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A BRIEFING IN ROMULUS TROOP OFFICE.

Lt. Barrie Atkinson and S/Sgt. Webster explain the background to Exercise "Tally Ho!" for J/Sig. Paul Howie, J/L/Cpl. "Willy" Watchorn and J/Sig. "Dobbin" Fairhurst.

Photograph by Sgt. Stockham

SPECIAL ROMULUS TROOP EDITION

THE NEW JUNIOR WING—SEE BACK PAGE



Major John Clapp, Second-in-Command and Editor-in-Chief of Junior Mercury, discusses the finer points of soccer during a break in training. Major Clapp leaves the Regiment this month to command 224 Signal Squadron. Junior Mercury thanks Major Clapp for all he has done for Denbury and wishes him and his family the best of luck for the future.
Photograph by Sgt. Stockham

MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

The mild weather, contrasting so markedly with the appalling conditions of the first three months of last year, has enabled the Mountaineering Club to function regularly this term, and already the Sunday morning meets are well underway.

The membership of the club is gradually rising as more and more Junior Leaders discover what the activity holds for them when they are involved in Exercise Uplift. Boys come to realise that rock climbing is a good deal more than an idiotic exercise designed for potential suicides as an easy way out. It dawns on some that this is a challenge which most people, provided they are fit and willing to take advice, can undertake and, in time, overcome.

It is hoped this term to develop our newest members into leaders of climbs up to the difficult or very difficult standard. By so doing, it is hoped that at the time of Summer Camp, we may have a number of Junior Leaders who can lead on some of the smaller climbs at Bosigran, thus widening the scope

of the exercise there, and also increasing the margin of safety.

This "monitorial" system of climbing education has proved quite successful in the past, but this term we have been unfortunate in having lost four of our more skilled leaders in J/Cpl. Fisher, J/LCpl. Wood (Kukri), J/LCpl. Smith (Jerboa) and J/Sig. Brecken (Javelin). All these incidentally have stated that they have every intention of pursuing the activity in man's service provided the facilities are available. They should all be an asset to any climbing club to which they might attach themselves. Present members wish them well.

A. C.

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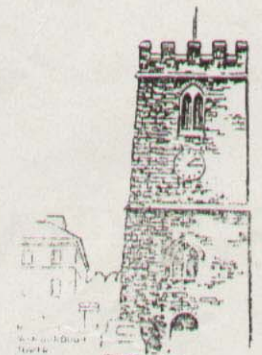
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PLEASANT READING

Last week, I read an appeal in a national newspaper for books to be sent to the Mayor of a town in Kenya. The books were required, to quote the words of the appeal, "to meet an insatiable demand from Africans for reading material." It is sad to reflect that at a time when the poorly educated masses of Africans, and no doubt India, China, etc., are thirsting for books to read, so many young people in our own country, with a limitless source of books available to them, are not prepared to read anything except strip cartoons and picture-book stories.

I am glad to say, however, that the number of books borrowed each week from the Regimental Library at DENBURY has increased steadily over the past two years, and is now more than double of what it was in 1962. I would like all of you, while at DENBURY, to make a special effort to acquire the habit of regular reading. This will help to improve your vocabulary and self-expression, to increase your knowledge, and to widen your interests. There will undoubtedly be times in your Army career when you are far from city lights and time hangs. It is on occasions such as this that a supply of books and an interest in reading will prove a blessing.

I suggest, in the beginning, that you read for pleasure. Start on popular novels and when you feel ready for a change try non-fiction or some of the "Classics". If you find certain books heavy going, reduce the length of your reading periods. Even the more difficult books can be read with enjoyment if you limit yourself to one chapter, or even half a chapter per day. However, never make reading a penance, and enjoy what you read.

The War Department realises the importance of making a good supply of books available to soldiers, and you will find libraries available to you wherever you serve. All such libraries have an index system which lists the books available on any particular subject or the books in the library which were written by each author. In addition, there is usually

a system whereby you can ask for books which are always out on loan so that these may be reserved for you. In many libraries you are invited to suggest the titles of books which should be purchased for inclusion in the library. If you are studying, or are merely interested in a certain subject, it is possible for special books to be obtained for you and issued to you on long-term loan. This facility is particularly useful when you are studying for examinations. Those of you who are interested in languages will be glad to know that many Army libraries—normally the bigger ones located at Command Headquarters—also have sets of "Linguaphone" language records and text books available on loan.

It is a mistake to limit your reading to books. You should also read magazines, periodicals and newspapers. You will find it impossible to keep up with the world and national affairs if you do not regularly read a reputable newspaper. You will need to keep up with current affairs in order to pass your Army Certificates of Education and remember that as a soldier your life will be particularly influenced by world events.

It would be interesting to know how many of you will read completely through this edition of Junior Mercury, including these notes, and how many will merely glance at the pictures and cast the magazine on one side. It is a sad thought that, for the latter, my advice will be printed in vain! However, for the rest, who I trust make up the great majority, I wish that you may always have plenty of books, an increase in knowledge, a widening of interests and . . . "pleasant reading."

Alan Holmes



Left:—Mr. Horace Coleman, M.A., the Denbury Librarian, issuing books. Mr. Coleman of the English Department, is a Cambridge graduate and served during the War as a Field Security Officer, Intelligence Corps, in the Middle East.

Above:—Some advice is given on a Study Project.

Photographs by Sgt. Stockham

THE LIBRARY

There can be few in the Regiment who do not know where the Library is, and yet it is hardly twelve months since it was a common thing for Junior Leaders on output, who presented themselves there to have their clearance certificages signed, to admit that they had never before been inside it. However, for a variety of reasons much greater use is now being made of the Library facilities.

Not least among these reasons is the search, sometimes bewildered, sometimes despairing, for material for projects connected with Science or English Studies. So wide is the range of these projects that only a much

larger library could hope to meet the demands of the searchers. If this trend continues the non-fiction section of the Library will need to be considerably enlarged. To this end a start had been made to set up separate subject libraries, Science, Current Affairs and English, in the classrooms of individual instructors. These can be drawn upon without affecting the ability of borrowers to use their library tickets for those books still remaining in the Library itself.

Here the demand for fiction should increase. Already most tastes can be catered for, from the latest science fiction, Westerns

and "whodunits" to the more familiar favourites among novels. The demand for ghost stories, however, is such that the limited number of ghost story books is rarely left to collect dust on the Library shelves. Nevertheless, books which are out on loan can always be reserved.

The Librarian had been very pleased to receive recently a few books for which their owners had no further use. So, if you have a book you have finished with, if you think other might like to read it, and if it still has some life left in it, there is room for it on the Library shelves. H.C.

Ski-ing in Scotland, January, 1964



Left—J/SSM ELLISON, White Spear Troop.
Right—J/Cpl. MACKIE, White Spear Troop.



J/Cpl. HAMER, White Spear Troop

Grantown-on-Spey, Scotland, 1530 hours 2nd January, and the following alight from the train:

J/SSM Ellison, Jnr Sergeant Goffet, J/Cpls. Mackie and Hamer, J/LCpl. Keeping, J/Sig. Wenn, all of White Spear Troop, J/SSM Turner of Iron Troop, J/Sgt. Bennett, Lion Troop and J/Sgt. Woodhead of Kohima Troop. Signalmen Hand and Unwin, late of Kohima and White Spear, together with Capt. E. PICKUP who was OC Jerboa Troop until he moved to Catterick.

The idea of a week's skiing had come in the summer, and since then preparations had gone steadily ahead. In charge of the party, was Capt. J. SWINDELLS. Our accommodation was in the Waterford Hotel where the proprietor Mr. J. Calder was extremely hospitable, and together with his staff did all they could to make our stay enjoyable.

The following morning (Friday) we all caught the bus which, after an hour's journey, arrived at the foot of Cairngorm (4,000 ft.). This is now considered to be the centre of skiing in Scotland, and was in fact the only area to have any snow at all.

And so the mysteries of this graceful (?) sport began to unfold as, with the exception of Goffet and Wenn, the remainder were complete beginners. The often seen and laughed at pictures of ski schools became a reality as we struggled with Downhill running, traversing, diagonal gait, herringbone and snowploughs, to mention a few of the technical names which soon became familiar. Despite numerous falls and runs which finished up in the heather bordering our patch of snow, we soon learned to avoid the "snow snakes." Occasionally we would look up to see experts zipping down "the white lady" ski run and find it hard to believe that they started in the same way as we now were.

Sunday came, and those not too stiff (or sore) went up the chairlift to the top of

Cairngorm where there was new powder snow. By Monday we had all mastered, with varying degrees of success, snowplough braking and snowplough turning. We took the chairlift to the top, and skiied until about 2 p.m. before returning to have a coffee at the "White Lady Sheiling" ski hut. Tuesday it was stem turns, "All your weight over—bend your knees, relax, don't edge the skis, shoulders must turn more, look up, stem out—turn—upper ski leads." Our minds boggled at it all, but by the end of the day, with varying degrees of success, we were mastering it. Capt. Pickup and J/Sgt. Goffet went to take their "One Star" badge test with the Chief Instructor of the Scottish Norwegian Ski School and both passed.

Grantown had quite a lot to offer in the evenings. There was always a dance to go to. One evening we went to a "Caylie" which is a social evening where each person provides something in the way of entertainment. Another evening one of the ski school instructors gave a showing of some slides, all of which combined to make our stay in Grantown an enjoyable and memorable one. And so at 1000 hrs. on Thursday, 9th January, we were back at the station en route for Denbury with memories of just how many entanglements one can get into with skis and sticks, together with the bruises, now fading. The cry of our ever-patient Instructor "Its very easy", has not quite convinced us, but we're certainly ready for another go at this "fab" sport.

What is a snow snake?—you'll never catch one until you try skiing! ! !

"Snowplough."



J/Sgt. GOFFET, White Spear Troop, passed the one star test of the Scottish Norwegian Ski School. He also holds a Norwegian Cross Country Test Silver medal (10 kilometres in under 55 minutes).



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THE SCRIBES OF ROMULUS . . .

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

I first knew that I was coming to Denbury on 5th September, 1963. I was told that I would be joining the camp on the 10th September. At first I felt a bit frightened at the idea of leaving home and going to a place and people I had never seen before.

Anyway, I set off on the 10th and reached Newton Abbot station at 7 p.m. that evening. I was greeted by cheery Sergeant Batten. With his red sash round his chest he looked very formal to me and at this time I felt very homesick and this made me worse.

He told me to get on a 'bus with a large number of other boys, all of whom I'm sure felt the same way as me. On the way up to the camp I began to think of what I would have been doing at home at that time. Then I tried my hardest not to think of home.

I started to talk to the boy next to me. I found out he lived in Newcastle, not far from me. The time passed quickly after that and the next thing I remember is entering the camp gate. At first I thought the camp was enormous, one of the first things I saw was the square but I did not know what it was then.

The 'bus stopped outside Junior Wing and we all found ourselves inside the building, lined up, being issued with kit. Then we all went up to tea. I was getting issued with kit until late. While I was getting my kit, I got lost at least three times and this made the camp look even bigger. While I had been getting my kit I found that I had been put in Sgt. Loveday's group, called 'B' group and this is where my army career started. Everyone was very friendly but for a while life was strange.

Now I am out of Junior Wing and am a full junior soldier of Romulus Troop.

ERNEST COWAN

JUDO AT DENBURY

When I first came to Denbury my hobby was choir. For two terms I stayed in the choir and I quite liked it, but I still wanted to judo instead. So, at the end of my second term, I decided to see my hobby master

about changing to judo. He said he didn't mind if that was what I really wanted.

At the end of the first week of my third term, I started judo under the supervision of Sgt. Leslie from Iron Troop, who is at the moment a "yellow belt" 5th KYU. At the beginning of the term the training consisted of rocking back and fore, keeping the knees up and the head forward with chin on chest. This helps get into the habit of keeping the head forward when falling backwards to save any unnecessary headaches.

Moving on through the term I learned how to breakfall and various throws, such as OGOSHI which is the major hip throw and DE-ASHI-HARAI which is the advanced foot sweep.

Judo is a most interesting sport and it is, of course, "The Art of Self Defence." Apart from the enjoyment which is derived from it, a lot of hard work has to be put into it. In the long run, I am glad to be part of the judo hobby and fortunate to have such a good instructor as Sgt. Leslie who puts everything into it.

JOCK CAMPBELL

WALRUS AND ME

My hobby is athletics or I should say advanced training for athletics.

It is run by Lt. Prince OC Iron Troop, who runs the cross country hobby too. There are two members from Romulus Troop, Walrus Wilson and myself. Walrus is a sprinter and a very good one at that, he can do the 100 yards in about 11 seconds and that's very good believe me. I am a javelin thrower, about average I should say. The most I have ever thrown was at Taunton last season against the Junior Leaders' Regiment, RASC. It was a throw of 144ft. and a few inches, which is not very good considering the world record is about 280 ft. Well, back to Lt. Prince and his hobby. There are about ten chaps in the hobby including myself and Walrus. We go to the Gym every Monday and Tuesday at 5.30 p.m. on the dot. We usually start by a

warm up which consists of various arm and leg movements. Then after we've warmed up we start on the weight training which goes on till seven o'clock, when Lt Prince decides it is time to go back.

After training, we relax and have a cup of tea and Walrus tells me how good he is.

Come Saturday, of course, I'll beat him again.

BOB PARKIN

DRUM YATES' PRIVATE ARMY

In Junior Wing, four terms ago, I was talked into joining the band by 'Drums'. Mind you, he could talk a brick wall into doing a fan dance, so no one can really blame me for joining the band as a trumpeter.

In the Private Army there are roughly 150 Boys: Drummers, Trumpeters, Tenor and Base Drummers, plus one Cymbals Basher.

'Drums' often used to send someone for me two minutes before an engagement, and, before I knew what was going on, I was rushed off with the rest of the band to Beat someone's Retreat. I was very sick of 'Drums' doing this to me then one night, a night before C.O.s, I was carefully bumping my bed space and sure enough 'Drums' sent someone for me and within twenty minutes I was off to Catterick with the rest of the band. But of course this time, I thanked 'Drums' because it's not every day you can miss C.O.s inspection.

At Catterick I really enjoyed myself and everybody at the camp was very nice to us. The food was fine with some blondes running about instead of N.C.O.s, which is better, I think. In fact I don't think, I know.

Well, after the little 'do' at Catterick, I found out I had passed my Band Proficiency Test, but last term I lost it and dear old 'Drums' threw everything at me for failing. By everything I mean the No. 1 Drill Shed as well.

Now I'm trying to learn to swing the sticks because I'm going to be a Tenor Drummer which is better than being a Trumpeter.

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The "Downbeats" playing at a Social Club Dance. The continuance of the group which has recently been playing outside engagements has been assured by the arrival this term of a genuine Liverpuddlian lead guitarist. He will take over from J./Sgt. 'Rocker' Mead (on the right of picture). Also in the picture are J./Sig. McDonough (rhythm) and J./Sig. Wells (bass). (Photo: Sgt. Stockham)

REGIMENTAL . . .

There are two major Competitions at Denbury. The Cobb Memorial Trophy and the SO-in-C's. These competitions are composed of several minor competitions, the difference being that in the Cobb Memorial Trophy entire troops take part in the minor competitions and gives points for Champion Troop. The SO-in-C's Trophy, however, is a competition where there is a team chosen to represent each troop in the minor competitions and the points gained by troops do not count towards Champion Troop.

The Cobb Memorial Trophy comprises:

- (a) Commonwealth Trophy Race.
- (b) Cross Country Race.
- (c) Drill Competition.
- (d) Commanding Officer's Barrack Room Competition.
- (e) PT Competition.
- (f) Obstacle Race.

(a) The Commonwealth Trophy Race is a map reading exercise across the moors. Each troop enters six five-man patrols who set off across the moors in different directions and check in at check points formed roughly in a circle. The winning troop is decided by the times of the patrols in the troop added together, and then dividing by the number of patrols in the troop.

(b) The Cross Country Race is held over four miles of road, rough track, grass fields and through two rivers. The marking is taken by the number of people running, divided into the total of the places they came in, and the winning troop is that with the lowest troop average.

(c) The Drill Competition is judged by four different stages. The first one is the inspection. After that comes the rifle drill, and the turnings at the halt, open order march, and saluting on the march.

(d) The Commanding Officer's Barrack Room Competition is judged by the cleanliness of the Barrack rooms, lockers and kit. The most that each Barrack room can room can obtain is ten points, making a maximum of thirty points per troop.

(e) The PT Competition is judged on the inspection of kit, which is a clean white PT vest, clean and pressed PT shorts, clean socks, and black shining PT shoes. After the teamwork, in which the troop is divided into four teams for exercises, the boys go into groups for group activities. The first and second terms do four heaves on the beam;

EXERCISE "BRUSH-UP"

Last term I, J. L./Cpl. Henry and J./Sig. Parry were asked if we would like to take part in Exercise "Brush-Up."

The word "Brush-Up" means to go on a preliminary course to see if a person is fit enough to attend the Army Outward Bound School in Wales.

We began the course on the 1st December, 1963, at Hound Tor. Here we climbed several different rock faces and to finish with we abseiled from one of the highest points on the tor.

The following day we took part in a march across the moor, to a marked spot where we made our camp. In the afternoon we made a recce of our night march and returned for our tea. When Captain Joyner thought it was dark enough he let us set off individually, so we could not join any other troop members. The severe mist made the task seem harder than we had imagined. Having given it all our effort we decided to return to camp and bed.

In the morning we had a wash and a rather primitive breakfast of cold coffee, unheated stew and compo biscuits.

Subsequently we broke camp and proceeded on our journey to the finish. Two other boys, from Kukri Troop, had to march back with us. Thanks to the patrol leader, the patrol reached the finish first, covering the correct route. We returned to Denbury with a smile on our faces knowing the majority of the course was completed.

The only thing left to do was the Confidence Course at Ashburton. On the Wednesday morning we were picked up and driven out to the Course, here Staff Hendley was in charge of us and made sure we didn't hurt ourselves. This completed a very enjoyable time.

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... COMPETITIONS

the third and fourth terms go up and down the ropes twice; the fifth and sixth terms do two horizontal stride vaults over the box.

(f) The Obstacle Race is a race, again between troops, over the Camp Assault Course.

The troops enter six patrols each, and the time is taken of the first and last man of each patrol to complete the course, which consists of one net, than a jump, a gate vault, a catwalk, a log to run across, a five-foot wall, another two jumps, and after that a ten-foot wall, and then the finish. The two times of each patrol are added together with the rest of the patrols and then divided by the number of patrols in the troop, to find the winning troop.

The Competitions in the **Signal Officer's Trophy** are as follows:

- (g) Boxing.
- (h) Canoe Race.
- (i) Athletic Standards.
- (j) Pigeon Race.
- (k) Shooting Competition.

(g) The Boxing Competition is also an inter-troop competition like every other competition. The only difference being that only the best boxers in troops take part, and the winning troop is the one which wins the most fights.

(h) The Canoe Race is held at Totnes on the River Dart. The course is about half-a-mile long and the number of canoes racing is six at a time.

(i) Athletic Standards are standards in which everybody has to take part. The standards are: 100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards, 880 yards, 1 mile, javelin, discus, shot-put, high jump and the long jump. Each troop is given until about ten days before the end of each term to obtain as many standards as possible, then all the standards are added up, and the troop with the most standards is the winner.

(j) The Pigeon Race consists of one pigeon per troop trained and fed by the individual troops, and then they are all taken away to Taunton, and at a pre-arranged time they are let out. The first one home again wins the Competition.

(k) The Shooting Competition is a small-bore competition of four parts: grouping, lying application, kneeling application and snap.

J/L/Cpl. MIKE CRAWLEY
Romulus Troop



The '64 Dance: 'Shakin', shimmerin', shimmyin' to The Denbury Sound as developed by The Downbeats (in background). The Group is still looking for a drummer to replace J./L./Cpl. 'Charlie' Child (leaving this term) as J./L./Cpl. Stingo Rarr is "otherwise engaged" in Australia. (Photo: Sgt. Stockham).

OUTWARD BOUND

I was the most recent to go on an Outward Bound Course to Wales from Romulus Troop.

Some of the aims of the course are to build up strength and stamina and gain self confidence.

During the first week we had instruction on subjects which included map reading, knots and belays, first-aid and canoeing.

Every day (we all had a cold shower) morning at 0700 hours and circuit training at night. The obstacle course was done a number of times and most of the obstacles had five feet of water below for safety.

In the canoeing and rock climbing we did the basic principles. We started on our rock climbing at the low sea cliffs for our confidence then to the high rocks in Snowdonia. The first trip in the canoe was on the calm river. The second was in the North Sea.

To get us used to the Welsh hills, a thirty-six-hour expedition was arranged, it was approximately eight miles each day; camping out at night.

Four days were spent around Snowdon. A number of items were included; mountain rescue work, rock climbing, and a walk along the Horse Shoe Pass, which includes the Knife Edge and the summit of Snowdon.

The last week started with tests of the work covered, then the final expedition. The final expedition was similar to Ten Tors; a forty miles' walk calling at check points. They gave us three days but we had to stop and camp by 1630 hrs. as it was nearly dark by then.

At this stage, we were in patrols of ten for everything but for the final expedition we were in groups of three or four.

The most important thing on our final expedition was our map reading.

During the last few days we had patrol competitions, cross-country running, knots and belays, circuit training and the obstacle course. The winner of the competitions became the Champion Patrol.

PETE GREEN, Romulus Troop

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(by Sgt. Stockham)

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One Catering Officer, many appetites. Lt. Colin Stacey leaves the army this month and, on behalf of the Regiment, "Junior Mercury" wishes him the very best of luck for the future. *(by Sgt. Stockham)*

G.C.E. RESULTS—DECEMBER EXAM

Junior Mercury congratulates the following Junior Leaders for a very fine effort at 'O' level:- Woodford (Mathematics), Tovey (English), Nunns (World Affairs and Physics), Lavery (General Paper), Forder (English and Physics), Chamblor (Physics, English and General Paper).

Nunns is to be particularly commended for a very high mark in Physics and Chamblor, who sat, after interrupted instruction, in the Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth.

ROMULUS TROOP SERGEANT

At the end of this month Romulus Troop will see a great change. S./Sgt. 'Webby' Webster is being posted to the 28th Signal Regiment. He has been with the troop for two years. The boys will be sorry to see him go. We can only say that if our new Troop Sergeant is as efficient as S./Sgt. Webster we shall be a very happy troop.

We should like to show our appreciation for the way in which he has led the troop and would like to wish S./Sgt. Webster and his family all the very best of luck in Germany. J./Sig. COLIN HAMER

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Solo Drummer L/Cpl. Bill Bailey, Lion Troop, enjoying a joke with the R.S.M.

CROSS-COUNTRY CLUB NOTES

Since Christmas once again we have had to train hard to get to our high standard of fitness and get rid of all the excesses of the festive season from our midst. During the leave some of us took part in our County Championship. J./Sig. Drew of Kukri Troop ran well to come 9th at Cheltenham; J./Sig. Hughes managed to defeat many larger boys in the Worcestershire boys championships (under 16) at Worcester and came 27th. At Lincoln J./Cpl. Green of Romulus Troop ran along the racecourse but failed to win down the finishing stretch. He crossed the post in 17th position; J./Cpl. Taylor of Kukri Troop ran in the Warwickshire championships near the colliery at Baddesley and almost fell in a mine shaft as an excuse for finishing 28th out of 60 runners; up North near the "Beatle" country J./Sig. Parry ran in the Cheshire race.

Our first match of the term was against Bristol University and Britania Royal Naval College at Dartmouth. Unfortunately the University could not make it so we were left alone to take on the cadets best-ever team over the notorious course. Up the long steep climb at two miles we were well up with them but gradually they pulled ahead and after the five and a half miles we had J./Sig. Drew and Lt. P. C. M. Prince running in together at 4th/5th while J./Sig. Wood (Kukri) came in a minute later in 6th position. J./Sig. McMaster (Kukri) discovered he could at last run more than three miles and came 8th while J./Sig. Hughes just beat the BANG pack at 10th position. J./Sig. Brown (B/Fighter) J./Sig. Stevens (Francisca), J./Sig. Rees (Lion) and J./Sig. Foster (Lion) came

in a little later. This was a good experience for us all as we found that we had the strength for the long course and now only needed speed to progress further. The tea provided was most enjoyable although Lt. Prince had quite some explaining to do to a very hungry BRNC team left with little food!

On Saturday, 18th January, three days later we all went to Bovington for a match v. the RAC and the Parachute Coy as well as Poole Grammar School. The RAC on their own course ran extremely well and were clear winners but J./Sig. Temmen (Kohima) caused some surprise by coming in 3rd for us just one minute behind Drew and Prince. J./Cpl. Docherty (Kohima) led home the rest at 19th position.

J./L.Cpl. Bradley (Lion) surprised Hughes and McMasters by outsprinting them at 21st compared to their 23rd equal. We found the short, fast and fairly flat course strange to run on but learned a great deal from this race: the RAC were runners-up in last year's Army Championships and while we could not really expect to beat them there was too large a gap between their 41 points and our 107 points in 1st and 2nd positions.

Four days later we welcomed Seale Hayne College and Totnes Grammar School to our short (two mile) course. Drew once again led the team home in 3rd position. Lt. Prince was 4th L./Cpl. Docherty 8th and Temmen 9th. L./Cpl. Bradley, Hughes and McMaster completed the winning team, while the "B" team equalled the Totnes score but came 4th as the last man was lower than their last man.

On Saturday, 25th January, we took a small team to Devonport and with Drew very sick and not running Temmen ran a very good race over the Central Park at Plymouth to come 2nd, 8 seconds in front of L./Cpl. Taylor in 4th position. We won the team race with 17 points to 23.

The next day, Sunday, 26th January, we had a very easy six mile race against 32 Signal Regiment T.A. Unfortunately they were not really fit so we found ourselves running very easily and very enjoyably on a sunny Sunday morning round the lovely Deer Park. It was all very pleasant, little hard work, except up the hill and for one or two trying to escape the markers and do one lap too few! Slim Squadron easily won the inter Squadron race with 59 points to 118 for Alexander and 149 for Montgomery.

Our big match of the month was to welcome Dartmouth to our 3-mile course on Wednesday, 29th January. The weather was dry, warm, occasionally windy gusts, but very pleasant. This time we turned the tables on the cadets being 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 9th for 29 points to their 96 points for their under-19 team. Their "A" team scored 107 points as did our "B" team which was placed 3rd as our last score was 25th to their 26th. As the team to represent the Regiment at Aldershot was to be selected after this race the competition was high and J./Sig. Callister (Beaufighter), who had not run since 6th December came in 7th for us, in 10th position just passing J./Sig. Lee (Kukri) who has run extremely well having only left Junior Squadron last term.

We now look forward to Aldershot on 19th February as well as the South West, Southern National and National All-England Championships during February. With this experience behind us we hope to finish the season well and show that all our hard work has been worthwhile.

The team to go to Aldershot and run in the various championships will be from:

L./Cpl. Docherty	(Kohima)	(Captain)
Sig. Drew	(Kukri)	
Sig. Wood	(Kukri)	
Sig. Temmen	(Kohima)	
Sig. McMaster	(Kukri)	
L./Cpl. Taylor	(Kukri)	
L./Cpl. Bradley	(Lion)	
Sig. Rees	(Lion)	
Sig. Bradley	(Lion)	
Sig. Foster	(Lion)	
Sig. Hughes	(Lion)	
Sig. Brown	(Beaufighter)	
Sig. Callerton	(Beaufighter)	
Sig. Lee	(Kukri)	
Sig. Stevens	(Francisca)	
Sgt. Crudge	(Iron)	
Sgt. Le Page	(Iron)	
Cpl. Coates	(Iron)	A.C.M.P.

Capt. Mike Colman leaves for Colchester this month with the best wishes of all at Denbury and, particularly, Francisca Troop.

RUGBY

The new training programme has given the rugby players more opportunity for training and coaching. It also allows many more to take a serious part in games.

At the end of last term we had the makings of a useful 1st. XV and some promising members of the 2nd. XV. Now we have a good 1st. XV and the makings of a useful 2nd. XV.

This term the 2nd. XV have suffered two big defeats against Kingsbridge and Brixham Colts. However it was good experience.

For the next few weeks the 2nd. XV is being rebuilt before it tackles any more outside fixtures against 1st. XV opposition.

The 1st. XV are doing well, although the beginning of term injuries caused them to play under strength against Plymouth Arguam. This game was a good forward battle and was lost by a spell of loose play which allowed the Arguam fly-half to run through half our team without being touched, and in which a penalty goal was given away. Our score came from a kick ahead by Watson, who followed up for the touch down.

At Bovington, the 1st. XV showed good spirit and the re-introduction of Feegan in the centre added more fire to the backs and gave them a more solid defence. Wenn had a very good game and Bowers and Williams harassed the Tankmen relentlessly.

The first try came when Enoch gave a quick pass from the line-out to our scrum half Blackman. The ball travelled quickly to Feegan at out-side centre. He beat his man, drew the winger and passed to Orton, whose speed carried him passed the covering defence.

The second try was again initiated by good line-out play by Enoch and this time Feegan crashed over. The scoring was completed when Siggs scored from a penalty kick.

In this game our defence was strong. The Captain, Peters, kicked cleverly and Cooper worried Bovington everytime he had the ball. However we did lose possession in the loose mauls, causing patches of scrappy play.

The next game was against Newton Abbot Juniors at the Rackerhayes ground. We lost by 9 points to nil. There was no cohesion in the side, and there was too much talking. Again we were bad in the loose. An injury to Wenn early on in the game did not help matters and the lack of tackling by one player let Newton in for their only try. They completed their score with a dropped goal

and a penalty goal. Despite these bad points it was still evident that the team was potentially capable of good Rugby. The centres in particular always showed danger to the home side.

Our last game was against Teignmouth Colts at home. The only team to have beaten them this season was a Dartmouth Royal Naval College team.

This was a great game for our team. The first ten minutes was a testing period with neither team on top. Denbury then went ahead when Feegan followed up a kick at goal and taking the ball on the bounce crossed the Teignmouth line before they realised what was happening.

Fifteen minutes later, J/SSM Cooper made a break in the centre and passed out to Orton on the wing, who ran strongly to score in the corner.

At half time we were well on top and the forwards were playing with great drive. Their play in the loose was much improved.

Soon after the change of ends Orton scored again in the corner. At this stage Teignmouth got on top for a while and scored their only try of the match.

The game was fast and exciting and our apparent advantage in fitness and skill was winning the day. Ten minutes from no-side Bowers scored an excellent try. Peters took the ball and went on the blind side. He sold a dummy to his would be tackler and then cross-kicked perfectly for Bowers, who caught the ball 20 yards out and ran through the wrong-footed defence for a try near the posts. Siggs converted.

The last ten minutes were stalemate, but this was an excellent performance.

Wilkins replaced Watson on the right wing for this game and J/LCpl. McDonald played well in place of the injured Wenn.

The team was:

Harvey, Orton, Cooper, Feegan, Wilkins, Peters (Capt.), Blackman, Robertson, Hartrey Pearce, Siggs, Enoch, Williams, McDonald, Bowers.

The first round tie in the Army Cup is against the Junior Guardsmans Company at Pirbright, probably on the 12th February.

The staff fifteen won by 23 points to 19 against the Wessex Bde. depot at Honiton recently in the preliminary round of the Div/Dist cup competition. They now face 6 Trg Bn RASC in the 1st Round proper.

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