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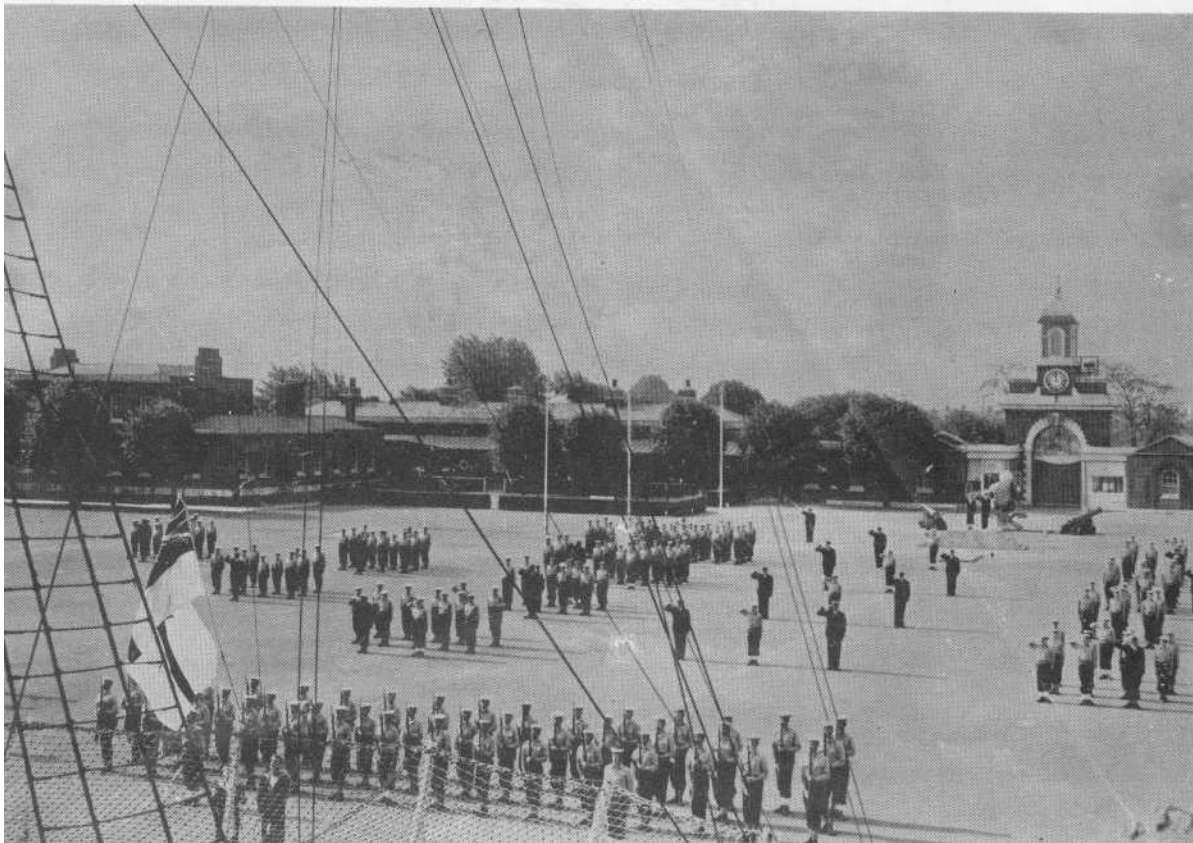
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An unusual view of Daily Divisions

EDITORIAL

We were sorry to hear earlier this term that the detachment of Royal Marines will be shortly leaving *St. Vincent* to help form a new Commando. Although wishing them well in their new task we are sad that such an historic link between the Marines and H.M.S. *Vincent* should be partially severed. Forton Barracks, for so long the home of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, will not be the same without them. The band is to stay on, however, so some of our traditional ties remain.

Another link with the past is to be broken this term. "Ben the Tailor" is retiring after having spent some fifty years connected With *St. Vincent*. As a tribute to the service he has rendered we have chosen Ben for our "personality" article this term. Our best wishes are extended to him in his retirement.

DIVISIONAL NOTES

ANSON

When I joined *St. Vincent* early this term my predecessor, Lieut. Loughnan, mentioned that a magazine contribution was due shortly after mid-term. My intention was to start a magazine pack and collect ideas and material as the term progressed; however, the time has come, the Editor is clamouring for contributions and there is nothing in the pack. This term, with its numerous activities has passed all too quickly.

I came here with very little knowledge of what went on in *St. Vincent*. My previous impression of this Establishment were confined to hearing the Bugle Band as I passed the gates and a short visit some ten years ago to attend (as a candidate) a Fleet Selection Board held in the Captain's Office.

I was very lucky to have, for part of this term, a second Divisional Officer, Sub/Lieut. Parry, from whose help and knowledge I derived great benefit.

The notable success for ANSON this term was the inter-Divisional Athletics. As a result many of our Division competed in the Quadrangular Sports at *Ganges*, although results obtained there were a little disappointing. Special mention must be made of some of our stars. Herskowitz of 351 Class broke establishment records for the Hurdles, Long Jump, and Hop, Step and Jump. Borst of 407 Class won the Discus with a throw of 121 ft., he had never thrown a discus before he joined *St. Vincent*. Briers of 351 Class took first place in the High Jump, and Graham of 360 Class came first in the shot. Ellis of 403 Class has made a name as a very good all round athlete and won the Steeplechase and the 880 Yards. Pedder and Thompson both won their respective

sprints and Clark and Lydiatt came first and second in the Pole Vault.

The Tug-of-War team under the able coaching of C.P.O. Martin did well to beat BLAKE in the finals. Those early morning lifts in the cemetery were not in vain. Light relief on Sports Day was provided by the Queen's Messenger, Boat and Obstacle Races. Hill of 396 finally made it over the greasy pole after several determined attempts.

We did not do so well in the Aquatic Sports, but Foley, Ellis, Rice, and Wood put up good performances.

Black mark this term for sailing - we are still at the bottom. Let's have more volunteers for coxswains from the Junior Class, I have hopes that 403 Class may provide something in this direction.

Still to come this term are the cricket and whaler pulling competitions. We hold the cricket shield at the moment so make sure we retain it. P.O. Hartung for 403 Class is in the pulling.

With the introduction of the new Divisional system we said good-bye to Sub/Lieut. Parry who went to *Excellent* for the long "G" course. He will no doubt visit us occasionally and keep in touch with ANSON. We welcome Instructor Lieut. Elliott as Deputy D.O., he will be seen on Sunday Divisions when the D.O. takes his very occasional long week-end.

C.P.O. Basher and P.O. Preston have left us this term and shortly we say good-bye to C.P.O. Aird and P.O. Hartung.

Congratulations to Rose of 340 Class and Bullingham of 360 Class on passing for Artificer Apprentices. May they remember what has been taught at *St. Vincent* and set a high standard at *Fisgard*.



Hill Versus The Greasy Pole



Herskowitz - Hurdles Winner

Next term will see the start of the games season. We won the rugger cup after a hard victory over BLAKE at the end of last term. Enjoy your leave and come back ready to work and play hard. I'm sure

there is plenty of hidden sporting talent amongst the junior classes so let's go flat out next term to fill the trophy case.
J.G.



Anson Tug of War Team



Briers - High Jump

Borst - 407 Class - Discus



BLAKE

The wind of change has blown since the last edition of our Divisional Notes. However, it has barely borne strength, for the retiring Divisional Officer, Lieut. Commander J. P. T. Torr, has merely moved seat to the Training Office, and the retiring 2nd Divisional Officer, Sub/Lieut. J. Duncan, has assumed the post of Assistant Seamanship Officer. Both have left the Division with the sincere gratitude of all for their long and arduous labours to put the Battling Blakes at the top. It was only fitting that both were presented with "Pots" before their departures. At the same time we have welcomed this term our new D.O., Lieut. Commander J. H. Neill, Who came to us direct from H.M.S. *Whitby*. Soon after arrival he gave assurance that he had familiarised himself with most faces within the Division - some more often than others.

As to the fortunes of the Division since the latter part of the Lent term, there is a variety to report. Overall we have achieved a high degree of success. The end of last term witnessed victories in inter-Divisional activities which we have rarely bettered. The Soccer Cup, Water Polo Cup, and Aggregate Trophy, all became our proud possessions. Moreover, even the "Wooden Spoon" could not escape a place of honour on our mess deck. Everyone is to be congratulated for a fine team effort. It is hoped that we conclude this term in similar manner.



*The New Divisional Officer
Lt-Cdr. H.I. Neill, R.N.*



C-in-C inspects 401 Dormitory

At the time of writing, activities are moving towards the customary climax with the Pulling Regatta, inter-Divisional Cricket and Water Polo Leagues still to be completed. Already this Summer Term we have won the inter-Class Shooting. Hearty congratulations must be offered to 378, 373 and 390, who secured the first three places respectively in the competition. Special mention must also be made of Lonsdale (373) and Baldwin (390) for a grand effort in achieving the most outstanding individual scores - even higher than the trophy winners of last term. In the Aquatics we did not achieve such success. Unfortunately, in spite of a bold effort, we were unable to gain a first position. Our most noteworthy effort was in gaining second place in the 30 x 75 Yards Relay. Perhaps it would be worthwhile if everyone made the effort to take their swimming costumes on summer leave.

Sports Day proved to be a pleasing success. After a period of fairly hard training and in a very competitive field, we finally finished 2nd to ANSON, closely followed by HAWKE. Though there were excellent individual performances by certain members of our Division especially Baldwin (390) in the Hammer, Weston (361) in the Javelin and Whitlow (361) in the 440 Yards, the most impressive performances came from our two teams in the ½ Mile Medley Relay and the 48 x 110 Yards Relay. The latter particularly showed the significance and importance of teammanship and the need for training and practice. Well done to all those involved.

Providing that we bring this term to a close performing as a team, there is no reason why we should not be very close to maintaining possession of the Aggregate Trophy for yet another term. It would certainly be disappointing to see a gap in the display cabinet.

Prospects for the cricket seem very reasonable. Much depends upon the enthusiasm shown in the field. Already the team has performed well on two occasions, managing to gain victory over a strong Divisional staff team reputed to be at full strength (in what respect, I'm not sure) and just having victory snatched from their hands at the expense of a Newtown Colt's XI. Congratulations must go to Wilson (361) and Cook (390) on playing for most of the season in the Establishment Ist XI. Special mention must be made too of Musgrove (361) for the enthusiastic way in which he has captained the side. He must also be congratulated on gaining his Establishment cricket colours.

Preparation for the Pulling Regatta and Water Polo League is progressing reasonably well, and it is hoped that the people concerned gain full reward for the work put in. All that is expected is that everyone gives of his best.

In the inter-Class activities that have taken place