



Extract from the Wire – Jul 61

The Junior Leaders Regiment has done it again. In 1960 the first Ten Tors Expedition put on rather hastily attracted only 200 entrants of which a little over a half came from the Regiment itself.

In 1961 the story was quite different as the following table shows. The numbers refer to patrols of six: –

	Entered	Completed
Girls	11	8
Boys under 16	16	9
Senior Civilians	32	16
Royal Navy, Royal Marines	8	7
Junior Leaders and Army Apprentices	35	14
Army and Territorial Army	15	3
Royal Air Force	19	14
Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals	20	12

936 entrants.

Fifty-three per cent, of the patrols entered were successful and just over 61 per cent, of the entrants completed the course in time. The course, therefore, was a hard one but not too hard.

The Ten Tors Expedition was very fully reported in the June number of Junior Mercury, that excellent paper of our own Junior Leaders Regiment, which has achieved such remarkable sales figures. Copies are sent to nearly all the Regiments Royal Signals and it is unnecessary, therefore, to give a fuller report in the Wire. The expedition was reported on by at least one of the Television Companies and achieved a very long article in the Educational Supplement of The Times.

It only remains, therefore, to congratulate the Junior Leaders Regiment on a most remarkable success.



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ABOVE: After Major-General J. H. Cubbitt had landed by helicopter (above right) for the start of the expedition, the Junior Leaders' trumpeters, in scarlet tunics, sounded a fanfare on May 23. BELOW: Four girls from the Teignmouth Venturers' youth club join the march.



## TEN TORS TREK



ABOVE: Don't let the "L" fool you. The rest of the outfit, particularly the boots, was just the ticket for a two-day hike across the last great wilderness of England. RIGHT: Newton Abbot, Bovey Tracey and Ipplepen Army Cadet Force units each sent a patrol on the expedition. This was the Ipplepen team en route.

THEY called it the largest single gathering of youth ever to embark on a voluntary expedition in this country. Nearly 1,000 teenage boys and girls set off from Haytor in the dawn of Saturday morning. Their week-end aim: to traverse a 50-mile course, according to sealed instructions given them at the start.

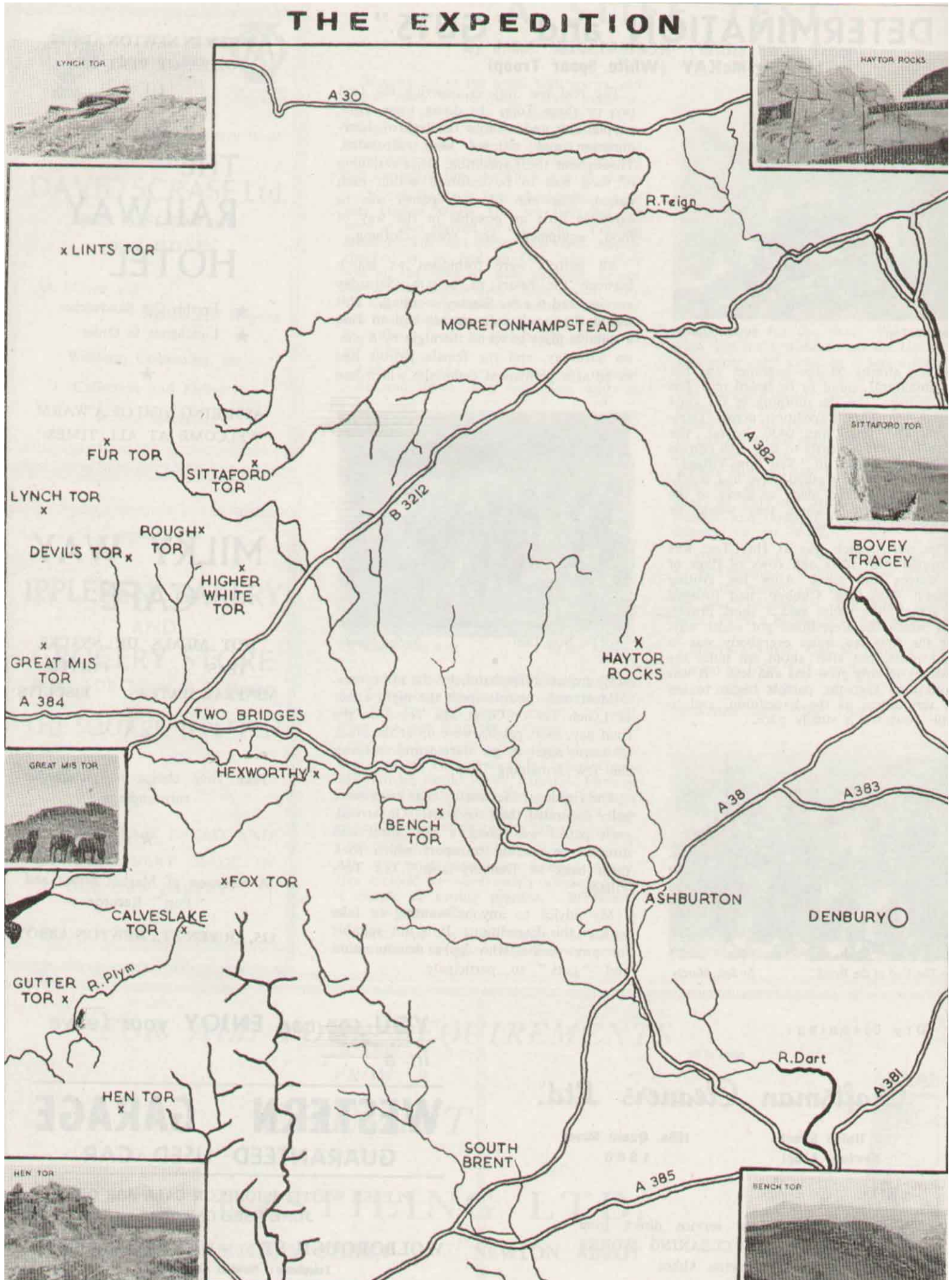
The Junior Leaders' Regiment (Denbury Camp) sponsored the 36-hour Ten Tors Expedition for over 150 teams. The majority were entered by Service units—some from as far as Carlisle—but South Devon chipped in with a number of school, cadet force and youth club patrols. There was a slightly less strenuous course for the 66 girls taking part. (See story, page 2.)



Pictures by South Devon Journal photographers.



LEFT: The Ashburton County Secondary School had six boys and six girls entered. The boys had been practising for the event for the past six weeks. ABOVE: The two boys' teams from the Teignmouth Venturers were among the youngest competitors.



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MID-DEVON AND  
NEWTON TALK

# Will this school's success encourage others?



THE ASHBURTON GIRLS' TEAM PICTURED CLIMBING TO THE FIRST TOR. Sgt. T. Martin.

**W**ILL the success—and evident enjoyment—of the boys and girls from Ashburton Secondary Modern School, who took part in the well organised Ten Tors Expedition, encourage other local schools to take part?

Mr. J. Reayer (headmaster), is delighted with the splendid achievement of the school teams—one of boys and the other girls—all under 16, who completed the 35-mile junior course in such fine style.

## Meeting called

"In a rural community like ours, with parents often living 10 or more miles away, there were obvious difficulties in explaining to them just what we are trying to do

"So we called a meeting of parents and an officer from Denbury came along and explained the whole thing to us. At the same time he was able to answer many questions."

The youngsters were trained by Mrs. V. Lucas and Mr. G.

Waine, teachers at the school, for five or six week-ends before the event. The boys got in some overnight camping practice and at the end, both teams were averaging up to 20 miles a day in comfort.

"It was a joyous introduction for them," said Mr. Reayer—who was at the finishing post near Hexworthy—"into the delights of the Moors and of walking in beautiful country. It gave them a chance to meet the challenge of Dartmoor."

Many anxieties were allayed by the very efficient and first-class organisation behind the scenes by the Junior Leaders Regiment from Denbury. At an instant, headquarters control could look up in the record file and could give information—even were individuals had fallen out and why, and where they were.

## An achievement

This was possible despite some difficulties with communications at V.H.F. frequencies over the

hills. The radio set at one check point would only work reasonably well, upside down, perched between two rocks! But the messages still got through—an achievement when one considers the numbers involved.

For Mr. P. Potter, of The Avenue, Newton Abbot, the expedition presented a different problem. His 21-years-old son Michael arrived home—with 11 friends—the remainder of two teams from Westland Aircraft at Yeovil.

## Gear everywhere!

Kit bags and camping gear was everywhere at home while the youngsters went into town for food and supplies. Two of them had fallen out on Saturday night—wary and footsore—and when Mr. Potter arrived home from fishing, he found the "extras" staying the night.

On Sunday yet another fell out and that made three extra that Mrs. Potter had to cope with. But everything went off in fine style.



**A team of R.A.F. boys resting at  
Yes Tor after checking in at the  
control point during the Ten Tors  
walk organised by the Junior  
Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals,  
Denbury, Newton Abbot.**

*[Sgt. Martin, Royal Signals.]*