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An as yet undetermined number of men will be attempting the 44xmitra miles walk from Keswick to Barrow on Saturday because the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. Resolution, Britain's first Pelaris submarine now fitting out at Barrow-in-Furness, has accepted a challenge on behalf of his ship's company. The challenge has come from the Marine Installation Department of Resolution's builders - Vickers-Armstrongs Barrow Shipyard - and is to a walking race over a route already tried by members of the submarine crew in a contest among themselves.

The submariners never found a man who could complete the distance in atrocious weather conditions but that has not prevented them accepting the challenge to try once more. This time they will be competing against walkers from the Marine Installation Department and the Commercial Department at the Shipyard and the race will be governed by rules laid down by a joint committee.

Mr W. Dransfield, one of the shipbuilders' representatives on the committee, commented "This is not really a race; it is a road walk contest and we thought it a good opportunity for the builders and the crew to compete socially. The idea seems to have caught on and we hope that three strong teams will be out".

The contest starts near Castlerigg Stone Circle and no entrant may leave there earlier than 6 a.m. Under the rules any competitor still on the road at 8 p.m. will be transported by car to the finishing point at the Bay Horse, Hawcoat - about two miles from the centre of Barrow - and the route has been set to avoid main traffic arteries as far as possible. It will take entrants round the Western shore of Thirlmere, over Dunmail Raise, through Grasmere and Elterwater to Coniston Water and thence over moorland roads to Dalton-in-Furness and Barrow. A system of points will cover completion of the course or parts of the course and prizes will be awarded for the best individual performance and the best team effort.

Unfortunately Commander M.C. Henry, Commanding Officer of Resolution, will not see the race as he will be in the United States but he is confident that the honour of his ship will be upheld.