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The Swift Twins Greet the S.O. in C.

By Capt Bowyer

## CERTA CITO

(Swift and Sure)

OF such is THE CORPS. What better Christmas present could Denbury have

wished for than to announce the formal approval of our Signal Officer in Chief, Maj. General R. J. Moberly, C.B., O.B.E. to the adoption of every one of the ten troops of Junior Leaders by a Regular Regiment of the Corps? At the same time we hear with

great delight that Brigadier P.A.P. Hobson D.S.O., Commander of the Training Brigade is considering the possibilities of affiliating the Trade Schools of Denbury to his Trade Training Regiments. If, in the future, it should become possible to send Junior Leaders direct from Denbury to the Regiments of their adoption to carry out their first tour of adult soldiering and to qualify for Junior NCOship, then indeed our best hopes will have been fulfilled.

It is in the Spirit, then, of those words used by Crispin Gill in an introduction to the Pageant of Plymouth Hoe that we, at Denbury, look over Haytor and into the future—"At the start of new reigns, new centuries, new years, we look forward with a hope that never dies, hope that the faults and failures of the present and the past can be left behind, hope that the future will bring all our ships safely home." This, then, is the spirit of Denbury and we march forward into 1960 confident in the future and supported on all sides by the HAND OF FRIENDSHIP.

Unit	Commander	Troop Adopted	Command Group	Remarks
4th Signal Regt.	Lt.-Col. J. H. Collins	Quadrant (Late 'A' Troop) Red Flash—White Toorie	2-Lt. M. Buckett Sgt. H. Meekings Sgt. G. Greaves	No. 1 Squadron Commander Capt. M. A. T. Hartnett
10th Signal Regt.	Lt.-Col. G. B. Donald	Bruno (Late 'B' Troop) Brown Flash—White Toorie	2-Lt. D. A. Carter Sgt. R. A. Peake Sgt. B. E. Greenwood	No. 1 Squadron
17th (Gurkha) Signal Regt.	Lt.-Col. G. W. Blackburne	Kukri (Late 'D' Troop) Turquoise Flash —White Toorie	2-Lt. R. J. Green Sgt. R. E. Tamlyn	No. 1 Squadron
18th Signal Regt.	Lt.-Col. J. R. West, M.B.E.	Francisca (Late 'F' Troop) Yellow Flash—Blue Toorie	Capt. P. G. Rogers S/Sgt. D. A. Curley Sgt. J. A. Angell	No. 1 Squadron
1st Signal Regt.	Lt.-Col. M. S. Hancock, M.B.E.	Anzio (Late 'G' Troop) Blue Flash—White Toorie	Lt. P. D. E. Gregory Sgt. S. Jasper	No. 1 Squadron
3rd Signal Regt.	Lt.-Col. J. D. T. Brett	Iron (Late 'H' Troop) Mauve Flash—White Toorie	Lt. P. D. E. Chase Sgt. F. M. Young Sgt. R. G. Osborne	No. 2 Squadron Commander Maj. P. D. Parker
7th Signal Regt.	Lt.-Col. B. H. P. Barnes Lt.-Col. P. F. Pentreath, M.B.E.	White Spear (Late 'J' Troop) Pink Flash—White Toorie	Lt. D. C. Whitehead Sgt. S. Tearse Sgt. A. Waters	No. 2 Squadron
30th Signal Regt.	Lt.-Col. J. R. Piddington M.C.	White Swan (Late 'K' Troop) Black Flash—White Toorie	Capt. J. N. Hancock S/Sgt. D. A. W. Nicholls Sgt. J. B. Rose	No. 2 Squadron
5th Signal Regt.	Lt.-Col. J. E. D. Farr, M.B.E.	Jerboa (Late 'L' Troop) Green Flash—White Toorie	Capt. H. Rothwell 2-Lt. K. L. G. Sheppard Sgt. G. A. Aven	No. 2 Squadron
2nd Signal Regt.	Lt.-Col. A. D. Brindley, M.B.E.	Kohima (Late 'M' Troop) Orange Flash—White Toorie	Lt. J. M. Hewson Sgt. J. Baxter Sgt. W. Easter	No. 2 Squadron

Note :—1. If each Regiment would very kindly send a staff list for use at Denbury, it would be much appreciated.  
2. It has yet to be decided which of the Swift Twins will be re-named "Certa" or which "Cito."



# EDITORIAL

A VERY Happy Christmas to all our readers!

As you can see we greet you with a special Christmas number, extended by two more pages. The reason? There was so much to tell you about, that we were unable to do it in our normal eight pages.

First of all our front page—the final agreement to all troop adoptions, with of course the S.O. in C. greeting two of the youngest of his flock, so appropriately named "Swift." But too, we wanted to tell you all about Christmas—parties, dinners and dances.

Then we have had so many interesting letters this month, 1½ pages in all, for which we warmly thank our correspondents. This is just the ticket! Plenty of letters; make them as controversial as you please.

Thinking that Christmas was a Church Festival, and a time to remember Christ's birth, we asked the Padre for 100 words on the subject. How nobly he responded with two separate pieces totalling 350 words.

So there we have our two extra pages. Also on the cover we have our new title heading with its message of peace to the world—nearly the same as the last, but perhaps of deeper significance. Think about it, and you will see why.

On behalf of the RSM and all concerned we make public acknowledgment to the support given by the Regiment in the sale of Raffle tickets, which was first class.

The only increase in Staff lies in the acquisition of J/L/Cpl. Zimmer to whom we bid a warm welcome. As usual our thanks go to J/Sig. Dryland for his "X" cartoon, and to SSM Cox for his cartoon—surely to the taste of all Junior Leaders.

Finally we take this opportunity to bid farewell to this term's output, hoping that their future in the Royal Signals is successful, and that they will always recall their "Salad Days" at Denbury as beneficial and happy.

The next edition will be the first of 1960, and between now and then you will be on leave—enjoy it, and return refreshed and ready for work.

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# Staff Scrapbook

SO Cadre has been given a new name . . . no its not rude. Henceforth Cadre will be referred to as "The Staff" directed the Commanding Officer in Part Ones during November so "Cadre Cuttings" was out when we started making the current "Junior Mercury" up.

But what could we call the column (quiet you in the back rank)? As you can see we've made a decision—but we are still open to suggestions, polite ones of course!

With Cadre—oops, The Staff!—changing its name came Bon-fire night. The Staff played a big part in the success of Denbury Camp's social evening to mark the Gunpowder plot, but then for the rest of the month: quiet.

December opens with SEVEN departures. Christmas 1959 has been a long awaited date for L/Cpl. Hughes, Evans, and Signalmen Hayter, Earl, Morris, Neary, and Whitehead. On his way too will be 2nd Lt. Carter.

But Christmas is eagerly awaited by everyone; may it be a happy one for the Regiment's personnel . . . but please, don't let us forget those left behind. As always some members of the Staff will be looking after things here on the camp on Christmas day.

### WELL DONE

WE are pleased to announce the prize-winners in the Army Arts and Crafts Competition and Exhibition as follows:—

#### Adults

Basketry Section.—1st Prize.—WO II Chandler (BEN) with a "linen basket." He wins £5 and a certificate.

Sculpture and Woodcarving.—2nd Prize.—Sgt. Foulds with a "female figure," winning £3 and a certificate.

certificate.

#### Junior Leaders

Drawing and Painting.—3rd Prize.—J/Sig. Forbes with a painting "Going to Church," awarded a certificate.

### PRIZES

PROFIT on the Raffle and Social Evening was slightly over £300, of which £100 has been put aside for the Children's Party (12th December) and the remainder is being transferred to the Regimental "Scarlet Fund."

Winners of the Raffle were:—

1. £100	Miss Stevens, Herts.	12746
2. Moped	Chudleigh A.C.F.	8127
3. Record Player	L. J. Beer, Kingskerswell	1893
4. Bicycle	Lt.-Col. Gregory, Denbury Camp	8932
5. Record Player	H. E. F. Harris, Catterick	6324
6. Radio	WO. II. Gibson, Gloucester	8662
7. Radio	Mrs. Bess, Torquay	9192
8. Fan Heater	J/Sig. Bishop, Denbury Camp	37
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### NEW BROOM

Having finished a concert rehearsal, and still dressed up in his frock coat, bowler hat and rolled umbrella, J/Sig. Etherton decided it was a waste of such finery to change straight back into everyday S.D.'s. So he wandered into a strange spider. There he informed a civilian that he was the new Clerk of Works up for an inspection. The civilian was completely taken in. Never before can a block have been so rigorously inspected. A cracked wash-basin brought forth a torrent of abuse and lack of toilet paper became the biggest crime since the death of Al Capone.

### OLD SWEAT

ON the afternoon of the Staff's Hockey Match v. the D.L.I., Denbury Camp had an unexpected visitor. Sergeant Major Jones had been a sergeant major with the D.L.I. until 1922, and was now the same rank in the Royal Hospital (Chelsea Pensioners). He spoke with pride of his work there, including pay, rations, discipline and a "bit of a Quartermaster too." Espying SSM Chilvers with a squad of Junior Leaders—Ceremonial Guard Rehearsal—he said, "mind you, there's nothing wrong with today's youth."

## ROUND THE CAMP

### SADLY MISSED

A farewell to two of the older members of our permanent staff.

John Bennett started life with this Regiment back in 1954 as SSM of "R" Troop, which was at Selby, Yorks. In 1955 he became R.Q.M.S. at Beverley, and held that post until last month when he became de-mobbed. Somehow it doesn't seem the same up at the "Q" Stores without him; however he isn't far away, living in Newton Abbot, and working in the Civil Service.

Wilf Watson started here in 1956 with "L" troop, at the same time doing noble work teaching boys to ride motor cycles. He ended his time here as S/Sgt. i/c the Ration Stores. However he too will be living locally, as he proposes to run a boarding house in Dawlish. For the time being a bearded Mr. Watson is assisting in the "Q" Stores.

### EXCLUSIVE PREMIERE

"ONE Wild Oat," a well-known farce, is to be produced by the Staff and their Wives—date as yet not fixed. The play is admirably directed by Major James. Captain Rowe plays the part of an irate father, and seems to fit into it very naturally. The lovers are Miss Jane Priest and Lt. Wagstaff. Sgt. Diggle reveals great talent as "a divorce case enquiry agent and social investigator." L/Cpl. Steer is very amusing as an "amicable buffoon." The whole cast seem excellent, acting with almost professional confidence, and we eagerly await its First Night.

### BRONCO NIGHT

FOLLOWING the success of the Tramp's Ball, the W.O.'s and Sergeants Mess put on a cowboy night in mid-November, and all were dressed up properly for the evening. Six guns, water pistols, cap guns and even a starting pistol were all on show, and many a wild hold-up took place during the evening.

Prominent among our local celebrities were the "Cisco Kid" (alias Sgt. "Ron" Tamlyn), the celebrated gambler "Pokerface Jack" (SSM Cox), that murderous killer, Sgt. "Bob" Peake, who was apparently Wanted (although nobody could find out by whom), and a beautiful Indian Princess, "Daughter of the Moon" (Mrs. Watson).

It was an hilarious evening, including the lynching of our catering member, Sgt. "Alf" Waters who put on cold tea, beans and bacon. However he redeemed himself with some excellent hot dogs and flapjacks,—which were really hot.

### THE LIGHTS WENT OUT

NOVEMBER 5 will live long in the memories of all at camp. "F" Troop started the evening by winning the "Guy Competition," followed by the lighting of SSM Cox's pride—an enormous bonfire, whose flames could be seen for miles around. Then came a terrific firework display enjoyed by all from small babies to mature adults.

The cinema was packed for a very excellent concert, highlighted by J/Sig. Tossall's performance as a Devon Yokel—but then of course he's a professional. Whilst the Gymnasium, where the dance was held, was packed too, and here Providence intervened as all the lights went out for over an hour due to a fuse. All Junior Leaders were agreed that "it was smashing with the lights out."

### FEATURE OF THE WEEK

THE Corps of Drums have had no public engagements, but have spent the past month consolidating their position within the Regiment.

First thing on Monday morning and at a Saturday lunchtime they render on the drill square Regimental Reveille and Retreat, respectively. The Regiment turns out en bloc to watch these events which have become features of life within the Regiment.

### EXERCISE FIREPROOF

JUNIOR LEADERS, and members of the Staff, waiting by the cookhouse for lunch, were flabbergasted to see a T.C.V., crammed full of R.A.E.C. personnel, looking strangely unfamiliar in Anorak suits, bearing camping equipment. The Educational Staff were out on their adventure training exercise on Haldon Moor—not quite Dartmoor, but a pretty good substitute.

Away from their blackboards and chalk they proved themselves proficient instead with map and compass, fit enough to tramp up hill and down dale with scarcely a curse, and competent enough in the "essentials of life" to produce meals from petrol stoves with "NO Complaints."

The party was accompanied by Sigs. Bowman and Roach, though whether they went as pupils, spies, or just for sheer devilment, is not clear!

### A SON IS BORN

HEARTIEST congratulations to Captain and Mrs. Davis on the birth of their son, Richard Miles Davis, on the second of November. The Adjutant's first baby weighed in at 7 lbs 3 ozs. in a Maternity Home in Torquay.

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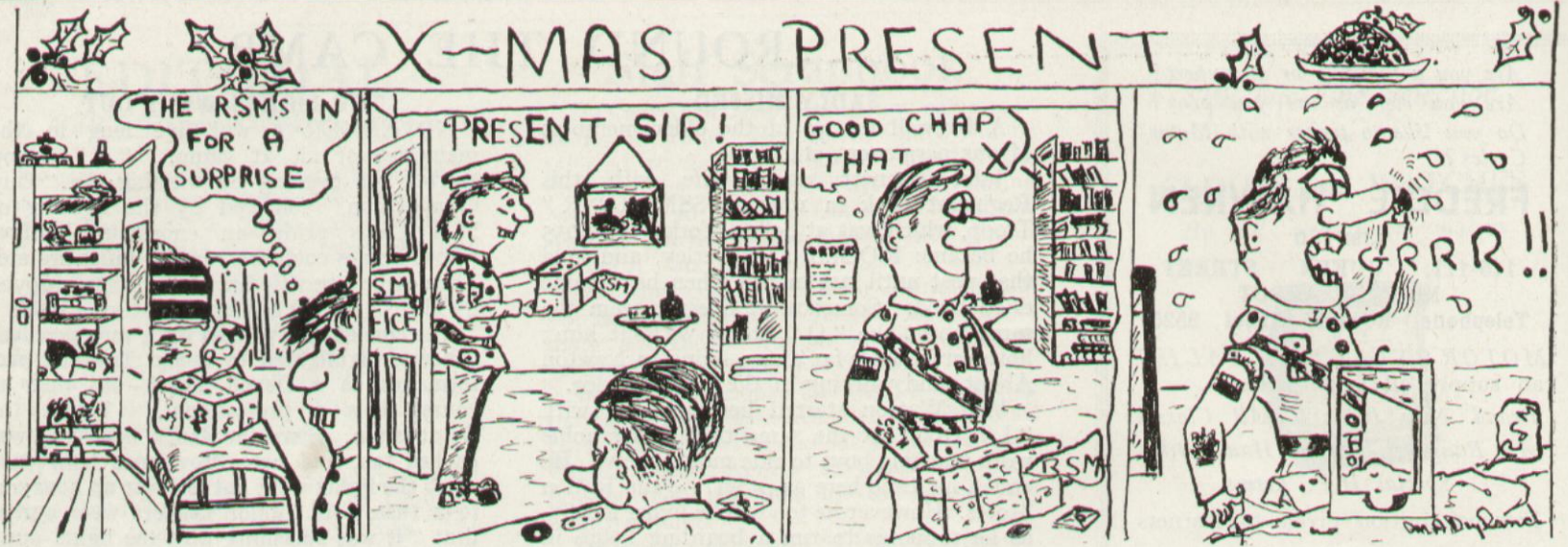
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### “X”'s CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

The scene is set in the bustling splendour of Queen Street, Newton Abbot, and busy shoppers pause to gaze at the smart soldierly figure striding down the road, fully conscious of his responsibility to defend Great Britain against all who seek to do her evil. It is “X” doing his Christmas shopping.

Alas, an early setback in an antique shop, where he mistook the proprietor for a wax model, and smashed a genuine Chippendale chair in his hurry to get away. Then it became all plain sailing as he retreated into the haven of Woolworths and merged with the crowd. The list in his hand diminishes rapidly as he purchases a packet of razor blades for Mum, a bottle of whisky (to be shared with “X” of course) for Dad, a box of throat pills for Sgt. Rose, and five “Woods” for his best girl.

Soon a pile of parcels is seen staggering towards the 'bus station, when, passing a tobacconist and spying a lovely multi-coloured packet of “Players,” the lust for a “drag” overcame him.

Having missed the 'bus he pops into a bookshop, and soon “Conan-X” is engrossed in the final episode of “The Monster from the Green Slime” (most Saturday afternoons finds him spending the odd hour with this epic). Having concluded this, his hand casually reaches forth for another gaudy coloured book which appears stuck in a pile—a sharp tug and “X” finds himself buried beneath 500 paper-backed American novels, interspersed with the occasional classic which had been neatly stacked from floor to ceiling.

A shapeless mass arises from the floor clutching a battered “Tiny Tot's Christmas Annual” gaze into the eyes of the S.E.O., who comments benignly: “Pleased to see you studying for a change.”

This occasions another hurried withdrawal, and a visit to the Post Office for his last pound from his P.O.S.B. A few minutes later, “X” is observed mounting the 'bus (pockets stuffed with pasties), still clutching his precious parcels, thinking of the joy he will be bringing to his nearest and dearest.

“X”'s message to all Junior Mercury readers. “A happy Christmas to you all—get plenty of grub in, and plenty of sleep, and come back refreshed for a good skive next term.

- London
- Portsmouth
- Chatham
- Bournemouth
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**CHALLENGE**

Dear Sir,

I would like to point out to Mrs. Callington that Adventure Training isn't "One Big Sive" as she pointed out. In last month's *Junior Mercury* she speaks of "skipping over the Moors." Admittedly she and the Padre may have covered the course in a reasonable time, but look at what a wonderful day they had for such an exercise. My suggestion to Mrs. Callington is that she should, at some later date when thick snow is covering the Moor, try coming out on a night scheme carrying all the necessary equipment such as sleeping bag, tent, Compo Rations and rifle.

If after all this an arduous 12-mile march follows, Mrs. Callington may not think so lightly of her trips across the Moors. In defence of the Junior Leaders who were sleeping, I say it isn't exactly easy work erecting a tent at four o'clock in the morning, and if she considered the egg and bacon mixture so delicious, I ask her why she declined my offer of breakfast shortly after alighting from the Padre's Land Rover.

If I can be convinced that the Moors are so wonderful, as is pointed out to me by our W.V.S. friend, all I can say is "DART-MOOR HERE I COME!"

Your sincerely,

(Signed) K. HOLLOWAY (H Troop).

**KEEP THAT CUP**

Dear Editor,

I was very glad to read in *Junior Mercury* that the Norwegian visit was so successful and that we repaid so well the hospitality of our friends from Lillehammer. Earlier

**THINKING**

If you think you are beaten, you are;  
If you think you dare not, you don't;  
If you'd like to win, but you think you can't  
It's almost a cinch you won't.  
If you think you'll lose, you're lost,  
For out in the world we find  
Success begins with a fellow's will—  
It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're outclassed, you are;  
You've got to think high to rise,  
You've got to be sure of yourself before  
You can ever win a prize.  
Life's battles don't always go  
To the stronger or faster man,  
But sooner or later the man who wins,  
Is the man who THINKS he can.

Finally, I wish all in the Boxing Club the best of success. The Cup must remain at Denbury.—Yours,

(Signed) W. G. ROBINSON (Capt.), Cyprus.

**READERS' CORNER****JOLLY DAY**

Dear Sir,

Nicosia, Cyprus.

I enjoyed reading your September number of *Junior Mercury*, especially the article covering the tour of Belgium, Holland and Germany. Scanning through the pages, the familiar names of Sergeant-Major Wheatley, Captain Meyrick, and J/SSM Willoughby greeted me—there may be others, but I can't remember them. Boy service was a happy time, and I wish that I were back at Denbury.

Foremost out here has been our "Jolly Day." I was on duty when the Regimental one was held, but received compensation by going with the Married Families. The day started at nine o'clock with three buses arriving in camp to take us to Kyrenia. Threequarters of an hour later found us on a small beach about two miles out of Kyrenia, opposite to Snake Island.

Popular music on records were played all the time, although some of the records were a bit scratched, and there were three side-shows for our entertainment—"roll a penny" (or five mils as it is out here), "beat the goalie," and one where you throw balls through holes in wooden boards, painted with pictures of our officers.

Dinner was excellent; chicken and ham, salad, fruit and cream, or a choice of melons. Then we swam all afternoon, leaving the beach just after four, and ending our day with a sing-song on the homeward journey.

There are a few ex-boys with me here, but they are all from Beverley. Captain Robinson is in the camp, and also Sig. Ulyatt, whom I met, but then lost track of.

I am looking forward to reading the next issue of *Junior Mercury*.—Yours,

D. YATES (Sig.)

**THANK YOU**

To: O.C. Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals.

Sir,

I am sending you the book which was awarded to this office as the prize in the recent competition. It has been read by everybody here and much enjoyed.

We hope that it will be a welcome addition to the fiction section at your Library.

I would like to say how much we all enjoy reading the *Junior Mercury*. It seems to get better with each number.

W. E. P. PROTHEROE-BEYNON,

Major.

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## DISC-USSION

THE four American boys, the "Coasters" are having a great success with their latest release, "Poison Ivy"—you will recall them from the disc of "Along Came Jones." The new film of "The Blue Angel" introduces May Britt, and in this she sings two delightful songs entitled "Falling in Love Again" and "Lola Lola." An old pioneer and popular favourite of Rock 'n Roll is Fats Domino, so it is certain that he has another hit in "Be My Guest," which is due for an early release.

Two girls and a boy, the Avons, have an amusing song all about Fred, entitled "Seven Little Girls Sitting on the Back Seat." In a new film release, entitled "Rawhide," Frankie Laine sings the title and theme song. The last disc made by Johnny Mathis was "Someone," and he has now followed this up in great style with "The Best of Everything."

Bobby Darin's latest release is "Mack the Knife" on the Decca label. A new instrumental on the Top Rank Label is "Teen Beat" by Sandy Nelson. Another new release is "If That's Love" by Jerry London. A brilliant new American release by Wink Martindale is "Deck of Cards" which tells of an American soldier charged with playing cards in church.

The Cliff Richard group, "The Drifters" have recorded a sparkling instrumental on the London Label, which is entitled "Dance with Me." Tommy Steele's new film, "Tommy the Toreador" includes a scintillating new release, "The Little White Bull." "San Miguel" is the latest by Lonnie Donegan.

A long player by "the biggest Goon of them all," Peter Sellers, will be released on 1st December, having the Goonish title of "Songs for Swinging Sellers." He is accompanied by Ron Goodwin. A new-comer to record making is Chris Martin, but his first record, "Mr. Blue" has turned out to be a great success.

After his successful 1959 American tour Mantovani has recorded a fabulous recording of "American Scene" which will shortly be reaching the million sales' mark. Dimitri Shostakovitch is one of today's leading Russian classical composers. His first composition was made at the age of nine. Now we have "Age of Gold" played by Martinon and the London Symphony Orchestra, notable for the lightness and delicacy of its movements.

One of Decca's latest classical recordings is the superb "Aida," the world famous opera, which is recorded by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Herbert Von Karajan. Another outstanding up-to-date Decca release is a colossal operatic production of "La Boheme," recorded by an all-star orchestra conducted by Tullis Serafin.



### TRUE OR FALSE ?

FOLLOWING are a series of statements—some true, some false. Over the Christmas Leave—when you have little else to do—go through them answering in the case of each:—"Correct" or "Incorrect," and send in your answer to the Editor, Junior Mercury. Closing date for all entries will be on 11th January. Prizes will be awarded for the two best entries. Why don't YOU have a go ?

1. Oslo is a Danish city.
2. Trieste is a free port.
3. The State Hangman doesn't get paid.
4. Amy Johnson was a flyer.
5. George Formby plays the guitar.
6. Eric Williams escaped from a German P.O.W. camp.
7. Great Britain have never won the world football cup.
8. Black Bess was Dick Turpin's horse.
9. Harry James is married to Betty Grable.
10. Moscow is north of Edinburgh.
11. Roger Bannister won an Olympic Gold Medal.
12. Humphrey Littleton is an American Jazzman.
13. A Black Widow is a Spider.
14. A Red Admiral is a Scorpion.
15. Sabu played "The Elephant Boy."
16. There are 96 farthings in a florin.
17. A Matador fights Bulls.
18. An anthropologist studies ants.
19. Joe Louis was called "the Brown Bomber."
20. Liverpool is Lancashire's county town.
21. A horse is the fastest quadraped.

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**CUP THOUGHTS**

THE free scoring success of the Staff Football Team continues. Over the past month our League matches have yielded a further 22 goals, with only 1 against. We have swept through the first round of the Army Minor Units Cup with a 12-1 victory, and have gained further laurels by clear defeats of Newton Abbot Spurs and Torquay United "A" team in friendly matches. The next round of the Cup is against the Depot of the D.C.L.I. at Bodmin. Warning—they beat us last year, and also in the season 1955-6—both times when we had the better side. Let's make it third time lucky.

Just a few notes for those who like statistics:

Played 13, Won 12, Lost 1.  
Goals for 118, Goals Against 13.  
Leading Scorers—Scott 38, Cook 30.  
Sturch 24, Eckersall 10.

The defence, with Sig. Summers playing well in goal, Sgt. Angell, Sig. Webb and L.Cpl. James all playing well, has been further strengthened by the inclusion of L.Cpl. Penny.

**ALL SELF INFLICTED**

THE Staff Hockey XI. is still not playing as well as its potential—although their results are good. Somehow they seem to make it look difficult.

Poor Sgt. Greenwood, who for some time now has been one of the stalwarts of the team, he had a patch of bad luck against the D.L.I. First the ball rose and hit him in the ear—from one of our own players. Next another of our team bruised his leg painfully, and finally he trod on the ball and fell heavily.

Congratulations to S/Sgt. Foster who has played twice for the R.A.E.C. XI.

**GOOD FIXTURE LIST**

BASKETBALL is becoming far more popular in the unit, and credit must go to 2nd Lt. Buckett, who has arranged a regular fixture list for both Staff and Boy's teams.

The staff have a strong team with Sgts. Creek, Meekings, Grey, Angell and Jamieson, and W.O. II. Wheatley as regulars, and with Capt. Hancock, Sgts. Morrall and Cavey appearing when possible.

**J/Sig. JACOBS**

KEITH JACOBS joined Exmouth Boxing Club when he was only ten, and before joining the Army had fought his way in successive years to the finals and semi-finals of the Schoolboy's Championships. He was immediately a regular member of the Junior Leaders Boxing Team, and won all his three fights towards last year's Cup victory. He then went on individually to win the Southern Command Championship, the Army Championship, the Inter Services Boxing Association title, and the I.S.B.A. Cadet Championship. He was then defeated at the Albert Hall, London, in the semi-finals of the Amateur Boxing Association championship of Great Britain. Altogether he has won 136 fights out of 143.

He is a keen cross country runner too, and in the Army finals at Aldershot he came fifth in the Half Mile.

His ambition is to win an A.B.A. title THIS YEAR.



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**Cpl. ECKERSALL**

CPL. ECKERSALL has been playing soccer for as long as he can remember—he recalls breaking his leg when six years old. In his last term at school he had a trial for the Lancashire Boys, but was too old to play.

On leaving school he joined Mossley, Cheshire County League Team, first as an amateur and later as a part-time professional. On being called up in the Army for National Service he was posted to Denbury, and first came under the eye of Eric Webber, Torquay United Manager, when he scored all four goals for the Signals in the Calder Cup Final.

Now "Mike" Eckersall has signed on for Torquay United, has played with their all-conquering reserve team, and hopes to settle in Devon. His greatest ambition, he admits, "is to play for Bolton Wanderers."



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## THE MONTH'S SPORT

### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

Staff XI 12 (Cook 5, Scott 4, Tearse 1, Stapenell 1, Sturch 1). Police "F" Div. 1.  
 Staff XI (Army Cup) 12 (Scott 5, Cook 4, Eckersall 2, Sturch 1). 18 Coy. R.A.S.C. 1.  
 Staff XI 5 (Scott 2, Cook 2, Lockyer 1). Torquay Utd. "A" 0.  
 Staff XI 5 (Scott 2, Cook 2, Sturch 1). Hotels and Caterers 0.  
 Staff XI 3 (Eckersall 2, Scott 1). Newton Abbot Spurs 0.  
 Staff XI 5 (Scott 2, Sturch 2, Chester 1). Hotels and Caterers 0.  
 Junior Leader's XI 7 (Rooney 3, McGibbon 2, Leggat 1, Delve 1). R.A.C. Junior Leader's XI 1.  
 Junior Leader's XI 2 (Schofield 1, Rooney 1). Infantry Junior Leader's XI 6.  
 Junior Leader's XI 3 (Bougoise 1, McGibbon 1, Butcher 1). Torquay G.S. 4.  
 Junior Leader's XI 6 (McGibbon 4, Delve 1, Bourgoise 1). Kingsbridge Colts XI. 4.

### HOCKEY :

Junior Leader's XI 2 (Hobson 1, Willoughby 1). Foxhole 5.  
 Junior Leader's XI 1 (Sharp). R.A.C. Junior Leaders 2.  
 Junior Leader's XI 8 (Sharracks 3, Taylor 1, Sharp 2, Collins 1, Hobson 1). R.A.C. Junior Leaders 0.  
 Staff XI 3 (Hartnett 2, Whitehead 1). 1st D.L.I. 0.  
 Staff XI 3 (Hartnett 1, Worslev 1, Parker 1). St. Lukes 3.  
 Staff XI (Army Cup) 0. R.A.C. Bovington 2.

### BASKETBALL :

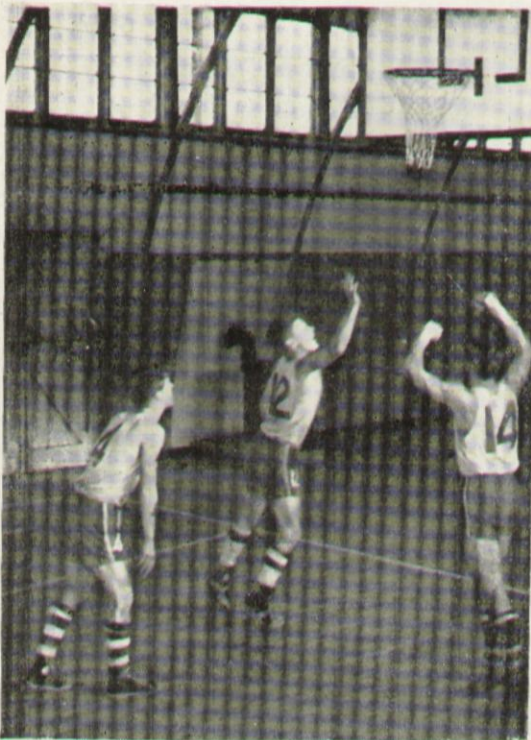
Staff 34. Junior Leader's 40.  
 Staff 50. Exeter University 16.  
 Staff 32. Exeter Basketball Club 34.  
 Staff 53. Newton Abbot G.S. Staff 38.  
 Junior Leader's 37. Newton Abbot G.S. 28.  
 Staff 21. St. Lukes 16.

### RUGBY :

Junior Leader's 1st XV 19. R.A.C. Junior Leaders 0.  
 Junior Leader's 2nd XV 3. R.A.C. Junior Leader's 6.  
 Junior Leader's XV 18. Seale Hayne 3rd XV 6.  
 Junior Leader's XV 30. Kingsbridge Colts 0.

### TABLE TENNIS :

Junior Leader's 3. Gas Board 7.  
 Junior Leader's 4. Abbotskerswell 6.  
 Staff 1. Vampires 9.  
 Staff 1. Falcons 9.  
 Staff 1. Wolves 9.



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J/Cpl. Jones, J/L/Cpl. Sharp and J/Sig. Rooney at Practice.

### BLENDING WELL

The Boy's Basketball team are having a very good season. The victory that pleased them most was against the staff, where despite the absence of Sgts. Creek and Meekings, the boys played exceptionally well. The basic team, J/Cpl. Jones, J/L/Cpls. Sharp and Hobson, J/Sigs. Rooney and Bell all play well together, although their greatest deficiency lies in lack of inches. Jones is a fine shot, Rooney an elusive baffling player with Sharp as the general behind their tactics. J/L/Cpl. McGibbon is another good shot, J/S/Sgt. Cunningham and J/Sig. Garner are very competent substitutes.

### GET IT OUT

The Rugby XV. are still playing attractive rugby, particularly on the all too rare occasions when the ball is allowed to reach a wing man. The 1st and 2nd XVs. completed a double over the R.A.C. at Bovington, and it is comforting that adequate reserves exist in a strong 2nd XV.

### HONOURED

Congratulations to Sgt. Howard Morrall on being selected to play in the first Army Rugby Trial, for the Army team against Aldershot Services.

### FIRST ROUND SUCCESS

The first round of the Junior Leaders Inter Unit Boxing Championship brought the Royal Artillery as our opponents.

It started well for the Signals as J/Sig. Tucker was given a walk-over in the first match. Then came three defeats of J/Sig. Wooler, Lycett and Stanger. J/Sig. Barrett cheered us with some cool ringwork and a clear victory, but worse was in store as both J/Sigs. Keenan and Wheatley were knocked out. Thus the interval found us trailing 5 matches to 2. Things looked black!

J/Sig. Inguanez retrieved some lost ground by a first round knock-out, and J/Sig. Peterson some more with a 2nd round K.O. J/Sig. Crowe brought the scores level in 18 seconds; ten of which were spent in counting his opponent out. Then came a close fight between two "southpaws," narrowly won by J/Sig. Gooding to put us ahead. J/Sig. Jacobs followed Crowe's example, but required a minute to do it in, and J/Sig. Russell then put the match beyond doubt. J/Sig. Barrett, the older one, but no relation, rubbed it in with a cool victory, and the evening closed with the defeat of J/Sig. Naisbitt, who was very unlucky to lose.

### TEAMWORK PAYS

Last month the Football XI. won 2 and lost 2 games. As usual J/L/Cpl. McGibbon heads the scoring list, bringing his season's total to 19. The team is settling down, playing far better as a team. J/Sig. Rooney, on the left wing, has been displaying excellent ball control and general poise.

Most notable victory was against the R.A.C. boys at Bovington, which proved to be an exhibition of first class football.

### MORE PUNCH NEEDED

The Junior Leader's Hockey team have had 2 more matches, against Foxhole 1st XI. and against the R.A.C. Although both were lost our team played better hockey, but haven't learned yet to take their chances.

Our defence with J/SSM. Henderson, and J/Sig. Dixon outstanding, remains firm, but more punch is required in attack.

### BENTHAM WINS AGAIN

In a cross country match against R.A.C. there were two separate team matches. Signals lost the 1st team, but won the 2nd team match. The course was an extremely tough one of 3½ miles, and the weather conditions were poor. Individually J/L/Cpl. Bentham did well to come in first, with J/Sig. McKay fifth.

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