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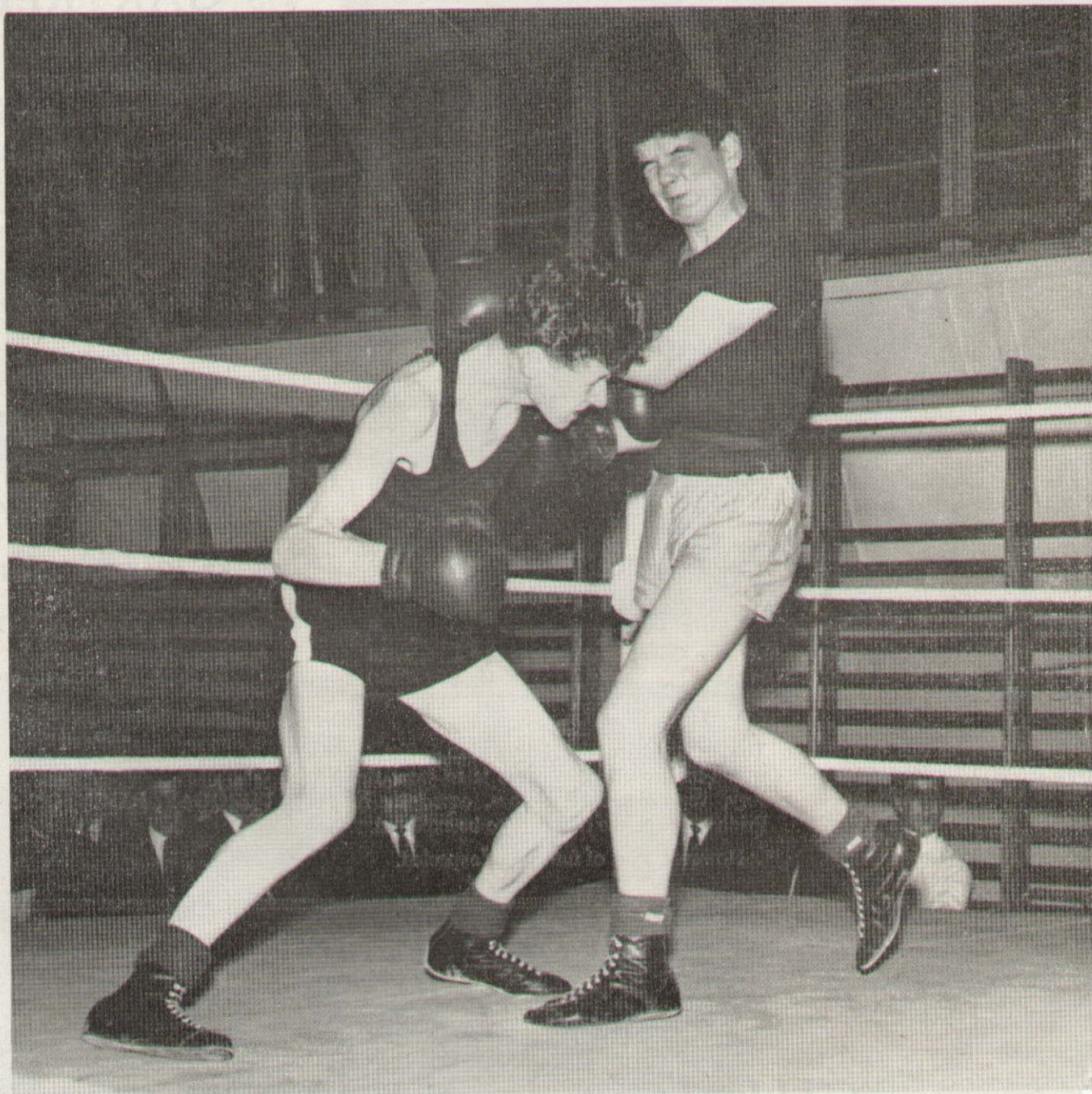
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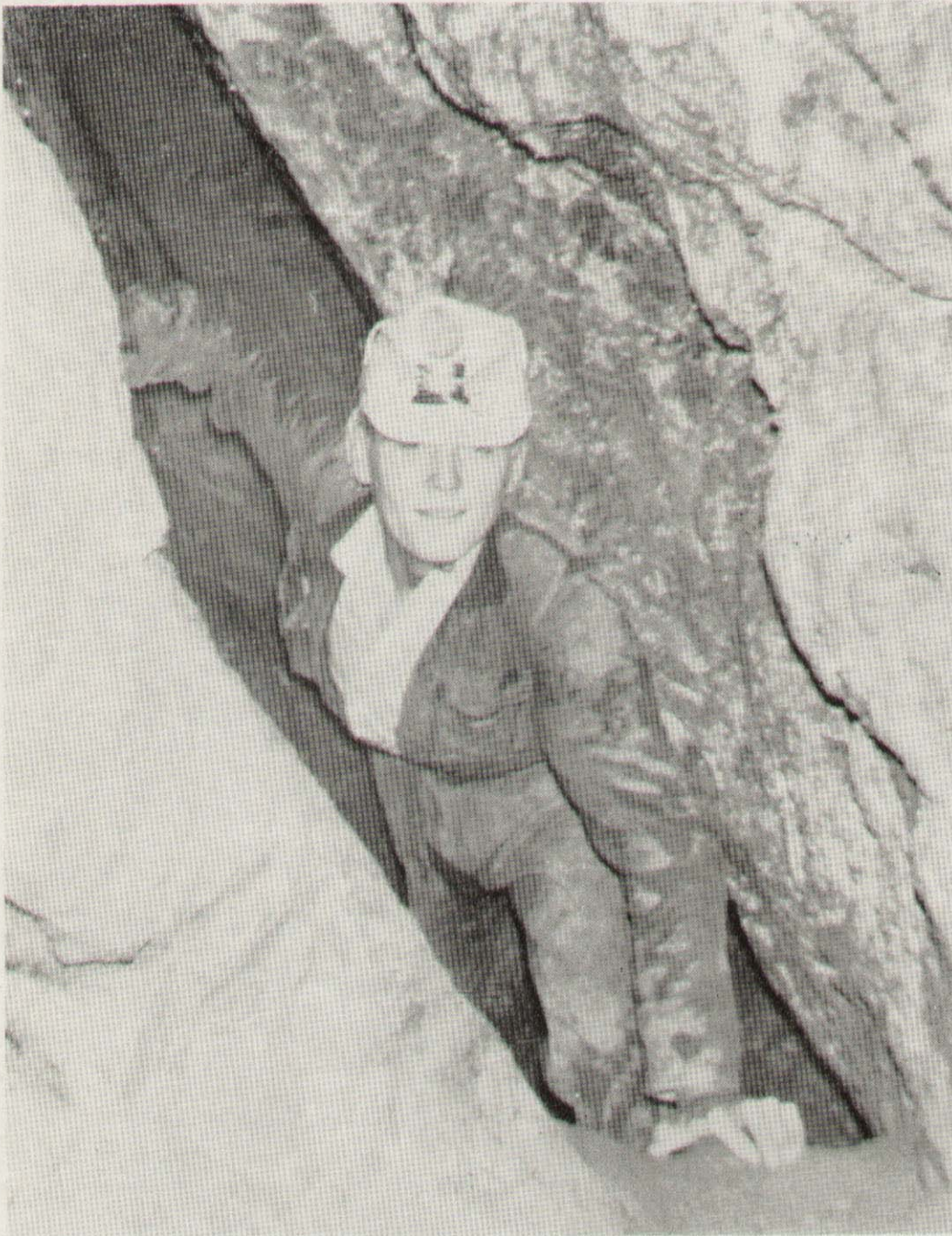


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Junior Signalman Willis, of Iron Troop, grimaces as a left hook from Kukri's Junior Signalman Parkin explodes on his ribs during the 1964 Unit Boxing Finals. Parkin went on to win the contest. (Photograph by Sgt. Stockham)

★ **KOHIMA TROOP SPECIAL ISSUE** ★
REGIMENTAL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1964
REPORT AND PICTURES



J/Sig Mike Crookes (Jerboa Troop) emerges smiling from Drip Cavern in Derbyshire after a successful day's exploration. Read the account of this expedition on page 4. *(by J/Sig Henle)*

Spelaeology. The interest in this pastime has increased recently with the expeditions which took place at the end of last term, and it is good to see that Exercise Underground is now included in the list of suggestions for troops on Adventure Training days.

The best advice the Editor can offer to would-be grovellers in caves is to wear the very, very oldest of clothes, especially in Pridhamsleigh, the first cave to be explored.

However, a lot of fun can be expected.

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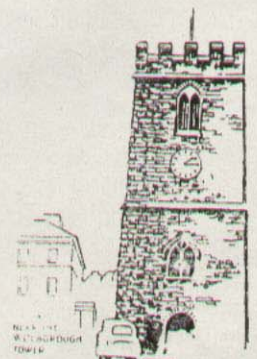
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EDUCATIONAL TRENDS

Many of you have been here long enough to remember the days before we had proper classrooms or any science or engineering drawing facilities at all, and will, therefore, be well aware of the progress made in this direction over the past four or five terms. For the benefit of those who have just arrived in the Regiment I should like to give you some idea of what may well happen during your time here.

There is a growing need in the world, and not least in the Royal Signals, for more Scientific and Technical Training. To help in this direction we are increasing our Science Department by one more graduate Lecturer and shall then be able to offer Engineering Science and, in conjunction with the Trade Training Wing, probably telephony, as Senior Test subjects in addition to Physics and General Science. At the same time we intend to offer some people the opportunity of taking the first year City and Guilds Telecommunications and Technicians Examination as an alternative to G.C.E 'O' Level.

All this will, of course, require additional facilities. Most of the equipment is here but to make full use of it we need more laboratory space. Two more science laboratories have been authorised and work on them should soon begin.

From the examination angle, increasing importance is being given to research and practical work carried out during the term and a proportion of the examination marks is given for such work. Those who are taking General Science have already experienced this, and have found that these projects entail a lot of work on one's own account and also in one's own time.

I should like to clear away the mystery which surrounds the relationship between the Senior Test and the Army Certificate of Education (First Class). At present, Senior Test requires passes in five subjects whilst A.C.E. (First Class) requires four only; but these must be the correct four. What will probably happen in the near future is that



A typical classroom scene at Denbury Camp.

(by A. Cooksley)

enlisted boys (Junior Leaders, etc.) will be required to study five subjects but will have to pass in four only, the fifth being a non-examination subject. The choice of subjects will be limited to a certain extent. So far as the Royal Signals are concerned the requirements will almost certainly be:

- (a) English (compulsory for all).
- (b) Either Mathematics or Arithmetic or—after you have entered Man Service—Military Calculations and Accounting.
- (c) Any other two subjects from a long list which includes, of course, the ones offered here.

At the moment those who enter Man Service having fulfilled all these requirements are granted exemption from A.C.E. (First Class).

Finally, I must emphasise the importance in your own interests of getting ahead with qualifications. From this term you will require a full Intermediate Certificate before you can be considered for promotion beyond Junior Corporal. In addition, until you have completed your Intermediate Certificate, you may be barred from taking part in any activity which takes you outside the Regiment in working hours. There is nothing to hinder your progress. If you are up to standard you may take Intermediate subjects while you are in Junior Squadron. Thereafter you may take whatever you still require of that Certificate every term until you complete it. At Senior level too, you move at your own speed. It is entirely up to the Junior Leader—his fate is in his own hands.



Harvest Festival 1964 at St. George's Church, Denbury Camp.

(by Sgt Stockham)

Harvest Thanksgiving

The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on the first Sunday in October at St. George's Church, Denbury Camp. A large congregation appreciated to the full the charming and effective way in which the ladies of the Regiment had decorated the altar and its surrounds, and in particular the most striking flower arrangement which set off our recently dedicated stained-glass window.

Some of the best-known of the Harvest hymns were sung, including one or two in modern and unusual settings. The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. L. Wood, a visitor from St. Paul's Church, Preston. Being an ex-member of the Royal Navy, Rev. Wood is well used to service personnel and his address proved to be both interesting and amusing, as well as being right to the point. The Harvest gifts were distributed in the traditional fashion.

ARMY ARTS AND CRAFTS COMPETITION

In the above competition, two first prizes were obtained by members of the unit. Mrs. J. Johnson, wife of Cpl. Johnson, Dental Centre NCO, won one of them for two sculptured heads, whilst J/Sig. T. Lewis, of Beaufighter Troop, won the other for creating a Terracotta figure called "The Early Soldier". We congratulate them both on their achievements

CAVING IN DERBYSHIRE

by J/Sigs. MIKE CROOKES and DAVE HENLE



J/Sig Dave Henle, a Jerboan from Buckfastleigh, walks along one of the more accessible passages in the Thermal Cave.
by J/Sig Crookes

During the summer leave we decided that we would spend some of the time camping and caving in Derbyshire.

We arrived at our camp site late Sunday evening after hitch-hiking sixty miles from Nottingham, only to find that we had to pitch our tents in pouring rain.

Next day it was still raining so we packed our equipment ready for the day's caving. Finally the weather cleared and we set off on a four-mile hike to the Devonshire Cavern. We had dinner and changed at the entrance of the cave which was down a steep, muddy slope which led to the main chamber. This had a length of 150ft., was 50ft. wide and about 40ft. high. From here we entered the passage leading down to the lakes. The obstacles which we had to overcome were some very tight crawls and a 20-foot shaft which led to Drip Cavern. This was the most interesting aspect of the

cave, for at this spot we were several hundred feet beneath the River Derwent. We then proceeded down a steep stone shaft where the roof nears the floor. We had to go through on our backs to avoid being drowned as there was about six inches of water in the tunnel. This obstacle is known as the back-breaker. From here to the lakes the going consisted of a series of easy crawls. After leaving the lakes, we had the long journey back to the surface. When we arrived back at the camp we both agreed that it had had been a very exciting first day's caving.

During the night it rained again, but luckily in the morning it stopped so we could make an early start to a cave known as Dido's Hole. The entrance is in a steep cliff by the side of the River Derwent. We entered the cave on a 15ft. rope which would be useful for the return climb. From here we walked along the main stream

passage. This led to a very difficult climb down a chimney, at the bottom of which we were standing in five feet of water; this was the main pool chamber. We then followed the stream which became fairly wide before it flowed into a deep lake. This was as far as we could go because it was too wide to cross.

On the way back to the surface we collected some rock crystals and took some photographs. When we reached camp we cooked the evening meal and sat around the fire talking about the day's caving.

Early next morning we decided to go to the Thermal Cave which is in a very dangerous state at the moment, as the entrance is a disused lead mine, a circumstance which can always lead to complications. We entered the cave along the old mine passage; the floor had given way in places revealing deep holes filled with water. We overcame these by either jumping or straddling across them. After leaving the old mine workings we dropped through a small hole which was the entrance to the natural cave system. This system was renowned for its stalactite formations. From here we crawled along a tight passage to a spinal shaft which we descended feet first and came out into one of the biggest caverns we had been in. We were disappointed to find it was a dead end, so we returned to the surface.

The last few days of our camp we spent in collecting rock specimens, taking photographs and, as far as possible, mapping the cave which we had explored. We had thoroughly enjoyed our excursion into the bowels of the earth.



The end of the day—time to relax.

(by J/Sig Henle)

RUGBY

This season the Regiment appears to have a good team in the making. A number of last year's team are still with the unit and in the first match against the Staff side, now known incidentally as the Fleas XV, a sound display was given, even though the eventual outcome was a 16 to 8 win for the Fleas.

The game was played in blustery conditions with almost continuous rain in the second half. The boys led 8 to 0 for a good deal of the time, but the extra weight of the Fleas in the pack and outside told finally and they could not be contained. Those who played well and showed exceptionally good potential were J/SSM Feegan who, of course, has a good rugby playing reputation already in the unit; J/Cpl Scott who plays with great spirit but needs to think more; and J/Sig Charlesworth who has made tremendous strides in his game since last season. Others noted were J/Sig Blackman who plays with typical Cornish verve, and J/Cpl Harvey who defended staunchly in the full-back position. The prospects, indeed, look good.

As for the Fleas, feelings are mixed. Last season was an extremely successful one but a lot of the stars have since moved on. Nevertheless there is a hard nucleus of experience intermingled with a good deal of enthusiasm, and the blend of these two should lead to some very good matches.

RESULTS

J.L. Regt. R. Sigs. 35, Dartmouth H.S.O.B. 6; R.A.C. J.L. Regt. 6, J.L. Regt. R. Sigs. 6; J.L. Regt. R. Sigs. 18, H.M.S. Raleigh 6.

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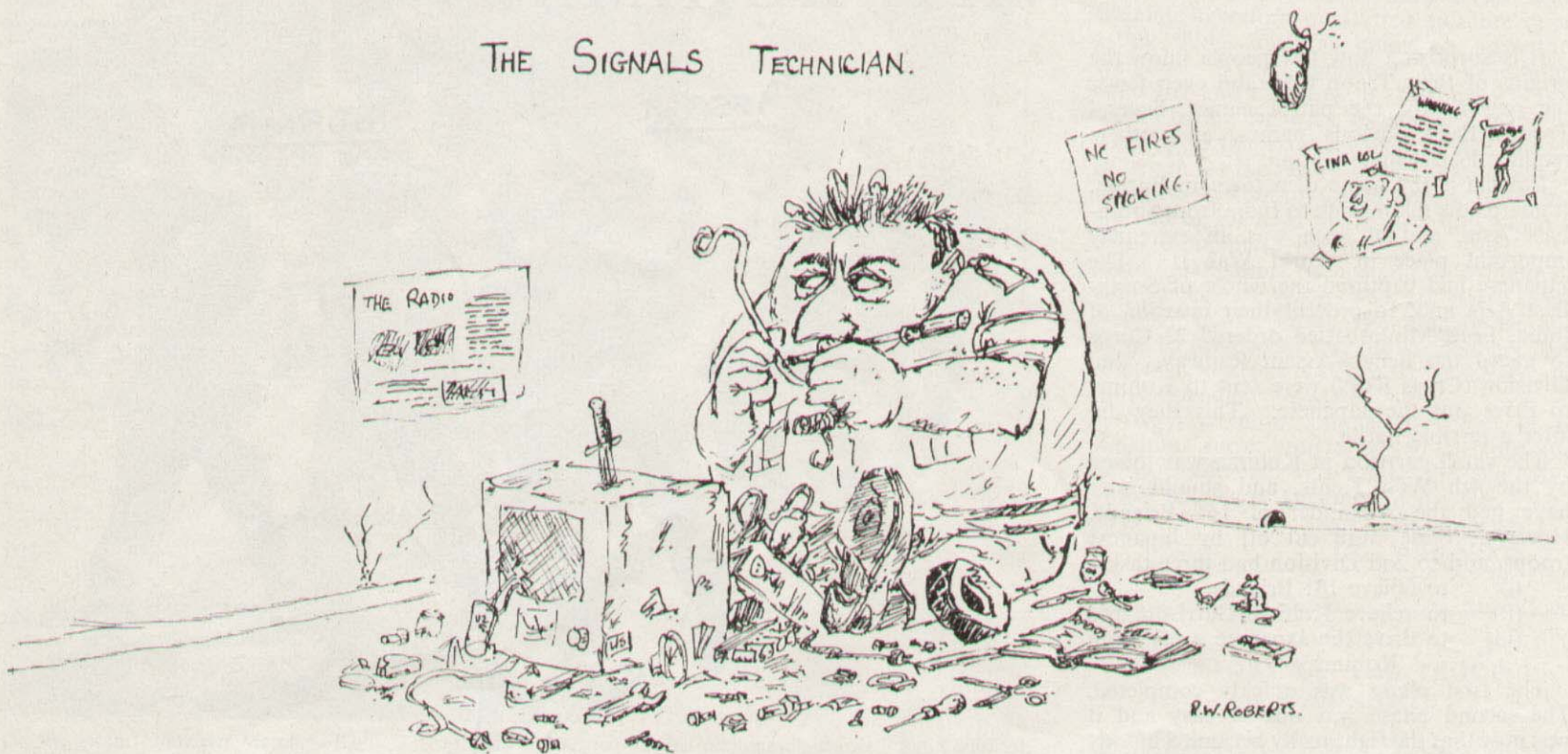
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CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME, 1964

The Christmas Pantomime for 1964 is now well under way with rehearsals taking place regularly every week. It has been decided, this year, to produce an original script as was done in 1962, and get away from the more stereotyped scripts of the traditional pantomime. The title of this year's entertainment will be "Babes in the Moor", or at least it is at the moment. Depending on the development of the script the title will be amended accordingly at the whim of the writers. But whatever happens to the basic story, a lot of fun, music and frolics of high quality can be expected. There will

probably be three performances as usual, one for Junior Leaders, one for parents and staff and one for children.

The Drama Club is fairly well off for talent but, as with all clubs of this type, it is always on the look out for new and fresh ability. If you feel you have something to offer in this line, either acting, singing or simply cleverly clowning, do not hesitate to contact the producers. No one is expecting a Redgrave or an Olivier to appear on the scene, just a few people with the desire to entertain in a small way. The continued resounding success of this annual event will only be assured if plenty of help is forthcoming at the outset.

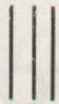
EX-JUNIOR RSM F. WILSON

Those of us who have been here for about eighteen months will recall Junior Regimental Sergeant-Major Fred Wilson, of Exeter. He was married recently to a childhood friend, Miss Cynthia Osborne, and they are both now in Paris where Wilson, a full corporal, is stationed. We wish the Wilsons well, and would like to add here that the editorial staff welcome any bits of news concerning ex-boys, whether recent or otherwise, that might hold an interest for present members or for those who still maintain their links with the unit through the medium of the journal.

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WHY KOHIMA?

It is surprising how few people know the origins of their Troop title, and even fewer the reasons for the patrol names. Several Troops have obvious names, and others require deeper investigation.

Kohima is the name of a town in Burma. It guards the main route to India from South-East Asia, and as such was an extremely important place in World War II. The Japanese had captured the whole of South-East Asia and, to prevent their invasion of India, Lord Mountbatten ordered 23 Corps to guard the Bengal-Assam Railway. 2nd Division (Cross Keys) were sent to Kohima to drive out the Japanese. This they did after a terrible battle.

The small garrison at Kohima was joined by the 4th West Kents, and should later have had the remainder of 161 Brigade. However, these were cut off by Japanese troops, and so 2nd Division had three tasks:

- (i) to relieve 161 Brigade,
- (ii) to relieve Kohima Garrison, and
- (iii) to drive the Japanese away from Kohima.

The first phase was quickly completed. The second phase was not so easy and it was now that the fight really became a bloody one. Eventually Kohima was relieved, after 16 days and nights of hard fighting.

The names of the patrols in our Troop are all connected with the war in Burma.

Grover is named after Major-General John Grover CB, MC, who commanded the 2nd Division at Kohima.

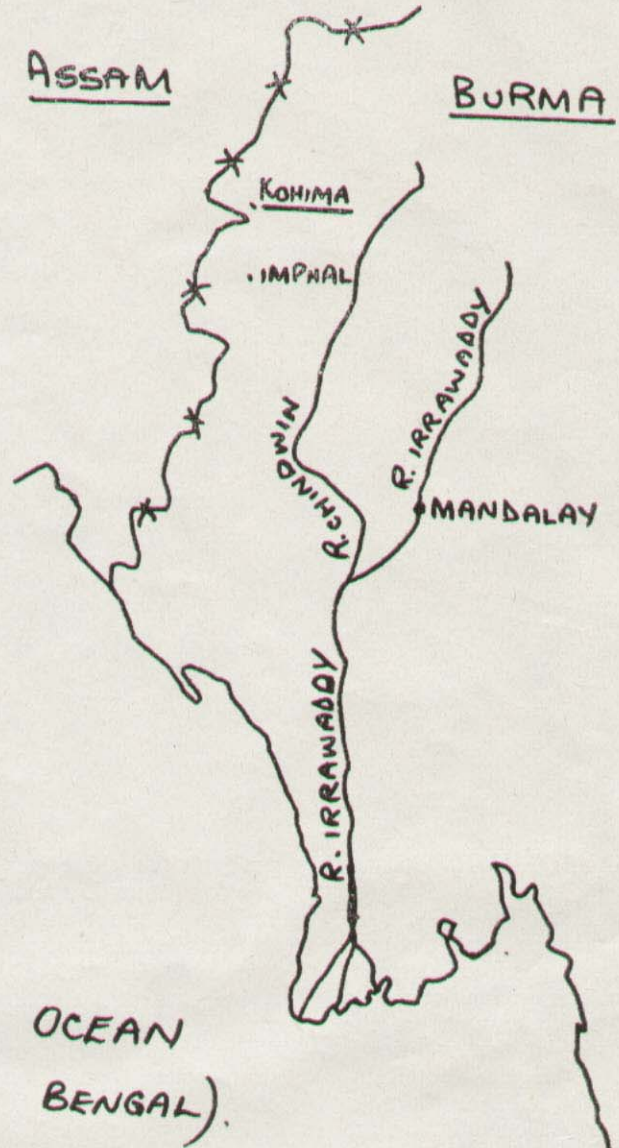
Harman is named after Lance-Corporal John Harman, who won a VC whilst commanding a forward section of the 4th West Kents. In the dark one night the Japanese set up a machine gun post 50 yards from his section. He went forward alone and, using a grenade, captured the gun, shooting four of the crew, and bayoneting a fifth. Walking back he was killed by a burst of fire from another gun.

Imphal is the name of the plain south of Kohima where 23 Corps was due to join up with 4 Corps.

Mandalay. This is the major town in Central and North Burma, and the second largest town in the country after Rangoon, the capital. It featured later on in the history of the War.

Irrawaddy. The main river of Burma, the Irrawaddy provides water for the majority of the population.

Chindwin. The major tributary of the Irrawaddy is the Chindwin, and in its valleys



INDIAN OCEAN
(BAY OF BENGAL)

some of the bloodiest and heroic fighting took part between the troops of General Wingate, called the "Chindits," and the Japanese.

Behind the names of this troop and its patrols lies the history of the war in Burma, hence we are associated with 2 Signal Regiment and, of course, could be in no other Squadron but Slim.

Capt. M. J. L. BYGRAVE, R. Signals.

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On the recent Nijmegen Marches, Kohima were well represented as this photograph shows. Sgt Lightfoot, J/Sgt Docherty and J/Sig Temmen all kept the Troop flag flying.

KOHIMA TROOP'S EFFORTS FOR TEN TORS 1964

Our Troop was placed in charge of erecting Ten Tors village and providing a guard over the stores and tents which were up on the top sports field. Our first task was to dig latrines, and we started digging a fortnight before Ten Tors. It was pretty easy for the first 12 inches and then we struck granite and it took us the rest of the fortnight to go through it with pick and shovel. The next task was the digging of ditches for drains. The biggest but easiest task came next—it was the erecting of store tents and marquees, which was quite a laugh. When it was finished we erected an arch at the entrance of the village with wood. This idea was invented by J/Cpl. Young, who was NCO in charge of us.

Our Troop Ten Tors team was not to be left out as they carried out an extensive training programme which included circuit training and 42-mile rambles. The team consisted of J/Sgt. Dockerty, who was captain, J/Cpl. Vaughan, J/Cpl. Guy, J/Cpl.

Johnstone, J/Sig. Berry and J/Sig. Temmen. The team did very well by coming in first in the 50 miles, the first time it has ever been done. The team was piped in at the finish by Pipe-Major D. Young, who piped in his own Troop. The effort of Ten Tors was mostly done by the will of J/Sgt. Dockerty, who didn't give the team any rest, but drove them on to come first. He said afterwards that he wouldn't have made it if our Troop Sergeant, Sgt. Lightfoot, hadn't kept them so fit by the training which they did.

J/Sig. MUIR T.

LIFE AT DENBURY

When we first came into the Regiment we thought it was not going to be very pleasant, but when we eventually settled in and got used to the new way of life it began to get more interesting. We soon made friends with people we would not have met in civilian life.

When we started on our basic training, time seemed to fly past and before we knew

it we were on half-term leave. When we came back off leave we had finished our basic training, therefore we started on more interesting things such as going on adventure training. This consisted of swimming, canoeing and exercises on Dartmoor. Two weeks before we went on summer leave we went up to the Troops which we had chosen to live in for the rest of our days at Denbury.

When we went up to the Troop 'Kohima' we had to get used to the new life, which is a lot different to life in Junior Wing. We had to make more friends and we made them very quickly. When we first heard what went on in the Troops we thought we had come to the end of our life at Denbury, but after a few weeks it began to get better and more friendly.

We have now completely settled in to Kohima, have been accepted as full and active members, and enjoy the life of a young soldier at Denbury to the full.

J/Sig. THACKER J.
J/Sig. BROWN R.

A STORY OF THE TROOP or Kohima Saga

*At the top of the tree is our O.C.,
Called Captain Bygrave by name is he,
Hockey is his favourite sport,
You'll see it there on his term's report.
Next stop down he wears three tapes,
Sergeant Lightfoot, nicknames he hates,
Really he's a P.T.I.,
And in the gym, oh, my! oh, my!
Our boy sergeant's name is Good old Doc,
He's leaving this term, oh, what a shock,
You see he's one of the Troop's top runners
On track and in baths he welcomes all-comers.
Next lot down comes corporals three,
Other troops have two but as you see,
Our Troop's quite large, and therefore we,
Are quite entitled to have three.
Five lance-jacks are next in line,
All different sizes but just as fine,
Roy Foy, Biff and Mick Read too,
And then there are the other two,
Jimmy and Goose, they're lance-jacks,
They try to be tough, but they're good old wacs.
Now the rest of the troop you'll all meet,
To total the lot we've been counting feet,
We then divided the lot by half,
We failed, cor blimey, what a laugh.
Now a tribute to our friends gone by,
To them we give a doleful sign,
Of envy, of course, and as you see,
It's goodbye from David and Dick and me.*

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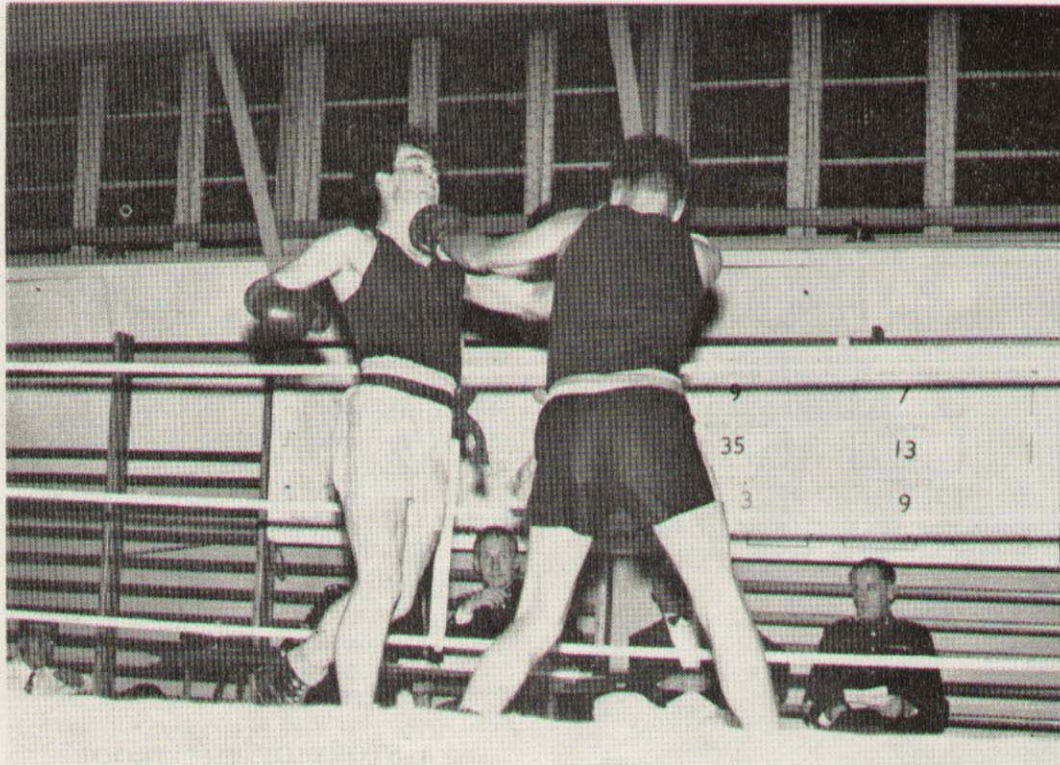
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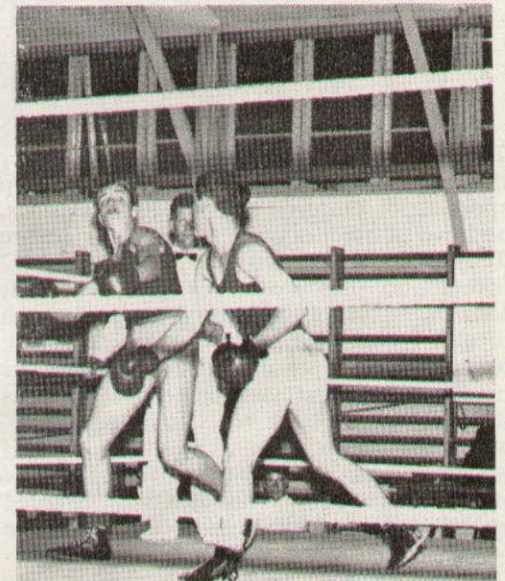
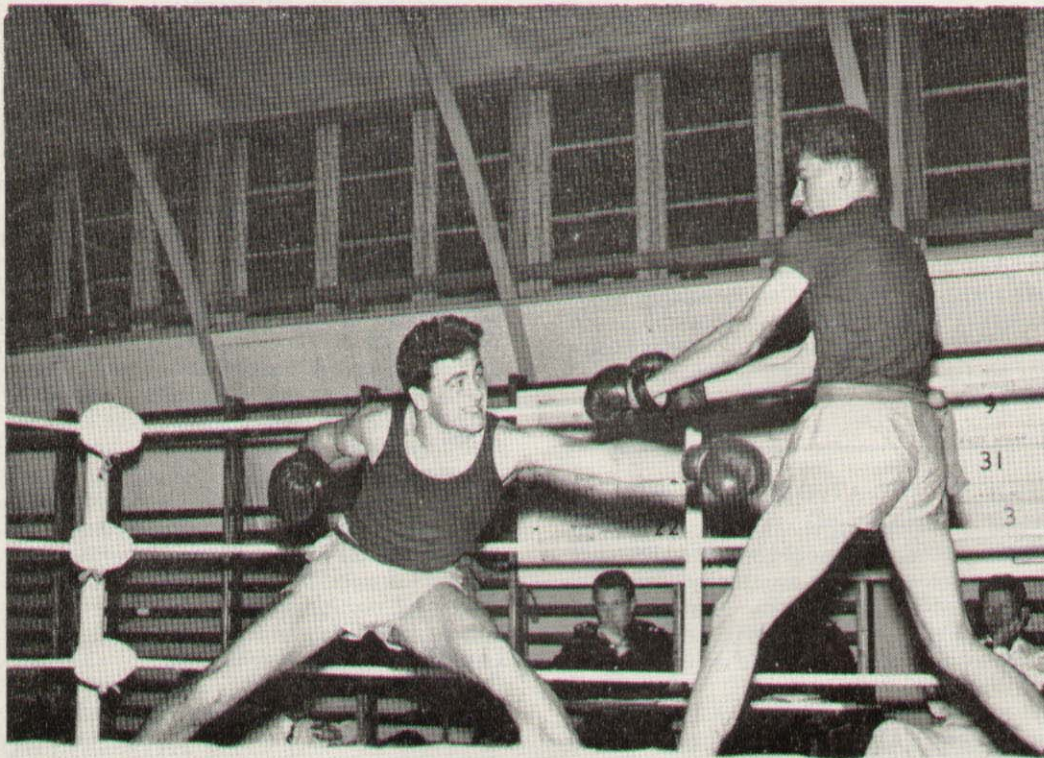
The first fortnight of term saw the eliminating bouts of the Inter-Troop Boxing Championships, culminating in the finals which were held on an evening in the last week of September. Altogether more than a hundred Junior Leaders took part in the eliminating bouts and Finals' Night brought the twenty-nine boxers into the ring, the thirtieth finalist being unable to box. Some very exciting contests were much enjoyed by an appreciative audience, and the prospects for this year's Army Championships look very good indeed.

The highspots of the Finals were the bouts in which our two I.S.B.A. Champions took part. J/Sig Unwin, who hardly seemed to receive a blow, knocked out J/Sig Laws in the second round; whilst J/Sig Carr showed tremendous aggression in his match with J/Sig Drew, and the referee had to stop the fight in the first round to prevent Drew from taking too much punishment, and to rescue this game but entirely outclassed boxer.

Amongst the younger boxers who caught the eye were J/Sig Finn and J/Sig Connachan, both of whom had convincing wins.

Not the blow which did the trick, but one of the many which led to the defeat of Allen (Kukri) by Nightingale (Romulus). *(by Sgt Stockham)*

Below: Not many of Palmer's blows were out of range like this one in his bout with King. *(by Sgt Stockham)*



A right hook from Baker (Jerboa) just misses the jaw of Swinefield (White Swan). *(by Sgt Stockham)*

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The end of the proceedings. The Commanding Officer presents the Inter-Troop Shield to J/Sgt Stone of Kukri Troop, the eventual winners. (by Sgt. Stockham)

In the Class B bouts there were some very fine matches. Much aggression was shown by J/Cpl Rumsey but it was not sufficient to cope with a stylish and unruffled J/Cpl Hall, whereas the arm flailing of J/L/Cpl Smith, plus his energy and ferocity, were enough to secure a first round victory over J/Sgt Stone who had to retire with a badly cut mouth.

The Inter-Troop Competition resulted in a win for Kukri Troop, and with seven finalists in the fifteen bouts, this is hardly surprising. They were closely followed by White Spear Troop, with Iron Troop third, another two points behind.

RESULTS (Class A)

J/Sig Finn (Lion) beat J/Sig Dickenson (Kohima) on points; J/Sig Brown (Quadrant) beat J/Sig Ward (White Spear)—stopped;

J/Sig Connachan (Lion) knocked out J/Sig Ward (Iron); J/Sig Foster (Lion) beat J/Sig Harris (Romulus)—stopped; J/Sig Unwin knocked out J/Sig Laws (White Spear); J/Sig King (Iron) knocked out J/Sig Palmer (White Spear); J/Sig Nightingale (Romulus) knocked out J/Sig Allan (Kukri).

(Class B)

J/Sig Carr (White Swan) beat J/Sig Drew (Kukri)—stopped; J/Sig Parkin (Kukri) beat J/Sig Willis (Iron) on points; J/Sig James (Kukri) beat J/Sig Soppitt (White Spear)—stopped; J/Sig Baker (Jerboa) beat J/Sig Swinfield (White Swan) on points; J/Sig Lee (Kukri) W.O.; J/Sig Wiseman (Lion) beat J/Sig Hunt (Kukri) on points; J/Cpl Hall (Beaufighter) beat J/Cpl Rumsey (Iron)—stopped; J/L/Cpl Smith (Beaufighter) beat J/Sgt Stone (Kukri)—stopped.

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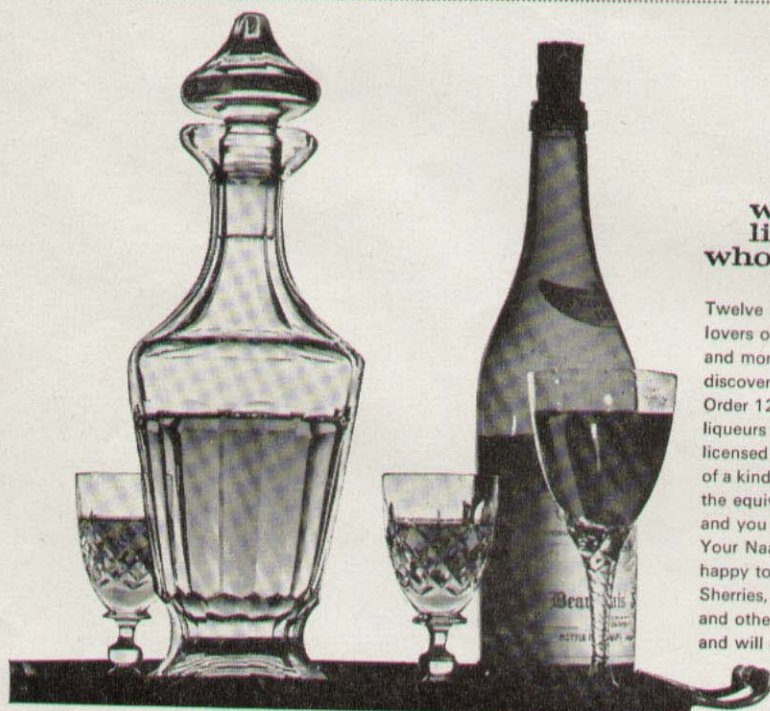
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WELCOME TO DENBURY

This term we welcome 129 new recruits to the ranks of the Junior Leaders now under training at Denbury. This is as large a number as we have ever had before and indicates the success of the recruiting policy now adopted by the Ministry of Defence.

Among the newcomers are three brothers of already established Junior Leaders, including the present Junior Regimental Sergeant-Major. The staff of 'Junior Mercury' extends its own welcome to the new boys, and offers then the columns of this journal for any comments they may have to make regarding their new way of life.



Caught while descending from the Regimental 'bus' are four of the newest arrivals from the North. They are J/Signalmen Fishwick from Blackpool, Maloney from Oldham, Topping from Bolton and Collinson from Bramwell
(by A. Cooksley)

A. Adams	Heywood
A. Air	Wednesbury
N. Barnard	Beccles
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F. Brown	North Shields
M. Black	Liverpool
R. Bone	Glastonbury
F. Bell	Helensburgh
S. Blain	.....	West Hartlepool
M. Buckler	.....	Coventry
R. Burrows	.....	Littlehampton
B. Carter	.....	Llanhilleth
M. Crosby	.....	Blackpool
C. Campbell	.....	Aberdeen
T. Calver	.....	Wissett
P. Cork	.....	Northampton
R. Cole	.....	Guildford
B. Cumberpatch	.....	Northampton
J. Collinson	.....	Bramwell
J. Cunningham	.....	Newcastle
K. Dyer	.....	Old Windsor
J. Duff	.....	Aberdeen
C. Dixon	.....	Sunderland
G. Davies	.....	Gorleston-on-Sea
P. Davies	.....	Southampton
I. Dommitt	.....	Nailsea
D. Denning	.....	Bridgwater
K. de la Haye	.....	Jersey
K. Durkin	.....	Brecon
M. Ellis	.....	Taunton
S. Etches	.....	Ferndown
M. Evans	.....	Amersham
E. Evans	.....	Doncaster
R. Forster	.....	Wohurst Sands
M. Freedman	.....	London N.W.1
J. Fishwick	.....	Blackpool
A. Fawcett	.....	28 Signal Regt., B.F.P.O. 34
G. Forster	.....	Newcastle
M. Garratt	.....	Thatcham
M. Gardner	.....	Torquay
R. Gates	.....	Wakefield
P. Haddock	.....	Grimsby
D. Howe	.....	Oulton
J. Haydock	.....	Leicester
I. Hamilton	.....	Buckhaven
B. Hunter	Workington
M. Howie	Fort George
P. Honey	Guernsey
D. Hild	Chipping Sodbury
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K. Jamieson	Newcastle
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A. Jobson	Farnham

J. Kelly	Dundee
R. Keen	Hindhead
S. Kent	Camelford
M. Knights	Bournemouth
A. Kilner	Acombe
B. Lawrence	Towchester
H. Leslie	Grangemouth
P. Lewry	Ubbeston
P. Martin	Northallerton
C. Margan	Shawbury
J. Maloney	Oldham
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G. Roberts	Liverpool
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D. Ross	Staines
G. Reeves	Saltash
S. Smith	Droylsden
S. Sparnon	Deal
P. Sherwin	Wakefield
A. Smith	Usk
R. Spry	Bude
J. Stead	Eastville
R. Sparks	Redcar
R. Spriggs	Christchurch
J. Topping	Farnworth
L. Tullett	Coiling by Sea
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W. Whitelaw	Forres
K. Whincup	Whitley Bay
K. Waddell	Stirling
R. Wilce	Merthyr
R. Williams	Blaby
M. Webster	Nottingham
A. Wooley	Birmingham
J. Whittaker	Newark
J. Waddingham	Northampton
S. Wright	Taunton
M. Williams	Weaste
S. Walls	Shipton
M. Waring	Featherstone
R. Wainwright	Ramsgate
G. Wilkinson	Market Rasen
S. Young	Alves
A. Young	Clifton

AROUND THE CAMP

The Swimming Bath. Have you noticed that the new Regimental swimming bath has been started? The workmen moved in a short while ago and have made steady progress. It should not be a long job and it is hoped that this facility will be in use very shortly. We understand that its principal use will be in teaching the non-swimmers to swim, although everyone will be encouraged to take advantage of the pool to perfect their technique as well as have a lot of fun.

The New Projector. This has arrived and is now installed in the Globe Cinema. The improvement is outstanding, and one now wonders how the Regiment managed with the old, worn out antiquity for so long.

G.C.E. Successes. The following boys achieved successes in the G.C.E. Examination held in June this year: J/L/Cpl Smith, English Language; J/Sig Wood, English Language; J/Sig Penfold, English Language; J/Sig Fentum, Mathematics; J/Sig Barton, Mathematics; J/Sig Abrahams, General Studies; J/Sig Roberts, General Studies, Technical Drawing. We should like to congratulate these boys wholeheartedly on their success.

EAST HORSLEY

East Horsley is a small village situated in north-east Yorkshire. It is a very picturesque village of 63 inhabitants. The young people who stay there go into agriculture.

I have lived in East Horsley for 15 years and I think that town-dwellers miss a lot of pleasure in life.

I remember when the only water supply in the village was a couple of pumps which drew up spring water, and when there were no tractors; only horses. The old blacksmith's shop did a roaring trade in horseshoes and cart strappings. Now all this has changed, although there are still a considerable number of horses. There are tractors, threshers and combines which do the work more quickly.

I can remember the wonderful times I had walking along the lanes. I knew just where a nest or rabbit's burrow was. I knew where and when the damsons were ripe, or the wild cherries which we picked for making jam, or when it was time for the blackberries, which I sold for 1/- a pound. This was hard but profitable work.

Only people who know village life can understand how much better it is than town life. There is no 'smog' or heavy traffic smell. There is the friendliness of knowing everyone and knowing that the milk you drink and the eggs you eat are straight from the farm. There's the smell and taste of fresh home-baked bread; with jam and butter, there's nothing to beat it.

The pride of the village is the Village Hall, built in 1937, which is an extraordinarily sumptuous building for such a small village. The village has a Methodist Chapel, and a Church which is very small but its setting is exquisite in a little glen. Its own school was built before 1886 and at present there are 19 pupils in attendance.

P. CLARK
(White Swan Troop).

PIGEONS

In my opinion pigeons and pigeon-fancying is one of the most interesting hobbies. There are many types of pigeons and classes. The Fantail is the top class and an attractive pigeon in that of the show birds. A thoroughbred Fantail has 24 tail feathers, and it should not be able to fly. The reason for this is that its tail is too heavy.

A Tipler is a very small bird, but they are also fliers. There is no other pigeon that I know of that can fly so high and for a considerable amount of time. I would not swear about the following statement, but I think the longest period of time that a Tipler has been in the air without landing is about 18 hours. The Tumbler, in my opinion, is an acrobatic and a small, muscular bird. The tactics of this bird is to fly at such a great height that it looks as small as a sparrow. Then it falls suddenly; as it reaches about 100 feet from the ground it loops the loop, does a few dives and then begins to rise.

The Smedley has an extraordinary look about it. The main reason is because it has a small beak and a big body. Also it has curly feathers on its chest. It is used mainly for breeding. The surprising thing is that it is an extremely good flier.

For some reason pigeons dislike brick buildings. If you are thinking of keeping pigeons there are quite a few points to be known beforehand. One of these is to have a decent-sized loft and an ample supply of breeding boxes. The reason for this is obvious; if there are not enough boxes some of the birds will have to lay their eggs on the loft floor and the result is they will get trampled on.

When you start to buy pigeons do so on a small scale, as I did. I made a great mistake. I bought one pigeon to start with. When I came to put another pigeon in with it they would not stop fighting. It is normal for pigeons to fight with each other when they first meet, just to show who's boss. If you buy a lone pigeon it becomes selfish and it does not take to having another pigeon in, as you might say, its home.

P. MALLINDER,
(White Swan Troop).

HOW TO STOP SMOKING

The most important thing if you want to stop smoking is to become convinced that you must stop. If you don't want to stop hard enough, then it is impossible to do so. A lot of people who would like to stop, but don't really make the effort, start looking for some method or pill that will do it for them. It hardly ever works—there isn't one. There are many different ways to stop smoking. For example, a person who usually keeps a cigarette in his mouth, and hardly ever takes it out, may be helped by putting a sweet or something in their mouths. Think of a time when you most want to smoke; if it is in the morning when you wake up pour yourself a glass of bitter lemon and drink that instead. The dry taste should remove your need for a smoke. If you feel most like a smoke when you are relaxing, then find some odd job to do; this will take your mind off smoking. Make a plan to stop smoking for one day, and if you manage to hold out, then add on the next, then the next, and so forth. The urge to smoke will wear off after a few weeks. There is a danger period after those few weeks, when you think the battle has been won, and you may be tempted to have just one cigarette. You will be silly if you do. Many have done this and found themselves right back at the beginning. After a few weeks of not smoking, give yourself or your family a treat out of the money you have saved. You will find that this gives you more pleasure than smoking.

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REGIMENTAL SOCCER

The Regimental soccer side has now moved up into the South Devon Junior League (Division II), out of the Youth League where they have played for many seasons. This means, naturally, that the quality of the teams played will now be much higher and far more experienced, but as a preparation for the Army Cup Competition which looms ahead, this class of football is excellent.

The first match of the season resulted in a narrow defeat at the hands of Torquay British Legion by two goals to one. The score suggests that there was not much to choose between the sides, and that was the way it was. For the Regiment, Rumsey played a very staunch game, particularly in the second half when he had completely settled down, whilst Stone had a most competent match, scoring the Regiment's goal with a very fine shot indeed. The only weakness in this game seemed to be in goal where Witten, although agile and a safe catcher, appeared to be rather small and light



Vaughan, the Regimental team's centre-forward in typical aggressive pose.

(by A. Cooksley)



for this grade of football.

The second game against Torquay Rovers, who are also a very young side for this league, resulted in a fine win by seven goals to nil. The scorers for the Regiment were Rumsey, Vaughan (two), Stone (two), Kay and Young.

A six goals to nil defeat at the hands of Kingsbridge, one of the best and most experienced sides in the division, should not dishearten the team, for they all played well but could not match their older opposition for size and power of shot.

RESULTS

Torquay British Legion 2, J.L. Regt. R. Sigs. 1; J.L. Regt. R. Sigs. 7, Torquay Rovers 0; Kingsbridge 6, J.L. Regt. R. Sigs. 0; J.L. Regt. R. Sigs. 7, Coombe Pafford 0.

Left: Goal! The sixth of the seven goals scored by the Regimental side in their match against Torquay Rovers.
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