

ODDS AND ENDS



TERM ENDS

Judging by the letters received from Mums and Dads, Parents Day was a great success. The Mums in particular seem to have enjoyed themselves immensely, and were kind enough to write and say so! It really is rewarding to receive such a large number of encouraging letters, and all those concerned in the end-of-term arrangements join in chorusing a resounding "thank you" to the parents for their kind words and, much more important, for playing their part with such generous understanding and goodwill.

For once, the weather behaved itself. Before and during the parade there was a lot of ominous grumbling and growling overhead. Dark clouds swirled and tossed angrily about a darkening sky, and Haytor, the old tyrant, looked moody and depressed. But, despite these danger signs, the patron saint of Junior Leaders successfully interceded in our favour, and the Regiment marched on to an impressive beginning and paraded faultlessly to a proper and memorable conclusion. It is sad to watch the graduation party slow-marching off parade while their places are filled by newcomers. Yet that is the way it always was and so it will continue to be for as long as boys grow up to be men and go out to serve their Queen and country.

Apparently one mother asked her son, a veteran of Junior Wing, who was the inspecting officer. The prompt, confident reply came: "That's Brigadier Tarr, Director of Boys Training; he's quite new, you know; only arrived last term, in fact, but he's not doing badly considering this is his first parade with Junior Leaders."

The Brigadier's address was thoughtful and simple. He referred to the visit of HRH The Princess Royal in June, 1959, and all that had been accomplished since then.



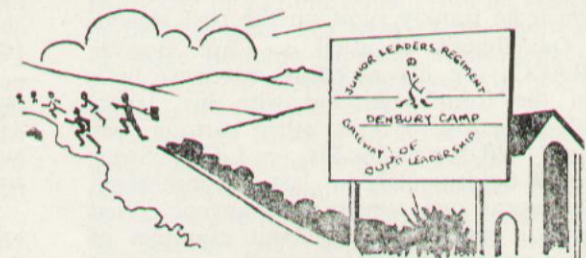
He remarked that now the choir was officially engaged to sing at the Albert Hall in November, 1960, **everything** contained in Her Royal Highness's speech had faithfully been put into operation. He expressed his approval and pleasure that so many Junior Leaders had saved their money to go to Nijmegen and take part in the international marches there and he wished them luck. He liked coming to Denbury, he said, and he was glad that so many parents and friends were present to see "this excellent parade." The Brigadier concluded with these words: "I congratulate you all on your many fine achievements and I am sure that your Colonel-in-Chief and your Corps are proud of you."

HOLIDAY BEGINNING

Sing, sing a song Nijmegen,
Sing it as you march along,
Sing, sing a song Nijmegen,
Let's all join and do a—
Bong Bong, Bong Bong,
Bong-bong, Bong-bong, Bong-bong,
Bong-bong,

Bong Bong, Bong.
and even this delightful little ballad could not unseat a certain lady riding six white horses in silk pyjamas. What is it, one wonders, that keeps her going round the same old mountain year in and year out? Of course, there were other worthy (and some unworthy) favourites such as "Roll me over . . . etc.", "Show me the way to go home," and "Green grow the rushes-o." One patrol was bold enough to attempt "Gaudeamus Igitur" and "Land of hope and glory," but the most popular piece went something like this:

Cry: Hai Jig-a-Jig
Response: Hai-Hai-Hai
repeat above and then:
Cry: Jig
Response: Hai



repeat above and continue:

Cry: Hai Jig-a-Jig-Jig
Response: Hai Hai.

(N.B.—All above in a loud voice)

The Volga boatmen called out in vain and offered a "heave-o" or two and then relapsed into silence.

However, what a great success Nijmegen was—blisters and all. There are about a hundred individual medals, eight cycle orderlies certificates, and eight team medals in the Regiment, and the Nijmegen Marchers' case now has a total of twelve team medals. The Royal Netherlands Air Force Garrison Commander at Nijmegen was made a "flea" by some mysterious process and is looking forward to welcoming as many Junior Leaders in 1961 as he did this year.

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by H. Rivers

J/L/Cpl. Garrehy receives the Victor Ludorum Trophy from Brigadier W. D. Tarr

EDITORIAL

Our front page, entitled "Odds and Ends," features three main topics—a successful Parents Day, at which the Regiment was privileged to entertain a record number of parents; Nijmegen, where the Regiment marched in force; and, finally, forthcoming "Ten Tors," simply styled as "a Dartmoor Expedition." To read more about Nijmegen, we suggest you turn to Page 10, where J/Cpl. Wilson, a member of the Regimental Band, gives his impressions of the 1960 Nijmegen Marches.

On the next page will be found details of last term's "Output"; on Page 5 our two features continue with Part Three of the History of the Royal Signals and the fourth in our articles on Dartmoor, entitled this month "Past Moor Dwellers." Among our letters is one from Sir Ralph Rayner, a very good friend of the Regiment; another from an ex-cook who obviously remembers his Denbury days with great pleasure. On our sports page we print an article by Lt. D. C. Whitehead, Officer i/c cricket, in which he frankly sums up the past season.

Our thanks, as usual, to Capt. Bowyer (RAEC) for his excellent cartoons, both on the front page and with his latest "X-planation." Our other cartoon was kindly left for us by Mr. (ex-L/Cpl.) Steer, but is unfortunately his last, so once again we repeat our request that anyone gifted with a pencil should submit examples of their work; even if you can't draw let us have your ideas. They will be useful. Thanks also to J/Cpl. Wilson for kindly taking time out from his well-earned leave to tell us of Nijmegen; to Lt. Whitehead for his cricket summary; to Capt. Rowe for his choir report (congratulations to the choir); and to S/Sgt. West for his photographs. S/Sgt. Thwaites deserves a special mention, and a "thank you," not only for the four Dartmoor articles which have now appeared, but also for the three further ones he has left behind.

All that remains is to welcome back all Junior Leaders to camp, and hope they have a successful Christmas Term. Good heavens there are only 116 days to Christmas, too!

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ODDS AND ENDS

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He was very pleased to accept a leader's white Balaclava.

The Burgermeister was obviously pleased with the letter of greetings from the Chairman of the Urban District Council of Newton Abbot handed to him by 2/Lt. Plummer and J/Sig. Cunningham, the smallest and youngest member of the Junior Leaders contingent. This happy event was reinforced by the presentation of Balaclavas, in the Dutch national colour, to the Burgermeister and the secretary of the Nijmegen Marches and invoked broad smiles and brisk amusement.

Few events stand out more strikingly than the superb performance of the band. They received a great ovation during the flag parade on Monday, July 25th (after two sleepless nights travelling to Nijmegen), and at the dozen engagements that followed; but perhaps the most effective from every point of view was the final march-in. For an hour and a half the band played continuously and led the marchers through cheering crowds (over 700,000) to the finish. For their enduring efforts the band earned no recognition apart from the gratitude of their marching companions and all those who were revived by the sound of their trumpets and drums and followed them with new strength to the end of the last mile.

There are many stories connected with Nijmegen that cannot be printed here. S/Sgt Yates' voice, for instance; Capt. Chase and the Colonel's blister; the trumpets and the Customs at Ostend. But, enough, the last look at Nijmegen remains a frightening prospect. The Second-in-Command, a man reconciled to any fate, at the head of 120 Junior Leaders like a swarm of locusts poised to descend upon the unsuspecting and friendly BAOR. Fortunately, that was but a dark negative, for the picture now fully developed tells the story of a very happy adventure, tremendous goodwill, boundless hospitality, and a jolly good time. "Very, very many thanks to you, our friends across the water," and how relieved and glad I am to finish these notes in the knowledge that all of us returned to England, having left behind only goodwill, a watch, a comb, a soldier's pay-book, a Junior Leader's cap, and a knife, fork and spoon!

LOOKING FORWARD

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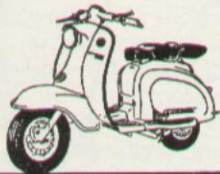
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GRADUATED TO MAN SERVICE

We give below, for the first time, full details of Junior Leaders who have graduated this term to Man Service.

In order to save space we have had to use abbreviations.

1.—First we give the Troop to which a group of graduates come from, and their adopted Regiment.

2.—By the side of each name we give his pre-selected trade.

3.—Trade abbreviations:

Telegraph Operator	.....	.....	Tg
Wireless Operator	.....	.....	W
Lineman	.....	.....	L
Signal Centre Operator	.....	.....	SC
Line Technician	.....	.....	LT
Cipher Operator	.....	.....	C
Special Operator	.....	.....	S
Radio Relay Operator	.....	.....	R
Telegraph Technician	.....	.....	TT
Trade still to be selected	.....	.....	PSO

4.—Telegraph Operators, Wireless Operators, and Signal Centre Operators are all trained at 23 Signal Regiment.

Cipher Operators and Radio Relay Operators are trained at 24 Signal Regiment.

Special Operators are trained at 224 Signal Regiment.

Linemen are trained at 12 Signal Regiment.

Telegraph Technicians and Line Technicians are trained at 8 Signal Regiment.

Those whose trade has still to be selected have gone to 26 Signal Regiment.

GRADUATES

Anzio Troop (1 Signal Regiment)

R. W. Allett	Tg	M. A. Brooke	Tg
M. E. Godfrey	Tg	W. S. Hamilton	C
P. Lewis	PSO		

Bruno Troop (10 Signal Regiment)

A. N. Armstrong	W	J. D. Bilson	Tg
G. L. Dagless	Tg	A. Elford	S
D. J. Etherton	S	R. A. Lee	C
R. Montgomery	L	C. O. C. A. Stacey	L
K. Wren	S		

Kohima Troop (2 Signal Regiment)

B. Ashworth	Tg	C. A. Barnes	R
P. A. Bendall	R	W. G. Bright	SC
A. Emsley	R	J. E. Kendall	SC
T. J. Lawrence	Tg	A. Murray	SC
G. Sharrocks	Tg		

Jerboa Troop (1 Signal Regiment)

V. A. H. Barber	Tg	C. R. Cook	S
J. W. Hird	S	A. D. McGibbon	C
R. M. Viner	C		

Francisca Troop (28 Signal Regiment)

C. G. Bellamy	R	D. Clarke	S
A. J. Dempster	Tg	J. Lindsay	L
M. J. Spencer	TT		

Quadrant Troop (4 Signal Regiment)

G. A. Blease	Tg	G. Collins	LT
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B. E. Eason	Tg	R. A. Freeman	PSO
D. R. Gray	Tg	C. J. Hobson	L
J. M. Whitrick	Tg		

Kukri Troop (17 Gurkha Signal Regiment)

G. C. Broadbent	LT	D. M. Davis	Tg
E. G. Rooke	LT	A. J. Sankey	W
J. B. Sarahs	Tg	T. H. Thomas	S

White Swan Troop (30 Signal Regiment)

M. F. Court	S	T. R. Filer	SC
P. S. Jones	LT	H. Kitchingman	SC
F. C. J. Rayner	SC	R. G. Stevenson	TT
T. H. Sweet	Tg	F. E. Worrall	TT

Iron Troop (3 Signal Regiment)

I. Durrant	Tg	A. P. Ellis	Tg
K. J. Gibbons	Tg	D. S. Gibson	TT
E. J. Litchfield	SC	W. J. McGookin	S
B. Patton	Tg	K. R. Thurley	C

BEST OF LUCK

To all the above we wish the best of good fortune for the remainder of their lives, and trust confidently that the lessons of Denbury will have made a deep enough impression to ensure success in their military careers. Every one of you individually will be missed in the Regiment this term; here, shortage of space prevents us from acknowledging you all, so we content ourselves with a few words about a few only.

To lose an RSM is always a loss to any unit, and the departure of "Frank" Worrall is no exception. The greatest tribute we can pay to him is to say that he gave of his best in every department of life at Denbury.

So many will be missed on the sporting fields this season, although new stars will rise in their place. The rugby team will seem strange without Hamilton and Lindsay bulldozing their way round the field; soccer fans will talk for a long time of the days of McGibbon; and the hockey field will miss the enthusiasm of Hobson and Sharrocks.

Ex-Trumpet Major "Nobby" Clarke will be sorely missed in Band circles, as will "George" Blease around Junior Wing. Who will help in the Regimental printing club now Spencer has gone? Rooke has had two years behind the stumps of the Regimental cricket XI.; who can replace him? Who can control the Black Diamonds now that Cook is no longer with us?

The list can go on and on with an endless stream of names and memories, but we are forced to end somewhere. So we give a final thought to two cheerful characters—no angels, but jolly good fun both of them. Life could never be dull when there were people like "Jim" Kendall and "Charlie" Rayner around.

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"X"-TRA DAY

J/Sig. 'X' grunted as he dragged his heavily-laden suitcase off the 'bus and gazed at a deserted road with a large sign saying "Gateway to Leadership. Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals." As he trudged wearily up the road, dragging his antiquated suitcase behind him, his memories were on his five weeks leave. All his money gone in only four days of riotous living, and the remainder of the time spent working on a local pig farm had been his lot—in many ways it was good to be back with his mates again. Then he stopped. Something was wrong. Where were all his mates? Why was there no "Welcome Home" sign up over the gate? Why was the Camp deserted? Perhaps it had been taken over by the Russians. Should he turn and run? At that moment a familiar figure stepped out of the sentry box. "Wotcha, mate. You're a real sweat coming back a day early, aintcha?"

'X' was horrified. He'd never live this down. What would all his mates say? To come back a day late would have been normal, but not a day early!

Dejectedly 'X' walked into his barrack room, but even that didn't seem the same. The painters had been busy over the leave, his pin-ups had been ripped up from the wall. Even the hole in the floorboards for sweeping down the dust had been filled in. Then 'X' cheered up. He could always pop down and see the girl.

The cafe seemed empty, but 'X' wasn't worried, as he put the first Coco-Cola of the new term on to an ever-open account (to be paid off from his leave pay). Then the door opened and in walked 'X's steady girl friend with another chap. 'X' was livid. He eyed the other up and down, noting with disgust his horrible civilian appearance. At one time it seemed that trouble was coming, but the Junior Lady

explained things so simply—'X' was a term-time boy-friend and this was her civilian boy-friend. "Never the twain should meet." This was Romance finished, for 'X' had his pride. He didn't mind being somebody's successor with a girl, but he certainly wasn't going to be content as a part-time owner.

Back to Camp again, starved for human company, 'X' was only too delighted to

see his troop sergeant walk in, and was even pleased when that worthy profanely mentioned "a few jobs to do." So for the first time in his life, 'X' found himself enjoying scrubbing all the corridors, nailing down the coconut matting, putting in all the bulbs, sweeping out the barrack rooms and cleaning out the Troop Office.



Off-duty smartness

Gieves have been making uniforms from Wellington's day onwards. But here's proof that we know a thing or two about clothes for off-duty wear. The illustration shows a single breasted blazer in serge or hopsack with cavalry twill trousers



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DARTMOOR

(4) Past Moor Dwellers

But circles, stone circles, stone rows, standing stones, cairns, kist vaens, enclosures, field boundaries, crosses . . . Dartmoor abounds in such traces of prehistoric settlements, especially on its margins, where lowland settlers pushed almost reluctantly onto the stern hills. There is evidence of mesolithic settlements, but Bronze and Iron Age remains predominant, and most of the available archaeological evidence belongs to these latter periods.

The mesolithic peoples favoured open clearings, usually on river banks, and since Dartmoor was probably never heavily forested, its lower margins would have attracted their attention.

The peaty water of the moors easily destroys clay articles, which probably explains the absence of undisputably mesolithic pottery, although traces of neolithic ones abound in the form of spearheads, arrows and flint scrapers, mainly on the southern part of the moor.

The remains of these early cultures pale in insignificance when the vestiges of later periods are considered. The southern moor is littered with circles, barrows, pounds, and stone-rows of the Bronze Age; the North moor is by contrast empty, probably because of the greater height and bleakness, and because penetration was effected from the South. The lines of settlement follow the lower courses of south-flowing rivers, where tin could be easily dredged from the stream-beds, and where the inter-fluvial moorland is relatively well drained.

Bronze Age huts are roughly circular, with walls two or three feet thick, and with heavy doorways, sheltered from prevailing winds by approach tunnels like those associated with igloos. The roofs were probably of rafters resting on a central upright, and thatched with heather. These huts, some 20 or 25 feet in diameter, show Mediterranean influences, suggesting that travellers came by the Atlantic route, via Cornwall.

Enclosures are common, the best known being Grimspound, Erme Pounds, and Waters Rings. All have drystone and earth containing walls, and interior hut circles, with minor enclosures adjoining the main wall. It is supposed that livestock was kept in these minor enclosures, while the outer wall protected the whole settlement from marauding animals. These pounds are on exposed sites and have no defensive significance.

HISTORY OF THE SIGNALS

(3) A Royal Engineers Unit

The early development of Signals work took place within the framework of the Royal Engineers (the Engineers also fathered the Royal Air Force. "The School of Military Engineering in 1869 formed a Signal Wing, which combined both electrical and visual methods of intercommunication under an 'Instructor in Telegraphy' and an 'Instructor in Army Signalling.'"

A telegraph detachment consisting of two officers and sixty other ranks was attached to 10th Company RE during the Abyssinian War, 1868, proving of great value. In 1870, attachments of sappers was made to the General Post Office for maintenance and construction. "C" Telegraph Troop was raised as part of the Royal Engineer Train in the same year.

In 1873, a detachment from 22nd and 34th Companies RE fought in the First Ashanti War (Gold Coast, now Ghana). ". . . the prototype of providing communications in jungle warfare. . . The line followed the road which was being built from Cape Coast to Prahue. Through the bush itself the wire was fixed to suitable trees. Sickness was rife and the shortage of sappers thereby occasioned was aggravated by the high rate of desertion of native labour. The work was hampered by the damage caused by the many violent thundersorms and the frequent electric shocks sustained by those handling the wire. Incidentally, this inspired considerable respect among the local Africans who, after a few such episodes, refrained from their previous practice of tampering with the line."

"C" Troop took part in the Zulu War (1879), the Transvaal War (1881), and the Egyptian War (1882). This latter campaign was of "considerable interest in that the telephone was used for military purposes in the field for the first time."

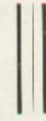
In 1884, "C" Troop and the two telegraph companies attached to the Post Office were amalgamated into one unit, the Telegraph Battalion, Royal Engineers. "The non-commissioned officers and men wore black uniform with the Royal Engineers lace and badges; the officers normally worked in plain clothes."

Thus, by the end of the nineteenth century "the electric telegraph was the only quick means of communication, except over short distances; with a very marked lack of balance in the intercommunications system as a whole; and with no unified direction within the Army."

All quotations are from "The Royal Corps of Signals," by Maj.-Gen. R. F. H. Nalder, C.B., O.B.E.

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We could first launch a pilot scheme allowing those among us who already own 'vans to set them in a pleasant situation within the Camp area. The expenses incurred by the installation and supply of mains electricity, water and sewage would be recouped by rents.

This pilot venture would soon prove a resounding success and consideration could be given to the serious business of offering caravan accommodation to non-owners. If the guardians of unit and corps funds could be exhorted to a little speculation, the purchase costs of residential caravans would be more than recovered by reasonable rents over long periods.

We can put an end to the 10- and 15-mile journeys to and from the unit. We can help to bury the spectre of the waiting list, with its attendant miseries. We can help the fellow who cannot really afford to buy a car, but risks a bad bargain in order to reach Denbury Camp every day.

In the absence of a fairy godmother, let us set about solving our own accommodation problem.—Yours faithfully,

J. D. WEST, S/Sgt.

Denbury Camp, July 26th, 1960.

THANK YOU

(Laying of Wreath at Totnes by the Mayor of Orbec)

Dear Adjutant.—On behalf of the Council may I please express our grateful thanks for the loan of the two Trumpeters, under Staff-Sergeant Yates, for the above-mentioned ceremony. We all enjoyed it very much, and it made the wreath-laying ceremony just that little bit more worth while.—Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. A. GREEN.

Barrister-at-Law, Town Clerk. Municipal Offices, Totnes, S. Devon.

STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

MY DEAR COL. GREGORY,—I must write and tell you how impressed I am by your journal 'Junior Mercury.' It seems to go from strength to strength; one of the best publications of its kind I have ever seen. Full marks, and may it have a long history.

My wife and I have to go off to Tidworth on Friday for a big parade of the 9th Lancers (Queen Mother, etc.), but before doing that we hope to come to your Graduation Parade though we will not be able to stay for lunch.—With best regards,

RALPH RAYNER (Sir).

Ashcombe Tower, Dawlish.

MUCH APPRECIATED

DEAR S.M. WHEATLEY,—Just a few lines to say that I enjoy reading the 'Junior Mercury,' and you have got my greatest admiration for the work you are doing.

You may or may not remember me, but I was demobbed in April of this year from Denbury Camp, and I arranged for a copy of the Camp's own paper to be sent to Newark. I am very pleased I did, and I was wondering if you could arrange for me to be reminded when I have to renew my subscription. If this can be arranged I would be very grateful indeed.—Your most loyal reader,

K. WELLS.

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AN ARMY FAMILY

DEAR SIR,—Herewith please find enclosed 6/- P.O. for your journal. I do congratulate your unit and staff on your work, as the mother of three sons, one at the Army Apprentices School at Chepstow and another at present in the Army Cadet Force who has spent weekends at your camp and hopes to go into the army next year when he is 15 years, you will understand how interested I am. I cannot speak too highly of how well my eldest son has been treated, and both of them, I know, will be better men for being soldiers. I have visited Chepstow and know that, as with your men at Denbury, the staff there are excellent, with every interest in the boys' welfare. Once again, congratulations.—Yours truly,

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NEWTON-NIJMEGEN LINK

When Junior Leaders visited Holland last month they took a goodwill message from Mr. H. H. Gribbon, Newton Abbot U.D.C. Chairman, to the Burgomaster of Nijmegen. Mr. Gribbon has received the following reply:

"Dear Mr. Chairman.—It was a particular pleasure to me that two representatives of the Junior Leaders Regiment of the Royal Signals, which regiment with so much success participated in the International Four-Days Route Marches, conveyed your message for the old imperial town of Nijmegen.

I can assure you that I highly appreciate this gesture.

In our opinion it is especially of great importance that the youth gets to understand the significance of our yearly international sporting event as a means of creating better understanding and esteem for each other by mutual contact.

The participants from your town have undoubtedly acquired unforgettable impressions, and in their turn they will propagate the thought underlying these Marches.

I am very thankful for your good wishes for our town and her inhabitants.

In return, I wish that you and your town may have a happy future. I sincerely hope that the contact between Newton Abbot and Nijmegen may develop still further.—Yours sincerely,

Ch. M. J. H. HUSTINX, L.D.D.

EDITOR'S NOTE. The following telegram was received from 4 Signal Regiment prior to the July Graduation Parade:

"C.O and all ranks send congratulations and special good wishes to Junior Leaders of Quadrant Troop passing out to Man's Service 27th July. We hope to see you all soon."

Major Parker's comment: "Signal received with much appreciation."

COMPETITION

This month we have five separate problems for you to think about. All of them are easy, requiring just that little bit of brain exercise suitable for lengthening Autumn evenings. Write down your answers 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 September 30th, and there will be prizes of both books and records.

1.—Could you follow the directions given to the policeman? A policeman was once called to a guest house. The manager said: "You are to follow the waiter into the dining room. In this room you will find a man with blue eyes and brown hair. Take him to jail." So the policeman followed the waiter. There were only two diners in the room. One was a man with brown eyes and brown hair; the other was a man with blue eyes and grey hair. Whom did the policeman take to jail?

2.—In what sport do the competitors wear metal shoes?

3.—If you take two apples away from three apples, what have you?

4.—Two fathers and two sons order drinks. They cut cards to see who pays. Although each asks for, and gets, a 1/- drink, only 3/- is paid to the barmaid. Yet the barmaid is quite content. Can you explain how 3/- could be enough?

5.—Built in the last 200 years, a hall in a country town received a direct hit from a bomb and had to be rebuilt. The original foundation stone was replaced upside down, but luckily no one could tell as only the date was carved on it. What was the date on the foundation stone?

SECOND VICTORY

Our congratulations go to J/Sig. Edwards, of Bruno Troop, who is the winner of our July competition. Edwards was also a June winner, so for the second month running he will receive from us a record.

The correct answers to the July competition were:

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2. $\frac{1}{4} \times 2 = \frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$.

3. The Dardanelles and the Hellespont are two names for the strip of water separating Europe from Asia (Turkey).

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"Parents Day" it's called on the Regimental Calendar. "Mum's and Dad's" Day it's referred to by the boys. Possibly the QM's staff and the cooks have other names for it, but they can't be mentioned here. So, late in the summer term, an unspecified number of the parents of Junior Leaders descend on the camp to see "just what is being done to little Willie." It isn't always Mum and Dad either. Sometimes Aunt Emma and Uncle Rudolph pop along for a couple of days in Devon, too. They're all welcome! It was especially pleasant to meet once again the mother of a boy who left six months before—"my friend's son is here now, so I thought I'd have another look at Denbury."

They began pouring in after lunch on Thursday, and were still arriving 24 hours later, by train, coach, cart, van and motor-bicycle—we haven't heard of anybody hitching, but wouldn't be at all surprised.

They ate in the gymnasium, and one Junior Leader was heard to observe rather jealously: "They make more noise than we do," but that is unconfirmed. They slept in barrack rooms—"Very comfortable, too"; "I don't know what the boys can complain of"; "I never slept a wink"; "What on earth do they put inside those mattresses?"; "Like the Ritz Hotel"; "It brings back happy memories."

The parade was enjoyed by all—the sun even came out for an hour—and no doubt at all but that "our Bert" was the smartest of them all. In the afternoon there were side-shows to lose your money at, a Hobbies and Trade Exhibition to be inspected, and, of course, "Rebel and the cart" for the younger (and not so young) ones.

Then, in the evening, a grand Ball and a Concert. The dance was well attended, and there were no seats available at the concert.

Then, on Saturday morning, came the mass exodus, with packed buses leaving half-hourly for Newton Abbot. All the parents seemed to have enjoyed themselves, and most went out of their way to comment on how well Denbury Camp treated their sons. The greatest feeling of achievement to all was in the way they all expressed their wish "to see you again next year."

NO BIRDS SING

Over the last two or three terms, strange and exotic sounds have wafted mysteriously from the Regimental Church. Junior Leaders have begun to sprout little silver stars on their right arms and have been known to meander around Denbury murmuring "Gaudeamus Igitur, Juvenes dum sumus" under their breath. What did it all mean? What fantastic incantations were they frantically trying to commit to memory?

To the initiated, of course, all was crystal clear. The sounds were music to their ears and the words balm to their tortured souls. The Regimental Choir was learning to sing—in Latin!

This period covered the birth pains of the Regimental Choir. The period during which the choir blossomed from a total of two (one tenor, one bass) to the magnificence of 115 voices singing glorious songs in three-part harmony. The period ended on a victorious note when the Commanding Officer announced that the choir had been chosen to sing at the British Legion Festival of Remembrance in the Albert Hall on November 12th.

This success, of course, did not come easily. It was the result of a great deal of hard work by every member of the choir and, in particular, some inspired teaching by Mr. Victor Webber, our Musical Director. Mr. Webber motor-cycled through all kinds of weather to give us the benefit of his musical knowledge and to inspire us with his quiet confidence.

And now we look forward to November 12th, not as the pinnacle of our endeavours but rather as the first step in producing the finest choir in the British Army.

FOUR-POINT PLAN

1.—Let TEN TORS become neither "TEN CHORES" nor "TEN SORES."

2.—Following their anticipated success at the Albert Hall, the BBC are expected to pension off the George Mitchell (not the captain, RAEC) Singers and employ the Regimental Choir.

3.—The ACC should all be given a week's holiday, Junior Leaders given their rations, and made to cook them. This would ensure a greater appreciation of the hard work put in by 2/Lt. Miller, WO II Hale and their Merry Men.

4.—The Mountaineering Club should discover a hitherto unknown peak on Dartmoor—and if there isn't one there, it is suggested they construct one.

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SMUGGLERS INCORPORATED

During summer leave a gigantic smuggling ring was uncovered on the Continent, and various members of the Regimental Band must be quaking with fear at the thought of Interpol's reactions.

The Nijmegen Marches were over, and Capt. Chase was in charge of the advance party returning to the United Kingdom; baggage including three large crates of band equipment—trumpets, bugles, and the like. They were at a town called Rosendaal on the Dutch-Belgian border. Suddenly they heard of a faster train and switched platforms; which involved crossing the border. The next thing was that Capt. Chase and S/Sgt. Yates were involved in a discussion concerning suspicious-looking crates being smuggled illegally over the border. Everyone talked a different language, and the upshot of the matter was that the party moved away, minus three crates which had been impounded by the Belgian authorities. However, there was a promise of reunion at Ostend.

Sure enough, on arrival at Ostend, S/Sgt. Yates was delighted to see his three precious boxes on the quayside. However, all was not over. The Ostend Customs authorities were not satisfied and retained them for further investigation, with the promise of loading them after. By this time the entire party had embarked, with S/Sgt. Yates gazing from the deck at his three beloved crates. "For two hours I stood and gazed at them, losing over two stone in weight from sheer anxiety." Finally, the ship pulled away, leaving the crates where they were on Ostend dockside.

A week later parties were returning from Germany, and Major Parker and WO II Hopson acted as Good Samaritans in picking up the crates intact and bringing them back to the Regiment.

Question: Why was Major Parker allowed to take the crates when S/Sgt. Yates wasn't? Could it be his frank, open face that convinced the Customs of his integrity?

DEPARTURES

The Regiment comes back this term to find many of the old-familiar faces gone from us. Greatly missed will be Capt. John Hancock, of White Swan Troop; and mention of one Rugby player brings us straight on to another—our genial and popular dentist, Capt. Stan Robb. Sgt. Brian Turner, of Anzio Troop, an ex-boy himself, leaves behind a fine troop in Anzio Troop. Kohima Troop are doubly bereft of both their sergeants at once—Sgt. Joe Baxter off to the TA and Sgt. Chris Easter (another ex-boy), and the best shot in the Regiment, will both be missed.

The Education Corps, too, are having an annual "spring-clean," with WO1 Harry Braithwaite off to a Teachers Training Course for twelve months prior to being commissioned, and S/Sgt. Don Thwaites off to O.C.T.U. National Service releases include Sgts. Howard Morrall, going all the way to Torquay, where he will doubtless be seen on their Rugby fields; Sgt. Ray Foulds, off to take his art seriously; Sgt. George Soutar, whose cheerful smile will no longer appear in the library; Sgt. Barry Spir, who has done all Regimental printing for so long; Sgt. Malcolm ("Neddy") Segal, so well known in aeromodelling and mountaineering circles; and Sgt. Gerry Lancaster, who will always be remembered for his cheerfulness under all conditions.

Yes, indeed, all these will be missed, but we of the 'Junior Mercury' take this opportunity to wish them all good fortune for their future. Also to wish every success in this Regiment to their reliefs, who have a high standard to maintain.

OVERHEARD AT NIJMEGEN

Comments by a Junior Leader:

1.—"Only one thing with marching a hundred miles; after the first ten there are still ninety to do."

2.—"I'm starved and tired but I'm going back next year. I didn't know people were so friendly here."

THE DENBURY PLAYERS

It was with deep regret that the Denbury Players learnt of Sgt. Port's sudden posting to Germany. As we reported in our July issue, Sgt. Port took over the production of "The White Sheep of the Family" last term when Capt. Rowe had to withdraw due to pressure of work. His work was thorough and enthusiastic, and his presence will be missed. However, in the true tradition of show business, the play will go on. Capt. Rowe has willingly agreed to re-assume the mantle of producer and director, and the cast have been busy perfecting their lines during the leave period, in confident expectation of going on the boards on the provisionally-agreed dates of September 23rd and 24th. We wish them luck, and look forward to the result.

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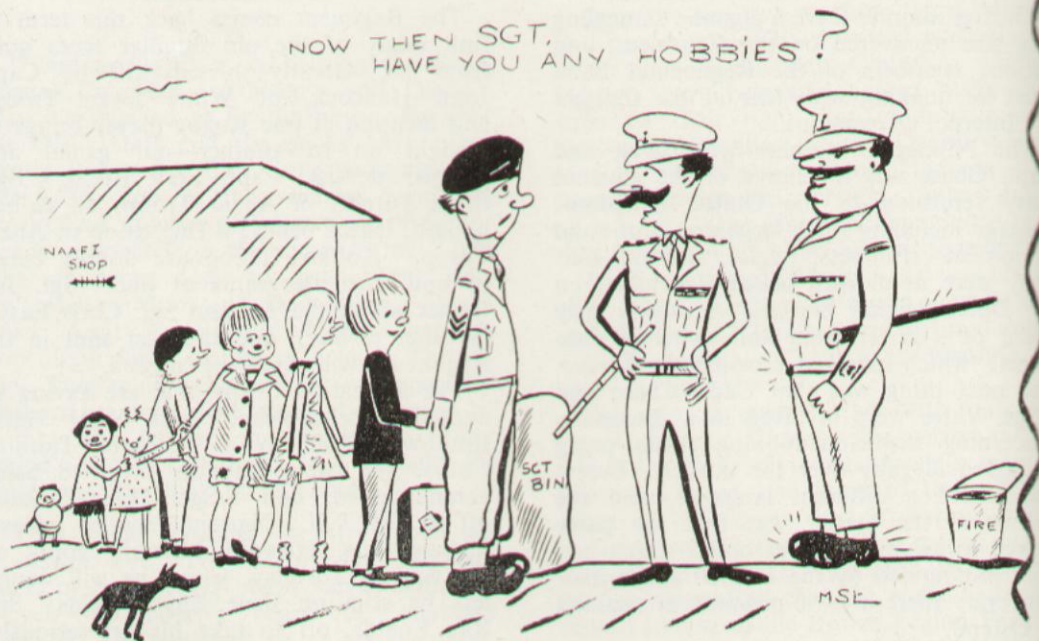
By J/CPL. H. E. WILSON

The continent of Europe was invaded during July/August by 150 Junior Leaders, taking part in the Nijmegen Marches, an International Festival. Just over 100 were marching in eight patrols, and the Regimental Band and Drums were there, too! The Marches started on Tuesday, July 26th, and finished on Friday, July 29th. All but two completed the Marches, some with blistered feet, having marched for about 30 miles every day.

Reveille every morning was about half-past six, except for the first morning, when we started marching at about half-past four. That morning the distance was completed by half-past eleven, although other days we were on till early afternoon. Meals were supplied by Dutch army cooks, breakfast usually consisting of bread and cheese, raw tomatoes and tea, and there was a cooked meal for supper, usually tasty, heavy stews called goulashes, and an orange.

The Junior Leaders made their own special contribution to the Marches, firstly as being the largest contingent from any single regiment, and secondly by the multi-colourful aspect of our Balavlavas, which were in great demand. Friends were made in many nations and languages, Dutch, Belgian, German, Canadian, and Israeli girls being the main people that spring to mind.

The evenings were free, when footsore and weary Junior Leaders were able to visit the town of Nijmegen. Entertainments offered included cafes (beer being more popular than coffee) and dances, which left an impression of friendliness from the local Dutch families, to whom many have promised to write. Personally, I feel that if all the world was like Holland, and all peoples as friendly as the Dutch, there would be no fears of future wars.



The Band in Nijmegen

Playing at the "Flag Parade" on the first day, the Band and Drums performed before a crowd of over 45,000. There were 32 bands scheduled to appear, and we were the first on, playing for 25 minutes (most of the other bands played only for ten minutes). On the final day the Band led the regimental contingent on the march-past before the Queen of Holland.

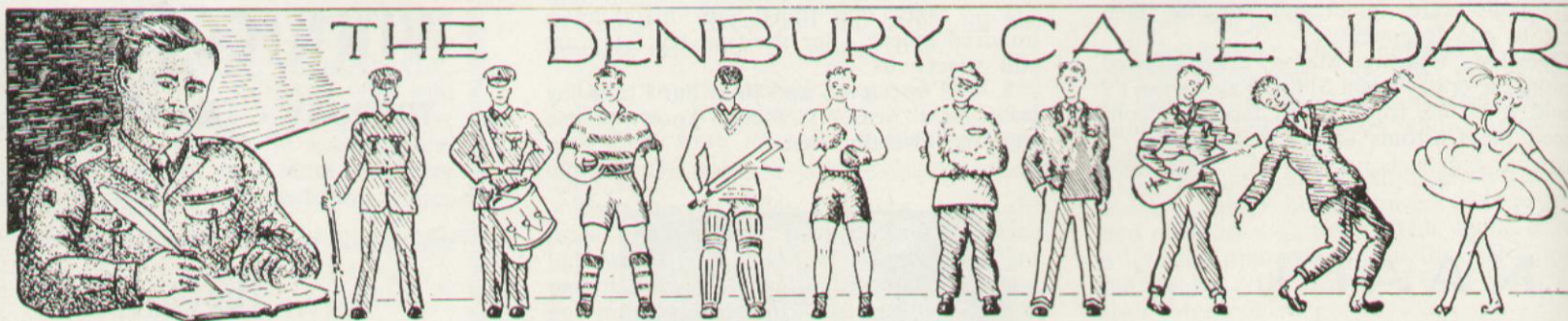
Although the Band marched 42 miles and gave 14 performances, the one standing out most in memory was a floodlight display

of counter-marching in the open-air theatre at Arnhem at a quarter to midnight.

Visit to the 22nd

Being Anzio Troop, a party of 12 of us visited our Parent Regiment (22nd Signal Regiment) at Lipstad after the Marches. On the Sunday we were taken out by an Anglo-German Club, the following day entertained by the Sergeants Mess, and on the Tuesday visited a German Regiment, which proved of especial interest.

The whole trip was a wonderful experience, which I would like to do again.



SEPTEMBER, 1960

Friday, September 2	.....	.....	Beginning of Winter Term.
Wednesday, September 7	.....	.....	Tennis Tournament (Singles) "THE SINKING SUN RALLY"
Wednesday, September 14	.....	.....	TEN TORS Assembly.
Thurs. and Fri., Sept. 15 and 16	.....	.....	TEN TORS Expedition.
Saturday, September 17	.....	.....	JAMBOREE, including Go-Cart Racing, Display by the Royal Signals Motor-Cycle Display Team, Stalls, Sideshows, Beating of Retreat, Fire, and two Dances.

- N.B. 1. The C.O. was in Catterick during leave, and was given confirmation that the M/C Display Team, having just returned from their U.S.A. tour, would be able to attend.
 2. The Editor understands that the present leader of the Signals Display Team is due to be posted to Denbury later this year.

THE SOCIAL CLUB

Tuesdays	.....	.....	Dancing Classes at Newton Abbot Dancing Academy.
Wednesdays	.....	.....	Junior Leaders and Junior Ladies Social and Dance Evening.
Thursdays	.....	.....	Thursday Night Theatre.
at urdays and Sundays	.....	.....	The Globe Cinema (film titles to be published at Denbury Cross).

WIN FOR THE SERGEANTS

Traditionally at the end of term the Officers and Sergeants Messes oppose each other on the hockey field. The end of the Summer Term saw another close game with yet another narrow victory to the "Lower House."

The game was, as to be expected, a veritable battle of giants, with Sgts. Angell, Tamlyn and Creek battering hard at a stubborn defence in which Capt. Rowe and Hartnett, and Sig. (duly promoted to 2nd Lt. for one hour) Cook featured prominently. At the other end S/Sgt. Foster was well protected by Sgts. Wingate and Greenwood from the incessant probing of Majors Rothwell and Bound. A noticeable feature lay in the way that the lesser lights on both sides gave of their best throughout the entire match, emphasizing the fact that sheer enthusiasm can prove nearly as effective as skilled experience, and can prove equally enjoyable to players and spectators alike. Capt. Robb, in par-

ticular, had an outstanding successful hockey debut. Goals were scored by Sgts. Angell and Dickinson for the Sergeants and by Major Bound for the Officers, thus giving a 2-1 victory to the WO's and Sgts. Mess.

The final whistle had hardly blown before two hose-pipes were trained on the field by Sgts. O'Connor and Nicholls with a decided bias towards "free showers for Officers." Major Rothwell acted with great gallantry, rushing the enemy's pipe whilst trained at full blast, successfully capturing it, thereafter causing wetness among his opponents; and Sgt. Angell unselfishly shared the fun all round by drenching all spectators who were too slow in getting out of the way. All good fun!

Teams: Officers—Rowe, Lane, Cook, Frost, Hartnett, Robb, Wood, Tysoe, Bound, Rothwell, Hewson.

Sergeants—Foster, Wheatley, Wingate, Gurdon, Greenwood, Meekings, Dickinson, Creek, Tamlyn, Angell, Tearse.

Umpires—Chandler, Hammond.

J/SIG. BOOKER

To be second in the Inter-Squadron Championships in May with a Hop, Step and Jump of under 37 feet and then to win the Army Individual Championships in July with 39 feet 2½ inches is a great achievement. With J/Sig. Beere (Shot Put), these Gold Medals are the first won by any member of the Regiment for many years, particularly noteworthy considering the high standard of the Army Apprentice Schools in these championships. This is the result of a greatly improved run-up.

In the winter season, J/Sig. Booker is a keen footballer, and a regular member of the Regimental XI. As a fast inside-forward or winger, he is very elusive and tricky, with a fine shot to round off a successful move. Last season he was criticized for his lack of success in "getting stuck in" when the other side were on top. However, it is hoped that extra maturity will eliminate this criticism next season.



2/LT. RIGAMONTI

Second-Lieutenant Rigamonti has a successful athletic career in his chosen event of Throwing the Hammer. He was Surrey Junior Champion for three years and Senior Champion for two, and has been awarded his Half-Purple at London University. This year he was third in the Army Individual Championships, subsequently representing the Army against the U.A.U., and in the Inter-Services Championships, in which he came third (the Army won for the first time in eight years). He has also represented the Command Services. His best throw to date is 164 feet.

Mr. Rigamonti enjoys swimming, cricket, tennis and football, "but not up to any great standard." He can speak French and Italian fluently, and hopes to complete his degree in Physics for which he was studying at University College, London.

On being asked about future athletic ambitions, he replied: "I enjoy Throwing a Hammer, and hope to go on enjoying that's all."



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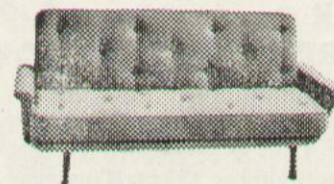
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Batting Averages						Bowling Averages					
Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Drawn		O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.	
8	5	1	1	1							
Schofield	7	1	59	179	29.83	McGibbon	98	45	130	37	3.51
Tracey	7	3	18	70	17.50	Schofield	39	14	66	16	4.12
White	6	4	11*	33	16.50	Hayworth	24	7	53	6	8.83
Rooke	7	1	70*	97	16.16	White	11	1	33	3	11.00
Thompson	5	0	30	56	11.20	Haslam	7	2	30	2	15.00
Gallon	8	0	37	74	9.25	Bensley	14	1	38	2	19.00
McGibbon	8	1	12	43	6.14	Also bowled: Broadbent 1-0-8-0					
Palmer	8	0	18	47	5.87	Catches					
Feirn	8	0	15	45	5.63	Tracey: 5.					
Hill	7	0	14	17	2.43	Schofield and Hill: 2.					
						Palmer, Gallon, Rooke: 1					

*Indicates not out

Also batted: Bensley 0, 0*; Schofield 1*; Hayworth 0, 0*; Haslam 1*, 0 Bourgoise 7; Broadbent 0; Dixon 12

"ON THEIR TOES"

Cricket Comment by Lt. D. C. Whitehead, R. Signals

With his cry of "On toes, lads," skipper J/Cpl. Schofield can feel, as can the Regiment, very satisfied with the performance of his team this season. Of the eight matches played (three had to be cancelled due to rain during the latter part of the term, five were won, one drawn, one tied, and only one lost, and that with a sadly-depleted team.

Schofield must take a great deal of the credit for the results achieved. As captain he performed his duties in a mature and intelligent manner, indicating that his knowledge of the game went far deeper than any other member of the team. As a player he was outstanding in all departments.

The batting was generally good, only really failing once. Apart from Schofield, Tracey and Gallon were consistent, ably assisted by Rooke and Thompson on their day. Feirn was rather disappointing, but any lack of runs was amply compensated by enthusiasm. Of the younger members of the team, Palmer shows great promise, but Hill will have to gain more confidence and concentration if he is to fulfil his promise.

The bowling tended to be a two-man band. McGibbon was generally too fast for the opposition, and he well deserved his 37 wickets, but I feel if he is to progress into higher-grade cricket he must improve his direction and length. Schofield bowled with guile and intelligence, and deserved more wickets than he took. The other bowlers

—White, Haslam, Hayworth, and Bensley—never found their length and only took a handful of wickets between them.

The fielding was never of a very high standard, apart from Schofield, Tracey, Gallon and Hill, who all had safe hands. Efforts were poor and far too many catches were dropped. Rooke, however, was a tower of strength behind the stumps and his keeping to Schofield was at times brilliant.

In conclusion it must be said that, not detracting from the success in any way, I feel that personal results could have been better had more enthusiasm been shown in practice.

Finally, I am sure the team would like to thank, firstly, Howell for keeping the score so conscientiously; secondly, Mr. Dean for always producing a pitch under more than difficult circumstances; and, lastly, the catering staff for providing such excellent teas.

Continued from Column 3

Javelin—1, White Swan (227ft. 7ins); 2, Kohima; 3, Quadrant.

Shot—1, Kohima (79ft. 8ins); 2, Francisac; 3, Kukri.

*Meeting records established

Troop Placings—1, White Spear, 220; 2, Jerboa, 196; 3, White Swan, 194; 4, Bruno, 188; 5, Quadrant, 170; 6, Kukri, 142; 7, Kohima, 132; 8, Francisca, 112; 9, Anzio, 98; 10, Iron, 86.

ATHLETIC SURVEY, 1960

The Victor Ludorum trophy for the outstanding athlete of the year was won by J/L/Cpl. Garrehy, whose record for the season reads:

Inter-Squadron Meeting

Three miles (open)—2nd, 17mins. 15secs.
One Mile (Youth)—1st, 5mins. 5.1secs.
880 Yards (Youth)—3rd, 2mins. 16.4secs.

Schools Triangular Meeting

One Mile (Youth)—2nd, 5mins. 3.9secs.

Lisnabreeny Trophy

One Mile (Open)—7th, 5mins. 4secs.

Army Championships

One Mile (Youth)—10th, 4mins. 52.1secs. (new Regimental record).

This season's athletic standards have been higher than ever before, and this is reflected in the fact that four athletes have been re-granted their colours, and 20 others have received an initial award.

Regimental records which have been established in the 1960 Athletic season are: 880 Yards—2mins. 9.4secs. (J/L/Cpl. Jacobs); Mile—4mins. 52.1secs. (J/L/Cpl. Garrehy); Shot—46ft. 4ins. (J/Sig. Beere).

4 x 110 yards, Junior—48.3secs. (Davis, Smith, Batram, Lindsey).

110 yards Hurdles, Youth—16.6secs. (J/Cpl. Viner).

Three Miles—16mins. 55.2secs. (J/Sig. McKay).

Congratulations once more to J/Sig. Booker and Beere, who successfully won Gold Medals at the Army Championships and qualified for the AAA Grade II standard.

Inter-Troop Relay Athletics Championships, July 14th, 1960

4 x 110 yards—1, White Spear (49.5secs*); 2, Bruno; 3, Kohima.

4 x 220 yards—1, Jerboa (1min. 43secs.*); 2, White Spear; 3, Bruno.

4 x 440 yards—1, Jerboa (3mins. 52.1secs.*); 2, White Spear; 3, Quadrant.

2 x 880 yards—1, Kukro (4mins. 26.5secs.*); 2, Quadrant; 3, Bruno.

2 x Mile—1, Kukri (1st and 3rd*); 2, White Spear; 3, White Swan.

High Jump—1, White Spear (9ft. 8ins); 2, Jerboa; 3, Quadrant.

Long Jump—1, Bruno (35ft. 9ins); 2, Jerboa; 3, Quadrant.

Hop, Step, Jump—1, White Spear (77ft. 1in); 2, White Swan; 3, Bruno.

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