For the drive to the 11th you go over them again, and then to a fairway bordered by marching hordes of them on either side; and they are still there along the long 12th, hazarding the left.

Perhaps the most lasting memory of Westward Ho!, though—apart from its magnificent situation between sea and Torridge estuary, with one of the best links views anywhere opening before you from the 6th tee perched high on the shore sandhills—is the contrast between the holes along the shore in undulating sand country; and the holes home in the flatter but still subtle grazing country. It is like two different worlds of golf, rolled into one; and where clubbing in the dune country calls for adequate judgment of runnels and bumps and drops to be avoided; clubbing on some of the later holes calls for pure judgement in almost a vacuum of easy ranging marks. If you complete this course in your own par, then you've survived a two-fold examination: three-fold if you count the special subtlety of the final two of the four short-holes: not forgetting, of course, the ditch before the green to be pitched over at the long 17th and the stream before the green at the drive-and-medium iron 18th: both doubly unnerving to a man with a medal card in his pocket!

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