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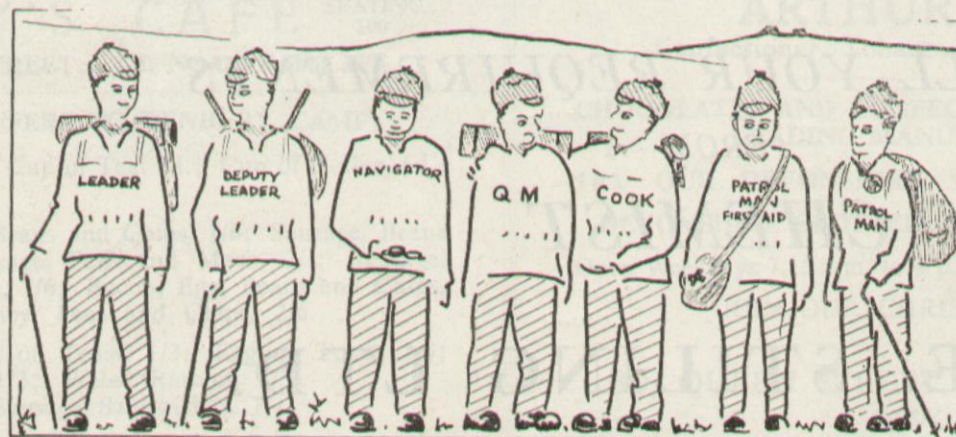
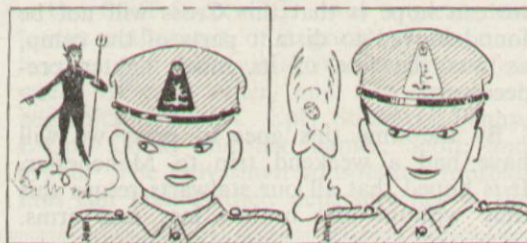
"The eyes of every Regiment in my Corps are upon you. They are keen to receive you as full and equal members and potential Junior Leaders, of the Corps to which we are all proud to belong. You may be assured of their help, their encouragement and their support. You must not fail to live up to the standards they have set for you."

(From the text of HRH The Princess Royal's speech delivered to the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals, on June 12th, 1959).

establishments, Denbury, as a second home, invokes and inspires a special loyalty. How often have I watched a Junior Leader or the Commanding Officer looking out to Haytor—just looking? But there is more to it than that.

When a newcomer joins the Regiment he at once assumes a Junior Wing loyalty and finds himself affiliated to a troop. Of itself, this affiliation extends his loyalty beyond Junior Wing, and in wearing the Troop colour he finds himself thinking about Slim Squadron or Alexander Squadron. There comes a time when the young Junior Leader leaves Junior Wing and says goodbye to his friends there. But he is not lost to them or they to him, for graduating from Junior Wing is marked by the appearance of a BLACK DISC behind each cap badge and so the term is bound together and loyalty holds. Term by term, the next six stages towards the final passing out are marked by these same discs, ranging in colour from black to white, through navy blue, green, red and yellow.

When he joins his troop he is not entirely a stranger



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| Quadrant | Bruno | Kukri | Francisca | Javelin |
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| (Gurkha) | (Gurkha) | (Gurkha) | (Gurkha) | (Gurkha) |
| Sig. Regt) | Sig. Regt) | Sig. Regt) | Sig. Regt) | Sig. Regt) |
| Alamein | Jalwar | Thapa | Hillary | Cromwell |
| Arnhem | Scimitar | Chhetri | Hunt | Churchill |
| Ardennes | Rapier | Pun | Tensing | Crusader |
| Cassino | Cutlass | Gurung | Fuchs | Conqueror |
| Dunkirk | Broadsword | Limbu | Oates | Chieftain |
| Mons | Claymore | Rai | Scott | Centurian |

Those who read the 'Junior Mercury' regularly will know that there are ten Troops in the Regiment, and these are contained in two Squadrons of five Troops each. They will know also that each Troop is adopted by a selected Regular Regiment of the Royal Corps of Signals, the purpose of which is to identify each Junior Leader with an adult unit, in order to develop his sense of loyalty to the Corps through a small and well-defined part of it, and to give him a clear objective for his first step as man and soldier.

A soldier has many loyalties, and they all become more demanding as he advances in rank and experience. There is the Term or Input loyalty, the Troop or Platoon, the Company or Squadron loyalty. Then comes the Regimental, the Corps, the Army, the National and Commonwealth loyalties. And, finally, the symbol of all loyalty—the Queen.

But loyalty is something that can neither be forced nor ordered. Like the building of some great citadel—and there is no greater than man himself—each step must be well considered and carefully planned, and its walls erected with infinite patience and care. Let a single brick slip out of place or become loose, and the whole structure stands in danger of collapse.

Here in the Junior Leaders Regiment, like most service

C/O Tokelau House Yard,
London, E.C.4.
15th November 1960.

Dear Major Rothwell

Thank you very much for your letter of the 11th November. I am most honoured that you should wish to connect my name with one of your Squadrons, and I shall be delighted to do so. Some day perhaps, although not in the immediate future, I may be able to get down and see something of your young soldiers. Let me know how they progress.

*With every good wish to them
and to you. Yours sincerely
Alex*

Major D. Rothwell, M.B.E., R. Signals,
Junior Leaders Regiment,
Royal Signals,
Denbury Camp,
Newton Abbot,
Devon.

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| Iron | White | White | | |
| (3) | Spear | Swan | Jerboa | Kohima |
| (7) | (7) | (30) | (1) | (2) |
| Sig. Regt) | Sig. Regt) | Sig. Regt) | Sig. Regt) | Sig. Regt) |
| Dunkirk | Assagai | Albatross | Marconi | Irawadi |
| Cean | Sabre | Hawk | Bell | Chindwin |
| Normandy | Harpoon | Flamingo | Edison | Imphal |
| Gold | Pike | Gannet | Wheatstone | Mandalay |
| Flanders | Lance | Heron | Murray | Grover |
| Musketeer | Sword | Swift | Baird | Harman |

to it. He finds himself the new member of a patrol, perhaps the only black disc in it, and what matter if the black disc patrolman is the patrol Litterbug? There are other patrols in the regiment, 60 of them to be precise, with a new black disc in each, "and just wait till all those black discs become white, the Regiment will be worth something then!" But what is loyalty, in whatever form or direction it spreads, if it lacks the personal touch? Good Junior Leaders make good patrols; good patrols good troops; good troops a good Regiment; and good regiments a good corps, and however approached, at both ends of the scale, a boy and a man face each other.

Why the personal touch? Have you never watched the Queen smile?

*An adult friend, someone to trust.
A chance to succeed, success
is a must.
Inspired to work, taught to
belong,
Praised when right and helped
when wrong.
Identified and known, not lost
in a stream,
Occasion and opportunity to
blow off steam.
All these, no more, and once
in a while,
A salute or a greeting, a word
and a smile.*

STOP PRESS

The former Anzio Troop which was affiliated to 5 Signal Regiment, has now become Javelin Troop, and is affiliated to 22 Signal Regiment.

EDITORIAL

In a reflective mood one imagines the hustle and bustle early next term when the second Ten Tors comes to Denbury. It will be held over the Whitsun weekend (May 19-21). The age limits have been extended and now embrace all youths from 14 to 20 years of age. Probably some regular Army units will now be participating, and the civilian entry will certainly be increased this year. There is now a new, shortened course for ladies, irrespective of age, which should give the "gentler sex" another chance to emphasize their superiority over the "mere males."

But what of the past? Enough has been said in this current edition of the 'Junior Mercury' about the annual Administrative Inspection—a big day for us all. Yet there was no mention of the Scottish dancers who performed the Corps of Signals Reel before the Brigadier. Are they going to spring into the headlines shortly?

For the present we confine ourselves to welcoming two new features in this current 'Junior Mercury' which are, we hope, to be permanent. They are the Chaplain's Corner, which we hope will please all our readers, and the Civilian Staff Scrapbook, an essential part of any journal representing Denbury Camp now that "civilianization" is becoming so important. Incidentally, the name Civilian Staff Scrapbook seems ugly and unwieldy. Any suggestions?

Our front page this month, with its many associations, is of a serious nature, showing how a Junior Leader can view the vital word "Loyalty," and emphasizing the importance to him of the affiliations between his Regiment and senior Regiments of the Corps.

Finally, a personal farewell to Sgt. Moss (RAEC), whose last month on 'Junior Mercury' this will be. For the past eighteen months he has handled the terrific business and complicated accounting side of this journal in an efficient manner, which has been a great source of strength to the 'Junior Mercury' in a period when it has quintuplicated its circulation.

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STAFF SCRAPBOOK

Our report for this month covers a very varied selection of topics, from the Administrative Inspection to stone masonry.

First reports of the Administrative Inspection seem to be very favourable. Special congratulations to the Orderly Room Staff now managing without a Chief Clerk. The question now is where to get all the letters to fill the trays again. Two incidents we will remember when talking of "Admin." One will be the unusual sight of a certain ACC sergeant in BD, boots and gaiters, the other is the mystery of why one of the RAMC orderlies locked himself in the cupboard and Sgt. Taylor got his kit packed.

One part of our column that will grow larger during the coming months is the farewells. This month it is L/Cpl. Howe from the Tech. Stores and L/Cpl. Alford from the Education Department. We welcome an unusually large number of postings in to help fill the gaps—Pte. O'Brian (RAMC), Sigs. Holder, Morrison, Kneen, and Dvr. Watford. We hope their stay will be a pleasant one.

The MT comes into the limelight again this month, where its members, we are informed, have decided to take up stock car racing. This was frowned on, as the culprits soon discovered.

Amid all the other inspections this month, Cpl. Harris, Pte. Spencer and Pte. Pascoe took part in the District Cookery Competition. Although the results are not known, they can be consoled by the fact that the WO's and Sergeants are still alive after eating their efforts. Perhaps Cpl. Harris should have stuck to his doughnuts that are well remembered from 2 Squadron's (sorry, Slim Squadron's) summer camp last year.

We have now discovered the reason for the sudden rise in weight-lifting practice from Cpl. Sykes and his merry band of PT instructors. Fifteen cwts. of Denbury Cross had to be lifted into position while Sig. Hindley, our competent jack-of-all-trades (as all departments have discovered) dashed round with his little bucket of cement. All we can hope is that this Cross will not be found moved to distant parts of the camp, as was the fate of its much lighter predecessor.

By the time this goes to press we will have had a weekend trip to Manchester. It is hoped that all our stalwarts return this time without any broken legs and arms.

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THE TRIPLE CROWN

As an example to the Junior Leaders, the Staff have behaved in an exemplary fashion in the sporting world this term. For we have made a clean sweep of all South-West District's sporting events. Pride of place must go to the hockey team, who are the proud possessors of both the Hockey Cups (Major Units, S.W. District, and Minor Units, S.W. District), and, as we go to press, are gearing themselves up to carry their challenge throughout Southern Command.

Our footballers, too, have gone one better than the boys—finalists in this season's Army (Junior Leaders) Football Competition. For our Staff XI. have won the S.W. District (Minor Units) Football Cup for the second year running. They too are now preparing to battle for further honours at Command level.

The Staff Basketball team have also won the S.W. District Minor Units Basketball Cup, but alas, it is only the Major Units basketball that progresses further. So the basketballers have exhausted themselves for this season as regards Army competition.

For one unit to have won all four District Cups in one year must surely be a unique achievement, and the 'Junior Mercury' takes this opportunity to wish our hockey players and footballers every success in their subsequent progress. Accounts of all the matches in these various sports will be found on Pages 11 and 12, but here we would like to take the opportunity of paying our tribute to all those responsible for these successes—some in front and some behind the scenes.

For hockey, of course, a large part of the credit must go to Capt. Hartnett, whose experience of hockey in higher circles—he is the current Signals Corps XI. captain—and his love of the game mean so much to the team. Maj. Rothwell and Sgt. Angell have also played for the Corps this season, and S/Sgt. Foster has held his regular place in the RAEC Corps XI. goal.

The Staff Soccer XI. owes a great deal to the enthusiasm of a group of National Service men who all arrived within a few weeks of each other, and now, alas, are beginning to depart. Cpls. Summers, Penny, L/Cpl. Cook, and Sig. James, Scott, and Webb. The only small consolation football fans can take in their departure lies in the

fact that all other units must also be suffering similarly from the general "run-out" of National Service.

The basketball team has based its bid for fame on the cunning and experience of Sgt. Creek, as well as on the excellent play of Sgt. Meekings. Another point has been the tremendous improvement shown by S/Sgt. Johnson (APTC) this season. He will be on his way to Malaya shortly and will be sorely missed by us all.

A unique common factor in the triumphs of these three teams lies in the fact that Sgt. Angell is a member of all three. A free-scoring and energetic hockey inside forward; a bustling, hard-tackling soccer centre-half; and a high-jumping, hard-throwing basketball guard, he must be superbly fit!

Mention must now be made of those who don't figure so prominently in the records and score books. WO II. Chandler (now unfortunately in hospital) and Philp, who give up their afternoons and travel countless miles to umpire the hockey games; Sgt. Tarse, whose management of last year's football team, and interest in this year's still means such a lot to the players; S/Sgt. Nichols, at present an Army Third-Class Basketball Referee, but a potential for up-grading, who has given up the game he enjoys playing in order to coach both Junior Leaders and Staff basketball teams.

Let all Junior Leaders interested in sport take this to heart. Here is true instruction—that of example. Here are Staff teams which must be considered as ranking with the best in the Army today. When an instructor advises on a certain tactic, or criticizes a certain sporting move, then remember that he **does** know what he is talking about.

Above all else, let this example of the Staff sporting teams serve as an inspiration to the Junior Leaders Rugby XV., at present struggling to retain possession of the Junior Leaders Army Rugby Challenge Cup which Signals won so convincingly last year. Admittedly the Staff have no rugby team (more's the pity), but it is clear from the standard of the hockey, soccer, and basketball that if we had then it would be good.

A challenge to J/Sig. Hill and his XV. If the "old men" can do it, so can you—the RUGBY CUP MUST STAY AT DENBURY.

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"X" - PLORATION

Annual Administrative Inspection came but once a year; "but once" was once too often for J/Sig. "X." NCOs started to get edgy, were decidedly rude and ill-mannered towards "X," who viewed constant harangues and peculiar oaths with the tolerant air of one who'd seen it all before.

Even when his barrack room i/c almost knocked him off his bed in the middle of a quiet fag, "X" still remained unperturbed. It wasn't until he was actually asked to assist in the general preparations that the passions of this worthy yeoman were finally aroused. In vain he pleaded ill-health, and reminded this brute of possible damage that could be caused by unskilled hands intervening in the general cleaning. It was all to no avail! "X" ended up with a bucket of hot soapy water in his right hand, and there was a scrubbing brush attached to the nicotine stains of his left.

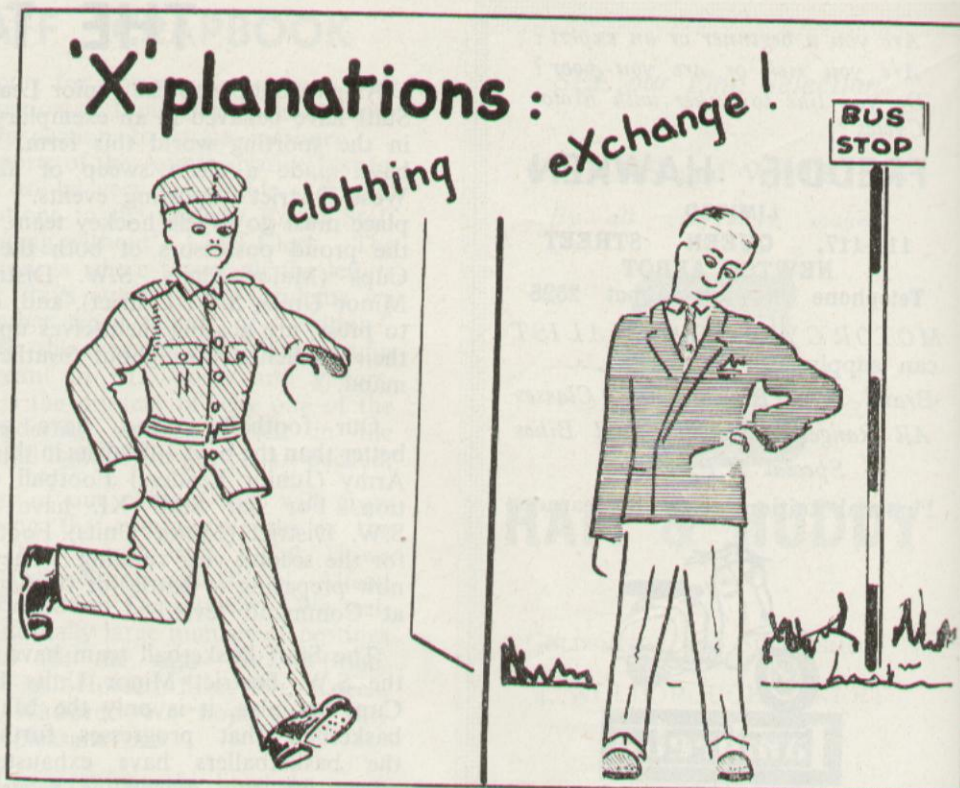
"You," screamed J/Sgt. Wade, pointing at the object "X," "you will scrub out the Blanco Room, on your Jack Jones! Now! Get going!"

"X" crawled off to the place of execution, and commenced to remove the first layers of blanco from off the wall.

Previous to that moment "X" had never been possessed of any archaeological instincts. He didn't know what the word meant, anyway. Nor had he ever been particularly enthusiastic about the glories of the past, the traditions of Denbury, or any other high-sounding phrases.

Here, inscribed on the wall were writings of the gravest importance. Here were the legends: "Bill—Output '59"; "Jack Smith—40 days to do"; and here too were the proof of the romantic inclinations of the scribes—"Bob loves Pauline."

The nucleus of an "X"-planned skive began to take shape. "X" proceeded to scrub with renewed zest and enthusiasm, and within twenty minutes he was down to the final layer.



"X" scanned the wall feverishly. At first he thought his hopes were not to be realized, and he sucked harder on his "home-rolled" in a frenzy of frustration. Suddenly there it was, staring him pleadingly in the eye—the epitaph of J/Sgt. Wade: "Mike Wade loves Lucy, '59."

"X" lay back in triumph and rolled another "fag." Just at this moment the door opened and in came "X's" tormentor.

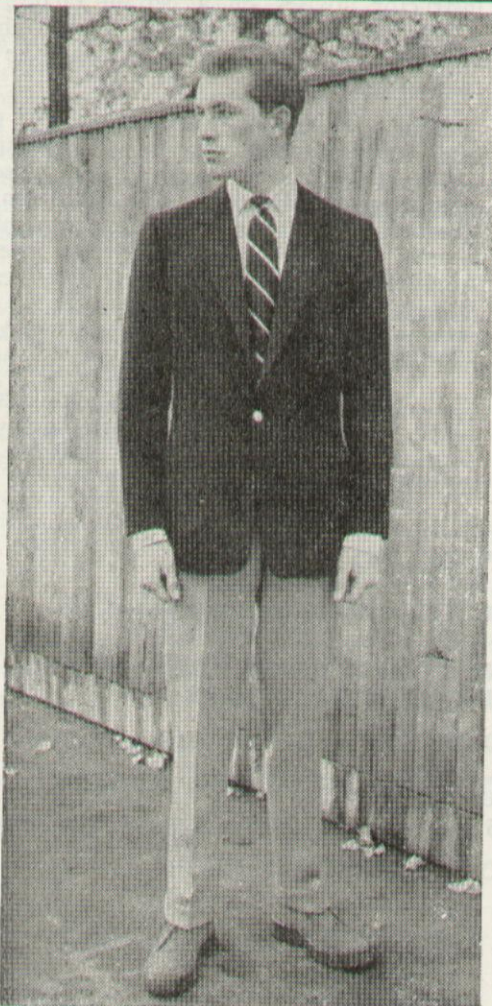
"Get on with your work, you idle individual, you good-for-nothing . . ."

The oration of this worthy NCO came to a sudden halt as his gaze followed "X's" outstretched hand.

"I'm just going for some kip; you can finish it off," chirped "X."

Speechlessly, J/Sgt. Wade groped in his pocket for a clasp-knife and slowly removed his inscription.

As he feverishly worked he could hear "X" whistling his way down the corridor on his way back to the barrack room.



Off-duty smartness

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III.—BORDER TOWNS AND VILLAGES

There is no true dividing line between the inner wilderness, normally known as the Forest of Dartmoor, and the fringe, or borderland, peopled by hardy men and women who make their living from hill farming, trade, tourism, or a combination of all three. Dartmoor is a part of Devon, and this merging of two characteristic ways of life is typical. In the centre lies a wilderness, with a special appeal of remote loveliness and a unique beauty; this gradually merges into surrounding commons. This is further fringed by border towns and villages.

The centres of the main districts and their dependent villages serve as gateways to different parts of the moor. The centre of the west is Tavistock, with its village life represented by Yelverton, Marytavy, and Peter-tavy, Meavy, Sheepstor, Bovey Tracey, North Bovey, Manaton and Lustleigh; on the south, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh, South Brent and Ivybridge; and to the north, Okehampton, Belstone, and Sticklepath.

These market towns are all rich in history, and in the nineteenth century were centres of rich communities. Tavistock was the recognized commercial centre of the area, grown up around the tenth-century abbey which had been founded there, and given a real prosperity through its mining connections.

Bovey Tracey, although outside the National Park, is regarded as the moorland gateway. Its main industries are ball-clay mining and a very old-established pottery industry. Buckfastleigh is noted for its picturesque abbey, built by the monks themselves. Nearby Ashburton is a healthy market town with a fifteenth-century church of remarkable beauty with a 90-foot tower.

Dartmoor's bordering villages are full of the traditions and characteristics of the true moor men. Widecombe-in-the-Moor is noted for its magnificent church, known as "The Cathedral of the Moor," and for its celebrated Widecombe Fair, hinged upon the legendary figure of Uncle Tom Cobby. Trowlesworthy and Ditsworthy still reveal traces of an old Dartmoor industry—that of the warrener. This industry dates back to the thirteenth century. The warrener's job was to encourage the breeding of rabbits by building huge buries, or warrens, eventually using long nets and gins to catch their rabbits.

Dartmoor's surrounding villages have retained the spirit of the backwoodsmen and a picture of traditional English communal life to be found nowhere else in the country.

HISTORY OF THE SIGNALS

9.—FAR-FLUNG COMMITMENTS

The advent of the Second World War brought three new problems to the Signals—namely, "the greatly-increased mobility of field armies, the direct and indirect effects of air forces, and the far more comprehensive network of strategical communications necessary for the control of far-flung and widely-dispersed forces."

During the early months of the war in Europe the Signal Service established a massive network over Western Europe, but during the final stages leading to the evacuation from Dunkirk "the British Expeditionary Force was to rely almost exclusively on wireless and despatch riders."

"Signal training in the United Kingdom during the two years following Dunkirk was based on solutions to the problems encountered in France and Norway. Simultaneously, development in the Middle East was proceeding on the experience of the Western Desert." The main difficulties under which the Signals forces in the desert laboured were those concerned with the length of time in obtaining equipment and supplies, shortage of men, and difficulties in maintaining equipment.

The entry of Japan into the war in December, 1941, brought with it new difficulties for the Corps of Signals. Events in Malaya and Burma moved with such speed. India was utilized as the base from which Far Eastern operations were launched. "In December, 1941, the first real step was taken to gear India's telecommunications to war needs by the formation of what was eventually called the Departmental Telecommunications Board. Its primary functions were to co-ordinate and plan the whole of India's requirements."

Although Indians and Eurasians were being trained in many departments of Signals work, there was an acute shortage of recruits with the requisite qualification of education.

"It was the agreed Allied strategy that priority of effort should be accorded to the defeat of Germany first. Since it would not be possible to initiate an attack on Germany before 1943, at the earliest, it had been decided that in 1942 an Allied offensive should be launched against the Axis forces in North Africa with the ultimate object of reopening the Mediterranean. Thus it was impossible during 1942 and for the greater part of 1943 to make available more than a small proportion of India's requirements for the Burma front."

N.B.—All quotations are from "The Royal Corps of Signals," by Maj.-Gen. R. F. H. Nalder, C.B., O.B.E.).

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COMPETITIVE SPIRIT

SIR,—Having read a copy of the 'Junior Mercury,' may I offer my congratulations to you and your staff on producing such a splendid monthly account of the ever-adventurous activities so true to the boys of Denbury.

As an ex-Junior Leader, the various articles brought many a pleasant thought to my mind. I found myself recalling our weekly trips across Dartmoor, and many more enjoyable outdoor activities which I now hold as wonderful memories.

Since I left Denbury at Easter, 1958, I have followed with great interest activities of the Junior Leaders Regiment, for so many of them I once did myself. I could not begin to thank the permanent staff instructors for all that was done for me. I well remember how, among other things, they taught us to apply the competitive spirit in all that was done. This has grown stronger within the Junior Leaders Regiment, as is evident by the reports of successful achievements that currently appear in our Corps journal, "The Wire."

I should like to wish everyone at Denbury the very best for the coming year, and to the Junior Leaders as they pass out from Denbury. Good luck on your journey through man's service.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything I could do to help repay the help given me during my stay at Denbury. I would also be grateful if you could send me details of how I may obtain a copy of 'Junior Mercury' each month.—Yours, etc.,

D. S. J. WOOTTEN (Cpl.).

(Ex J Troop, 2 Sqn), Signal Centre, HQ Western Command, Queens Park, Chester.

HIGH HOPES

DEAR SIR,—With the Army cross-country championships approaching it is high time to review this cross-country season, which has been one of the most successful the Regiment has had since coming to Denbury. The team have, in fact, won all their individual fixtures except one, and finished second in three championships held this term. In all cases, except the Southern Command championship, the victors were HMS Figgard, and we are therefore bound to admit that they are better than us.

Our failure to win the Southern Command Championship by only eight points was due to the early retirement of a former

member of the team, and to injuries suffered by another. The team are determined to avenge this defeat by the RAC Junior Leaders when they meet them in the Army Championships at Aldershot.

Hopes are high, for if Woolley can produce his usual second, and the remaining members of the team can all produce their best together for a change, it will take a very good team to beat them.

Only those who have run in competition cross-country championships can really appreciate the amount of effort the runner has to make. It is so easy to give up. The effort is so often a purely personal one. There is no one to cheer him on, except at the finish, and whether he is first or last he runs just as far, getting just as wet, just as tired, for the good runner will always run himself right out.

The team is looking forward to meeting at Aldershot their captain for the earliest part of the season an athlete who has proved his worth on the tracks and across country—Sig. Garrehy.

Both he and Sig. Gardner, old rivals on the track, were selected to run for 23 Signal Regiment in the Northern Command Championships. Their team came first, and they will therefore be running in the senior race.—Yours, etc.,

J. W. JOYNER (Capt.).

EDITOR'S NOTE. A complete record of this season's cross-country achievements follows and on Page 12, a photograph of the Junior Leaders, R. Signals, team lining up at the start of the Southern Command Championships, taken by Capt. Joyner himself.

CROSS-COUNTRY RECORD, 1960-61

October 19th.—J/Ldrs R. Sigs. v. Seale-Hayne. Won 27-47 (McKay 1).

October 28th.—J/Ldrs R. Sigs. v. RA J/Ldrs. Won 91-119 (McKay 1).

October 29th.—J/Ldrs R. Sigs. v. HM Figgard. Lost 58-47 (Garrehy 2).

November 2nd.—J/Ldrs R. Sigs. v. RAC J/Ldrs. Won 85-125 (McKay 1, Woolley 2).

November 23rd.—J/Ldrs R. Sigs. v. Queen Elizabeth School, Crediton. Won 38-40 (Woolley 1).

February 4th.—South-West Counties Championship. 1, HMS Figgard; 2, J/Ldrs. R. Sigs. Six teams participated (Woolley 7).

February 8th.—Denbury Championships. 1, HMS Figgard; 2, J/Ldrs R. Sigs. Six teams participated (Woolley 2, Kemp 4).

February 15th.—Southern Command Championships. 1, RAC J/Ldrs; 2, J/Ldrs R. Sigs (Woolley 2, Kemp 4).

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

JOURNEY INTO SPACE

For the past three years my favourite Space Comic writers have been steadily man out of a business that is already a dead duck. Gone, too, are such magnificent characters as Jet Morgan and his pals, with their thrilling feats of daring and adventure, their encounters with the Martians and the Space-Men. They're as out of date today as cowboys fighting Indians. How we miss them! But we grow up and the world moves on. What a little while ago was thrilling adventure in imagination has become an almost incredible fact.

A short while ago the Russians sent a little space-ship on its way to distant Venus—a mere four months journey. This little vehicle is equipped to tell its own thrilling story of the great wide plains of Space. Again, recently, the Americans have named three men (all of them family men, too) who are making their final preparations for the great journey into outer Space. Events are moving fast. The race is about to begin; we're virtually under starter's orders! Earth-bound man is about to leap off his little human plot into a great unknown!

There are many questions to be answered, but no one will seriously ask if the journey is really necessary! Sufficient that it is inevitable! Man, to whom his Creator has given an endless quest for knowledge and a will to pursue it, must venture on! This is his destiny! Dare we ask how well he is prepared for such a colossal step? What of his equipment? Modern science and technology will surely solve the problems of his transportation, feeding, and housing; we need have no fear of that. But what of his non-material needs? Who will fortify them in the weightless ether?

To put the question in a more pointed way: You are a young soldier whose business is Communications. Ten years from now your qualifications as a technician may get you a posting to Communications Centre X in the vicinity of Jupiter, seven months travelling time away by Rocket Express. Do you think you can make it? It's certainly going to be different—lonely? strange? frightening? The situation where friend and companion and personal relationships are vitally important. An RAF pilot in 1942 described his experiences on long night flights over enemy country at great altitudes. Lonely? No,

he said; God was so close to him that he felt he could put out his hand and touch His Face!

In our crowded, modern world, we have found it difficult to take God into our reckoning, so He has been more or less excluded, or consigned to a private pigeon-hole. But what about our new venture? This is another matter. Here He is indispensable as Father, Protector, and Friend in His own realm.

Young man, no matter what your technical genius in the world of Communications, your first and most important contact will be a personal one—with Him who not only knows the Way, but Who has led you to this great adventure, and Who has promised: "I am with you always, even unto the end. . . ." This is a Journey into Faith. . . . So in the words of the late King George VI: "Put your hand into the hand of God and go forth; it will be better than a light and safer than a known way."

COMPETITION

Answers to January Competition

"One for the Road."—The six sergeants who were drinking together were Sgt. Jones (R. Signals), Sgt. Wood (RAMC), Sgt. Smith (REME), Sgt. Green (RAEC), Sgt. Brown (RASC), Sgt. White (RC Military Police).

Therefore the correct answer to our competition was Sgt. White.

Correct solutions were submitted by the Rev. R. S. Brew, of Totnes, and Sgt. G. A. Dickinson (RAEC), of Junior Wing. Rev. Brew received the book "Conquest After Midnight," by Berkely Grey, as a prize. Sgt. Dickinson received the book "H.M.S. Ulysses," by Alistair McLean, as his prize.

"WINGS OF SONG"

Thoughts of the Regimental Choir, their recent success at the Albert Hall, and their projected tour of Europe prompt this month's competition. All readers are invited to try and write some poetry under the title "Wings of Song." The length of this poem should not exceed 24 lines.

Prizes of records or books will be awarded to the authors of the two best entries. All entries should be submitted to the Editor, 'The Junior Mercury,' Denbury Camp, South Devon, before March 31st, 1961.

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To most people the words "Annual Administrative Inspection" bring a vision of important parades, and hours and hours of cleaning and preparation. This year, however, something new was added. Brig. Laing, the Inspecting Officer, conducted his inspection, parade and all, and then adjourned to the Globe Cinema to see a short sketch on recruiting entitled "To Be Or Not To Be?"

Scene 1 opened in the Officers Mess, and included Majors Parker, Nye, Lane, Rothwell and Bound, Capts. Worsley and Hartnett, Lt. Whitehead, and 2/Lt. Plummer. The parts of all these worthy gentlemen were played by — themselves! The need was expressed for more recruits, and Majors Parker, Lane, Rothwell and Bound all pledged themselves to persuade one National Service man each to sign on for the Regular Army. The next scene showed Major Rothwell interviewing the "thickest" National Service man, played by J/Sig. Blakeborough—even he isn't as thick as all that! —but despite Major Rothwell's convincing argument it was all to no avail. Next, Major Bound had a go at a debonair figure in civilian clothes, played by Sgt. Dickinson, but even Major Bound's eloquence couldn't persuade this worthy to give up the odd £20,000 a year job waiting for him in Civvy Street. Then came the unkindest cut of all, as a Cockney barrow boy, played by RQMS Chilvers, not only remained unconvinced by Major Lane's six-point recruiting plan, but actually succeeded in persuading that worthy gentleman to resign his commission and sell oranges "dahn the Old Kent Road" himself. Major Parker seemed to be having some success with a slow-witted regimental policeman, portrayed by J/SSM Bourgoise, but, alas, this fell through too.

Finally, the services of the RSM, WO 1 Latimer, had to be called in and, like all good fairy stories, it all ended happily ever after, with the army obtaining four excellent recruits. How did the RSM succeed where the other four had failed? Easy. He made them all drunk at the Denbury Arms and got them to sign whilst under the influence!

Congratulations to Capt. Rowe on his lively presentation of an amusing little sketch.

QUICK CHANGE

White Spear Troop had had a particularly wet and uncomfortable weekend on Dartmoor, and Sgt. Tearse was carefully considering the "pros and cons" of an early return to camp. J/Sig. Hall, more noteworthy as the Drum Major, surveyed the uneaten rations, and made a strong and impassioned plea concerning the advantage of staying where they were: "It'd be a shame to waste all this grub, Sarge." Just at that moment an exceptionally strong gust of wind blew the tent down, and a few seconds later Hall's voice issued out from under the fly-sheet: "I reckon we'd better be getting straight back."

ARMY WEDDING

Congratulations to Capt. Burke (see page 11) on his recent marriage to Miss Patricia Rea. The ceremony took place at Catterick Camp, with the reception at HQ Mess, Catterick Camp. The best man was Capt. Walker, our dentist, and the guests included Lt. Wagstaff and 2/Lt. Rigamonti. Mrs. Burke is a school mistress by profession, and the daughter of a Captain in the Royal Army Pay Corps. On behalf of the Regiment the 'Junior Mercury' offers best wishes for a happy life to Capt. and Mrs. Burke.

DIFFIES

SIR,—As RQMS of the Regiment I am hardened to inexplicable mysteries and impossible requirements. However, one aspect of the rather thankless task that the QM's staff has continues to fascinate me: We all know that looking after kit is a bind. Why, sometimes even complete Junior

Leaders get lost,
They arrive at the Stores "sans de lot,"
and we find
They're quite happy to sign a blank cheque
for the cost.

What baffles me is the astonishing way
In which J/Signalman Jones any day,
Apparently without any visible means of
support,

Continues to march on parade and report,
"Yes, Sergeant, all diffies made up,"
When in fact he's quite naked and horribly
bare,

He must be. Because I see him each week
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Verry puzzlingly yours,

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THE KING'S SPORT

WO H. M. Irvine, RAEC, recently arrived at Denbury, is the proud owner of a race-horse. "Contento" is of German origin, standing 16.1h.h. (5' 5" to the uninitiated), weighing half a ton.

Contento is entered for two races in the immediate future—the Spartford Novices Handicap at Taunton in early March and the Kingsteignton Novices Hurdle Race at Newton Abbot on Easter Saturday.

Sgt.-Maj. Irvine is an experienced amateur jockey, and will ride his own horse in his own colours (brown, with green bands and armbands). In an interview, Mr. Irvine stated that he had high hopes of a successful season, "especially at Newton Abbot, by which time he should be acclimatized to English racecourse conditions."

CIVILIAN STAFF SCRAPBOOK

Having just joined the Regiment, I have been allocated a job in the Senior Wing Office as Civilian Clerk. Following the old-fashioned naval tradition, I have been press-ganged into producing a short monthly article on our ever-increasing civilian staff.

The first job is to introduce myself. My name is Mr. Cleave; I have just completed 22 years with the Royal Navy, and during my service life was responsible for the many various stores required for the operating of Her Majesty's ships—a pin to an elephant, or rum to split peas.

This job of compiling a Civilian Scrapbook has been sprung on me and, as usual, the Editor wants my report by yesterday, so this, more or less, is a form of introduction.

During the course of the next week or so I will collect material for the next issue and introduce a few of the staff personalities who may be seen at their jobs around the camp.

THE M.T.

The following poem is submitted by R-n Plumb, the Padre's driver, better known to 'Junior Mercury' readers as an artist (see page 10).

Oh, our wonderful M.T. pool,
Some would run it like a school,
But we lads who can take a rub,
For we all know it's just a club.

Now all and sundry do their best,
And "cab" away with such zest,
So into gear and away we go,
Off like the clapper, toe to toe.

There are some around who don't
like speed,
It really does put them off their feed,
They sit in the cab, hunched up tight,
Their poor souls in an awful fright.

When they arrive, to their billets they
crawl,
Looking like nothing on earth at all,
Muttering under their breath, quite
gabby,
"Them M.T. blokes are far too cabby."

PARADE SWEEPSTAKE

Bribery? The natural Englishman's desire to gamble? Or merely a pride in doing a job well? We don't know the answer, but the Denbury Sweepstake is here to stay. The rules and conditions are simple. Everyone in the Regiment puts a penny in the box—even the Inspecting Brigadier on the occasion of the Annual Administrative Inspection Parade—every time there is a big parade.

Then, at the end of the parade, judges nominated by the RSM announce their decision as to the smartest Troop on the march-past. For the annual Administration Parade the winners were Iron Troop.

THE DENBURY CROSS

To watch the Denbury Cross being lifted into position by a squad of stalwart men was a real pleasure. At last the camp has a landmark fitting to its personality. For the new cross, unlike its wooden predecessor, is made of solid stone.

IT'S ALL BULL

Kohima Troop were settling down comfortably to a nice thick stew whilst on Adventure Training, when suddenly they found their strength had been increased by one. Peering over a gate, which seemed flimsy to all concerned, was a large bull—with a ring in his nose, too. J/L/Cpl. Fox suddenly remembered some urgent business at the other end of the field, but the cooks remained, gratified to know that even a bull can be tempted by their brown stew.

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DISCUSSION

Well, that "grand-daddy" of Rock, Elvis Presley, seems to have matured into something even better with "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" following his stupendous success of "Now or Never." The greatest appeal of this record is doubtless the underglow of nostalgia which Presley manages to put with the intermittent dialogue parts.

In a completely different field of "pop" music, as it were, "Acker Bilk," with his Paramount Jazz Band, continues to delight us with his polished rendering of "Bueno Sierra."

The old notion of British jazz "with the stiff upper lip" is dying fast. However, American jazz never has been stiff and, just to prove it, Bing and "Satchmo" swing along on their latest L.P. on M.G.M. called simply "Bing and Satchmo."

Back to current "pop" records, Emile Ford poses the question, "What Am I Gonna Do?" You have heard this type of Rock for two years; will it survive another decade?

Adam Faith is back in the hit parade with "Who Am I?" A good lyric, good backing, well sung. The indomitable Brenda Lee is back and learning a thing or two—or at least that's what she says in her new record, "I'm Learning About Love," on the Brunswick label.

Instrumentals seem to be in the vogue, with "F.B.I." by the Shadows, and "Riders in the Sky" continue to chase each other around the turntable.

Now from the American hit parade we have, wonder of wonders, a piece of classical music among the "pop" records with the theme music from the film "Exodus"—a welcome addition.

Marty Wilde's "pop" disc has slipped. Perhaps this is due to the "Rubber Ball" he has been bouncing not very successfully.

The Americans must use stronger rubber, as their version is bouncing regularly to a respectable height in the chart. The Everly Brothers come out of nowhere again "Like Strangers" to assume their recognized place in the top ten.

Johnny Burnett's follow-up to "Sixteen, Beautiful" and "Anybody's?" called "Dreamin'" seems destined for a place in the top ten. The "Mystery Girl," as presented to us by Jess Conrad is one for the book. This youngman's pleasant per-

sonality comes through very well and augurs well for a bright future.

A recent release of Jackie Wilson's called "I am the Man" probably explains why this young man was attacked by one of his female fans. The flip side, "Alone at Last," is well worth a spin.

A feast for opera lovers is a magnificent L.P. produced by R.C.A. of Puccini's "Turandot," brilliantly sung by Renata Tebaldi and Jussi Bjoerling, with the Rome Opera House and Chorus.



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| Wed., 1 | | Staff Soccer XI (Command Semi-Final, Army Cup) | | Denbury |
| Thurs., 2 | | J/Ldrs Rugby XV. v. Plymouth College | | .. Away |
| Fri., 3 | .. .. | Special Film Show: "Ill Met by Moonlight" | .. .. | .. .. |
| Sat., 4 | .. .. | Staff Hockey XI. (Command Semi-Final, Major Units Army Cup) v. R.A.P.C. | .. .. | Devizes |
| 3rd, 4th, 5th | .. .. | Army Junior Cross-Country Championships | .. .. | Aldershot |
| Tues., 7 | .. .. | J/Ldrs Soccer XI. v. Foxhill Rovers | .. .. | Denbury |
| Wed., 8 | .. .. | Mountaineering Club Expedition | .. .. | Cornwall |
|  | .. .. | Table Tennis 'B' Team v. Vampires | .. .. | Denbury |
|  | .. .. | J/Ldrs Rugby XV. (Semi-Final, Army Junior Rugby Cup) v. All Arms Junior Leaders | .. .. | Denbury |
|  | .. .. | Staff Hockey XI. (Command Semi-Final, Minor Units, Army Cup) | .. .. | .. Away |
|  | .. .. | Staff Soccer XI. v. Torquay Police | .. .. | Denbury |
| Fri., 10 | .. .. | Staff Basketball v. B.R.N.C. | .. .. | Dartmouth |
| Sat., 11 | .. .. | Staff Basketball v. Exeter B.B. Club | .. .. | Denbury |
|  | .. .. | J/Ldrs Soccer XI. v. Torquay G.S. | .. .. | Torquay |
|  | .. .. | J/Ldrs Rugby XV. v. Totnes Colts | .. .. | Denbury |
| Tues., 14 | .. .. | Staff Basketball v. Royal Marines | .. .. | Denbury |
| Thur., 16 | .. .. | Talent Competition: Globe Cinema | .. .. | .. .. |
| Sat., 18 | .. .. | J/Ldrs Soccer XI. v. Nutbush Rovers | .. .. | .. Away |
| Tues., 21 | .. .. | Staff Basketball v. Royal Marines | .. .. | Lympstone |
| Sun., 26 | .. .. | Confirmation Service: Bishop of Plymouth | .. .. | .. .. |
| Mon., 27 | .. .. | Regimental Canoe Regatta | .. .. | Totnes |
| Wed., 29 | .. .. | Inter-Troop Shooting Competition | .. .. | .. .. |
| Thur., 30 | | Inter-Troop P.T. Competition | | |
| Fri., 31 | | GOOD FRIDAY | | |

GLOBE CINEMA PROGRAMMES FOR MARCH

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| 4th. The P.B.I. Story (Drama) | 12th. Blind Date (Drama) | 25th. Vengeance Valley (Western) |
| James Stewart, Vera Miles | Hardy Kruger, Stanley Baker | Burt Lancaster, Joanne Dru |
| 5th. School for Scoundrels (Comedy) | 18th. S.O.S. Pacific (Drama) | 26th. Rogue Cop (Drama) |
| Ian Carmichael, Alistair Sim | Richard Attenborough, Pier Angeli | Robert Taylor, Janet Leigh |
| 11th. Tunnel of Love (Comedy) | 19th. The Young Invaders (Drama) | |
| Doris Day, Richard Widmark | James Garner, Etchika Choureau | |

HOCKEY

STAFF WIN CUP BY CLEAR MARGIN

With two of their 10-0 semi-final team unhappily rebound, the Staff Hockey XI. tilted for the Minor Units Cup (for the second year running) at Taunton on February 9th.

Although runners-up last year, they were determined to delegate that doubtful privilege to their opponents, Depot Wessex Brigade.

Any doubts about the outcome were dispelled after the first ten minutes or so, when the Staff settled down to good, constructive hockey.

Good approach work, accurate passes, and clean finishing always produce results, and these were all much in evidence. Relief centre-forward Maj. Parker gave an object lesson in what to do with a good pass in front of goal and netted four times before the interval.

Desperation drove the Wessex Depot into furious retaliation in the second half, but by then the Staff had such a grip on the game that all their efforts were fruitless.

Sgt. Angell and Capt. Worsley added a goal each to make the score a round half-dozen and the cup came to Denbury.

ANGELL'S PARADISE

Thwarted by weather the day before, the Staff set off on February 2nd to do Minor Cup battle with REME, Ashchurch. Playing on a concrete tank park against an inexperienced REME side, the issue never looked uncertain although the result turned out a bit staggering. Apart from the joins where the filling had weathered, the pitch was fast and true and well suited the Staff.

Scoring started early. The first goal came from 2/Lt. Lundy, who netted a rebound from the 'keeper's chin. Sgt. Angell added two and Maj. Rothwell another by halftime, and one might have expected a slack second half. Not a bit of it!

Playing faster, but steadier, hockey, the Staff combination swept aside the completely demoralized opposition. Maj. Rothwell scored again, Sgt. Angell completed his DOUBLE HAT-TRICK, and then added one more for good measure. The final whistle went, the score was 10-0, and Sgt. Angell had scored seven of them. Nevertheless, this giant total could have been greater had it not been for the courageous saves of the young REME 'keeper—bleeding chin and all!

CAPTAIN BURKE

Capt. Burke has a military background, his father, an ex-boy, having recently retired with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Capt. Burke's main sports are athletics, rugby, and basketball. On the athletics field he is a performer with both the discus and the shot, and in 1957 won the Singapore District Signals Regiment Discus Championship. He has played for Catterick Services Rugby XV. at lock-forward, and had three games with the Royal Signals Officers XV. He is a member of the Regimental basketball team, recent winners of the South-West District Minor Units Cup.

Always a motor-cycle fan, in 1960 he assumed command of the Royal Signals display team, performing in military tournaments throughout the British Isles, and culminating in the New York Military Tournament last year—"a wonderful experience, marred only by the tragic death of an R.M. officer who fell to his death while demonstrating the Death Slide," he said.



by Sgt. Martin

J/SGT. ZIMMER

J/Sgt. Zimmer started boxing in 1957, and as school champion progressed to the Hampshire county junior semi-finals. He joined the Regiment in 1958 and boxed as a lightweight in the Regimental team which won the Army Cup that year. Individually he was a finalist in both the Southern Command and Army Championships that season. The following season he was unable to box owing to injury.

This year he won the welterweight Southern Command championship, but was defeated in the quarter-finals of the Army Championships. He is undecided about his boxing future, but confesses that "I dream of representing the Army one day."

"Vic" Zimmer enjoys all other sports, being an ardent hockey and rugby player at Troop level, and coming home seventh in the recent Regimental cross-country. In the summer he enjoys pole vaulting and running the half-mile.



by Sgt. Martin

IT'S THAT TEAM AGAIN

Some teams thrive on cup replays, but the Staff Hockey XI. considered they had had enough, especially with their pet bogey team—HQ South-West District. When, on February 1st, they were leading a weakened District XI. by three goals to one at halftime, the issue seemed fairly clear. Good goals by Maj. Rothwell, 2/Lt. Lundy, and Sgt. Angell gave the Staff plenty of confidence, and the hosts scored only through a defensive lapse. Still the District were not beaten. They gained a welcome reprieve in the form of a large THUNDERSTORM. In a few minutes the pitch was under water and further play was impossible.

SURPRISING CUP WIN

The Staff XI. started with a marked disadvantage in the South-West District Cup Final replay against HQ SW District. Their captain, Capt. Hartnett, was in bed with flu.

A lack of co-ordination was evident in the first half despite a lead of two goals, both scored by Major Parker against the run of play. The realization of this staggering fact broke through during the interval, and the Staff set off in the second half in real earnest. Goals came from Maj. Rothwell, Sgt. Angell, 2/Lt. Lundy, and another from Maj. Parker. HQ SW District scrambled a lone consolation goal.

This was the Staff's second successful replay on the 13th of a month. Superstitious?

A SHAKY BEGINNING

At Bulford on February 22nd, the Staff Hockey XI. met HQ 3 Division in the semi-final of the Southern Command Minor Units Cup.

Although unfamiliar with the grass, and also notoriously slow starters, there seemed no valid reason why the Staff took so long to settle down.

Time after time the HQ 3 Division forwards strode through the wavery defence and our forwards seemed lifeless too. On one such attack 3 Division scored a penalty bully against the 'keeper for a late tackle.

Soon after the interval 3 Division scored a second from close range. Maj. Rothwell scored in a convincing manner, and then came the shock. From the bully-off the scores were level as Signals put the ball in 3 Division's net without any of their players touching it—a remarkable effort finished off by 2/Lt. Lundy.

To win the Southern Command final the Staff XI. must play better.

REVENGE FOR SIGNALS

Having been defeated at Dartmouth on their grass pitch, the J/Ldrs Hockey XI. took full advantage of their knowledge of the Drill Square when they entertained the Britannia Royal Naval College 3rd XI. at Denbury.

After only five minutes play, J/Sig. Allen scored for Signals. Dartmouth then put on the pressure but our defence remained firm for a long period before the visitors equalized from a long corner. Five minutes later an opportunist goal put our side in arrears. Then Signals fought back well and five minutes before half-time Allen scored his second goal from a pass by J/Sig. Dixon.

For the first part of the second half Signals were in the ascendancy, and Dixon and Sharpe both scored. At the end Dartmouth were pressing again but could only grab one goal to make the final score 4-3 to Signals.

Special mention must be made of the excellent ball play of J/L/Cpl. Davis (captain), J/Cpl. Friend, and J/Sig. Heard.



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The Cross Country Team Line-up

By Capt. J. Joyner

BASKETBALL

LACK OF PRACTICE

The Signals entered two teams in the South-Western District Junior Leaders Basketball Jamboree, held at Bovington—one team from Alexander Squadron (A team) and the other from Slim Squadron (B team). Every effort is being made to have one Regimental team from each unit in future and so fall into line with other major sports.

Alexander Squadron, our better team, were unfortunate to lose two very close, hard-fought games against the Royal Armoured Corps A and B teams, losing 31-37 and 21-26 respectively. In each case a margin of only three baskets, when both teams had been neck-and-neck for 35 of the 40 minutes. The outstanding players were J/L/Cpl. Lock and J/Sig. Harber.

Slim Squadron team, composed wholly of newcomers to basketball, were beaten by margins of only 20 points against experienced opponents, and acquitted themselves well. J/Sigs. McLaren and Hall were promising.

Results: R. Sigs. A 31, RAC A 37; R. Sigs. A 21, RAC B 26; R. Sigs. B 14, RAC A 33; R. Sigs. B 6, RAC B 25; R. Sigs A 73, R. Sigs B 22; RAC A 27, RAC B 20.

TWO-SECOND BASKET

The Staff basketball team won the South-Western District Minor Units Cup, defeating RAC J/Ldrs Staff team 52-29. The game was played at Yeovil, and Signals started by being two points up in as many seconds. From the jump ball, Sgt. Meekings flipped it back to Sgt. Angell, a high pass to Sgt. Creek, and it was in the net. The Armoured Corps replied with a penalty, then there was a lull, and gradually the scores yo-yoed up together.

Signals gradually gained an ascendancy, with Sgt. Angell using the long pass up-field to perfection. At halftime the score was 30-11 to Signals. After halftime, S/Sgt. Johnson and L/Cpl. Cook were replaced by Capt. Burke and Sgt. Wickham, and later Sgt. Jamieson came on in place of Sgt. Meekings.

The final points score was made up as follows: Sgt. Creek 26, Sgt. Meekings 16, S/Sgt. Johnson 6, Sgt. Jamieson 2, Capt. Burke 2. Sgt. Angell played his usual steady and robust game in defence, and Sgt. Wickham displayed a great turn of speed in upsetting our opponents' defence.

The S.W. District Major Units Cup was convincingly won by 1 Lincs. Regt., who defeated us in the first round.

FOOTBALL

STAFF CUP VICTORY

On Wednesday, 15th February, the Staff soccer team travelled to Yeovil to play the RAC Gunnery School in the final of the South-Western District Army Minor Units Cup.

There was some confusion by the Signals defence in the first few minutes and the RAC were soon one up, but Cook equalized with a magnificent shot in the top corner of the net. Penney was next on the goal trail but, unfortunately, in the wrong goal, making the RAC 2-1 up. It was not long before Scott, who played a great game, put Signals back on level terms. Cook scored two more fine goals to complete his hat-trick, but the Gunnery School came back into the picture with a penalty goal making the score 4-3 at halftime.

The second half started with the Staff playing much more confidently, and they soon outclassed the RAC Gunnery School. Stapenell then scored number five despite a back injury received early in the first half. Scott drove home a tremendous shot from a deflection by Cook, and Scott also made a goal for Sykes, making the final score 7-3.

HAT-TRICK FOR BOURGOISE

The game against Teignmouth Grammar School which the football XI won 5-4 was a personal triumph for J/SSM Bourgoise. He scored a hat-trick, and J/Sig. Terras scored the other two. J/Sig. Collison, in goal, played well and made several "class" saves.

UNBEATEN IN THE LEAGUE

The Regimental Football XI continued their unbeaten league run when they entertained Milber. The first half was close but the Devon side were comfortably overrun in the second half. J/SSM Bourgoise and J/Sig. Terras gave a great show of football but tended to be greedy. J/Sig. Wicks (Junior Wing) had a quiet first half, but showed he is capable of reaching Regimental standard. Goal-scorers: Bourgoise (4), Terras (3), Wilson (2), Lister and Wicks. Final result: 11-2.

FEATHER IN OUR CAP

Congratulations to Ward, Bourgoise, and Terras, who have been selected to represent the South Devon Youth League v. Tiverton District League at Tiverton on March 18th.

RUGBY

RUNAWAY VICTORY

Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals, defeated their counterparts from the Artillery 29-3 in the first round of the Army Junior Leaders Rugby Cup. Signals, the visitors, and last year's winners, showed a finer knowledge of rugby technique, and were able to throw the ball about adventurously.

The first score came from Robertson, a forward who was backing-up a well-conceived three-quarter movement. Then Hill followed a successful penalty with a try, and J/Sig. Wooler completed a fine forward rush with a try in the corner. Just before halftime the Gunners reduced our lead to 12-6 from a penalty.

Second-half tries were scored by Farmer and Round, and a spectacular try from Jacobs, who proved himself the fastest man on the field. Hill converted. Two push-over tries were scored by our scrum.

The team played well, although the opposition was weak.

Special congratulations to Yates in the lines-out, Farmer in the loose, and Lyons for his hard tackling. The man of the match? Fly-half Hill, who in long periods dominated the field.

Regardless of the opposition we are attempting to keep the cup at Denbury, and this was a good beginning.

BOXING

TUCKER WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

First our boxers went up for the Southern Command individual boxing championships.

J/Sig. DULSTON boxed well to win on points, but was narrowly beaten on points in the final.

J/L/Cpl. RUSSELL lost on points in the semi-final, but made very little effort.

J/Sig. MACKENZIE was knocked out in the opening seconds of the semi-final.

J/Sig. BLACK boxed nervously and lost in the semi-final on points.

J/Sgt. ZIMMER boxed cleverly in the final to win comfortably on points. SOUTHERN COMMAND BOXING CHAMPION, 1961.

J/L/Cpl. BARRATT won his first bout by a second-round knockout, but the semi-final was stopped because of an injury to Barratt's nose.

J/Sig. MURRAY lost in the semi-final owing to lack of aggression.

J/Sig. SALTER won his semi-final on points, and was unlucky to lose on points in the final.

In the Army individual boxing championships, J/Sig. TUCKER was available, but J/L/Cpl. BARRATT was still not fit.

J/L/Cpl. RUSSELL fought well to win on points in the semi-final, but was outclassed in the final.

J/Sig. MURRAY lost on points in his first bout.

J/Sig. TUCKER won his first bouts comfortably on points, scored a second-round knockout in the semi-final, and boxed superbly to win on points. ARMY BOXING CHAMPION, 1961. TUCKER IS NOW REPRESENTING THE ARMY IN THE I.S.B.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS.

J/Sgt. ZIMMER lost his first bout on points, but was not impressive.

J/Sig. SALTER narrowly lost on points in the semi-final in a good, hard bout.

J/Sig. MACKENZIE showed courage and determination, but was outclassed.

J/Sig. DULSTON lost on points because of lack of an uppercut in his boxing technique.

J/Sig. BLACK won his first bout comfortably on points, but was outclassed in the semi-final.

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