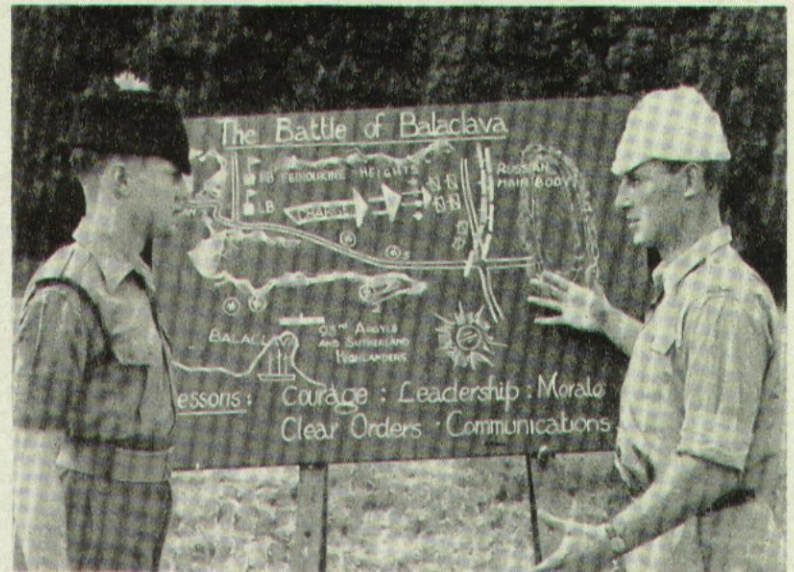




2 Squadron at Ease by J/Sig. Wraith
J/Cpl. Redman (L) J/Cpl. Dawes (M) J/Sig.
Bailey (J) J/L/Cpl. Hughes (H) and J/Sig. Cann
(K) at ease in their new Balaclavas



The Reason Why by J/Sig. Wraith
Lt. Hancock explains the Battle of Balaclava to
J/Sgt. Worrall

THE SEAL OF FRIENDSHIP

It has been decided that each troop in the Regiment will be adopted and named by a Signal Regiment, and that the parent Regiment will supply its adopted Troop with Balaclava Helmets in the troop colours. The Commanding Officer despatched letters to several Regiments and the answers received are very promising.

The first reply came from the 1st Corps Signals Regiment (7 Signals Regiment) who will adopt Recruit Troop, whose name will be changed to 'The White Spear Troop,' being the formation sign of the First Corps, as the spearhead of the Rhine Army. The troop will wear pink Balaclavas with white Toories (Pom Pom).

The second reply came from 18 Army Group Signals Regiment (10 Signals Regiment), and was very enthusiastic about the idea. They will adopt 'B' Troop which will now be known as 'Bruna Troop'. The colour of the Balaclava will be blue and yellow (the colours of the Stadt Essen, where the Regiment is stationed). This combination of colours can be arranged but not without difficulty. In addition, a statuette, or Bruno, has been promised on behalf of Bruno Troop.

Another letter that promised full support came from 19 Army Group Signals Regiment. They are to adopt the late 'F' Troop, the name of which will be changed to 'Francisca Troop'. It appears that the origin of this name is from the Northern Army Group sign,

which carries the Francisca Battle Axe. This was the throwing axe used by the Franks forming the centre of the Allied Army which defeated Attila and his Mongol Army in A.D. 451, and as such, is the symbol of the Allied Armies under N.A.T.O. in this part of Europe. Francisca Troop will wear bright yellow Balaclava helmets.

The fourth reply came from the 1st Division Signals Regiment, and were invited to send a representative body from the Regiment as guests to their Regimental week-end on the 11th-12th July. 'G' Troop was sent and have been adopted by 1 Division Signals Regiment and are now known as 'Anzio Troop'. This is to commemorate the landing of the Regiment on the Anzio Beaches; they will wear blue Balaclava helmets with white Toories.

The next reply came from 3 Divisional Signals Regiment, the Commanding Officer of which promptly visited the Regiment and spent the morning with 'H' Troop. This Troop has since been adopted by 3 Divisional Signal Regiments are 'L' Troop, who decided upon. They will wear purple Balaclava helmets.

A letter was received from the Commanding Officer, 4 Divisional Signals Regiment, who was enthusiastic about the idea. He suggested that the Regiment might like to consider some form of Trophy as a troop 'House-hold' God which Divisional Signals Regiment would be prepared to present.

A reply from 2 Divisional Signals Regiment showed they were keen on the idea of adopting a troop but not so enthusiastic about the subject of Balaclavas. A similar note was struck by 5 Divisional Signals Regiment but it is hoped that photographs showing Junior Leaders wearing Balaclava helmets will help to persuade the last named Regiments.

The Troops earmarked for 2 and 5 Divisional Regiments are 'L' Troop, who will wear dark green Balaclavas and 'M' Troop orange Balaclavas.

A telephone call was received from 90 Signals Regiment who agreed to adopt the 'White Swan Troop'. This Troop was originally known as 'K' Troop and will wear black Balaclavas with white Toories.

The Commanding Officer of the Gurkha Regiment queried the benefit to his Regiment, as that Regiment only needs a small number of O.R.'s, but Lt. Col. L. H. M. Gregory, M.B.E., has replied pointing out that they can bring their reputation to launch Junior Leaders to other Regiments, and that this adoption could lead to the training of Gurkha boys as Junior Leaders.

Thus we realise that far from being an isolated Regiment on the fringes of Dartmoor this Regiment is becoming a real part of the British Army with associations over the entire World.

EDITORIAL

'The Old Order Changeth,
Yielding Place to New.'

As our front page shows our days of isolation in the Denbury wilderness are now over. We are becoming part of the world—a world of Soldiers, of men, of people who are busy doing things. Junior Leaders Regiment Royal Signals, with the adoption of their troops by Regiments or their OWN Corps, are associating with the Army; boys in training can begin to look round and see what they are aiming at, and even more important the Royal Corps of Signals now have the Right and the Responsibility to come down here and have a look at what we are doing to train the future leaders.

Dress is now becoming important, and details of the new Regimental Undress are given on this page, but our artist has given his impression on another page.

Next comes a sad task, that of saying farewell to the 48 who are leaving us to go into manservice. There are going to be some big gaps, the departures of J/RSM Cole and J/SSM Parry, who have put such a lot into their life here, J/Cpl Waller our football captain and stalwart, J/L/Cpl. Dougill, last year's successful boxing captain, Trumpet Major Catley, J/Sig. Day the cricketer, J/Sig. Bonfield, the projectionist, J/Sig. Raynor the sprinter, J/Sig. Merry-lees, cross-country winner while still in 'R' Troop.... We could go on, but haven't the space. You will all be missed, but we hope you will remember us, left behind, and always remember that the reputation of this Regiment is in your hands. Best of luck to you all!

To the Junior Mercury the great loss will be J/Cpl. Oliver departing to Caterick. As first Editor of the Junior Mercury, we hope that all his successors will live up to the high standard which has been set for them. We especially wish him well and hope to hear from him soon.

Following the Colonel's advice we have expanded our staff, practically to the extent of bursting at the seams—in fact we are promised bigger and better accommodation in the near future. Newcomers include J/Cpl. Butcher, J/L/Cpl. Lindsey, J/Sigs. Williams, Rooke, Cowan, two officially appointed photographers in J/Sigs. Wraith and Lewis, and finally a welcome back to J/Cpl. Wellington who has stepped in to fill the breach as our artist during J/Sig. Mant's prolonged stay in hospital. Welcome all. Let work commence!

REGIMENTAL UNDRRESS

As most people know, Regimental Undress is now official. Orders have been placed with Gieves Ltd., the famous naval and military tailors, for blue Blazers and Cord Trousers, shirts and shoes etc., on behalf of 118 Junior Leaders. More boys are waiting to be measured and the results of the relaxation in the style of civilian clothes is eagerly awaited. Of all the footwear offered brown suede 'Chukka' boots are most highly recommended, and are proving the most popular.

'R' Troop have responded with 100% orders, which is very encouraging as they are the Junior Leaders of the future, and it is hoped that they will be seen resplendent in this new dress by the time this issue of Junior Mercury is in your hands.

For the remainder of the Regiment, Regimental Undress comes into effect on September 1st. The cost of the new outfit as a whole will come to between £13 and £20, depending on the choice of material chosen by the individual, and can be paid for over a period of ten to twelve months.

BALACLAVAS

It has been decided that Balaclavas will replace S.D. hats, which are uncomfortable and hard to keep on in a gust of wind; this makes them unsuitable for Outward Bound training. The Regiment will therefore be appearing in gay, colourful Balaclavas, the Troops in individually coloured ones, and the Officers in white Balaclavas with Troop coloured Toories (Pom Poms). These will be worn for normal training around the camp, and for Outward Mound; whilst retaining Service Dress hats for all Parades and Ceremonial occasions.

Balaclavas therefore, will prove comfortable to wear and bright to gaze upon, but there will also be a deeper significance to their wear by Junior Leaders of this Regiment. Most people know that this head-dress derives its name from the Battle of Balaclava, with its immortal charge of the Light Brigade.

History tells us of a wrongly delivered message, which caused six hundred gallant cavalry men to charge knowingly to their deaths, led by Lord Cardigan. Only one hundred and ninety five men, all maimed and wounded, emerged from that charge. The remainder perished, obeying unquestionably orders they knew to be wrong.

As a Signals Unit we must always bear in mind that a message must be delivered correctly, and the wearing of Balaclavas will serve as a permanent reminder to that effect.

CORPS OF DRUMS ON TOUR

Lustleigh

The Corps of Drums left camp by coach at 1400 hrs. on Saturday, 4th July, and arrived in Lustleigh at 1445 hrs. They marched from disembarkation point to an orchard to play at a local fete. After a couple of tunes they had tea, and at 1715 hrs. they Beat Retreat on the village cricket pitch. While at Lustleigh Sgt. Yates was presented with a sword by a local dignitary, who had heeded of the appeal by the Regiment for swords. He asked Sgt. Yates to present it to the Regiment on his behalf. After tea they returned to camp.

Hastings

The Corps of Drums left camp on Tuesday night and arrived at Hastings in the early hours of the morning. They slept in an old T.A. camp in the village of Lydd in Kent. On Wednesday afternoon they marched with a carnival through Hastings and St. Leonards, a distance of 9½ miles. They then went to a services club called Quarry House for something to soothe their throats. On Thursday morning they prepared for the band competition and sweated in the heat. In the afternoon they played in the first part of the competition. It consisted of counter-marching to music. In the evening they played in the second half of the competition which consisted of beating the retreat. In the final positions we came fourth. After this all the members of the Corps of Drums were presented with medals. They were presented to Drum Major Fisher by the Mayor of Hastings, who said all the bands were very close and it had been a close competition.

Colchester

The Corps of Drums arrived at 1700 hrs. and stayed for the duration of their visit with the 1st Division Signals Regiment. After a meal they were allowed into Colchester. They rehearsed Retreat on Saturday morning and played at 1700 hrs. in the evening. Sunday morning after Church Parade they marched past, led by the Corps band followed by Division Signals Regiment. They were followed by our Corps of Drums and 'G' or Anzio Troop. They returned to Denbury that evening.

STOP PRESS

'A' Troop, adopted by 4 Division Signals Regiment, is to be re-named 'Quadrant Troop' and its colours will be red and white.

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A TROOP IS BORN

ON Friday, 10th June, 'G' Troop were invited to attend a Regimental Weekend by their Parent Regiment, (1 Division Signals Regiment), stationed at Colchester. On Saturday morning 'G' Troop were introduced to Lt. Col. Hancocks, the Commanding Officer, and Brigadier Stonley, who gave a short talk on the landing of the Regiment at Anzio in 1943.

In the afternoon a Fete was held, the highlight of which was the Drive Past and Display given by each Troop in the Regiment. One unfortunate accident occurred when a Land Rover of Charlie (Line) Troop overturned, injuring the driver.

A Church Parade was held on Sunday. This was attended by the entire Regiment. The Royal Signals Corps Band, our Corps of Drums and 'G' (renamed Anzio) Troop. There was a semi-tragic, though amusing incident when Lt. Gregory almost tripped over a cyclist who was directly in his path. Hard looks and subdued curses being rapidly exchanged.

A magnificent banquet provided the finishing touch to a marvellous weekend.

INDOOR JAMBOREE

TWO Squadren had an informal concert in the Globe Cinema aptly compered by Major Parker and J/Sig. Crumbie. The first turn was 'played straight' as the O.C. the R.S.M. and the S.S.M. exhibited their Balaclavas; this proved the comedy star turn of the evening. J/Sigs. Day and Gilmour sang 'A Teenager in Love,' which was well received.

J/Cpl. Dawes and Co. in an indescribable army dress rendered some of Dai Dawes' own compositions. J/Sig. Chambers on his harmonica gave 'Guitar Boogie Shuffle' and other tunes.

Although the concert was held at such short notice it was a great success!

MORE PAY

ARMED with the importance of great urgency a certain Captain came to a locked door during hobbies. Producing his master key he entered the room to find it deserted—no instructor, and no boys! Suddenly light dawned, this was the Printing Club, and of course all the Printers were on strike.

However pickets were sent out and the members recruited. The heat was on. In 48 hours with rush meals, little sleep and a hundred empty cigarette packets, the remains of J/Sigs. Spencer and Baron crawled out of the room. Captain Easton and Sgt. Spir heaved sighs of relief—the Junior Mercury had got its July Supplement.

ROUND THE CAMP

CORNISH CAPERS

SUMMER camp was situated in an isolated spot, with a pronounced shortage of the opposite sex. Cooking facilities were primitive, but the cooks made the best of a bad job.

'J' Troop were the first to arrive, preparing the camp for the rest by digging 'the windy way' and doing all the other dirty jobs.

A Swimming Gala was arranged by Lt. Hancock, the high spot being the 'Chain of Command Race,' won by 'J' Troop. OC Troop fished a pebble out of a bowl, the J/Sgt. swam to the Cadre Sgt. who drank a bottle of beer, next the J/Cpl. swam back to the J/L/Cpl. who hopped up the beach to a in head-first. J/Sgt. Mellor deputised for his J/Sig. who dashed back to the water diving Cadre Sgt., and willingly downed the beer.

1 Squadron had first class weather, with plenty of swimming to cool off. Boys were persuaded to bring girls along to the dance, but were very chagrined to find them whisked off by the officers and sergeants for a drink in the mess. One J/Cpl. after seeing his girl home fell asleep on her doorstep.

The camp was a great success, and should have lasted much longer.

CONFIRMATION

A Confirmation service for 35 Boys and 2 Cadre was held in St. Georges Church (Unit Church) on 11th July. The service was taken by the Bishop of Maidstone before a large congregation.

PONY CLUB

FOR some time now J/Sig. Beardwell has been keen on horses, but the idea of a Regimental Pony Club wasn't conceived until the night of the Denbury Fair Dance, when he discovered that Miss Jane Smith-Owen, the Medical Officer's daughter, was also an enthusiast. This was followed by an interview with the Commanding Officer, who gave his approval to the idea.

The next problem was to find horses, and in this connection J/Sig. Beardwell went on a visit to Bovey Tracey to see Lt. Col. Pelow (Retired), who owns a small stable. He was very knowledgeable, helpful with suggestions, and also gave us the addresses of some useful contacts.

J/Sig. Beardwell plans to get about four horses, with a routine of maintenance and exercise for about sixteen boys working in shifts. Next year he talks hopefully of entering for local Gymkhanas and Pony Shows.

DENBURY FAIR

THE fair was scheduled to start at 3 o'clock, but many visitors arrived earlier. The sideshows proved popular and profitable, and the jiving competition was hotly contested, being finally won by J/Sig. Jock McBain, and his partner, Anne. In the drill shed there was an exhibition of Hobbies and Military Equipment, including teleprinters, an armoury display, and a model railway. The latter was successful with certain RAEC sergeants, thus proving they are still boys at heart. The Junior Mercury and other Army periodicals were on sale.

Sideshows included darts, tin knocking, skittles, and even a special Kiddies Playground.

The dance was organised by the WO's and Sergeants, and the M.C. was a very attractive Scotsman in full, if rather peculiar Highland Dress.

The evening ended with a floodlight Beating of Retreat by the Corps of Drums, and at one point they lit up their instruments with lights. When the retreat was over the Choir sang 'Land of Hope and Glory.' This was their first public appearance.

A complete success.

ANOTHER PARKER

AN increase of population was noted on 14th June when Mrs. Parker recruited another member into the family, Claire Veronica Parker, whose weight at birth was 6lbs. 8ozs.

When questioned regarding why 2 Squadron did not receive a holiday in conjunction with 1 Squadron, Major Parker replied, 'For such an occasion to have any real meaning it would have to take place immediately, unfortunately we were preparing to go to camp; where indeed we had a weeks holiday!' Ahem!!!

ALL COLOURS OF THE RAINBOW

TWO Squadron are away ahead with their ideas again; as we now see their Permanent Staff wearing Troop flashes. This is an excellent idea to make the Cadre and boys a part of their Troop, and to see Capt. Joyner with his black flash, or Sgt. Rose with his green brings joy to our hearts. However Major Parker and SSM Chilvers feeling loyalty to all Troops, and yet no particular allegiance, wear five Troop flashes giving their shoulders a very colourful appearance.

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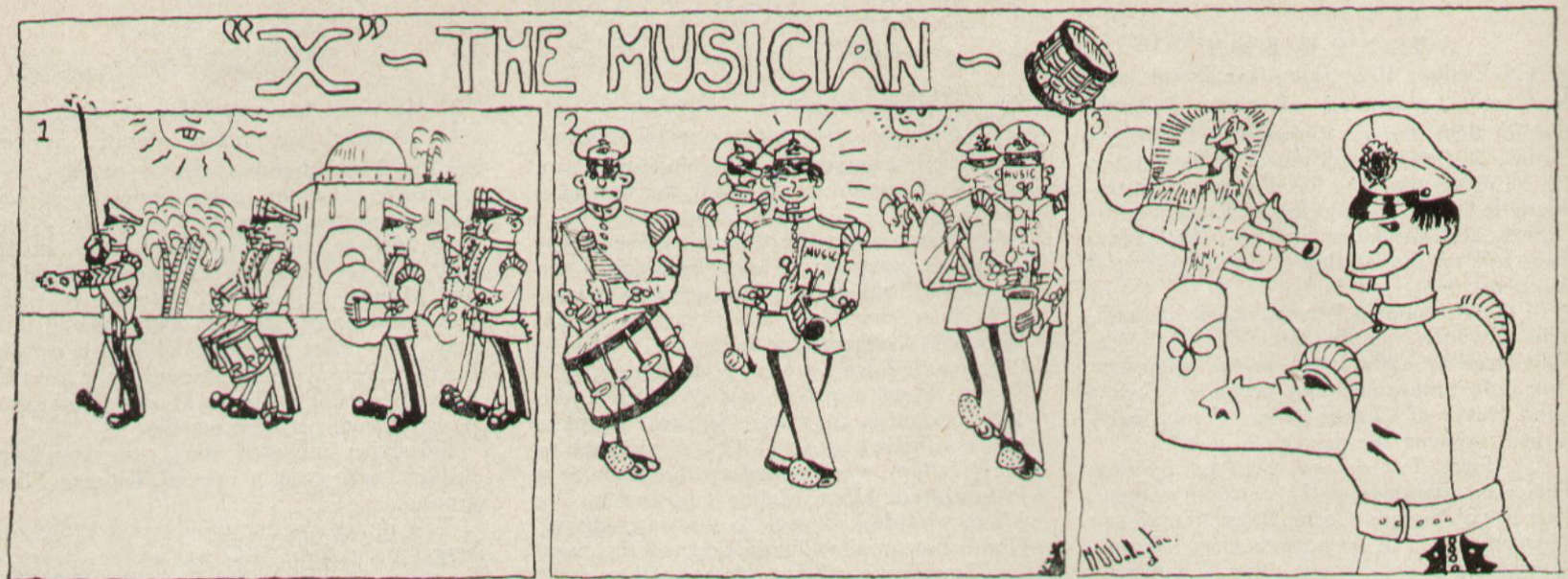
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'X' IN THE BAND

'X' sat in the Odeon Cinema with his mate, his eyes glued to the screen. They were watching the 'Tommy Dorsey Story' and in 'X's imaginative mind thoughts were racing. 'I bet with a little bit of practice I could be as good as he is,' he said to his mate.

'Well then join the band,' his mate replied with a vacant grin. (He always grins like that being in Inter. 2).

'X' grinned back. 'A great idea,' he said. He would show them that he wasn't as thick as he looked.

So it was then that the next day he stood in front of Sgt. Yates explaining his position.

'I don't want you,' said Sgt. Yates.

'Please,' said 'X'.

'No'.

'Please'.

'Oh, all right, but one slip and you're out'.

Then 'X' made a crushing statement. 'I'll be good, Staff.'

The days went by. Peace reigned in the band with 'X' keeping well in the background. After a few days, came the fateful day that 'X's name appeared on the orders for a duty and 'X's chest swelled out with pride at this great honour. He 'bulled' up his band kit and polished his trumpet, and even Sgt. Yates had to admit that he was the smartest boy on parade that morning. First, Work's

Call went fairly well and 'X' was very pleased. Then came N.A.F.F.I. Call and this was the undoing of 'X'. At this point in our tragedy we must explain that 'X' had lost his heart to a certain N.A.F.F.I. girl and the very sight of her made him forget everything else. As fate would have it she appeared at the window just as he was about to play. Catastrophe. What was it that he played? Well it was not N.A.F.F.I. Break. It was the 'Wedding March' played beautifully in the style of Louis Armstrong. The next thing he knew was a hand on his shoulder and hot breath on his neck.

'Get out,' said Sgt. Yates, 'and never come back to the band again.'

Then he was gone and all was still.

'Ah well,' said 'X' to himself. 'There's always Eddie Duchin.'

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READERS CORNER

To:—The Editor, 'Junior Mercury.'

From:—J/Sig. Rayner, K Troop.

Dear Sir,

In my opinion a Regimental Cravat could be worn with the Regimental Undress which is proposed for future wear. I have been told too, that the new form of Undress will incorporate 15 inch bottoms to the trousers. At present tris is not allowed for civilian clothes. Could this ruling be changed for the benefit of the older boys who are allowed to wear civilian clothes?

Yours faithfully,
C. Raynor.

To:—The Editor, 'Junior Mercury.'

From:—J/Sig. Jones, K Troop.

Dear Sir,

I suggest that a Junior Signaller who has been in this Regiment for more than six months should, if possible, be granted at least one late pass every week. At the moment a new Recruit has as many privileges as an 'old sweat' with six month's service.

Yours hopefully,
P. Jones.

To:—The Editor, 'Junior Mercury.'

From:—J/Sig. Pratt, K Troop

Dear Sir,

I am of the opinion that J/NCO's of this camp do not get enough privileges. Though I am not an NCO myself, I believe that the work done by Junior NCO's is not fully appreciated. Apart from the minor privilege of being able to use the NCO's Bar in the N.A.F.F.I., a member of the Trade Troop is as well off without having to perform the irksome duties of the J/NCO.

Yours,
G. Pratt.

The Second in Command has kindly given his permission to reprint part of a personal letter which he felt would interest all readers of the Junior Mercury.

From:—Chief Signals Officer,
H.Q. East Africa Command,
Nairobi, Kenya.

'.....Thank you for the copies of Junior Mercury.....Personally I took a particular interest in the athletic results and was dismayed to see that the standard in the High Jump has deteriorated in the last twenty one years. In my own day we had at least four five-footers, due mainly to the efforts of Tom Boileau teaching us the Straddle, Eastern Cut Off or Western Roll. I see in the photograph the winner using a Scissors, which probably accounts for the low standard. Scissors is all right for chaps like you (Major Dunkley) with long legs, but not for the average boy.....'

To the Editor of the 'Junior Mercury,'

From Lt./Col. Townsend PRI

In the first issue of the 'Junior Mercury', a correspondent suggested that cold drinks should be available from a slot machine especially when N.A.F.F.I. was shut. This suggestion was investigated and enquiries revealed that the main firm who runs slot machines (self-service) is Coca-Cola. Unfortunately, Denbury is outside their service area and therefore they will not provide one.

Enquiries were also made regarding the sale of milk in cartons, as is done in Topsham Barracks. The machine involved costs several hundred pounds and a large daily sale is necessary to offset the costs and daily servicing. Unfortunately our married families, who would be good customers do not live in the barracks. This camp also virtually closes for 10 weeks in the year when there would be no sale. We could therefore guarantee a sufficient sale to cover the firm's expenses. Incidentally the maximum amount of milk sold here, in N.A.F.F.I. in one day was only sixteen pints. The machine in Topsham Barracks is selling over a hundred pints per day.

C. M. Townsend

CADRE CUTTINGS

HEAD-QUARTER Squadron consists of over 120 men under the rank of sergeant, and it is upon them that a great deal of the important work of the camp falls. They work unseen and unsung, but their work is vital. This is a short account to introduce a few personalities to our readers. It is by no means complete nor is it enough to thank them for their part.

Behind the scenes of the excellent food lie a number of cooks from the Army Catering Corps, seemingly locked away in their own hot and steaming area, seldom seeing the light of day. Pte. 'Ginger' Wells tells us he is on a diet, but seems always to be eating a rice pudding. Sigm. 'Butch' Bailey, the the Regimental Butcher is the proud owner of an expensive looking limousine, and enjoys receiving mistaken salutes from inexperienced sentries at the South Gate.

Prominent in the Dining Hall party are the celebrated 'Janker Kings,' Sigm. Whitehead and Mercer, sweating out their time on a continual 'Tinbash' under the benign eye of Cpl. Faragher, late of the Provost Staff.

The Quarter Master has his own little private army, operating in a guarded stockade and occasionally Cpl. Yearsley can be spotted mysteriously appearing on some secret mission. Then we have the hard working coal party ably led by Sigm. 'Frank' Adams, who believes in minding his own business and keeping out of everybody's way.

At the opposite end of the camp comes the M.T. department, who zealously maintain their eleven vehicles. Oldest inhabitants are L/Cpl. Taylor who once took his demob, but couldn't stand work, so he came back to become the pin-up boy of 'The Wire.' Another old-stager from the pony express days is Dvr. 'Sid' Chester, a forceful right-winger, regarded as our local Stirling Moss, but closely rivalled by another speedster in Dvr. Bacon.

The Provost Staff are led by Cpl. Nicholls, who has now become a permanent feature of the camp. L/Cpl. Powell has recently returned from a Fire Course, but confesses that 'it was all very confusing.'

In the Regimental Head-Quarters we find Cpl. 'Dinger' Bell who is now on the inventory as an R.E. fixture. Seldom is he seen about the camp, although rumour has it that the prowler has spotted him in the early hours of the morning carrying Secret Files to the incinerator and muttering the magic word 'Posting' under his breath.

Heavens above! I haven't mentioned L/Cpl. Steer. That'll mean guards for a week.

ANSWERS TO LETTERS

1. The Adjutant replies to J/Sig. Raynor.

A Regimental Cravat may be worn with Regimental Undress on appropriate occasions like Sports Days. I will obtain patterns if the demand is sufficiently high. I hope that all Junior Leaders will be proud to wear the Regimental tie at all times with civilian clothes. Regimental Undress will incorporate 15-17 inch bottoms and trousers according to the individual's taste, and related to his height and shoe size—the same principle may apply to civilian clothes of one's own choice.

2. The Adjutant replies to J/Sig. Jones.

I am sorry that 'Old Sweat' feels so under privileged, but I feel that he ought to be able to take it with all his experience!

3. The Adjutant replies to J/Sig. Pratt.

I am glad that J/Sig. Pratt appreciates the efforts put in by Junior W.Os. and N.C.Os.— I share this appreciation. However, promotion is not a means of giving privileges as a reward for good service. It is the most important aspect of training in this Regiment. What a pity that every boy cannot be an N.C.O.!

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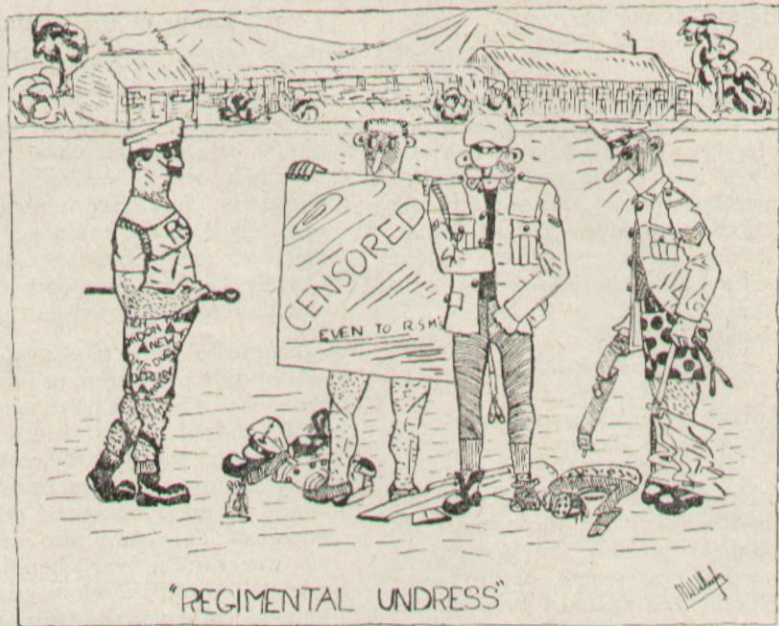
THE latest, the greatest by the new vocal team the Falcons is entitled 'Your so Fine'. This new group consists of four unknowns to the record business, but it is obvious that we are going to hear a lot more of them in the future. Cliff Richards is making a great stir throughout the record world with his new disc 'Living Doll'. Cliff has surprised most of his fans by making this record, as it is much slower than any of his previous discs. Another slow ballad making a name in the hit parade is one by Bobby Darin entitled 'Dream Lover'. 'Ring-a-Ling and Marryo', is a new record by Jimmy Rogers and is an almost certain hit. Duane Eddy has also made a recording of the hit record 'Teenage Guitar', which the well-known British Guitarist Bert Weedon is making famous in this country. A disc that was released by the late Richie Valens after his death, is a certainty for the parade and is called, 'That's My Darling Susie'. The latest disc by Elvis Presley is 'A Whole Heap of Loving.'

RECORD ROUND-UP

1. 'Teenage Guitar' by Bert Weedon
Another great 'twangy' guitar record by the British guitar man, Bert Weedon is 'Teenage Guitar', on the Top Rank label. It is a great follow up to his other hit 'Guitar Boogie Shuffle', which at the moment stands in the number twelve position in the Hit Parade. Bert starts with a whole range of 'twangy' notes in the bass key and then half way through the disc he changes into a high key and then once again switches to bass. A very fine record and a 'must' for any collector of instrumental records. This disc was reviewed on 'Juke Box Jury' on the B.B.C.
2. 'All My Sorrows' by the Kingston Trio
The 'Tom Dooley' boys, the Kingston Trio, have a certainty for the hit parade with their new disc 'All My Sorrows,' on the Capital label. The rich deep voices of the trio blend excellently with the strumming bass guitars which give this record a solid background. Another new disc that they are doing well with is a song entitled 'Waterloo', This is another promising hit.
3. 'The Battle of New Orleans'
by Lonnie Donnegan
You just can't keep Lonnie Donnegan 'Chewing Gum song', comes 'The Battle of New Orleans', on the Nixa label. This out of the Hit Parade. To follow his record jumped from nowhere to number seven in the Top Twenty British records. A 'cert' for Number One, as there is no

holding the 'Battle' record back. It gives us the old Donnegan style which we heard in 'John Henry', 'Rock Island Line', and all his other old records. You can almost imagine the scene of the battle with muskets cracking and drums beating. 'A must' for the pop record buyer of today.

4. Borodin's Polovtsian Dances from 'Prince Igor'
All who enjoyed the music from the popular show 'Kismet' will enjoy these dances, some of the tunes appeared in this show ('This is my beloved', and 'Stranger in Paradise' are two of them). They are probably the best known pieces out of this Opera. The Russian composer Borodin died before the opera was finished, but it was later completed by two other Russians, Rimsky-Korsakov and Glazounov.
5. 'Ros on Broadway'
Edmundo Ros
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COMPETITION

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2. 'Today's Army is smartly and comfortably clad.'
3. 'Learn a trade and be scientific.'
4. 'Enjoy your sport with all facilities.'
5. 'Security in youth and in old age.'
6. 'Every recruit's kit-bag contains a Field Marshal's baton.'

Each reader is allowed one entry, to be in the Junior Mercury Office by 1200 hours on 2nd September, 1959. Valuable prizes are offered for the two nearest correct entries.

ANSWERS TO THE COMPETITION

There were no correct entries for our last competition. The correct answers were:—

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by J/Sig. Lewis

SIG. CARLING

Sig. Carling has been keen on football as long as he can remember, although there is no football tradition in his family. At school he was a dashing inside right and was recognised as a promising youngster. After leaving school a groin injury forced him to change position, and he began to play in goal. After playing for local Yorkshire teams his talent began to arouse interest until finally he came under the eye of Leeds United directors, and soon played for Leeds United 'A' team. At 17 he turned professional and prior to his National Service he was commanding a regular place in the reserves.

His fine goal-keeping has helped to bring great honour to the Cadre Football XI, and he has become well known among the local Devon Clubs.

Sig. Carling has a magnificent sense of anticipation which makes the work of guarding the goal-line look so easy, as he is always in the right place to field a shot. However he has shown us that he has the spring and energy of a leopard, and some of his saves horizontal to the ground have brought applause from even his opponents.

On his return to civilian life he will return to Leeds and hopes to have a regular place in the first team. Best of luck, Terry!



by J/Sig. Lewis

J/L/Cpl. TRACEY

Whilst at school J/L/Cpl. Tracey earned his colours at both Association and Rugby football, but his main interests always lay in Association football. During the season 1957-58 he played for the Gloucestershire Boys County and the Gloucester City Boys football teams. On joining the Army it was as a Rugby player that he was to come into prominence. He played right-prop forward for his Squadron Rugby team, proving a tower of strength to them, and by the end of the last season was regularly playing for the Regimental XV.

During the summer he has been playing with the Regimental cricket team, highest score 26 not out against HMS Fisgard, and has had the responsibility of captaining the second XI. He is a forceful bat, but perhaps inclined at times to be a little impetuous.

His ambition is to gain his colours at both Rugby and Cricket, whilst in the Regiment, and eventually to make his name at both games in the Corps as a whole. When pressed he did confess to a certain lingering weakness to enjoy himself with a round ball as well as the oval. J/L/Cpl. Tracey is a good, all-round sportsman, in every sense of the word.

ARMY RIFLE ASSOCIATION
CENTRAL MEETING

FIVE members of this regiment took part in the Army Rifle Association Central Meeting, the team was:—Lt. Chase, (Capt.) S.S.M. Cox, S/Sgt. Watson, Sgt. Easter, Sgt. Gray.

The meeting was held over the period 22nd June to 4th July. The main purpose of this meeting was to select the 'Army hundred', i.e. the hundred best shots of the British Army, and to fire a number of Regimental and Inter-Arm matches in the rifle, L.M.G., Stirling and Pistol.

S/Sgt. Watson was outstanding and would have been selected for the Corps team but unfortunately suffered a severe bout of 'flu, contacted by a bad soaking on the Ranges two days before the match.

The Army Association Meeting (1959) was for many people a sad one, as it is the last time the No. 4 (.303) rifle will be used in this meeting, next year the 7.62 M.M. self loading rifle will replace the .303, also as the individual arms of the British Army.

GYMNASTS AT EXETER

IN the grounds of Digby Hospital the Regimental Gymnastic Display Team put on a first class performance before the patients and relatives of those in the hospital. The atmosphere in the grounds was very friendly and it seemed to make it better for the team to perform. The display consisted of two main parts, ground work and horse work.

The opening tableau was magnificent to watch and many of the spectators gasped as the teams performed. The ground work was timed to the second as the boys sprang like cats along the mats.

The horse work was even more spectacular with neck rolls and Flying Angels. To conclude the display there was another tableau in which S/Sgt. Johnson performed a perfect hand stand on the heads of L/Cpl. Eckersall and L/Cpl. Hawton. After completing the display the team had one of the best teas that anyone could think of, and they certainly deserved it.

The afternoon was very successful and the team was congratulated by the Senior Medical Officer in charge of the hospital on a very fine performance.

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THE MONTH'S SPORT



J/L/Cpl. Lindsay receiving his Medal

ATHLETICS COMMENTRY

IN the Individual Championship our results compared favourably with all the other J.L. Regiments; but the Apprentices, who train all the year, won practically every event.

J/Cpl. Jones, our only Junior, had two Seconds to add to his First and Second at Plymouth. The 4 x 110 yd. Relay Team, (J/L/Cpl. Cattermole, J/Sigs. Hague, Davies and Collins) did well at Aldershot, as did the 4 x 220 yd. Relay Team, (J/Cpl. Jones, I/L/Cpl. Cattermole, J/Sigs. Hague and Davies), at Plymouth.

J/L/Cpl. Lindsay won the Shot at Plymouth, but bettered his distance to come fourth at Aldershot. J/Sig. Walker dissatisfied with the Javelin at both meetings, but J/L/Cpl. Hallsworth threw a personal best of 134' 9" at Plymouth.

J/L/Cpl. Mills did well with the Hop, Step and Jump on both occasions, coming fifth at Aldershot. He cleared 8' 9" in the Pole Vault at Plymouth.

Other noteworthy performances include J/Sig. Jacobs breaking the Unit 880 yd. Record, J/Sig. Broadberry Brooke, doing the 440 yd. in 56.5 secs., (his personal best), and J/Sig. Collins setting up a new Unit 110 yd. Hurdle Record, all at Aldershot.

Cricket

J.L.R. v. Infantry J.L. Bn.

Signals 45 for 5

Infantry 42

Signals won by 5 wickets.

Cadre v. Ipplepen C.C.

Signals 80.

Ipplepen 81 for 2.

Ipplepen won by 8 wickets.

J.L.R. 2nd XI v. Wessex Bde. Band Boys.

Signals 78.

Wessex 55.

Signals won by 23 runs.

J.L.R. v. R.A.C., J.L. Regt.

Signals 120 for 5 dec.

R.A.C. 77 for 9.

Match drawn.

J.L.R. v. Newton Abbot Grammar School.

Signals 64.

Newton Abbot 63.

Signals won by 1 run.

Athletics

Quadrangular Athletics (Plymouth)

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| 1. Infantry J.L. Bn. | 140 pts. |
| 2. R.A.C. J.L. Regt. | 103 pts. |
| 3. J.L.R. R Signals | 96 pts. |
| 4. J.L. Battery, R.A. | 81 pts. |

CRICKET

A Glorious Double

At long last we have beaten the Infantry J.L. Battalion convincingly—home and away. On both occasions, after early collapses, P/Sig. Crumbie, making a welcome return to the 1st XI, stepped into the breach with some steady and sensible batting. At Plymouth J/Sigs. Rooke and Haslem had a record last wicket stand of 49, including an undefeated 29 from J/Sig. Roofe. J/Sig. McGibbon was the most damaging bowler with an aggregate of 9 for 30.

Revenge is Sweet

In the first leg against Ipplepen the Cadre XI were severely trounced by 8 wickets, only compensations being a fine half century by Capt. Meyrick and some good pace bowling from Sign. Kennedy. In the return fixture the Cadre avenged themselves, including a half century from L/Cpl. Eckersall, an undefeated 51 by Sgt. Saxby, and 25 from Sgt. Jackson (771), who got a hat trick with his Spir. Outstanding was the bowling of Sign. deadly in-swingers.

Second Team Win

Batting first Signals made 78, best innings from J/Sigs. White and Bates with 18 apiece. J/Sig. Thompson (6 for 16) bowled well to defeat the Wessex Band Bays.

J.L.R. v. Totnes Grammar School.

Signals 83 for 8.

Totnes 87 for 9.

Totnes won by 1 wicket.

J.L.R. v. Infantry J.L. Bn.

Signals 113.

Infantry 72.

Signals won by 41 runs.

Cadre v. Ipplepen C.C.

Signals 151 for 3 dec.

Ipplepen 25.

Signals won by 126 runs.

Cadre v. Wessex Bde. Depot.

Signals 63.

Wessex 147 for 6 dec.

Wessex won by 84 runs.

J.L.R. v. Ashburton Colts.

Signals 80.

Ashburton 84 for 3.

Signals lost by 7 wickets.

Army Boys Individual Championships
(Aldershot)

J/Cpl. Jones Hop, S & J 2nd 40' 8"
(Junior) Long Jump 2nd 19' 2"

J/L/Cpl. Cattermole
100 yards Finalist 10.8 secs.

J/L/Cpl. Lindsay Shot 4th 40' 8"
4 x 110 yd. Relay Team (Youth)

3rd 48.5 secs.

Two Exciting Finishes

Signals produced their finest batting of the season against the RAC, Bovington, including a masterful 57 not out from J/Sig. Day. With only 30 minutes left the RAC were 85 for 9, but credit goes to them for forcing a draw.

Against Newton Abbot Grammar School only J/Sig. McGibbon (19 not out) batted well for a moderate total of 63, after they had seemed set for victory with 46 for 3.

Two Defeats

Totnes Grammar School won a narrow victory. J/Sig. Schofield (L Tp) captaining the team in the absence of J/Cpl. Howlett (injured for remainder of season), scored 21. J/Sig. Day (5 for 26) bowled well.

Ashburton Colts completed the double with a convincing victory. Only Rooke, with a score of 20, distinguished himself.

A Poor Display

The Wessex Brigade Depot defeated the Cadre heavily, scoring 100 in an hour. Our bowlers, in the absence of Sgt. Saxby and Capt. Meyrick, seemed ineffectual. Sgt. Waters hit a bright 13 in 2 overs, but only S/Sgt. Foster batted with authority, to score an excellent 15 before being unfortunately run out.

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