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JUNIOR LEADERS REGIMENT

The Scribe is dead – long live the Scribe!

This month saw the release from National Service of our journalistic genius, Second-Lieutenant David Carter. The impact on Lime Grove should be felt. Other departures included Second-Lieutenant Malcolm Goddard rejoining the Southern Electricity Board, and mention must be made of the retirement of W.O.II (R.Q.M.S.) J. Bennett, the "oldest inhabitant" who joined the Regiment in 1954 during Beverley days.

Our sporting activities continue to flourish – the big triumph has been in the Junior Leaders Inter-Unit boxing championship which we won for the second year running, although only three of last year's team (Junior Signalmen Jacobs, Crowe and Gooding) were boxing this year. Our victory over R.E.M.E, in the finals held at Blandford proved easier than the semi-final against the R.A.O.C, which was decided on the last bout.

The nerves of our genial Dental Officer, Captain Stan Robb, who trains the team, were somewhat strained on the occasion! In Junior Signalman E. Barrett we hope we have a successor to Junior Signalman Jacobs, who it will be remembered, reached the A.B.A. finals last year.

The Staff soccer side continue so carry all before them and recently conquered the D.C.L.I. at Bodmin in the 2nd round of the Minor Units Cup.

The record of the Junior Leaders rugger team reads: Played 14, won 13, lost 1, points for 234, against 38. Needless to say Captain John Hancock is a very happy officer!

The Christmas term has finished with a crowded calendar, the highlight of which was the Presentation Parade on 14th December when we were honoured by a visit from the Signal Officer-in-Chief. General Moberly had previously spent two days with the Regiment in November, when he saw us at work and with our hair down (metaphorically speaking)! On the parade we were unlucky with the weather, a steady drizzle falling throughout, but the S.O.in-C. congratulated the parade on its steadiness, which, he added, had now come to be traditional at Denbury. We were glad to welcome, too, on this occasion several distinguished retired officers including Major-General Sir William Scott and Brigadier W. V. C. Galwey and local dignitaries.

The scope of the Children's Christmas Party was enlarged this year to include 100 local children in addition to the Regimental "family." The event was a great success, and well repaid the hard work of all concerned, who, as usual, hide under the cloak of anonymity. However, perhaps we could mention the catering staff who performed wonders under the guidance of our recently arrived Army Catering Corps Officer, Second-Lieutenant Jimmy Millar.

The traditional mammoth Christmas dances were held in the superbly decorated gymnasium decor by the Educational Corps, and an excellent time was had by all. Incidentally, the policy of integration within the Regiment has continued and R.A.E.C. N.C.O.s have been attached to individual Troops, and indeed Bruno Troop is now commanded by Lieutenant M. Wagstaffe, R.A.E.C.

Our R.S.M., W.O.I Pavey, has just returned from a visit to she Regiments in B.A.O.R., who have adopted Troops. He has spoken highly of the hospitality and co-operation received, and the attentive ears which were turned to his talks on Junior Leaders. The R.S.M. also showed an 8 mm colour film of life in the Regiment.

February 1960

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The first term of the new decade commenced quietly on 6th January with fairly typical wet and warm Devon weather. This has suddenly changed to snow and ice, giving a new edge to Adventure Training – and possibly good training for the next output to Catterick!

The Christmas output were given a rousing send-off on Saturday, 9th January when they departed for their Training Regiments. At 0600 hrs, the Regiment, with Band, marched the four miles to Newton Abbot railway station, and through the courtesy of British Railways, were able to fall-in on the platform. As the train departure whistle blew, all joined in the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the Band played as the train drew out of she station. A heart-warming ceremony which all will remember.

The staff hockey side, ably lead by the Corps captain. Captain M. A. T. Hartnett, got through the first round of the Minor Units' Cup when they defeated the staff of the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion at Plymouth by two goals to one.

We were happy to see in the New Year Honours List the award of the B.E.M., to Sergeant Yates, who for so long has been Provost Sergeant and Band Instructor.

We wish God speed to Second-Lieutenant Maurice Buckett, W.O.II Jack Cox and Staff Sergeants Wood and Ash, and welcome W.O.II Rodriguez and W.O.II Hopson (R.A.E.C) who have joined the Regiment.

March 1960

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The Easter term is now well advanced and apart from one fall of snow which lasted three days, the weather has been mild, if at times wet, enabling us to go about our outdoor activities without interference. Swimming training also continues, although it is only fair to add that this takes place at the Marine Spa Baths at Torquay.

The Staff hockey side were recently narrowly beaten in the final of the South-West District Minor Units Competition by the R.A.C. Junior Leaders Staff. The final score of two goals to one reflects the closeness of a keenly contested game. Incidentally, we were very glad to turn the tables on the Junior Leaders Infantry Staff team in the semi-final round, as they knocked us out last season.

Although the Staff soccer team is still unbeaten in local circles, the Junior Leaders team, in spite of playing good, open football, have suffered reverses at the hands of two of our local rivals, Newton Abbot and Teignmouth Grammar Schools. As with Rugby, the end of the term will see the departure of many promising players, who should prove valuable to Regimental sides next season. The Rugby XV continue to carry all before them and must stand an excellent chance of winning the Army Junior Rugby Cup. Their impressive record now reads:

Played 23 – Won 20 – Lost 3

The second XV, too, have been played with considerable success.

The current specialities of our energetic catering department are cakes and buns, which are quickly devoured at break and tea-time.

Our Drama Group, the Denbury Players, are now in the throes of pre-production activity and the farcical comedy "One Wild Oat," by Vernon Sylvania, promises to be their best production to date.

We were fascinated recently by the neat descent on the Square of a jet engined Army helicopter. On close inspection it looked very fragile, as somebody remarked "A bubble car with a Meccano tail."

We wonder, which Regiment will be the first to stage a Go Kart meeting?

April 1960

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One highlight of this month has been our Administrative Inspection which was made on Thursday, 3rd March, 1960, by the Deputy Commander South-Western District, Brigadier G. Laing, C.B.E. – some readers may remember the parade last year, when a terrific hailstorm descended halfway through. This year we were more fortunate with the weather and the day went well.

We were even more fortunate with the weather on 27th February, when the local residents were invited to visit Denbury Camp for Balaclava Fair, as, after several days of seasonal weather, this particular Saturday was bright and warm. Considerable ingenuity was exercised in converting the gymnasium into a Fun Fair and the stalls did bumper business, White Spear Troop again topped the takings. Outdoor attractions included a driving test event staged by the Torbay Car Club, when some very slick driving was demonstrated by local motoring enthusiasts. Thrills were provided by Go-Kart racing, the product of energetic organisation by Captain H Rothwell, a course having laid out on the Square. Several Junior Leaders put in trail laps and all were most enthusiastic about this sport which seems to be "taking-on" in the Army. One of the Fair prizes, a real live pig presented to the Regiment by a local farmer, was won by Junior/Signalman Dewar, who promptly sold it to the unit farm. Incidentally, W.O. II "Farmer" Philip (R.A.E.C) says the pigs and chickens are doing well and the recent Government cut in subsidies does not affect him! Another Fair attraction was a balloon race organised by Francisca Troop – the winning card so far is one returned from Yugoslavia. An enjoyable conceit was staged by the Junior Leaders in the evening and the day concluded with a grand dance. Proceeds from the Fair were given to the World Refugee Fund.

The presentation by the Denbury Players of the farcical comedy "One Wild Oat" was a great success – who said some of the casting was true to life!

The Regiment continues to be well represented on the field of sport, or ring, in the case of Junior/Signalmen Barratt and Crowe who, following their victories in the Southern Command and Army junior Individual Boxing Championships, both won Inter-Service Junior Championships. Our Rugby XV have reached the final of the Junior Rugby Championship, defeating R.E.M.E. Junior Leaders at Aborfield by nine points to nil. The final is against the All Arms Junior Leaders – this will be a stern struggle we know, as they are coached by Major T.G.H. Jackson, who used to train us here.

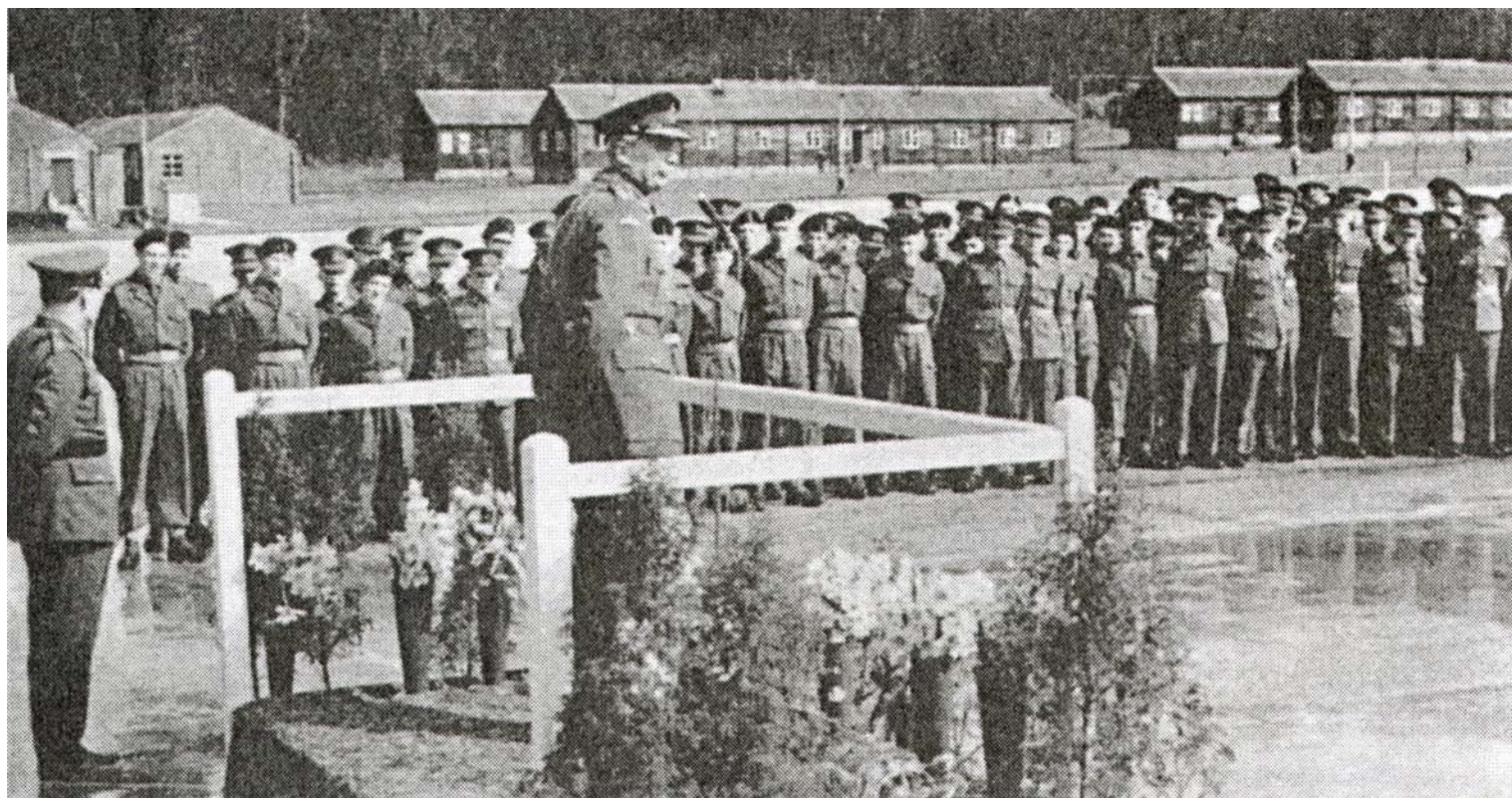
Our cross-country runners have made steady progress during the season and have acquitted themselves well with home fixtures, including a decisive win over the R.A.C. Junior Leaders, who paid us a return visit recently for a games jamboree. In this we were victorious at Rugby, hockey and cross-country, conceding to the R.A.C., basketball and small bore shooting. We had, however, a few weeks previously won the District Junior basketball tournament, defeating the R.A.C and Infantry Junior Leaders,

A touch of colour was added to the scene recently when the South Devon Foxhounds met at the Officers' Mess. We heard afterwards that hunting was not too good that day, perhaps the outdoor activities of our Junior Leaders are a greater deterrent to foxes than the hounds.

Changes in Staff. Captain H. Rothwell has taken over command of 2 Squadron from Major P. D. Parker, who now becomes Second-in-Command. We shall shortly be saying goodbye to Majors Dunkley and James, who both depart for warmer climes. Recently too we have said goodbye to Second-Lieutenants Green, Hunt and Shepherd, who return to the rigours of civilian life, and welcome Second-Lieutenants Frost, Lundie and Rigamonti.

May 1960

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The Adjutant-General to the Forces, General Sir Hugh Stockwell, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., A.D.C., addressing the Regiment

...and Denbury wept for fear that the visit of the Adjutant-General (General Sir Hugh Stockwell, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., A.D.C.) might spell the end of her active service with the Corps.

Would Denbury also become redundant? No! Judging from what the Adjutant-General said when he collected the Junior Leaders around him, and his references to the tradition of the British Army and to the minds and hearts of true leaders, convinces the Scribe that he will be back with him to London, warm thoughts about Denbury – in spite the rain.

General Sir Hugh Stockwell described toughness in this way – first, the toughness of the mind to know yourself, to have a sense of purpose and moral integrity; second, toughness of heart never to give up whether on the battlefield or on Dartmoor; and third toughness of fibre to keep yourself fit at all times in order to meet whatever call the Country may make upon you. He added that toughness had nothing to do with "bulging" muscles.

Towards the end of the Parade the sky cleared and the sun came out; once more distant and inscrutable Hay Tor was able to take an interest in the proceedings.

Those ex-Junior Leaders who attended the Parade will have noticed some of the changes. For instance, the Squadron Seniors paraded as two separated Troops with their Squadrons, dressed in battle-dress and berets.

The end of the parade was prefaced by the seniors slow-marching through the ranks, and off parade for the last time at Denbury. The remainder of the Regiment stood silent at the Present – the drums played the Drummer Boy, and the trumpets the Last Post and Reveille. Such was the passing, on a wet April day, of 73 Junior Leaders to adult service. They represented the largest graduation yet to take place in the Junior Leaders' Regiment. Next time perhaps the pipes will add something to the ceremony, and the band may be in scarlet – who knows?

It will be of interest to all to know that among the many guests who attended the Parade were: Major-General S. Moore-Coulson, C.B., E.R.D., Director of Army Education, and Mrs. Moore-Coulson, Brigadier G. Laing, C.B.E., Deputy Commander S.W. District, and Mrs. Laing, and Admiral Sir Guy and Lady Sayer.



The Adjutant-General presenting the B.E.M., to Staff Sergeant A.J. Yates

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By Junior Corporal F.W.P. Murray

Denbury Camp, "The Gateway to Leadership," is also appropriately enough – the Gateway to Dartmoor, the scene of our comprehensive Leadership training activities. Dartmoor, with its many Tors is to us what the drill square is to a raw recruit, a place of awe where one never quite knows what is going to happen next. Indeed, such is our respect for "The Moor" that we are organising an international walking competition, which will actually take place on Dartmoor. The route will encompass ten of the Moor's many Tors and will cover roughly 36 miles. A time limit has yet to be set. It is hoped that youth from all over the world will enter and for a week at least live in close harmony. In this way, we hope to fulfil our self-made purpose in life "Leadership in the Cause of Peace."

So much for the future. On Tuesday, 5th April, all the troops in the Regiment are competing for the "Commonwealth Trophy." This is a magnificent trophy presented originally by the 1st Commonwealth Divisional Signal Squadron to the Corps, and passed on to us by Brigadier P.M.P. Hobson, D.S.O., (great friend of the Regiment). The competition will take the form of a troop Dartmoor Race, through a series of checkpoints, the pace of each troop being necessarily that of its weakest member. Distance? 12-15 miles.

As regards sports, we have proved ourselves to be no mean sportsmen. We now hold the Army Rugby Union Junior Challenge Cup and the Junior Leaders Inter-Unit Boxing Championships. On top of this we were in the finals of the Army Basket Ball Championships (Junior). Football? Well, we do like to give other Regiments a chance in at least one sport.

Much of the leisure time in the Regiment is spent in pursuing a hobby of one's own choice. No matter what the choice, there is always an instructor qualified to teach it. Some of these hobbies are very useful in making the public, especially the local population, familiar with the type of work done in the Regiment. A very good example is "The Junior Mercury," the Unit newspaper. This goes to nearly all the Signal Regiments all over the world, as well as to the general public. There is also a Regimental "Corps of Drums and Trumpets," which is in great demand for local functions. The latest recruit to the "elite" is the Choir which, it is possible, will sing one hundred strong at the Albert Hall in December. The Canoeing hobby is entering two canoes for the Devizes-Westminster canoe race – a distance of 125 miles – said to be the toughest canoe race in the world. For those of us who feel less inclined to exert ourselves there is the weekly concert, which never fails to amuse.

Military training takes up almost as much time as Education and includes the teaching of the Morse code, Teleprinter operating, and basic Line work. It is hoped that soon we be turning out fully qualified tradesmen.

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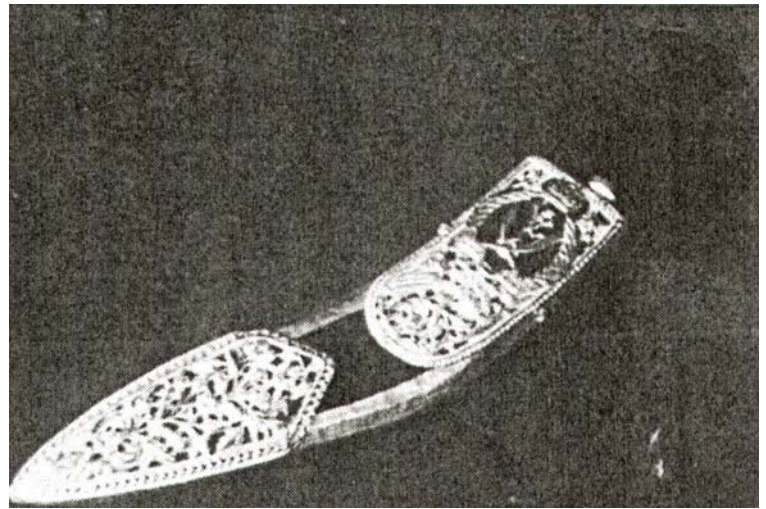
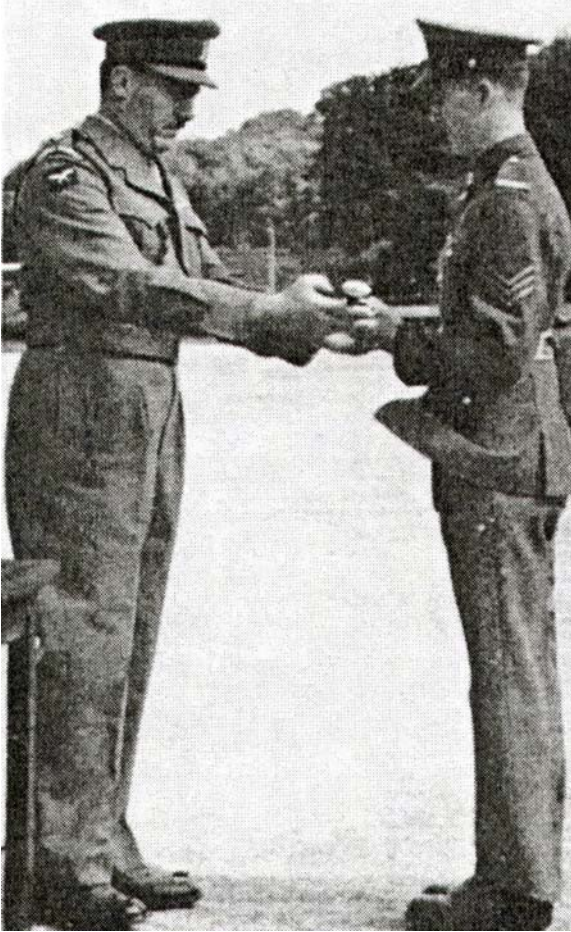
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It was good to see the Commanding Officer of the 17th Gurkha Signal Regiment in Denbury on the 28th May, 1960, when he visited us in order to present an ornamental Kukri to the Regiment in recognition of the friendship that exists between the Gurkha Signal Regiment and the Junior Leaders Regiment of the Royal Signals, since the adoption of one troop of Junior Leaders by the Gurkha Signal Regiment on 14th November, 1959.

It is on occasions such as these that one is reminded most strongly of the relationship that exists between the Junior Leaders Regiment and the remainder of the Corps, and the more Commanding Officers that visit us the better we shall like it, and of course a gift is by no means an essential part of the visit!

The Commanding Officer and All Ranks of the Junior Leaders Regiment extend to the Commanding Officer and Ranks of the Gurkha Signal Regiment their most sincere appreciation of both the visit and the Kukri and if the Gurkha Major enjoys wearing his Kukri Troop Leaders Balaclava, he should be reminded that there are many more where that one came from.



The Ornamental Kukri is presented to Junior Sergeant Gardner by Lieutenant-Colonel G.W. Blackburne

I Heard the Bagpipes Playing

I heard the bagpipes playing, The Parade was marching past, And my thoughts flew back to occasions, When I had heard them last.

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Time does not dull their music, Nor all it has to say, It stirred my blood in Malaya, and stirs it afresh today.

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The skirl of pipes at Denbury, After two score years and more, Since the Argyles left its precincts, To come back again no more.

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Do you hear you Junior Leaders, The melody rich and true, That calls to your friends in Malaya, And is now calling you.

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Of such are the seeds of tradition, A beginning without any end, And the greatest of all great tradition, Springs from the heart of a friend.

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So a Kukri from Gurkha Signals, With greetings and good wishes too, Dhanyabad ! Sukhali horu, Suk Santi sa Duigaiyu.



All in one day – The Choir

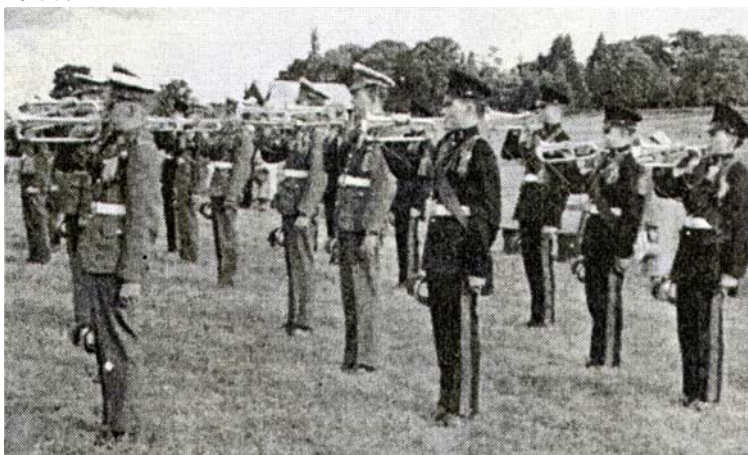
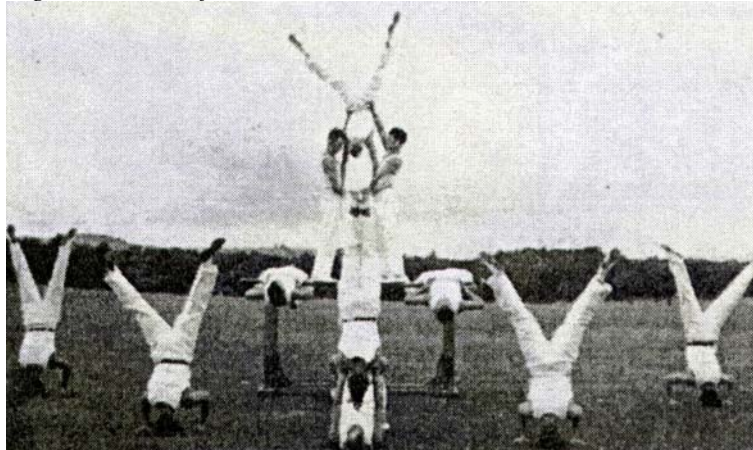
The Regimental Band, choir, gymnastic team and drill squad are in great demand at this time of year, when we receive more invitations to perform than we could possibly accept. The organisers of local fairs, fetes, celebrations and pageants are becoming increasingly conscious of the entertainment value of the Junior Leaders Regiment. On Thursday, the 7th July, the Band had a particularly busy day when sections were required to perform in two places some 15 miles apart at very similar times. By careful transport planning it was possible to give full performances in both places.

Bovey Tracey, a small town some 20 miles from Denbury, was celebrating the Seventh Centenary of the granting of its Royal Charter. The celebrations were opened by our Silver Fanfare Trumpeters, followed late in the evening by the first public performance of our newly formed choir of 100 voices. As Bovey Tracey is situated on the fringe of Dartmoor, the choir opened with the traditional national songs, including "Widcombe Fair," "The Minstrel Boy," "Land of my Fathers" (in English), "Gaudeamus Igitur" (in Latin), with our special arrangement of "Land of Hope and Glory," during which the Fanfare Trumpets played the "Last Post" in the background. Their excellent performance, which was due to the patience and perseverance of the choirmaster, Mr. V. Webber, and the Officer-in-Charge, Captain D. G. Rowe, R.A.E.C., was enthusiastically received by a large audience.

Fifteen miles away in Teignmouth the Band – now complete with its Silver Trumpeters and the gymnastic display team trained by Staff Sergeant Johnson, A.P.T.C. himself a performer in past years at the Royal Tournament – performed to an audience of over 1,500 who were attending a fete organised to help S.S.A.F.A. This was the second performance of the gymnastic team, who had given a demonstration at Exeter earlier in the afternoon. The Mayor of Teignmouth gave the opening address, followed by a short speech by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel L. H. M. Gregory, M.B.E., who signalled for the display to start. This signal must have been acknowledged by the gods, because it was followed immediately by a shower of rain. Despite this, they continued with their performance as planned, much to the delight of the majority of the spectators, which remained.

This ended a very full day, which may well repeat itself as the summer progresses. Needless to say we are extremely proud of our Band and choir of whom great things are planned for the future. Before the year is out the Band will appear on all ceremonial occasions dressed in scarlet and blue-shanks to a most generous gift from the Corps Committee, and the Pipers Section will appear in the tartan of the Clan Grant – an event made possible by a cheque for £250 from the 25th Signal Regiment on disbandment and by the gracious approval of the Countess of Seafield, a head of the Clan.

Footnote. – News has just come to hand that it is "highly probable" that the Choir and Trumpeters, will appear at the British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Albert Hall in November, 1960.



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Twelve team medals and over one hundred individual medals were the result of the Regiment's effort in the Nijmegen Marches. This is part of the summer holiday.

As this number of THE WIRE is sent out, the Ten Tors, 1960, a youth expedition across Dartmoor, will be the Regiment's main activity.

Based on Denbury Camp, patrols of ten will be taken by 'bus to Haytor in the early hours of 15th September. There each will be provided with a map of Dartmoor on which the Ten Tors to be visited is marked. Each is a check point. Patrols are expected back in Denbury by the evening of 16th. On the 17th September there is to be a jamboree.

October 1960

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VIERDAAGSE NIJMEGEN 1960

"One for all and all for one"

This is the motto of the Nijmegen marches. Four days of "left, right, left right" along the blessedly flat but nevertheless picturesque country roads that surround this famous old Dutch town. Twenty-five miles a day for four days, a hundred miles in all, in these days of Dr. Barbara Moore and her disciples probably does not mean much to a disinterested reader, but to a participant, who still bears the scars of many blisters on his feet, it was a worthwhile reminder that there was "Life in the old 'dawgs' yet."

The regiment might well be forgiven for borrowing the motto of the marches. One hundred Junior Leaders and fourteen members of the staff (some of advanced age!), and fifty Junior Leaders of the Band paid their own way to march and play with credit and distinction for the honour of the regiment. For the organisers of this rather frightening expedition the apparent reluctant attitude of the authorities was both a discouragement and a challenge. We were committed to taking a third of the regiment with the stifling (but very understandable) proviso that the lengthy training necessary must not interfere with normal training and that not one penny of public money was to be spent. Difficulty crowded in on difficulty and we did not help ourselves by so organising our own end of term activities that our departure from Denbury and our arrival on time at Nijmegen became as unlikely as winning £200,000 in a football pool. However, after direct appeals to Sir Brian Robertson (so nobly carried by Junior Sergeant-Major Edmunds and so understandingly received and granted by that great soldier-turned-railwayman) we managed to get bookings on already oversubscribed boats and trains, and after spending hours on all stations from Victoria, via Ostend, Brussels and Rosendaal, we arrived at Nijmegen 48 hours later and at varying times, tired, dirty, scruffy, but not dispirited. We were travelling in mufti, so that our initial appearance at Nijmegen, if not particularly uplifting for the British Nation, at least did not let the Army down.

But then, from crumpled drainpipes to uniform (albeit denim trousers) and the marches. Anyone who has doubts on the calibre of the present British youth should have been there. From very early on it became clear that not only would they eat up the course but that given their heads they would do it at a pace worthy of a youthful Don Thompson. However, the wisdom (and limitations!) of the permanent staff prevailed and the marches were successfully completed at a decorous pace.



Our contingent came in for much notice because of its size, its youth, its balaclavas, its band, and not the least, its bearing. Despite or because of our youth a remarkably swift friendship was established with the juffrouw and because of our balaclavas we were often accepted as Russians or Icelanders. If the comment on our headgear was, on a very few occasions, adverse, the wearing of them was certainly profitable. The best customers were the Dutch girls and American soldiery. The bidding went as high as 20/-, which is not a bad profit on their cost to the Junior Leaders, 7/6.

The band certainly did great things. They arrived unknown with a few minor engagements, doubtfully given, and finished by giving fifteen performances in four days. From the moment they finished playing in front of 70,000 spectators at the flag parade in the Goffretstadium before the start of the marches, they became the subject of universal praise. For fifty young men who blow trumpets and beat drums as a spare-time hobby, to compete so successfully with a dozen British and Dutch professional military bands is a fine achievement.

After the marches our Expedition broke up. Some went directly home, some went youth hostelling on the Continent, and 80-odd went in small parties to visit our seven parent regiments in Germany, namely the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 7th, 10th, 22nd and 28th. In addition the 13th Regiment kindly accepted a party from Iron Troop whose parent regiment, the 3rd, are in U.K. The visit was over the August Bank holiday weekend when the B.A.O.R. as a whole seem to go to ground. Nevertheless all the regiments went to great lengths to welcome and entertain their own Junior Leaders. They were splendid hosts and we are all most grateful.

We like to think that our visit to Nijmegen has done a lot more than giving us a little ephemeral kudos. It certainly had nobler intentions. The struggle to get there, the personal cost to our pockets (accepted with not a little reluctance!), the physical hardships of the marches, the giving up of spare time to train for them, the friendly exchanges with soldiers and civilians of many lands, and the genuine acclamations of the Dutch people, must add up to something which is both worthwhile in achievement and lasting in impression. In the doing of all this we have been undoubtedly not a little of a nuisance to the K.M.B.V.L.O. (The Dutch League of Physical Culture) who organised the marches and to the B.A.O.R. detachment who administer the British military participants. From them we received nothing but kindly and helpful co-operation. To Colonel J. A. Vergouwc the Dutch Garrison Commander who had the staggering task of accommodating and feeding 2,000 plus military of all nations and habits, in a barracks designed for a quarter of that number, we have no less than grateful respect.

In conclusion, it is said that to be a good leader you must first be a good follower. This is both the truth, and profound. When, for a hundred miles, you have followed your leader with your forward view restricted to the back of his neck, slightly sweaty and to the seat of his pants, rather tight, then as a follower you have served your apprenticeship well.

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December 1960

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British Legion Festival of Remembrance, 1960

The Choir of the Regiment, one hundred of them, appeared from "nowhere" and sang most excellently. They began with "Begone Dull Care" and "Gaudeamus Igitur" and then a typical song of Ireland, Wales, Scotland and England, Well applauded, they disappeared. We feared that was that.

When the lights went up for the traditional community singing, conducted by Squadron-Leader Ralph Reader, C.B.E., there they were again, still impeccably dressed but reclining in unmilitary attitude. To say that they led the singing is an understatement.

To attention again with caps off they stood for the short religious service and then with almost incredible steadiness for the traditional shower of Poppies, over a million of them fluttered down, a proportion landing oil the heads and shoulders of these very young "Signalmen." Neither the Signal Officer-in-Chief nor the writer detected the slightest movement.

Caps on, about turn, the National Anthem and three cheers for Her Majesty The Queen. It will be a tradition in the Regiment that the disciplined but tremendous cheers of the Junior Leaders merited a special wave from Her Majesty. Impressions. Impeccable turn out, perfect discipline.



The Royal Hospital and the Band of the Junior Leaders Regiment

Sunday, 13th November, the very distinguished congregation who had been to Armistice Service at the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, together with a good number of Pensioners, was entertained to a 40-minute display of marching, playing, drumming and piping by the Band. Its first public appearance in full dress.

There was sunshine and cloud, which enhanced the excellence of the turnout; the scarlet tunics off set the blue caps with white tops.

A very intricate programme, trumpet marches, bugle marches, drums alone – in the style of the Royal Marines, at the conclusion of this the pipers in No. 1 Dress augmented by cloaks and pipes in the Grant Tartan played on, intermingled and counter-marched to the tune "Over the Sea to Skye." This was appropriate because the Hospital was founded by a Stuart King. With the Pipes and the Trumpets they then marched to "Scotland die Brave," Then advance in Review Order, and "permission to march off" given by the Lieutenant-Governor, Major-General Sir Douglas Campbell, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., M.A. Again the marching, the playing, the discipline, the steadiness of the Junior Leaders was beyond praise.

It is hoped to publish another photograph with a further account in January.

