



## ROYALTY FOR DENBURY

ON 12th June, 1959, Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals, is to be greatly honoured by a visit from its Colonel-in-Chief, the Princess Royal. This will be her first visit to us at Newton Abbot, and is arousing great interest throughout Devon. The people feel honoured to receive the Royal visitor.

In July 1954, the Princess Royal paid a visit to 6th Boys Training Regiment, Royal Signals (our old name), stationed then in Beverley, Yorkshire. On that occasion the boys trooped the colour, fired a "feu-de-joie" (a rifle salute which comes out with a "crackle" effect), gave a P.T. display, a Battle display, and a Hobbies Exhibition. There was also a thrilling display given by the

### HER ROYAL HIGHNESS

HER Royal Highness the Princess Royal (Victoria Alexandra Alice Mary), Dowager Countess of Harewood, C.L., G.C.V.O., C.B.E., E.D., R.R.G., D.C.L., is the Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Corps of Signals. In addition she is the Colonel of the Royal Scots, the Prince of Wales Own (West Yorkshire Regt.), and also to the Royal Canadian Signals. She is Major-General for the Women's Royal Army Corps and Air Chief Commandant to the Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Corps. She was made Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Corps of Signals in 1935, and promoted to the Honorary rank of General on 23rd November, 1956.

Princess Mary is the only daughter of King George V, and is the Aunt of our present Queen. She was born in 1897, and married the sixth Earl of Harewood in 1922, but has been a widow since 1947. She has two residences, Friary Court, St. James' Palace, S.W.1, and her country home of Harewood House, near Leeds. This year is the bicentenary of Harewood House, built in 1759. She has two sons. The elder, George Henry Hubert, is the present Earl of Harewood, and the younger is the Honourable Gerald Lascelles. She has three grandchildren.

Her title as Princess Royal originates from the fact that she is the Senior Princess in the Royal Family. Regardless of how many Princesses there may be in the Royal Family at any one time, there can only be one Princess Royal.

Royal Signals Motor Cycle Display Team under extremely treacherous conditions.

On her visit here, parties of boys from local schools are to be privileged to attend and watch our Junior Leaders parading before their Colonel-in-Chief, as well as many of the local dignitaries and Very Important People of Devon.

It will be a great occasion for the Regiment, and the national broadcasting, television and press coverage will put this unit well on the map. We know that all the boys in the Regiment will give of their best to make it a truly memorable occasion, and we are hopeful of the fine weather necessary to turn it into a splendid display of pageantry.

### A FLYING VISIT

HER Royal Highness the Princess Royal will travel down to Exeter in an aeroplane of the Queen's flight, and is due to arrive at Rawlinson Barracks at midday. She will be accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant of Devon, the Right Honourable Lord Roborough, J.P., the Representative Colonel-Commandant of the Corps, Major-General M. S. Wheatley, C.B., C.B.E., and the Chief Signal Officer Southern Command, Brigadier F. W. P. Bradford, M.B.E.

On her arrival in the camp Princess Mary will immediately take the Royal Salute on a Ceremonial Parade, at which the Regimental Standard will be borne. It is hoped that the B.B.C. and I.T.V. television cameras will be present to film the visit for their newscasts.

After the traditional lunch in the Officers' Mess, she will inspect the camp, and finally have tea with the Married Families of the Regiment. The visit is timed to finish at four o'clock.

At the time of going to press the camp is preparing for this visit at the same time as carrying on its normal training programme. All colours of the rainbow are appearing in the camp, as the painters splash their evil-smelling fluids everywhere. All the buildings in the camp are getting a birthday with a re-coat of creosote.

The Junior Leaders are spending their Saturday mornings on the drill square, busily engaged on parade rehearsals, and of course getting their best uniforms up to the high standard which will be required of them.

### LEADERSHIP PLUS

EVER since Outward Bound training was started in the regiment, the emphasis has always been on fitness, with nice long walks all over Dartmoor. Now a new phase is commencing, with the emphasis on the initiative side of Outward Bound training.

One of its aims is to increase powers of leadership by giving the boys responsibility under difficult circumstances. From the point of view of the Junior Leaders, this is welcomed with open arms.

The Commanding Officer has agreed to the suggestion of weekend schemes for the boys. These will be run under the discretion of the Troop Officers, and the form is that the Troop Commanders will give a boy a destination, and the boy will be asked to bring back proof of having been there. Doubtless some Troop Officers will be able to think up some very unusual and amusing projects!

Wouldn't it be a good idea if a prize were awarded to the first boy to reach his required destination? This would make the schemes really enjoyable, and there would soon develop a keen sense of competition to see who could do the best.



J/Sig. WRAITH

by Sgt. Ash

## EDITORIAL

"IF there is anything more important than the will to succeed, it is that the will SHALL NOT FALTER."

THIS proverb is the theme of your "Junior Mercury"; that we are going to improve on our present standard all the time. We are determined that the "Junior Mercury" is going to become a first-class periodical, serving this regiment, and through this regiment the Royal Corps of Signals as a whole.

It was just twelve months ago that the first edition of "Junior Mercury" came into print, a duplicated newspaper for local circulation only. Since then we have produced fourteen editions, with increasing interest from our readers with every number. Now the time has come when we must look upon that as our apprenticeship, as we move on to bigger things.

Despite this history we are entitling this edition as VOLUME 1, Number 1, of the JUNIOR MERCURY, the paper belonging to, and embodying the spirit of the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals. Briefly summarized our aims are **firstly** to interest all members of this regiment, by printing the news and articles which they want, **secondly** to keep all members of the Signals throughout the Army informed of the activities of THEIR Junior Leaders, and **thirdly** to provide a means whereby members of the staff and boys leaving the Regiment can keep in touch with their old unit.

To make this possible we ask for the fullest support from all our readers; that they should send us any articles or news likely to be of interest, write us letters about their problems and worries, and finally LET US KNOW what you like in the paper and what you don't like—it helps us to plan further editions for your satisfaction.

We offer to any member of the Regiment on leaving, Staff or Boy, that on payment of £1 we will guarantee to send every edition of the paper to you for the next five years, provided you keep us informed of your whereabouts. This will enable you to keep in touch with the Regiment and to know what is happening here. Also, remember that the occasional letter from you with all your news will be of great interest to other readers.

To sum up then, we aim to satisfy all our readers at all times, and to increase our circulation throughout the Royal Corps of Signals. We are aiming high, but we aim to be good too!

## MEET THE STAFF

J/L/Cpl. OLIVER comes from Bulkington, a small Warwickshire village, and joined this Regiment in June 1957. He is our present Editor, and was involved in the first production of "Junior Mercury." He began as our Record and Book expert, and has worked his way up to his present responsible post. It was his fertile brain which gave birth to the character of J/Sig. "X". In our old "skin and ink" days he was quite capable of producing the entire newspaper on his own, planning, writing, typing and duplicating it.

"Olly" is now in his final term, and although qualified for a technical trade has strong views on using his brawn rather than his brains, preferring to become a Lineman. He is a good all-round sportsman, an above-average hockey goalkeeper, a competent cricketer, and the Regiment's champion shot-putter. The "Junior Mercury" staff are going to miss him, but unite in wishing him the best of luck.

J/L/Cpl. EVANS has been with this Regiment since October 1957. He comes from an Army family, his father having been an R.S.M. in the Coldstream Guards, and is now employed in the House of Commons. "Maxie" Evans has been with the "Junior Mercury" for nearly a year, and is now its Sports Editor. Although not a star sports performer himself, he understands the intricacies of most sports, specializing in association football in winter, and providing both athletic and cricket coverage in summer. He hopes to be a Telegraph Operator when he goes into man-service next Easter. His hobbies are art and cycling.

J/Sig. MURRAY, a dour Scotsman from Dundee, has been with us for two terms now. He is invaluable with his dry sense of humour, a grudging smile from Murray at a cartoon guarantees rousing laughter elsewhere.

Frank Murray is our star rugby reporter, and is regarded by the Rugby team as their mascot; he attends every match, rain or fine, home or away, and always presents an accurate account, with constructive criticism and well-deserved praise. He is due to leave at Christmas, and will be sadly missed by us all. He is a prolific reader, but claims he is too busy here cleaning his kit to read as much as he would like.

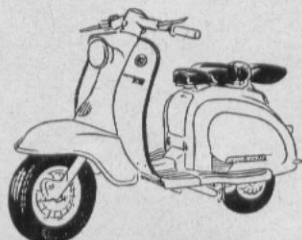
J/Sig. MANT is our artist, having been with us since October 1958. Being a Londoner with their traditional cockiness accounts for his success as a cartoonist where sheer impudence and effrontery pay off well. He was trained in art at Camberwell Art School, and has passed G.C.E. in art, both at ordinary and advanced level. Always smiling and unquashable, his presence makes the Editorial Office a very lively place.

"Les" Mant is due to go into man-service next Easter, and is confident of getting his Senior Educational Certificate by that time, and then qualifying for an "X" Trade. Asked about his hobbies he claimed to be a "Hep Cat" interested only in the other sex. In fact he is well-read and a competent sportsman, playing scrum-half for his troop Rugby team, and wicket-keeper for their Cricket team.

J/Sig. SMITH (561) is our Junior Reporter, that invaluable Jack-of-all-Trades who gets all the nasty jobs thrust on him, but does them unflinchingly. If there is some queer information to be checked up on, or a Sunday sporting event to be covered, poor old "Smudger" always catches for it, and always brings back the "goods". He is another expert on the Musical side, writing some Record Reviews, and is also a "Master Mind" when it comes to setting a competition. With his feet set firmly on the ground, Smith keeps a sense of sanity amongst an otherwise crazy staff.

He will be with us until Summer 1960, and hopes to become Editor by that time. He aspires to become a Cypher Operator. He comes from Weybridge, south of London, which he affectionately describes as "dead from the neck upwards"—probably why he decided to dedicate his career to the army.

J/Sig. CRAGGS, our latest acquisition, has already done much valuable work for the "Junior Mercury," quickly rising to the responsible post of sub-editor. He is another "pop" music fan, but is quickly picking up the difficult art of interviewing people. Brian Craggs comes from Yorkshire—"strong in t'arm but we-ak in t'ead," and will be with us until Christmas 1960. He has already played twice for the Regimental Rugby team, and aims for his colours next season as a hard-tackling back row forward. He hopes to become a Line Technician, and has already two subjects in the Senior Educational Examination.



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## ROUND THE CAMP

### BABIES GALORE!

ON Wednesday, 13th May, a son was born to Captain Hartnett's wife. He was born at 7.40 p.m. and weighed 7lb. 1oz. His name will be Mark Ian. Captain Hartnett said that he would like to see his son an England hockey player. To celebrate the occasion 1 Squadron was given a half-day holiday.

In the near future the wife of Major Parker is expecting a baby, and seeing that he is a major, 2 Squadron are hoping for a full day off. Major Parker probably has not understood the sudden concern of the boys in his wife's health.

Also expecting soon is the wife of the S.E.O., Major Nye, and so we will not be surprised to arrive in education and find the education staff absent. The opinion of the boys is that it should happen more often.

### "F" TROOP ON THE MOORS

WET, dark and miserable are the only words that can be used to describe "F" Troop's scheme on the night of Thursday, 21st May.

It was too wet to camp, so they started their return journey to camp at 11 o'clock. On the return journey J/Sgt. Walker continuously fell down holes in the river bank, barking his shins. Captain Rogers, the troop Commander, tripped over an unseen obstacle and fell on his face, cutting his head deeply. Altogether not a very satisfactory night's work.

### A ROLLICKING EVENING

ON Thursday, 21st May, a social evening and dance was held in the boys' television room. After a slow start the social warmed up later in the evening, although with many of the 1 Squadron boys on Dartmoor Outward Bounding there were mainly 2 Squadron boys present. J/Cpl. Waller was the capable M.C.

The Commanding Officer arrived about nine o'clock with a very attractive American teacher. Second-Lieutenant Carter gave an exhibition of American rock-'n-roll with her, and Sgt. Segal competed with a fine show of British jive.

### CARNIVAL

ON the 27th June, there will be held in the regiment a carnival which will be open to anyone who wishes to come. Boys, make a note of this, and tell your parents.

### NOT A HEN PARTY

WIVES of the staff grumbled because they could not meet, and as a result of this, a Wives' Club has been formed. A meeting was held on 21st May to elect a Committee. Mrs. Dunkley was elected as Chairman. Other members are Mrs. Pavcy, Mrs. Callington, Mrs. Rutledge, Mrs. Tamlyn, Mrs. Smith Owen and Mrs. Diggle.

They will meet fortnightly in Hut 35 until Hut 33 has been furnished to suit requirements. Transport will be by unit bus and they will meet at 8 p.m. Mrs. Callington has been asked to arrange for a demonstration of cookery. Major Nye has been asked to see if he can find someone to run a Health and Beauty Course. The wives will use the club at any time, and social events will be arranged. Husbands will attend the club occasionally.

It is hoped to run a daily trip to Plymouth or Exeter, when children could be left in the club under supervision.

Social evenings will be held and Scottish Dancing introduced. The Commanding Officer hopes this form of dancing will be popular elsewhere in the camp. There was only a small turnout, about 25, at the first meeting. However, Mrs. Dunkley, in an interview said, "We are hoping for nearly 85 per cent. of the wives at our next meeting. It was the weather that kept them away this time. This is not going to be just a 'Hen House'." She added that the wives were determined to get this started properly, even if they had to decorate the rooms themselves. She said, "We will be chasing the R.E. to do it for us."

The Commanding Officer said that he will back the Club in any way that he can.

### PICKFORD INC.

WHILST happily making his way to work one bright morning, Sergeant Wingate was stopped by a local milkman, who enquired as to how a sign reading "Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals" had found its way on to the roof of Newton Abbot Grammar School for Girls, where, he added, it was still swinging precariously. We are happy to say that the culprits have since made their profuse apologies to the Headmistress.

### A SMALL WORLD

WHILE wandering aimlessly over the moors a reporter happened by chance to run into an ex-boy of the regiment. Being a good reporter, our man interviewed him on the spot. This is what he was told.

The ex-boy was Corporal Clark who left the regiment in 1951, and he said that the standard of the regiment was higher now than it had been in his day. He had never regretted joining up and enjoyed every minute of the life. He said that in the Signals Regiments ex-boys were, on the whole, privileged although some N.C.O.'s are prejudiced. The idea of a Regimental News Sheet appealed to him, and he thought that many ex-boys would be very interested.

### NOTHING LIKE US

MISS Vivian Webster, Fulbright exchange teacher from Santa Barbara, California visited the Unit recently. With Mrs. Kay Callington, W.V.S. Representative, and Lieut.-Colonel L. H. M. Gregory, M.B.E., as her guides, she saw educational classes in progress, and military training. She toured the cook-house and watched lunch being served.

In the evening she went to the TV room and danced with Junior Leaders. Afterwards she stated she was "much impressed" by all she had seen, and added: "the boys are given opportunities which many elsewhere do not get." Miss Webster said: "There is nothing comparable in the United States to Denbury Camp."

### INVASION

IT was dead of night and all was quiet, the camp was peacefully asleep. Suddenly the alarm rang out, and all was frenzied activity.

Was it the I.R.A.? Was it the Russians? No, about thirty members of the T.A. were out on an exercise, with blackened faces they had raided our guard room and armoury. But all ended happily over steaming hot tea in the cook-house.

### THOUGHTS FROM THE PADRE

1. Seen on a Church door—  
"Come inside and sit down, and take a load of your feet. Then kneel down and take a load off your mind."
2. Just a Thought—  
"A good soldier and a wise one may at times be angry with his unit, and at times grieve for it; but no soldier was ever discontented with his unit if he did his duty by it."

## SMITH'S SHOE REPAIRS

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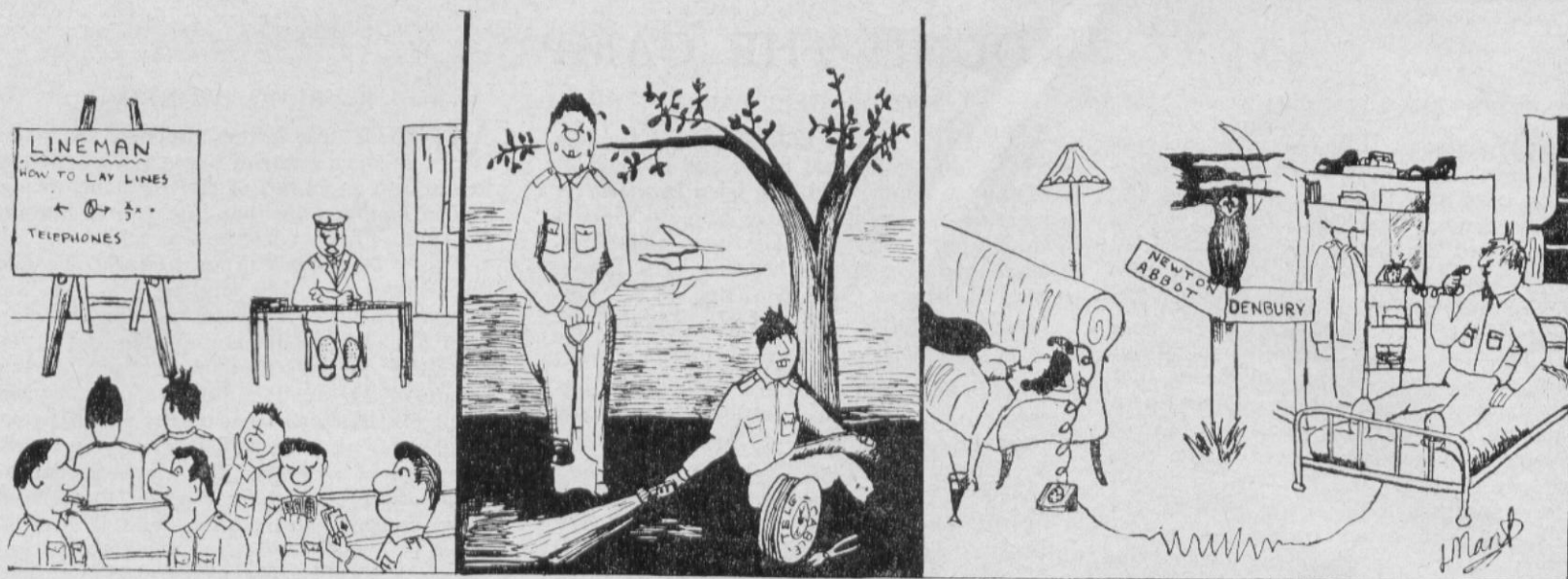
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**"X" ON P.S.O.**

THE morning was dull. To the boys from Denbury it was an important morning, the morning of the Personnel Selection Officers' interviews.

So it was with our friend J/Sig. "X," who had spent the previous evening busily swotting, well maybe not all the evening! 'Is mate was first in and emerged after five minutes with the trade of his dreams, wireless operator. Let it be said now that "X's" dream trade was Radio Technician, and he was brim full of confidence; but one look at the stern-faced men round the table and his confidence evaporated. In a monotonous voice a small man began to speak.

"Have you any preference?" he said. "X" forcing a rather sickly smile said, "Yes sir, a technician."

The interrogator turned a deathly white. "No! No! It just can't be done. Think of the future of the British Army!"

It took the other members of the board five minutes to calm him. To find if he was suited they began to delve into his record, only to receive another shock.

The small man spoke again. "It's a discharge he wants not an 'X' trade!"

Another man spoke in a friendly voice. "Don't you think that you could be a lineman?"

"No!" said 'X', "an 'X' trade or nothing!" "You aren't qualified," said the interro-

gator. "Look at your record, you are in Inter. I, and how you expect to get an 'X' trade I don't know."

"'X' trade!" said "X."

"Lineman!" said the P.S.O.

"'X' trade!"

"Lineman!"

"O.K., Lineman!" said "X" beginning to lose his temper.

A sigh of relief went round the room.

"Next!" said a voice, and another victim entered, and "X" walked out.

'Is mate was waiting outside.

"What did you get?" he asked.

"The trade of my dreams," said "X."

"What's that?" his mate asked.

"Lineman," replied "X."

*J/Sig. "X" is a fictitious character created to represent just about every boy in the regiment.*

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## READERS' CORNER

To the Editor of the "Junior Mercury,"  
From J/Cpl. Waller, J Troop.

Dear Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to recommend the purchase of a "Coca-Cola" or "Sundew" machine to be sited in the NAAFI, or in some other accessible position. During my time with this unit I have travelled with sporting teams to various other units, and have seen such machines in operation. They are very simple to work, just put your sixpence in the slot and out comes a nice cool drink. The top comes off with an opener attached to the machine, and even if the boys are too lazy to put tops in the basket provided, the tops will fall into the machine when removed. Oh, So easy!

We have just had a minor heatwave in this area, and during the summer there should be more hot weather to come. Weekends will find many boys sunbathing. Just imagine, it is three o'clock of a Sunday afternoon, and you are sunbathing outside your billet, feeling very hot and sticky, with perspiration dripping down your face. Oh, for a nice cool drink! Go to the NAAFI and get one? You can't! It doesn't open until seven o'clock. So all you can do, is to queue for about twenty minutes in the NAAFI the previous evening and stack up with a crate of "Pepsis."

Writing this letter has made me thirsty, so I must away to join a big queue, get a drink and cool myself down.

I remain yours hopefully,

(Signed) D. WALLER.

To the Editor of the "Junior Mercury,"

From J/Sig. Morgan, F Troop.

Dear Sir,

I suggest that "Fleet" Blanco be used in this unit. All the training regiments use it, which means that the output have to spend hours scrubbing all their webbing and re-blancoing with "Fleet." This makes all the previous blancoing a great waste of time. "Fleet" blanco is supplied in tins and therefore is far easier to keep than the powdery variety which is supplied in a brown piece of paper, and when it gets wet it makes a mess everywhere. "Fleet" blanco also gets a much better surface on the webbing, and if you should happen to use the equipment for rough work, it does not flake off and leave filthy brown patches showing.

Hoping that you agree with this suggestion.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) M. MORGAN.

To the Editor of the "Junior Mercury,"

From J/Sig. Naisbit, K Troop.

Dear Sir,

One of the questions which gives rise to a great deal of controversy within the regiment is the use of the Regimental Bus. I suggest that it would be an advantage if the vehicle were brought into use to transport members of the unit to Newton Abbot on Saturdays and Sundays.

A regular twice daily service over the weekend would be sufficient to decrease the present congestion on the civilian buses, and would be an advantage at night when the maximum congestion occurs. If the bus could leave the guardroom at three o'clock in an afternoon and return at ten it would probably provide the best service.

I understand that it might be a disadvantage to the driver, but it might be possible to pay him extra from the profits, and that sixpence a trip could be charged to make this possible. The monthly fee of sixpence for all boys can still be retained to keep the bus well maintained.

Yours,

(Signed) J. NAISBIT.

## ANSWERS

On receipt of these letters we took the problems and suggestions contained therein to the appropriate authorities, and have much pleasure in printing their replies.

J/Cpl. WALLER — The Commanding Officer approves of the idea, and is making the necessary inquiries from the NAAFI to see if it can be done.

J/Sig. MORGAN — The Adjutant has asked NAAFI to supply "Fleet" blanco, but he emphasizes that existing stocks must be used up first, and that there will be no change until after the parade for H.R.H. the Princess Royal.

J/Sig. NAISBIT — Lt.-Colonel Townsend (the P.R.I.) regretted that this was impossible because of (a) Unavailability of a suitable driver, (b) Existing tax regulations, (c) We are not allowed to offer direct competition to the Devon General Bus Company.

## COMPETITION

Our opening competition is a simple one. Read the following 28 statements, and merely state whether they are correct or not. Answer YES or NO to each statement, and send your replies to the "Junior Mercury" Office by 12.00 hrs. on 15th June. Three book prizes are offered for the most "correct" answers submitted.

1. Gregory Peck starred in the film "High Noon."
2. Marilyn Monroe's first husband was a sailor.
3. Mai Zetterling was born in Sweden.
4. Frankie Laine sang "Three ten to Yuma" in the film of that name.
5. Edmund Purdom starred in the film "Oklahoma."
6. Gene Krupa played the solo drummer in "Lady in the Dark."
7. James Stewart played the part of Glenn Miller.
8. Marilyn Monroe's first film was with the Marx Brothers.
9. Stewart Granger starred in "Vertigo."
10. There are only three Marx Brothers.
11. Danny Kaye played the part of Walter Mitty.
12. Peter Cushing originated the Frankenstein part.
13. Diana Dors starred in a "Kid for Five Farthings."
14. Will Hay starred in "My Pal Bob."
15. John Wayne starred in "The Man from Laramie."
16. John Wayne starred in "Hondo."
17. Tommy Steele's first film was "The Duke Wore Jeans."
18. Terry Dene and Jerry Lewis co-starred in "Sailor Beware."
19. Marlon Brando starred in "On the Waterfront."
20. Yul Brunner starred in "The Quiet Journey."
21. Doris Day sang the song "Teacher's Pet" in the film of that name.
22. Brigitte Bardot starred in "Heaven Fell that Night."
23. Charles Chaplin played Hitler in "The Great Dictator."
24. Charles Chaplin composed the music for "A King in New York."
25. Richard Todd starred in the original Robin Hood.
26. Gloria Swanson made her comeback in "Sunset Boulevard."
27. Jack Warner was the original Joe Huggett.
28. Dirk Bogarde starred in "Ill Met by Moonlight."

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## DISC - USSION

CONWAY TWITTY, now visiting this country, has once more produced another great hit with his new rocker "Hey Little Lucy." Judge Johns also looks like making the top with his disc "White Lightning." Ruby Wright, a newcomer on the M.G.M. label, has a winner with "Three Stars," a record that pays tribute to Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, and The Big Bopper, who all lost their lives in an airplane crash a short while ago. Ricky Nelson has come up with another new hit entitled "It's Late." There is also talk of him making a new film. Dicky Pride, who was discovered singing in a public house on The Old Kent Road, has a fine rocking voice and should go a long way. He has already appeared on the TV programme "Oh Boy!" Fabian can follow up his hit "I'm a Man" with his new spin "Turn Me Loose." The Virtues, a new American instrumental group, have a great record in "Guitar Shuffle Boogie," of which the original was written and recorded by Bert Weedon. Evelyn Kingsley and the Teddy Bears follow up their last hit with "Oh Why?" Paul Anka, now on a five week variety tour of Britain, is enjoying his long stay at the top with his version of "I Miss You So."

### RECORD ROUND-UP

#### 1. "Idle on Parade" (E.P.)

by Anthony Newley

With this disc is another great sensation entitled "I've Waited So Long." These are accompanied by two other recordings and all four are helping to push Anthony Newley to the top of the hit parade. This is the first time that an E.P. has been in the hit parade for a good many months and it will probably stay there for a long period. "I've Waited So Long" is in great contrast to the other three tracks, giving a slower and clearer beat, the others having a faster rhythm. In spite of the high cost of this disc it is a good buy for every record collector.

#### 2. "Waltzing in the Ballroom"

by Victor Sylvester's Ballroom Orchestra  
This record is a worthwhile addition to anyone's collection if you go for waltzes and ballroom music. The tunes are in various moods and tempos of waltz-time. Two tunes occupy each side. One side has "I'll Always be in Love With You," and "Am I Wasting My Time On You." The flip side has "The Memory Waltz," with "It's a Sin to Tell a Lie" on it. This is a good buy for anyone interested in ballroom music.

#### 3. "The Planets"

This is classical music at its best. Played by the Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult, the orchestration is excellent. It is a collection of several pieces of music, and each one represents a planet's mood. My personal favourite is "Mars, the God of War." The music portrays war as only music can. The records

show music in all its forms from sweet and clear to harsh and strident. It is the type of record that helps to bridge the gap between Rock-'n-Roll and classical music. This record is a L.P. and therefore the price is higher than the normal 78 r.p.m. record.

#### 4. "The Trial"

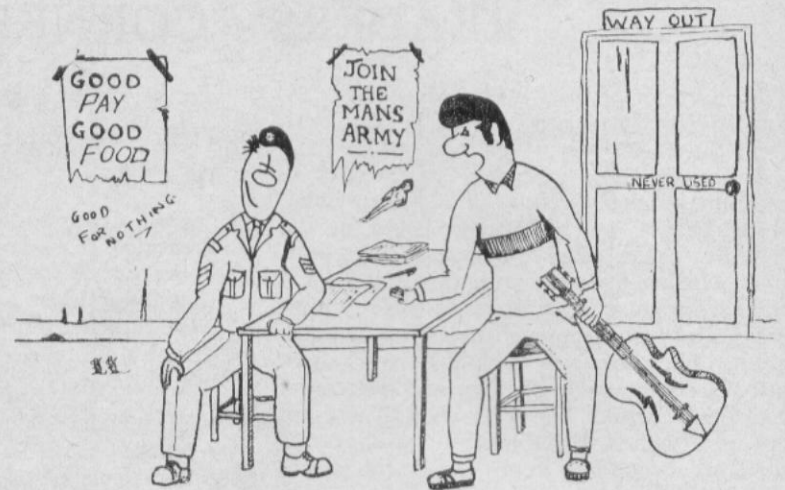
by Tommy Steele

Tommy's latest record is entitled "Hiawatha" and on the flip side of this disc is the track "The Trial" and surprisingly enough it has passed the principal side in its rating in the hit parade. "The Trial" has a rather fast beat which is broken up frequently by Tommy singing in a lower key. This is well on its way to the top of the hit parade and is certain to rise as high as Tommy Steele's previous discs. All record fans should get this disc, as it is terrific.

#### 5. "Long John"

by John Barry Seven

John Barry has another fabulous record to add to his already long list of successes entitled "Long John." This record is a rocked-up version of the old sea shanty "What Shall We Do with the Drunken Sailor." There is a really fine drum solo by the drummer of the group who is really something to listen to, and is climbing to the standard of Gene Krupa and other great solo drummers. This disc is a hit with the younger generation and it should catch on with the older folk. A record for every collector's showcase.



.....WELL! I FIGURED THAT IF I BROUGHT ALONG  
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*Mant*

### CAN YOU BEAT IT?

Instead of merely reproducing the Top Twenty from some other organisation, we have decided that we will create our own. Therefore a committee of "Popular Music Fans" from our staff submit the following. We realize that we throw ourselves "Wide Open," but challenge you to better it.

1. "White Lightning" (Judge Johns).
2. "I go Ape" (Niel Sedaka).
3. "C'mon Everybody" (Eddie Cochran).
4. "Maybe Tomorrow" (Billy Fury).
5. "Lovin' up a Storm" (Jerry Lee Lewis).
6. "It's Late" (Ricky Nelson).
7. "It Doesn't Matter Any More"  
(Buddy Holly).
8. "Happy Organ" (Dave "Baby" Cotez).
9. "Long John" (John Barry Seven).
10. "I Need Your Love Tonight"  
(Elvis Presley).
11. "Oh Why?" (The Teddy Bears).
12. "I've Waited So Long"  
(Anthony Newley).
13. "This Should Go On For Ever"  
(Rob Benard).
14. "The Trial" (Tommy Steele).
15. "Vibrating Inside" (Dicky Pride).
16. "Little Lucy" (Conway Twitty).
17. "It's Only a Matter of Time"  
(Brook Fenton).
18. "Turn Me Loose" (Fabian).
19. "I'm Almost Grown" (Chuck Berry).
20. "Please Don't Touch"  
(Johnny Kidd and the Pirates).

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by Sgt. Ash

**CORPORAL HOWLETT**

J/Cpl. Howlett, known to his mates as "Rigger," never played at school although he played a lot of cricket before entering the Regiment. He played for Swindon Cricket Club and says that this team taught him all he knows about the game. He played for them for three years.

In this Regiment he decided to take up cricket as a hobby and has played for the unit for two seasons, the last one as captain. His 18-year-old brother plays for the Gloucester County Cricket Club. His father was a professional referee, and until recently was a Major with the Royal Military Police. Corporal Howlett said that the team this year is better than last year's team, and they have high hopes for the season. When asked the best bowler and batsman in the team, he chose J/Sig. McGibbon as the best bowler and J/Sig. Schofield as the best batsman.

Corporal Howlett is the opening batsman for the team and his highest score of the season is eight runs, although we are expecting much greater things in the near future. With every match his confidence in handling the team is growing and he is finding that the decisions required of a team captain are not always simple.



by Sgt. Ash

**CAPTAIN HARTNETT**

Captain Hartnett started his hockey career at 13 years of age for the school team. After schooling he joined the army and his platoon sergeant said to him, "We don't want any schoolboy hockey, as you play men here." After a week, he replaced the sergeant in the hockey team, but he said the sergeant took his revenge out of him. After getting his commission he did a three year tour with the Parachute Regiment and played hockey with them. He next went to Germany and played for the B.A.O.R. team.

Back in England, and Catterick. It was here that he first played for the Corps team, and was soon a permanent player. He has played for the Corps team ever since, and he said on his first game, he was very honoured to be chosen.

He has been a regular member of the Devon Hockey Team for a full season. The hockey hobby was started this term and Captain Hartnett said that the games are played with great spirit. The great difficulty with games against other teams was that very few schools in the area played hockey, and there was also the problem of travel.

**A YEAR OF THRILLS**

**S**PORT in this unit is improving rapidly, probably due to two main factors, the increase of boys into the regiment, and the hard work and expert coaching which is being put into the training of our sportsmen. In the future we have high hopes of really putting the regiment on the map in a sporting sense—we aim to hear people say, "Devonshire? That's where the Signals athletes come from."

**The Champions**

Pride of place over the last twelve months must go to our boxers, who won the Inter-Junior Leaders Knock-Out Competition. The final was held at Aldershot last December, and all our team put up a brilliant performance to win the final, 9-6. J/Sig. Jacobs got as far as the semi-finals of the Amateur Boxing Association Championships, and J/Sig. Crowe got to the quarter-finals. J/L/Cpl. Finch was Army Boys' Champion, and J/L/Cpl. Zimmer and J/Sig. Bishop were both runners up. J/Sig. Keenan was Southern Command Boys' Champion, but was unfortunately sick at the time of the Army Championships—although a strong favourite, having already beaten the eventual winner.

**Cup Holders**

The Cadre Association Football team also brought much local honour to the Regiment after a highly successful League season, winning the local league comfortably, and culminating in a glorious cup final at the Torquay United ground where they won the Calder Cup. Credit must go to Sgt. Saxby for his inspiring leadership and fine constructive football; to Sig. Carling for consistently magnificent exhibitions in goal, and to L/Cpl. Eckersall, probably one of the finest footballers in Devon amateur football. After his performance in the Calder Cup Final he was offered terms by Torquay United, and we hope to see him at Plainmoor next season.

**The Oval Experts**

Major Jackson's hard work to bring out a first-class rugby playing unit at last began to bear fruit, and the 1 Squadron team did really well in the Army Boys' Rugby Cup, being knocked out in the third round after a very hard struggle. Next year, with Lieut. Hancock as coach, regimental rugby should rise even higher, and J/L/Cpl. Jones, I/Sig. Cowan, J/Sgt. Cunningham, J/Cpl. Jones, and J/L/Cpl. Tracey will form the basis of a first-class team.

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J/Cpl. MILLS

by Sgt. Ash

**R. SIGNALS v. DARTINGTON HALL SCHOOL**

THIS match was played on a dull, close day. The Dartington team batted first and off McGibbon's first over scored 11 runs. After a good opening the batting soon faded, due to a change from fast to slow bowling, Signals putting on J/Sigs. Bowley and Schofield, who soon had Dartington in trouble. The return of the fast bowlers saw Dartington all out for 99.

With only 75 minutes left for play Signals opened, and J/Cpl. Howlett and J/Sig. Fiern had to play in defence to the opposition's bowling. Six wickets soon fell, and J/Sig. McGibbon was rapped on the leg by the first ball and let out a yell that frightened the ponies on Dartmoor. Off the next ball he hit a boundary in revenge, and soon afterwards the stumps were drawn. A good game, against a more experienced team, by Signals. The final result was a draw, with Signals 47 for 8.

**ROYAL SIGNALS XI v. H.M.S. FISGARD**

H.M.S. Fisgard won the toss and went in to bat. They never seemed to get settled down, and the first two wickets fell for no runs. Soon the score stood at 6 for 6 wickets, and after a not too impressive show they were all out for 28 runs. The bowling of J/Sigs. Day and McGibbon was excellent. Day took 7 wickets for 11 runs, his best this season, and J/Sig. McGibbon took 3 for 17.

Signals went in to bat, J/Cpl. Howlett and J/Sig. Fiern opening, and they put on 15 runs. They were followed by J/Sigs. Schofield and Day who added a further 12 runs. This left us with only two runs to win the match. J/L/Cpl. Tracey, who batted steadily, soon cleared off this small deficit, and the teams adjourned for tea. After tea J/L/Cpl. Tracey hit out, hitting three lovely boundaries, finishing at 26 not out. J/Sig. McGibbon, who was in with him, received only three balls, from which he hit a four and a six, ending with ten not out. The Signals won by 55 runs with five wickets in hand, their total being 83 for 6. After the game the teams went for a well-earned swim, in the baths built by the apprentices (taking 5 yrs. in building).

**ATHLETICS MEETING, 16th MAY, 1959**

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| <p>1. <b>100 YARDS</b>—Regimental Record 10.7 secs.<br/>Army Qualifying Standards: <b>Youth</b> 11.2 secs.<br/><b>Junior</b> 11.0 secs.<br/>Results—1. Cattermole 11.0 secs.<br/>2. Hague 11.9 secs.<br/>3. Willoughby 11.9 secs.</p> <p>1. Raynor 11.5 secs.<br/>2. Delve 11.6 secs.<br/>3. Butler 11.9 secs.</p> <p>2. <b>220 YARDS</b>—Regimental Record 24.2 secs.<br/>Army Qualifying Standards: <b>Youth</b> 25.5 secs.<br/><b>Junior</b> 25.0 secs.<br/>Results—1. Cattermole 25.3 secs.<br/>2. Digweed 26.8 secs.<br/>3. Gann 26.9 secs.</p> <p>1. Raynor 26.6 secs.<br/>2. Taylor 26.7 secs.<br/>3. Waller 27.0 secs.</p> <p>3. <b>440 YARDS</b>—Regimental Record 55.6 secs.<br/>Army Qualifying Standards: <b>Youth</b> 57.2 secs.<br/><b>Junior</b> 55.4 secs.<br/>Results—1. Broadbury Brook 59.8 secs.<br/>2. Bound 60.8 secs.<br/>3. Hubbert 61.1 secs.</p> <p>1. Taylor 59.4 secs.<br/>2. McGibbon 59.6 secs.<br/>3. Rutherford 61.5 secs.</p> <p>4. <b>880 YARDS</b>—Regimental Record 2m. 11.4s.<br/>Army Qualifying Standards: <b>Youth</b> 2m. 16s.<br/><b>Junior</b> 2m. 12s.<br/>Results—1. Jacobs 2m. 19s.<br/>2. Clark 2m. 20s.<br/>3. Broadbury Brook 2m. 22s.</p> <p>1. Merrylees 2m. 19s.<br/>2. Littlefair 2m. 26s.<br/>3. Brooke 2m. 28s.</p> | <p>5. <b>HURDLES</b>—New Event.<br/>Army Qualifying Standards: <b>Youth</b> 17.3 secs.<br/>Results—1. Collins 18.6 secs.<br/>2. Hayes 18.9 secs.<br/>3. McGilp 19.1 secs.</p> <p>6. <b>ONE MILE</b>—Regimental Record 4m. 52.4s.<br/>Army Qualifying Standards: <b>Youth</b> 5m. 2s.<br/><b>Junior</b> 4m. 50s.<br/>Results—1. Bentham 5m. 7s.<br/>2. Jacobs 5m. 16s.<br/>3. Garrehy 5m. 18s.</p> <p>1. Merrylees 5m. 20s.<br/>2. Forbes 5m. 25s.<br/>3. Hammil 5m. 28s.</p> <p>7. <b>THREE MILES</b>—New Event.<br/>Results—1. Bentham 17m. 55s.<br/>2. Sharp 18m. 23s.<br/>3. Gardner/Garrehy</p> <p>8. <b>HIGH JUMP</b>—Regimental Record 5ft. 3in.<br/>Army Qualifying Standards: <b>Youth</b> 5ft. 0in.<br/><b>Junior</b> 5ft. 2in.<br/>Results—1. Chambers 4ft. 8 in.<br/>2. Mills 4ft. 7½ in.<br/>3. Gibbons 4ft. 7 in.</p> <p>1. Walker 4ft. 10½ in.<br/>2. Cole 4ft. 8½ in.<br/>3. Robinson 4ft. 6 in.</p> <p>9. <b>LONG JUMP</b>—Regimental Record 20ft. 8in.<br/>Army Qualifying Standards: <b>Youth</b> 17ft. 3in.<br/><b>Junior</b> 18ft. 0in.<br/>Results—1. Jones 18ft. 2in.<br/>2. Digweed 17ft. 4in.<br/>3. Cattermole 16ft. 11in.</p> <p>1. Raynor 18ft. 9 in.<br/>2. Cowan 15ft. 11½ in.<br/>3. Bowley 15ft. 9 in.</p> | <p>10. <b>HOP, STEP &amp; JUMP</b>—Regt. Rec. 39ft. 3in.<br/>Army Qualifying Standards: <b>Youth</b> 33ft. 0in.<br/><b>Junior</b> 35ft. 0in.<br/>Results—1. Jones 38ft. 7 in.<br/>2. Broadbent 33ft. 11 in.<br/>3. Phillips 33ft. 10½ in.</p> <p>1. Walker 36ft. 9 in.<br/>2. Raynor 36ft. 4 in.<br/>3. Bowley 35ft. 2½ in.</p> <p>11. <b>SHOT</b>—Regimental Record 44ft. 3in.<br/>Army Qualifying Standards: <b>Youth</b> 37ft. 0in.<br/><b>Junior</b> 37ft. 0in.<br/>Results—1. Lindsay 39ft. 4½ in.<br/>2. Beere 36ft. 0½ in.<br/>3. Paton 35ft. 7 in.</p> <p>1. Oliver 33ft. 9 in.<br/>2. Jones 32ft. 3½ in.<br/>3. McGibbon 29ft. 4½ in.</p> <p>12. <b>DISCUS</b>—Regimental Record 142ft. 2in.<br/>Army Qualifying Standards: <b>Youth</b> 110ft. 0in.<br/><b>Junior</b> 115ft. 0in.<br/>Results—1. Durrant 100ft. 2½ in.<br/>2. Armstrong 99ft. 1½ in.<br/>3. Collins 94ft. 9 in.</p> <p>1. Delve 88ft. 3½ in.<br/>2. Hallsworth 81ft. 4 in.<br/>3. Catley 80ft. 1 in.</p> <p>13. <b>JAVELIN</b>—Regimental Record 141ft. 2in.<br/>Army Qualifying Standards: <b>Youth</b> 115ft. 0in.<br/><b>Junior</b> 135ft. 0in.<br/>Results—1. Walker 143ft. 9½ in.<br/>2. Davis 132ft. 1½ in.<br/>3. Tracey 110ft. 3½ in.</p> <p>1. Jones 124ft. 9 in.<br/>2. Hallsworth 120ft. 11½ in.<br/>3. Cole 112ft. 5½ in.</p> |
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