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JUNIOR LEADERS COUNCIL

Denbury has been described as a garden of ideas. And why not? Surely the greatest trees grow from very small seeds, and if out of a thousand ideas a single one blossoms, then all those others have been well worthwhile. From time to time, we in Denbury think about things! We wonder what we should do next, or how we should re-do something we have already done, to improve on it. We ask ourselves if we have forgotten anything? Are we losing the initiative? Are we keeping our fingers on the pulse of South Devon? Have we made any headway with improving our relations with the local population?

No one can provide a ready answer to these questions, and we can only hope that all is well. But hope by itself is not enough and needs to be reinforced frequently with a new and determined effort to try again and to improve. One of the better ideas that appears to be blossoming is that of the Junior Leaders Council. We have the Commanding Officer's Conference, Squadron and Troop Leaders' Conferences, an occasional Digest, Padre's Hour, and so on; but hitherto there has been no real opportunity for representatives from each troop to talk with the Commanding Officer about life at Denbury and what happens outside working hours. The Junior Leaders Council fulfils precisely this purpose. As at present

constituted, it has a representative from each troop in the person of a Junior Sergeant, two Junior Squadron Sgt./Majors, and one Junior S/Sgt. The Commanding Officer presides over the Council. Talking to members of the Council, one pleasing feature predominates: each member is convinced in his own mind that the Commanding Officer really listens and considers every point that is brought up. This means that every Junior Leader in the Regiment has the opportunity of having his personal point of view joined with those of his fellows in the same troop and brought before the Council for discussion. When the Commanding Officer was asked what he thought about the Council, his reply was quite simple, direct, and to the point: "This Council," he said, "should have been formed when I first came here nine months ago. Its advice is invaluable

to me, and I feel much closer to the problems of life at Denbury and the difficulties each Junior Leader has to face as a result of these informal meetings. I can think of no better way of keeping in touch with the mind and heart of the Regiment than through this Council. Not only do I listen to the problems of the Junior Leaders but, and equally important, they listen to some of mine."

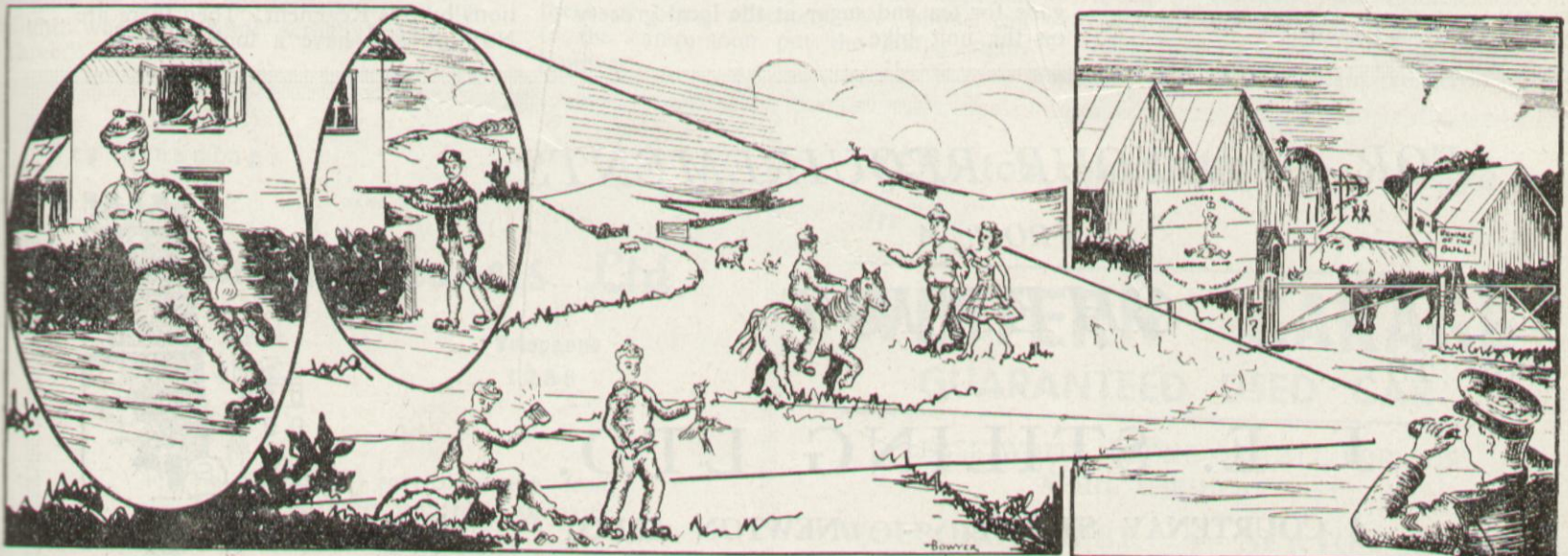
Already the Council has had three meetings, the first being in January, 1960, and some of the subjects discussed make interesting reading:

- Nijmegen Marches;
- Visits to Germany on the occasion of the amalgamation of the 1st and 5th Signal Regiments;
- Planning of Balaclava Fair;

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TEN MOOR COMMANDMENTS

1. Thou shalt have no other MOOR before DARTMOOR.
2. Thou shalt not sneak off to the nearest hostelry, but rather shalt the highest of Tors be thine aim.
3. Thou shalt not utter any obscenity.
4. For six days shalt thou tramp over DARTMOOR, but the seventh day shall be spent "bulling" thy kit.
5. Honour thy farming friends and their fields.
6. Thou shalt not pollute the water in the streams, nor shalt thou leave open any gates, nor yet shalt thou destroy the fences.
7. Thou shalt not steal the produce of any farm.
8. Thou shalt not scatter rubbish over the countryside.
9. Thou shalt not say that another frightened the sheep when thou knowest in thy heart that thou art guilty.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's farm, but rather shalt thou start one of thine own at Denbury.



EDITORIAL

Once again Sport seems to be more prominent than ever in this unit, mainly because of the great successes we are having. For one unit to have won both boxing and rugby cups in the same year, as well as representing the District in the Army Basketball Championships is a great achievement. Then again, from the viewpoint of Staff sport, for the Staff Football XI. to be in the finals of the Southern Command (Minor Units) football cup, and to reach the finals of the South-West District Hockey (considering the slender numbers from which we have to choose) is a tremendous effort.

So often praise and congratulations are heaped on to the successful competitors; whereas those who work behind the scenes, managing and training teams, are forgotten. Therefore, we offer no excuse for bringing to your notice Capt. Robb, our genial dentist, who managed our boxing team, even training with them himself early in the mornings; and S/Sgt. Johnson, who helped with training. For rugby, full credit to Capt. Hancock, who gave up his own time—when he could have been plaing for Newton Abbot—to encourage, curse and cajole them, thus welding them into a real team playing "power rugby." Sgt. Morrall ably assisted the rugby team in getting them fit, forcing them round his "circuit." The Staff football team owes everything to Sgt. Tearse (whose letter is on P5), who has lived and breathed the football of his team. Those who have been fortunate enough to watch this XI. in play in their Army Cup matches will know that on the touchline "Geordie" has "played the game" harder than the team on the field.

Once again, thanks to L/Cpl. Steer for his cartoon—it would be better if he joined our staff full-time. Thanks again to Capt. Bowyer, who has not only drawn our front page masterpiece, but also commenced a new series of "X-planations." We therefore welcome Capt. Bowyer as official cartoonist of the *Junior Mercury*.

What a lovely feeling for our readers from the Regiment—you read this, then leave begins, with Easter eggs and all that. Best of luck.

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Staff Scrapbook

Although the final game will not be played until we have gone to press, we think the Staff Cup conquerors deserve special mention for their soccer supremacy in the Southern Command this month. Success has followed success, and as we prepare to print, so they tune up for yet another hurdle.

Though it is an all-round team effort that has put them in their current position into the final of the Southern Command Minor Units Cup, the inside-forward trio force their way into the limelight through their goal-scoring feats. Scott, Cook, and Eckersall have combined to make a really forceful spearhead.

Another leave period nears, and with it comes the increasing pressure of work all round. Mention should be made here, though, of the sterling work done in the Documents office of R.H.Q., where the clerks (who, it is commonly thought, spend their days making tea and having a jolly time) are busily preparing to handle the biggest output of boys ever from Denbury. And, despite the "Admin." a Records Docs. check at the beginning of this month, and the work involved in seeing the boys safely into Man's Service, things progress smoothly.

Not surprising, then, to hear that a second dinner is being planned by the clerks to take place in the near future.

There has been some concern this month about the attendance at the daily works parades; many efforts have been made to "encourage" more to attend. Results still awaited.

Five familiar faces have no longer any need to worry about the works parades, though, for they left Denbury for good during March, along with cooks Jones and Raine. They are Yorkshiremen Kennedy and Billson; two from the Midlands, Powell and Smith (555); and "Jock" Stuart.

Among other things March introduced: Staff Yates as acting S.S.M . . . and with a beret, too! . . . a new Post N.C.O., L/Cpl. Caldwell . . . and regular Sports afternoons for the Staff.

Footnote. As we are in the WEST (of England, that is) and Denbury somehow has a Dodge City sound about it, it was rather amusing the other day to hear a clerk's answer to the question: "Where is the R.H.Q. runner?"—"Cheyenne is riding in from Denbury with the supplies."

Explanation: R.H.Q. runner Sig. Shanahan (nicknamed after the TV hero) had gone for tea and sugar at the local grocery on the unit bike.

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Last months' *Junior Mercury* printed an appeal to readers for any military exhibits from readers. A party of boys left camp at 0930 hours, scattering round the countryside to sell the *Junior Leader* on a certain bleak Saturday morning. Imagine the surprise of the Museum Master to receive a telephone call at 1100 hours from Mrs. Luke, "The Ark," Ipplepen, kindly offering us an antique oriental sword, which now reposes proudly in our museum.

The Museum Master has also asked us to express his gratitude to the following donors, on behalf of all the Regiment:

- 1.—A copy of the book "Arnhem," presented and inscribed by the author, Major-General R. E. Urquhart, C.B., D.S.O.
2. A copy of the book "Operation Victory," presented and inscribed by the author, Major-General Sir Francis de Guinand, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.
3. A Javanese sword, presented by Mrs. Webb, of Denbury.

The museum is now beginning to take shape, and is well worth a visit by those interested in the formation and development of the Regiment. There are exhibits from the continent, all connected with expeditions by this Regiment. Then there are . . . No; go and have a look *yourself*.

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NEW DRUM MAJOR

J/Sig. Ramsay has recently been appointed Drum Major of the Corps of Drums, at a time when the Band are beginning to be very active.

Drum Major "Buttons" Ramsay has already led his Band on two occasions, the first before Lt.-Col. J. L. Judd, M.B.E., the Director of Music of the Corps Band, on his recent visit to the Regiment, and the second before a huge rugby crowd at Rackerhays on the occasion of the Army Rugby Union Junior Cup Final.

Lt.-Col. Judd gave many hints to the Band concerning their coming accompaniment of the Regimental Choir at the Royal Albert Hall.

The Director commented very favourably on the Band as a whole, adding: "Personally, I am not keen on drums, but the drummers in your Band are the best group of boy drummers I have ever seen."

A rather amusing incident occurred when S/Sgt. Yates, B.E.M., was questioned as to how many of the Band had played a drum before. Actually, S/Sgt. Yates hadn't a clue, but he hazarded a guess at "three." To his horror, Lt.-Col. Judd asked each drummer separately about his experience. Imagine the Staff's consternation, and his delight, when the total actually came to "three."

ROUND THE CAMP

WHAT'S A BALACLAVA?

"Balacava Day" said all the posters round Newton Abbot. "Now what are the Junior Leaders at Denbury up to?" asked the locals.

Surprises all round. A series of strange "parades" were held on the drill square, starting with a Junior Leaders v Junior Ladies hockey match, which the boys won convincingly—which was perhaps ungentlemanly of them. Then there was Go-Kart Racing, where J/S/Sgt. "Pat" Doherty was seen distinguishing himself. The Torquay Automobile Club held their rally, with brakes squealing, tyres screeching and dust everywhere. Sgts. Tearse and Rose must have writhed!

There was an excellent selection of side-shows, with everything for all ages—shooting, balloon racing, skittles, a treasure hunt, crockery smashing, and many other exciting novelties organized under troop arrangements.

The early part of the evening saw an excellent concert put on entirely by members of the regiment. The success of the day was finally crowned by an enjoyable "Balacava Ball," and with both a dance band and a rock 'n' roll group present, the evening was never dull.

Proceeds for the day went to the World Refugee Organization as well as to our own funds for this year's Nijmegen March.

DENBURY'S DAVY CROCKETT

Capt. Rogers, conducting a school party, was playing with J/Sgt. Butcher's hat whilst on the miniature range. Casually tossing it into the air he was amazed when Sgt. Gurden, making a quick '22 draw, shot a hole plumb centre through the back. J/Sgt. Butcher now proudly bears the only battle-scarred hat in the Regiment, and was overheard retailing his wartime experiences to a bemused audience from Bruno Troop.

OPERATION FOUR COUNTIES

Recently the recruits in Junior Wing were sent off on initiative schemes to see how far they could penetrate into certain counties. The best performance was achieved by J/Sigs. Woolley and Lock, who travelled 186 miles altogether, between 0930 and 1800 hours, and reached Frome, in Somerset, and got back here in time.

An amusing incident occurred when two youths got as far as Barnstaple, only to be arrested by the local police, who suspected them of being absentees. A 'phone call to the camp soon put the matter right, however.

A SERGEANT'S BOUQUET

Members of Kukri Troop, Barrack Room 11, noted with delight that Sgt. Tamlyn was becoming horticulturally minded. He had bought packets of seeds which he was lovingly entrusting to the quagmire round the troop lines.

J/L/Cpl. "Dave" Birch, with an angelic look on his face and a dreamy look in his eyes, gave a neat little curtsey, accompanied by a girlish giggle as he presented his favourite sergeant with a big bunch of beautiful primroses. Sgt. Tamlyn's response has unfortunately been censored.

Q2 LOOKS IN

Observing a strange officer walking round with Major Parker, one of our reporters determined to investigate. It was Col. Alderson, who was inspecting the condition of Denbury Camp. He told our reporter that he was from Q2 (War Office), who were responsible for barracks and accommodation throughout the Army. He commented: "The barrack rooms are very satisfactory, but I don't like these Nissen hut things."

On asked whether his visit and report would affect the possibility of the Regiment's move, he replied: "It will have a bearing, but a final decision on the Regiment's future has not yet been made." He added that if the Regiment did have to move it would be as a part of the Army's forthcoming five-year plan for reaccommodation of troops in the United Kingdom. Estimated cost? £35 millions.

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

It has been rumoured that...

1. The whole regiment is to enter for Billy Butlin's £1,000 John O' Groats-Land's End walk next year.
2. Sgt. Waters has volunteered for a Guards drill course—"preferably during leave."
3. The Second-in-Command is to establish a pigeon loft at his house to save coming in to camp every day.
4. Anzio Troop's lino is to be used for this year's Olympic skating events.
5. The idea behind the Regimental Farm is to enable Junior Leaders to take home a chicken and a sizeable piece of pork each for Christmas.
6. The Regimental move is now certain, and we take over Dartmoor Prison, Princetown, in October.
7. Double seats are to be fitted into the back four rows of the Globe Cinema for use at Thursday night concerts.

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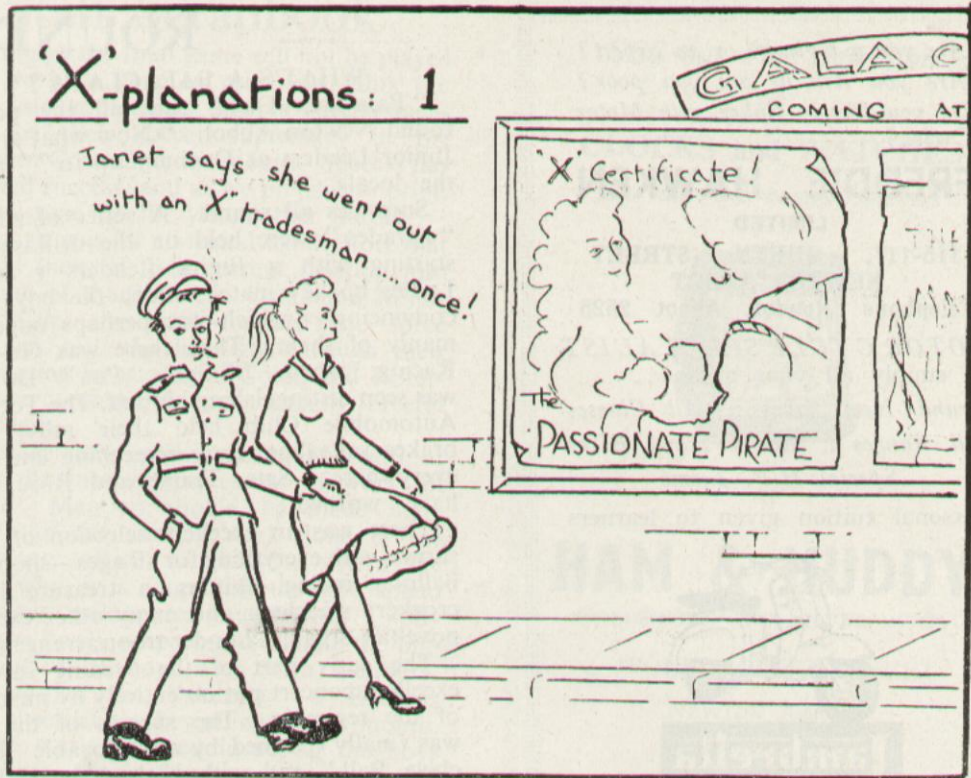
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"X" ON PARADE

As the last mournful blast of the "fall in" carried across the square, J/Sig. "X" became resigned to the fact that he was now set in his troop for the duration of a Saturday morning parade. Why had the M.O. failed him? He never had before.

The troop began to move forward, and, unaccountably, "X" stepped off on the wrong foot, which brought a certain amount of reproach from a well-"educated" troop sergeant. "X" tried to explain that it wasn't easy to get out of step ten times in only twenty paces, but his sergeant didn't seem sympathetic. At last the troop halted near to their right marker, and the command was given to 'Order arms.' "X" had anticipated the next order, alas wrongly, and proceeded to give a near-perfect demonstration of the Open Order. This placed him out in front of the Regiment, upon which "X's" sergeant was pleased with a few words from the R.S.M., which he then proceeded to pass on to "X" with the words "extra drill," "no weekends," "cook-house fatigues," and a "punch in your lug 'ole" all featured prominently.

Next came the order to 'Slope Arms,' and here "X" felt confident—he clearly remembered Junior Wing days and Sgt.



"The X Trades are the Army's most skilled."—Ed.

Grey telling him to "throw the rifle around." This he did, missed it, and it hurtled into the next man, knocking him to the ground too. So the parade continued, with fixing bayonets—here "X" tore a large rent in his S.D. trousers—open order march—where "X" forgot how many paces to take, took three extra, and sent his troop officer sprawling—and finally, as far as "X" was concerned with the Present Arms—

where "X" missed his footing, grabbed at his rifle to save himself, and ended on the ground with his rifle a good ten yards from the troop.

The parade carried on peaceably without "X," who took the chance to remark to Cpl. Nicholls, who was escorting him to the Guardroom: "I think my drill needs brushing up. Do you think the R.S.M. will let me go on the next D. & D. course?"



Off-duty smartness

Gieves have been making uniforms from Wellington's day onwards. But here's proof that we know a thing or two about clothes for off-duty wear. The illustration shows a single breasted blazer in serge or hopsack with cavalry twill trousers



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FRIENDLIES WANTED

DEAR SIR,—The Staff Soccer XI. have now withdrawn from the Torbay Wednesday League. Since this news was made public only in the local regional news on television, but never in the local newspaper, I feel that it is better to let the *Junior Mercury's* many readers, both in and outside the Regiment, know the real reasons why we withdrew. Also, this gives me a chance to state publicly that we were not disqualified.

In all military units throughout the United Kingdom, Wednesday afternoon is known as the "Sports afternoon." Naturally, any unit with sufficient enthusiasts wishing to play in competitive soccer registers to play in the local civilian Wednesday League. This is what the Staff XI. have done for the past four or five seasons; ever since the Regiment arrived in Devon, in fact. The Staff XI. have been known locally as Royal Signals, Denbury.

At the commencement of the present season it was obvious that Royal Signals, Denbury, had quite a strong side. This was proved by the fact that in all games played (19 in all), including league matches, cup matches, army matches or friendlies, we had scored 162 goals with only 29 against us.

To the Staff players themselves the scoring of several goals in these matches was becoming a farce. Two or three times we had scored as many as 19 in one match. What could they do? Go easy? Play half-heartedly? Not really try? Any true sportsman will agree that these solutions are impossible. Many a local team—although not all—were very disgruntled at the conclusion of matches when a great number of goals had been scored against them. This was defeating the object of our competing in a local civilian league. We had hoped to get some good soccer, and at the same time to create good feeling and co-operation between the military and the local population of Devon.

At the time of our withdrawal, the Staff XI. was leading the league, and had three games in hand over their nearest opponent. The question had virtually become, not which team was going to win the league and cup competitions, but rather which was going to be runner-up.

By withdrawing from the Torbay Wednesday League we are hoping to restore interest for the remaining teams. We feel that this move is more in line with our aim of fostering good relations between Denbury Camp and the local civilian population.

We now hope to play friendly matches, which we have done in the past with teams such as Torquay United "A," Newton Spurs and Ipplepen. Any clubs who would like fixtures either on a Wednesday or a Saturday please contact us. As we are remaining affiliated to the Devon Football Association, it means that we can play any team at any time, either at home or away.

At the time of going to press the Royal Signals (Denbury), already South-West District champions (Army), are awaiting the date for the Southern Command finals, for which they have qualified. Local teams can really take a bow here, as without the fixtures we have had with them, we would never have done so well.—Yours,

S. TEARSE (Sgt.)

THE RED DEVILS

A team of parachutists visited the Regiment and gave an interesting exhibition concerning their work. The trips abroad, the privilege of wearing glamorous-looking red berets, and the extra pay were all emphasized, with the actual "jumps" being referred to casually as "like stepping off a 'bus." Four "Red Devils" displayed the equipment actually worn by a parachutist. A parachute was unfurled before our eyes, and it was comforting to learn how high were the various breaking points of the numerous knots.

The next day half of the Regiment were walking round with the left foot continually in front of the right. Was this a new dance routine or the "paratroopers shuffle"?

JUNIOR LEADERS COUNCIL

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Relations with the people of Newton Abbot;
Barrack damages and care of public property;
and the most recent subject:

How to win the respect, affection and support of all the farmers who live on or around Dartmoor.

This latter subject covered the whole question of complaints raised against Junior Leaders by farmers: for leaving gates open or taking shelter in a barn, and wandering across farm property without previous notice. The first of these the Council considers was quite indefensible, the second is sometimes forced upon Junior Leaders lost on the moors through inclement weather or bad navigation. The third is sincerely inoffensive and unarmful, and can only be resolved by goodwill and understanding. Systems exist for establishing contact with farmers, but perhaps systems too often become big and unwieldy and hopelessly impersonal. It is the **heart** and **mind** that matter when goodwill and co-operation are at stake, and no system has been devised by man to capture man's goodwill or affection.

From these thoughts emerge a suggestion that the *Junior Mercury* should publish Ten Moor Commandments and these are produced hereunder, in a spirit of goodwill resolution and proper reverence.

Junior Leaders come to Denbury from all over the country, and it is at Denbury that they grow to full stature and leave as men. Surely it must be a point of honour with every man of Devon that the finished product from his own countryside is second to none in the United Kingdom.

WORLD'S TOUGHEST RACE

The Canoe Club, with its present headquarters in the woodwork room, is bustling with activity. The members are building two 16' 6" canoes, especially designed by W.O.I. Braithwaite for speed. These are lighter, the weight being taken off by using light wood and making the design of the canoe more narrow than is usual—instead of the usual canvas they are covered by a material stronger than canvas, called "Hidex."

This activity is in preparation for the annual international 125-mile race between Devizes and Westminster (described by *World Sports* as the "world's toughest race") on April 15th. This race includes 57 miles of canals and 70-odd locks. The Seniors in one canoe (W.O.I. Braithwaite and S/Sgt. Thwaites) have to do the whole race non-stop; whereas the Junior Leaders (J/Sigs. Allsop and Brooks) have to make three compulsory night stops of a definite time period. The team will, of course, carry with them all necessary camping equipment, etc.

In preparation for the big race, they are training from March 26th to April 15th between Devizes and Westminster. This training also includes a Junior Leaders 10-mile race at Henley-on-Thames in which 22 crews are competing. The Devizes-Westminster 125-mile race will provide a cup for the winner and a certificate of merit to any gallant losers who can compete the course, this latter being an achievement in itself.

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DISC-USSION

J/L/Cpl. "Ted" Smith, of Jerboa Troop, recently went up to London in order to interview various celebrities. He reports:

"Armed with a pile of old *Junior Mercurys* to be used as 'bait,' I set off early for London. Throughout the whole journey I was extremely fortunate in getting lifts. In fact, the I.T.V. studios were to me but a few hitch stops from Newton Abbot. After thoroughly enjoying the 'Boy Meets Girl Show,' I confidently approached Marty Wilde for an interview. There I became entangled with a mob of screaming, screeching females, to whom, unfortunately, I seemed to be of little interest.

"Next day, feeling a far sadder and wiser reporter, I forsook the smoke of London for the healthier air of Brighton, where the Show Business Football XI. battled to a 3-3 draw with the Southern All Stars, a team drawn from the managers and trainers of many well-known Southern Football Association Clubs.

"After the game I was fortunate in finding three well-known personalities together. **Ronnie Carroll** was the first to speak, and assured me, in answer to a question, 'that the record I am working on now is an absolute 'cert.' to go rocketing up the record selling market ladder,' but no amount of persuasion would make him give me its name. Then he had to go home to his new bride, Millicent Martin, 'married only two weeks and already hen-pecked.' Before I had time to have more than a bare greeting from **Charles McDivett** of "Freight Train," fame he too had to leave.

"I then turned round to **Dave King**, who was happily engaged in making paper aeroplanes out of the *Junior Mercurys* which I had given him to look at.

Me (trying hard to ignore this insult): "What are your chances in your next match?"

Dave (in cracked fasletto voice): "We've got high hopes."

"I then brought him to task over his misuse of our regimental scandal sheet, but he excused himself neatly by saying: 'They're no use to me; I can't read.'

"I then picked out one or two of the cartoons, explaining that these had been put in especially for the benefit of poor unfortunates such as himself.

"It took only a few seconds perusal to make Dave break out in gales of laughter and, with tears streaming down his face, say longingly: 'Cor, if only I could use some of these, but I daren't.'

"It was at this point that a little nipper of about eleven appeared to manhandle Dave towards a horde of grinning little children, who immediately swallowed him up with excited screams of delight. There I didn't dare to follow, so I began on my long journey back to Denbury."

WHEN I NOD MY HEAD
YOU HIT IT!



TRY THESE

We print below three separate problems, which we invite you to think about. Think about them carefully, then write down your solutions and send them to the Editor, *Junior Mercury*, Denbury Camp, Newton Abbot, Devon. Solutions will be checked on April 30th, and there will be prizes of books and records for the winners.

1. A blind beggar in Liverpool had a brother who died. The brother who died, however, had no brother. What relation was the blind beggar of Liverpool to the brother who died?

2. A couple were anxious to get married. They called on the local clergyman and asked him if he could arrange to marry them at 3 p.m. on the following Thursday fortnight.

"Let me see," murmured the clergyman thoughtfully, "on Thursday fortnight I have a funeral at 10 a.m. and a wedding at 1 p.m. Yes, I can manage it nicely."

"Thanks so much," cried the couple in great delight.

What is wrong with this story?

3. A lady with very valuable jewels was staying at a well-known hotel. Bill Sykes, an expert jewel thief, watched her leave the hotel one afternoon and hurried to her room. He knocked at the door to make sure that it was empty. He was greatly

surprised when the door opened and a servant appeared.

"What do you want?" asked the servant. "Very sorry," said Bill Sykes coolly, "I mistook the room. My room is next door."

With that he turned away.

The servant called the house detective and pointed to Bill, who was reading in the lounge.

"Keep an eye on him," he said.

Why did the servant suspect Bill Sykes?

THE WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of our February competition, completing the limerick

There was a young boy up at camp,
Found that Dartmoor got rather damp,
Especially wet and cold were his feet,
So he began to produce artificial heat.

First prize (a record, "We Got Love," Alma Cogan) won by Mrs. Elsie Tweedale, The Church Army Canteen, with, "Now he warms them on a hundred-watt lamp."

Second prize (a record, "Sleep Walk," Santo and Johnny), won by Miss J. Stott, Newton Abbot, with: "He sent home to Mum for an Infra-Ray lamp."

Third prize (book, "Where Is She Now?" Lawrence Meynell), won by Mrs. Amy Stephens, Ipplepen, with: "By sleeping in between two fat moorland sheep."

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WELL DONE, LEDGER

The Regimental Cross-country was won by Quadrant Troop. The individual winner was J/Sig. McKay (White Spear), followed by a surprise runner-up in J/L/Cpl. Garrehy (Kakri), and then J/L/Cpl. Bentham (Iron). Next two in were J/Sig. Sharp (Anzio) and J/Sig. Ledger (Quadrant), showing that there is a good distribution of cross-country runners throughout the troops. Number Six was an encouraging and gratifying achievement by a young 'un from Junior Wing, J/Sig. Kemp.

On the day of the rugby final, a friendly cross-country event was run off with the All Arms Junior Leaders. They have an exceptionally strong team, including the winner and runner-up of the Army junior cross-country. Full marks go to J/Sig. Ledger, who ran really well to come in sixth—the first of our team. Neither McKay nor Bentham, our more fancied entrants, appeared to make a great deal of effort.



By J/Sig. Wraith

HARD-FOUGHT DRAW

In a friendly boxing match against H.M.S. Fisgard, we boxed to a 4-4 draw. The first fight of the evening was a very close one, with J/Sig. Peterson being narrowly defeated on points, despite a very effective straight left. Then J/Sigs. Bishop and Barrett (1 Sqdn) both won on points, but neither was very effective. J/Sig. Jacobs, boxing like he used to, won comfortably with a first-round knockout, and J/L/Cpl. Garrehy followed suit with a second round knockout. J/L/Cpl. Naisbitt, J/Sigs. Sharman and Barrett (2 Sqdn) all lost on points, Naisbitt's being an exciting slogging match. Fullmarks to Barrett, who was boxing an older and heavier opponent, but boxed calmly and well.

The fight of the evening was an exhibition bout between J/Sigs. Crowe and Atherton. Atherton took tremendous punishment for the first two rounds, but in the third round began to get in some very telling right-hand pinches on his more experienced opponent. Crowe won comfortably on points.

SERGT. ANGELL

Sgt. Angell is an ex-boy who learned to love all sports in his early days in the army. 1947 found him playing rugby for the Army (Singapore XV.), football for the Combined Services (Singapore XI.), hockey for the Corps, and throughout his career he has always played these games in the highest company, with athletics as a summer sideline.

As a hockey player he has boundless energy, considerable skill and a ruthlessness which bodes ill for any goalkeeper. He still represents the Signals even now. At football he is a steady centre-half, especially brilliant in the air, with good distribution. On the basketball court he plays guard, and likes to slide up for the odd long shot—"highly chuffed when it comes off."

"Never put all your eggs into one basket." This sums up "Buck" Angell's sporting career, for he is an all-rounder of unusual quality. Had he concentrated on any one sport he could have been "great," but he prefers "to have a good try at them all."

J/SIG. ROONEY

J/Sig. Rooney excels particularly at football and basketball. Before joining the Army he played soccer for Dundee Schoolboys (1955-7) and played for the Regiment within six months of joining the Army in 1958. He is a forward with an elusive body swerve, excellent ball control, and quite a lot of speed.

"Tom" Rooney had never played basket ball before joining the Army—"it's a smashing game, the best there is," but picked it up very quickly. He is one of the stars of our Regimental team, recently defeated in the Army finals, and has been awarded his colours twice. He has also played with the Staff team, where his speed and trickiness more than make up for his small stature and lack of experience. Given two more years experience, and three or four more inches on to his height, he should be confident of playing in the highest class of basketball.



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 Front row: J. Lindsay, J. Hague, B. Gooding, E. Jones, L. Ricketts, W. Hills.

THE CUP WINNERS

Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals, defeated the All Arms Junior Leaders Regiment from Tonfanau by eight points to three in the Army Rugby Union Junior Challenge Cup Final, held at Rackerhayes, Newton Abbot. J/Sig. Jones (captain) scored a try converted by J/Sig. Hills, and J/Sig. Coope scored an unconverted try. Tonfanau's points came from a penalty goal kicked by J/L/Cpl. Palmer.

These were the facts, but they give no real picture of the game, with the Signals battering persistently and relentlessly against a solid rock-like defence based on hard tackling, persistent spoiling and impeccable covering. The first try came in the opening minutes when Hills, perceiving their flat-laying line, put in a kick ahead. The ball bounced awkwardly and Jones touched down between the posts. The second try was even more unusual, a high kick ahead was well taken by one of the Tonfanau players in the corner and Coope, following up hard, literally took it out of his hands to score.

For the rest of the game, two dashing runs by Jones, brilliant line-out jumping by J/Sig. Saddler, hard tackling by J/Cpl. Lindsay, beautifully controlled kicking and handling by Hills, will all live in spectators' memories for a long time. However, the truth was that 30 really well-trained rugby players played their hardest, giving as fine a display as will be seen on that or any other ground for some time to come.

NOT TOO GENEROUS

The long trip to Larkhill was rewarded by a 3-2 victory, with the Staff Football XI, defeating a Royal Artillery team in the semi-finals of Southern Command Championships.

In the first minute of the game, Sig. Cook warded off the close policing of their centre-half and scored with a low left-foot shot which passed just inside the post. The play then developed and followed a pattern which remained constant throughout. The Artillery played to their wings, and the Signals through the centre. Our play was necessary because Dvr. Chester, the outside-right, failed to make any effort from start to finish, and Sig. Sturch, the outside-left, who tried hard, was closely marked by a brilliant full-back.

Cpl. Eckersall scored a second goal with a good header, and just before halftime, Cpl. James repaid earlier ineffectiveness by a beautiful goal from 30 yards.

The Artillery reduced the arrears by a "soft" goal just before half-time, and in the second half with another "gift." There our generosity stopped, however.

The defence played well and declined to panic. Cpl. Penny, who played a "blinder," and Cook, who was dangerous throughout, deserve special praise. It is hoped that Chester will make some effort in the final. A winner's medal is in his grasp; it would be a shame if he received it under completely false pretences.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

J/Ldrs XV 14 Seale-Hayne 3rd XV 0; Army Cup Semi-Final, J/Ldrs XV 9, REME J/Ldrs 0; Army Cup Final, J/Ldrs XV 8, All Arms J/Ldrs 3; J/Ldrs XV 3, Torquay Colts 11; J/Ldrs XV 28, Totnes 0; J/Ldrs XV 8; RAC J/Ldrs 3; J/Ldrs 2nd XV 73, RAC J/Ldrs 2nd XV 0.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

J/Ldrs XI 3 (Schofield 2, Rooney), Kingsbridge 7; J/Ldrs XI 1 (Davis), Ipplepen 7; J/Ldrs XI 4 (Leggatt 2, Schofield Bougoise), RAC J/Ldrs 3; J/Ldrs XI 3 (Leggatt, McGibbon, Terras), All Arms J/Ldrs 4; Southern Command Semi-Finals, Staff XI 3 (Cook James, Eckersall), 192 FS RA 2; WO's and Sgts XI 3 (Wingate 2, Peake), Cooks XI 2 (Hines, Bridson); J/Ldrs 2nd XI 9 (Crowe 4, Carr 2, Coates 1, Harlem 2), RAC J/Ldrs 2nd XI 1.

HOCKEY

Staff XI 2 (Rothwell, Angell), Torbay 2nd XI 1; J/Ldrs XI 0, All Arms J/Ldrs 2; J/Ldrs XI 6 (Hobson 3, Sharp 2, Sharracks), Torbay 3rd XI 2; Staff XI 2 (Parker, Worsley), Dawlish HC 1; J/Ldrs XI 3 (Hobson 2, Sharp), RAC J/Ldrs 1; J/Ldrs XI 13 (Hobson 6, Sharp 2, Collins 2, Sharracks, Bane, Davis), J/Ladies 1.

BASKETBALL

Junior Army Cup Finals: J/Ldrs 29, AAS Harrogate 54; J/Ldrs 24, AAS Chepstow 27. J/Ldrs 27, RAC J/Ldrs 33; Staff and J/Ldrs 26, Exeter B'ball C 51; Staff and J/Ldrs 27, St. Luke's Coll. 28.

TABLE TENNIS

Staff 4, Vampires 6. N.A. District League Championships: Staff and J/Ldrs 4, Falcons 5.

POOR SHOOTING

The trail to Aldershot started with the Regiment winning the South-West District Basketball Championship.

Our first game was against the Army Apprentice School, Harrogate, who defeated us by 54-29, and although it can be said that the team played hard, they did not strike their normal sparkling form. It appears that a combination of big-game nerves, a full-size court, and almost even shares of bad luck and poor shooting account for this. Full marks, however, must go to the Harrogate side, which, in comparison with us, looked like real champions.

Despite this loss, we still went into one of the semi-finals, in which we met Army Apprentice School, Chepstow, and here again, in spite of many different tactics advised by team coach Sgt. Meekings, we were quite unable to get the ball through their basket. The half-time score 10-6 to Chepstow, surely reflects bad shooting. It was only during the last three minutes of the second half that excitement reached fever pitch, as only two baskets were required to put us through to the grand final, and although some good movements were instigated by J/Cpl. Sharp, the final whistle nominated Chepstow the winners with a score of 27-24. So near and yet so far.

Footnote.—The championship was won by J/Ldrs R.E.; runners-up, A.A.S., Harrogate.

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