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110 MILES? JUST A WALKS

These last few week-ends on the roads have been murder for the poor old feet of would-be record long-distance marchers. Three sailors from Chatham tried Birmingham to London, but that amazing woman, Dr. Barbara Moore was the ace competitor. Two army apprentices chose the Leicester-Reading route.

Meanwhile 55-year-old Dr. Barbara was going great guns down the M.1, taking up a Daily Sketch challenge. On the same road the three jolly sailors had a refresher, no doubt wishing they could splice the main brace.

Coventry engineer Paul Johnson, 25, also headed for London. Of course, not everybody on foot was attempting 110 miles. But back to Dr. Babs. She reached Marble Arch from Birmingham in 26 hours, 34 minutes, despite a pulled leg muscle. She claims it's a record, and challenges any man to walk the distance against her. A wonderful woman.