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TEN TORS

Jane Dickson, of Teignmouth Grammar School, checks the route.
Both girls' teams were successful.

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Kukri Troop approaching Willsworthy

by Sgt. Stockham



WRNS waving to friends at the finish

by Sgt. Stockham

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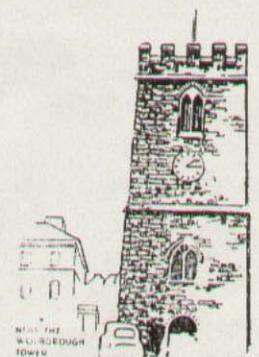
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COL. HOLIFIELD'S

FAREWELL

MESSAGE



This is the last time that I shall have the pleasant task of writing my monthly notes for Junior Mercury. I say pleasant, but as you may have guessed it has not always been an easy task to find time to write them! Many a paragraph has been written on the back of an old envelope during a train journey and many an interview, inspection or telephone call has punctuated short sharp spasms of penmanship.

Much has happened since 8th December, 1961, when I first drove through the main gate of DENBURY Camp to take over the Regiment. Over 1,200 boys have passed through or joined the Regiment, and nearly 600 Junior Leaders have graduated to Colour Service. There have been many changes of Staff, and only a handful of Junior Leaders who were here when I arrived are still serving in the Regiment. I am pleased that despite these many changes, the tradition of enthusiasm comradeship and service, which was so evident when I arrived, has continued throughout my tour and that I can hand over to my successor a Regiment of which we can all be proud.



I have had a most pleasant tour at DENBURY and I shall be sad to leave. I have enjoyed mixing with and meeting young men of the new generation and I am confident that, in the years to come, you will prove every bit as good as earlier generations. On the moors, on the parade ground and on the sports field, on duty and off-duty, I have always had cause to be proud of "the boys from DENBURY."

Throughout my tour I have also been privileged to receive the most loyal, willing and enthusiastic support from the Civilian and Military Staff and I would like to thank you all for this. I would also like to thank the Corps, and in particular the Affiliated Regiments, for the interest and support they have given the Regiment. My sincere thanks go also to the many parents whom I have met on Open Days and with whom I have corresponded, and to the local Civic Councils, the regional Press and Television, and the people of South Devon who have given us so much support and shown so much kindness. It has

been a great pleasure for my wife and me to live in South Devon and we shall miss your beautiful countryside. We shall also leave behind a great number of friends.

I am delighted that the officer to whom I am handing over the Regiment is my good friend Lt.-Col. Jimmie HIGGINS, MBE. I am sure that under his wise guidance the Regiment will go on to great things. I shall always take a deep interest in the achievements of the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals, and I look forward to seeing many of you in the years to come, serving our Corps all over the world.

Goodbye, good luck and God bless you all.

Alan Holifield

"Three weeks ago I had the honour of taking over command of the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals" . . .

. . . With these words Lt.-Col. Holifield introduced himself to the Regiment, through the columns of the January 1962 Junior Mercury. I use his own words to open this short tribute to Col. Alan because it aptly describes the manner in which he has regarded the job of Commanding Officer at Denbury.

I cannot possibly, in this short article, recount all his achievements and successes, but it is worthy of note that whilst many improvements and innovations have been introduced other traditional activities have not been allowed to die, but have been encouraged.

During the past two years we have seen the rebuilding of the Academic Wing, and the Science Laboratory. Trade testing and driver training have started. The beret, combat dress and civilian clothes of our own choosing, are a direct result of his perseverance and his diplomacy in overcoming the difficul-

ties. Yet all this has not been at the expense of the traditional activities of Denbury. The Balaclava is still worn, as are the various distinguishing colours of terms and troops. Commonwealth Trophy and all the other competitions have been retained so have Monday night theatres and of course Ten Tors. The success of the recent and largest Ten Tors, and the most successful, is surely a fitting end to all that our Commanding Officer has done.

As one who is in the privileged position of working alongside the CO, it cannot pass unsaid that basically Colonel Alan is a dedicated and sincere soldier. The noticeable absence of hypocrisy and 'humbug' serve only the better to highlight his fierce sense of duty and loyalty towards the Regiment. A cadre appointment in a Junior Leaders Regiment, as so many have found out, is not as easy as might at first be thought. The task of taking young civilians and moulding

them into soldiers fit to join a unit, calls for something special. To make a success of it calls for something extra special. Colonel Alan has led us, the permanent staff, by his keenness and enthusiasm to develop that "something" extra special, and in doing so has demonstrated that he is more than worthy of that 'honour' to which he himself refers.

He would be the first to admit that the support given by his wife has been invaluable. Her sympathy and understanding towards the families of the Regiment has been greatly appreciated.

I am sure that everyone in this Regiment, both staff and Junior Leaders, the readers of this magazine, and all the friends of the Regiment, will join together in saying to Colonel Alan and Betty Holifield—

"Thank you! and Bon Voyage!"

J.W.S.

TEN TORS SUCCESSES

152 TEAMS FINISH COMPLETE

Ten Tors, the great Whitsun walk across Dartmoor, ended on the Sunday evening with almost half the teams having finished the course intact in the 36 hours allowed.

Of the 314 teams which set out from Haytor at 7 a.m. on Saturday, 152 reached the finishing point at Willsworthy Camp, near Okehampton, by 7 p.m. on Sunday, with all their six members.

Another 44 teams finished in time but minus one or more members who dropped out on the way. In a few cases only one team member reached Willsworthy.

Several teams, depleted in numbers, united in pairs to form a composite team which finished the course but did not qualify for a team award.

Nearly 100 teams had dropped out before finishing time.

A notable result was achieved by Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, who had four teams in the 18-20 age group covering 60 miles. Three finished intact, and the fourth finished two men short.

In the same class, two of the four teams from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, completed the course in time.

Cornwall Police Cadets, with one 60-mile team, also qualified. Gloucestershire Police Cadets finished the 60-mile course two men short.

One man from the Devonport High School team, and one from the 1st Charlton Kings (Cheltenham) Company of the Boys' Brigade, also covered the 60-miles course, which had 46 team entries at the start.

Of the 35 girls' teams which started, and which had to cover 35 miles irrespective of age, 20 finished complete. They included the team from St. Helen's School, Northwood, Middlesex, led by 16-year-old Christine Holifield, the daughter of Lt.-Col. Alan Holifield, C.O. of the Junior Leaders' Regiment, Royal Signals, which sponsors the Ten Tors expedition.

After the walk the teams returned to the regiment's camp at Denbury, near Newton Abbot, for a meal followed by a jamboree, and on Whit Monday morning the awards were presented there by Captain Young, R.N., who commands H.M.S. *Fisgard*, the Naval apprentices' establishment at Torpoint, Cornwall.

Each qualifying team received a Ten Tors medal and certificate, and each individual to finish received a personal certificate.

Teams which finished the course, complete or in part, were:

(Girls aged 14 to 20 (35 miles): (35 teams started).

Finished complete: Downend County Secondary School, Bristol, A and B teams; Teignmouth County

Secondary School, A team; Edgehill Girls' College, Bideford; Ashburton County Secondary School, A and B teams; 15 Independent Company, WRAC, Bovington; Bristol City Police Cadets; H.M.S. *Raleigh*, Torpoint, A team; Dawlish County Secondary School, A team; Plymouth High School for Girls.

Teignmouth Grammar School, A and B teams; Operation Dartmoor, Exeter, A team; Cobham Hall School, Kent; St. Helen's School, Northwood; Ilfracombe Grammar School, A team; Devonport High School for Girls; Plympton Grammar School for Girls; Totnes High School. Total 20.

Boys aged 14 to 16 (35 miles): (101 teams started).

Finished complete: Audley Park County Secondary School, Torquay, A and B teams; Downend County Secondary School, Bristol, C and D teams; Teignmouth County Secondary School, B team; Ashburton County Secondary School, C team; School House, Exeter School; 3rd Essex Cadet Regiment; Chilton Cantelo House School, Yeovil, B team; 18th Devonport Scout Troop, A and B teams

Dawlish Secondary School, B team; Junior Leaders' Battalion RAOC, Aldershot, A and B teams; Hele's School Scout Troop, Exeter, A and B teams; 5th Essex Cadet Regiment; Huish's Grammar School ACF, Taunton, A team; Exmouth County Secondary School, A team; Falcondale Det. 6th Glos. Cadet Regt., Bristol, A team; Avonhurst School CCF, Bristol, A team; 4th Newton Abbot (Wolborough) Scouts; Mountfields Youth Club, Taunton; 2nd Cadet Battalion, the Devonshire Regt., A team; 4th Cadet Battalion, the Devonshire Regt., A team.

The Ten Torists, Newton Abbot; Topsham, St. Margaret's Youth Club; Ringmer County Secondary School, Lewes, A and B teams; Torquay Grammar School; Teignmouth Grammar School, D and E teams; King Edward VI Grammar School, Totnes, A team; Junior Soldiers Coy., Wessex Brigade, Exeter, A team; Kingswood Secondary Boys' School, Bristol, C team; 2314 (Tulse Hill School) Sqdn., ATC; Paignton County Secondary School for Boys, A and B teams.

2312 (Tavistock) Sqdn., ATC; 299 Squadron ATC, Exmouth; Priory Boys' School, Shrewsbury, A team; Taunton Company, Somerset ACF, B team; Huntley's Secondary School for Boys, Tunbridge Wells; Leigh Park ACF Troop, Havant; Athan Boys' Club, Walthamstow, A team; 1st ACF Battalion, Royal West Kents; Truro School, A team; 9th Andover Scouts, A team; 1st Lymptone Sea Scouts; Chard School ACF, A team; Priorswood School ACF, Taunton.

Ivybridge County Secondary School; 35th Plymouth Scouts, A and B teams; Plympton Grammar School, A and B teams; Sir Roger Manwood's School CCF,

Sandwich, A team; 6th Exmouth Scouts, A team; Ilfracombe Grammar School, B team; Bideford County Secondary School; Torpoint County Secondary School, A and B teams.

Cheltenham Grammar School CCF, A team; Kingsteignton County Secondary School; RAF, Hereford, A and B teams; Montgomery Sqdn., Junior Leaders Regt., Royal Signals, Denbury; Nailsea Company, Somerset ACF; Torquay Senior Scouts; Boxhill School, Surrey; Exeter Sea Scouts; Lydford Youth Club. Total 73.

Youths aged 16 to 18 (50 miles): (132 teams started).

Finished complete: Walliscote Secondary School, Weston-super-Mare, 3 team; Ashburton County Secondary School, D team; Junior Leaders' Battalion RASC, Taunton, A, B and C teams; Bristol City Police Cadets; Marlborough College CCF; HMS *Fisgard*, Torpoint, A, B, C and D teams; H.M.S. *Raleigh*, Torpoint, B team; Dawlish County Secondary School, C team; Junior Leaders' Battalion RAOC, Aldershot, G and J teams; Somerset Constabulary Cadet Force, A team; 11th Devonport Senior Scouts; Exmouth County Secondary School, B and C teams; Avonhurst School CCF, Bristol, B team; Haberdasher's School CCF, Elstree; 3rd Cadet Battalion, The Devonshire Regt., B team; Blundell's School, Tiverton, A team; Trowbridge College of Further Education; Metropolitan Police Cadet Corps, A and B teams; Priory Boys' School, Shrewsbury, B team; Sandford Orleigh School, Newton Abbot, B team; Army Apprentices' School, Arborfield, Berks., A and C teams; Westland Apprentices' Association, Yeovil, A team; Northbrook School, Whipton, Exeter; Sir Roger Manwood's School, CCF Sandwich, C team; 6th Exmouth Scouts, B team; Army Apprentices' School, Carlisle, B team.

RAF Halton, C team; RAF Hereford, C, D, E and F team; Quadrant, Romulus, Kukri, Beaufighter, Francisca, Iron, White Spear, Kohima, and Lion Troops, Junior Leaders' Regiment, Royal Signals, Denbury; Army Apprentices' School, Chepstow, B and D teams; Men of Oke, Okehampton; Queen Elizabeth's School CCF, Crediton, B team. Total 53.

Men aged 18 to 20 (60 miles): (46 teams started).

Finished complete: Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, A, B and C teams; Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, A and C teams; Cornwall Police Cadets. Total 6.

SUMMARY OF TEN TORS RESULTS

Category	Entered	Successful Teams	% Success
1960			
Girls ..	—	—	—
Boys ..	—	—	—
Youth ..	21	7	33½%
Young men ..	—	—	—
Total	203	7	33½%
1961			
Girls ..	11	8	73%
Boys ..	18	9	54%
Youth ..	129	66	51%
Young men ..	—	—	—
Total	936	83	54%
1962			
Girls ..	13	10	77%
Boys ..	58	28	48%
Youth ..	116	42	36%
Young men ..	34	3	9%
Total	1,326	83	37%
1963			
Girls ..	24	15	63%
Boys ..	69	46	67%
Youths ..	123	83	63%
Young men ..	60	5	8%
Total	1,656	149	54%
1964			
Girls ..	35	20	57%
Boys ..	98	72	74%
Youths ..	132	52	39%
Young men ..	44	6	14%
Total	1,854	150	49%

Results for complete teams are shown, other part teams to finish gained certificates only.

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★ ★
The Regimental Mascot appeared before his OC on a charge of impersonating a sheep whilst on guard duty at Willsworthy. He was sentenced to two extra band parades. Anyone know a cure for deaf dogs?

★ ★
Captain R. Young, D.S.C., R.N., of H.M.S. *Fisgard*, after shaking hands with all the prize-winners, said he'd rather do that than walk the course.

★ ★
We heard that a certain officer whilst zipping peacefully at 3 a.m. in his hut at Willsworthy, awoke to find a night attack being mounted by "The Buffs." He was relieved to find that the enemy was not, after all, wearing balaclava hats.

★ ★
Voice procedure at times gave way under the stress of reporting too many figures:

Control: "Hullo I. Have you seen Kohima Troop?"

Callsign I: "Yes, going like the clappers, must be, came in at 1140 miles an hour."

Control (by now exasperated)—Message to Kohima: "Team will belt twice round the Moor and then take off." Out.

★ ★
Seen in orders: White Sphere Troop will do reception. (I trust they were on the ball.)

★ ★
Motorist, with car laden with food, rucksacks, tents, etc., stopped a Ten Tors official and asked if he could tell him where R . . . E . . . was camping for the night. When told he was probably (and—thinks "I hope so too") on the top of Fur Tor, replied: "Oh dear, I've all his food and camping kit," which is just as well the boy didn't finish!!!

The standard of driving was much improved this year. No cottages were demolished, but sights were still set high, for a collision at the top of Canada Hill could have jeopardised all radio communication. However, it only added a few years to the life of the Yeoman of Signals.

★ ★
Untrained radio operators are a liability, especially on the rescue net when reporting details of teams which have dropped out. As was found on one net, where a new operator heard a report come up as, "Hello Z 'fall out' and over"; whereupon the listening leader, interpreting it in his Army parlance, did just that.

★ ★
Success! The generators at Willsworthy worked—and (sshh!) all the time, thanks to the combined efforts of Sig. Plumb and his mate Sparky.
"JOSKIN."



Ashburton girls shortly after leaving Haytor. The patrol finished complete.

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A patrol of Scouts display their bronze medals, presented by Capt. R. Young, R.N.

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An Independent Team, On the right is Jonathan Bennett, son of Mrs. L. Bennett, a civilian Clerical Officer at Denbury.



A cheerful Patrol of the WRAC walk with the sun behind them.

Ten Tors Secretary.

Dear Major Wright,

Whit weekend 1964 is one that I shall remember for the rest of my life as a teacher. We entered one team last year and I decided to come myself this Whitsun. Suffice to say I was tremendously impressed with everything and not least the extent of the organisation by your Regiment. We were most happy that our four teams of boys and girls all succeeded though after the preparation we have done would have been disappointed if they had not. They were on Route B and found the first Tor a little difficult to find, I think this stretched the girls almost to breaking point for they covered a lot of extra ground.

I know I speak for the children, their parents and the teachers concerned when I extend to you and your Regiment very sincere thanks for the tremendous effort which you put into the planning and the work done over a public holiday in the interests of these youngsters.

But we all believe this is so rewarding and especially when you read of the hooligans on the South Coast beaches.

*Yours sincerely,
B. H. CUDMORE,
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Dear Sir,

Having just returned from Devon with the three teams from this Contingent which took part in the 1964 Ten Tors event, I feel that on their behalf and on my own I must write to thank you Sir for the magnificent organisation of the Ten Tors event which you and your officers and men established. No praise of mine can be too high for they way in which you get over 1,800 people on to Dartmoor and get them off again afterwards, and for the facilities which you provide for them before during and after the trek.

This is the second time in which teams from Manwood's have entered, and we very much hope that we shall be allowed to come again if you run the event for which I beleive will be the fifth year. Thank you Sir again very much—and perhaps you would be good enough to convey our appreciation to all those of your Camp who took any part, great or small in the organisation and running of Ten Tors, 1964.

Yours sincerely,
FRANK W.G. ANDREWS,
Captain.

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Lt.-Col. A. Holifield.

My battalion's heartest congratulations on the way you and your Regiment organised and ran Ten Tors again this year.

It was quite first class and the way my lads were looked after was as good as ever.

LT.-COL. I. RENWICK,

*Junior Leaders Battalion RASC,
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In the Individual Highland (Boys' Section) the following awards were gained:

Highland Fling: 1st, John Guy (Kohima); 2nd, Stan Rawlins (White Swan); 3rd, Harry Waugh (Iron).

Gillie Callum (Swords): 1st, Len Peters (Kukri); 2nd, Colin Wickam (Kohima); 3rd, Martin Close (Lion).

Seann Truibhs: 1st, Len Peters (Kukri); 2nd, Roy Wilson (Kohima); 3rd, Chris. Robertson (White Swan).

Strathspey and Reel: 1st, Harry Waugh (Iron); 2nd, Stan Rawlins (White Swan); 3rd, Chris. Robertson (White Swan).

Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to these competitors.

Scottish Dancing: Winner (gold medal), "McLeod of Harris"; Peters; Waugh, Robertson, Huy, Third (bronze medal), "Duke of Athols Reel": Hall, Watson (White Swan), Alen (Kukri), Holden (Iron).

Dear Colonel,

I was conducting Worship at the East Street Baptist Church, Newton Abbot on Sunday last and feel I must write and say how good it was to see such a fine company of young men from your Junior Leaders Regiment present at the Service.

I was particularly impressed by their reverence and attitude to worship and the obvious interest that they took in the service. If you feel it of advantage please convey my appreciation.

Every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

Rev. KENNETH F. DAFFORN,

Totnes United Free Church,
(Baptist and Congregational).

SLEEPING SICKNESS

Extract from Pt. I. Orders of July 1959, reproduced for the benefit of those who are not familiar with the routine for dealing with Junior Leaders found to be asleep in class.

"In future, if an Instructor notices a J/Sig. has made no movement in a period of one hour (NAAFI break excluded), he must investigate, as it can be difficult to distinguish between unconsciousness and the natural movements of some Junior Leaders. Instructors may use the following tests to ascertain depths of unconsciousness:

- (a) Hold a photograph of Drum Major in front of any boy known to be in the Band.
(Although this is not infallible as, even if rigor mortis had set in, the hands may still make spasmodic clutches, due to the natural instinct being so ingrained.)
- (b) Wave a pay book in front of the patient.
(This is an old army trick, and some personnel, especially Senior Junior Leaders, are no longer 'had' by it.)
- (c) Whisper gently into his right ear such tender words as—"Discharge."
(This can have an electric effect and should a negative result be obtained, the MO should be sent for. This has been known to restore life to Junior Leaders even after three or four terms.)

In the event of a Junior Leader observing an Instructor being in a similar state, then there is only one test, that being to fetch "The Tempests." This can be disastrous and cause the subject to throw a fit. A less drastic test is to say quietly: "Didn't you know it has all been changed." If the subject gives a sickly smile, rolls his eyes and returns to his previous state, then the Junior Leader should go quietly away and leave the subject to his own problems. In due course a 24-hour guard will be mounted over him, or he will be painted.

As a general rule, tests should not be applied to NCO's and officers, as in these cases movement of any kind is unnecessary and merely wastes valuable war material.

Signed: J/Sig. for Sgt. for Officer

Capt. RIGOR MORTIS, SD."



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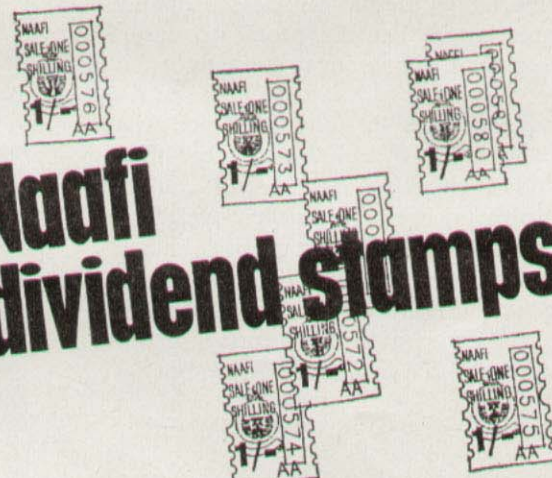


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TEN TORS

Opposite Top—

Christine Holifield's team enjoy a cooling ice cream at the Finish.

Opposite Bottom—

Part of the small section which required road walking.

Photographs on Pages 10 and 11 by Sgt. Stockham

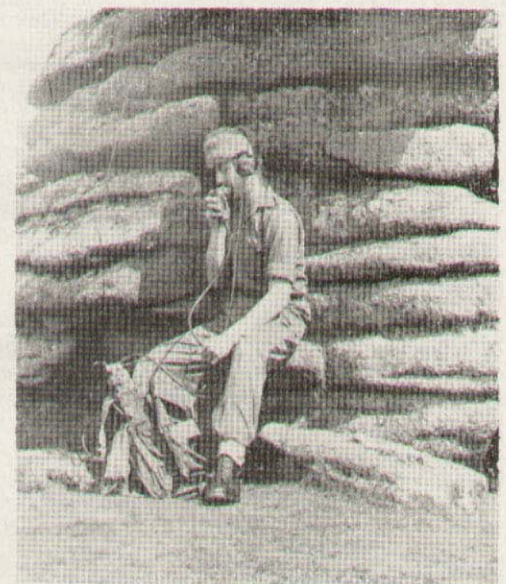
TT COMMUNICATIONS

Below Top—

J/Sig. Brian Willcock making a routine call on the "Charlie" Net.

Below Bottom—

J/Sig. Alan King recording a message on the Report Net.



TEN TORS: MAJOR JOYNER COMMENTS

Shortly after the start this year, I was sought out by Peter Crampton of the BBC, asked a number of questions and required to give the answers "off the cuff" as they were duly recorded direct for Radio Westward. One of the questions concerned the number of tors used so far and the number left for future years. I remember saying that thirty to forty had been used so far and that there were plenty left. Now that it is all over and there is time to reflect I thought it would be interesting to look up the exact number of tors used and to record some of the other facts of the first five Ten Tors, before they are forgotten.

Planning the routes for the various Ten Tors Expeditions has been an interesting experience. The aim has always been to ensure that the competitors had to read their maps, as well as walk, and to give them the maximum freedom of movement compatible with the necessity to ensure that trespass over uncleared ground did not occur. Thus as the entry has increased it has been necessary to invent new methods of boundary control which could cope and yet not restrict unduly.

The first two years were very much trial runs. The 1962 Expedition allowed very little choice to the competitors. This was an experimental year caused by many complaints in 1961.

I believe 1964 has been the best year so far. There have been few complaints and I believe that our control system is now right. Land owners and Lords of the Manor who have given permission for bivouac-ing to occur outside the training areas for the first time, have been helpful. If I can persuade the Plymouth Corporation to relax its rules a little and bring in a little more, as yet, unused parts of Dartmoor for 1965, then route planning for the future should be much easier.

A Word of Advice to Competitors for 1965

Please do not drop litter. Plan your food properly DO NOT use tins and bottles. Army Compo rations are NOT suitable unless selected and repacked. Plan your equipment carefully, DO NOT carry too much. Train your teams thoroughly in Navigation and walking. Ten Tor Distances are calculated on the assumption that a patrol will choose the shortest possible authorised route. No allowance is made for changes in height. Thus a map reading error or bad choice may add many miles. Walk more than the full distance in training, and train more than six people to ensure that your final team is up to strength.

Please remember that any assistance given to a team renders them liable to disqualification. The rules on rations and cooking apply to the girls as well as the boys. Only water and medical aid may be obtained between the start and finish and kit carried at the start must be taken to the finish. Teams are required to bring enough equipment to establish a base camp at Denbury.

JOHN JOYNER.

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A TRIBUTE

By the Rev. E. Powell-Price,
Vicar of Chudleigh Knighton

For an example of really good planning it would be hard to beat the way the Royal Corps of Signals have made it possible for over 2,000 boys and girls, all under 20, to show to England that its youth is not so decadent as many would like to make it out to be.

The deepest thanks of everyone should go to the Commanding Officer and his whole staff at Denbury Camp for making this Ten Tor test of endurance possible.

On Whit Saturday at 7 a.m. there must have been well over 4,000 people to witness the start of the test and to hear the Royal Corps trumpeters play a fanfare. It was one of those perfect Devon mornings with a slight nip in the air and what a wonderful sight it was to see this younger generation setting out on a test which entailed walking from 35 to 60 miles in two days.

School teams

Nearly half the contestants obtained certificates of medals. One school in the Newton Abbot area entered two girls' and two boys' teams, i.e. 24 altogether, and other schools entered one team each. This shows considerable interest by the headmaster, masters and physical training instructors to whom the greatest credit must be given because of the time they gave out of school hours to train the teams. There were also individual parents who encouraged their youngsters and entered teams which they trained themselves.

The value of this test means that all who participate must show considerable determination and endurance. Each team must learn to get on together and to put up with each other's little difference. It is a real character trainer and possibly the answer to the problems some seaside resorts are having with youngsters who have too much money, too little to do and don't know what to do with their time.

Again the gratitude of an aged ex-Royal Welch Fusilier who, on this occasion only, concedes pride of place to the Royal Corps of Signals.

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Buckingham Palace.
Commanding Officer, Junior Leaders
Regiment, Royal Signals, Newton Abbot.
Thank you for your message. The weather
looks kind if warm for Expeditions.
PHILIP,
Patron, Ten Tors.

St. James's Palace,
The telegram of loyal greetings from
the Commanding Officer and all ranks of
my Junior Leaders Regiment and the two
thousand young people who started on the
Ten Tors Expedition on Dartmoor gave me
very great pleasure.
I hope you all had a very successful Exercise.
MARY
Colonel-in-Chief.



Col. the Earl Cathcart reads the telegram from Prince Philip at the start from Haytor. Lt.-Col. A. Holfield is in the background.



OUT ON DARTMOOR

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