

MILLIONS SEE AND HEAR THE BB SINGING AT GLENALMOND

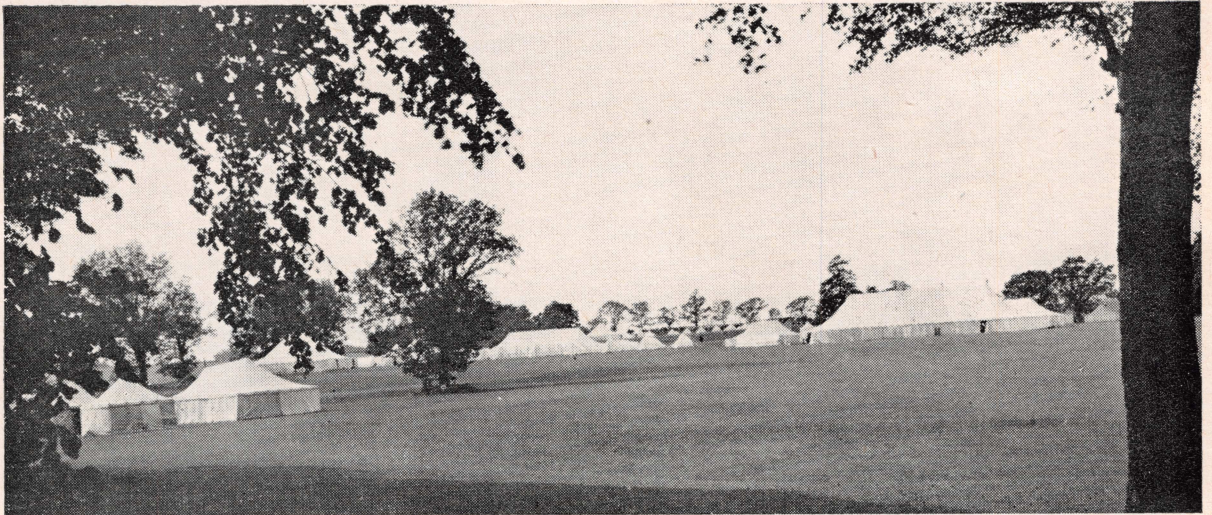
WITH nation-wide broadcasts on sound radio and on BBC Television, millions of people joined in hymn-singing with 1,500 BB Boys at the International Camp at Glenalmond.

The television transmission was in the open-air and showed to the full the beautiful surroundings in which the camp was held.

Owing to the publication date of this issue, we can only include a preliminary three-page report of the camp. Pictures and descriptions of the later events, including the Highland Games and the Edinburgh trip, will appear in our next issue.

The Adjutant (Mr. A. J. Houston) with Mr. Malcolm McLeod (Scottish Training Secretary) and the Commandant (Sir John Hunt) discuss plans with TV producer Rev. Ronald Falconer (second from left).





THEY CAME TO GLENALMOND AS THE SUN SHONE

AS they came to Glenalmond, the sun shone. . . . For days before, it had rained and rained, and the lovely luscious turf of Glenalmond College playing fields seemed likely to turn into the sea of mud familiar to those who had been at the camp in Eton in 1954.

Throughout and despite the rain, the advance guard of lads from Perth and Staff-Sergeants and Officers from all over the country, had worked . . . and when the first party of campers arrived at 6 o'clock in the morning on Wednesday, August 14th, the camp was ready.

Set amid the hills and the trees of the Scottish countryside with the ripple of the River Almond and the early-morning medley from birds of every kind. White marquees and dozens and dozens of ridge tents set down in orderly Companies on different levels on the soft grass.

Four miles from the nearest village

and twelve from the nearest town, the camp needed to provide for every need of fifteen hundred Boys. Thus it was appropriate that (apart from the main assembly marquee) the largest marquees on the ground were the three "canteens"—though so common a word is inadequate to describe them. In them at most times of the day could be obtained grills, snacks, drinks . . . the lot . . . eaten in comfort at little tables: these were to become the meeting places of the camp.

Up on the higher ground overlooking the college was the huge marquee

in which the whole camp assembled each evening . . . and in front, on the grassy slopes, the BBC Television team were preparing the cameras and cables for the recording of Songs of Praise, which was to take place on Thursday evening.

A succession of vans and lorries formed a queue down the avenue and through the spectacular arch erected at the camp entrance, to bring supplies to the catering department, and to the shopping centre, filled with souvenirs of all kinds; and, indeed, everything a Boy needed to buy.

And then the Camp was ready to receive them. Commencing at 3.40 a.m. on the Wednesday, they came in, first in small groups, and then in train-loads, a fleet of coaches doing a ferry-service from Perth station.



A coach-load of overseas NCOs came in from Carronvale, where they had been on a training course.

Of the 1,500 in camp, over 200 are from countries outside the British Isles. They include Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Camerouns, Kenya, Uganda, Nyasaland, Southern and Northern Rhodesia, South Africa, Mauritius, Malaya, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, Gilbert Islands, Canada, Bermuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Jamaica, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, Trinidad, Tobago, Haiti. As well as these BB members, there were contingents from associated movements in the U.S.A., Finland, Sweden and Denmark.

It was the first time the BB has had official contact with the Swedish and Finnish organisations, and the contingents were given a special welcome.

The FDF, old friends of the BB, did not arrive until the Saturday of the camp, as they had been unable to get passages on a ship in time for the camp commencement.

The first day was spent in settling in, and soon groups of Boys of all nationalities were mixing and playing together. It appeared that "football" was spelt and played the same in any language.

On the first evening, was the official opening ceremony, with words of greeting and encouragement from the Camp Commandant, Sir John Hunt—faced with a battery of newsreel and press cameras.

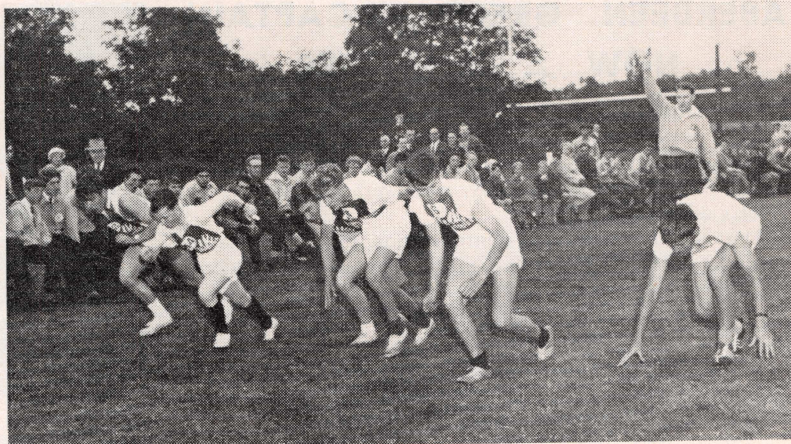
Apart from "special" days, there are four "typical" days in camp. Come with us on a brief tour of the grounds on one of those days.

Early on, six coaches have taken Boys out into the mountain country for a day's hill-walking—they will return at night.

Similarly, another two hundred have left camp for orienteering (see August issue), and they will have lunch out in the country.

Others have gone on the Loch Lomond tour, and another contingent have gone to St. Andrew.

BELOW : The Sunday Service.



The International Relay.

This leaves about a thousand Boys to be amused and trained at sport within the camp area.

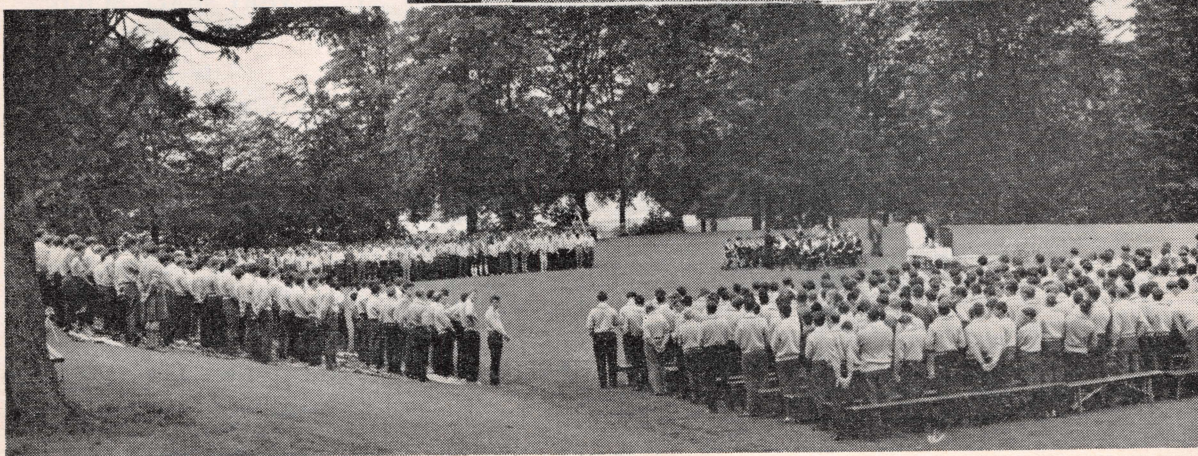
Many are at "muckle" sports on the Cairnies—football, rugby, hockey or basketball or playing cricket on the college ground.

Others are at "mickle" sports—golf, tennis, archery, badminton, squash, rifle-shooting, trampoline, athletics, gymnastics, judo, swimming, fencing, fishing or progressive games.

The whole of Thursday evening was spent in rehearsing and recording the BBC Television Songs of Praise. Not quite all the camp was in this, because the hill-walkers were delayed, and their coaches were not back in time. A full behind-the-scenes story of the television transmission will appear in next issue.

★ **SPECIAL SIX-PAGE FEATURE ABOUT THE REST OF THE CAMP NEXT MONTH.**

Time for Refreshment.



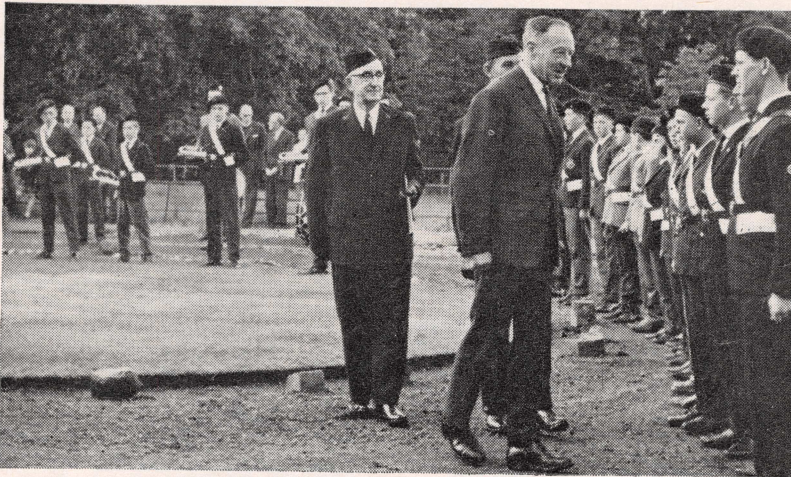
ABERDEEN GREET EX-CAPTAIN NOW A LIFE PEER

IN the Birthday Honours List, the appointment as Life Peer of Sir Alick Buchanan Smith was announced.

He is the former Captain (and present honorary Captain) of the 3rd Aberdeen Company, who were camping on Sir Alick's estate at Balerno.

The new Lord Balerno's introduction to the House of Lords coincided with the last night of camp, so a celebration was laid on for his return. He was piped up the drive by the band of the 65th Edinburgh, with general salute by bugles of 3rd Aberdeen.

Our pictures (by courtesy C. I. McPherson) show Lord Balerno inspecting the Company and, afterwards, Boys inspecting the documents relating to his peerage.



BIRMINGHAM CAMPERS RESCUE BOY FOLLOWING CLIFF FALL

A cliff rescue of a 16 year old Boy who had fallen thirty feet, was undertaken by members of the 55th Birmingham Company, in camp at Torquay.

When the Boys spotted the injured lad, two hurried back to camp for a stretcher, while the others commandeered a boat, and, using boards as oars, paddled to the rocks and rescued the Boy.

HOT-CASH

POCKET money belonging to the lads of the 1st Burnley Company became really hot stuff at their camp. Whilst the camp was being prepared, the camp treasurer decided to store the camp money in a spare stove. Unfortunately one of the stoves being used for a meal went wrong—and the cook transferred his fire to the spare stove!

Luckily, just as the flames were really getting under way, in walked the treasurer and managed to grab the bag containing the precious money. The bank notes were intact, but the rubber bands holding them had melted.

PEN FRIENDS

S/Sgt. Quah Kim Huat, 1st Teluk Anson (Malaya) Company, invites Boys aged 17 and above to write to him. His hobbies are reading, gardening, accordion, swimming, philately and sight-seeing. His address: 150 Denison Road, Teluk Anson, Perak, Malaya.

HOT SWIM AT CAMP

Highlight of the 2nd Bognor Regis camp at Fernhurst, was when the owners of the camping site invited the Company to use their private swimming pool. The heated pool, set in a large garden, was most popular with all. A close inspection of a Rolls-Royce car was also carried out and a tour of the gardens, with tennis courts was included.

TO AMERICA

AMONG overseas students from 50 countries who will be attending an American high school for a 12-month period of study and first-hand experience of the American way of life will be Cpl. Mervyn Montecute, of the 3rd Cheltenham Company. The visit will be on an American Field Service international scholarship and will include a tour of the United States, culminating, it is hoped, with a meeting with the President.

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