

by Sgt. Cavey

DENBURY—TWENTY YEARS YOUNG!

"MEN, remember there is no retreat from here. You must die where you stand!" With these immortal words of Sir Colin Campbell the epic of **THE THIN RED LINE** was born. A moment in history which led to such feats of **LEADERSHIP** and **COURAGE**, and constantly reminds us of the importance of **CLEAR ORDERS**, **GOOD COMMUNICATIONS** AND **MORALE**. So proper then that the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders should have been the first to occupy Denbury Camp.

Denbury. Have you heard the name? It's the home of the Junior Leaders' Regiment, Royal Signals, located in picturesque South Devon whose tradition is as old as its heritage is rich with glories of yesterday and ten thousand yesterdays, bridging the memory with the epic of the Roman occupation.

The advent of the 20th century brought man's conquest of the heavens, and the fifty acres of lovely grassland, soft and flat, that is now Denbury Camp, was used as a springboard for the pioneering aviators of the twenties and thirties.

In May 1939, 1,900 workmen—who were receiving a total weekly wage of £1,200—started erecting Denbury Camp. Three months later, and dressed in 25 miles of copper cable, 20 tons of sheet lead, and over 1,000 radiators, one of the most modern camps emerged. The date was the 15th August, 1939. The cook-house was the best equipped of its kind, and each soldier was to have a personal metal locker.

Members of the Argyll and Sutherland

Highlanders moved into the camp, which had been christened **RAWLINSON BARRACKS** and 19 days later, on a warm, peaceful September Sunday, war came to England and Denbury.

On the continent, the B.E.F. was forced to withdraw from the might of Hitler's armies. At Dunkirk only a miracle saved 40,000 soldiers, many of whom came to Denbury.

Sometime in 1942, the first of the 35,000 American troops found a home here. Denbury was placed at their disposal. On nearby Dartmoor, the Allied Forces prepared themselves for D-Day. Three weeks before the momentous 6th of June, 1944, several important people came to inspect the troops gathering at Denbury. They included Sir Winston Churchill, General Eisenhower, and Field Marshal Montgomery.

With tremendous force the King's men hurled themselves against the Normandy beaches. Casualties were high, although the tide of war was turning in favour of the Allied Armies. Denbury became a hospital and rest centre for the injured.

1945 brought victory. The hospital wards changed to classrooms for 650 W.R.A.C. being trained to work with Royal Signals, but they stayed for only a short period. They were followed by a contingent of Polish soldiers—part of the famous "**WARSAW GUARDS UNIT**," who decided not to return to Poland—now under Soviet occupation. They earned a high reputation locally and made a significant contribution to the

community by clearing Dartmoor of live ammunition before they departed.

Complete demobilization took effect, and the War Office considered the removal of the Camp. But in 1947 Denbury still lived. The long rows of huts rotted in the wind and rain. Long grass grew over the once neat pathways.

Suddenly it was discovered that the R.A.S.C. required a site, and Denbury was allocated. Five years elapsed, then the R.A.S.C. rolled out, quickly followed by the Depot Regiment of the Royal Signals. It became a vast transit camp of wild men, who will long be remembered by the populace of the neighbouring towns.

With the arrival of the Junior Leaders from Beverly came a new spirit, and a new lease of life for Denbury Camp. And this is how we find it today—20 years young—and with a whole lifetime ahead.

It's a gateway to the moors, a runway to the future, and a signpost to **LEADERSHIP**. Not for its staff or its 471 young men the cold, impersonal blue letters on top of the official notepaper which spell out "**Rawlinson Barracks**." Wedded for now and all time, we hope, to the Junior Leaders' Regiment, Royal Signals - - - .

It's **DENBURY**! There's warmth in the name, and pride in belonging to its family. Pride in becoming part of its history; its sunshine and shadow; its triumphs and tragedies. Pride in being part of its glowing hope in the future, and the contribution it can make to the cause of peace.

EDITORIAL

"They were all with one accord in one place"
Acts 2 (i).

DURING this past month the world has been to Denbury. We have had visitors from the Norwegian Signals, the United States Marines, the Gurkhas, A Troop 1st Signal Regiment, apart from the usual crop of Old Boys and official visits. Major-General H. A. Borradaile, C.A., D.S.O., the General Officer Commanding South-Western District, has been down for a day with the Regiment, and seemed pleased with what he saw. All this adds up to just one thing. Denbury is well on the map. We are interested in what happens outside, and the world is taking an interest in our goings on, too.

Scene: the "Junior Mercury" office. A reporter from the "Mid-Devon Times" was interviewing members of the staff, when in came the Commanding Officer. Conversation developed concerning the general ignorance of the local population in the life and doings at Denbury. The answer? So simple. Mr. Chris Hutchings has volunteered to come and serve for 24 hours as a member of the Regiment.

We are fortunate in the interest still taken in this Regiment by our Old Boys. The subscription list for "Junior Mercury" bears this out to the full. Many of them like to call and see us, and we are always delighted to see them, and to offer accommodation, but we do ask that they should write to the Adjutant, letting him know when they propose arriving.

Our own staff is continuing to expand, and we welcome J/Cpl. Frank Littlefair as a reporter. He was fortunate to be selected as one of the hosts to the Norwegian party which has guaranteed us full coverage of their activities. Our thanks go out to S.S.M. Cox for the excellent cartoon (see page 6), and to J/Sigm. "Mick" Dryland, who has so nobly reproduced that versatile J/Sigm. 'X,' and will, we hope, continue to do so.

Finally, we offer our congratulations to Brigadier H. R. Firth (Editor of "The Wire"), who is hereby appointed 'Guardian Angel' to the "Junior Mercury."

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NORWEGIAN VISIT

SEVEN young Norwegian Army Boy Apprentices, accompanied by blonde-haired Captain Magne Spilde, have had three weeks as guests of the Junior Leaders' Regiment at Denbury. During their stay they have had a non-stop tour of Britain, including visits to London, Gloucester, and Droitwich, seeing something of the way we live and work. Visits all over the country have been inserted to break up a very full programme of outdoor activities with our boys.

Seven Junior Leaders have been acting as hosts, and were at first rather doubtful of their ability to communicate, but were delighted to find that our friends all speak excellent English. One of the first comments made by our guests was on the high quality of the food, as at home they live mainly on bread, butter, and fish. They commented, too, on our smart S.D.'s but confessed that their own dress is more comfortable. The T.V. also made a deep impression, as they have no T.V. at Lillehammer, the Norwegian Signals School which, they told us, consists entirely of two-storied brick constructed buildings.

The Norwegian Boy Apprentices commence training at 17, completing when they are 21, but in that time they do a lot more actual trade training than we do, but not as much education. They have very little sporting periods, although there is plenty of ski-ing in the winter, and they thoroughly enjoyed canoeing, swimming, and camping on Dartmoor, proving particularly expert at rock climbing.

It having been noted that the Visitors' Book at Fur Tor was in bad condition, the Norwegians accompanied their hosts on an expedition to replace it by a new beautifully-bound book to act as a remembrance of their visit here. The old Visitors' Book, originally presented by members of the Boy Scouts, has been sent to the City Librarian at Plymouth.

The party have all cemented deep friendships amongst our own Junior Leaders, and say that they will return home with many happy memories of their visit here. L/Cpl. A. Storeli (20), reckoned to be a crack rifle shot in the Norwegian Army, tested out the new self-loading rifle at Denbury, which he handled extremely well.

Next spring, a party of Junior Leaders from Denbury will be paying a three-week visit to Lillehammer. It is a most magnificent opportunity for those selected, something well worth working for. Remember, you can be one of the chosen ones!

CADRE CUTTINGS

WE start this month with a mystery. Sigm. Richardson has been ousted from H.Q. Stores and swallowed up in the secret confines of the R.H.Q. What on earth can have happened to him?

Big changes in the M.T. Driver "Cabby" Hartley is now careering around camp in a "Champ," his identity masked by clouds of dust. L/Cpl. Taylor was enthusiastic about an M.G. Sports Car, but retired defeated after a fellow boy enthusiast had taken the vehicle to pieces.

Congratulations to Newton Abbot's Beauty Queen, surprisingly enough Driver "Sid" Chester, who won a prize for the best entry in the Newton Abbot Shopping Week procession. "Is 'orse and cart looked real posh, my dear." His chief Lady-in-Waiting was none other than our old friend Sigm. Frank Adams, resplendent in a Yul Brunner haircut, which, we are assured, is all in the best interests of hygiene.

Cpl. Ibbot, the S.S.M.'s left hand man, serves as a daily proof of the old adage about not letting your right hand know what your left is doing. That man of law, L/Cpl. Hughes, remains tireless in his work and studies, but appears to be the only man capable of burning Midnight Oil at both ends. L/Cpl. Hackney is now getting so excited at the thought of getting demobbed in only six months time that he inadvertently put himself on a week-end guard.

Finally, on behalf of all H.Q. Squadron, we would like to take this opportunity of wishing S.S.M. Cox all the best of luck in the Manx Grand Prix.

THE CORPS OF DRUMS

THERE have been a number of early-term engagements for the Band this term, including playing at Rackerhays for the United States Marines, at Clennon Valley for the Easton Cup Final, at Newton Abbot Shopping Week, as well as the weekly Reveille and Retreat on Mondays and Fridays respectively. A feature of the Rugby Match was the use of our new Mace, which Drum-Major Fisher successfully threw for the first time in public.

Bagpipes are expected to arrive in early October, and already groups of Junior Leaders are practising with chanters.

A new version of Beating the Retreat has come into being, differing by an eight trumpet fanfare before the march on, and wheeling outwards on reaching the centre of the Square.

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ROUND THE CAMP

DAYS GONE BY

ATTRACTED by the sign "MUSEUM" outside a huge building, our reporter decided to investigate. Inside he found Captain Lane, the "Master of the Museum" and 10 Junior Leaders.

The purpose of the Museum is to build up a collection of exhibits showing the progress and triumphs of the Regiment. At present they hold many Regimental Group photographs, all copies of "Junior Mercury," souvenirs from the Nijmegen March and from the Canoe/Cycling Holiday Trip.

It is hoped that boys will bring back anything they find interesting on Outward Bound Training on Dartmoor. It is proposed too, to build a scale model of Dartmoor.

The Model Railway will be erected in the centre of the Exhibition Hall, and certain Junior Leaders trained to operate it as part of the Museum's Display.

E FLAT MAJOR

THE cinema was packed. The audience were spell-bound. Guffaws of laughter rang out as the speaker cracked joke after joke in his dry, humourless manner. Then to everybody's amazement he sat down at the piano, and began to play. The audience nearly raised the roof with their applause. Not merely a comedian, but also a pianist.

Such an unexpected source of talent too! Who would have expected the Medical Officer's Hygiene Lecture to turn out like that?

THE MATING SEASON

CONGRATULATIONS, Newly-weds! Quite a crop of Autumn marriages—probably the Devon air. Captain Robb, our dentist, 2nd Lieut. Buckett, Sgts. Cavey and Spir of the Education Department, Sigm. Nearey, Cpl. Bullock, and Private Dalton, both of the A.C.C., have all taken the plunge and we wish them every happiness.

CANOE RACE

AROUND Easter 1960, there is a Canoe Race scheduled from Devizes to Westminster (126 miles), and it is proposed to enter teams of Staff and Junior Leader canoeists.

RUSTLERS OF THE RANGE

THE Law enforcement agencies at Denbury first noticed rustling on Parents' Day, when "Rebel," the camp pony, went absent. An exhaustive search ensued, but no trace was found until he turned up at Marlton during the leave. Eventually arriving back, "Rebel" stepped nonchalantly out of the truck and resumed chewing.

PONY-TAIL PICNIC

A TROOP, 1st Signal Regiment, with 5 Wireless trucks and 3 Landrovers were on "Exercise Pony-Tail" on Dartmoor. Their Troop Commander, Capt. B. Canham (an ex-boy and a former O.C. Troop with this Regiment) brought his troop to Denbury to see their adopted troop, G Troop. A demonstration was laid on, and practically the whole regiment were privileged to inspect their equipment and to ask questions.

The following day 16 boys from "Anzio" (G) Troop accompanied their visitors in wireless trucks, split up round the mid-Devon countryside. After some practice with the sets, the boys were allowed to take over, and soon "original and abrupt" messages were flashing back and forth. By lunch time, friendships had cemented and the "brew-ups" were hilarious. Drivers and wireless operators alike were delighted with our Balclavas, and many vowed to "acquire" one before leaving.

The Junior Leaders greatly benefitted by this peep into the future, and their vote of thanks goes to the men of 1st Signal Regiment, the "first Gentlemen of the Line."

CLEAN SWEEP

IN our July issue, we gave an account of the Regiment's achievements in the Royal Signals Southern Command Rifle Meeting, 1959. Full results, team and individual placings now being to hand, we summarize them for you.

Our team won the Roupell Cup, the Whitehead Cup, the Roberts Cup and the Para-Regiment SMG. match, which was a clean sweep of all available events, and gave us a clear lead of 228 points in the team championships.

Individually, S/Sgt. Watson was 2nd, L/Cpl. Holmes 4th, L/Cpl. Burbidge 5th, Sgt. Grey 6th, Lieut. Chase 8th, Sgt. Easter 13th, S/Sgt. Nicholls 22nd, and Sgt. Rose 26th out of a total of 85 competitors.

THE LONE RANGER

MOTORCYCLE Hobby: Sole Instructor, 2nd Lieut. Hunt (M.T.O.); Membership 1; Equipment Nil (as J/Sigm. Longhurst, the member, owns his own motorcycle, a "Triumph Cub").

However, the aim of the club is admirable—to enable riders to understand their machines—and we recommend every Motorcycle owner, or would-be owner, to seriously consider joining this new club.

SECURITY PLUS

SIGM. - - -, new to the unit and rather nervous of his first guard, listened attentively whilst Sgt. Baxter read out the orders for sentries. "If you don't recognise a person, don't let him in without checking upon his means of identification."

About 20.00 hours, a battered old car pulled up at the South Gate. The driver was wearing the badges of a Warrant Officer Class One. Sigm. - - - thought, "No, I haven't seen HIM before."

"I'm sorry, sir, but I'd like to see your Identity Card."

"But I am R.S.M. Pavey."

"Sorry, sir, I don't know you. Identity Card, please!"

"I'm afraid I haven't my Identity Card with me."

"You can't come in then, sir. I have my orders!"

Finally the R.S.M. telephoned the Guard Room, obtaining sufficient reassurance of his identity to satisfy the zealous sentry.

SQUADRON JOLLIFICATION

THE first concert of the term was held by 2 Squadron in the Globe Cinema on Sept. 3rd. Highlights were "M Troop's Orders," accompanied as usual by the biting wit and clever mimicry of J/Sgt. "Dai" Dawes. J Troop held a "First Works" which was refreshingly different, with J/Sigm. Bougoise as a "Ted" and J/Sigm. "Jock" Robertson as the Inspecting Officer.

The following week saw 1 Squadron's turn, and here two singing stars were born in J/Sigm. Griffiths and "Roy" Kershaw, the latter adding really funny comedy to his straight singing. An amusing comedy turn, set in the back row of any cinema, was played by J/L/Cpl. Longbottam and his luscious "partner," scarcely recognisable as J/Sigm. "Popeye" Galloway.

YANKS AT DENBURY

WHILST on Rugby Tour the United States Marines stayed in camp for two nights. Normally stationed in London (as Security Guard) they claimed England as the best posting for a Marine, and had "nothing but praise for the hospitality accorded to us" by this Regiment.

LITTLE DRUMMER BOY

DURING the Friday "Beating of Retreat," spectators were treated to the unique sight of "Junior" Sergeant Yates beating the big drum. Indeed, he beat it with such gusto that the drumstick broke! The penalty for blacklegging?

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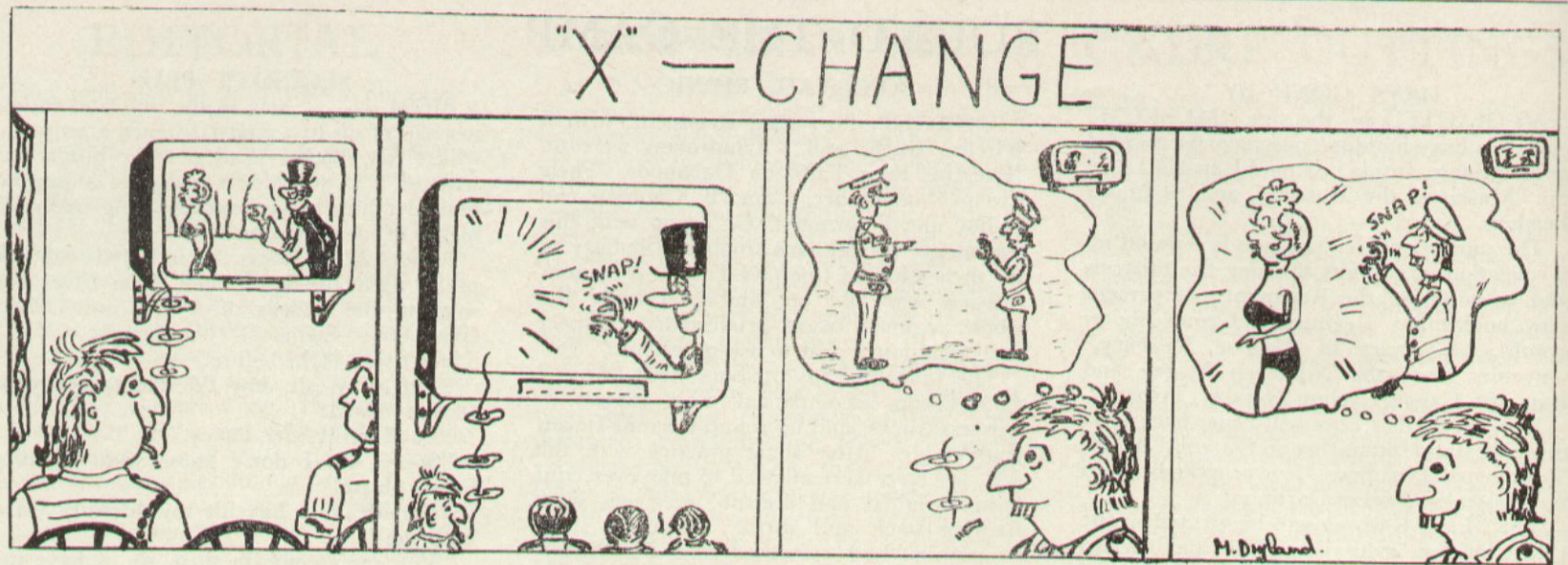
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THE MAGIC OF 'X'

THE Television room was dark, as Junior Signalman 'X' strained his eyes to read his "What's On Supplement" using the light from a crack in the door. "Squadron Concert in the Cinema," mused 'X,' "now I could put on a good act . . ." His eyes wandered to the screen where a conjuror was performing some clever card tricks. A sudden whoop of joy, a chair went crashing to the floor, muttered curses from all around, and peace reigned once more as 'X' dashed off to the library for a book on magic.

A few days later I found 'X' wandering mournfully around outside the Barrack Room.

"What's the matter, mate?"

"No co-operation. That's what's up!" 'X' snorted.

"I hear you are a conjuror now?"

"Want to be. They just won't help. The R.S.M. was really annoyed when I told him I wanted to cut him in half. The Adjutant won't let me have the Regimental Pony to produce out of a hat."

Two Fags later he departed, and was next observed up to his neck in broken N.A.A.F.I. cups and saucers. With a stiff upper lip and a bill for £1 15s., he said, "the Show must go on!"

Next morning, names of performers were being collected for the Squadron concert. As quick as Sebastian's fist 'X' was on his hands and knees outside the Troop Office pleading with a doubtful Sergeant for his chance. Finally it was agreed that 'X' should have five minutes during the Interval as a "fill in."

The Globe was packed with Junior Leaders and other ranks. The M.C., in his usual

witty manner, announced the star turn of the evening — "Denbury's Hideous Houdini."

I watched with horror as 'X' commenced some card tricks. There was a gasp as a dozen cards fell down his sleeve on the floor. Then he was transferring water from a glass tumbler in an upright position. A tinkling sound, a squelching sound, and on to the next trick.

The first apple-core hit 'X' squarely between the eyes, then a slab of toffee down in the solar plexus.

On the retreat 'X's' foot caught on the Safety Rope, an almighty crash as all the scenery collapsed. A rather bewildered 'X' crawled out from under the debris, smiled and said, "I certainly brought the house down."

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READERS' CORNER

To: The Editor of "Junior Mercury"
From: 5 Ex-Boys with Trucial Oman Scouts.
Dear Sir,

We have 5 Ex-Boys from 6 (Boys) Training Regiment, and 3 Ex-Apprentices from Harrogate in this Squadron, and the O.C., Captain Fisher, was on the Staff at Beverley for three years. There are only 16 British Other Ranks in the Squadron. The others are all Arab. At the moment we have 50 men and 22 boys.

Boy Service here is somewhat different, although the intention here too is to produce the future N.C.O.'s of the Scouts. Boys join the Scouts at any age from seven upwards (they don't usually know how old they are, as the youngest age of seven is only guess work). Boys are first taught how to march and salute, and then how to read and write Arabic. After that the more intelligent ones are sent to Signals and R.E.M.E. Workshops to learn a trade.

We have a Training Wing with an Arab Officer and N.C.O.'s, and the boys are taught Morse, battery charging, and how to operate the various sets we normally use. After about four months the boys take a trade test, and, if they pass, they then get the same rate of trade pay as the men. They then come to work on shift in the Signal Centre. Our youngest trained operator is about eight years old and about four feet tall.

Our H.Q. is in Sharjah (300 miles south-east of Bahrain, Persian Gulf). We operate a number of outstations throughout the seven Trucial States, including one in the Buraimi Oasis. Our dress is a bit unusual—we wear K.D. shirts and trousers, sandals, Arab head-dress with a curved Arab dagger in silver as a badge, and brass shoulder titles in Arabic.

We all enjoy reading "Junior Mercury"—congratulations to the staff.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) Cpls. IRONSIDE and LEACH,
L/Cpl. LEE, Sigm. PARKER & TAYLOR.

To: The Editor of "Junior Mercury"
From: J/Sigm. Edwards, B Troop.
Dear Sir,

Myself, and four of my friends, are interested in Records and Popular Music. We are contemplating a fortnightly "Record Evening" with such items as a Record Request Section, a Juke Box Jury, a Record Quiz, and a "Spot the Tune" competition. Would anybody else who is interested please contact me, and we will try and get this organised as a fortnightly entertainment.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) M. T. EDWARDS.

To: The Editor of "Junior Mercury"
From: A Tonfanau Correspondent (July '59).
Dear Sir,

Tunisia Troop, the Royal Signals Troop, has been in existence for the grand total of eight weeks. The professional chuckles which issued forth at the preceding statement would soon fade out if the J/Sigm. at Denbury knew what kind of competition they will be up against soon.

At sport, Tunisia have been hard to beat. We have won the Inter-Platoon Cricket Competition. Whether this was due to skill or Sgt. Osborne's threats we will leave you to decide, realizing that you have experienced the anger of the little Sergeant. Sgt. Eldridge, almost a nervous wreck after teaching us drill, decided to show us how to play Hockey. As a result, Tunisia is also top at Hockey, even if it was by slightly unconventional means which bode well for the Rugby season.

At present Hut 93 is in a state of chaos as we prepare for our first leave. Our new and first Junior Leader N.C.O.'s, J/L/Cpls. McDonald, Robinson, and Georgeson, are trying hard to maintain control.

Finally, we wish you all the best for the Christmas Term, and hope that if we have to meet in the Football Cup, it will be in the Final.

Yours,
(Signed) A. HOUGHTON.

To: The Editor of "Junior Mercury"
From: The Officer i/c. Athletics.
Dear Sir,

I was interested to read the comments of the C.S.O., East Africa, concerning athletics. Our standards in most events are lower than they could be largely because athletics training has been confined to the Summer term. I hope that in future, we shall be able to provide facilities for Technique and Stamina training in the "out of season" terms.

I know from previous experience that it takes at least six months for a high jumper to achieve an increased height using a new method. The same is true for most field events where the coach has to correct faults in technique before the athlete can attempt greater distance or height. Stamina training is essential for the sprint or distance runner.

So let's have plenty of support from potential athletes in the "out of season" terms even if it means some hard construction work with which to start. Play your rugby, soccer, or basketball, but spend a little of your "spare" time on athletics as well.

Yours,
(Signed) JOHN JOYNER.

To: The Editor of "Junior Mercury"
From: R.S.M. Pavey (R. Sigs.).
Sir,

In the Regimental notes in "The Wire" concerning the visit of H.R.H. the Princess Royal, our correspondent speaks extravagantly concerning the excellent String Orchestra which played throughout the luncheon, and congratulates outside members who laid on that repast, but dismisses the Buffet Tea in a few words. I am grateful for this opportunity to personally congratulate S/Sgt. Routledge (A.C.C.) and his staff on a magnificent effort. A tremendous amount of hard work went into its preparation, and the result did all those concerned real credit.

Yours, (Signed) F. PAVEY (R.S.M.).

To: The Editor of "Junior Mercury"
From: J/Sigm. Longhurst, B Troop.
Sir,

This term, a Motorcycle Hobby has started. In the Royal Signals there is a celebrated Display Team, and it would be a good idea if we were to start our own Display Team. Displays could be held on Parents' Days, at Local Carnivals, etc.

Yours, (Signed) S. C. LONGHURST.

The Adjutant replies to J/Sigm. Longhurst:

The Officer i/c. Corps Motorcycle Display Team advises me that a similar venture by Junior Leaders is impossible. Insurers insist that riders pass the D.R. B.IV Trade Test, and are over eighteen.

Riding in the Display Team, with road and cross-country practice, is a full-time occupation.

To: The Editor of "Junior Mercury"
From: The Somaliland Scouts (E. Africa).
Dear Sir,

Having read a copy of "Junior Mercury," I had to write and congratulate you on a well turned out publication. It is superior to the one we used to have in 6 (Boys) Training Regiment, which was four duplicated sheets.

I was interested in the visit of H.R.H. Princess Royal, with the reference to her last visit in 1954. I was at Beverley at that time, and actually in the P.T. Display Team. I remember that her visit was very successful.

We will be receiving regular copies of "Junior Mercury" in this Far Outpost of the Middle-East, so I look forward to reading about activities in the Junior Leaders' Regiment and wish you all luck for a successful future.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) R. BÖTHAM (Sgt.).

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DISC-USSION

CONNIE Francis, whose hit tune "Lipstick on Your Collar" is reviewed below, is following up with another success entitled "Plenty of Good Loving." The Gimmick of the latest waxing by Nat King Cole, "Midnight Flyer," is that it has no Gimmick, it's a rocker that will put him straight back in the Hit Parade. The newest group on the Pye label, the Upbeats, sing a holiday number called "Teeny-Weeny Bikini." Gala Records, who started the turn-tables revolving in a low-priced L.P., are now pushing an attractive series on to the market. Outstanding being "Jump with Jaya" featuring Sammy Davis Jr., and Jaya Sherrill, and a welcome revival of the Ink Spots, "The Ink Spots in Hi Fi." Both are full-sized L.P.'s at 16/9 each. Jane Morgan follows her successful "The Day the Rains Came Down" with a lilting London release entitled "With Open Arms." Another new record rocked up from an 'Oldie' is "Lavender Blue" by Sammy Turner, also on the London label. Vogue Records have found something quite extraordinary called "Taboo," in which the Arthur Lyons Trio make weird and mystical jungle Ju-Ju noises. Nobody going on Safari to darkest Africa should be without a copy.

RECORD ROUND-UP

1. "Only Sixteen" by Craig Douglas
Craig Douglas has another great disc in this, his latest release "Only Sixteen." Remember him from his record of "Teenager in Love"? "Only Sixteen" has also been recorded by Sam Cook, well known on the other side of the water, as well as other vocalists; but this disc has a slow beat to it which took it straight into the Hit Parade. Craig Douglas is now well in the eyes of the record-buying public, and should stay there for some time.
2. "Highlights from the Opera"
Columbia 33 LX-1540 Maria Mengindhim-Callas is, in the operatic world, 'the tops'. Just recently she has introduced the public of Italy to lesser known operas of the nineteenth century, and now an L.P. has been made of highlights from these works ("La Sonnambula," "Die Vestaden," and "Medea") with Callas as the soloist, supported by the orchestra and chorus of La Scala, Milan. The singing is magnificent, the music delightful, the recording superb. The sheer beauty of Callas' voice is overwhelming: there is none of the coarseness of tone she sometimes gives us, no over-dramatisation, and no orchestral failing. There is only a great soprano singing great opera.
3. "China Tea" by Russ Conway
Remember these records—"Side Saddle," "Roulette," and "Trampolina"? Of course! They were all made by that great modern

pianist, Russ Conway. This amazing young man of 29 writes all his own music, has it published, and then publishes it on records. This disc has all the Russ Conway ingredients to reach the top of the Parade and make an excellent Quartette for Russ in his brief disc-cutting life. This record is the sort that one enjoys listening to when one is feeling "down in the mouth."

4. "Fever" by Peggy Lee
Most "pop music" is pretty grim. Fashions change rapidly, and the most indifferent soloist can reach the top if he or she plugs a gimmick. Now and then, however, some haunting melody or some imaginative playing lifts music from mediocrity to nearly classical status. Peggy Lee has done this to "Fever"/"You Don't Know How Much I Love You" (Capitol 45-CL14902). Her voice is full of personality and feeling, and her accompaniment is good. Both songs, and "Fever" especially, make you sing and tap your feet. This recording is a collector's piece.

5. "Lipstick on Your Collar"
by Connie Francis
This little lady has been making quite a name for herself, both here and in America. One of her most recent recordings is a disc entitled "Lipstick on Your Collar." It sent her to the top of the Hit Parade. She is reputed to be the top selling

female singer, which is certainly a good reputation to have. The story behind the song is as the title suggests concerning having Lipstick all over your Collar.

COMPETITION

BELOW are twelve names. Each is that of a famous actor. At the moment you probably don't recognize ANY of them, which is not surprising, as they are all jumbled up. To YOU goes the rewarding job of "unjumbling" them. Prizes are being offered for the first two correct entries opened by the Editor when he opens and checks all entries on 12th October, 1959.

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| 1. Sid Stewart | 2. Burt Mitcham |
| 3. Ronald Ives | 4. James James |
| 5. Charlie Shiner | 6. Stewart Sellers |
| 7. Burl Cushing | 8. Robert Thomas |
| 9. Terry Lancaster | 10. Peter Wayne |
| 11. Peter Granger | 12. John Chaplin |

RECRUITING

The winners of August's "Recruiting Campaign" competition were appropriately the staff of Swansea Recruiting Office, who won the book "The Frightened Man." If their win is in any way indicative we can expect to be invaded by hordes of "Taffs."

It has been noted that entries from members of the Regiment are almost non-existent. Why? Shyness? Laziness? Ignorance?



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by J/Sigm. Wraith

J/L/CPL. MCGIBBON

J/L/Cpl. Arthur McGibbon hails from Dingle, Liverpool, and should develop as a fine all-round sportsman.

Soccer is his main love, having played regularly at school and for a local Youth Club. It had been suggested that he had a trial for Tranmere Rovers, but he joined the Army before this was possible. Last season, playing for the Regiment, he scored 22 goals in 10 games at centre forward, and caused a change in the whole team which he revitalised through the example of his own irrepressible energy.

During the summer he developed as a fast bowler, although at times his accuracy was suspect. However, 52 wickets for the Regiment proves his effectiveness.

He played Basketball for a Youth Club and also for a local league side. Since joining the Signals he has played eight games for the Regiment.

'Mac' says "Soccer is my favourite game, but I find Basketball improves my Soccer and Cricket keeps me fit during the summer." Also in the summer he was prominent on the Athletics Field, both in Track and Field events, and in the swimming baths. He attributes his undoubted fitness to "Hard Training and NO SMOKING."



by J/Sigm. Wraith

SGT. CREEK (R.E.M.E.)

Sgt. Creek started playing Basketball in the forces, but became really interested in Tripoli, where he had the opportunity of playing with American teams. He became Basketball Captain of the Coldstream Guards, who won the Command Championships, stationed at that time in Egypt. That same year 'Don' Creek was selected for the Army Basketball Team.

On his return to England he played regularly for the London Polytechnic, before being posted to the Guards Training Battalion at Pirbright. With his assistance the team won the Eastern Command Championships, and went on to the Army Finals.

Besides being a keen Basketball player he is also interested in Soccer, and at the Army Technical School was coaching with Dennis Compton and Allenby Chiltern. When in Scotland, he played for Stirling Albion, and has also represented the Airborne Division in Palestine.

He claims the difficulty in this area for basketball lies in the lack of opposition.

However, his advice to all Soccer and Rugby players is "to take an active interest in Basketball, and it will quicken your reactions. Basketball is a very fast game, and consequently the mind must move faster."

KNIFE WINNERS

ON Saturday, 19th September, in brilliant sunshine, the Plymouth Command R.N. held its six-a-side Hockey Festival. Sixty-two teams took part and 150 games were played. The tournament was divided into 8 competitions: the Cup and seven subsidiaries, for which teams qualified according to the rounds in which they were eliminated. In this way, teams knocked out in the first round of the Cup entered The Plate, and teams which failed to survive the first round of the Plate entered The Bowl, and so on.

Apart from the organisation and conditions, which were both excellent, the prizes themselves were ideal. The Cup, Plate, Saucer, Bowl, etc., all appeared as Cans—three-quarter pint containers of the right beverage to make the winners (and runners up) doubly joyful that they had succeeded.

Of the Signals sides entered, the 'A' did extremely well considering the lack of training and practice. Having reached the third round of the Cup via Penzance and Plymouth Belair 'B', they beat a hasty retreat before a 4-goal onslaught from I.S.C.A. 'A'—the eventual Cup runners up.

Thus qualified for the Knife they scraped home by ground advantage over Drake 'A', revenged themselves on I.S.C.A. 'B' and, finally won the competition at the expense of 42 Fd. 'A'. With 5 wins out of 6, the beer was well deserved.

'A' VI: Foster, Pavey, Hartnett, Parker, Gregory, Angell.

Our 'B' six were a trifle unlucky to lose three matches, as the decisions twice depended on the number of corners conceded. Lack of practice on grass pitches was probably the greatest single factor in their lack of success, as the whole team played well throughout. Of their goals Cpl. Bell scored three and Lieut. Whitehead the fourth.

'B' VI: Wingate, Cook, Greenwood, Bell, Whitehead, Tamlyn.

WELL DONE!

CONGRATULATIONS to Capt. Hancock on obtaining his Devon County Rugby Football Cap in a Festival match at the beginning of this season. This makes his third county cap, as he has already represented Yorkshire and Somerset.

Sgt. Howard Morrall has had great success as a goal kicker for Torquay Athletic, for whom he has obtained 63 points in his first eight games.

Capt. Hartnett, Lieut. Gregory, and Sgt. Angell have been selected for the Corps Hockey XI.

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THE MONTH'S SPORT

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL:

Easton Cup Final, Paignton: Staff XI 11 (Cook 5, Eckersall 2, Scott 2, Sturch 1, Chester 1). Hotels and Caterers 2.
 Torbay Wednesday League. Away: Staff XI 13 (Eckersall 4, Cook 3, Scott 2, Sturch 2, Morris 2). Devon General 2.
 Torbay Wednesday League. Home: Staff XI 12 (Scott 4, Cook 3, Sturch 3, Morris 1, Chester 1). Devon General 0.
 Army Youths' Cup. Chepstow: Junior Leaders' XI 0. C Coy. Chepstow 7. Friendly. Home: G Troop (Sharp) 1. A Troop 1st Sig. Regt. 9.
 Friendly. Home: W.O.'s and Sgts. XI 12 (Wingate 3, Lockyer 2, Peake 2, Morrall 2, Soutar 2, Tearse 1). Cadre N.C.O.'s 0.
 Friendly. Away: Staff XI 8 (Scott 3, Cook 2, Chester 1, Morris 1, Sturch 1). Torbay F.C. 2.

RUGBY FOOTBALL:

Junior Leaders' XV 18. Teignmouth Colts 0.
 Junior Leaders' XV 15. Captain Hancock's XV 18.

HOCKEY:

Royal Signals 'A' 6-a-side. Plymouth: Cup—1st Round beat Penzance 1-0. 2nd Round beat Belair 'B' 2-0. 3rd Round lost to I.S.C.A. 'A' 0-4. Knife—1st Round beat Drake 'A' (Ground Advan.). Semi-Final beat I.S.C.A. 'B' 2-0. Final beat 42 Field 'A' 1-0.
 Royal Signals 'B' 6-a-side. Plymouth: Cup—1st Round lost to Raleigh 'A' 1-1 (sc). Plate—1st Round lost to R.M.B. 0-1. Bowl—1st Round beat Drake 'C' 2-0. 2nd Round lost to Orion 'B' 1-1 (1c).
 Regimental Trial: An Officers' XI 0. A W.O.'s and Sgts. XI (Angell 4, Bell 1) 5.



Cook Scores Number Seven

by J/Sigm. Wraith

COOK NETS FIVE

The Staff XI in winning the Easton Cup, a relic from last season, 11-2, completed a great double over Hotels and Caterers who had also been defeated finalists in the Calder Cup.

The whole team played well with real cohesion throughout. Sigm. Cook, centre forward, was the spearhead of the attack and scored 5 goals, besides holding his line together well—for so burly a person he is deceptively fast and amazingly quick on the turn. The insides scored 2 goals each, L/Cpl. Eckersall played well but can play better, whilst Sigm. Scott's distribution was a joy to watch. Both wingers scored. Dvr. Chester was direct, and Sigm. Sturch a continual worrier to the defence.

Sigm. James at wing half scored an "own goal," but it was his only mistake. Sigm. Jackson (771) his partner, was not so constructive, but made up for this by the wholeheartedness of his play. Sgt. Saxby, who has given such great service to the team, playing his last game, had little to do except receive the cup at the end. Sgt. Angell and Sigm. Webb were fine backs, cool, and well on top of poor opposition throughout. Sigm. Carling in goal, was never tested; first a penalty and then James had him hopelessly beaten.

Congratulations on a great victory.

APPRENTICES TOO STRONG

The Royal Signals and the Guards were the only Junior Leader representatives in the Army Youth Cup, the remaining entrants being Apprentices. A first round defeat by C Company Chepstow, finished our chances. It was the first Regimental match of the season, and we never really got into our stride, but the Apprentices were superior footballers anyway, being 6 goals up at half-time.

J/Sigm. Schofield, right full back, was cool throughout and played well, and J/L/Cpl. Leggatt displayed fine tackling and footwork. J/L/Cpl. McGibbon was upset by a first-half injury which took away his fire.

However, in the second half we held them to 1-0, which promises well for the future, particularly we hope, for the Army Boys' first round cup-tie against the Infantry on 30th September.

EASY VICTORY

In the first match of the season the Regimental Rugby XV defeated a weak Teignmouth Colts 18-0. Our forwards looked generally scrappy, although most played well individually. The backs were in command throughout, although the ball did not travel down the line often enough.

Five tries were scored, and a dropped goal by J/Cpl. Jones, the outstanding player of the match. The team's greatest need lies in a scrum leader with sufficient personality to hold the pack together, and in a goal kicker.

OLD STAGERS WIN

The 1959 Inter-Troop and Individual Boxing Championships produced very few new champions, as most of last year's successful Regimental Team showed that they still reign supreme.

Regimental Champions

	Class A/B	Class C
Mosquito Weight:	Hancock	
Flyweight:	Grant	Gibbons
Bantamweight	Crowe	Coates
Featherweight:	Bishop	Keenan
Lightweight:	Jacobs	Raynor
Welterweight:	Francis	Smith
Light-Middle:	Naisbit	McGibbon
Middleweight:	Barratt	Garrett
Light-Heavy:		Finch

Thoughts concerning the losers:—Plucky little Watkins, Peterson and Garrehy who both went the full distance with Crowe and Jacobs respectively. Edmond who couldn't box well, but who had plenty of spirit, and Williams who really made the experienced Keenan think twice about victory. All these, and many others, contributed to a fine evening's entertainment.

At the conclusion of the evening the Commanding Officer presented a Shield with the Regimental Crest to the Norwegian Apprentices as a memento of their visit.

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