

Junior Squadron – Summer Term – 30th April to 30th July 1963**A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO THE JUNIOR SQUADRON
THE JUNIOR LEADERS REGIMENT ROYAL SIGNALS.****"GO TO IT"****1. INTRODUCTION**

A recruit Junior Leader joins Junior Squadron for his first term in the Regiment. Whilst in Junior Squadron the recruit is transformed from a schoolboy into a Junior Leader who can take his place in his troop and Squadron for all Regimental activities. The culmination of training in Junior Squadron is ceremonially portrayed on the Graduation Parade when the Squadron marches into the ranks to replace the Junior Leaders who have graduated to Man Service.

2. STAFF

- a. OC Squadron - Capt C.R.C. Bunce, Royal Signals.
2IC - Education Officer - Lt. P.G. McMahon RAEC.
Civilian Lecturers - Mr. M.A. Grant LLB (Hons) Dip 'Edn.
Mr. D.J. Mann.

SSM. WOII R. Hammerton, Royal Signals.

Tp. Sgts. (One Sergeant per 15-20 boys).

- A. Troop. Sgt. Meekings.
- B. Troop. Sgt. Loveday.
- C. Troop. Sgt. Brown.
- D. Troop. Sgt. Evans.
- E. Troop. Sgt. Davis.

Normal intakes will be approx 100-120 strong and there will be Six Troops.

b. In addition there are a number of Junior NCO's (Who are specially selected from their troops). These Junior NCO's each have one barrack room each and they assist the Group Instructors during the evenings and off duty hours.

c. There is at all times a member of the staff on duty in Junior Squadron to supervise the Junior Leaders during their first vital term. Each boy rises at 0630hrs reveille and lights out are at 2000hrs daily.

3. TRAINING

Training is divided into two main aspects.

a. MILITARY TRAINING

This includes the following subjects:
Drill, PT, Games, Regimental Organisation (including some Corps History), First Aid. An introduction to trades and trade training, a little fire prevention training and a few other lectures e.g. Pay and Army Health etc.

b. EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

Boys from many parts of the country and many types of school with varied levels of ability arrive in Junior Squadron each term. The task of the educational staff of Junior Squadron is to grade these boys into convenient groups and commence their further education. Those boys with a high natural ability are exempt the lower grade of Junior educational tests and are prepared for those classes in Academic Wing whose course is most appropriate. Those boys with fundamental weakness in the basic skills are placed in a group which will concentrate on the basic skills of calculation and communication. These classes are kept to the smallest economic size and should average no more than 15 per group.

4. OUTLINE PROGRAMME - FIRST SIX WEEKS

During the first few days the Junior Leader receives a medical and dental inspection, a complete issue of kit (and of course a haircut!) He takes an examination to place him in a suitable academic class. The emphasis of the training for the first six weeks is on drill and education. The aim being to qualify as a Junior Leader by "passing off the square" This entails the following:-

- a. The minimum educational standard (Junior Test)
- b. A thorough knowledge of all basic drill movements.
- c. A kit inspection to check:-
 - (1) Completeness.
 - (2) Marking.
 - (3) Neatness.
 - (4) Cleanliness.

The qualified Junior Leader is then granted certain privileges:-

- a. He is permitted to leave camp in off duty hours.
- b. He may wear a Regimental Stable belt.
- c. He will remove White Bar from his troop flash.
- d. He will not make a bed pack except on Inspection mornings.

5. OUTLINE PROGRAMME/SECOND HALF OF THE TERM

The second half of the term the Junior Leader is prepared for his future training in his troop/Sqdn. Educational training continues as before but the number of drill periods is reduced in favour of external Leadership training. The culmination of the external leadership training in Junior Squadron is the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme - Trek - (Bronze). There are other subjects taught and these include First Aid - Hygiene, Fire training and an introduction to Signals equipment and trades. Junior Squadron also take part in the Regimental Hobbies during the second half of the term.

6. RELIGIOUS TRAINING.

Each boy receives a period once a week of Religious training from a qualified Padre of his own Faith. Each boy is also required to attend one Service on Sundays at his own Church.

7. SUMMARY

The motto of Junior Squadron is:-

"GO To IT"

From : Captain C.R.C. Bunce, Royal Signals.
Officer Commanding Junior Squadron.
Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals.
Denbury Camp.
NEWTON ABBOT. S. DEVON.

Tele : Ipplepen 361

1st. May. 1963.

Dear *M. Charlesworth.*

I am writing to let you know that your son *Deek* has arrived safely at the Junior Leaders Regiment at Denbury.

He will be in the Junior Squadron for the first Term and then on successful completion of his initial training he will join a Squadron of this Regiment. You will receive reports of his progress at the end of each term, but if at any time you have worries about him, please do not hesitate to write, and we will let you know how he is getting along. Similarly if any circumstances arise at home which would affect his work here, we would be most grateful if you would let us know, so that he can be given that extra encouragement and support to enable him to get over it.

I enclose a copy "an introduction to Junior Squadron" and trust that it will be of some interest and assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

The Rev. J.G.C. THISTLE, CF,
Junior Leaders Regiment, R Signals,
Denbury Camp,
NEWTON ABBOT, S Devon.

Telephone : Ipplepen 361

13, May, 1963.

Dear *Mrs M. Charlesworth,*

I am writing to you as Chaplain at the Junior Leaders Regiment, to let you know that I shall be keeping an eye on your son while he is here. If there is ever anything that you feel that I can do to help please let me know.

We try to train the boys spiritually as well as in other ways. Church services on a Sunday consist of a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m., that is voluntary and for those confirmed, and a Morning service at 9.30 a.m., that all attend. The Roman Catholics go to a service in Newton Abbot at the Roman Catholic Church, and those of other denominations to a service at the local Congregational Church. In addition there is also a period of religious instruction each week.

We are now starting Confirmation Classes for a Confirmation that will be taken on 14 July by the Bishop of Crediton. So if your son is Church of England, you might like him to attend the classes and take the opportunity of becoming a full member of the Church.

Yours sincerely,

John S. C. Thistle

(Chaplain)

STRENGTH INCREASES

Andrews, M. I. (Surbiton); Assender, M. (Cardiff); Baggaley, J.R. (Newcastle); Baxendale, R. (Leicester); Beavis, J.F. (Blackheath); Bell, J. M. (Bournemouth); Blackman, C. M. (Redruth); Blake, R. J. (Brighton); Bowers, M. H. J. (Norbury); Boynton, K. (York); Brooks, C. (Wolverhampton); Branson, B. (Central London); Burnett, R. (Aberdeen); Byrne, M. W. (Surbiton); Campbell, R. S. (Glasgow); Charlesworth, D. L. (Forest Gate); Clarke, L. G. (Manchester); Cloake, D. M. (Coventry); Crooks, M. (Derby); Daly, P. (Birmingham); Denniss, P. (Huddersfield); Devine, J. L. (Manchester); Drake, J. W. (Exeter); Driver, R. E. (Bradford); Endean, C. F. P. (Reading); Evans, P. L. (Wrexham).

Foy, D. R. (Manchester); Gask, A. G. (Preston); Gibb, D. W. (Edinburgh); Griffiths, A. R. (Manchester); Hamilton, J. G. (Darlington); Harris, C. J. (St. Albans); Harvey, L. R. (Norwich); Haynes, T. S. S. (Oxford); Hellyer, D. R. (South Shields); Henle, D. J. (Exeter); Higham, F. (Preston); Hoare, S. R. (Coventry); Holden, W. (Middlesbrough); Hooper, D. B. (Bristol); Hughes, R. W. (Birmingham); Hunt, J. (Bristol); Jameson, W. M. T. (South Shields); Janaway, A. D. (Oxford); Jenkinson, T. (Bristol); Jones, S. D. T. (Wembley); Joynes, T. E. (Gloucester); Julyan, T. J. (Redruth); King, B. A. (Nottingham); Kirby, B. P. (Colchester); Levett, J. R. (Birmingham); Madsen, B. (Bristol); Mallinder, P. (Leicester); Martin, M. C. (Reading); McKay, V. A. (Omagh); McKee, M. (Cehster); McPartlin, P. (Norbury); Mercer, R. J. (Southend); Neal, J. I. (Dumfries); Nunn, D. (Southend); Pearson, I. L. (Derby); Pierpoint, F. V. (Newcastle); Reeve, R. M. (Derby); Richardson, B. (Darlington); Robertson, C.W. (Edinburgh); Samson, G.T. (Derby).

Scott, J. (Leeds); Silburn, D. H. (York); Smith, J. M. (Plymouth); Smith, M. J. (Bournemouth); Smith, P. J. (Nottingham); Smith, R. W. (Newcastle); Swinfield, S. G. (Salisbury); Taylor, A. C. (Cardiff); Thomas, S. (Birkenhead); Walker, A. C. (Edinburgh); Walker, A. H. (Middlesbrough); Walton, A. (Hull); Wells, K. (Middlesbrough); Whillock, A. K. (Lincoln); Williamson, T. (Huddersfield); Wilson, A. G. (Newcastle); Wilson, R. J. H. (Glouc.); Winters, T. J. (Belfast); Woodcock, T. E. (Sheffield).

A Group - Alexander Squadron



Rear: Robbie Burnett - AG 'Donald' Wilson - T 'Paddy' Winters - Alan 'Taffy' Taylor - LG 'Lennie' Clarke
Alan Walton

Centre: Chris Edean - Steve Hoare - Peter 'Ned' McPartland - Dougie Hellyer - Mick 'Specs' Martin
Keith Boyton - M Andrews - Pete Denniss - J 'Slim' Hunt

Front: John Beavis - Mick Smith - JSgt R 'Paddy' Elliott - Sgt Harry Meekings - JLCpl Alan 'Taff' Trenchard
? 'Jonah' Jones - Brian Kirby - Frank Pierpoint



Steve Hoare - Ned McPartland - Mick Smith - Mick Martin - Brian Kirby - ? - Robbie Burnett - Jonah Jones -
John Beavis - Slim Hunt



Paddy Winters - Mick Smith - Keith Boyton - Steve Hoare
Mick Martin - Chris Edean

B Group - Alexander & Montgomery Squadron

Rear: 1 - 2 - **Roger Griffiths** - **Maurice 'Mo' Byrne**

Centre: **Mick Bowers** - **Ian Neal** - Steve Thomas - **Tom Joynes** - **Jeff Smith** - **Roger Mercer** - 11 - **Joe Devine** - **Eric Blake**

Front: 14 - 15 - **JSgt R 'Paddy' Elliott** - Sgt John Loveday - **JLCpl Mephram** - **Jim Scott** - **J 'Spider' Bell** - **Rick Levett**

C Group - Slim & Montgomery Squadron

Rear: **D Hooper** - 2 - **J 'Hammy' Hamilton** - **Steve Reeve** - **John 'Charlie' Drake** - **Ralph Smith** - **Basil Branson** - **Bob Baggaley** - 9

Centre: **Tony Gask** - **R 'Josie' Campbell** - **Bernie Madsen** - ? Nunn - **Mike Crooks** - **Dick Richardson** - **Dave Silburn** - G Samson - **David Henle**

Front: 19 - 20 - **JSgt Paul Wicks** - Sgt 'Topper' Brown - 23 - 24 - **Roy Foy** - **Tom Williamson**

? Group - Slim & Montgomery Squadron

Rear: DW Gibb - **WM Jameson** - Ross Jenkinson - **Ken Whillock** - Pete Daly - Charlie Charlesworth
Walter Holden - **Chris Harris**

Centre: Colin Brooks - PJ Smith - Chris Blackman - **Len Harvey** - Chris 'Jock' Roberston - **? Woodcock**
Brian King - Frank Higham - Dick Baxendale

Front: **Mick McKee** - Ron Hughes - JSgt Paul Wicks - Sgt Jones - **JCpl Ron Jones** - Steve Swinfield
Pete Mallinder - Ivan Pearson

Pass Off Parade – Tuesday 30 July 1963



Eric Blake - 2 - **Mick Smith** - 3 - 4 - with Sgt Harry Meekings

Can you help with more photos?