



TEN TORS



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



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Message from

Lieutenant General Sir JOHN HACKETT,
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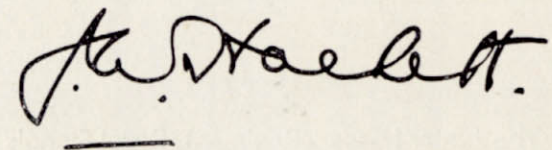
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The Ten Tors expedition is a tough and exciting adventure which offers a challenge to courage, endurance and ingenuity.

Lieutenant-Colonel Holifield and the Junior Leaders Regiment of the Royal Corps of Signals have set a most interesting test. No-one could describe it as easy but it should be within the capabilities of all competitors. Those who complete the course successfully will have reason to be pleased with their achievement.

In Great Britain today opportunities for adventure away from the cities and the factories are not as plentiful as they were. I am sure that all who take part in the 1963 Ten Tors expedition will make the most of this one and enjoy it thoroughly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Hackett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

5th March, 1963.

TEN TORS

A Youth Expedition Across Dartmoor

on 1st — 2nd June, 1963

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INTRODUCTION

by Lt. Col. A. HOLIFIELD, M.C., R. Signals.

1963 will see the fourth Ten Tors Expedition to be held since its first inception in 1960. Every year the number of young people participating has increased and last year for the first time over 1,000 took part. Ten Tors has rapidly achieved the status of a national expedition and there is every indication that in the near future teams from the Continent of Europe will be taking part and giving it an international status. As the numbers have increased the control arrangements have inevitably become more difficult and regrettably a small part of the individuality of earlier Expeditions has been lost.

However the physical effort and endurance required to complete the course is as great as ever and, as will be seen from the 1962 results, the ratio of successes to failures has certainly not increased. It is important therefore that teams wishing to take part in the Expedition should carry out a course of systematic training beforehand and should be really fit when they arrive at DENBURY. No team should attempt the Expedition unless every member has taken part in a graduated course of training beforehand and it is advisable that this training should lead up to completing a course similar in distance and difficulty to that which will be covered in the Expedition. It is particularly important that all members of the team carry out the training.

Experience has shown that many teams fail to gain the coveted Ten Tors Medals owing to the failure of one or two individuals who have had to be brought in at the last moment. It is therefore recommended that wherever possible a team of at least 8 individuals is selected for training, with the final selection being left until the latest possible date.

STANDING INSTRUCTIONS

1. THE AIM

To encourage teams of young people to take part in an expedition across Dartmoor.

2. GENERAL CONDITIONS

Entry—open to patrols of six between the ages of 14 and 20 years.

Entrance Fee—£4 for each patrol payable by 1st March, 1963. This will cover transport to and from the expedition and a meal afterwards.

Accommodation—the only accommodation offered will be a piece of ground to set up base camp. Water and latrines will also be available.

Distance—Three courses :
35 miles for girls, and boys aged 14—16 years.
50 miles for youths aged 16—18 years.
60 miles for young men aged 18—20 years.

Time—36 hours including 10 hours compulsory rest.

3. TIMINGS

- a. All patrols must arrive at Denbury Camp by 1500 hrs. on 31st May, 1963.
- b. Patrols will leave Denbury for Haytor (the starting point) as directed between 05.00 and 06.00 hrs. on 1st June, 1963.
- c. Patrols will be released from Haytor at 07.00 hrs. on 1st June, 1963 after a short opening ceremony.
- d. By 19.00 hrs. on 2nd June, 1963 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.

4. ROUTES

- a. Patrols will walk a course across Dartmoor calling at ten named Tors.
- b. All competitors will travel by bus from Denbury Camp to Haytor, which will be the starting point of the expedition.
- c. At Haytor, patrol leaders will receive a sealed envelope containing route instructions from which a route must be selected.

- d. Each team must check the route to be taken, and set off.
- e. At each of the Ten Tors there will be a check-point, wireless post and first aid facilities.
- f. At each check-point patrol leaders will report their patrols present, and hand in their patrol cards for stamping
- g. To qualify in the expedition it will be necessary to complete the course in 36 hours. Each member of a qualifying team will be awarded a Ten Tors Medal.

5. RULES

- a. Patrols must carry all they need for the journey. Only water may be obtained en route.
- b. There will be no marching between 20.00 and 06.00 hrs. and all patrols must camp during these hours.
- 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.
- d. Patrols of girls will carry Food, Cooking Equipment, Spare Clothes and Toilet Kit. Tents, Blankets and Ground Sheets will be provided at their camp site.
- e. NO LITTER WILL BE LEFT AND STREAMS WILL NOT BE POLLUTED. NO FIRES WILL BE LIT.
- f. ANIMALS, ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND WALLS WILL BE LEFT UNDISTURBED.
- g. THERE WILL BE NO TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY OR LAND MARKED 'OUT OF BOUNDS' ON THE EXPEDITION 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.
- j. The boundary control officials wearing white arm bands will assist patrols to keep off unauthorised ground.
- k. All patrols participating in the Ten Tors expedition must be properly trained and equipped. Each individual must be medically fit.

Any infringement of the rules set out above will render a patrol liable to disqualification.

TEN TORS 1962

The following account, which was written by a team of youths who entered and successfully completed the Ten Tors Expedition 1962 is printed as an illustration of the pleasures and hazards encountered.

People believe that the Ten Tors Expedition starts at Haytor Rocks, but for competitors this is not so. We trained over Dartmoor regularly during the previous month, doing different treks every weekend. The previous night we had forsaken our comfortable beds in the barrack room to put up a tent and join the other competitors in Ten Tors Village, on the bottom sports field at Denbury Camp.



The Entrance to Ten Tors Village



Ten Tors Village

It was cold as we got up and packed up our kit ready for the march; but the day had already begun to warm up by the time we arrived by bus at Haytor.



Haytor and the Start of the Expedition

We assembled round the Arena, the Padre gave us the Ten Tors Prayer, The National Anthem was played and then the Clerks handed out the routes for the marchers. We checked out and collected our cards to be stamped.

From that moment on we were on our own. Our first check point was Harter Tor with a good five miles of road walking to be done first.

Certain of the signposts seemed funny, we learned afterwards that there had been some tampering, but we relied on our map. Gradually the day got 'hotter and hotter', we didn't get to our first check point until nearly three o'clock. Next came King Tor but by this time the heat was becoming unbearable, so we rested after being checked in there.



There's a long long road a'winding

However the sight of other patrols, some of whom had started after us, spurred us on to greater efforts, and we reached Great Mis Tor at six o'clock. From there we pressed on into the valley.

We made camp just inside a wood, near to a stream, and really enjoyed some soup made from packets of powder. We were really exhausted and quite ready for bed at nine o'clock. We hadn't got tents with us because of their weight; the most any of the patrol carried was a sleeping bag and a groundsheet. However we all slept comfortably.

Sunday morning at six o'clock seemed cold but we all felt fresh again. We had a good breakfast and then set off in great spirits for White Tor.



Breakfast up!

legs didn't respond. As we marched we ate biscuits. That too was a problem, as we knew that we mustn't drink too much stream water despite our craving in the heat for fear of getting stomach pains. A lunch break for bully, beans and sausages was finally called at two o'clock and we were all relieved to stop.

An hour later and we were off again, with the sun hotter than ever. Throats were dry, and all our self-control was required to stop us from drinking too much water.

East Mill Tor which was next was only a very short distance away from Higher Tor, but it was heartbreaking to lose a considerable amount of height descending into a deep valley and then sweat it out again up the steep side of the Tor. Shellstone Tor was easy or hadn't we any feelings left by this time?

Lynch Tor was next, and seemed a very short leg, and although Beardown Tor was a little further this also seemed to be a comfortable stage.

The next leg to Higher Tor, however was the longest and the hardest part of the course. We were tiring, the sun was beating down, and we were all sweating. All the way there seemed to be small streams, not really wide or even difficult to cross, but they were annoying and troublesome. We began to worry about the time. Had we time to stop and eat?

We tried to increase our pace, but our



A Welcome Rest

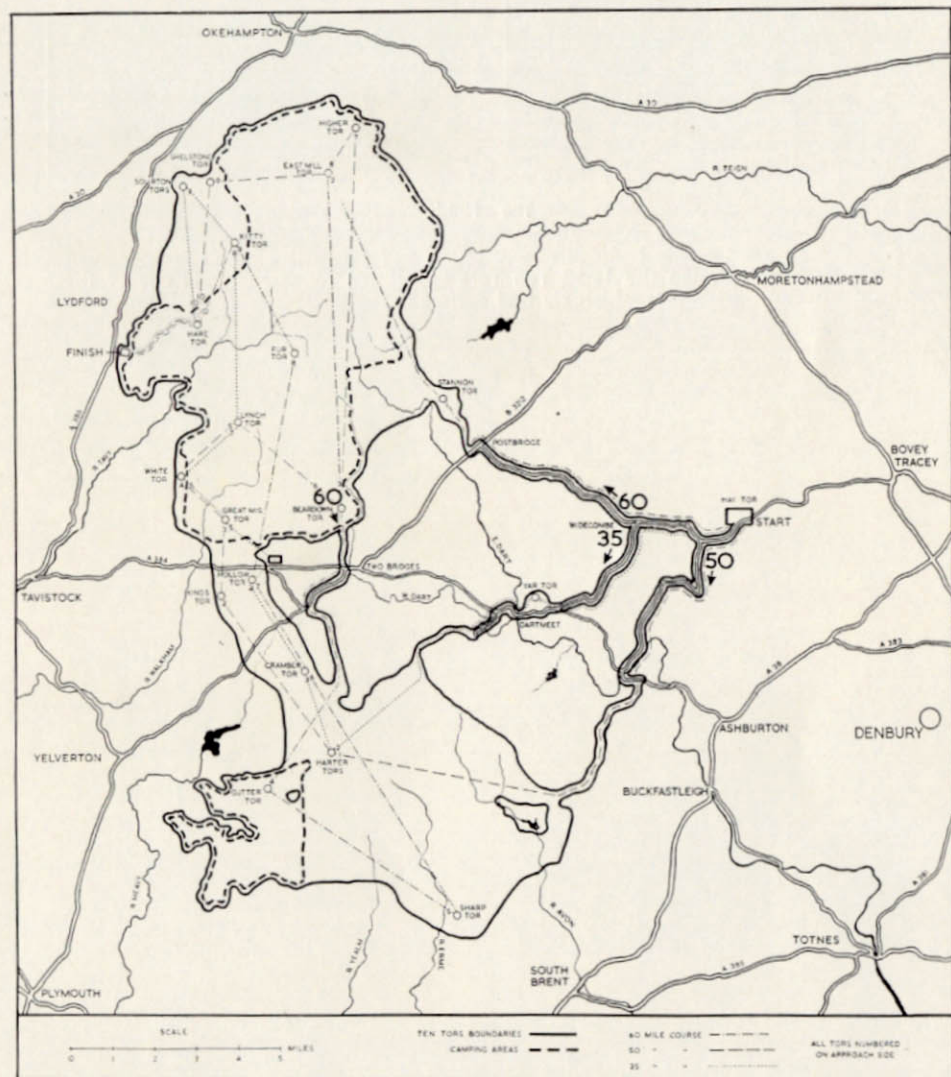
We knew that all we had left now was the last check point at Hare Tor, and then down to the finish. Again sheer excitement brought about a quickening of our pace, but it didn't last. By this time we were all exhausted, marching mechanically—rather as if we were in a trance. At last we could see the finish, and we found ourselves breaking into a little trot. The relief was nearly unbearable as we finally crossed the finishing line.



The Finish

Although the training and course was tough and exhausting, the satisfaction of successfully completing the 1962 Ten Tors Expedition far outweighed any of the tiredness and discomforts which we had suffered.

THE EXPEDITION-1962



The 1963 Course will cover a similar area.

RESULTS OF THE TEN TORS EXPEDITION 1962

Where a complete team finished the course in the time allowed, a medal was awarded to each team member, individuals of incomplete teams who finished the course were each awarded a certificate.

GIRLS 14 to 20 years

The following teams completed the course:

Ashburton County Secondary School,
'A', 'B' and 'C' teams.
Ilfracombe Grammar School
Operation Dartmoor 'A' and 'B' teams.
W.R.A.F. Freckleton 'B'

Venturers Youth Club
H.M.S. Raleigh W.R.N.S.
6 Training Battalion R.A.S.C.,
W.R.A.C. Wing

The following teams were awarded certificates

Margaret Mitchell's team 4 certificates
W.R.A.F. Freckleton 'A' 3 certificates

74th Devon Company W.R.A.C., T.A.
5 certificates

BOYS 14 to 16 years

The following teams completed the course:

Ashburton County Secondary School 'B'
Audley Park County Secondary School
'A' and 'C' teams
Exmouth County Secondary School
Teignmouth County Secondary School
Teignmouth Grammar School 'A'
Walliscombe County Secondary School
'A' and 'B' teams
9th Andover Scouts
11th Devonport Scouts
18th Devonport (HS) Scouts 'B'
11th Exeter (Hele's) Scouts
2nd Exmouth Scouts
6th Exmouth Scouts

1st Lymington Sea Scouts
1st Sid Vale Scouts
Venturer's Youth Club
The Ramblers (Ashburton)
Cornwall A.C.F.
Ippliden A.C.F.
4th Cadet Battalion Devons
'A' and 'C' teams
6th Gloucester A.C.F.
Tulse Hill School A.C.F.
Priorswood School A.C.F.
Castle Cary A.C.F.
Weston-Super-Mare A.C.F.
R.A.F. Halton

The following teams were awarded certificates

Ashburton County Secondary School 'A'
5 certificates
Audley Park County Secondary School 'A'
3 certificates
Bideford County Secondary School
'A' 1 certificate 'B' 5 certificates
Kingsteignton County Secondary School
'A' 4 certificates 'B' 4 certificates
Paignton County Secondary School
4 certificates
5th Essex A.C.F. 4 certificates

18th Devonport (HS) Scouts 'A'
5 certificates
4th Cadet Battalion Devons 'B'
3 certificates
Huish's Grammar School A.C.F.
4 certificates
Weston-Super-Mare Grammar School A.C.F.
4 certificates
2nd City of London Company A.C.F.
4 certificates
2 Devon A.C.F. 5 certificates

YOUTHS 16 to 18 years

The following teams completed the course:

Blundells School
Bristol Grammar School
Chard School
Cheltenham Grammar School
Exeter School 'A' and 'B' teams
R.A.F. Halton
Ilfracombe Grammar School
Ilminster Grammar School
Marlborough College 'A' and 'B' teams
Teignmouth Grammar School 'C'
Harrow and Henden Senior Scouts
The Moor Trekkers
H.M.S. Fisgard 'A', 'C' and 'D' teams
H.M.S. Raleigh 'A' and 'B' teams
4 Devon A.C.F. Bovey Tracey Platoon
R.A.F. Hereford 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' teams

Junior Leaders Regiment R.A.C. 'C'
Junior Leaders Regiment R.A. 'B', 'C' and
'D' teams
Junior Leaders Battalion R.A.S.C. 'A',
'B' and 'C' teams
Junior Leaders Battalion R.A.O.C. 'A' team
Army Apprentices School Arborfield
'B' and 'C' teams
Army Apprentices School Chepstow
'A' and 'C' teams
Junior Leaders Regiment Royal Signals
White Spear Tp. 'A' and 'B' teams and
White Swan Troop team
R.A.F. Bircham Newton 'A' and 'C' teams
R.A.F. Cosford 'B' team

The following teams were awarded certificates

Devonport High School 5 certificates
Exmouth Grammar School 'A' 2 certificates
Kelly College 4 certificates
Newton Abbot Grammar School
5 certificates
Tulse Hill School 'B' 3 certificates
Walliscote Secondary School 3 certificates
Weston-Super-Mare Grammar School
3 certificates
Gloucester Constabulary Cadets
5 certificates
Teignmouth A.C.F. 3 certificates
Junior Leaders Regiment R.A.C.
'A' 5 certificates
Junior Guardsmans Company
'A' 3 certificates
'B' 4 certificates

YOUNG MEN 18 to 20 years

The following teams completed the course:

Gloucestershire Constabulary Cadets

The following teams were awarded certificates

Cornwall Constabulary Cadets
4 certificates
Hale's School Biology 6th 5 certificates
Somerset Constabulary Cadets
4 certificates
Royal Naval College Dartmouth 'E' team
2 certificates

H.M.S. Fisgard 'B' 5 certificates
Junior Leaders Battalion R.A.O.C.
'B' 4 certificates
Army Apprentices School Chepstow
'B' 5 certificates
Army Apprentices School Harrogate
'A' 3 certificates
Junior Leaders Regiment Royal Signals
—Quadrant Troop 3 certificates
—Kukri Troop 5 certificates
—Kohima Troop 5 certificates
Training Ship 'ADVENTURE' Bristol
4 certificates
R.A.F. Cosford 'A' 4 certificates
R.A.F. Halton 5 certificates
R.A.F. Locking 'A' 4 certificates

Royal Naval College Dartmouth 'C' and
'D' teams

Lt. Commander Kemps Team (Dartmouth)
3 certificates
Royal Military Academy Sandhurst 'C'
3 certificates
Royal Air Force College Cranwell 'B'
3 certificates
R.A.F. Locking 'D' 1 certificate

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TEN TORS PRAYER

"O God, Who has made the Earth of wondrous beauty, and im-
planted in Man the Spirit for Adventure, we thank Thee, for the
beauty of the earth, for the joy of life, for the courage and vigour
of youth, for friendship and friends, and the opportunity to enjoy
all these gifts. Go, we pray Thee, with all who today set forth on
this Great Adventure among the Tors of this ancient moorland
And grant that, overcoming every frailty, we may meet each chal-
lenge and difficulty with unselfish courage, and in the compani-
ship of honest endeavour, find that spirit of true brotherhood which
alone can serve our God, our Queen, and our generation. . . ."

AMEN.

" . . . 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