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**VERY INTERESTED**

WHAT clearer sign could there be of the interest taken by the Signal Officer in Chief, Major-General R. J. Moberly, C.B., O.B.E., in the Junior Leaders' Regiment, Royal Signals, than that in the space of two weeks he should share in the adventure training on Dartmoor, and take the Pass Off Parade for the Output. Even more does he show the importance he attaches to the Junior Leader; in his address delivered to the Regiment on the Presentation Parade held at Denbury Camp on 14th December, 1959



By Capt. Joyner  
Lt.-Col. Gregory, Maj.-Gen. Moberly and Brig. White wearing their Balac'avas

**WHOLE REGIMENT**

ON 14th December, 1959, for the first time on a Presentation Parade, the boys paraded with their Troop Officers and Troop Sergeants actually on the Parade commanding them. Also on Parade were the Royal Army Educational Corps Sergeants, now attached to the Troops—each paraded with his Troop proudly bearing his troop flash on his shoulder. The Parade was commanded by Maj. F. Dunkley. The Regimental Standard was carried by J/Sgt. R. P. Dawes.

**ALL POTENTIAL LEADERS**

**PRESENTATION PARADE SPEECH BY THE SIGNAL OFFICER IN CHIEF, MAJOR-GENERAL R. J. MOBERLY, C.B., O.B.E., DELIVERED AT DENBURY CAMP. DECEMBER, 1959**

"I want to say a few words to you boys of the Junior Leaders' Regiment, Royal Signals, on this special occasion. It is a special occasion for two reasons: first, because it marks the end of the Winter Term, and, secondly, because 31 of you are passing, shortly, into man's service when you will join the Training Brigade, Royal Signals, at Catterick in January.

"There are here, today, a number of distinguished visitors to witness this parade and to see the giving of the Awards and Medals. Among these visitors, unfortunately—owing to the distance and time of year, I understand there are no parents, but there is a special Parents' Day in the summertime

when we like to see as many as possible here in the Regiment. But, all the same, I'm quite sure that the parents' thoughts are with you boys today. Then, we have with us, I'm very glad to say, the Mayor of Torquay and the Councillor from Newton Abbot. We, also, have a distinguished retired Post Office engineer with a very long service, including service both in Royal Engineers and Royal Signals, and a number of distinguished retired officers and their wives of whom I would, particularly, like to mention General Sir William Scott who is a very distinguished ex-Director of Signals. I had hoped that the Commander of the Training Brigade would be here

because, into his hands, will pass you boys who are going to Catterick, but, unfortunately, he was prevented because he is not well. I would like to mention, as well, that we have here with us the Command Liaison Officer from Salisbury, and that we have here a number of ex-boys who have come back from their Regiments to see you again and to witness the parade. I know they are very welcome to you all.

I would like to say that I'm very conscious that those boys who are passing out today were born in the most difficult part of the War, about 1942. My wife and I know only too well how difficult it was to bring up a

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The S.O. in C. presents the Cobb Trophy to S/Sgt. Worrall  
The Journal of the Junior Leaders' Regiment, Royal Signals

. . . and . . .

takes the Sa'ute from the Christmas term output

*Photograph by S/Sgt. Ash*

## EDITORIAL

THE Winter term of 1959, just passed, was a particularly busy one, notable for the number of visits. There were Norwegian Boys from the Norwegian Signal School at Lillehammer, a party of U.S. Marines playing Rugby against Newton Abbot, and a party of Gurkhas here to greet the Commanding Officer as a personal friend. Our official visitors included the G.O.C. of S.W. District, Major-General H. A. Borradaile, D.S.O.; the Commander of the Training Brigade, Brigadier P. M. P. Hobson, D.S.O.; the Chief Signal Officer of Southern Command, Brigadier D. White, O.B.E.; the Director of Boys' Training, Brigadier A. I. Buchanan-Dunlop, C.B.E., D.S.O.; and two visits from the Signal Officer in Chief, Major-General R. J. Moberly, C.B., O.B.E. Who can dare to call Denbury "remote" after that impressive list?

At the end of every term it is our pleasure to wish all members of the Output the "Very Best of Luck." Both our Sergeant Majors, Henderson and Willoughby, are leaving, and we take this opportunity to congratulate their successors, J/SSM's Tams and Worrall. We are losing good sportsmen in Cowan, Crumbie, Cunningham, Delve, Garrett, Jones, Keenan, and Taylor (176), who are all sure to make their mark in sport at their new units. Cheerful personalities like Dawes, Holberry and Redman are always a loss. Junior Mercury suffers a personal loss in the departure of reporters, Littlefair and Mack, and their artist, Dryland. There are so many others we would like to say so much about, but space only allows us to name them:—Banks, Forbes, Holdsworth, Haynes, Liles, Liversage, Manktelow, Martin, Morrissey, Pratt, Roberts, Simm, Stokes and Taylor (676). The best of luck—don't forget you are welcome back here at any time, and the Junior Mercury would like letters to let us know how you are getting on!

SSM. Cox, whose popularity as a cartoonist is high amongst readers, is posted too, but we are trying to persuade him to draw us a large stock of cartoons for future use.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL READERS.

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## Staff Scrapbook

Roll on Easter. Christmas was very good but now 1960 is here the secret wish of all the Squadron is to be homeward bound again for Easter.

Perhaps the old saying: "the more one gets (leave) the more one wants" is true to a certain extent but of course the "Admin." falls between now and Easter so that could have something to do with it!

Looking back into the last month of the old year, H.Q. Squadron had a hectic pre-leave spell, what with Children's Parties, R.E.M.E. inspections and the normal eve of leave flaps. But perhaps the biggest stir was caused by a minor incident: the disappearance of Sgt. Major Cox's motor-bike.

The Squadron Sgt.-Major did not take kindly to using the public transport one December evening (like all December evenings it was cold and wet) but like the good sport he is, he was soon spitting out light-hearted revenge tactics to his works parade the following morning. He will be missed, there's no doubt about that. His posting leaves a gap in the Squadron's strength that will be hard to fill.

With youngsters roaming all over the place the Christmas party for Children of the district caused one or two furrowed brows but on looking back now, it seems funny to think of some members of the staff playing "mums and dads" to the kiddies for the day. The party took a lot of organising (for which Sgt.-Major Cox can take a bow) and all in all, the Staff had a treat ready for the children when they arrived.

December caused more than the usual amount of work for the transport corner of the camp. But despite the bumps and knocks it has taken of late, the M.T. Office seemed to drive through the storm in comparative safety.

### POTENTIAL LEADERS—cont.

child in those years when food was short and there were so many difficulties, but, looking at you boys today it's not possible to tell that you had this difficult start and this is very much to the credit of your parents.

"Remember that, now National Service is ending, it is most important that we retain the close link which exists between the British Army and the Nation. Up till now, with National Service, nearly every home has had a member of the Armed Forces in it. In the future, that will not be so and it is particularly important that, on occasions like these, we should have amongst us representatives of the civil population to witness what we are trying to do in Her Majesty's service.

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"I think it's true to say that all of you, as potential leaders, are likely to get rapid promotion provided you prove yourselves when you go to man's service, as I'm sure you will. Remember that, today, there are in the Corps many distinguished ex-boys, both Officers, Warrant Officers and N.C.O.'s, and one ex-boy is shortly to be promoted to the rank of Brigadier.

"Finally, I would like to leave with you a message: my congratulations on your steadiness on parade—but this is traditional and this is just as I expected I would find it—but, more important, remember that you are passing from here into an honourable service where you will have the privilege of serving Her Majesty the Queen, your country, the Army and your Unit and Corps; and remember too, that, in this service you, yourself, come last. "I congratulate you all."

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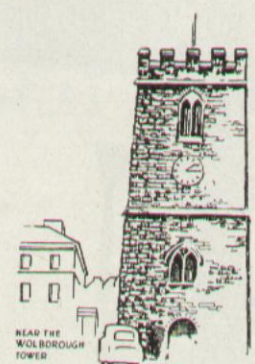
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### PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Junior Leaders would have been horrified at mid-day, end of term, to see the entire Sergeants' Mess marching across the square under command of RSM/Sgt. "Tim" Moss, with a band led by D/Major/SQMS. "Mike" Watkins, and led by Sgt. "Joe" Baxter mounted on Rebel.

### LOUD SIZZLING NOISE

Completely by chance a reporter stepped into the Radio Club, hereinafter referred to as the Everlasting Jazz Session of Denbury. Radio Luxemburg was blaring forth but there was no sign of any Marconi Enthusiasts. However J/Sigs. Read and Galloway finally emerged from behind a locker, eager for a "write up in the rag." They complained that the present accommodation was highly unsuitable for Radio, and pointed to Fungi on the walls to make their point clear. J/Sig. Read told of the night when they switched on their Radio 12 Set Transmitter. "There was a loud sizzling noise, a puff of smoke, and blow me down, a small fire raging." This had been caused by water dripping down off the roof on to the set. The temperature was like that of Antarctica, and J/Sig. Galloway assured the Junior Mercury staff that the only way to keep warm was "to jive to Radio Luxemburg."

## ROUND THE CAMP

### YOU'RE ALRIGHT, JACK

The fallacy that Junior Leaders are "the noisiest creatures on this earth" has finally been disproved. At the Denbury Camp Christmas Party for children, which was an unqualified success, 250 children had one of the most memorable afternoons of their young lives, displaying the certainty of their enjoyment by the amount of noise they produced.

After picking out a small present from the Bran Tub, which included many trumpets, tea was the first big item on the programme, although some children had to be dragged reluctantly away from a session of Musical Chairs. What a spread! Congratulations to W.O. II. Hales, Sgt. Lockyer, the cooks, wives, and all others who assisted—it was a magnificent performance.

The entertainer, Mr. Lee Stanley, gave a very good performance of Puppetry and Magic, battling hard against the general volume of noise, which only decreased on the appearance of Rebel bearing his precious load of presents for all. Father Christmas and his assistants did a magnificent job in dishing out all those presents so smoothly.

On the social side this party represented W.O. II. "Jack" Cox's farewell to the Regiment, and our thanks go to him for all the hard work which enabled him to pull off such a notable triumph of slick organisation. Our sympathies to whoever gets this job next year—they have a terrific standard to maintain.

### KNOW YOUR COMMITTEES

Most people fail to realise how much hard work is put into the organising of the various social activities in Denbury Camp. During the Christmas term two new committees were formed to help solve this problem.

The first committee consists of Maj. Dunkley, Capts. Lane and Joyner, and Mrs. Callington (W.V.S.). When required Capt. Holmes (the Padre), and R.S.M. Pavey are always willing to be of assistance.

The second committee consists of troop representatives.

The following Junior Leaders represent their troops:—

Quadrant—	Iron—J/Sig. Patton
J/Cpl. Freeman	White Spear—
Bruno—J/Sig. Mantle	J/Sig. Rodger
Kukri—	White Swan—
J/L/Cpl. Garrehy	J/Sig. Pruett
Francisca—	Jerboa—
J/Cpl. Miller	No Representative
Anzio—	Kohima—
J/L/Cpl. Hobson	J/Sig. Fox

### "FAREWELL OLD FRIEND"

Those words were inscribed in chalk on R.S.M. Pavey's battered old car—affectionately known to his 4-year-old son as "The Goldfish Bowl." Underneath the Farewell was written, "If this gets washed off, it'll be the car's first wash." These and other artistic touches were signed "A. Yates," but he strongly denies participation, and his alibi of not being in camp for 3 or 4 weeks at a time should be accepted.

Rumour has it that the Garage accepted the old car in part exchange in order to acquire its registration plates, but this is doubted. On its last journey out of camp four trumpeters played "The Last Post" as it clanked and spluttered up the hill.

Now the R.S.M. appears resplendent in a gleaming red, brand-new, Baby Austin and we all wish him Happy Motoring.

### SPORTING COOKS

When you come to think of it, a cook's life is pretty thankless. Spending his days sweating over a hot stove in a cheerless kitchen, only to hear his efforts abused when anything goes wrong, yet with scarcely a word of praise when all goes well.

Sgt. Vic Lockyer decided that some light relief was required, and accordingly started up a cook's soccer team, which plays on Sundays. Challenges were issued to troop teams, offering the enticement of double rations to the victors. So far they have emerged victorious from all their matches, bar one—against Bruno Troop. We gather the plan is to feed up this team, and then challenge them again, trusting that large quantities of suet puddings and potatoes will have slowed them down sufficiently for Revenge.

### MUSIC

At long last a Juke Box has re-appeared in the Junior Ranks Club (ex-NAAFI), representing a great deal of effort and faith by many of the permanent Staff. Some were against its re-introduction, remembering the unfortunate fate of the last Juke Box which had to be withdrawn owing to the rough treatment and continual damage which it endured.

However, a large section of the Regiment are delighted with the new Juke Box, and the TV room is frequently deserted. It means too, that the Club is fulfilling its purpose as a Club and Restaurant, rather than just a Shop.

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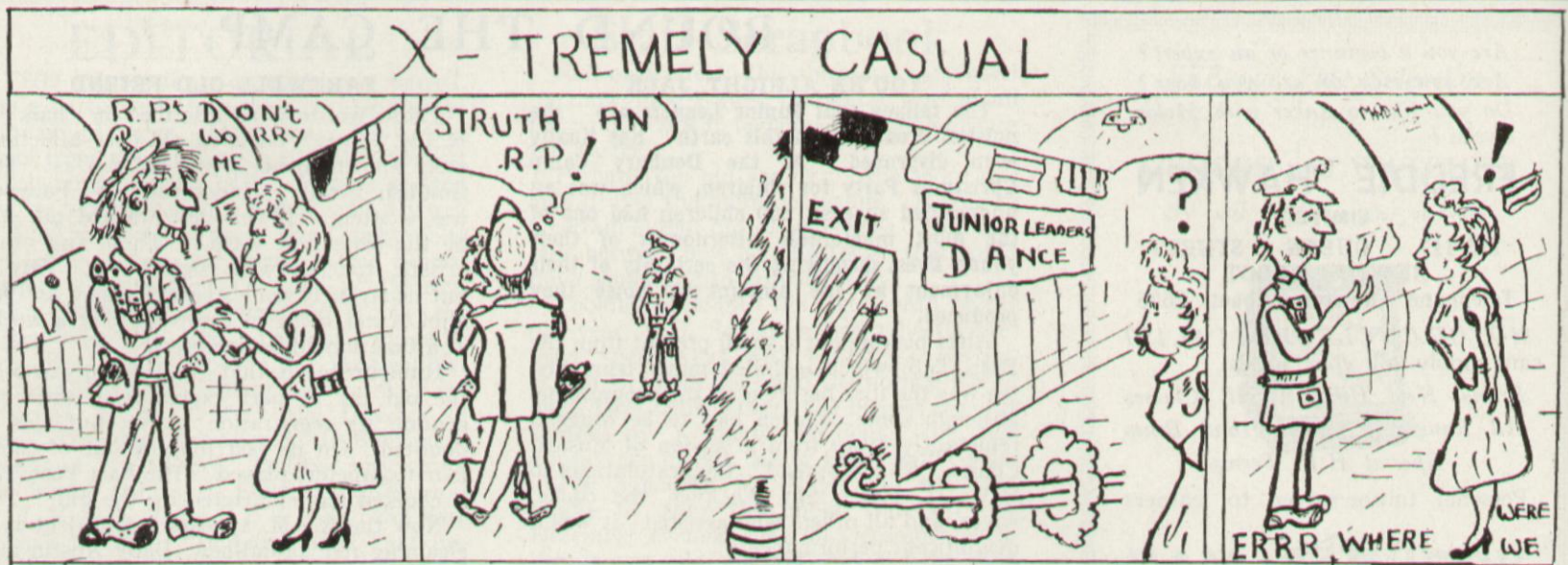
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### THE RETURN OF "X"

IT is early morning, and we find ourselves on a lonely, out-of-the-way station platform somewhere in the South of England. Through the rain we espy a solitary dismal looking figure bedecked with the regalia of a Junior Leader. Why, it is "X" on his way back to camp after Christmas leave. Looking more carefully we recognise the familiar un-blancoed belt, the rusty cap badge (so dirty that his log has taken root), and that hideous pair of embroidered "brothel creepers" that his Troop Officer fondly imagined to be destroyed.

In his excitement to clamber aboard the train "X"'s suitcase comes flying open all over the platform, displaying a heap of junk reminiscent of the last squadron office spring clean. Empty bottles, (worth 2d.

apiece), a large tin of fag-ends—all that remained of the Festive Season's Gaiety—Dad's new suit, and a well-fingered collection of paperbacks which are always useful as swops.

After a frantic struggle "X" and his suitcase finally enter a compartment, and he finds a seat, which unfortunately turned out to be directly above a gentleman's bowler hat. Mumbling to himself something about the "fates being against him," "X" punched, scratched and hit his way from one end of the crowded train to the other in search for the Buffet Car. "Ah. Me old Mucker" exclaims "X" excitedly on observing his Mate nonchalantly leaning against the Bar—he was smoking too! So with a savage whoop of "Two's up" he joins his

Mate in an alcoholic orgy of Cydrax.

At Newton Abbot the future Field Marshals alighted and made their way reluctantly towards the bus station. Unfortunately their singleness of purpose was destroyed by the sight of two charming females. Depositing their baggage on a bewildered Station Cafe owner they trotted along to the "Imp." After the film a "Tour de Cafes" followed and time somehow sped by unnoticed. Arriving at the South Gate just before midnight they tried to creep craftily through. Suddenly pandemonium was let loose. There was a sharp rasping noise from Cpl. Nicholls, followed by the sound of marching (at least 200 to the minute), and between gasps, "X" is overheard remarking to his mate, "It's good to be back."

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## READERS' CORNER

### AN R.S.M. ON TOUR

By W.O. 1. PAVEY

LAST year I visited B.A.O.R. on behalf of the Regiment to explain our set-up here at Denbury, and to foreshadow plans for the future. I visited as part of my brief, the 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 10th, and 28th Signal Regiments, and I also had the opportunity of meeting the Commanding Officer of the 22nd Signal Regiment, and was privileged by being granted a long interview with Brigadier Whistler.

In each Regiment I had conversations with the Commanding Officer and the R.S.M., and was also given the opportunity of lecturing to a large number of Warrant Officers and Sergeants.

The main point which I was trying to stress was the Adoption Scheme as a living link between Regiment and Troop and a means to bring home to Junior Leaders the traditions and the family spirit of OUR CORPS.

I found in each Regiment tremendous interest in the Adoption Scheme, and real enthusiasm at the prospect of one day receiving from Denbury, Junior Leaders of B3 Trade Standard, whose career in the Regiment they had studied from the day they joined.

Apart from the wonderful hospitality I enjoyed at the Sergeants' Mess of each Regiment, a hospitality which reduced me to an extremely fragile state by the time I returned to U.K., I also experienced a sense that most Senior N.C.O.'s regarded ex-boys with guarded interest. This interest is not always complimentary to ex-boys, but I say with all confidence that an ex-boy who proves himself capable, cheerful in adversity, and humble enough to admit that he does not "know it all" will soon find himself being accepted as a good soldier—and after all that is the highest praise of all. Too many ex-boys in the past have "given up the ghost" as soon as the going became tough, and consequently a legend of ex-boy's irresponsibility is beginning to grow.

It is therefore in the interest of us all that all future ex-boys when joining a Regiment for their first period of adult service should remember:—

1. Their training and background is far superior to that of equivalent men soldiers.
2. They will therefore be expected to be that much better than their equivalent.
3. They will be ear-marked for promotion from the day they join.
4. Such promotion will not be forthcoming until it is earned.
5. When promotion does come it brings with it added responsibility, and a young N.C.O. is expected to redouble his efforts once he has set his foot on the ladder.
6. If through ill-luck, or bad behaviour, a young N.C.O. loses his stripe it does not mean the end of the world, and cheerful acceptance of the set-back, and a real effort to recover lost ground, will make a terrific impression.

I ask all Junior Leaders to believe me when I say that your future comrades in the Signal Regiments are eagerly awaiting your arrival. We do our utmost to prepare you for your future service career, but when you leave here your future is in your own hands. It can be a very bright future if you behave with good sense and the self-discipline which you display so well whilst in this Regiment.

### "BETTER BEFORE"

Dear Sir,

A new idea has recently been introduced into the Regimental cookhouse, using a combined stock of eating utensils. Previously every Junior Leader was issued with a knife, fork and spoon, the cleanliness of which he was responsible for. Now we go into the cookhouse and pick up "our irons" from a big wooden box. Invariably they are greasy, with lumps of food in between the prongs of the fork. I consider this to be highly unhygienic, and would like to return to the old system. I have talked with many of my friends and they too feel strongly on this subject.

Yours,  
D. G. FRIEND (Kukri Tp.)

### "NO STRANGER"

Dear Mr. Pavey,

Thank you very much for your most welcome letter informing me of the £100 win in your Raffle. I had forgotten all about it, and was astounded when I read of my good fortune. It is the first time I have ever won a Raffle in my life.

I was in the Army during the last war, and many of my family have been Regular Soldiers, so the money will not go to a complete stranger, in a way. I am going to use it to redecorate part of the house, where I live with my Mother.

The best thing to do will be for you to forward a crossed cheque payable to Miss E. M. Stevens, which I can pay in at the Westminster Bank in Barnet.

May we, my Mother and I, wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year, and success with your efforts to equip your boys with their uniforms.

Yours sincerely,  
ELSIE M. STEVENS.

Barnet, Herts.

### A MAN'S WALK

Dear Sir,

The road-marching urge seems to have reached this camp. In December's issue of the Junior Mercury, J. Sig. Pickens claimed a record for road-marching, or rather a road march. He marched from here to Exeter in a time of 3 hrs. 57 mins., which is a reasonable time for that course, also a record.

Towards the end of last term J.Sig. Court, J.Sig. Craggs and myself set out to march 110 miles. My two companions did not reach Taunton, but I carried on as far as the border of Devon and Somerset. I covered a distance of nearly 80 miles before retiring. Admittedly we were accompanied by an Army vehicle, in which travelled 2nd-Lt. Sheppard, who looked after our welfare and was the official timekeeper and referee.

Our route was from Weston-Super-Mare, through the famous Cheddar Gorge to Wells, on to Taunton via Shepton Mallet, then straight down the A.38 towards Exeter, reaching, as I have already said, Devon. I am hoping to be allowed to attempt the 110 miles again this year. J. Sig. Pickens ought to have a try at this distance, it is by no means as easy as it may look on paper, Try it for yourself sometime.

Yours,  
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## DISC-USSION

AFTER listening to Radio Luxemburg's unbeatable disc programmes for any length of time it is quite noticeable that the Christmas period has produced a great number of new discs. One of the outstanding ones is "Winnie" Atwell's "Piano Party," on the Decca label. The short stay of "Deck of Cards" by Wink Martindale mentioned in our last Disc-ussion, at the top of the British Hit Parade, was very surprising, but it is climbing rapidly in the United States Hit Parade and has now reached the 8th position.

The Best L.P. of the month was "For Young Lovers" sung by Tommy Edwards on the M.G.M. label. Two famous singing personalities are about to make two brand new films, from which we can expect some notable songs—Max Bygraves and Perry Como. Incidentally Max Bygraves will be the first British singer to star, sing in and produce a major film.

The Pye label has brought out three new stars in David Macbeth singing "Mr. Blue"; Helen Lorraine singing a brand new disc, "The Day of Love"; and Johnnie Lee singing "I Fell." The other recording on the Pye label which is moving up fast is Joan Regan's "Happy Anniversary."

Tommy Steele is becoming more and more popular since he starred successfully in the film, "Tommy the Toreador." Out of this film came his Decca recording of "Little White Bull" which seems to have a permanent booking on Radio Luxemburg's disc programmes for every evening.

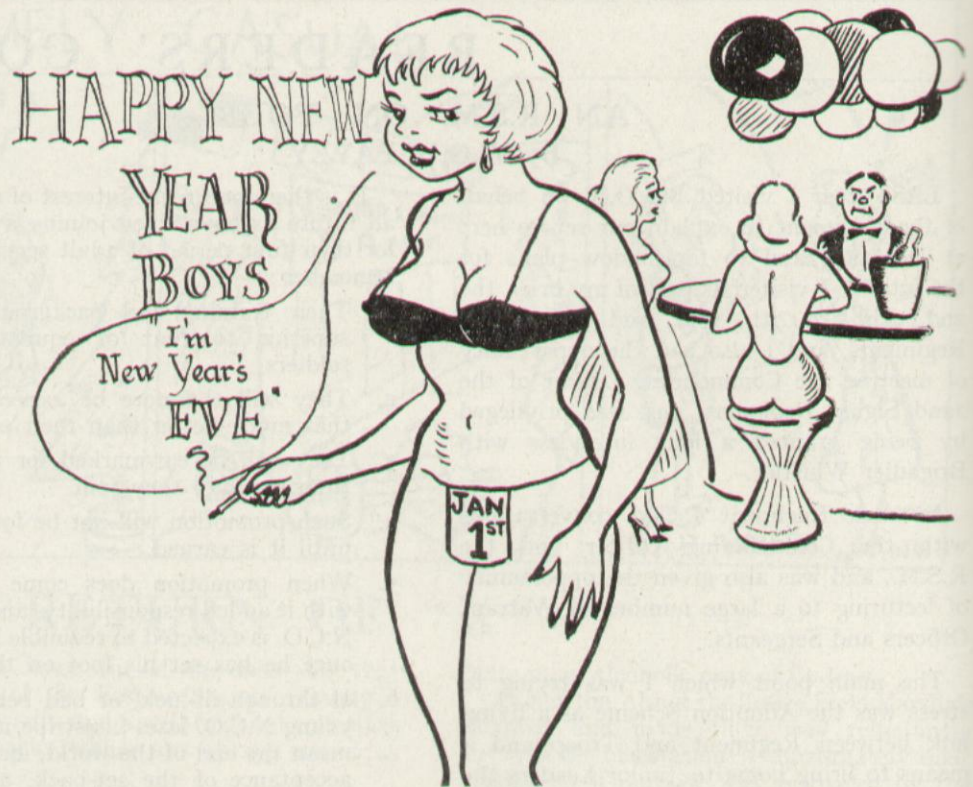
An old favourite, Donald Peers, has made a wonderful come-back to the recording business, with his Columbia release "Roses from Venice." Another old Disc favourite, Russ Conway, releases yet another top hit, "Snow Coach" on the Columbia label.

Lonnie Donnegan lately released a brand new record on the Pye label entitled "San Miguel" which introduces a Spanish atmosphere to the Top Discs.

Christmas has gone, and with it came many new songs, one of the most notable being the King Sisters' release of "Over the River and Through the Woods," which is recorded on the Capitol label. Two famous names are included on the Christmas disc, "Little Donkey"—the Beverley Sisters and Gracie Fields.

Nat King Cole's latest release is his Christmas record entitled "The Happiest Little Christmas Tree."

"Grande Messe des Morts" by Berlioz, played by the London Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham is an outstanding record recently released. It is full of the characteristic musical vivacity associated with Berlioz. Although this is a solemn piece, the use of Brass Bands in the Kyrie reveals once again how much more adventurous Berlioz was in his instrumentation than his contemporaries.



### ARE YOU A DETECTIVE ?

THIS month we are giving you a new type of competition. Below is a short account of a crime, which was perpetrated, presented in Note Form only. Read it through carefully, make up your mind who is responsible, and send in your answer, WITH YOUR REASONS, to the Editor, Junior Mercury. Closing date for this competition will be 29th January. We have some excellent prizes. Why don't YOU have a go ?

#### The Facts :—

The Quarter Master's stores were robbed of a bundle of 60 blankets overnight one Sunday. The mortice lock had been unscrewed. The blankets were traced to Bert Floggit, a local trader who confessed to paying £60 for them, but claimed all negotiations had been conducted over the telephone, and the Money/Blanket exchange in darkness.

#### The Suspects :—

1. L/Cpl. SIGNERE, the storeman, who had a key to the store, reported for duty the following day with a cut hand which he claimed had been done climbing over a

barbed wire fence. He said he had been out of camp all night visiting his uncle, who confirmed this story but seemed hazy over the date of the visit.

2. Sig. BASHEM, appeared with plenty of money which he claimed to have won at the races on the previous Saturday afternoon. He stated that he had been playing cards in another barrack room until midnight, and then went straight back to his own bed. Friends confirmed that he had been playing cards, but thought they had finished about 2315 hours. His barrack room companions heard him come in at about twelve, and didn't think he had been out again.

3. Sig. NOTSGREEN had been seen in a pub whispering to Bert Floggit, and had also appeared suddenly with plenty of money. However, Sig. ALLYBYE came forward to say that the money had been won off him on a bet, and volunteered the information that at the time of the theft NOTSGREEN had been with him playing a game of Chess.

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THE Football Season opened with the Junior Leaders' XI. being knocked out of both the Army Youth Cup, and the Army Boys' Cup, in their first rounds. After that the team began to settle down, and are now playing open, constructive football. Their main weakness lies in the inability of the forwards, (McGibbon excepted), to score goals. Their record at this half way stage of the season reads :—

Played 10 Won 5. Lost 5.  
Goals for 43. Goals against 36.

J.Cpl. McGibbon has scored no less than 10 out of these 43 goals.

In their victory over Dartington Hall, just before the Christmas Break, the team played steady, controlled football under variable conditions, the pitch was practically under water and the ball heavy.

A victory which the team are very proud of, but included however in the above analysis, was that over the WO.'s and Sgts. Here fitness and enthusiasm proved a match for experience and memories of what could have been achieved before their opponents were born.

**POWER RUGBY**

THE Junior Leaders' Rugby XV. is having a very successful season, and should be regarded as a very strong prospect for the Boys' Army Cup this term. At Christmas their record stood :—

Played 13 Won 12 Lost 1  
Points for 206 Points against 38.

This record has been earned by playing aggressive Rugby, particularly with a hard-tackling scrum who all get "stuck in," and with three-quarters who are defensively strong, yet ready to exploit the faintest suspicion of an opening.

Our only two losses on Output are J/S/Sgt. Cunningham, a strong and clever fly-half who will be sorely missed, and J/L/Cpl. Cowan, hard working forward who has been one of the main-stays of the scrum. However in our 2nd XV. we have many useful players.

**DOUBLE COMPLETED**

THE Staff Basketball team defeated N.A.G.S. (Masters) for the second time this season, 35—27, in an exciting fast game. Sgt Creek played well, totalling 15 points, and the defence, headed by Sgt. Meekings, remained unruffled throughout.

**SGT. MORRALL**

SGT. HOWARD MORRALL (Royal Army Educational Corps) is a good all-round athlete and sportsman. His speciality is Rugby Football, and as a hard tackling, accurate kicking full back he has had success this season playing for Torquay Athletic, his Corps XV, and appearing in the first Army Trial. Previous seasons his teams have included Leeds University, the University Athletic Union XV. and Carnegie College, where he studied physical education.

Apart from Rugby he is also an above average performer on the Soccer field, having played a great part in the Army Cup successes of our Staff XI. this season. Tennis, water polo, basket-ball and the Athletic field are just a few of the many branches of sport in which he is a competent performer.



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**J/L/Cpl. BENTHAM**

"BILL" BENTHAM first became interested in cross country running at the age of 13 as a member of the Parthan Signals Cadet Force. That year he ran in the West Kensington Junior Championships and showed himself a runner of great promise by coming in second, despite the fact that so many of his opponents were two or three years older than himself. He then took up road racing, and did most of his training near Chelsea Barracks.

On arrival in the Regiment he was soon spotted by Capt. Joyner, and justified his faith by winning the annual cross country race. He ran for the Regiment in the Army Championships and came 7th, despite ill-luck in taking a wrong turning and having to retrace his steps.

J/L/Cpl. Bentham takes his running seriously, training mornings and evenings, except for the weekends. He does not smoke.



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The Boxing Team with Cup

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(Our photographer wishes to apologise to J./Sig. Crowe on his omission from the photograph).

### SECOND SUCCESSIVE YEAR

For the second year running the boxing team have won the Junior Leaders' Inter-Unit Boxing Championship. They reached the final by defeating the Royal Artillery, 9 bouts to 6, in the first round, and the R.A.O.C., 8 bouts to 7 in the semi-final.

### A CLOSE BATTLE

THE semi-final against R.A.O.C. turned out to be a real "thriller," as the lead kept fluctuating, and it wasn't until the last contest that victory for the Signals was assured. J/Sigs. Tucker and Lycett lost narrowly on points, but J/Sigs. Wooler, Barratt and Stanger won well. J/Sig. Keenan (Jnr.) was knocked down three times in the first round before the referee stopped the contest, but J/Sig. Sharman knocked out his opponent with a beautiful right uppercut.

The second half proved just as close. J/Sigs. Inguanez, Gooding and Russell all lost on points. J/Sigs. Peterson and Jacobs both fought well and won, but J/Sig. Crowe was K.O.'ed in the second round. J/Sig. Barratt knock out his opponent in Round One, and the evening ended gloriously for Signals when J/L/Cpl. Naisbit did the same with two heavy body punches.

### MORE ATTACKING

IN the Final of the Junior Leaders' Inter-Unit Team Championships (1959-60) the Royal Signals defeated the R.E.M.E. Junior Leaders' Unit by the convincing margin of 11 bouts to 4. Throughout the contest our team showed up as the fitter and more aggressive boxers—credit for this being due to Capt. Robb and S/Sgt. Johnson, who have worked so hard training the team.

In the first half our losses were those of J/Sigs. Lycett and Stanger, both on points, with Lycett boxing well against a very experienced opponent. J/Sig. Tucker boxed well to win, and J/Sig. Wooler proved that a good straight left pays off against a bigger opponent. J/Sig. Keenan won by the length of his reach, and J/Sigs. Barratt and Sharman won convincingly and coolly. What a pity Barratt can't use his right as effectively as he does his left!

J/Sig. Inguanez opened the second half by narrowly defeating last year's Army Champion, and J/Sig. Peterson narrowly outpointed his opponent. J/Sig. Crowe scored the first K.O. of the evening—his fight only lasted 30 seconds. Both J/Sigs. Gooding and Russell did well but were outpointed by strong opponents. J/Sig. Jacobs won on points, but not as convincingly as he should have done, and J/Sig. Barratt and J/L/Cpl. Naisbit both won gloriously with 1st round knock-outs. Well done the Signals.

### HAT TRICK FOR COOK

IT was a cold, drizzling, miserable day at Bodmin when the Staff XI. played their second round cup match against the Combined Depot D.C.L.I./S.L.I. XI.

Only seven minutes had passed when Sig. Cook cleverly dummied a shot for Sig. Scott to run in and score. By half time we were 4-0 in the lead, Cpl. Eckersall having finely angled a lob into the net from the right wing, and two goals from Cook, both from Dvr. Chester's passes.

The second half was only four minutes old when Scott scored his second after an amazing piece of footwork on the soggy ground. Cook made it six with a breakaway goal, gathering the ball on the half-way line and bulldozing his way through, completing his own hat trick, and finally Sig. Sturch nabbed our seventh. In the last five minutes our opponents scored two goals to make the final score 7-2.

The whole team played well, especially considering the poor weather conditions, and there were no stars. In fact there does not appear to be a weakness anywhere in that team, and teamwork is the dominating feature. The next round will be the semi-final of the South Western District division.

Team:—Summers, Webb, Morrall, Penny, Angell, James, Chester, Scott, Cook, Eckersall, Sturch.

## THE MONTH'S SPORT

### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

Staff XI 3, (Cook 2, Sturch 1). Torquay G.P.O. 1.  
Staff XI (Army Cup) 7, (Cook 3, Scott 2, Sturch 1, Eckersall 1). Depot D.C.L.I. 2.  
Staff XI 4, (Cook 1, Scott 1, Sturch 1, Stapenell 1). St. Marychurch Rovers 1.  
Junior Leaders' XI 7, (McGibbon 4, Bougoise 1, Leggatt 1, Schofield 1). Dartington Hall 1.  
Junior Leaders' XI 1, (McGibbon). Kingsbridge G.S. 3.  
Junior Leaders' XI 4, (McGibbon 3, Delve 1). WO's. and Sgts. XI 1, (Angell).

### HOCKEY:

Junior Leaders' XI 2, (Collins 1, Sharp 1): H.M.S. Figgard 0.  
Officer's XI 2, (Hancock 1, Whitehead 1). WO's and Sgts. 3, (Angell 2, Tearse 1).

### BASKETBALL:

Staff 35. Newton Abbot G.S. (Masters) 27.

### RUGBY FOOTBALL:

Junior Leaders' XV 26. Plymouth Col. 5.  
Junior Leaders' XV 22. Totnes G.S. 3.  
Junior Leaders' XV 17. WO's. and Sgts. XV 0.  
Junior Leaders' XV 9. H.M.S. Figgard (2nd) 3.  
Junior Leaders' XV 12. Kingsbridge Colts 0.  
Officers' XV 6. WO's. and Sgts. XV 0.

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