.66

Signature..... *[Signature]*

JUNIOR LEADERS REGIMENT ROYAL SIGNALS

MILITARY TRAINING REPORT FOR EASTER.....TERM 196.7.....

SQUADRON : B ~~SLIM~~ No. 24038792.....NAME.....STARKIE A.D......

TROOP.....6.....OUTPUT DATE. SUMMER 67.....RANK. JSIG.....

TERMS COMPLETED.....6.....

GRADINGS 'A' Very Good 'B' Good 'C' Average 'D' Unsatisfactory

PHYSICAL TRAINING

Application.....C.....Performance.....C.....Progress.....C.....

Passed Standard 'A' Test YES/NO

Passed Standard 'C' YES/NO

WEAPON TRAINING

Application...../.....Progress...../.....

Passed Standard 'A' Test YES/NO

Passed Standard 'B' Test YES/NO

DRILL AND TURNOUTC+.....

KIT AND MAINTENANCE.....C..... PAY GRADE.....3.....

CONDUCT.....B.....

POWERS OF LEADERSHIP.....C.....

GAMES.....Nil.....

HOBBIES.....cycles.....

SPECIAL COURSES.....Nil.....

TROOP OFFICERS REMARKS

He is always cheerful no matter the circumstances. When he settles down he will be good NEO material.

Signature.....*[Signature]*.....

SQUADRON COMMANDERS REMARKS

His work is quite sound but he is still rather immature. With one term to go he must make a big effort to glean as much as possible out of it.

Date.....22 Nov 67.....

Signature.....*[Signature]*.....

Squadron B Number 24038792 Name Starkie. A.D.

Gradings "A" Very Good "C" Average
 "B" Above Average "D" Unsatisfactory.

Subject	Inter	Senior	Appli cation	Progress	Remarks
English		✓	C	C+	AR <i>AWP.</i>
Maths/Mil Calcs		✓	C	C	<i>AS</i>
Current Affairs		✓	C	C	<i>mf.</i>
Gen Science/Physics					
Map Reading					

Examination Record

Subject	Junior	Certificate of Education Tests		G. C. E.
		Intermediate	Senior	
English		✓	<i>AR.</i>	
Maths/Mil Calcs		✓	<i>AR</i>	
Current Affairs		✓	<i>AR</i>	
Gen Science/Physics		✓	✓	
Map Reading		Written/Practical ✓	✓	
Passed Certificate	Yes/ <i>AR</i>	Yes/ <i>AR</i>	<i>AR</i> /no	

AR = Sat this term - awaiting results.

Senior Education Officer's Comments.

Satisfactory. I hope he is successful in his Senior entries.

AWP

Major RAEC.
Senior Education Officer.

Date 8 Apr 1967

JUNIOR LEADERS REGIMENT, ROYAL SIGNALS.

TRADE TRAINING REPORT FOR EASTER TERM 1967.

Squadron B No. 792 Name STARKIE

Trade RADIO OPERATOR. Terms completed.....

GRADINGS 'A' VERY GOOD, 'B' GOOD, 'C' AVERAGE, 'D' UNSATISFACTORY.

SUBJECT.	GRADING.	REMARKS.
RADIO SETS.	C+	
VOICE PROCEDURE.	B	has put a lot of effort into his work. - above average. <i>MS</i>
MORSE	B	Has worked very well this term and made good progress <i>MS</i>
TELEGRAPH PROCEDURE	C+	a good lad who tries hard. <i>MS Sot.</i>
BATTERY CHARGING.	B	A GOOD STUDENT
THEORY.	C	

PASSED TRADE TEST FOR RADIO OPERATOR CLASS III. - YES / NO.

REMARKS BY OFFICER-IN-CHARGE of TRADE TRAINING.

This boy has done exceptionally well this term and it is best to see a boy progress and produce a better report than the previous term. Should have no difficulty with the Trade Board next term. Well done.

DATE 25/3/67

Signature *D. H. [unclear]*

JUNIOR LEADERS REGIMENT ROYAL SIGNALS

MILITARY TRAINING REPORT FOR SUMMER TERM 1967

SQUADRON : SEIN No. 24038792 NAME STARKIE

TROOP 6 OUTPUT DATE SUMMER 67 RANK JSIG

TERMS COMPLETED 7

GRADINGS 'A' Very Good 'B' Good 'C' Average 'D' Unsatisfactory

PHYSICAL TRAINING

Application C Performance C Progress C

Passed Standard 'A' Test YES/NO

Passed Standard 'C' YES/NO

WEAPON TRAINING

Application C Progress C

Passed Standard 'A' Test YES/NO

Passed Standard 'B' Test YES/NO

DRILL AND TURNOUT C+

KIT AND MAINTENANCE C+ PAY GRADE SIG

CONDUCT C

POWERS OF LEADERSHIP C

GAMES NIL

HOBBIES EXTRA TRAINING

SPECIAL COURSES NIL

TROOP OFFICERS REMARKS

A cheerful smart soldier who works well and is liked by the Troop. Enjoys and works well in Troop outdoor activities. He was a member of the cycling hobby and plays football and hockey well.

Signature [Signature]

SQUADRON COMMANDERS REMARKS

Generally a well behaved and polite young soldier. His work is sound and he always tries hard. He is still a little immature but with experience should develop into a good soldier.

Date 10 August 1967

Signature [Signature]



ARMY CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT AT AN EXAMINATION HELD
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE ARMY BOARD OF THE
DEFENCE COUNCIL

24038792 Junior Signalmán Allen David STARKIE

SATISFIED THE EXAMINERS IN THE FOLLOWING.....3.....SUBJECTS
OF THE

SENIOR TEST

MILITARY CALCULATIONS
MAP READING
GENERAL SCIENCE

DATE OF AWARD 3rd April, 1967.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the Commandant.

COMMANDANT

INSTITUTE OF ARMY EDUCATION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the Major General.

Major General

DIRECTOR OF ARMY EDUCATION

August, 1966

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YORK BOY SOLDIER IN INTERNATIONAL MARCHES

One of the 15,500 marchers from 21 different nations who took part in the 50th International Four-Day Marches at Nijmegen, Holland, at the end of July, was 16-year-old Junior Signalman Alan Starkie, whose mother, Mrs. J.M. Starkie, lives at 37 Lincoln Street, Leeman Road, York.

Starting at dawn on the 26 July, the various routes, ranging from 30 to 55 kilometres, began to fill with military and civilian marchers from Austria, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Great Britain, Holland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland and the United States of America. Each afternoon, the weary but triumphant marchers returned to the gaily-decorated streets of Nijmegen, where they received an enthusiastic welcome from the thousands of onlookers who lined the streets.

On the final day, the marchers still had to complete their allotted courses, but six or seven kilometres from the finishing line many changed from their drab military clothing and marched to the end in a highly colourful procession. With them also went numerous bands and several drum-majorette groups of Dutch children, bringing the total number of marchers to about 20,000.

For over six hours, the last few kilometres were packed with half a million wildly enthusiastic spectators as the massive procession wound its way to an end - Swiss troops in historic scarlet uniforms; Dutch in anything from clogs to bare feet; US troops in highly coloured helmets; students in fancy dress; children in Dutch traditional costumes running hand-in-hand with the marchers and every marcher festooned with garlands and bouquets of multi-coloured flowers by the appreciative crowd.

Alan, who was educated at Manor Church of England Secondary Modern School, York, has served with the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Corps of Signals, since joining the Army in May last year. This was his first trip to Nijmegen.

His brother, Stephen, is currently serving with the Royal Corps of Signals in Germany,

Alan is seen here having a cool drink of milk during a rest in the day's marching.

Junior Leaders Regiment, R. Signals
Denbury Camp,
NEWTON ABBOT, S. Devon

Tele: Ipplepen 361

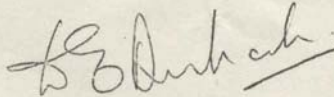
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4. Sep 67

To: 24038792 Sig STARKIE AD

FLIGHT INSTRUCTIONS

1. You are to report to JOINT SERVICE AIR TROOPING CENTRE, HENDON, by 1800 hrs on 13 Sep 67, where you will stay overnight for your flight from Gatwick on 14 Sep 67 on Flight BR 533, where you are to report by 1110 hrs.
2. You should have in your possession:-
 - MOD Form 90 - Identity Card.
 - AB 64 - Pay Book
 - ~~F/MOV/164 - Flight Ticket (BACK)~~
 - F/MOV/164A - Flight Ticket & baggage check (Draft)
 - International Certificate of Vaccination - smallpox.
3. Emplanement baggage is limited to 66 lbs.
4. Civilian clothes are to be worn.
5. Transistor radios are not to be carried, but may be stored in the baggage compartment providing the batteries are removed.
6. No inflammable, explosive or other hazardous items may be carried on the person or in baggage. These include lighter fuels (including gas refills), any type of aerosol spray container and bulk supplies of matches.
7. A single railway warrant for your journey from your home to HENDON is attached.



For Lieut-Colonel Commanding
Junior Leaders Regiment, R. Signals.

The End