



## DIVISIONAL NOTES.

Divisional Officer: Lieutenant D. E. Wilson, R.N.

2nd Divisional Officer: Commissioned Gunner E. R. Monaghan, R.N.

As we count the number of "Charlies" left and dwell on thoughts of big Christmas cats, we can look back on a happy and successful Winter term, having featured in a number of competitions, and holding good positions in those which have to be decided.

During the term we have bade farewell to the 260 A.C. Boys, 62 Class and 283 Class and welcomed 263 Class to our ranks, with the result that our numbers are down to the 110 level and the "foreigners" who lived in 36 Mess have been brought up to our Covered Way Messes. Except for Petty Officer Cooper, who left us in the middle of the term, the staff has not changed. We congratulate P.O. Tel. Wickham on his marriage.

The Soccer spirit has run high and the 1st XI are to be congratulated on reaching the finals, where they lost by the one goal to Benbow in a "chummy" fight on a very windy day. The 2nd XI also showed their form by coming second in the "B" Division League.

In the .303 Shooting, Piping and Silver Call competitions we repeated our previous successes and retained the respective positions and cups—for which full credit to the teams, not forgetting the trainers. The School Cup also remains partly with us, having been won by 240A Class, which consists of both Drakes and Benbows.

The Boxing competition proved a most exciting duel. Despite being one boxer short, and Ldg. Boy Barker going sick before the semi-finals, we managed to maintain the lead, until the finals ended up with us tying with Duncan and Blake for the "Belt." Many congratulations to P.O. Mercer and the team on their all-out effort and success.

Despite disappointing electrical failures at the last moment, our Dance this term seems to have been an enjoyable success, as was confirmed by the touching farewells to be seen as the buses left! Many thanks to all who gave their help in organising the dance. It was unfortunate that the highly trained Benbow and Drake hornpipe team were unable to show off their paces, due to the majority feeling very "poorly" after an inoculation. However it did not seem to hamper their dancing!

It is difficult to forecast our state next term. Half the Division will go on draft very early, when we lose 147 and 69 Classes, and P.O. Hider, P.O. Brown and Yeo. Haggar are also due for draft chits. The furtherance and maintenance of the "Divisional Spirit" will therefore be entrusted to the hands of you more junior Classes.

To you all, a very good Christmas and a happy leave.

D.E.W.



DRAKE DIVISION .303 SHOOTING TEAM.  
Winners .303 Shooting Competition.

Back Row—Nicholls, Pashley, Ldg. Boy Clarke, Ldg. Boy Johnson, Lafferty.  
Centre Row—Ldg. Boy Walker, P.O. Boy Porter, P.O. Boy Hannam, Elven.  
Front Row—Morrant, Corn. Gunner E. R. Monaghan, Ldg. Boy Barker.



DRAKE DIVISION PIPING TEAM.  
Winners Piping Competition and 1st and 2nd in Silver Call Competition.  
Back Row—Munro, Price, P.O. Boy Hannam, Gillies, P.O. Chambers, Fenton, Ldg.  
Boy Walker, Burke, Walker.  
Centre Row—Pashley, Hill, Ldg. Boy Aves, Robertson, Baker, Thomas.  
Front Row—Nicnolls, Warn, Butler.

# Duncan Divisional Notes

Divisional Officer: Lieutenant-Commander P. C. Carpenter, R.N.  
2nd, Divisional Officer: Commissioned Gunner D. G. Broom, R.N.



## **DUNCAN DIVISIONAL STAFF.**

Back Row—P.O. Swinhoe, P.O. Johnson, L/Sea. Drake, P.O. Hardy, P.O. Bromley.  
Front Row—C.P.O. H. Smith, Rev. Knight, Lt.-Cdr. Carpenter, Cd. Gnr. Broom,  
Inst.-Lt. Robertson.

My predecessor, Lieut. Baird, when "Turning over the Watch" to me at the end of last term, remarked that Duncan Division was suffering from a deep depression centred around the bottom of Benbow Lane. This depression was indeed most persistent.

**FIELD GUN.** A ray of sunshine appeared during the Field Gun Competition, when Duncan held the fastest time for the run—to be beaten at the last minute by Grenville. Injury to two of our team in the third run did not help, but our hopes during our fast practice runs were rather shaken. Hard luck, C.P.O. Smith, P.O. Bromley and the Crew.

**SWIMMING.** Aquatics do not seem to be our highlight this term. The Water Polo teams swam gallantly, but to no avail. We lack the skill and power to throw the ball. Further proof is evidenced by the fact that the "worn out" Staff beat the Boys' team 2-1.

The Swimming Gala caused much headache in the office, but we just managed to muster full teams to cover the distance without any boys wearing life belts. Hence, Duncan's position at the bottom of the list was no surprise.

**GUY FAWKES.** The Division came into the limelight on Guy Fawkes night with a quite well executed torch-light display. Thanks are due to the assistance and training of the P.T. & W.O.s. Mr. Cox's torches burned with colossal brilliance and no "flaming" boys resulted. The tin helmets and oilskins were reminiscent of Civil Defence volunteers looking for gas leaks.

**BOAT PULLING.** Ldg. Boy Sweet's crew did well to get into the finals, but we lack physical weight in the Division, which counts for much in Whaler Pulling.

**SOCCKER.** When Soccer stars are also the Rugger stars, it is difficult to make a compromise; this time, Rugger had the talent.

**RUGGER.** Our hopes soared as the Divisional Rugby League progressed, Duncan collecting two wins and two draws in rapid succession. Benbow pipped us by one point for our place in the final. However, it was a good result in view of our inexperience. Only three or four of the team had played the game before the beginning of this term. Congratulations to Ldg. Boys Linney and Davies on their award of "Ganges" Colours.

**BASKETBALL.** Having lost the backbone of the Basketball team early in the term, when 61 Class were drafted to "Indefatigable," we finished only 6th in the League table. The addition of 159 and 82 Classes to the Division, should improve our chances in this and other sports next term. Promising talent is already evident.



DUNCAN BOYS WHO HAVE REPRESENTED "GANGES" THIS TERM.

Back Row — L/B. Linney (Rugger), P.O. Boy Moon (Hockey), L/B. Davies (Rugger).  
Front Row — Boy Walton (Hockey), Boy W. G. Evans (Hockey), Boy McArthur (Shooting), Boy Hall (Soccer).

**BOXING.** The end of the semi-finals found us with four competitors to box in the finals. Of these, three were newcomers of 82 and 159 Classes. All did extremely well, Chapman, N. Walton and L. Smith winning their weights. Williams, who was out-reached throughout the competition, fought stubbornly and was just pipped on points. We tied as winners of the Divisional Belt with Blake and Drake. Laurels to P.O. Johnson, P.T.I., our trainer and second. Well done the boys who were knocked out of the competition in the heats, you all scored a point towards the winning total.

**HOCKEY.** The Knock-out Competition starts as we go to press. C.P.O. Smith fancies our chances, and as four of our team, Moon, N. Walton, R. Evans and Hemmings, play for "Ganges," we have hopes of success.

**SHOOTING.** A number of good shots have been discovered and the best eight from 82 and 159 Classes are representing "Ganges" in the Nore Command .22 Postal Competition.

**GENERAL.** Our marching is improving. It looks even better when our two "Jay Walkers" are excused Divisions!

The state of our Messes fluctuates, but we are slowly learning how to present a Mess for Saturday Rounds.

Our gardens have been planted with numerous bulbs and wallflowers, but as they are used as major highways by miserable boys, it is doubtful whether any flowers will materialise.

I think we can feel justified that our efforts are really pushing the Division further up the list; in fact the sun is beginning to shine again at the bottom of Benbow Lane!

Many thanks to Mr. Broom and the Instructors for assisting me over many hurdles during this, my first term.

A Merry Christmas to you all and a bright and successful New Year. Have a good leave and return brimming with enthusiasm "that we rough hewn may be fashioned more beautiful."

**P.C.C.**



"Monty". Drawn by Boy Walton

# Exmouth Divisional Notes

The Division is composed of the following:—

291/292 Class	P.O. Tel. Harvey and Yeo. Enders.
67 Class	P.O. Webster.
152 Class	C.P.O. M. Smith, G.I.
75 Class	P.O. Fraser, G.I.
252 Class	P.O. Tel. Lees.
272 Class	P.O. Tel Hagger.



## EXMOUTH DIVISIONAL STAFF.

Back Row — (Left to Right): P.O. Boy Weir, L/B. Ancliff, L/B. Goodliffe, L/B. Robertson, L/B. Jones, L/B. Primrose, L/B. Hammond, L/B. Snape, L/B. Williams, P.O. Boy Rowlatt.

Centre Row — (Left to Right): P.O. Tel. Harvey, P.O. Tel. Hagger, P.O. Tel. Lees, C.P.O. Smith, P.O. Fraser, P.O. Webster, Yeo. of Signals Enders.

Front Row — (Left to Right): Inst. Lt. Mant, Inst. Lt. Patterson, Inst. Lt. Wiggins, Lt.-Cdr. Ellison, Lt.-Cdr. Askwith, Mr. White, Inst. Lt. Pitt, Inst. Lt. Parry, Inst. Lt. Houghton.

We started the term by saying cheerio to 141 Class who, we hope, are now well settled down in the. Training Flotilla. They were a loss as far as the Division was concerned, and again we had to start from scratch for our teams.

Over the whole term we have not done very well but the main thing is that everyone taking part in competitions has done his best, or pretty well so. The main snag has been that we are fairly young on course. We hope, however, that next term we shall have the foundations of strong teams for all competitions.

On the credit side was a first class inspection by the Director of Naval Training, while we were head of the parade. We had high hopes of winning the Parade Efficiency Trophy, but despite long and sustained efforts, the guard just did not click, so down the ladder we fell.

In the Inter-Divisional Boxing competition we had quite high hopes, but what with boys eating too much duff and being over-weight, and others who had a

headache at the wrong time, we remained in place to hold the weight of the other Divisions up.

At the time of going to press there is only the Hockey Knock-out competition to redeem our honour, so we hope to record a win in the Stop Press notes.

In answer to the boy who asked how much the barber owes us, well that's a secret anyway.

In conclusion, we say farewell to Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. Askwith, thanking them for all the sound advice and big eats we have received from them, both in the Establishment and at No. 6, Bristol Hill. May their next commission be another happy one, as we hope this last one has been.

We welcomed our new Divisional Officer, Lieutenant Commander Ellison, on November 26th, direct from H.M.S. "Superb," where he had known some old Exmouths, and, we may add, that some of them have been selected as candidates, for Commissioned rank. So, if you take all the help and advice you get here, who knows, it may be your turn for promotion next. It is entirely up to yourselves.

On December 8th we say goodbye to the G.C. section of 291/292 Classes and also to 67 Class. It is hoped that, having received a sound foundation to their careers here in "Ganges," they will work hard when they go to sea. If they do this, they will find that the opportunities for promotion at the present time are better than ever before.

To conclude, we, the Divisional Officers and Instructors, hope you have a good leave, including lots of home cooking, and that you will return here ready to go flat out in all competitive games, etc.

A happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

J. E. WHITE, Cd. Bos'n. R.N.

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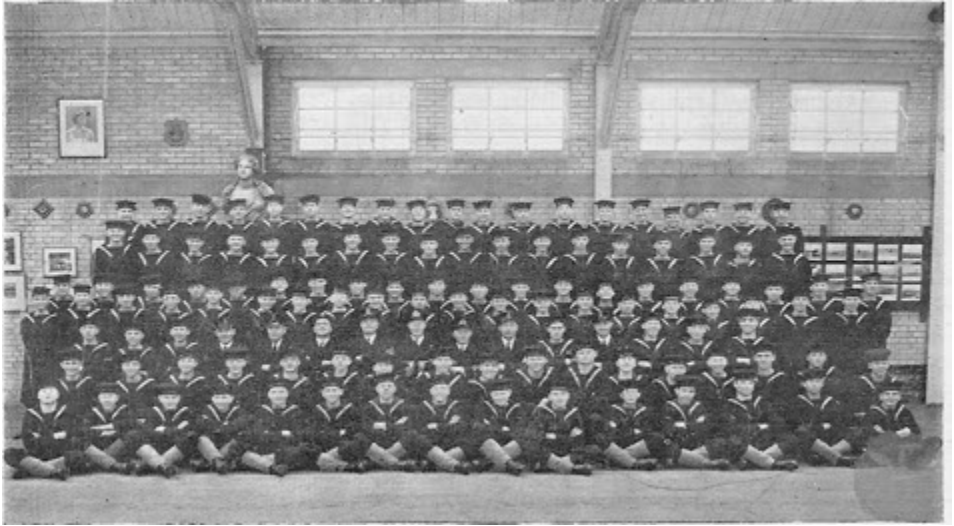


"The Village Forge."

*Drawn by Mr. H. F. Duncan, Commissioned Gunner, R.N.*

# Grenville Divisional Notes

Divisional Officer: Lieutenant Commander J. T. Gilhespy, R.N.  
2nd Divisional Officer: Mr. Sewell, Commissioned Gunner, R.N.



## **GRENVILLE DIVISION.**

Many of the old familiar faces are no longer with us this term, and it was with great reluctance that we lost C.P.O. Lawrence, P.O. Fellingham, Yeoman Myers and P.O. Robinson. We appreciate the work they did for the Division and wish them, together with 142, 60, 271/2 and 65 Classes, many happy commissions in the future.

Half way through the term, Mr. Quick left to do a course in H.M.S. "Excellent." We hope that he has a good appointment on completion. In lieu, we welcome Mr. Sewell, whose brother was Mr. Quick's predecessor.

In two main Divisional Events we are not doing so well this to m. In the Parade Efficiency Cup we are lying 6th. In the Commander's Cup we do not seem able to get out of bottom place. In the former, it is not surprising, as there have been so many changes during the term. In the latter, a much greater effort must be made.

We started the term's competitions well, in winning both the Field Gun Trophy and Cup. A fine effort due to hard work by the team and good training by P.O.s Powers and Robinson. We held our own in the Sailing at the beginning of the term and were 4th when it finished. Our next triumph was when 222 Class won the Junior WET Efficiency Competition.

The Swimming team did well when they came second to Rodney, only one point behind, despite the D.O. putting four boys in the Commander's Report at the wrong time. The next competition was the Whaler Regatta, and here we did not do so well. We had by then lost a lot of our stalwarts and the training programme was not adhered to as it should have been. The result was that only one boat got into the finals. They did well to come in 6th, equal with Duncan. Our final position was 8th, equal, also with Duncan.

Meanwhile the various leagues were in progress, and in these, although we did not come top, we did not do badly. In the Basketball league we came in third.



We also did well in the Football league, where we came second in the first league and fourth in the second league, this despite the fact that we have no players in the Establishment first team. Yeoman Suttle trained an enthusiastic Rugger team, if not entirely a skilful one. There have been two universal failings though, both of which cost us the only match that we lost. It is no use fly kicking in rugger, and tackling must be hard and low. Here again, we were second in our half of the league. There are now three players in the "Ganges" team.

The Water Polo league is not yet finished. At the time of writing these notes we are lying third in the first league and second in the second league. Our Shooting team came third in both events, and in the aggregate were well ahead of anyone else. Again the Divisional Officer gave three boys No. 11s at the wrong time. There should be a moral here somewhere.

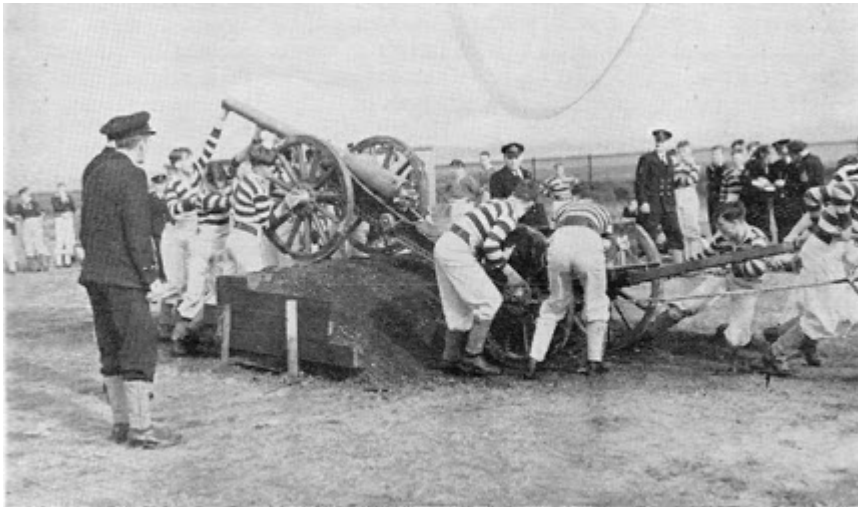
We felt the lack of weeks on course in the Piping and Heaving Line Competitions, where we came in eighth and sixth respectively, this despite a lot of hard work by P.O. Holdstock.

Finally there has been the Boxing, in which we came sixth. A very good show was put up by all boxers, especially the finalists, who, although they lost their fights, fought gamely.

There have been the usual Divisional activities in which all Messes have taken part with a will. At present there is a Football league in progress, and providing it does not rain on any more of our games' days, and there are no more burst footballs, we should complete it. If there is time, a Knock-out Rugger competition will be organised. In the Messes, Gipsy and Greyhound are now boots, and Griffin and Garland are struggling for the honour of being the cleanest Mess.

It is with a certain amount of confidence that we can look forward to next term; there will be no drafting and those that are Nozzers this term will have settled. If the same spirit is shown as during this term, we should do well. The past term has not been without its triumphs and if we have not done well in all things, the will has been there. There have been those that have not pulled their weight, let's hope that they come off leave with better ideas. For all, I wish a good leave, a happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

J.T.G.



Grenville Field Gun's Crew, "Over the wall,"

# Hawke Divisional Notes

Divisional Officer: Lieutenant Commander R. T. Wilson, R.N.

2nd Divisional Officer: Commissioned Gunner W. E. Gallic, R.N.



## HAWKE DIVISIONAL STAFF.

Back Row—Left to Right. A/L/Boy Boast, A/L/Boy Turner; L/Boy Gregory; P.O. Boy Pam; L/Boy Gatty; A/L/Boy Woolard; A/L/Boy Hergest; L/Boy Russell; P.O. Boy Haines.

Centre Row—Yeo. Penson; P.O. Page; C.P.O. Tel. Taylor; P.O. Pollock; P.O. Gooch; P.O. Earey; C.P.O. Hedges.

Front Row:—Instr. Lt. Richards; Cd. Gnr. Gallic; Lt. Cdr. Wilson; Instr. Lt. Flacon.

GENERAL. For the first 10 weeks of the term our numbers were down to about 90. The arrival of 161 and 84 Classes from the Annexe, on the 10th November, and the retention of 145 Class for two extra weeks after their original draft date, raised Hawke to the unprecedented strength of 131. As these notes are being written, 145 Class is preparing to join H.M.S. "Wrangler."

Hawke has had a bad time in competitions, but we achieved second place in the Basketball league and the Piping competition, and having led in the Parade Efficiency most of the term, we now lie second by half a point. 202 Class is to be congratulated on winning the Senior W/T Efficiency Cup. The prospects for the Hockey league are bright, for Hawke's XI. played the Rest of "Ganges" and lost by only 2-3 in a fiercely contested game. Perhaps the Hockey team will be able to win something to join the Clew and W/T Cup in the Trophy case.

ST. GEORGE'S PRIZE. Instructor Boy Forsey is to be congratulated on winning the St. George's prize competition for the best all round boy of the Summer term.

145 Class Prizewinners:—

Seamanship ...	Boy Giggins
Gunnery, Gymnasium ...	P.O. Boy Haines.
Religious Knowledge ...	Ldg. Boy Gatty.

SPORT. Hawke's not very edifying results are shown under the various sports notes.

Nine Hawke Boys travelled to H.M.S. "St. Vincent" to represent "Ganges", and the following Hawke boys have represented "Ganges."

Soccer: 1st XI...	... McDonnell	Hardy
2nd XI.	Peaurt	Hardy
	Mason	Hardy
Rugby ...	L/B. Gregory	Hotspur
Basketball	... Wight	Hardy
	Medhurst	Havoc
	Cornish	Hotspur
	Greenwood	Hardy
Hockey 1st XI. ...	L/B. Mealing	Havoc
	Bowing	Hotspur
	L/B. Turner	Hotspur
	Neville	Havoc
	Lunge	Havoc
2nd XI	Weston	Hotspur

BOXING. Jeffray (Hardy) won in his weight (light-weight) after a series of good fights. McMahon (Hotspur) (mosquito weight) was beaten in his second light but was awarded the Good Losers' Medal.

R.T.W.

## Reduction in the Consumption of M/T Petrol

Captain, Ship Excellent, Portsmouth.

With reference to your signal, there is nothing laid down in the Admiralty instructions as regards naval officers in charge of a battalion of seamen riding.

Their Lordships have hitherto left it to the discretion of the officers themselves whether they ride or walk, and it was hoped that naval officers would not ride unless they were capable of withstanding the cup and ball motion which is so closely connected with. equestrian exercise.

The only instructions issued here, with regard to equestrian drill, are that rolling and pitching should be avoided as much as possible, the animal's way should be checked when rounding corners, and extreme deflection never applied except at slow speeds; in mounting and dismounting the port side only is used, and spurs are not to be used to hold on by.

If not under control four red lights need not be hoisted; placing the hand behind the back is sufficient warning to the next astern not to close.

The animal is steered in the same way as a boat with a yoke, except, whereas in a boat the yoke is at the stern, with a horse it is in the bows. The yoke lines are called reins.

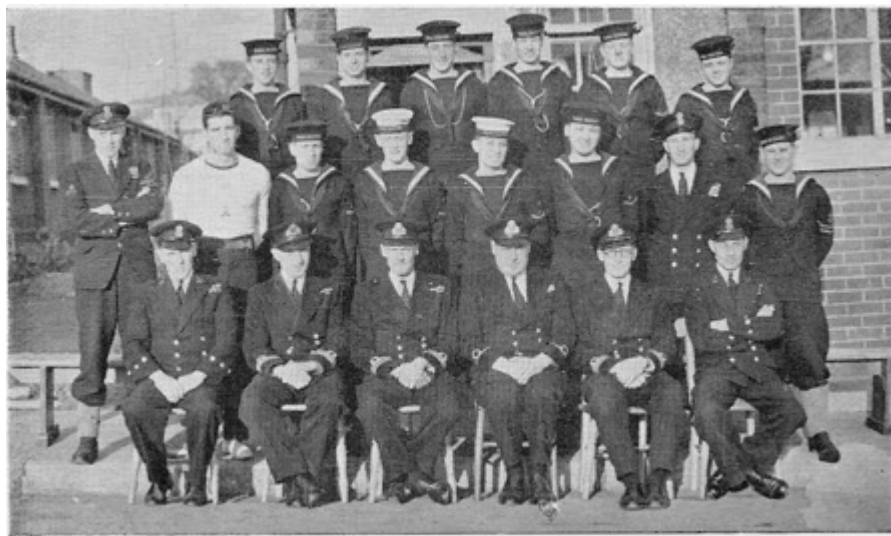
The initial velocity of the animal depends upon the mark and upon the food given. If it is a good mark and much food has been given, great care must be exercised by the naval officer in getting into the saddle.

Admiralty Instructions Relative to Horses,  
Issued February, 1904.

## Rodney Divisional Notes

Divisional Officer: Lieutenant P. H. Owen, R.N.

2nd Divisional Officer: Commissioned Gunner T. R. Farrow, R.N.



### RODNEY DIVISIONAL STAFF.

Back Row — (Left to Right): L/B. Hales, L/B. Chetwynd, L/B. Paris, L/B. Smy, L/B. Harris, P.O. Boy Northard.

Second Row — (Left to Right): Yeo. Anderson, P.T.I. Francis, P.O. Boy Rolfe, Inst. Boy Nightingale, Inst. Boy Bowers, P.O. Boy Giles, P.O. Wright, L/Sea. Mitchell.

Front Row — (Left to Right): C.P.O. Cubitt; Inst. Lt. Culver, Lt. Owen, Cd. Gunner Farrow, Inst. Lt. Nix, C.P.O. Tel. Moir.

I think the term has been chiefly notable for the comparative ease with which we exchanged most of our talent in the form of 143, 273, 64 and 284 Classes for an almost equal number of Nozzers. The degree of continuity achieved reflects great credit' on the Instructors and, to a lesser extent, on 231 and 232 Classes, who have done a lot to maintain our standards and help the Nozzers settle in.

In the competitions we have not succeeded in adding much to our trophy case, but, perhaps more important with our changing population, we have managed to stay in the top half of most of them. The Field Gun's crew, under P.O. De La Rue, put up a very sound performance by coming 4th — although we were all a bit shaken to see gun and limber left wheels run over Instructor Boy Bowers. Next, 231 Class distinguished themselves by winning the V/S Efficiency competition by a very satisfactory margin. The following week we at last managed to win the Swimming Gala, after being second for so many terms — this was a very good team effort involving most of the Division and including many Nozzers. In the enthusiasm of the gala we almost forgot to send the Piping Party next day; however, as always, C.P.O. Cubitt came to the rescue and we were 5th, there being little to choose between us and the three teams above us. We were also 5th in the Heaving Line competition.

All our crews gave of their best and pulled quite well in the regatta, but the credit must go to "D" crew for getting us 4th place. This crew pulled really well and was the only one to offer serious competition to Benbow's excellent team.