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Laddie, the Regimental Mascot, enjoys an Autumn trip at Shaldon propelled by Capt. J. Cuthill and watched by two of the Kukri Troop handlers, Junior Signalmen A. Drew and D. Dixon.

(Photograph by Sgt. Stockham)

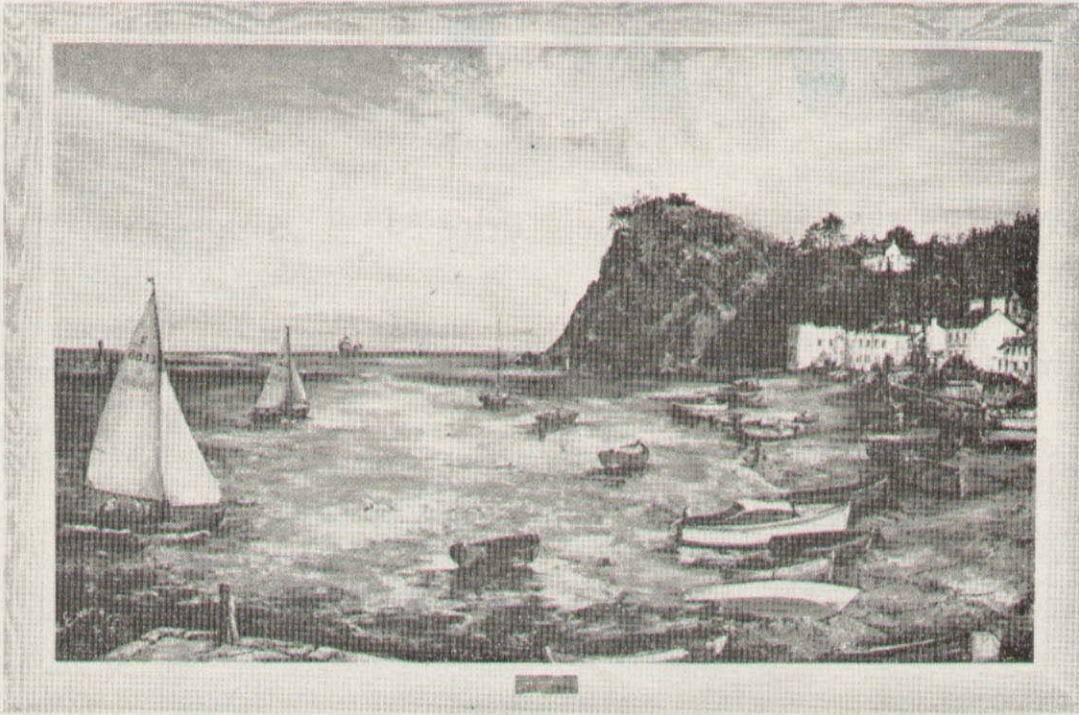
KUKRI TROOP EDITION



REGIMENTAL GYMNASTS SWEEP THE BOARD

(See Centre Pages for Special Report)

Presentation to Officers Mess



The picture by Mrs. Lynn Bygraves

(by Sgt. Stockham)

When Lt.Col. Hollifield left the Regiment, as a token of his regard for his officers he decided that he would like to present a gift to the Mess which all members could appreciate. After much thought, a painting of the estuary at Shaldon, beautifully executed by Mrs. Lynn Burgraves, was chosen and now hangs

in a prominent place in the Mess ante-room.

So popular has this painting proved that the artist has received many requests to reproduce the painting, albeit on a smaller scale, for various members, mainly those who are concerned with the many and mixed activities which are carried on in that stretch of water.

Sir,

May I make use of the facilities of the Junior Mercury to thank the Commanding Officer and all members of the Junior Leaders Regiment for a most enjoyable three years. I learnt a great deal during my stay with the Regiment as well as collecting a few blisters "Bog Trotting."

My wife and I have made many friends and now we have left I can assure them they will not be forgotten, as we shall be seeing you from time to time. We shall both miss the more hectic occasions such as Graduation Day and Ten Tors and I must say how pleased I was to be the last person to leave the W.O's and Sergeants' Mess on my last night which was also a Social Evening. I think everyone there tried to float us out with drinks.

I say with all sincerity that when my tour of duty with the Army School of PT is over there is no other Regiment I would rather serve with again than the Royal Signals Junior Leaders. If any of you visit Aldershot within the next three years you will know where to find me so please do look me up.

I would like to keep up with the news from Denbury and have enclosed a cheque which I hope will cover the next 12 months editions of Junior Mercury.

Once again, many, many thanks to all for a very happy time.

Yours sincerely,

ROY HENDLEY, S/Sgt. APTC.

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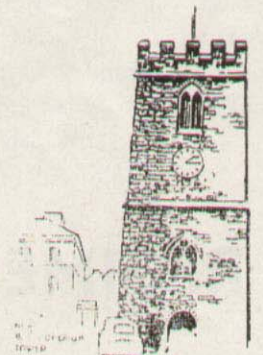
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KUKRI BACKGROUND

Pun, Rai, Chetri, Limbu, Thapa and Gurung are all famous Gurka Tribes.

It is after these six illustrious and fearless tribes that the patrols of Kukri Troop, which is affiliated to the great 17th Gurka Signal Regiment, are named.

Many of these tribesmen, during the course of history, have carried out great acts of daring and heroism.

Against the Japanese, Bhanbagta Gurung's section was held up by heavy fire and a sniper was picking off the men. He spotted the Jap marksman, stepped out into the open, took him on at close range and shot him dead. He then charged on alone, killed two with grenades, one with the bayonet

Kukri have always been a great climbing troop and one of the mainstays of the Climbing Club
(by J/Sig. Penfold)



Miss Kathy Kelly, W.V.S., discusses a chanter with another Kelly, this one a new boy from Dundee
(by J/Sig. Cross)



Kukri Troop with some of the trophies held during 1964
(by Sgt. Stockham)

and annihilated two more posts. Next he sprang on to a machine-gun post, dropped smoke grenades through the air slits, killed with his Kukri everyone who came out and then crawled inside and finished those who had not. Two friends joined him just in time to meet an enemy counter attack. They opened up at point-blank range and the attack disintegrated. He was awarded the V.C.

Also against the Japanese Lal Bahadur Limbu was told of about eighty Japs resting half a mile away. so he took his platoon to deal with them. He stalked, surprised and attacked them, killing at least forty before they knew what was happening. The rest fled—straight into the arms of a section that Lal Bahadur had posted in the rear . . . there was a great bleeding of Kukris on that occasion.

In Burma in 1944, Netra Bahadur with a handful of men, defended for eight hours, on a pitch black night, an exposed and isolated picquet, which was attacked again and again by overwhelming odds. Netra Bahadur was the last to die—soon after dawn, with his Kukri in his hand and surrounded by dead Japs.

Kishan Bahadur Puo was commanding a section which was surrounded on three sides in head high grass by a strongly entrenched company of Japs. Then a convoy drove up and closed the fourth side. Mortally wounded in the head, Kishan Bahadur charged, firing a tommy-gun. Magazine empty, he hurled grenades into the enemy and then went in with the Kukri. Next day, his body was found with twelve dead Japs around him.

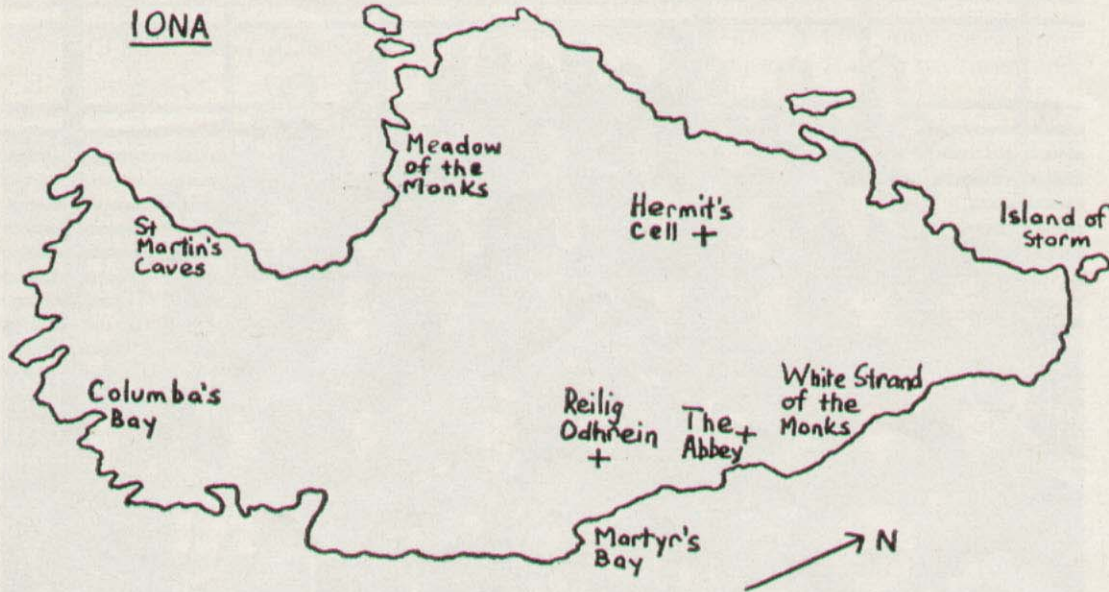
CAPTAIN JOHN CONSTABLE R.A.E.C.

Capt. John Constable leaves the Regiment this month after a period of more than three years. Promotion to the rank of Major has brought about this move which is, happily for us, only a short distance to the Wyvern Barracks at Exeter.

During his stay at Denbury, Capt. Constable has made his mark as an instructor with Academic Wing, a tough forward on the rugby field, a skilful opponent on the tennis court and a hard water polo player. He has coached a now efficient boxing team while his assistance to Lion Troop has been invaluable. We wish both Capt. Constable and his wife the very best in their new home.

The Permanent Staff Dance

The end of October saw the first Permanent Staff dance held in the Regiment for three years. The organisers approached the project with a great deal of trepidation, not quite knowing what the response would be. At the end of the evening they were delighted, for a large crowd had seemingly enjoyed a very good night indeed. A local group from Newton Abbot supplied the music. Another function of this type is anticipated in the near future.



famous centre of Celtic Christianity. To visit the island is to realise fully how perfectly the island must have suited the needs of Columba and his brothers.

Columba

Columba was born on December 7th, 521 at Gartan in Donegal. Ancient documents say that "he was eligible for the Kingship of Erin according to family and it would be offered to him if it had not abandoned it for God." In his forty-second year he made his way with 12 disciples across the sea and landed at Iona.

For 34 years Iona was to be the headquarters of this remarkable man, prince and priest, statesman and man of the people. The number of churches actually founded by Columba in Scotland is variously estimated at between 53 and 100. He died in 597 and his relics rested on the island until the ninth century, when they were moved to Ireland.

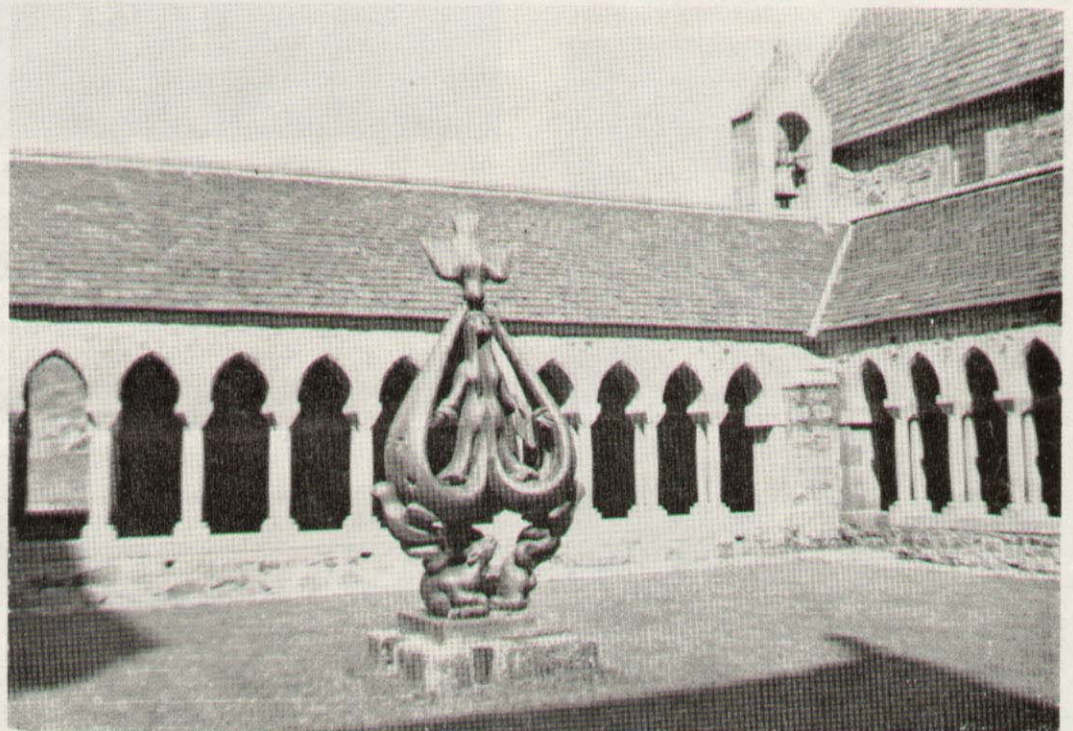
VISIT TO IONA

by Junior Signalman Stewart Weir

A short while ago I spent one of the most pleasant periods of my life in the Hebrides and, in particular, on Iona. I felt that people might be interested in that part of the world and, at the invitation of the editor, I have written a short appreciation of this historical island.

Iona—one of the best loved names in Christendom—lies within the Inner Hebrides, six and a half miles south of Staffa and one and a quarter miles west of the Ross of Mull. To the west, beyond Finfree, only the ocean lies between Iona and the coast of Labrador. Little more than three and a half miles long and one and a half miles broad, it is older than any of the surrounding islands.

The ancient Gaelic name of the island signifies that the island was the centre of Druid worship long before the birth of Christ and the coming of Columba. For as long, then, as man has known this little place it has meant much to him spiritually. It was under Columba that the glory of Iona really blossomed forth. It developed into the most



A modern sculpture in the ancient cloisters of Iona (by J/Sig. Weir)

The Abbey

On my ramblings around the island I found much of historical interest but perhaps the most intriguing were the monastic buildings which are reputed to occupy the site of Columba's original church. I learned that the abbey buildings were plundered and destroyed on many occasions during their long history by the Vikings who, on their last visit, murdered 68 of the monks at Martyr's Bay.

In 986 Danes from Dublin attacked the island and murdered the Abbot and 15 of the brothers on the sands at the north end of the island at a place called Tra' Ban nam Manach—White Strands of the Monks.

My final memory was of the Reilig Odhrain, the burial place of the kings. Kenneth MacAlpin, the first monarch of the United Kingdom of the Picts and Scots was buried in Iona in 860 and, for 200 years following, all but four of the Scottish kings are said to have been laid to rest there. I thought of my Shakespeare when I discovered that Duncan and Macbeth are both reputed to be interred on the island.



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TRADE TRAINING TRENDS

Over the past few terms several improvements have taken place in the Trade Training of the Regiment. All have the same aim, namely to raise the standard of tradesman leaving the Regiment, particularly in his practical ability.

With this aim in mind, the following improvements have taken place. On the Communication Centre Operator trade the new Sieman's T100 Teleprinters have been moved into a re-decorated training room. This room is used by the output operators, and the improved surroundings seem to have led to a higher standard of operating. On the Radio Operator trade, improvements

have been made to layout of Morse and radio training rooms, and results have also improved accordingly. The Morse Room now has a special consul in which are fitted a tape recorder, training set Universal and A.R. 88 receiver. This enables a wide field of Morse to be sent to the operators.

In the Radio Set field we now have, besides a fully equipped training room, six Land Rovers permanently allocated to Radio Exercises. These are fitted with vehicle installations, and are also going through an improvement phase for the benefit of the operator.

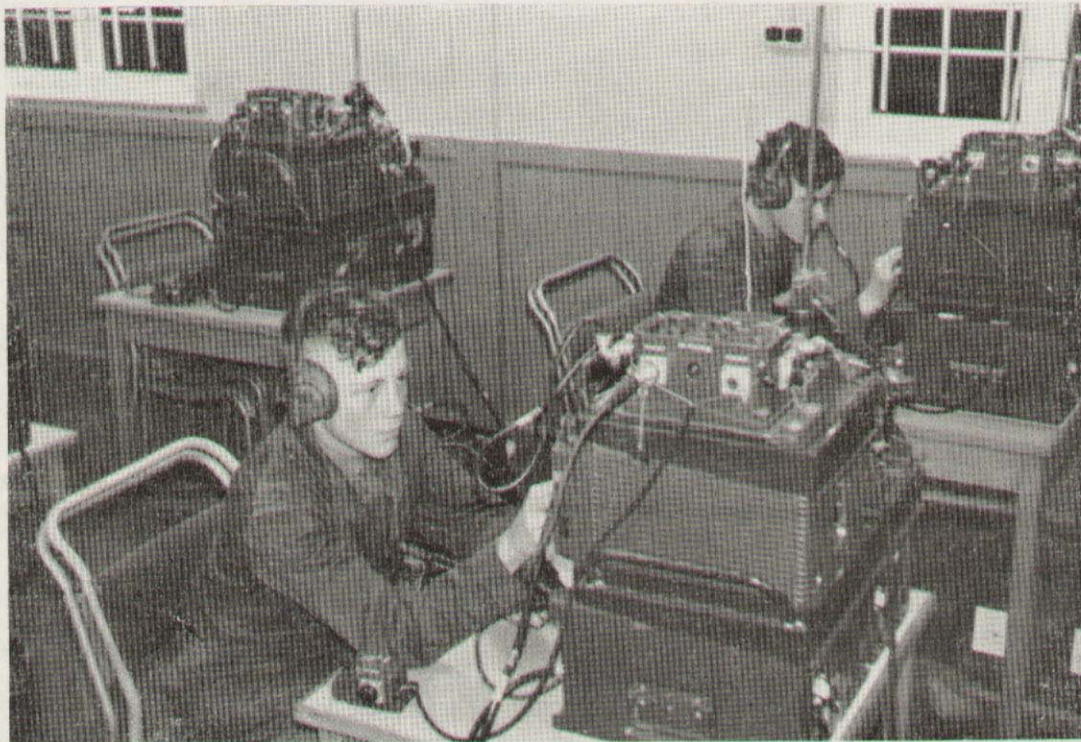
It can be seen from these changes that the

emphasis is on practical signalling. It was with this in mind that the Summer Output this year spent nine days exercising at the end of their training, and by the last three days were really seeing the benefits of such exercises. All the theoretical problems explained in class were seen as very real ones, especially in the middle of the night. This term the majority of the output have also taken part in four week-end exercises, which bring in all aspects of both trades taught at Denbury. They are based on two Comcens at Denbury, and four Radio Sets on Dartmoor.

The introduction of Trade Training up to Class III standard has been of great benefit to the Junior Leaders as can be seen by the rise of passes from seven in July 1963 up to 37 in April this year. To date 73 Junior Leaders have left here with a trade rating, of which 37 have gone direct to units in BAOR. Reports from their Regiments indicate that the majority of them are settling down as good tradesmen.

Apart from the two main trades taught, certain selected persons on output are instructed to drive. In time, when the full complement of vehicles and instructors is met, more operators will learn to drive and so assist the Corp's requirements of driver operators.

In the future, Junior Leaders will be able to do trade training in the trades of Lineman and Electrician Driver. This will enable even more Junior Leaders to leave Denbury with Class III rating, and also enable combined exercises to take place embracing all trades taught at Denbury. M. W.



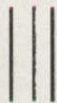
Two Junior Leaders get familiar with the recently acquired high frequency radio sets. (by J/Sig. Cross)

EVE

Miss Eve Davison, WVS, has recently gone into hospital for her second eye operation. The first was a resounding success and we trust that the one pending at the moment will be equally so. Eve has been replaced temporarily as the organiser of the unit's social life by Miss Kathy Kelly. We hope that her stay with us will be a happy one, and that Eve will soon be restored to full health.

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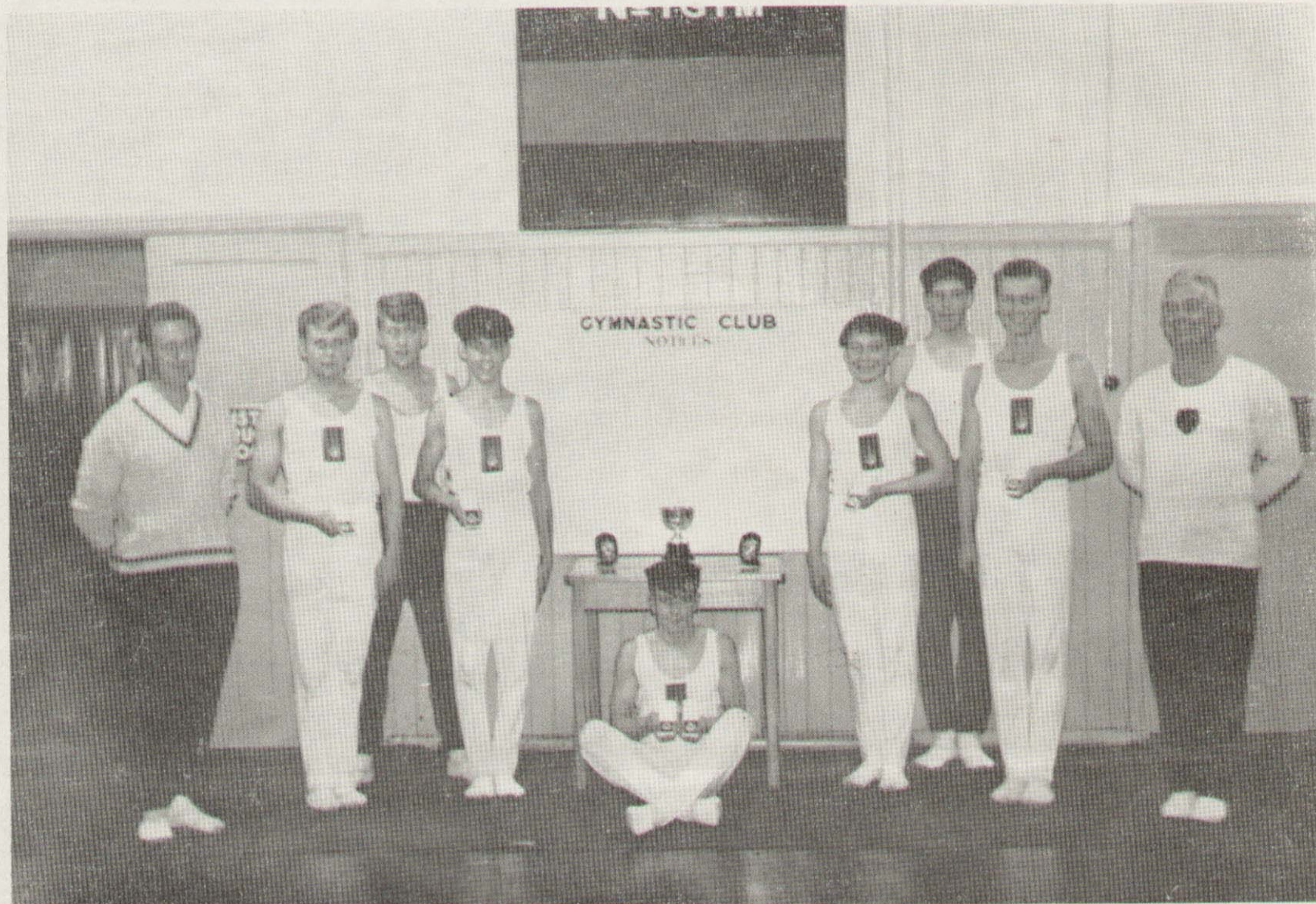
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GREAT WIN FOR REGIMENTAL GYMNASTS



The winning teams and trainers. From left to right: Lt. Pearce, J/Sig. Rookes, J/L/Cpl. Doane, J/Sig. Kendall, J/Sig. Norgrove, J/Sig. Riddell, J/Sig. Billam, J/Cpl. Robertson, Q.M.S.I. Pictor. (by J/Sig. Cross)

In the recent Southern Command Junior Gymnastics and Trampoline Championships held at the Army School of Physical Training in Aldershot, the Regimental gymnasts swept the board in no uncertain fashion.

The gymnastic team, consisting of Junior Signalmen Norgrove, Rookes, Riddell and Kendall, took the team championship with a most polished display in all of the compulsory and voluntary exercises. These consist

of work on the horizontal bar, the parallel bars, on the ground and on the long box. The last piece of apparatus demands an astride vault which most readers will probably have attempted at some time or other in their school lives, but in the case of this competition the hands have to hit the box at the near end and not at the far end which is the easy and traditional way of doing it. The team all performed this exercise in a very smooth

and efficient manner and were especially commended for it.

The individual gymnastic award went to Norgrove who now feels justly rewarded for a lot of hard work put in at the gymnasium in his two years with the unit. The runner-up in this event was Rookes who shows a great deal of promise.

In the trampoline competition the team of J/Cpl. Robertson and Norgrove won

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the plaque for the winning combination, whilst Robertson won the individual title with a sparkling and most accomplished exhibition. This was a most fitting climax to many hours of practice.

Congratulations are due to all the competitors and reserves, who gave of their best in this overwhelming success. One should commend too the work put in by Lt. Pearce RAEC, QMSI Pictor and Staff Sergeant Dart of the APTC. They have all taught in the ideal way, by example, and the success is theirs as much as the actual competitors.

Work has now started on preparations for the full Army Championships which take place in the near future. When a member of our reporting staff visited the gymnastic hobby one evening he was amazed at the variety of work and also the high quality of the performances of some of the younger lads. This bodes well for the club's prospects in competitions for a few years to come.

GYMNASTIC TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

1st.—Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals; 2nd.—Junior Leaders Regiment, RAC; 3rd.—Junior Leaders Regiment, RASC.

The Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals were awarded the championship cup and all members of the team received individual medals.

Team: J/Sig. Norgrove (Iron), J/Sig. Rookes (Kukri), J/Sig. Riddell (White Spear), J/Sig. Kendall (Quadrant). Reserves: J/Lcpl. Doane (Kukri), J/Sig. Billam (Francisca).

This team is to represent Southern Command in the Junior Army Championships to be held later in the term.

TRAMPOLINE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

1st.—Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals; 2nd.—Junior Leaders Regiment, RAC; 3rd.—Wessex Brigade.

The team of J/Cpl. Robertson (White Spear) and J/Sig. Norgrove (Iron) received individual medals and are to represent Southern Command in the Junior Army Championships.

Southern Command Junior Gymnastic Champion 1964: J/Sig. Norgrove (Iron). Runner-up: J/Sig. Rookes (Kukri).

Southern Command Junior Trampoline Champion 1964: J/Cpl. Robertson (White Spear). Runner-up: J/Tpr. Green, Junior Leaders Regiment RAC.



Above. Norgrove demonstrates his skill on the high bar

Below. A backwards somersault as demonstrated by Robertson



Above. Rookes rolls on the parallel bars

Below. Riddell on the high bar receives instruction from Q.M.S.I. Pictor

(Photographs by J/Sig. Cross)



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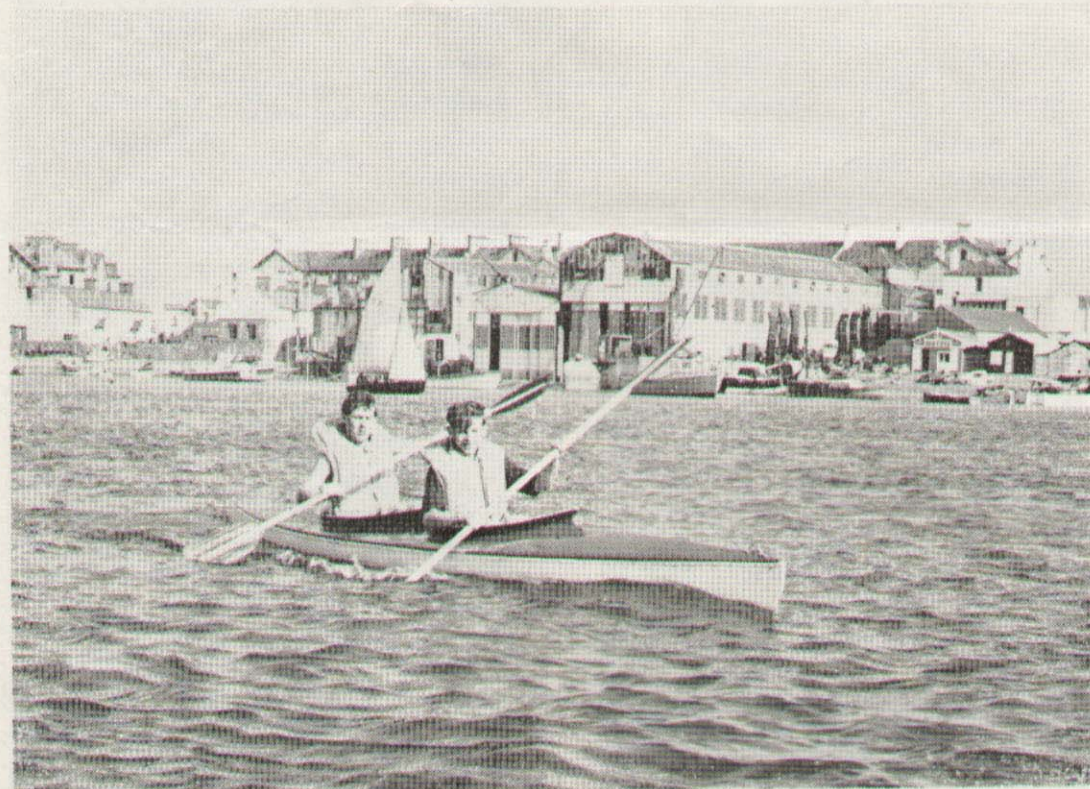


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While J/Sig. Connell of Kukri demonstrates canoe construction to a newer member of the hobby, two more members of the troop, J/Signalmen Livesey and Evans, show their dexterity in handling a vessel



KUKRI TROOP SUMMED UP

Kukri Troop is named after the famous Gurkha's knife and we are also affiliated to the 17th Gurkha Regiment. The Gurkhas are renowned for their stealth and fighting ability through rough country, particularly in the jungle. We are very proud to be called Kukri and have our patrols named after some of the most famous Gurkha tribes. These patrols are; Pun, Gurung, Chettri, Thappa, Rai and Limba.

We have what must be the biggest troop, with 43 boys in all. Our strongest troop sport is hockey, where we have five representatives in the first team. Perhaps the fact the the hockey officer (Captain A. L. Watson) is our troop commander, has something to do with this, since he has such tremendous enthusiasm for the game that he cannot fail to get results among the boys. This is not to say, of course, that we have no interest in other sports for we have J/Sgt. Stone who is a stalwart in our successful Regimental football side; Kirby, Whitehead and Griffith, who are first class rugby players; and Drew, Lee Webb and McMaster, who give grand support to the cross-country team. We think this is a fair sporting record for any troop to have.

Educationally, we seem to be the equal of any other troop in the Regiment, with most of our people having a full Intermediate Certificate, a good number with some senior subjects and three, (Abraham, Barton and Penfold) with subjects at GCE level. PT tests are progressing very satisfactorily.

This term Kukri won the Boxing Shield, two of the most decisive wins of the evening coming from Parkin and James. But it was in depth that the troop gained over other troops, for we had enough finalists to guarantee a very good score, even if none of them had won.

At the end of the term the Troop says goodbye to Capt. Watson and Sgt. Burnham. We hope to give them a grand farewell by becoming double champion troop, something we almost achieved last term. The other troops will have something to say about this but we feel we have the right blend of talent to see us through.

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Kukri troop race between themselves in the Regimental Enterprises at Shaldon
(by Sgt. Stockham)

SUMMER CAMP

In the last two weeks of the Summer term, Kukri troop participated in various forms of exercise during the Summer Camp period. We started on Monday and Tuesday with a camping and night exercise on Dartmoor which involved catching escaped convicts (Beaufighter Troops patrols) at night, in a confined area of the moor. Apart from the fact that we did not see any of their patrols and they did not see any of ours, the exercise went very well indeed.

After we had returned to Denbury and had a good night's sleep, we went to the Rippon Tor range with the rest of the squadron for some shooting, during which time many of the troop achieved second class or above qualifications but no-one being lucky enough to shoot any of the troop sergeants and so become marksmen.

A radio communication race was the next thing on the agenda, the idea being to catch or corner Captain Watson and Corporal Peters who were travelling around the lanes of Buckfastleigh and Ashburton in a

car. The area here too was rather confined and although we did not manage to catch them, we did learn a great deal about operating radios, as well as getting a good soaking into the bargain for it rained the whole day.

On the following Monday we went to Dawlish Warren and although it was not a very warm day we all enjoyed ourselves swimming, exploring the beaches and generally relaxing in holiday mood. Canoeing at Churston Cove followed this, carrying over the holiday mood which had been engendered at Dawlish. The weather helped here too, for it was a scorching hot day, ideal for water sports and sunbathing. The female population of Devon was out also that day, and this provided an interesting sideline to fill in the spare time.

Now I come to think of it, the last days of the camp were spent almost entirely on the beach, soaking up the glorious Summer weather. It was the perfect way to finish up the term, and put us in good stead for the leave period which followed immediately afterwards.
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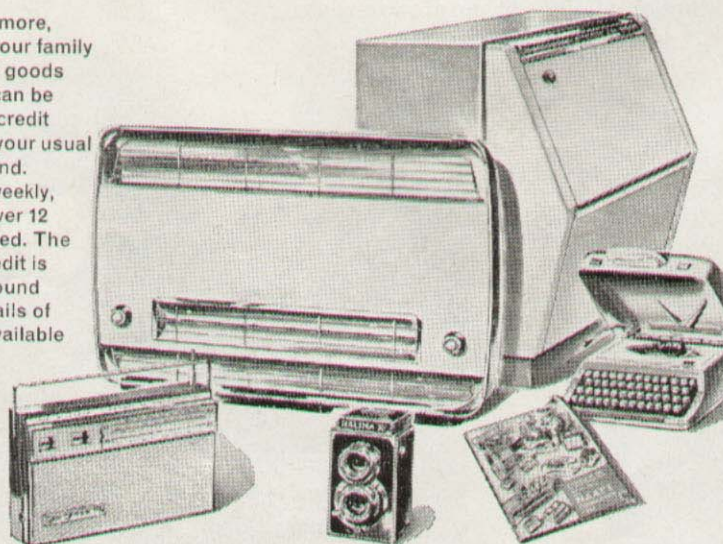


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FIRST IMPRESSIONS

by J/Sig. Jobson of Junior Wing

The train pulled in to Aldershot station and it was time to set off for Newton Abbot. I shook hands with Dad as he gave me a few words of advice about how to get on in the army, words which I had heard many, many times before. I stepped into the doorway of the train just as the hooter blew its warning call, and I stuck my head out of the window to exchange waves with Dad, now getting rapidly further and further away.

"Well," I thought to myself, "You're in now. There's no turning back. You've made your decision and that's it."

Within three hours I was in Newton Abbot and my first impression was not good, except for the fact that it had stopped raining and the sun was shining which it hadn't been in Aldershot. There was a bus waiting outside the station for the new recruits as they arrived, and after a long wait for the next train to come in, we set off for our new home.

I must confess that my first view of the camp sent a few shivers down my spine for it did not look in the least hospitable, rather like a colony of little black huts perched on a windswept hill and reminiscent of an open prison I once saw featured in a film. But inside the impression was quite different and I remember thinking to myself that I could enjoy it here if only I make up my mind to settle down quickly.

After we had alighted from the coach a sergeant came up to us and directed us to a spider—to non-military people this is a large, six roomed hutment—where we were given a bed, and a Junior Lance Corporal showed us how to lay out our sheets and blankets

in the traditional army fashion.

There were lots of little jobs to do than like the handing in of Income tax forms and other such bits of paper, before we were finally taken to the Quarter Master's store where we were issued with the most enormous pile of kit imagineable. I just couldn't see the use of it then—now I do.

I didn't talk to many people at first for I think we were all pretty nervous, but soon the ice broke and the room became a hive of chatter and noise as we told each other of our previous existences and advised each other on the best way to get a really good shine on our boots.

The next day we were up at six-thirty which I must confess did not suit me very much since I have had always been very fond of my bed, more especially at nine o'clock in the morning. After breakfast we were bounced backwards and forwards between the QM and the MO like yoyos, and then swung sharply in the direction of the barber where I soon learned how that gentleman got his name.

Although discipline was slack in the first few days, it became more strict as we gradually learned what soldiering was about. But I liked it, especially when we got on to more interesting things, and now after six week's training I think I can safely say that I am settling down well to the life of a Junior Leader.

FROM PAYS CORPS TO SIGNALS

On September 25th this year I transferred from the Royal Army Pay Corps to this unit and arrived on a Monday afternoon in typical Devon weather, rain.

The Commanding Officer interviewed me and said I would be attached to Kukri Troop for a probationary period so that the Royal Signals and I could both be happy about the transfer. The lads of Kukri made me very welcome and, as time goes by, I begin to realise that this is a very good troop to be with.

The Adventure Training and sports programmes compared with Pays Corps training are about the same except that I've now added caving to my list of experiences. In many ways the life at Denbury appeals to me. There are more social activities but they do not seem to be taken advantage of by a lot of boys, which is rather a pity. The accommodation was better with the Pay Corps but that was a new camp with every facility, and I understand that Denbury will eventually be rebuilt.

The trade structure is, of course, widely different from that of the Pay Corps, and I find it very interesting. I am at the moment with the Communications Centre class and enjoy the work a great deal. There is still the academic side to be reckoned with, and I could sometimes do with the computer I left behind me with the Pay Corps, which is one of the most modern in the world and looks after the pay of the British Army.

It is now almost certain that I shall be staying with the Royal Signals, so for the rest of the term it will be training, education and competitions as a full member of the troop, confident and looking forward to the battle for champion troop.

J/Sig. P. D. GRIFFITHS

ADVANCED TRAINING

The notion that weight training makes an athlete slow and 'muscle bound' dies hard. In fact, the opposite is the case. A strong muscle will always react more quickly than a weak one.

The value of weight training is now accepted by all good coaches and can be summed up in two words—greater resistance. When a boy does 30 press-ups, the first 20 are too easy to do any good. Put a 20-pound weight on his back and he will perhaps do a dozen. The result is a saving of time and

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While one-third of the group are so engaged

the remainder are all following weight training schedules individually designed for the events in which they specialise, the purpose being to give strength and power to relevant muscle groups.

It would be folly to expect our work to turn all boys into crack athletes, but what we do claim is that we can make them into better athletes than they would have otherwise have been.

M. H.



Not much weight, but try it twenty times to get the real effect.



A first-class exercise for shot putters and discus throwers. (by J/Sgt. Cross)

SIGNALS BEAT THE COOKS

In the recent Army Junior Cup game played at Denbury, the Regimental team beat the side from the Army Catering Corps Junior Leaders by five goals to two.

Although the ACC were short of a player for most of the match, their right back having been taken to hospital with a badly gashed head, they were no match for the Denbury team in either speed or skill. On the occasions that they did score, both goals came from breakaways rather than constructive moves.

The Regiment's goals were scored by Baggaley, Kay, Davison (from a penalty), an own goal from the ACC full back and the

goal of the match by Docherty, who slammed the ball past a bemused goalkeeper from at least 30 yards.

The question now is whether the team can keep up its winning form in the cup. Certainly playing regularly in the adult league is having the desired effect of making the players go right for the ball, as well as convincing the team that straight, hard football is the stuff that produces results, and not the frills and pretty play. This may well be Denbury's year for the Cup. If it isn't, it will not be for the want of trying.



This is the one from Kay which got through in the rout of the Cooks

(by J/Sig. Budden)

Weight Lifting Champion

We are delighted to note that Lt. Mervyn Huggins RAEC has recently won the South-Western Weight Lifting Championship at his weight. His total of 650 lbs. was 40 lbs. more than the reigning champion from Bristol, and we congratulate him on his success.

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REGIMENTAL RUGBY—

Boys and "Fleas"

The boys' rugby side has had mixed fortunes this season, there seeming to be a failure in co-ordination somewhere along the line. In a recent match against King Edward VI School, Totnes, the school won 11-3, having been held to a 3-3 draw at half time. From the fitness point of view the Denbury boys were of an equal with their opponents, but in the finer points of the game the school-boys had the edge. One always had the feeling that more practice in the basic skills of the game would have benefitted both sides, but the Regimental team in particular. Enthusiasm abounds but so must skill if progress is to be made in the Army Cup next term.

Permanent Staff Rugby

The 'Fleas' have not made a very auspicious start to the season due mainly to a shortage of experienced players. In the three matches played to date, all have been lost.

Against an energetic and quite skilful HMS Raleigh the Fleas lost 26-0, some glaring weaknesses in many positions being all too obvious. The second match saw a defeat for the Fleas by 8-6 to Exeter University Second XV. This was a match which could and should have been easily won. Even with Capt. Cuthill and Lt. Pearce absent, playing at Beaconsfield for the RAEC, there should

still have been sufficient skill in the remaining players to beat this willing but undistinguished side. As it was, a penalty goal and a goal to a penalty goal and a try resulted. Scorers for the Fleas in this match were, Price a try and Cooksley a penalty.

In the first round of the District Cup against 95 Commando RA at Plymouth, a fluctuating match brought defeat for the Fleas by 16 points to 9. This was a game which could have gone either way and it was the Fleas who scored first with a well taken dropped goal by Price. Some vigorous play on the part of the Commandos brought a spate of scoring which took the half time score to 11-3. It was in the second half that the Fleas came back with a good try by Price and a penalty by Pearce. 11-9 and the Fleas were poised for victory, but it was not to be. A breakaway try which was converted gave the Commandos victory in this very keen, hard fought contest.

What the Fleas seem to lack at the moment is the ability to finish off highly promising moves. In this game in particular that final thrust is all important. It is good to see some of the new players picking up the game and putting everything into it. All that is now required is that elusive first victory as a reward for all the effort.

Army Inter-Unit Boxing Championships 1964

In the recent match against the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion at Oswestry, probably the best team in the competition if their record over the past two years is anything to go by, the Regimental boxers were narrowly beaten by 24 points to 21. At the end of the first half of the contest our Class A boxers were leading by one point, thanks mainly to good wins by Finn, Connachan, Foster and Unwin. Unfortunately the Class B boxers were unable to keep this up, and of this group only Carr and Vaughan were successful.

Results (Regimental names first).

Class A—J/Sig. Finn beat J/Pte. Gartside, points; J/Sig. Foster lost to J/Sig. Lewis, points; J/Sig. Connachan beat J/Pte. Prosser, points; J/Sig. Muir lost to J/Pte. Bird, referee stopped contest; J/Sig. Foster beat L/Pte. Flood, referee stopped contest; J/Sig. Unwin beat J/Pte. Bainbridge, points; J/Sig. Nightingale lost to J/Pte. Downey, points.

Class B—J/Sig. Carr beat J/Pte. Phillips, referee stopped contest; J/Sig. Parkin lost to J/L/Cpl. Baillie, knock out; J/Cpl. Vaughan beat J/Pte. Cousins, knock out; J/Sig. Baker lost to J/Pte. Lawrie, points; J/Cpl. Watson lost to J/Pte. Popple, points; J/Sig. Wiseman lost to J/Sgt. Kelley, referee stopped contest; J/Cpl. Rumsey lost to J/Pte. Smith, points; J/Cpl. Hall lost to J/Pte. McCombie, points.



A snatch for the loose ball in the recent game against Exeter University 2nd XV.



Sergeant Ron Block leaps high for the ball whilst being given good support by the pack. (by J/Sgt. Budden)

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