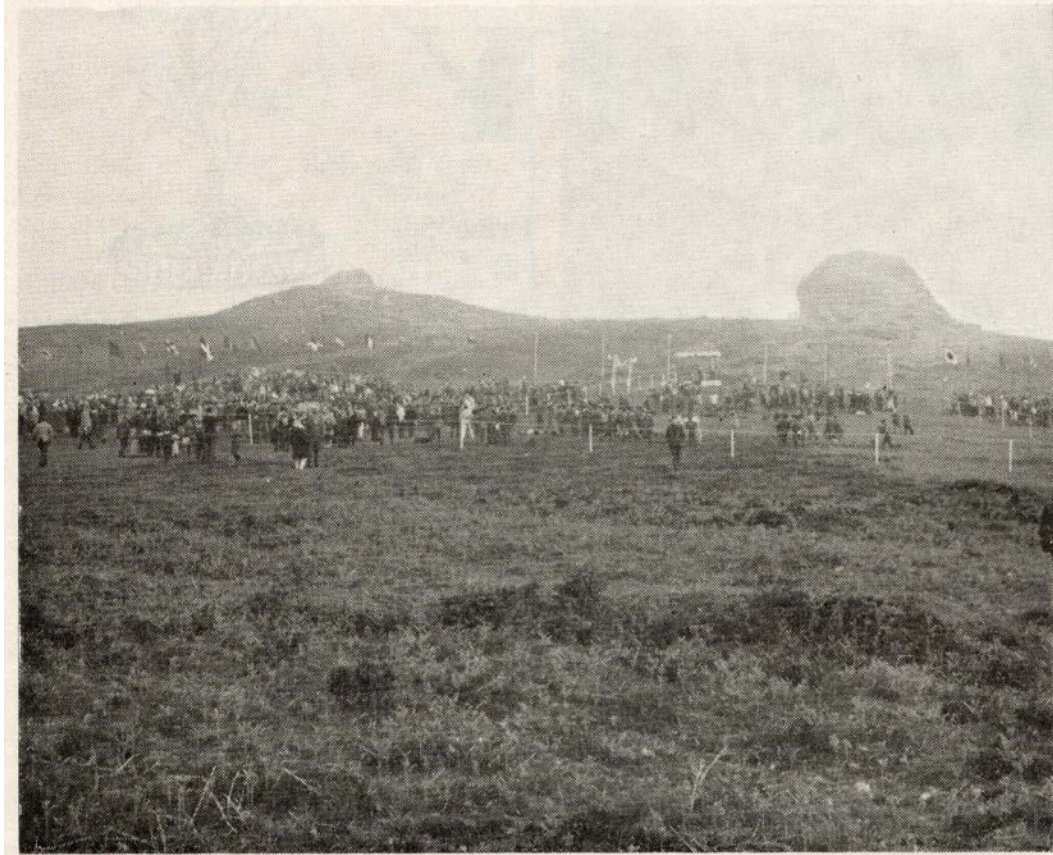


HAYTOR DOMINATES THE START



OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE

Chief Controller: Lieutenant-Colonel D. E. Higgins, M.B.E., Royal Signals.

Assistant Controllers: Lieutenant C. Head, R.N.; Squadron Leader J. De'Ath, M.B.E., R.A.F.; Pilot Officer E. M. Palmer, W.R.A.F.; Mr. J. Reayer, Headmaster, Ashburton County Secondary School.

Finish Organisation: Alexander Squadron, Junior Leaders' Regiment, Royal Signals.

Reception: Slim Squadron, Junior Leaders' Regiment, Royal Signals.

Marshals: Montgomery Squadron, Junior Leaders' Regiment, Royal Signals.

Medical Officer: Major E. R. Smith-Owen, R.A.M.C.

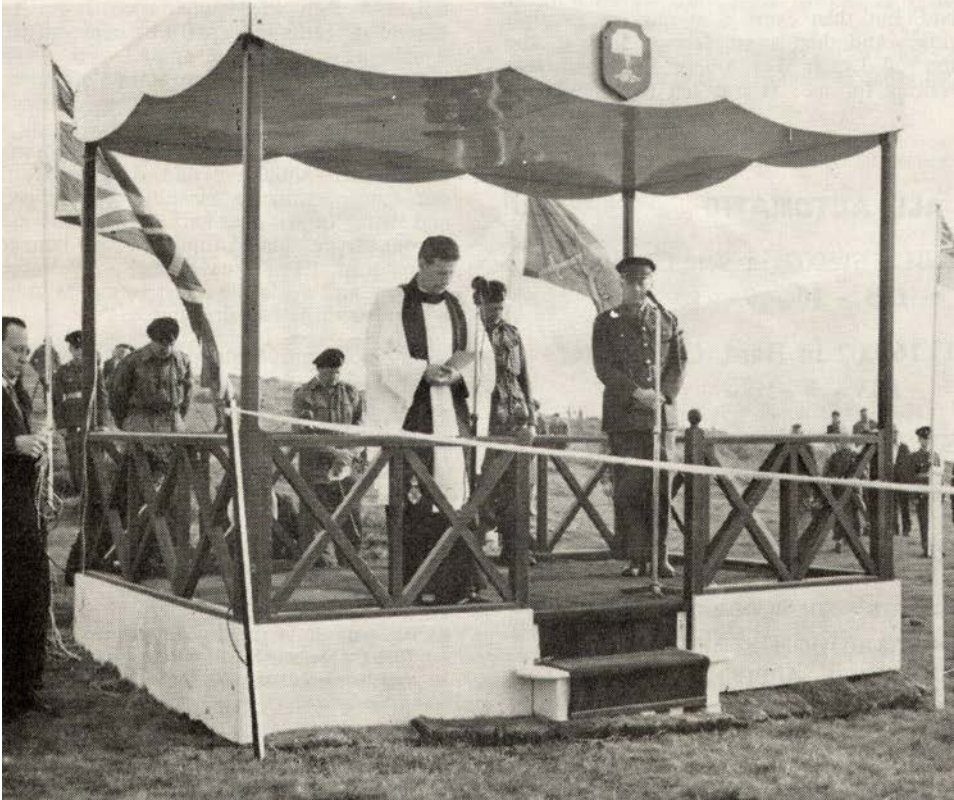
Clerk of the Course and Boundary Control Officer: Major J. W. Joyner, Royal Signals.

Secretary: Major R. M. Wright, Royal Signals.

SCENES FROM THE START OF TEN TORS, 1965



THE PADRE BLESSES ALL THE WALKERS



TEN TORS PRAYER

"O God, Who has made the Earth of wondrous beauty, and implanted in Man the Spirit for Adventure, we thank Thee, for the beauty of the earth, for the joy of life, for the courage and vigour of youth, for friendship and friends, and the opportunity to enjoy all these gifts. Go, we pray Thee, with all who today set forth on this Great Adventure among the Tors of this ancient moorland. And grant that, overcoming every frailty, we may meet each challenge and difficulty with unselfish courage, and in the companionship of honest endeavour, find that spirit of true brotherhood which alone can serve our God, our Queen, and our generation."

AMEN.



The girls teams of Ashburton County Secondary School rest at the top of Hare Tor. Also in the picture is the 35-mile team of Exeter Sea Cadet Corps. The girls are: Misses J. Booker, J. Tolley, S. Saddler, A. Turner, J. Riley, S. Hill, R. Buck, S. Lewis, E. Coggin, D. Pascoe, G. Gilbert and S. Andrews

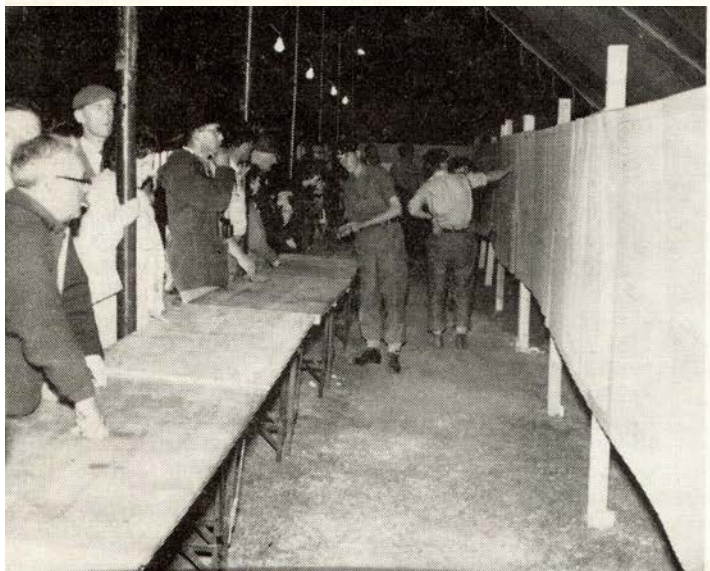
TEN TORS ADMINISTRATORS AT WORK



The casualty clearing organisation, under Maj Carl Rogers, worked with its usual efficiency



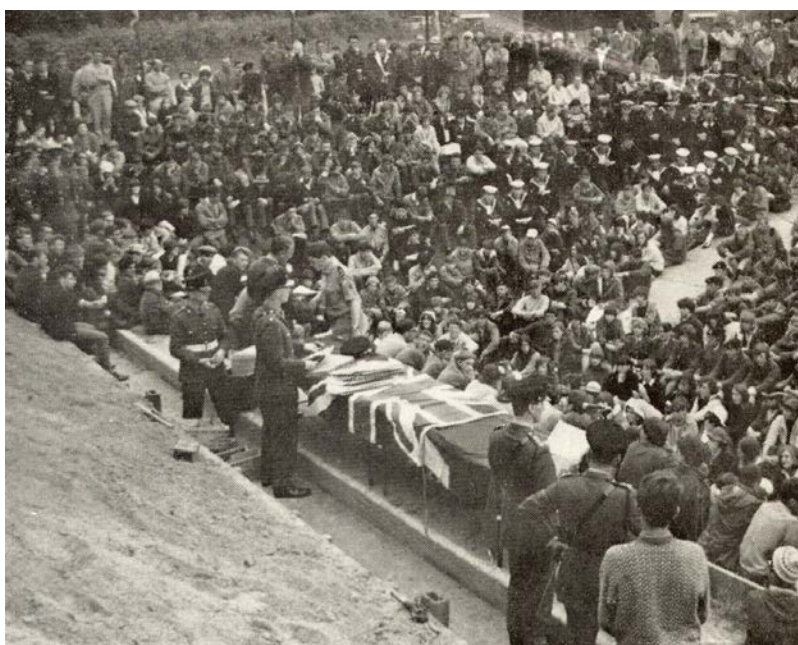
Capt Tony Watson, O.C. Trade Training Wing, was responsible for the most efficient communication links between check points and the finish. An innovation this year was the teleprinter set up, well illustrated in this photograph



The Information Boards at the finish were crowded with spectators for almost the whole of Sunday



No faltering in the step of White Spear Troop as they cover the few miles of road before the cross country work starts (by Sgt Stockham)





RECORD NUMBER OF MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED IN 1965 EXPEDITION



The successful teams gather for the presentation of medals and certificates on Whit Monday

By Sgt Stockham

Girls (35 miles): Plymouth High School; Downend County Secondary School A, B, and C teams; Bristol Constabulary; 9 Independent Coy WRAC; Ashburton County Secondary School A and B teams; Ilfracombe Grammar School A and B teams; WRNS HMS Drake; Kingsteignton Secondary School; Bishop Blackhall Girls School B team; Torpoint County Secondary School A and B teams; Wendy Allen's team; WRAC College; Edgehill College; 6 Training Battalion RASC; Elmhirst Grammar School; St. Helen's School Northwood A and B teams; Operation Dartmoor A and B teams; HMS Raleigh; Brixham Girl Guides and Sea Rangers; Paignton Parish Church Youth Club; Newton Abbot Grammar School; Marist Convent School; Rolle Training College; Christine Edwards' Patrol; 74 (Devon) Company WRAC (TA); Sandford Orleigh School; 10 Independent Coy WRAC; Die Wandersmannerinnen; The Grammar School Teignmouth, A and B teams; Dawlish and District Rangers Coy; St. Dunstan's Abbey School; Dawlish County Secondary School; The Four Admirals' Club; Coventry Sea Cadet Corps; 8 Independent Coy WRAC; Devonport High School for Girls, A, B, C and D teams; Devonport High School for Girls Sixth Form; Exmouth Grammar School; 15 Independent Coy WRAC; Barnstaple Grammar School.

Boys 14-16 (35 miles): Chilton Cantello House; Walliscote Secondary School; Audley Park County Secondary School, A and B teams; Downend County Secondary School, D and E teams; School House, Exeter School; Ashburton County Secondary School A and B teams; Chard School; Bideford County Secondary School, A and B teams; Sir Roger Manwood's School CCF; Exeter Torors, A and B teams; 3rd Essex ACF; 5th Essex ACF; Kingsteignton Secondary School B team; Homelands Technical High School; Torpoint County Secondary School, C, D and E teams; Blundell's School; 2312 Sqn, ATC Tavistock; Exeter Sea Cadet Corps; 60 Teignmouth Sqn ATC; Harrow Sea Cadet Corps A team; Gloucester ACF, Tewkesbury; Falcondale Cadet Regt.; 4th Newton Abbot Scout Troop; Priorswood School ACF; Cosham ACF; Truro School; Devonport High School for Boys; Okehampton Grammar School; 2263 Budleigh Salterton ATC; Tavistock School CCF; Somerset ACF Coy (Weston-Super-Mare); 2nd Cadet Bn., Devonshire Regt, A and B teams; Sandford Orleigh School, B and C teams; 18th Devonport Scout Troop, A and B teams; Gillingham School; The Grammar School Teignmouth, C and D teams; King Edward VI Grammar School, A and B teams; Huish's Grammar School ACF A team; Huish's Grammar School B team; Dawlish County Secondary School, B, C and D teams; Churchfields Comprehensive School; Ivybridge County Secondary School, A and B

teams; Avonhurst School CCF, A and B teams; Dorset/Wilts Wing ATC; Blandford Ten Tors; 1st Andover Senior Air Scouts; 19th Plymouth Senior Scout Troop; Kingswood Secondary Boys School, A and B teams; Exeter School CCF; West Wilts and Trowbridge College of Education, A and B teams; 1322 Newton Abbot Sqn ATC; Army Apprentices School, Chepstow A team; Taunton School ACF; 35th Plymouth Scouts, A and B teams; Montgomery Sqn Junior Leaders Regt, R Signals, A and B teams; 781 Newquay Sqn ATC; Devonport High School for Boys B team; East Cornwall Area ACF; Homelands Technical High School; Columbus Fellowship; No. 1 School Technical Training RAF A team; Exmouth County Secondary School, A, B and C teams; Iminster Grammar School ACF; Hele's School CCF A team; Newton Abbot Grammar School B team; Paignton County Secondary School; Junior Soldiers Wing, Wessex Brigade.

Youths 16-18 (50 miles): The Bog Trotters; Walliscote Secondary School; Audley Park Old Boys; Downend Old Boys; Junior Leaders Regt RASC, A, B and C teams; Westland Apprentices Association; Christ College CCF; 768 Sqn ATC; Bristol Constabulary; HMS Fisgard, A, B, C and D teams; Marlborough College CCF, A team; Metropolitan Police Cadets (Ashford); Ilfracombe Grammar School; Archbishop

Tenison's School; RAF St. Athan, A, B, C, D and E teams; Sir Roger Manwood's School CCF, B team; Metropolitan Police Cadets (Hendon); Dorset Constabulary; Bristol Junior Fire Brigade; 1st Lympstone Sea Scouts; Torpoint County Secondary School, F and G teams; Blundell's School, B team; 6 Training Bn RASC; Grenadier Guards Pl (Junior Guardsman's Coy); Kelly College, A and B teams; Hele's School; Lancastrian Brigade Junior Soldiers; 7th Plymouth Sea Scouts; Priorswood School CCF; St. Margaret's Youth Club (Topsham); Operation Dartmoor; Truro School, B team; HMS Raleigh; Queen Elizabeth's School; No. 1 School of Technical Training RAF, A, B, C, D and E teams; Somerset Constabulary Police Cadets, A team; Newton Abbot Grammar School; RAF Locking, A, B, C, D and E teams; Manor Court Youth Club; 18th Devonport Scout Troop; The Grammar School, Teignmouth, F team; King Edward VI Grammar School, C team; Huish's Grammar School ACF; Ashmore

Park Youth Centre; RAF Hereford, A, B, D, E and F teams; 1189 (Portsmouth) Sqn ATC; Exeter School CCF, C team; Junior Leaders Bn RAOC, D and E teams; Army Apprentices Schools Chepstow, B, C, E and F teams; B Coy Junior Tradesman's Regt. ACC; Dean Close School; Kukri Troop, JLR R Signals; Romulus Troop JLR R Signals; Quadrant Troop, JLR R Signals; White Swan Troop JLR R Signals; Kohima Troop, JLR R Signals; Lion Troop, JLR R Signals; Iron Troop, JLR R Signals; Jerboa Troop, JLR R Signals; Javelin Troop, JLR R Signals; Juniors Leaders Regt RA, A, B and G teams; HMD Apprentices Devonport; Plymouth College CCF; A Coy Junior Tradesman's Regt ACC;

Young Men 18-20 (60 miles)
Westland's Apprentice Association, B team; Bristol Constabulary, C team; Metropolitan Police Cadets (London); Men of Oke; Plymouth School of Navigation; HMS Raleigh; BRNC Dartmouth, A, B, C and D

teams; RMA Sandhurst, B, D and E teams; No. 1 School Technical Training, RAF, J and H teams; Somerset Constabulary Cadet Force, B team; Hele's School CCF; HMS Collingwood, A and C teams; Army Apprentices School Arborfield, H and I teams; HMD Apprentices Devonport.

SUMMARY OF TEN TORS RESULTS

Category	Entered	Successful Teams	% Success
1960			
Girls	—	—	—
Boys	—	—	—
Youth	21	7	33%
Young men	—	—	—
Total	21	7	33%
1961			
Girls	11	9	73%
Boys	18	9	54%
Youth	129	66	51%
Young men	—	—	—
Total	158	84	54%
1962			
Girls	13	10	77%
Boys	58	28	48%
Youth	116	42	36%
Young men	34	3	9%
Total	221	83	37%
1963			
Girls	24	15	63%
Boys	69	46	67%
Youths	123	83	63%
Young men	60	5	8%
Total	276	149	54%
1964			
Girls	35	20	57%
Boys	98	72	74%
Youths	132	52	39%
Young men	44	6	14%
Total	309	150	49%
1965			
Girls	58	49	84%
Boys	102	90	88%
Youths	124	86	63%
Young men	50	20	40%
Total	334	245	72%

Results for complete teams are shown. Other part teams to finish gained certificates only.



M. Derry, L. Martin, J. Wigglesworth, E. Harris, P. Case and J. Fox, pupils of the Marist Convent School, Paignton, who were the first girls to arrive at Willsworthly (by Sgt Stockham)

Quadrant Troop Team



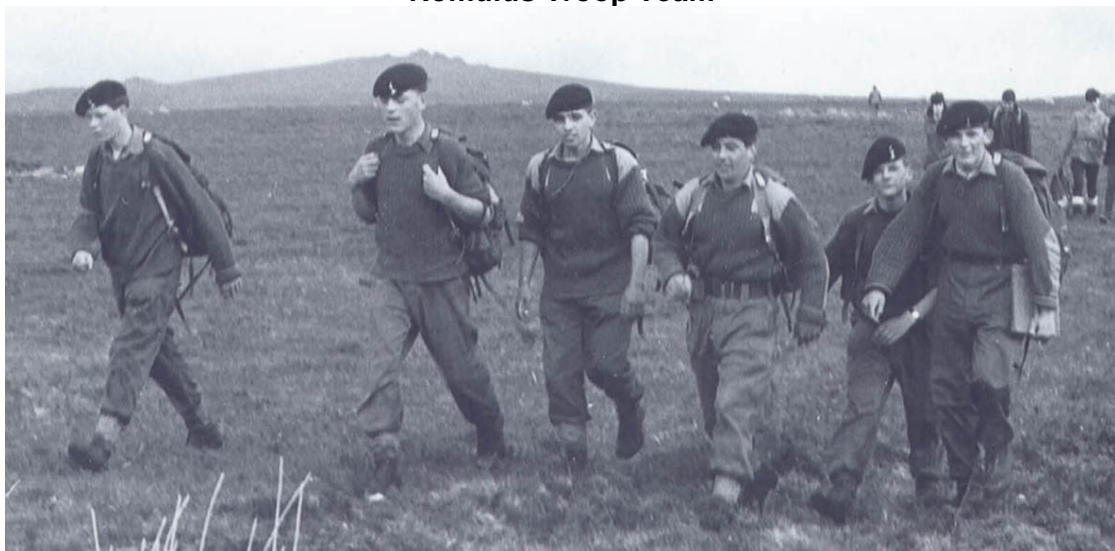
JSig Lewis - JSgt Pete Dennis - JCpl Lennie Clarke - JSig Childs - JCpl Rick Mead

Kukri Troop Team



JLCpl Rick Lee - JCpl Spider Webb - JLCpl Dick Heard - JSgt Al Doane - JSig Mick Sheehan - JCpl Slim Hunt

Romulus Troop Team



JCpl ? - JSig 'Tweet' Nightingale - JSig Ian 'Angus' Hamilton - JSig Ken Dyer
JSig Ian 'Sheltie' Johnson - JSig W 'Jock' Whitelaw

Kohima Troop Team



JLCpl Bernie Temmen - JSig Dave Proctor - JCpl Graham 'Daisy' Day - JSig Tony Veal - JLCpl Tom Muir
JSig John Birkenshaw

White Spear Troop Team



JLCpl Dick Sedgebeer - JSgt Pete Sharp - JSig Dave Flay - JSig Geoff Irving - JLCpl Pete Marvern

White Swan Troop Team



1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

Javelin Troop Team



Eric Blake - Jim Scott - Terry Holland - Jeff Smith - Robin Fall - Frank McArdle?

Iron Troop Team



JRSM Steve Watson - JLCpl Ted Whyman - JSig Tom Burgess - JSig John Keohane - JSig Pete Sherwin - JSig Phil Rumsey

A TEN TORS DIARY by J/Sig Tom Burgess (Iron Troop)

“After practising for many weekends for the great event, the troop Ten Tors team was finally chosen. It was J/RSM Steve Watson (the patrol leader), J/L/Cpl Whyman, J/Sigs Phil Rumsey, Johnny Keohane, Pete Sherwin and myself. We were ready and well prepared for the journey many days beforehand and were also very confident of finishing. How could we fail; we were Iron Troop!

Friday, 5th June, arrived at last, and that evening found us camped with the rest of the male competitors, in the sports field behind the cinema. What a camp that was! Tents of every type and colour were to be seen. They ranged from army camouflage tents and bivvies, to bright orange tents in circular shapes, complete with fly sheets and decorative borders. If the tents were colourful, then the characters occupying them were right out of this world. Their dress ranged from amazingly brief shorts and white sand shoes to Dick Turpin-style hats, and kilts. Some had moustaches large enough to qualify them for membership of the Handlebar Club, while others had beards, the length of which were bound to add to the hazards in their walk on the Moor. We should have settled early that night because of the early start the next morning and, indeed, our team was in bed at nine o'clock, but the camp did not go quiet until midnight. The main trouble was the group of singers who performed loudly and long into the middle of the night.

Saturday morning came and we rose with the sun. By half-past five we had breakfasted, packed up, and were waiting to go. We embarked on a comfortable coach, the last comfort we were to take pleasure in for the next two days. At a quarter to seven we arrived at Haytor, and twenty minutes later, after a prayer, the National Anthem and a short speech, which could hardly be heard due to a failure in the Public Address System, we were ready to go.

After Steve Watson had collected our map and route card, we booked in at the route entry point and we were off. Keeping mainly to the roads, but occasionally crossing a few hundred yards of moor, we made record time to Princetown, a distance of thirteen miles, and booked in at Moor Entry Point H. The time was twenty past ten. It was now a mere half-mile to the first check point, South Hessary Tor, ably commanded by Staff Dart and Cpl O'Sullivan of the PT Department.

The next stage of our journey took us an hour and forty minutes over five miles of rather rough terrain to Hen Tor, where we stopped and ate some lunch and had a few sips of water. This rest seemed to be for only a few seconds, but in fact it was for twenty-five minutes. By now our weary bones were slowing down the pace, but we stuck to the Iron Troop principle of never faltering. Black Tor we passed at twenty-five to three, and so now we were only twenty-eight miles from the finish. Another four miles took us past the halfway mark and as far as Pew Tor. Two miles further along we surprised Sgt Bumby who wasn't expecting us until Sunday, and also Major Joyner who probably was.

We allowed the Squadron Commander exclusive film right of the Troop team, complete with pennants flying, and my own Scottish pennant was well to the fore. After a short rest, we were off again at a good pace over what proved to be the stiffest part of the trip so far. The first hill was not too bad, but then came a number of fiendish ridges and then a murderous climb to the top of Lynch Tor where Lt Hood was waiting for us. It was ten to seven when he stamped our card and we had done thirty-three miles. We were shattered but being Iron Troop, undaunted we set out on our last leg of the day, one and a half miles of devastating moorland to Conie's Down. We made it at twenty minutes to eight, booked in and set up camp in the little gully just below the tor. We had no tent, only sleeping bags and a huge black Polythene bag for which we were extremely grateful when the Dartmoor rain came down later that night. We had a superb meal of coffee, soup, biscuits, butter and cheese, and then sat around the fire – a solid fuel burner – talking and joking. It was just then that our Troop OC, Lt Loudon, and Sgt Mathieson arrived upon the scene to see just how we were getting along.

At nine o'clock we went to bed and at what must surely have been a minute past nine, I was sound asleep. The next thing I remember is our patrol leader trying vainly to wake us to get ready to go again, and then there was another first-class meal and Sittaford Tor, here we come.

Sittaford we passed at half-past seven, Oke Tor at nine o'clock, Yes Tor at ten, and then it was straight to the finish. We decided to take no risks and so we set the compass for Kitty Tor. And this part of the journey proved to be the hardest bit of all. We came upon the steepest valley in England, or so it seemed. Not only was it steep, but it was boulder strewn and thick with gorse and trees. At the bottom we rested by a very beautiful stream before we summoned the strength to ascend. It took us well over half an hour to climb over the brow of the hill, but then the land flattened out to Kitty Tor. Here we rested, a bit demoralised, wondering whether we should ever reach the end, but the moment we started off again, the finish came in view and our morale soared. I have never before seen such a change come over people. From drooping heads, bent shoulders and dragging feet, our team became a machine, streamlined and swift. In just over half an hour we were at our destination, Utopia, or the banner which read, "Ten Tors Finish".

We were piped in and made the effort to march in at the end with perfect dressing.

Finally, I must congratulate all members of the team in keeping tempers in moments of frustration where many would have lost control, and I must give a special mention to our patrol leader whose map reading was as near perfect as makes no difference.”

The welcome to competitors by Lieutenant-Colonel D. E. Higgins, M.B.E., Royal Signals

(as printed in the Ten Tors booklet, 1965.)

"As I write these few lines, I realise that the sixth Ten Tors expedition is almost due to begin. In a short time, two thousand young people from all over Great Britain will gather together in Denbury Camp here in Devon and then embark upon the Expedition across Dartmoor. Of necessity, a limit of two thousand has been decreed and it is with regret that it has been necessary to refuse entry to so many applicants. On the other hand, it is most encouraging to realise the tremendous enthusiasm that exists, regarding the event.

Whenever the word 'competitor' is used in connection with Ten Tors there are people who complain that the Expedition is not a race and that competitor is the wrong word to use. It is true that it is not a race and that there are no prizes for being first home, although unfortunately there are those who do treat the Expedition as a race. However, there can be no doubt at all that it is a competition for all taking part, because they are competing against the elements – the countryside, the weather and the time available are all examples that come to mind at once – and careless planning usually means disappointment in that the elements win the battle

I am delighted to receive the large amount of assistance from the various associations and civilian organisations which all help in the organisation and running of this Expedition. I would like to mention the Dartmoor Commoners Association, the Dartmoor National Park Committee, the Torbay Motor Club, the Royal Automobile Club and the Devon Constabulary. Many Service units have also assisted in the provision of personnel and equipment.

This will be my first Ten Tors as Commanding Officer of the Regiment privileged to organise event and I look forward to it with pleasure. Months of work and preparation by my staff are reaching completion and it is gratifying to see how obviously well worthwhile the effort has been. I wish all concerned with the Expedition the best of luck and sincerely hope that the weather, as in previous years, will be kind to us all this Whitsuntide."

Extract from the Junior Mercury – June 65

The Ten Tors Expedition, the walk for young people across Dartmoor, which takes place every Whitsun weekend, finished on the Sunday evening with the best results ever achieved. Of the 334 teams which entered, 245 complete teams finished whilst many more part teams arrived safely at Willsworthy. So successful was the event, the Secretary almost had to have a number of certificates run off and new medals minted.

The reason for the great success was probably the weather which was much cooler on the first day that it has been for many years. The casualty department has never had it so good with fallouts, and its only major case was a snake bite near Sittaford Tor which was dealt with and the young man concerned is now completely recovered. Special mention should be made here of the two young men from the Exeter Canoe Club who sacrificed their chances of success in rendering aid to the snake bite victim. A most chivalrous act.

Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, put up their usual sound display, going one up on last year by getting all four of their sixty-mile teams through. Three teams from the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, completed the long course, and indeed it is a feature of the results that twenty sixty-milers were successful, as compared with the previous highest total of six.

Of the fifty-eight girls teams that entered, forty-nine complete teams were successful and five teams arrived with one or two members missing. The greatest number of teams came from Devonport High School for Girls, and their five teams were all successful. A lot of spirit was shown by the team of WRNS from HMS Raleigh who, having selected route B, were given a route card for route A and their card was stamped 'route A' also. On their arrival at the Moor entry point B, they were told they were on the wrong route and they decided to start again. They went back to the start, quite a number of miles incidentally, and they still feature in the list of medal winners. A jolly good show.

**8th
INDEPENDENT
COY
WRAC
FROM START
TO FINISH**



The 8th Independent Coy WRAC prepare for the journey. In the photograph are Ptes L. Waner, B. Richardson, S. Noakes, B. Ewer, J. Inglis and S. Reynolds



The Girls relax at the Girls' Camp, ably administered by Capt Sam Ward and the staff of Junior Wing



"Now what's it going to be for supper, girls?"