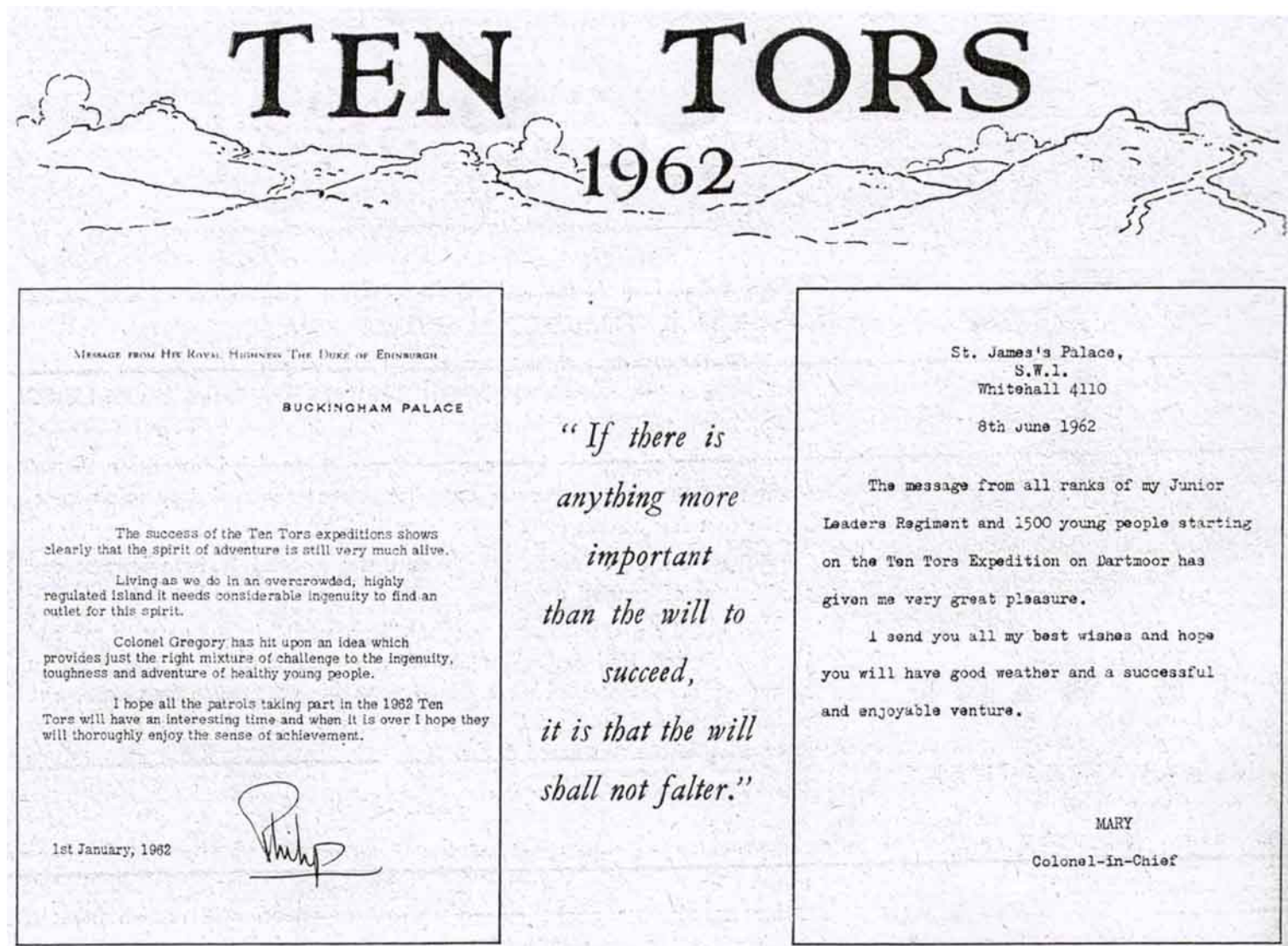


Extract from the Wire – Jul 62



It was with greatly increased support that over 1,300 competitors assembled at Haytor for the start of the third "Ten Tors." Due mainly to the increased numbers, the start had to be carried out in three phases, the first of which was at 07.00 hours on Whit Sunday.

The Lord Lieutenant of Devon, Lord Roborough, started each phase by welcoming the competitors to Devon and wishing them God Speed and success in their expedition, which was to take them over some of the roughest country on Dartmoor.

Among the many hundreds of spectators were Major-General Whistler, the Signal Officer-in-Chief, Major-General Cubbon, the Commander of the 43 (Wx.) Division/District and also a patron of "Ten Tors," and Lieutenant-Colonel Gregory, our former Commanding Officer and founder of the expedition.

On 8th June competitors arrived at Denbury from all over the country – in fact there was even one team from B.A.O.R. (2nd Signal Regiment). The first night was spent on one of the two large camping areas in Denbury, which were specially prepared for competitors.

Youth from all walks of life arrived, and their varied dress was greeted with mixed comments of surprise, envy, amusement and admiration. Scouts, Police Cadets, Pre-Service Units, Public and Local Schools, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme Clubs, and other Youth Teams assembled for the expedition. These teams, with names like "The Moor Trekkers," "Concordian Centrifugal Force," "Four Admirals Club," "Margaret Mitchell's Team," "Operation Dartmoor" provided over 800 competitors, whilst the remainder came from the three Services, were represented by both male and female competitors, with the males coming mainly from Officer and Junior/Apprentice Training Establishments.

The distance marched was dependent on the age and sex of the individual teams, which had to be six in number and within an age bracket of 14 to 20 years: 35 miles, girls and boys, 14 to 16 years; 50 miles, boys, 16 to 18 years; 60 miles, young men, 18 to 20 years.

The weather was kind (probably a little too kind) with bright sun for most of the time. Heat and the long road approach to the moor took its toll of many of the marchers, particularly those who had not carried out sufficient training (an essential for this type of adventure). However, most teams finished and qualified for medals and certificates, which were presented the following day at the prize-giving ceremony in Denbury on the 30-yard range, which had been decorated for the occasion and formed an excellent amphitheatre.

At the prize giving, Colonel Holifield, the Commanding Officer and Chief Controller of the expedition, introduced Colonel Gregory, who made a fine speech and presented awards to successful competitors.

Brief statistics of the whole expedition are as follows: Teams competing, 225 (girls 13, boys 58, youths 112, young men 42); total competitors, 1,348; certificates, individuals, 188; team medals (each complete team), 83; individuals finished, 683.

The utmost credit must be given to the competitors themselves, who, by their fine spirit of cheerfulness, cooperation, good sense and adventure, made the whole expedition a great success. Anyone who had the good fortune to witness this large gathering of youth could not help but feel immensely proud of their achievements.

For us in the Regiment, we were all satisfied that our efforts were appreciated.

Thanks to the National Archives have the following pages from Alexander Squadron

ALEXANDER SQUADRON

Ref : Alex 133

10 May, 1962.

To:- Troops (2)
RHQ (2)

ALEXANDER SQUADRON TEN TORS INSTRUCTION No 1

Reference RHQ 2005 dated 20 Nov 61. --- Ref 'A'
Alex 133 dated 9 May 62. (MT bid) Ref 'B'

INTRODUCTION

1. This instruction sets out to put on paper the verbal arrangements made in numerous conferences and discussions, and also to designate duties within the Squadron.

SQUADRON ROLE

2. See reference 'A' para 5.

Alexander Sqn will org and man the following.

- a. 19 check points.
- b. Control HQ, Info room, finish check, and the finish camp all at Wilsworthy (MR 520833).
- c. the dispersal of competitors from Wilsworthy.

DUTIES

3. The following Sqn duties are detailed. Heads of Departments are requested to confirm the availability of non Alexander Sqn persons.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Duties</u>
a. Finish HQ.	Major Clapp SSM Palmer	asst in camp org and co-ord of Junior Leaders duties.
b. Control HQ	Capt. Simpson Mr Fletcher Mr Grant Mr Webber Edn Sgt/Civ instr Edn Sgt/Civ instr Miss R. Rundle	To org Control HQ, Heliport and line rooms and coord camp layout. Finish Checker Casualty Checker 1. Record Check 2. Record Check 3. Record Check Typist (also available to info room for Press Hand Outs)
c. Finish Check and Camp adm	Lt Wagstaff Sgt Webster Sgt Batten	Org of Camp adm and Finish check and co-ord messing. NCO i/c finish check erection and running of finish camp
d. Info Room	Lt Lang Mr Tysoe Edn WO/Sgt/Civ	Org and man of info room.

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	<u>Location</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Duties</u>
e.	MT	Capt. Westlake	To org competitors dispersal and co-ord all MT arrangements.
		Sgt Maher	NCO i/c DRs and DR Runa.
f.	Check Points (CP)	Capt. Allwright	Estab & Control of all CPs and recovery.
		Capt. Colman	To org MT until return of Capt Westlake and to assist Capt Allwright.
		Sgt Angell	NCO i/c CP 19 (Hare Tor)
		Sgt Meekings	NCO i/c Road Guide parties, to contact Capt Joyner for details.
		Plus 8 Offrs/WOs and 9 Sgts	for command of check points. (OCs Academic and Mil Trg Wings please make available).
g.	Radio Comms	Capt Weiner	Co-ord and establishment of all radio comms.
		Sgt Akehurst	assistant
		ANOTHER	Radio Tech
h.	As a guide, troops will provide Junior Leaders as follows:-		
	Javelin	Wilsworthy Camp Staff, incl 1 stretcher pty. 1 line pty Camp police/guides Heliport Staff.	
	Quadrant	Road Guide Parties	
	Romulus	Finish check staff	
	Francisca)	Radio ops and CP personnel. supplimented by Quadrant and	
)	Romulus and ex J/Ldrs Tg Ops. To incl 2 stretcher parties	
	Kukri)	and recovery post party.	

SSM Palmer will co-ord all requests for personnel with particular respect to camp erection and CP staffs.

RADIO COMMS

4. as per annexure 'A'.

- a. 10 x WS, C42 provided by 247 Gurkha Brigade Sigs Sqn.
- b. 6 x WS, C11 provided by regiment.
- c. 18 x WS, A41 provided by regiment and School of Infantry.
- d. 17 Ex J/Ldrs undergoing Tg Op trg at Catterick Camp are being made available as radio Ops. Capt. Weiner, please arrange acquisition.

LINE COMMS

5. The following comms to be arranged by Capt. Simpson.

- a. Line Hare Tor - Wilsworthy. Laid by Javelin.
- b. GPO tile to civ exch loc at Wilsworthy. Capt. Simpson.
- c. Facilities of the Okehampton Range swbd and bunker terminals. This may entail manning of range swbd.

/....DR COMMS

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DR COMNS

6. DRs be provided by OC Senior Wing (see ref 'B'). Runs to be organised by Sgt Maher.

MT

7. See Ref 'B' for details, to be provided by OC Senior Wing and controlled by Capt. Westlake.

START

8. The start timings at Haytor are being staggered as follows. These timings may be advanced an half hour.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Patrol Card Colour</u> (Subject to confirmation)
0800-0830 hrs	White
0830-0900 hrs	Pink
0900-0930 hrs	Yellow

Each start will consist of a selection of teams from each type, i.e. men, women, boys and youths.

MEDICAL

9. a. Each check point will contain a 1st Aid Outfit.
 b. Stretcher Parties will be located at Wilsworthy Hare Tor and the recovery post.
 c. Medical stn at Wilsworthy will be org by the MO and located in 3 rooms of the end hut in the Finish ckeck area.
 d. The 4 x $\frac{1}{2}$ ton ambulances and 2 x 3 ton ambulances are under control of the MO.
 e. The Recovery Post will be established in the grounds of the School at MR 566750. Subject to confirmation, it will consist of static radio det., 1 stretcher party, 2 x $\frac{1}{2}$ ton ambulances and adm staff.

LIGHTING

10. Sapt. Simpson will endeavour to procure a lighting senerator for Wilsworthy provide maint. staff in conjunction with Capt Westlake, & wire for lighting Med Stn, Control HQ, Info room and the messes.

TANNOY.

11. The Unit Public address system will be set up for use in "paging" and giving advance notice of competitor arrivals.

MESSING

12. Three messes are being set up as co-ord by Lt Wagstaff.
- a. Regt Officers, VIPS and Press --- PMC Offrs Mess.
 - b. WOs and Sgts, Team Cpts and visitors --- PMC WOs and Sgts Mess.
 - c. Camp Staff and Competitors --- Messing Officer.

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- d. PMCs and Messing Officer are requested to co-ord tpt with Capt Westlake and accn arrangements with Lt Wagstaff.
- e. Messing Officer is requested to provide one cook wef 1400 hrs 6 Jun at Wilsworthy for Camp Staff. Ration details from Lt Wagstaff.
- f. PMCs and Messing Officer are requested to have messes established at Wilsworthy not later than 1600 hrs 7 Jun 62.

PRESS

13. The Adjutant is organising the Public Relations and Press. No special facilities are envisaged, other than use of info room, handouts and "off the cuff" interviews.

DRESS

- 14 a. Dress for competitors and staff is adventure kit with balaclavas.
- b. Wilsworthy Camp staff on duty, i.e. police, Guides etc., will be in shirt sleeve order, SD Hats, sashes/Arm bands. The use of "official" lapel badges to be investigated.

TEAMS

15. The latest numbers for competitors are as follows:-

men	47 teams	
women/girls	14 teams	
boys	69 teams	
youths	105 teams	
	<u>235 teams</u>	= 1,350 competitors plus 96 non competing team Captains.
		Total = 1,446.

CHECK POINTS

- 16. a. Capt Allwright will establish CPs as in Annx 'B' by 1800 hrs 8 Jun 62.
- b. CP rations will be ordered for each CP by 21 Jun 62.
- c. DB message pick up points will be co-ord with Sgt Maher.
- d. Capt Allwright will verify with QM the stores required for CPs and co-ord the drawing by CP staff.

FINISH CAMP

- 17. Capt Simpson will establish the finish camp noting the following facilities
 - a. Heliport.
 - b. Visitors Car Park for at least 250 vehicles, incl buses.
 - c. Competitors camping area with usual offices.
 - d. VIP car park and accn if necessary.
 - e. additional latrines for ladies and messes.
 - f. changing room accn for ladies and gents.
 - g. lighting.
 - h. camp directional sign posts.

/....Patrol Numbers.

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PATROL NUMBERS

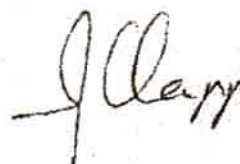
18. The patrols will be allotted numbers in the following blocks.

Girls/Women and Boys	1 - 99
Men	100 - 199
Youths	200 - upwards.

MAPS

19. Maps of the expedition area 1" to 1 mile have been requested as follows:-

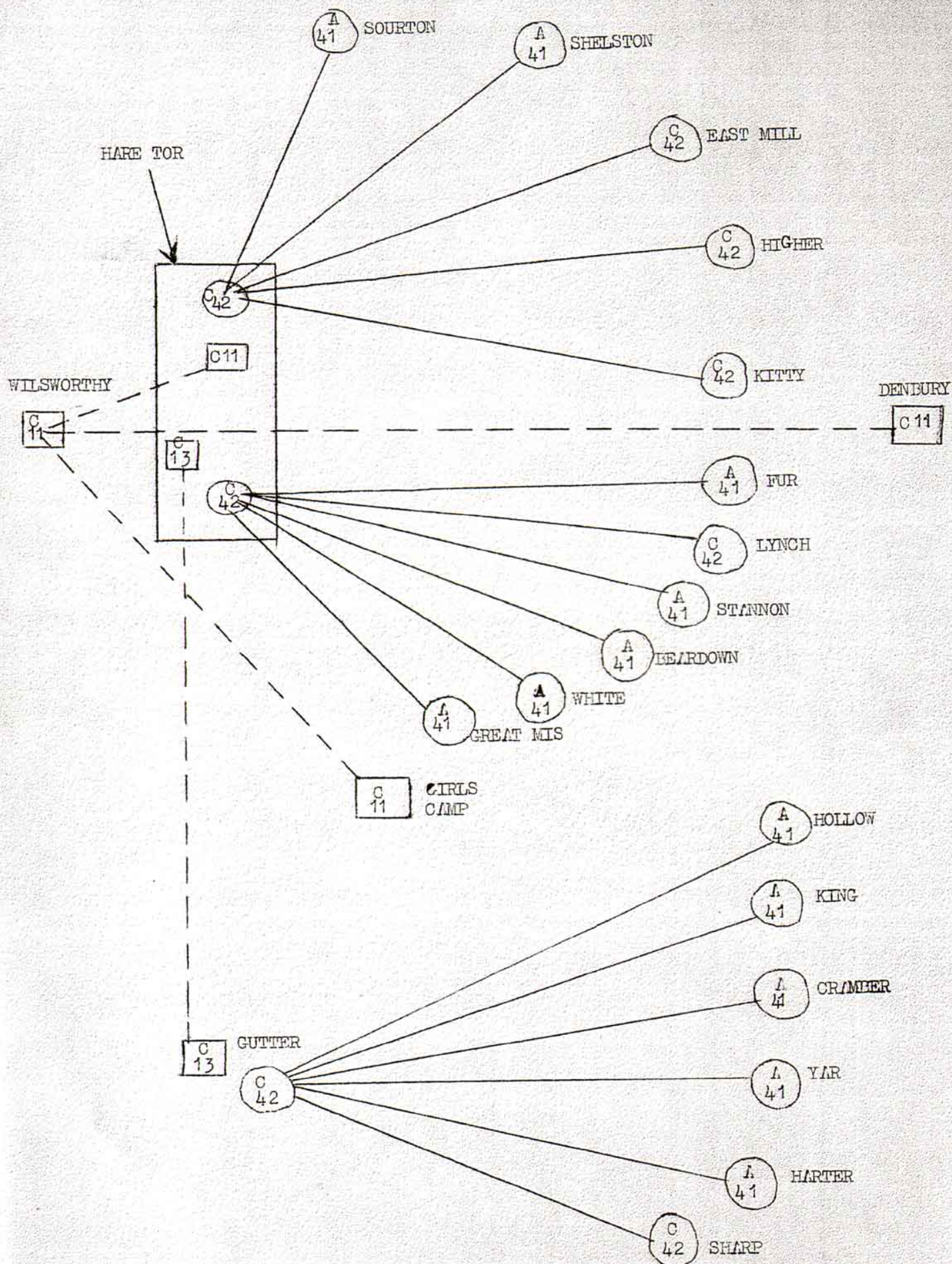
Check Points	20
MT	13
Control HQ	3
Spare	9
	<u>50</u>



Major, R Signals,
Commanding Alexander Squadron,
Junior Leaders Regiment, R Signals.

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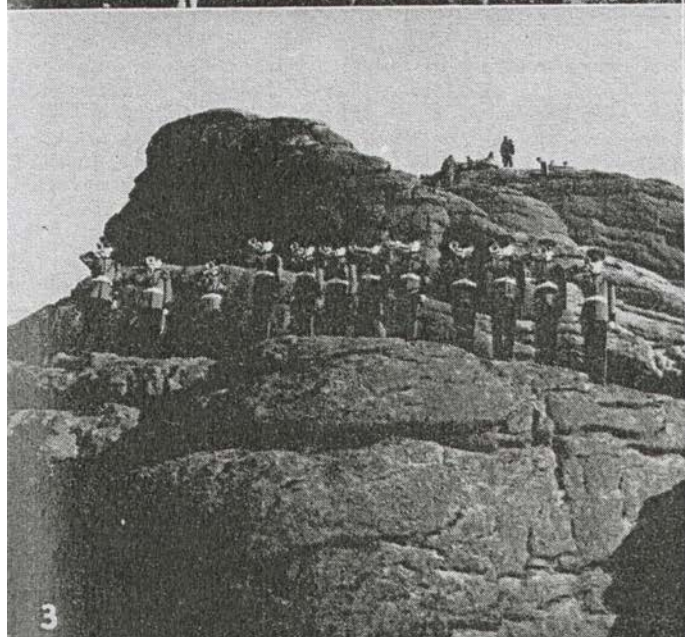
SEO	PMC Officers Mess
OC Slim Sqn	PMC WOs and Sgts Mess
OC Adventure Training	Lt Stacey, Messing Officer
OC Mil Training	Mr Fletcher
OC Academic Wing	Mr Grant
OC Senior Wing	Mr Tysoe
Medical Officer	Lt Lang.
Quartermaster	
RSM	

WIRELESS DIAGRAMAnnexure 'A' to Alex 133dated 10 May 62

CHECK POINTS

Annexure 'B' to Alex 133
dated 10 May 62

Location	Map Refs	CP No	Offr/NOO i/o CP	Remarks	
HAYTOR	756770	Start	Girls/Boys.	Yenks	men
YAR	677741	1	1 <u>Green</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>Blue</u>
SHARP	649617	2			5
STANNON	646813	3			1
HIGHER	613917	4		7	
BEARDOWN	605774	5		6	3
HARTER	602679	6	2	1	
EAST MILL	600900	7		8	2
FUR	587831	8			8
CRAMBER	592713	9	3		6
CUTTER	575667	10			4
HOLLOW	571746	11	4		7
KITTY	567875	12	8		9
LYNCH	565806	13	7	5	
GREAT MIS	563769	14	5	3	
SHELSTONE	558898	15		9	
KINGS	556739	16		2	
SOURTON	543898	17	9		
WHITE	543787	18	6	4	
HARE	550843	19	10 Capt Allwright Sgt Angell	10	10
WILSWORTHY	520833	Finish			



1. Lord Roborough, Colonel Holifield and General Whistler study the route. 2. The Wrens Team study their maps at the start
 3. Fanfare Trumpets 'sound off' the start from the Hay Tor Rocks. 4. A Junior 'First Aider' with a pretty task. 5. The first girls teams arrive at the finish. 6. Colonel Gregory presents Certificates and Medals. Major Nye, R.A.E.C. (Secretary Ten Tors) is on the left

Extract from the Junior Mercury – July 1962

THE JUNIOR MERCURY—TEN TORS SUPPLEMENT

MESSAGE TO PRINCESS ROYAL

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS,
THE PRINCESS ROYAL,
(C1 GCUD, CBE, RRC, TD, CD, DCL, LLD.)
6140 ST. JAMES PALACE,
LONDON.

"ALL RANKS OF YOUR JUNIOR LEADERS REGIMENT AND 1,500 YOUNG PEOPLE STARTING TOMORROW ON THE TEN TORS EXPEDITION ON DARTMOOR SEND LOYAL AND AFFECTIONATE GREETINGS."



High Level Organisation *by Sgt. Martin*



Girls and Boys with Map at Start *by Sgt. Martin*

TEN TORS, 1962

If one imagines Dartmoor as an expanse of bleak moor surrounding a prison, this view would have been dispelled on Whit Saturday morning at seven o'clock. In bright sunlight, crowds of young people assembled in the flag-decorated arena ready to begin the Ten Tors expedition. Coaches and cars brought competitors and well-wishers to the scene and many cameras were busy putting this gathering on record. Then the gaiety and conversation was halted by a fanfare from scarlet clad trumpeters standing in impressive line halfway up the grey rocks of Haytor. Lord Roborough welcomed the walkers and wished them an enjoyable expedition. The Padre from Denbury spoke the Ten Tors prayer:—"Go, we pray Thee, with all who to-day set forth on this Great Adventure among the Tors of this ancient moorland."

After the playing of the National Anthem the patrols of six were issued with their lists of tors and Ten Tors 1962 had really begun.

But Ten Tors had been in action for months and people had been preparing in many ways. Some patrols had been practising in distant parts of the country, others had practised on the moor itself. Many had been checking equipment, weighing it and rejecting some of it as too heavy. Maps had been prepared and food and transport had been checked. . . . Did that patrol of six boys eat the nine pounds of butter they ordered? . . . Three members of the Committee had spent two very wet days walking the course. The two sports fields at Denbury had been transformed into Ten Tors Village and Haytor View and by Thursday evening

THE 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.



Blistered Feet

by Sgt. Martin

REPLY FROM PRINCESS ROYAL

THE MESSAGE FROM ALL RANKS OF MY JUNIOR LEADERS REGIMENT AND 1,500 YOUNG PEOPLE STARTING ON THE TEN TORS EXPEDITION ON DARTMOOR HAS GIVEN ME VERY GREAT PLEASURE.

I SEND YOU ALL MY BEST WISHES AND HOPE YOU WILL HAVE GOOD WEATHER AND A SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYABLE VENTURE.

MARY, Colonel-in-Chief.
St James's Palace, S.W.1.



Walking Along the Road *by Sgt. Martin*

the first teams had arrived. Next morning many more teams reached Denbury and reported to No. 1 Gym, which was decorated with views of Dartmoor and provided light music to add to the holiday mood. The boys were shown to their camping plots and anyone passing Academic Wing would have heard an unusual chatter of soprano voices, as the rooms had been transformed into dormitories for the girls. The smell of fried sausages and bacon drifted across from the cooking bays provided for each girl's team.

About tea-time, the Signal Officer-in-Chief, Maj-Gen A. M. W. Whistler added a touch of glamour to the occasion by arriving on the Square in a helicopter kindly provided by Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

In the evening, teams cooked supper, pitched their tents and settled down to study their maps and instructions after attending a briefing. Then rest was needed in preparation for the next day's adventure and an early start at Haytor.

"Ten Tors. Beware of Walkers" read the R.A.C. signs and boys and girls had a proud feeling knowing these referred to them—setting off across the first miles of road they felt superior to the holiday makers who peered at them through the windows of their cars. A few hours later some were longing for a ride in a car as the hot sun and blistered feet caused the first competitors to withdraw. Those with large packs began to perspire and wish that they had trained a little harder.



Beauty in Repose

by Sgt. Martin

Signs had been put out to help keep patrols on the authorised route for each course, but the pixies disguised either as competitors or as local people, caused some confusion by moving the signs. This resulted in a large number of careless map readers climbing a hill of gradient 1 in 4½ which was not on their route. Some girls and boys between the ages of 14 and 16 who had to walk 35 miles began to despair and youths quailed at the thought of 50 miles in the heat, whilst some of the men who had 60 miles to cover began to change their minds. Though some fell by the wayside, others walked on and soon those manning the check points on the ten tors were busy stamping cards and sending messages through to headquarters. Here at Willsworthy messages were being received all day and transferred to an enormous chart before which anxious leaders and friends hovered looking for information about their own teams.

By eight o'clock on Saturday night, 50 patrols were setting up camp for the night in the valley of the River Walkham. Bedding was unrolled, tents pitched, sore feet and sunburn inspected and, most important, supper was prepared and eaten. All had the same aim, to climb ten tors and finish the course, but the patrols were as diverse as the clothes they wore and the places they came from, London and Bristol, Marlborough and Bideford, Teignmouth and Harrogate.

Meanwhile in a field near Hollow Tor, large army tents had been erected for the girls' camp. Many will recall the kindly WRAC Officer who tended their blistered

feet and the WRAF will remember that they were honoured by a visit from Dame Anne Stevens, their Director who was on holiday nearby.

Soon all was peaceful and the moor no longer belonged to the young people, but to its usual nocturnal prowlers, the grazing sheep and ponies, the creeping fox and swift hare, the owl and the bat.

Early next morning there was activity in both areas as tents were taken down, breakfast cooked and rucksacks re-packed. Boots did not go on so easily as they had on Saturday. One team was found in their sleeping bags when everyone else was on their way; they reported that they could not get their boots on, but were encouraged to try and four of them reached Willsworthy later in the day. Training was needed for this expedition, but also the will to succeed. At Headquarters one could only guess how people were faring as they crossed the vast expanse of the moor, but messages came through and progress could be checked. Some of the wirelesses were manned by Gurkha Signalmen and others by ex-Junior Leaders from Catterick especially interested in the troops to which they had belonged. Some of the messages reported success, others failure, and one told of a competitor who had fallen out, described by his companion as "paralytic."

At Willsworthy, there were tents and flags and a lone piper to welcome the successful teams. The onlookers had a marvellous view of the walkers as they came down the long hill from Hare Tor, the last check point. A loudspeaker gave those waiting information of teams which reached Hare Tor and there was excitement when the first girls and then the first 60-mile walkers were nearing the finish. The wind, to which the spectators objected, was welcome to the walkers after the great heat of the previous day. As the day wore on a crowd gathered around the finishing point to clap and cheer and others left to climb the hill and walk the last part with their teams.

Some teams came in wearily, others still with a spring in their steps, a few were in socks carrying their boots, one team of girls ran in and another marched in orderly file singing as they passed, but all wore the pleased look of those who have fulfilled an ambition. Their reward was the sense of achievement, of an adventure accomplished in the open air on one of England's loveliest tracts of land.

Next day those who completed the course were presented with certificates and the members of complete teams received medals. These were presented by Colonel Gregory who first conceived the idea of Ten Tors. The Duke of Edinburgh had written in his message that "the expedition shows clearly that the spirit of adventure is still very much alive." The competitors accepted the challenge of adventure by walking across rugged country in a motorised, mechanical and urban age. They did not all win a medal or even a certificate, but everyone had gained something which he would not have achieved by sitting at home in front of a television set.

VERSE

*They sought them here,
They sought them there,
Those marchers sought check points
everywhere,*

*Were they on this tor?
Were they on that?
They took some finding, you can bet on that.*



Resting Up

by J/Sig. Woodford

CHECK POINT CHARLIE

They came, they found, and they scrounged all my fags. Thus it was that these brave, bonny boys after a toiling effort arrived thankfully at my check point and sank gratefully down for a short rest.

I sympathised for the day was hot, and even I, who was there with a little rubber stamp and eagle keen eyes to see if all were in good shape, had felt the grinding pull to the top of the tor which gave me my bird's eye view of the marchers.

They laughed and joked, some even I had not heard before, and quaffed water. The latter out of necessity for there was nothing stronger. Some of them even allowed my ham-fisted ministering angel to tend their blistered feet. Many of them came, a few of them remained having of necessity to cry quits because they had given of their best and been found wanting. Their remarks were not the remarks of failures, I might add, but together with choice expletives almost all vowed "This won't happen again next year." You know somehow, I'm certain that it won't and that next time we hold Ten Tors, the determination that has grown to conquer "The Moor" will show itself in the need for more medals and certificates for successful competitors.

Yes, they will be back and poor Charlie, frustrated Charlie, will probably find himself once again confined to a check point where brave lads endeavour to pit their strength and determination against Ten Tors, and perhaps another year he might find that he is able to say: "Those brave lads and bonny lassies" oh well, there is always hope and she is . . .



The Girls at the Finish

by Sgt. Martin



Boys 'Piped In' at the Finish.

by Sgt. Martin

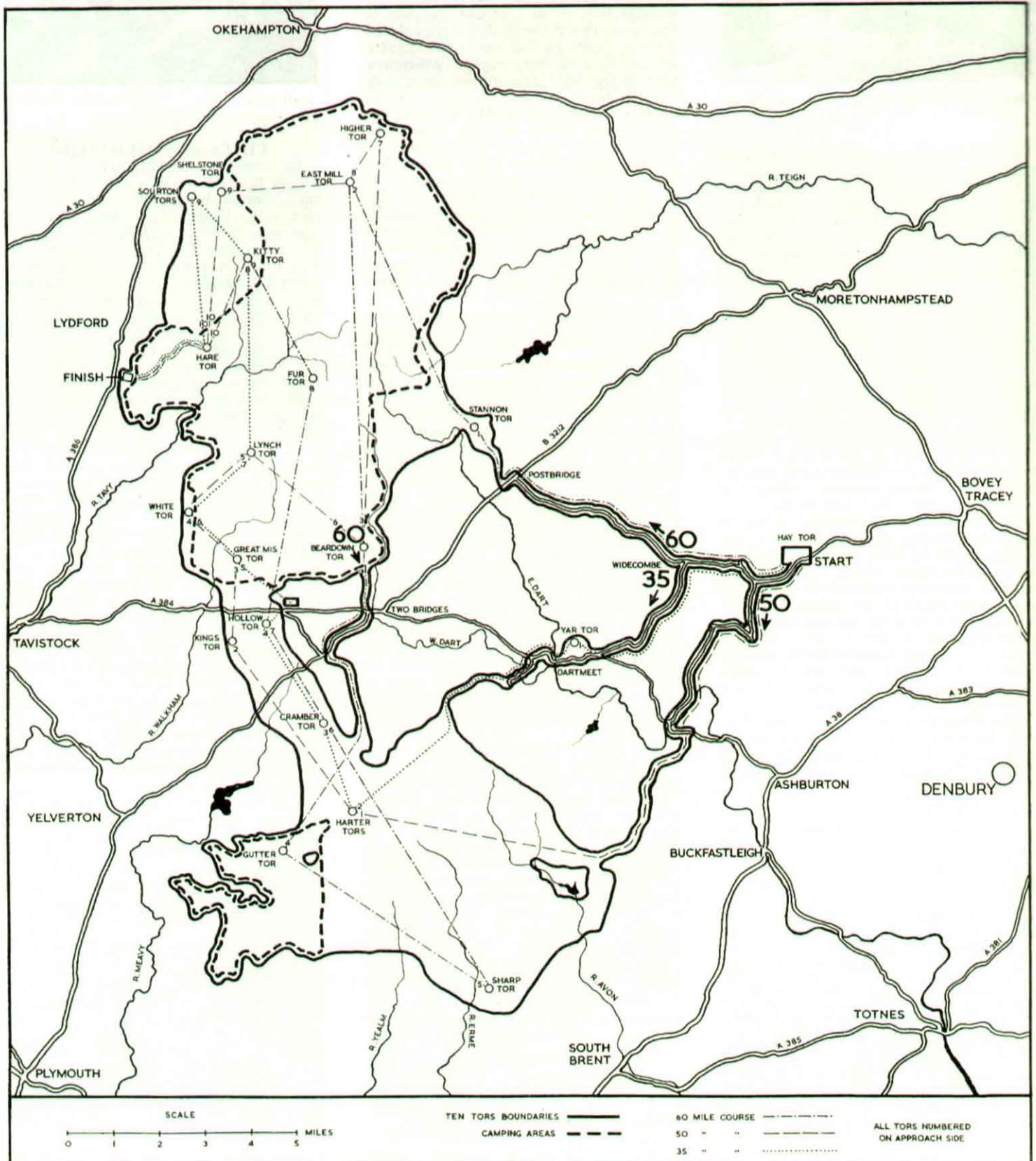
TEN TORS, 1962—AWARDS

NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTERED 225

NUMBER OF TEAMS COMPLETED . . . 83

NUMBER OF MEDALS, 83 PATROLS (495 INDIVIDUALS)

NUMBER OF CERTIFICATES, 49 PART-PATROLS (188 INDIVIDUALS)



White Swan and Kohima Troop Teams



P 'Stu' Birchall - Phil Castle - Rick Wooley - **Ralph 'Ginge' Porter** - **Fred Wilson** - **Colin 'Red' Cartland**



Nobby Clarke - 2 - 3 - **Stan Berry** - **Taff Moss** - **Chris Adams** - **Paul Prior**

Kukri Troop Team



Charles 'Geordie' Benson - Colin Stanley Warr-Wood - J 'Yogi' Gainer
Bob 'Taff' Wathen

White Spear Troop Team



Sandy McArthur - John Bonnett leading

Romulus Troop Team



Cheesy Craft - Dodge Greenwood - Al Hawkins
Ted Wray - Rob Moore

Extract from the Paignton Herald Express 9 Jun 62

Their Whitsun is a long slog **OVER 1,300 ON** **10 TORS TREK**

ONE of the largest gatherings of youth, more than 1,500 'teen-agers, to start on a voluntary expedition, set off from Hay Tor Rocks today to challenge Dartmoor. They were taking part in the Ten Tors expedition.

At 7 a.m. 12 scarlet-clad trumpeters of the Junior Leaders Regiment, Denbury, their uniforms a blaze of vivid colour against the greyness of the granite tor, heralded the start of this year's expedition, with a fanfare.

Competitors discarded jackets as temperature soared and Lord Roborough, Lord Lieutenant of Devon, accompanied by the Signals Officer-in-Chief (Gen. A. M. W. Whistler) and the Commanding Officer, Junior Leaders, Denbury (Lt. Col. A. Hollifield) walked towards the dias at the far end of an enclosure set up at the foot of the tor.

Because of the large entry, about 500 up on last year, there was a staggered start of the expedition at half-hour intervals to avoid congestion on the roads.

Lord Roborough welcomed competitors from all over the country to Dartmoor and after prayers by the Junior Leaders' padre at Denbury (Rev. R. Wood) and the National Anthem, stewards handed patrol leaders their sealed instructions and the parties set off across the moor through the first check point.

Three routes

Three routes were mapped out, each finishing at Willsworthy Camp on the far side of the moor. Boys and girls under 16 had to complete a course of 35 miles; the 16-18-years-olds one of 50 miles and the seniors one of 60 miles. East route included 10 tors.

Only water was provided for teams during the exercise and they carried their own food and bedding. At each check-point, there was a first-aid point, a rescue party and a radio link.

This year, a special radio network was set up with central controls at Willsworthy, the southern section being controlled from Gutter Tor and the northern section from Hare Tor.

The first arrivals are expected tomorrow and all competitors should have reported back by about 7 p.m. The teams will return to Denbury Barracks by truck and bus for a jamboree and the presentation of awards on Monday.

N.A.T.O. teams?

Gen. Whistler said: "I am full of admiration for present-day youth who give up their holidays to compete in this kind of expedition.

"It is growing year by year and next year it is my ambition to get teams from other N.A.T.O. nations, many of whom are beginning to show interest. I hope they will be present next year and make this an international event."

Devon was well represented in the expedition, teams coming from schools, youths organisations and service units.

Heather Tarr and Linda King were at the head of two patrols from Operation Dartmoor, a combined entry from Exeter schools. They included Jennifer Fenton, Vivienne Abbot, Julia Wykes, Felicity Turner, Sarah Watts and Bobbie Preston, Bobbie, aged 14, was their youngest team member.