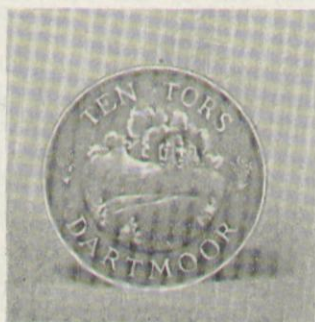
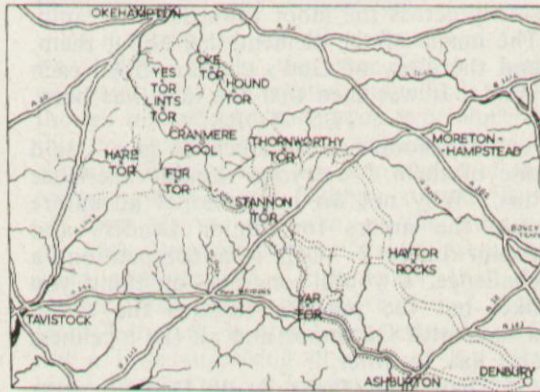


TEN

TORS



COMMENT

*"And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the will which says to them 'Hold on!'"*
Rudyard Kipling

Ten Tors, ten chores or ten sores. Which ever way you look at it, the young leaders of the Navy, Air Force, and Army who limped back through Ashburton to Denbury in the late evening of Friday, 16th September, 1960, having completed the course in 36 hours, can testify that the expedition was a severe test, but not an impossible one. Now that it is over and done with, the time is appropriate to review the events before, during, and after Ten Tors in order, through this small supplement, to give the widest possible publicity to it, and to encourage those stout-hearted young men and young women who have already made known their intention of coming to Ten Tors next year.

Of the 203 who finally took to the hills 102 fell by the wayside and only six patrols completed the course as such and these were:

- 1 from the Royal Navy
- 2 from the Royal Air Force
- 2 from the Army
- and one civilian patrol of 3

The Idea.—The idea was born during a night spent on Dartmoor many months ago, and grew up under the warm and enthusiastic support of Lady Sayer, Chairman of the Dartmoor Preservation Association; Major-General John Cubbon, C.B.E., General Officer Commanding, South-Western District; and Sir Ralph Rayner. A letter to Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Devon, the Right Honourable Lord Roborough, with a request for his patronage, brought an instant and encouraging reply. So, with his patronage, and that of the distinguished people already mentioned, the Ten Tors booklet was produced, and for those who may not have seen it, the introduction is incorporated in this supplement.

INTRODUCTION

*... Still through Chaos works on the ancient
plan,
And two things have altered not since
first the world began—
The beauty of the wild green earth
And the bravery of man.*
P. P. Cameron Wilson

I did not meet Sir Guy and Lady Sayer until the idea of Ten Tors had been planted in my mind. I had not had the good fortune then of reading "The Outline of Dartmoor's Story," written by Sylvia Sayer, or her delightful chapter on Dartmoor in the publication "Britain's National Parks," but since meeting them my very humble purpose has been reinforced with a determination that the Ten Tors project must be carried out in 1960, or else we fail ourselves and Dartmoor, for if anything inspires a sense of purpose and determination it is indeed Dartmoor.

To the average man and woman, Dartmoor conjures up a picture of a bleak, dismal, mysterious moorland, inhabited by mischievous pixies, escaped convicts, and perpetual mists. To us at Denbury it is a happy training ground and a friendly opponent for the bold in spirit.

Junior Leaders from Denbury have had the good fortune to roam over Dartmoor's lovely hills and valleys, its streams and woodlands, and to watch the ageless, timeless Mother Nature, dressed according to her seasonal mood in wistful submission or breath-taking splendour.

Three hundred square miles of moss, peat and heather, over which is inscribed in hard granite the facts of self-reliance, initiative and leadership; the pattern of the will that never falters, and the determination that survives when all but the mind lies exhausted. And underlying it all, in an endless tapestry of silver, the singing streams of the Dart and Tavy, the Erme, the Plym, the Yealm, the Teign, the Okement and the Tor, emphasize with their music the importance of these things in the quest for Peace.

On a still night in September, when the inscrutable face of Dartmoor lay hidden under the mesmeric glory of a starlit sky, a small party of Junior Leaders moved slowly across the moor towards their camp. The magic of the elements lay about them, and the glory of God's creation filled each mind. It was then that the idea was born.

"TEN TORS"

"Dartmoor has so much to give," said one of them, "everyone should experience this. Why not an international adventure over the moors for Junior Leaders and Junior Ladies? Call it a competition, a challenge, a youth congress—anything you like—but the purpose remains the same: a date with Dartmoor and all the loveliness she has to offer."

It has been the talk of Denbury ever since. Years from now, in the early days of September, patrols from all over the world may be busy packing their bags and organizing themselves for Denbury and the "Ten Tors." What a vision! And if only it could be realized, the great love that beats in the heart of the Junior Leaders Regiment of Royal Signals for its dearest and closest friend will not beat in vain, and YOUTH will come to Dartmoor—the home of the young.

It takes time to appreciate the magnificence of Dartmoor and its value as a training ground. Like the bouquet of good wine, it cannot be forced, but emerges naturally with time, filling the mind with admiration and the heart with warm affection.

Dartmoor has many tors—meaning peaks or summits—the highest of which is Yes Tor, over 2,000 feet above sea level. The best known is North Hessary Tor, overlooking Princetown. The tors provide a wealth of picturesque history, and although it is easy to see how Vixen Tor, Fox Tor, Hawks Tor, Hen Tor, or Sheep Tor got their names, the imagination is intrigued by the appearance of Great Miss Tor or Little Miss Tor.

Perhaps the spirits of these remarkable ladies still haunt those places!

But to the ordinary, down-to-earth youth who believes in keeping fit, each tor is a challenge and presents the occasion for a real sense of achievement. A little extra effort is always required to mount the summit, but having scrambled up the last few feet to a peak, one is confronted with a view which is itself a reward that few experiences can rival.

I have thought a great deal about "Ten Tors," and wondered just how I could set about organizing it for 1960.

"Too big an undertaking," says one authority.

"The farmers will be up in arms," says another.

"It will be much too expensive," murmurs the nuts and bolts man.

"It will be an awful flop if nobody turns up," prompts the pessimist.

"But go ahead," urges the Prince of Denbury, "get on with it and rely on youth.

The vital, tremendous, indefatigable youth of Britain will always rally to a good cause. Give them a place to camp, water to wash in, and a few latrines, and that is all they need. Add to this a Jamboree, with dancing and singing and refreshment stalls, and, above all, give the whole undertaking an atmosphere of goodwill and trust, and be sure that it will succeed beyond your wildest dreams."

So, directed by the Prince of Denbury, we at Denbury invite youth to come to the Ten Tors.

Perhaps the question will spring to mind: "Who is the Prince of Denbury, and what is he?" But to learn the answer to that you must come to Denbury, for that is quite another story.

L.H.M.G.

THE DARTMOOR EXPEDITION

Instructions

1. THE AIM

To encourage teams of young men and teams of young ladies to take part in an expedition across Dartmoor, and to meet in a festival setting and a Jamboree.

2. THE MECHANICS

(a) The Mechanics will be simple, involving no more expense than the total contribution received from all competitors. The entrance fee from each patrol of ten, including the patrol leader, will be a guinea, plus £1 'bus fare, and the only accommodation offered will be a piece of ground to set up camp. Water and latrines will also be available.

(b) All patrols must arrive by 14.00 hours on 14th September, 1960.

(c) The expedition will not begin before 04.00 hours on 15th September, and all patrols will leave Denbury for Haytor (the starting point) as directed between 04.00 and 06.30 hours.

(d) Patrols will be released from Haytor at 07.00 hours on 15th September to a fanfare of trumpets, and after the playing of the National Anthem, the expedition will begin.

(e) By 21.00 hours on 16th September, all patrols should have reported back to the marshalling area at Denbury, and the time taken by each patrol will be made known for the general interest of all taking part. There is, however, no question of the expedition being organized on competitive lines, nor are prizes to be awarded.

3. THE EXPEDITION

(a) Patrols will walk a course across Dartmoor calling at Ten Tors.

(b) All competitors will travel by 'bus from Denbury Camp to Haytor, and this will be the starting point of the expedition.

(c) At Haytor, patrol leaders will receive a sealed envelope containing two maps of Dartmoor.

(d) Each team must then decide for itself the route to take, and set off.

(e) At every one of the Ten Tors there will be a check-point, wireless post, and first-aid facilities.

(f) Patrols may approach these in any order they please, in spite of the check-points being numbered 1-10.

(g) At each check-point, patrol captains will report their patrols present, and hand in their route cards for stamping.

(h) To qualify in the expedition it will be necessary to complete the course in 36 hours, and each qualifying team will receive a small reward.

4. THE CONDITIONS

- (a) Patrols must carry all they need for the entire journey. Only water may be obtained en route.
- (b) There will be no marching between 20.00 and 06.00 hours, and all patrols must camp.
- (c) Each patrol will carry sufficient of the following for all its members: Sleeping bags, blankets, ground sheets, food, cooking equipment, toilet kit, compass and protractors and other miscellaneous items they may wish to carry.
- (d) NO LITTER WILL BE LEFT. STREAMS AND RIVERS WILL NOT BE POLLUTED. NO FIRES WILL BE LIT.
- (e) ANIMALS, ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND WALLS WILL BE LEFT UNDISTURBED.
- (f) NO TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY OR LAND MARKED IN RED ON THE PATROL MAP.
- (g) Should it be necessary to open a gate, the gate will be fastened after the patrol has passed through.
- (h) The highest standard of courtesy, consideration and good manners is expected from all competitors.
- (i) A JUNIOR LEADER SENTRY WILL BE STATIONED AT EVERY POINT LIKELY TO LEAD COMPETITORS ON TO PRIVATE LAND OR OVER UNAUTHORIZED GROUND.

An infringement of any of the regulations enumerated above will render a patrol liable to disqualification.

5. THE JAMBOREE

- (a) Throughout the day of 17th September, 1960, a Youth Jamboree will be held in Denbury Camp, culminating in a floodlit military display, community singing, folk dancing, and associated activities.
- (b) Various sports and athletic events will be organized, and individual competitors invited to take part *ad hoc*.
- (c) Two dances will be held in the evening, and will include folk dancing, modern dancing, and jiving.
- (d) Refreshment stalls and ice cream kiosks will function throughout the day.
- (e) Refreshments will be provided, and in the evening barbecue sites will be set up in suitable places.
- (f) Refreshments will not be free, but will be provided on a non-profit basis.
- (g) A special bookstall will be set up, selling photographs of Dartmoor taken by Junior Leaders, and copies of various works on Dartmoor, including the "The Outline of Dartmoor's Story," by Sylvia Sayer.
- (h) Special transport arrangements will be made between Denbury and Newton Abbot with the Devon General Omnibus Company, and details of these will be published on the Central Notice Board, Denbury Cross.
- (i) All information concerning Ten Tors including train and bus timings, will be published on the Central Notice Board at Denbury Cross.
- (j) The arrangements for all the above will be the responsibility of the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals.

COMMENT—continued

The preparation done by the staff at Denbury requires no special mention, for it was a labour of "love and not rice"! Yet it did take time to plan and prepare. Publicity, booklets, posters, maps, trophies, the course, and, most important of all, extensive clearance for the use of Dartmoor. All these things take time, patience and a sense of purpose, and to all those inside and outside Denbury who not only offered willing assistance, but actually gave it, sincere appreciation is properly recorded in this supplement, although individual names cannot be mentioned for they would by themselves fill the supplement.

As it transpired, the pilot run of Ten Tors was carried out by the three Services with comparatively well-trained individuals. Although no one had had much experience of this particular type of expedition—and certainly no one had any knowledge of the course until General Cubbon started them off from Haytor at 7 a.m. on the morning of 15th September—the results were as good, and possibly a little better, than expected. The single civilian entry of three from Exmouth is significant enough; but not a little surprising in view of the very large distribution of information to county youth organizations all over the country. Very sad indeed that the total civilian response should be recorded in the very small figure of three, but what a gallant three they were, and not only did they complete the course, but did so in excellent style, finishing among the leading patrols. *The patrol captain is seen in this supplement receiving the bronze medallion from Major-General A. M. W. Whistler, C.B.E., Signal Officer-in-Chief*). It must, of course, be admitted that the timing of Ten Tors was not ideal from the point of view of the school year, and confirmation of its advent could not be given in sufficient time for leisurely planning. Nevertheless, it is not always possible to plan at leisure, and not infrequently half the fun of adventure is to be found in quick decisions and enthusiastic execution. An element of spontaneity is always a stimulating factor!

When the patrols assembled at Denbury on Wednesday, 14th September, the weather turned sour. Haytor was enveloped in cloud and it began to drizzle; so it was decided at very short notice to concentrate all patrols in two drill sheds, and this was done in order to preserve morale! Next year, patrols will camp at Denbury no matter what the weather is like, and nothing will be provided apart from a tent site, water, latrines, and a shop from which a few last-minute essentials may be purchased; for that, after all, is part of Ten Tors. The only concession that has now been accepted is to provide hot soup and bread for the patrols as they return to base. **Patrol captains must therefore come prepared in advance to establish a firm base at Denbury, to carry sufficient food for the expedition, and to return to Denbury without any assistance apart from that which has already been mentioned.**

LESSONS

1. A Press liaison officer must, and will, be appointed.
2. It has been suggested that ten is too large a patrol, and that six would be better. Comments on this would be most welcome.

3. Too much unnecessary weight was carried, and proper loads were not planned in advance.
4. In several cases, cookers did not work, and the rations carried were both inappropriate and inadequate to meet the demands of the expedition and the needs of the patrol.
5. The final march-in on the roads was an anti-climax to the long trek over Dartmoor. This part will be eliminated next year, and transport will be provided to lift all patrols to base from the finishing point on Dartmoor (probably Control Headquarters). This will mean that the whole course will be set on the moors and a small extra charge will be necessary for transport home.
6. An information tent will be established at Denbury and manned continuously.
7. Earlier clearance of Dartmoor must be obtained in order to give sufficient time to plan the route and man the check points.
8. A closing date for all entries is essential, and this will be one month before the event.
9. It has been suggested that the number of entries should be restricted. Views on this are invited.
10. As the Women's Services are entering patrols in 1961, a slightly modified course will be included for them.
11. **In order to participate successfully in an expedition such as Ten Tors, every participant must possess an efficient and well-fitting pair of walking boots, a standard type British or Bergen rucksack, a reliable weatherproof anorak, and a hard pair of cord trousers, or something similar.**

THE JAMBOREE

The present form is not entirely satisfactory, and an all-Services display may be more suitable next year:

1. Motor-cycle display and Retreat by Royal Signals.
2. Physical Efficiency display by the Royal Navy.
3. Special training display by the Royal Air Force.
4. Any other voluntary entries.

It is felt that other arrangements for celebrating the end of Ten Tors, such as parties, dances, and activities of that nature, should be undertaken by the people of Newton Abbot and the surrounding district as being the host town to Ten Tors.

A copy of this supplement will be sent to the authorities concerned, who may care to consider the suggestion and comment on it.

TEN TORS, 1961

1. One of the most interesting remarks heard during this expedition was that helicopter coverage next year would not only stimulate enthusiasm, but facilitate rescue work, information and publicity. No doubt the last has not been heard of this.
2. In order that comprehensive planning can be carried out, it is requested all recipients of this supplement that submit a firm number of entries to take part in the 1961 expedition immediately.

3. During the de-briefing conference, an invitation was extended to the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force to nominate a member each for the planning committee. The names of such individuals may please be forwarded to the Ten Tors Secretary as soon as possible.
4. The suggested dates for 1961 are the Whitsun weekend, or 14-17 September. Will all those interested please confirm which of these two is likely to be more suitable? All those at Denbury think that the Whitsun weekend would be the better choice.
5. The Ten Tors Committee for 1961 will meet at Denbury on Saturday, 3rd December, 1960, to agree and record final arrangements, particulars of which will then be forwarded to all concerned. Before this date, however, any suggestions of any nature will be most welcome, and should be addressed without delay to the Secretary, Ten Tors, Denbury Camp.

TEN TORS TIE

A very good suggestion which has been accepted is that we should have a Ten Tors tie and a scarf, available for all who participate in Ten Tors, either as officials or as members of a patrol. With any luck the tie should be ready before the expedition of 1961. The colours agreed are green and purple, bearing the Tinnars symbol. No doubt there will be many alternative suggestions for the tie and, as with everything else, they should be forwarded at once to the Ten Tors Secretary.

CONCLUSION

Though much may be criticized, let it be accepted that something has been accomplished.

POSTSCRIPT

Any individual requiring a copy of "The Outline of Dartmoor's Story," written and illustrated by Lady Sayer, should forward a postal order for 2/9d. to the Secretary, Ten Tors, Denbury Camp, Newton Abbot, South Devon.

MEMORIES OF TEN TORS

By J/SGT. MILLS,
FRANCISCA TROOP

BETWEEN 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Wednesday, 14th September, 1960, the Drill Sheds of Denbury Camp buzzed with excitement as members of the patrols preparing for Ten Tors discussed what the next two days held in store. Rucksacks, everest carriers, tents, sleeping bags and food were strewn about. All this and more was to be carried by the ten members of each patrol over the 55-mile course.

There was a 5 a.m. reveille next morning and soon we were preparing breakfast. Then we were ushered onto buses which took us to the starting point at Haytor. At 7 a.m. Major-General Cubbon arrived to give us a few words of encouragement, and start us off. We hurriedly opened the envelope containing the marked maps, the list of check points and the recording card. After selecting our route we told R.S.M. Latimer which way we were going and set off swiftly along the road towards Thornworthy Tor some ten miles away.

We made good progress and were greeted at the Tor by the "rather you than me"

smile of Lt. Whitehead. Then we pressed on to Hound Tor, walking over some marshy ground that slowed us down. From Hound Tor to Oke Tor was three miles of easy walking with only one hill to climb. After a short rest we set out for Yes Tor. This was a different story and involved walking across the grain of the country, before the stiff climb to the top of the highest Tor on Dartmoor. We had a smoke and a drink of water, had the "sacred" card stamped "Yes Tor" then set out for Lints Tor. This was the easiest stretch of the course, walking down Yes Tor, across to High Willhays and down again to Lints Tor. Half way! It was not yet 6 p.m., so we decided to go on to Cranmere Pool and walk a mile towards Hare Tor before camping for the night.

Luckily the rain came only in showers but we were glad enough to be on the move after a quick breakfast. Hare Tor and Fur Tor made us puff, then going to Stannon Tor involved more "bog trotting." With Stannon behind us only Yar Tor remained but that was still fifteen miles from camp. These last miles were on the roads which proved hard on feet which were already tender. Nearing camp, after completing fifty miles in twenty-four hours marching time, we tried to focus our minds on what had happened during that time, but the only thing in our minds was REST.

Next morning we received our certificates and team medal from Major-General Whistler, the Signal Officer-in-Chief. With our aches and pains fading away, I am sure that we would all do it again, "just for a laugh."

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Next year a small prize will be awarded to the best account of the expedition written by a Competitor.

The song printed below has been suggested by the mother of a Junior Leader at Denbury as a suitable Ten Tors Marching Song. It is reprinted from "Vocal Exercises on Tone Placing and enunciation" by J. Michael Dyack, by kind permission of the publishers, Patersons Publications Ltd. How appropriate to Ten Tors! Are there any other suggestions?

OVER HILL, OVER DALE

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

ALLEGRETTO

The image contains a musical score for two songs. The first song, 'Over Hill, Over Dale', is in 2/4 time and marked 'ALLEGRETTO'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'O ver hill - o ver dale - Thro bush thro brier O ver hill O - ver dale'. The second system includes the lyrics 'Thro flood thro fire' and 'thro flood, thro floodland fire'. The second song, 'I do wander cū-ry-where', is also in 2/4 time and marked 'ALLEGRETTO'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Thro flood thro fire I do wander cū-ry-where ev - - - ry - where'. The piano accompaniment for both songs features a simple, rhythmic pattern.