

CORNER

Smallbore Shoot, our Staff team was rather fortunate to win the shoot. The team averages in the three rounds were 92.6—93.8 (h.p.s. in each case 100). Sgt. Easter is to be congratulated on producing the highest individual aggregate of the shoot with an average of 97.3. I would like also to congratulate Sgt. Simister of 90 Signal Regt. who was second with an average of 97.0.

At the end of May as many as can be spared are off to Fort Tregantle for three days in the hope of getting some competition practice with the S.L.R., which is being used here for the first time at the BISLEY meeting this year.

Junior Leaders will be taking part in the Royal Signals Southern Command Rifle Meeting with the Staff team, I hope that this will be continued in future as it may well prove to be a useful source of Class 'B' shots (soldiers with less than 3 years service, Boys service not counting) for the Corps.

Finally if any Junior Leader or member of the Staff considers that our summer shooting activities are a 'swan,' it's because he is envious.

Yours,
P. D. E. CHASE, Lt., R. Signals.
O.C. Weapons Wing.

SATURDAY NIGHT BLUES

Dear Sir,

Newton Abbot is only a very small town which doesn't cater for the tastes of today's teenagers. A Junior Leader going out on a Saturday evening can either visit a local cinema, waste time and money in a cafe, or join 48 others in a room designed to hold 12 people at Newton Abbot's only dance-hall, "the Soup Kitchen." Not a very bright prospect for any of us.

On the occasions of "Denbury Fair," "November 5th," "Christmas," and "Balaclava Day" the Regiment organised successful dances which delighted all Junior Leaders and teenagers for miles round.

I would like to suggest that a dance on this scale could appear at least once a month on our programme. Admission at 2/- per head could be charged, perhaps a penny on each of the drinks, and a sale of sandwiches and cakes, made in the cook-house, would go a long way towards meeting the cost of these functions.

These dances should be advertised properly. In my opinion many potential guests have been left in ignorance of the dance until it was too late. Notices should be put up in all the places where teenagers gather, such as cafes, big department stores, etc.

As far as the music is concerned, the

Black Diamonds are capable of filling in for a percentage of the time, whilst a small civilian group could be rested.

Many times the Commanding Officer has told us to try and get our friends up to the camp. This would help a great deal in this direction.

Possibly a small committee of boys who are interested in having regular dances in camp could discuss their ideas with Major Lane, who, we believe, is interested in our social welfare.

I really feel that the majority of the boys will welcome this suggestion.

B. PATTON J/Cpl. (Iron Tp.)

STOP PRESS

Editor's Note.—A tragic accident occurred on the night of 28/29th May, when a T.C.V. containing 23 Junior Leaders overturned over a bridge near Modbury. Eleven were detained in hospital. We are now pleased to report that those in hospital are all progressing well.

We publish hereunder two letters, the first from Mr. A. I. Coleman, a retired civil servant, whose house was nearby, who very kindly gave assistance to all concerned. The second is from a group of ex-Junior Leaders who read about the accident in the national Press.

Flete Eastern Lodge.

Ermington, Ivybridge.

Dear Col. Gregory,—It was very kind of you to write such a charming letter, but it really wasn't deserved. We happened to be on the spot, and other people in similar circumstances would have done the same.

My wife is in London for a few days, but she will be thrilled with your letter, as my part was quite small. I am sure your kind invitation to attend the end of term parade will be appreciated by her, and we will do our best to be there.

No praise is too high for the lads themselves, and it is difficult to single out anyone, but I must mention Junior Sgt.-Major Butcher.

In spite of his injuries he was a great example to all of us. He never forgot his responsibilities as Senior N.C.O., and in conduct, cheerfulness and leadership would have been a credit to a much more experienced soldier. I say this in all seriousness.

The best praise I can give them is to say that, as a First War Subaltern in the Devons I would have been proud to have had all of them in my platoon, with "Butch" as my Platoon Sergeant.—Yours sincerely,

I. A. COLEMAN.

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WHAT DO PEOPLE

NEWTON ABBOT is a medium-sized market town, the centre for a farming community, and on the fringe of the seaside centres. Just four miles away lies an Army Camp, housing over four hundred boys, and under two hundred men. On Saturdays and Sundays, and indeed on other evenings too, the inhabitants of this camp descend like a horde of locusts on the town. The streets are filled, shops do trade, the pubs sell their beer, the cafes resound with the continual playing of Juke Boxes. Just what do the inhabitants think of all this? By the simple process of asking them, this is the question we are now trying to answer for you.

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Let us begin with the authorities. For this we went to **H. F. Pearce, the Inspector of Police in Newton Abbot.** Inspector Pearce admitted that the Police had had occasions to visit the camp in the course of duty, but did not feel that they had cause to be there very often. He commented, "Taking into consideration firstly the numbers in your camp, secondly their ages, and thirdly the trends of modern youth, we don't get a great deal of trouble from Junior Leaders." He added "I have never known open clashes between Denbury and the local civilians, and therefore must presume that in their off duty hours the soldiers fit into the normal life of the town."

On being asked for his views about marches and displays through the town, he admitted that they caused a little inconvenience in extra traffic duties, but had no objections provided due notice was given, and that they didn't occur too often. He commented especially on how impressed he is with our Band. Being an ex-officer of the Devon Regiment he should be a good judge, so this is praise indeed.

Mr. Fry, proprietor of the Popular Fish Cafe in Queen Street thoroughly endorsed the police viewpoint, pointing out that many of the boys frequent his establishment, and were good for his trade. He had never known any real trouble, but confessed that sometimes when they are in a bunch they can be awkward. "We know the boys are away from home, and so we try to make up to them for that," he concluded.

Realizing that the impact of the Junior Leaders on the villages surrounding the camp must be great, a reporter called on **Mrs. Hudson of Denbury Manor,** the widow of Brigadier Hudson, V.C. Mrs. Hudson likened the boys to Sandhurst Cadets, of whom her husband had been in charge for a short while. "The whole Regiment seems to have set itself a high standard." She considers the Junior Leaders to be very well behaved, and expressed great pleasure that the Regiment was in this area. She had read the Junior Mercury twice, and expressed a desire for a regular copy.

Mr. and Mrs. Sadgrove of West Ogwell, think the Junior Leaders they have met reflect great credit on the Regiment. "The boys are well behaved, but difficult to approach, as they sometimes seem suspicious of the intentions of local people towards them." Mr. and Mrs. Sadgrove are interested in social service work, particularly in the Youth of Devon, and were delighted to learn of the Regiment's association with the Dartmoor Rangers.

In East Ogwell, the Vicar said that he had known the Camp for 14 years. The boys he had seen around "are a well behaved, well-mannered, sporting crowd. Before the Junior Leaders came anything that went wrong, broken windows, etc., was always blamed on the Camp, as there was nobody else to blame—but now there are NO COMPLAINTS anyway."

The Manageress of the Imperial Cinema felt that the majority were pretty good, "but others are quite the reverse. I have threatened to telephone to the Commanding Officer and complain about their behaviour a few times." However on being questioned further she admitted that "the camp boys aren't the only ones. A lot of the noise is made by the locals." Finally she added that her daughters frequently attend dances and socials up at Denbury Camp, and always thoroughly enjoy themselves.

The Assistant Manageress at the Odeon Cinema felt that the Denbury boys were perfectly all right. Their behaviour was always good, and she was pleased to see them coming in. **The Chief of Staff** at the Odeon, looking menacing in his commissionaire's uniform interposed, "They've never given me any trouble. If they did I'd give 'em a clip across the ear."

The Newton Abbot Secondary Modern Girls' School have never arranged for or encouraged organized parties to mix with our Junior Leaders on the social side, at our dances, etc. A reporter, therefore, determined to find out just what this particular school felt about Denbury Camp.

In an interview **Miss Fox, the Headmistress,** made it perfectly plain that personally she had nothing against Junior Leaders at all—with a charming smile she confessed, "I have forgotten all about your board appearing on our roof." But as Headmistress she felt that she could not officially countenance any mixing. She stressed that "it is up to the individual parents to make their own decisions, whether or not they wish their daughters to associate with Junior Leaders." She added that she personally had no objections whatsoever, and would make no attempt to persuade or dissuade any parent who felt strongly on this matter, as it was a question for the home to decide.

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SAY ABOUT DENBURY ?

Our reporter came away with the feeling that Miss Fox, although in sympathy with the desire that Junior Leaders should mix with the "right sort of girls," prefers not to encourage any official contact. This seems to her a matter in which the home should accept the considerable responsibility which she feels to be involved, since all contracts between Denbury Camp and the School would naturally be after school hours.

A young chap in his early twenties, who was a railway worker, said he was a keen Rugby fan. He had watched the Army (Junior) Rugby Cup final at Rackerhayes—"a very good game"—and thought we had an excellent team. He had never had any trouble with boys from camp, although some of his mates had been in a scrap or two—"not too many though, considering how many you've got up there."

A Junior Lady, teenager from Buckland, who seemed to know quite a few boys from Denbury Camp, felt that "Newton Abbot would be completely dead without your chaps coming down here. I think the town should accept the boys more." She had seen the Junior Leaders march through the town and thought they were very smart. She regularly got a copy of Junior Mercury and always enjoyed reading it.

A waitress in the Rendezvous (described by our reporter as "Smashing! Gorgeous!") said that Junior Leaders are "a nice crowd. Always well behaved and very polite. Little gentlemen."

A married Lady from Queen Street, confirmed that they "are polite, well mannered and very smart. If the boys do misbehave it is because the girls encourage them." She too, enjoyed watching them march through Newton Abbot with the Band.

Mr. L. Hooper, the Station Master's Clerk, was the gentleman really concerned with the end-of-term arrangements at Newton Abbot station. The camp had a very considerable impact on the station, with special arrangements to be made for issuing tickets and accommodation, special trains and reserved compartments. He stressed that relations were extremely cordial because R.H.Q. co-operated so well.

Of Junior Leaders, **Mr. Hooper** felt they were surprisingly good. He couldn't re-call any cases of hooliganism. Indeed he hadn't heard any complaints. He smiled as he added, "Your criminals don't go in for defacing tickets by altering their routes by a few hundred miles, as the other lot used to."

Here Mr. Wayne, the Relief Station Master, chipped in to say that "I was here when your band played at the January send-off. Very impressive. The arrangements were very carefully worked out. I will never forget your R.S.M. with a tape measure on the platform working out exactly where the train was to stop."

The Cashier at the Alexandra Cinema, couldn't recall any trouble, but they did get a little noisy sometimes. She admitted that she didn't take any real interest in the camp, apart from what she read in the local paper.

The Kiosk Attendant, at the Alexandra, only a young woman, said she didn't know of any trouble with the boys, but felt they were rather noisy when they were in a bunch. "Just the same, I am not against the boys from the camp. After all there are only a few bad ones." She lived in Torquay, but had read about the Regiment in the local papers.

A man, in his middle thirties, hurrying down the road was pleased to stop and say, "Every report I have heard has been good, and the one time I read the *Junior Mercury*, I thoroughly enjoyed it." In answer to a direct question he observed that he hadn't had much contact with the camp, but saw no reason why the camp should not be there.

Another chap, who preferred to remain anonymous said he thought "Denbury is a Kindergarten for Borstal."

A young housewife, had a great deal to say about Denbury, and its effect on the townfolk, "Before I got married, I used to prefer the camp boys to the local ones to go around with. They were more fun. However I have now married a local boy. I have never found the boys troublesome at all, in fact the boys mix quite well. One or two boys do come to our Salvation Army club, and many favourable contacts have been made." She concluded, "I think more publicity about the Regiment would help to foster good relations with the townfolk."

An advertiser, who has supported us since our first edition, **Mr. Pelosi, of Paignton**, had this to say. "Your Junior Leaders are no worse than our own lads, in fact considering that they are strangers, they conduct themselves well. As a general rule you can say that a boy in uniform tends to feel more confident—or should it be more cocky?—than his civilian counterpart."



Now, what does all this add up to ?

Are Junior Leaders accepted as part of the local population ?

Has Denbury Camp a place in Devon ?

On the whole we feel a fair summing up of our position reveals that the majority of people who have had contact with our Junior Leaders have found them well-behaved and gentlemanly. There are exceptions. It would be strange if there weren't, and it would be stranger still if out of nearly 500 boys there were not the occasional ruffian. A point to remember lies in the fact that, when one boy misbehaves, that is news, and will be splashed around the local press ; whereas it is not news, but to be expected that the remaining 99% will be Junior Leaders and Gentlemen.

Sufficient to say that a boy can walk through the streets of Newton Abbot holding his head high, feeling smart and soldierly—and that is what most of us do !

A REGULAR FIXTURE LIST

Dear Sir,

Now that the Swimming season has begun a group of enthusiasts have got together in order to encourage the playing of Water Polo amongst members of the Regiment. Preparations to draw up a fixture list for two teams, one for Staff and the other for Junior Leaders, are already in progress, and most local teams have been approached.

It is hoped that, for convenience sake, both teams will play on the same day, as most local clubs have Junior teams as well as Seniors. The success of the venture may prove a stepping stone to entry into the Army Water Polo League.

Support is needed now. Have you ever played Water Polo ? Do you enjoy swimming, and want to have a go ? Anyone who is interested should submit their name to 2/Lt. B. G. FROST (Quadrant Troop), Royal Signals Swimming Officer.

Yours,

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W.O. II. WHEATLEY.

by Sgt. Martin

THE EDITOR

WHEN you enter the Junior Mercury Office, don't expect to see the American style editor—big cigar, eye shade, feet on the desk type—He doesn't smoke (cigars), his eyes are quite good and if he did put his feet on the desk it would surely collapse: Height?—Weight?

W.O., II, P.M. WHEATLEY, R.A.E.C., with 10 years' service, has been the mainstay of the Junior Mercury since its early days, when it was produced on duplicate paper. He arrived in the Regiment with varied experience—3 years service with 1st Bn., The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment), 3 years' at an M.C.E., and finally to Denbury, and, what must be the highlight of his career.

When he was in KOREA he gained much experience as Sports Editor with a Daily called the "KOREAN BASE GAZETTE."

It is by his energy, determination and the monthly injection by Colonel Gregory that Junior Mercury has risen to the present standard.

"EDITORIAL MEMORIES"

by W.O. II. P. M. WHEATLEY, R.A.E.C.

IN the Regimental Museum there is a badly duplicated copy of the first edition, labelled Junior Mercury, produced in July, 1958. Working in a small room in the Education Block we couldn't even dream of this present edition. There were seven of us, of whom only I remain, producing an 8-page duplicated paper with a circulation of 130 within the Regiment.

The next memory skips nearly a year of 4-page duplicated editions, and brings us to mid-May, 1959 when a bewildered reporter, J/L/Cpl. (as he was then) Evans returned from an interview with the new Commanding Officer. "But, sir, I wasn't interviewing him. He was interviewing me," he complained.

Nevertheless I was still surprised, when summoned before Lt.-Col. L. H. M. Gregory, M.B.E. to hear him say, "I like this, Sergeant Major, it's good," with which he crumpled

up a Junior Mercury. "Because it's good, we can do something better," he continued. "On the first of June I want a properly printed newspaper with plenty of photographs, copies for everybody in the Regiment and a couple of hundred over for outside circulation. Can you do it?" A calendar on his desk gave the date as 20th May, and a vision of printers, advertisers and others regarding both the C.O. and myself as insane crossed my mind, but nevertheless I agreed to try.

The next picture is of Oliver, Craggs, Mant, Evans, Murray, Smith and I spending five complete days, including a week-end, in the Junior Mercury Office from eight in the morning until ten or eleven at night, eating in relays, writing, drawing, typing, tearing it all up, and starting again. Then came the pride of seeing the first printed Junior Mercury in print, and hearing the Commanding Officer describe it as, "Tremendous. A first class paper," before going on to add that "It

CAN and WILL be better."

So we pass over twelve months of consolidation, tightening up of the edges, and expansion. At the time of going to press our circulation has reached 1,500—over 500 in the camp, over 500 in Newton Abbot (where Junior Leaders carry out a monthly sales expedition) about 250 postal copies mainly to army personnel, and remainder to V.I.Ps. It is planned to raise this circulation very considerably in the coming months.

In order to better our production we will be expanding to a 12-page edition, as a permanency next month. This special Anniversary Edition is composed of 16 pages to mark our first Birthday.

And that, Ladies and Gentlemen, has been the story of the Junior Mercury, as I have seen it. The questions that remain in my mind are: 1.—What is its future? 2.—Can its standard be maintained and improved? 3.—What do YOU think of it all?



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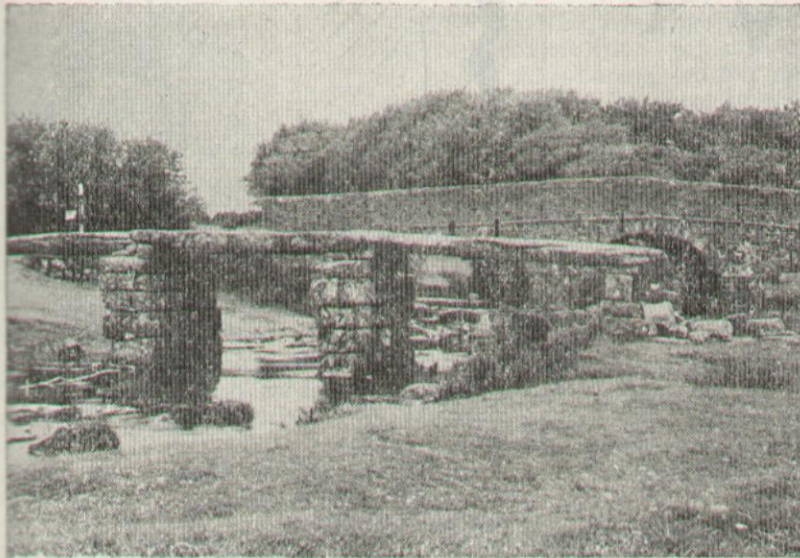


"Haytor Rocks," Dartmoor.

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A PLACE OF DREAMS

Dartmoor is familiar to countless Junior Leaders of this Regiment; yet how many of them, as they have trudged over the tufted grass and across the swift streams and blanketing bogs, have thought of the tales of the man who formerly inhabited this area? Probably not many, for the real legends of Dartmoor are few, and rarely told. And yet, who, looking at the medieval stone-walls, the bronze-age stone rows and circles, and the deserted farm-houses can fail to wonder at the hardiness and the history of these ancient Dartmoor folk. It is not difficult, as one sits on a high tor, with a rolling mist and gentle drizzle as company, to imagine, and even to see, the dark figures of Bronze-age men, preparing a sacrifice at some stone altar, the medieval tin-streamers, and the merchants and holy men of the middle-ages.



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5. *Honour thy farming friends and their fields.*
6. *Thou shalt not pollute the water in the streams, nor shall thou leave open any gates, nor yet shalt thou destroy the fences.*
7. *Thou shalt not steal the produce of any farm.*
8. *Thou shalt not scatter rubbish over the countryside.*
9. *Thou shalt not say that another frightened the sheep when thou knowest in thy heart that thou art guilty.*
10. *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's farm, but rather shalt thou start one of thine own at Denbury.*

MYSTERY AND SUPERSTITION

About those former dwellers of the moors are a few legends: we hear of haunted Cranmere Pool, Childe the Hunter, and the White Bird. Even today there are moorland farmers who will not burn oak or elder in the house, and farmers' wives who will not wash blankets in May or leave on a lamp from sunset to dawn—the Corpse Candle. Such tales and superstitions are fast disappearing, and many exist today, not in the minds of moor-folk, but in dusty guide-books of an earlier age. But some are worth resurrecting, and we hope to introduce them to the readers of *Junior Mercury*.

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THE best bet of the month is to be found on the Capitol Label, where the "Four Preps" are singing a tuneful and catchy beat number entitled "Got a Gurl." Not only will the song both catch and hold your attention, but there is also a delicious sense of humour and fun in the words. It tells of a "guy" whose girl friend has a locket containing many photographs,—all of men—but not one of him!

This may recall to older readers some of the "Dear John" boards to be found in the barrack rooms of Korea. "Dear John" was a popular recording of that time about a girl who was writing a letter to a boy friend abroad to say that she was going with another. All letters received of this nature were pinned to a board, and a photograph of this board sent to the damsel in question as a reminder of the wrong she had done to the soldier overseas.

Getting back to "Got a Gurl," the favoured males are Presley, Avalon, Fabian and Co; and whenever he is out with his girl, our "Guy" finds his style rather cramped by the presence of these "fellow travellers." This record is definitely a real hit, and the flipover is a beauty too: "Hear it From Me," which is noteworthy for its exceptional vocal arrangement.

Maureen Evans again deserves special praise for excellent singing on her latest cutting, "Paper Roses," to be found on the Oriole label. This is very definitely the type of record which when you have heard it once, you keep on wanting to hear it again—a haunting melody.

Ernie Fields is back after an absence of 7 months, with the best recording that he has yet made—a revival of an old favourite, played as a really good instrumental, "Chattanooga Choo Choo" recorded on the London Label.

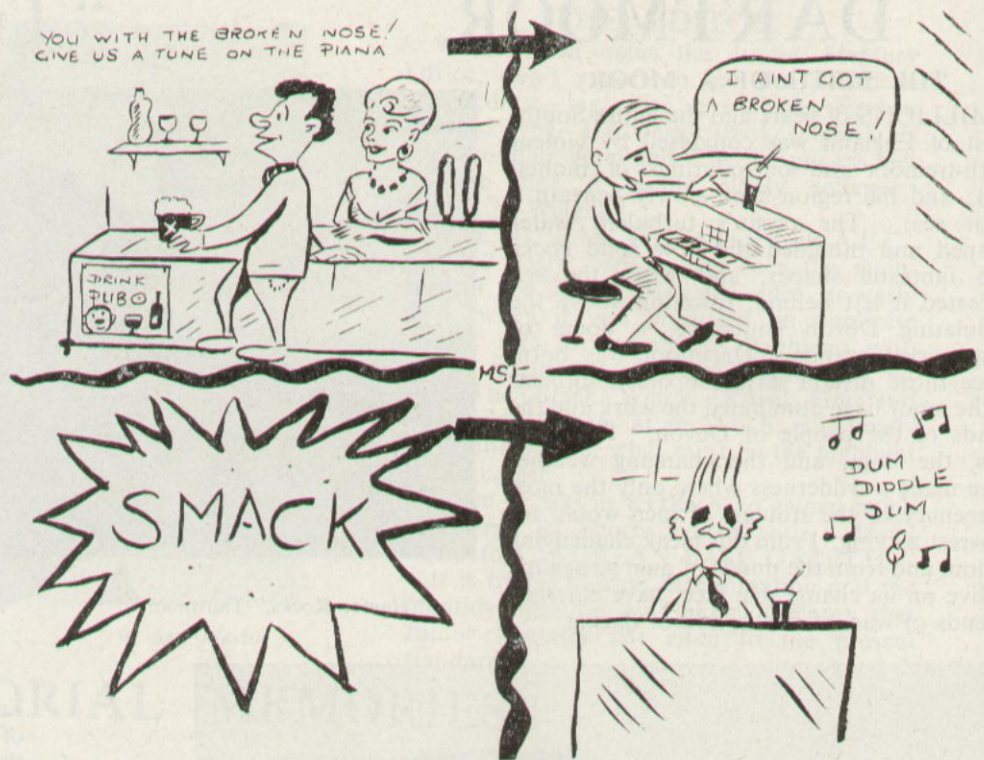
Top Rank have recorded Craig Douglas's latest hit, "Heart of a Teenage Girl," which, strange to say, is a great song written to a real tune—like his earlier chart-topping success "Only Sixteen."

Russ Hamilton has a pretty song in "Folks get Married" which trips along with appropriate gaiety as Russ gives the song his own brand of unsophisticated charm. The flipover is a well tried Oldie, "It's a sin to tell a Lie." The record appears on the market bearing the Oriole label.....

Probably the best record of the month is "Cathy's Clown" by the Everlys on the London Label. In simple words this is a great disc by the world's greatest vocal group.

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With acknowledgement to "Les" Mant.

THINK HARD

THIS month we have three problems for you to think about. When you have worked out the answers, write them down on a piece of paper and send them, with your name and address, to The Editor, "Junior Mercury," Denbury Camp, Newton Abbot, Devon. Solutions will be checked on June 30 and there will be prizes of books and records for the winner.

1. We thank Capt. Holmes, our Padre, for submitting this problem—a problem in logical thinking:

Messrs. Butcher, Baker, Hosier and Dyer are a butcher, a baker, an hosier and a dyer. None of the four follows the occupation which bears his name. Neither Mr. Baker nor Mr. Hosier is the Butcher. The dyer is not Mr. Butcher.

The baker is not Mr. Hosier. Who is who?

2. Next for those in a mathematical frame of mind we invite you to take eight eights, and by addition only, arrange them in such a way that they add up to one thousand.

3. Finally, a nice simple general knowledge question, as we ask for the name of the country which is divided into two parts, and separated by over 1,000 miles of another country.

place amongst them with distinction. Each number has its own appeal, but "Teenager in Love," "Sea of Love," "Bad Boy," and "Endless Sleep" stand out especially. The cover picture is particularly attractive.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are pleased to announce two winners to our April competition.

1. Mrs. A. Burley of Newton Abbot who has received a record, "Baby Talk/Jeanette, get your hair done," by Jan and Dean.
2. Miss L. Topliss of Ipplepen who has received a book, "Rogue Cop," by William McGivern.

The correct solutions were:

1. The blind beggar of Liverpool was the sister of the brother who died.
2. A funeral cannot be planned a fortnight in advance.
3. Bill Sykes would not knock on the door of his own room.

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STAFF LOSE OPENING MATCH

A WEAK Staff XI lost by 10 wickets to Narracotts of Torquay. Losing the toss, the Staff batted first, and could only collect 54 runs—S/Sgt. Foster (a Captain's innings) 19, and L/Cpl. Beaumont 17, were the only scorers of note. With such a simple target Narracotts won without losing a wicket.

FOSTER AGAIN

ALTHOUGH losing by 5 wickets, the Staff XI played better against the Wessex Brigade. Again losing the toss the Staff could not build up a good enough total to give the bowlers a chance. Of their 52, S/Sgt. Foster scored 18 and Sgt. Waters 15. Sig. Planner took 2 for 9 and L/Cpl. Beaumont 1 for 0.

DISAPPOINTING 13 RUN LOSS

With an hour for each innings, Ipplepen won the toss and scored 88 runs not without luck. Then bad light, negative bowling and the rough pitch conspired to hold the Staff back to 75 runs of which Lt. Whitehead hit 23, L/Cpl. Sykes 19 and L/Cpl. Beaumont 10.

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SIR,—On reading the national newspapers dated May 30th, 1960, we, the last output from Denbury, were shocked to read about the unfortunate accident which occurred to 20 of the boys. We all send our deepest sympathy and wish all those detained in hospital a very speedy recovery.

(Signed) The Ex-Boys at 224 Sig. Sqn., Loughborough, Leicestershire. May 30th 1960.

J/SGT. MILLS

SURPRISINGLY enough J/Sgt. Mills' main sport is one in which we have been unable to see him in action as yet, but he is hoping that this year will change all that. Before joining the Regiment he regularly represented the Royal Army Garrison Swimming Club of Aldershot, and has been runner-up in the Hampshire County Diving Championships. He is hoping to win the Army Boys Championship for the Regiment at Aldershot this year.

"Bob" Mills holds Regimental record (8' 6") in the Pole Vault, and came fourth in last year's championships at Aldershot. The first three were all Army Apprentices, and he vaulted 2 foot better than any other Junior Leader there.

In addition he has boxed at welter weight for the Regiment and has played regularly for the Hockey XI. He spoke with pride of his "B" grading at the Army Outward Bound School, which he thoroughly enjoyed.



by Sgt. Martin

LT. WHITEHEAD

LT. WHITEHEAD'S greatest sporting love lies in cricket. He played for his school, his College at Sandhurst, for 1 Corps Signal Regiment in Germany, and for the B.A.O.R. Signals XI before coming to this unit. Now he is devoting his cricketing talents entirely to the Junior Leaders' XI, in an effort to turn a good team into a really first class XI, although he hopes to turn out for the Staff XI when the Junior Leaders have settled down.

Mr. Whitehead is a keen hockey player, and his enthusiastic coaching helped the Junior Leaders' XI which did so well last term.

He enjoys skiing, tennis and rugby, has done a little sprinting too, but never very seriously.

He tries to live up to the following definition of a sportsman, which he submits humbly, hoping that it will help others: "A person who plays a game with enthusiasm and determination, and is prepared to put the well-being of his team before personal glory."



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"The Opening Pair" J/S/Sgt. Tracey and J/Sig. Gallon.

by Sgt. Martin

CLOSE ENOUGH ?

THE Junior Leaders' 1st XI tied with R.A.C. Junior Leaders in a very exciting game. Signals batted first, making 47—J/Sgt. McGibbon opening out with a 6 in his 11, and J/Cpl. Rooke getting 12. When the Bovington XI were 43 for only four wickets the game seemed hopelessly lost, until suddenly McGibbon (6 for 7) struck, and excitement mounted as the wickets fell, and only the odd single came. Finally McGibbon uprooted Number 11's middle stump to leave the scores even at 47.

GOOD OPENING STAND

WE defeated Newton Abbot Grammar School by 55 runs. Batting first the opening pair, J/Sig. Gallon (37) and J/L/Cpl. Fiern (13) put on 55 without loss, the former being in great form, J/S/Sgt. Tracey added 12, and we finally declared at 88 for 9. J/Sgt. McGibbon (19 wickets in 3 innings) took 6 for 13 and J/Sig. Haworth took 3 for 18 to put out the Grammar School for only 33.

OPENING VICTORY

THE first match for the 1st XI was against Infantry Boys at Plymouth. The Signals batted first, making 80 for 9 declared, in just under two hours. J/Sig. Thompson of Francisca Troop batted well for 30.

After tea the Infantry resumed, but were all out for 68, with J/Sgt. McGibbon of Jerboa Troop taking 7 wickets for 21 runs. A good start to the season.

VERY DISAPPOINTING

A SMALL but ardent crowd of supporters followed the Staff Football XI up to Tidworth on a summery May Day to see them lose the Southern Command Final to an R.A.M.C. side by 4 goals to 5.

For the first time this season we found ourselves against a fast lively team who could play good football. At half time we were leading 4—2, but "the writing was on the wall." Our goals had come from isolated breakaways, rather than persistent battering of our opponents goalmouth.

Even so, we could have won, as three of their goals were unfortunate—a goalmouth muddle, with Sig. Summer's only mistake, an unnecessary penalty given away by Sgt. Angell, and Sig. Webb saving on the goal line—but the referee ruled it to be over !

Sig. Scott, got a penalty, but didn't have his usual exhilarating game. Sig. Sturch got a goal, but otherwise failed to find any path round their right back. Sig. Cook scored twice, and did all that could be done against a strong defence.

Nobody played a bad game, but with the exception of Cpl. Penny, who was his usual hardworking self, the others couldn't live up to the high standard which they have set for themselves all the season.

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

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- 880 Yards (J)—1, Armstrong; 2, Worrall; 3, Sankey. 2mins. 19secs.
- Mile (Y)—1, Garrehy; 2, McKay; 3, Gardner. 5mins. 5secs.
- Mile (J)—1, Court; 2, Sankey; 3, Lawence. 5mins. 29secs.
- Three miles (O)—1, McKay (R); 2, Garrehy (R); 3, Gardner (R); 4, Young (R). 16min. 55secs.
- Hurdles (O)—Equal 1, Viner (R) (Q) and Hayes (R) (Q); 3, Wren. 17secs.
- Pole Vault (O)—Equal 1, Mills and Barratt; 3, Durrant. 8'.
- High Jump (Y)—1, Mason (Q); 2, Bourgoise; 3, Riches. 5'.
- High Jump (J)—1, Chambers; 2, Gibbons; 3, Hutton. 5'.
- Long Jump (Y)—1, Capon (Q); 2, Digweed; 3, Hayes. 17' 7½".
- Long Jump (J)—1, Freeman; 2, Worrall; 3, Howley. 17' 3".
- Hop, Step and Jump (Y)—1, Sharp (Q); 2, Booker (Q); 3, Bourgoise (Q); 4, Harrison (Q). 37' 6".
- Hop, Step, Jump (J)—1, Mills (Q); 2, Dagless (Q); 3, Couper (Q); 4, Broadbent (Q). 38' 6".
- Discus (Y)—1, Bates (Q); 2, Barrett; 3, Kemp. 111' 10".
- Discus (J)—1, Sharp; 2, Wren; 3, Durrant. 88'.
- Javelin (Y)—1, Barrett (Q); 2, Hayford; 3, Russell. 116' 10".
- Javelin (J)—1, Mills; 2, Whitrick; 3, Young. 111' 11".
- Shot (Y)—1, Beere (Q); 2, Sharman; 3, Tracey. 37' 7".
- Shot (J)—1, Lindsay; 2, Naisbit; 3, Patton. 34' 5".

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