

the very tone of the Chief Petty Officer's Call and the thunderous look on his face. Two Juniors who came with me on this trip were heard to comment that if they had to qualify in Call and Chain on board that ship then they would spend their whole career under training.

Having spent the last thirty days at sea coming across the Atlantic, we did not ask our guests to spend too much time showing us how efficiently they handled their lovely ship. After an hour of impressive ship handling and well-disciplined manoeuvres by the crew the ship prepared to enter harbour. The customary salutes and marks of respect were paid and eventually the ship berthed at South Railway Jetty to commence her week's stay.

Although very few of the crew spoke English there was little difficulty in finding willing helpers for the entertainment of our guests. A cocktail party and supper was given by the Wardroom while the Junior Ratings of the Spanish ship were entertained ashore by the Portsmouth Hispanic Society. The Chief Petty Officers held a Social Evening for the Spanish Senior N.C.O's: the entertainment delighted the Spaniards immensely and they told me afterwards that they considered it had been the "best run ashore of the commission". Well done the Chief Petty Officers!

Our Royal Marines Band did much to improve Anglo-Spanish relations by losing a football match 3-2 to the Spanish Marine Band. When I first mentioned the challenge to the Spaniards I was greeted by long faces and murmurs which included words like "... siesta ... fundador ... senhorias ..." and obvious references to middle-aged spreads that were becoming obvious day by day. However, elderly

though they were the, Spanish Marine Band agreed to play when I promised they could use substitutes and that there was a barrel of beer to be consumed afterwards. As a result of the match the Band are expecting to be transferred to the Diplomatic Corps.

During the week an easy routine was worked on board after the strenuous crossing of the Atlantic with everyone in three watches but quite often in two during rough weather. Many outside visits were arranged. These included trips to London, the Royal Tournament, Brickwoods Brewery, Southampton and many private invitations from local people.

I spent most of this week in the *Elcano* and spoke to many of our guests. They were unanimous in their views that the visit had been a great success and very popular with the crew. As the farewells were said the crew began to remove their shoes and prepare to leave the harbour under full sail, a sight we all longed to see. However, the weather was unkind and there was insufficient wind for the *Juan Sebastian de Elcano* to get out of harbour without using her diesel. This latter has no power astern and therefore it was not possible to use sail and steam in restricted waters. Let us hope that next time she visits Portsmouth the *Elcano* will be able to enter harbour under sail and show us again what a beautiful sight she is.

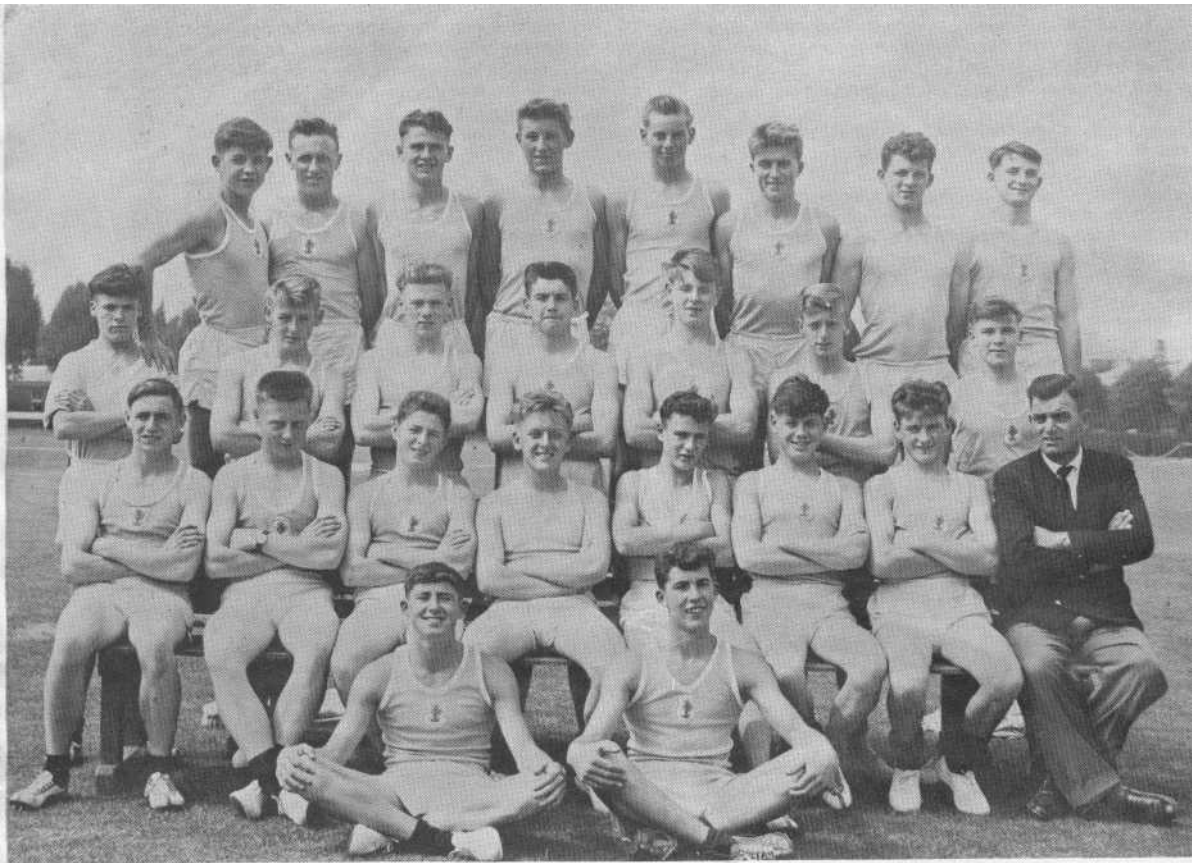
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#### *Postscript*

To prevent any discussions becoming arguments, *Juan Sebastian de Elcano* was the first man to circumnavigate the world. He set off with Magellan in 1519 with five ships and 237 men. Magellan did not survive the round trip and in 1522 Elcano completed the circuit with eighteen men remaining alive and only one ship afloat.



*L/S Speake (extreme right) winning the open 100 yards.*



*St. Vincent Team v Aborfield*

## ATHLETICS

The term started with plenty of athletic dreams, but perhaps one should say "hopeful" athletic dreams of a "Four-minute Mile", a Divisional Officer's 9-second 100 Yards followed closely by a "Yogi Bear" 440 Yards.

However, for the first fortnight every Division was busily sorting their latent talent with numerous spies "posed like vultures" to pounce on their "kill" for any potential Olympic athletes. With only a fortnight of the term spent, a potential Junior athletic team was on paper and our first encounter was a meeting with Gosport Athletic Club on 23rd May. This match was looked upon as a trial because insufficient competitors turned up for the opposition. But, nevertheless, it was an eye opener for things to come, even though some results were not outstanding. Having "blooded" many athletes into competition, a contingent was entered for the first part of the County Amateur Athletic Association Youth Championships at Pitt Street on 27th May. Events entered were two Relays, Pole Vault, Hammer, and Steeplechase. Perhaps at the time one was being ambitious by entering, knowing that most of the Youth entries would be the cream from well-known Hampshire clubs. The results attained were very encouraging, and also gave the competitors a foresight of what was expected in future events. Juniors Lydiatt and Clark of ANSON Division did very well in gaining 2nd and 3rd place respectively in the Pole Vault event by jumping 9 feet, thereby qualifying for the A.A.A.

Standard Grade III Award and County Medal. Both competitors had done very little at this event before joining the Royal Navy except for jumping a stream with a pole. Junior Williams, also of ANSON Division, gained 2nd position in the Youth Hammer event. This was an encouraging performance considering this was his first attempt in competitive throwing. Our "A" and "B" Relay Teams were really up against good opposition, and the "A" Team finished 5th and the "B" Team was disqualified for the baton change. Junior Ellis, a New Entry at the time, entered for the Mile Steeplechase and finished 5th - his first ever steeplechase! The experience and competition gained was worthwhile and showed that our athletes had a long way to go and to this end hard training was the only answer for even better results.

The following Tuesday, 30th May, about thirty competitors journeyed to Seaford College, Petworth, Sussex. Here, once again, we met stiff opposition. Seaford College proved too good for our team and the result was overwhelming as can be seen - 74½ points to 29½ points. We were not disheartened, in fact, it was pleasing to see our competitors fighting hard against their opponents and vowing that in the return fixture at *St. Vincent* we would "fix" them. Having already met in the return fixture perhaps one should add that we "tried to fix them", but more about that later.

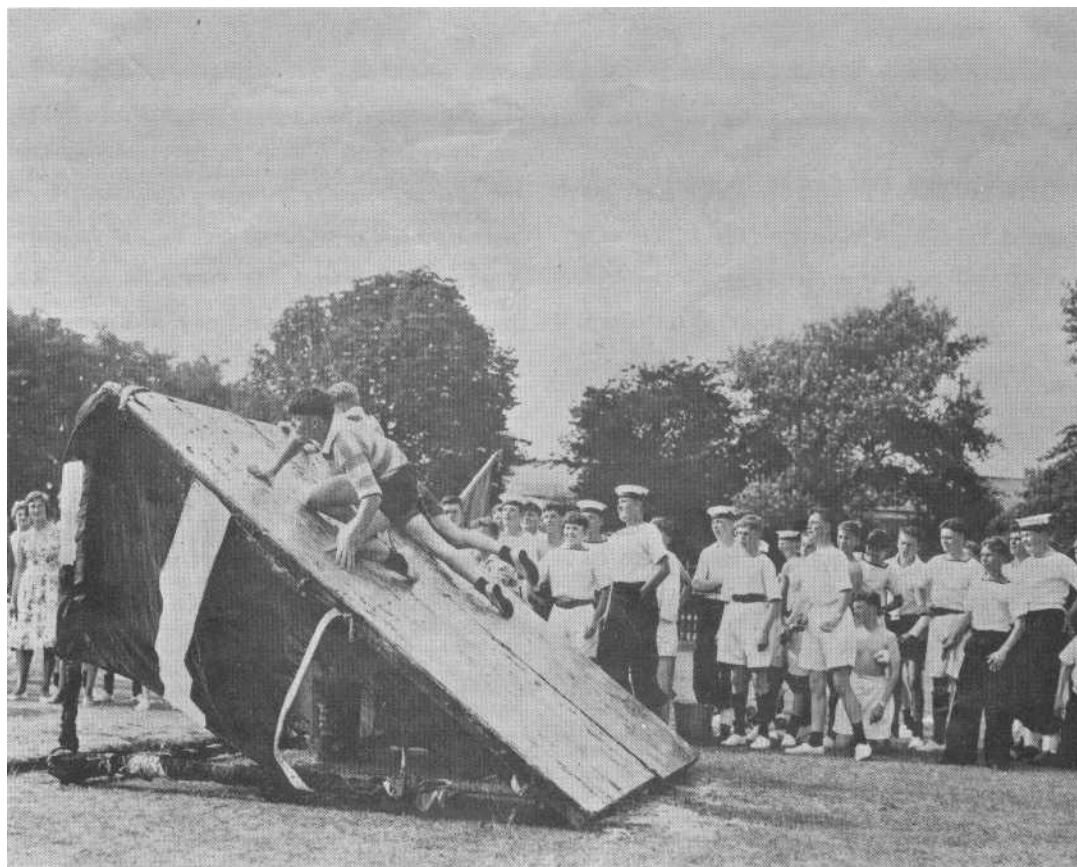
Our next engagement took twenty Juniors in the team to Southampton on Saturday, 10th June, for the Hampshire County Youth Championships, which

included all running, jumping and field events. Our team did very well indeed and the marked improvement on past performances stood out well, and at long last the team was taking shape. In spite of the damp, cold and miserable weather, and the exceptionally high standard of competition, Briers of ANSON Division gained 3rd place in the High Jump - 5 ft. 3 in. - qualifying for the A.A.A. Standard Grade III Award and County Medal. Weston (BLAKE) won the Javelin event - 152 ft. Considering that the event was thrown *into* the wind, this was a fine performance which gained him his County Medal. It would be extremely wrong not to mention the other competitors in the hurdles, sprints and middle distances, and throwing events. Their performances were good and experience by their fellow compatriots **did not belittle them.** Our hopes for the future were high, and already thoughts were being turned to the Quadrangular and wondering how our rivals were faring in their bid for supremacy.

During the latter half of June, each Division held its own Sports Day in preparation for the inter-Divisional Competition on 1st July. From the results it appeared that most of the "gladiators" had already been earmarked and judging by the amount of "nutty" that they collected in prizes one had visions of too many "bilious events", especially with mid-term week-end looming in the distance. However, all was well because the day following the return from mid-term our Athletic Team went to meet Gosport Grammar School at their School. This fixture is a valuable one from the point of view of producing a

team which consists of two sections, thereby not only giving the 1st and 2nd strings competition but also the 3rd and 4th strings. The evening ran very smoothly and most competitors produced good results, and even though our "A" Section lost by a few points the overall result went in favour of H.M.S. *St. Vincent* by 10 points. *St. Vincent*, 114 points; Gosport Grammar School, 104 points.

Promptly at 2 p.m. on Saturday, 1st July, the inter-Divisional Sports Day commenced. Preliminary heats having been held for the Tug-of-War and the final of the Hammer event on the previous Thursday evening, the points position of the four Divisions stood at BLAKE 14, ANSON 11, HAWKE 8 and DUNCAN 3. Well, who were favourites? There was much speculation as to whether DUNCAN were going to remain the holders of the inter-Divisional Athletics Trophy - could BLAKE add to their trophy winning run - could ANSON or HAWKE fill the "vacant freehold plots" in their trophy cases? The programme of events for the first half of the afternoon consisted mostly of the Track, Field and Jumping events which counted for points, together with the Queen's Messenger Race, Boat Race, Instructors Race, New Entries Relay and Establishment 100 Yards, 220 Yards, and Establishment Relay, because they are always good value to watch. After the first four events ANSON began to pull away from the remainder with HAWKE and BLAKE battling it out for 2nd and 3rd place. As the results of each event came in it was hoped that the "Dark Horses" would begin to appear, but alas only in the Discus event did an outsider emerge. His name was quickly noted, and



*One of the 'Obstacles'*



*Herskowitz - 351 - receiving the Athletic cup from Mrs M.N. Tuffnell*

so the "drag net" had closed and the *St. Vincent* Athletic Team was more or less "as you were". It would be too difficult to write about each event and competitor, but over all the competition was keenly contested and everyone gave of his best. There were very few Sports Day records broken, but Herskowitz (ANSON) must be congratulated and his fine performances in breaking *St. Vincent* Sports Day records of the Hop, Step and Jump (39 ft. 10 in.), Long Jump (18 ft. 44 in.) and 110 Yards Hurdles (15'4 seconds) are worthy of praise. Also Clarke (ANSON) in equalling the Pole Vault record (8 ft. 9 in.) and Whitlow (BLAKE) in equalling the 440 Yards record (56 seconds).

With only the Pole Vault, 110 Yards Hurdles, ½ Mile Medley Relay, Tug-of-War final and the 48 x 110 Yards Relay events left to count for points after tea, ANSON Division had secured a 30 point lead over HAWKE and BLAKE, who were still fighting it out for 2nd and 3rd places with DUNCAN trailing in the 4th place.

Just before the tea interval we saw the small boys and little girls races which always delight the spectators by their enthusiasm to "have a go", including the parents who try to "jockey their fledglings" into a good starting position - even this all adds to the fun. Perhaps the serious event of the afternoon was the Civilian Employees Handicap. Mr. Christmas, the champion for many years (because he has been the only entrant) managed to finish the course having been waylaid *en route* and carried 30 yards of the distance by stretcher in case he ran out of puff. His unofficial time cannot be recorded.

After tea the Juniors were able to see the "Dads" Race, Ladies Egg and Spoon Race (the four minute

egg record being broken as funnily enough not one egg could be found after the race - perhaps they wet. "runny" eggs?). Also, the Divisional Officers Race winner had been forecasted strictly on form as the winner had been seen training early in the mornings, and the Veterans Race which ended with the Captain just pipping C.P.O. Poat at the post. But, back to the Juniors. The 110 Yard Hurdles, Tug-of-War and Pole Vault had now been completed leaving just the ½ Mile Medley Relay (which unfortunately had to be re-raced) and 48 x 110 Yards Relay. ANSON Division were well established in the lead, 40 points separated them from BLAKE who were still battling with HAWKE and only 2½ points separated these two - DUNCAN were still trailing in 4th place. With the last two events to go, it was obvious that ANSON couldn't be beaten, and so the interest had focussed on 2nd and 3rd place, and even after the re-race of the ½ Mile Medley Relay, BLAKE and HAWKE were still battling and the final event (48 x 110 Yard Relay) was the deciding factor. So ended another inter-Divisional Athletic Competition and Sports Day with ANSON 221½ points, BLAKE 191 points, HAWKE 176: points and DUNCAN 110 points. An exciting and pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. Tuffnell then kindly presented the prizes and inter-Divisional Aggregate Cup to J.E.M. Herskowitz (ANSON), and the Mile Trophy to J.E.M. C. Mack (HAWKE). The weather was perfect and everything went very smoothly - well done all the competitors for providing such a feast of good and keen sportsmanship.

With Sports Day behind us the emphasis was put on training in preparation for the R.N. Youth Championships and Quadrangular meeting scheduled

for 15th July at H.M.S. *Ganges*. Several opportunities were taken to use the Pitt Street track which gave all competitors the chance to run on a cinder track before going to *Ganges*, and also to be given expert coaching in techniques for the various events.

On 11th July H.M.S. *St. Vincent* entertained Seaford College and Gosport Grammar School to a triangular athletics meeting at Forton. With two competitors resting because of injuries the remainder of the teams and reserves did their final work-out. Improvements were noticed in all Track and Field events and the meeting was closely contested with Seaford College not getting the "fixing" as promised earlier in the article, but everyone did jolly well as the final placings show: Seaford College 104, *St. Vincent* 91, Gosport Grammar School 80. With just three days to go, every competitor was just "raring" to go, and was looking forward to the championships.

So on Thursday, 13th July at 4.30 p.m. twenty-two athletes together with the remainder of the Quadrangular teams journeyed by coach to *Ganges*. The trip went well until one coach had a puncture and the whole party was delayed for an hour, and a tired party arrived at *Ganges* in the small hours of the morning. Only light training took place on the next day with Herskowitz (ANSON) and Bennelick (HAWKE) qualifying for the finals of the 110 Yards Hurdles heats which were held on the Friday afternoon. The other Quadrangular sports team had had a lean time in the various battles and every hope was placed on the athletes to do well in the R.N. Youth Athletic Championships and Quadrangular. So on Saturday afternoon our team was ready to go, having spent most of the morning getting rid of the feathers that fluttered down on them during Friday night. Looking back, perhaps our "feathered turkeys" selected that particular evening to moult just for a hazard.

The head wind (medium to slight) against the 110 Yards Hurdles, 110 Yards, Long and Triple Jumps did not make ideal conditions but, however, it was the same for everyone. In the 110 Yards Hurdles final Herskowitz (ANSON) 2nd qualified along with the first four in that event for the A.A.A. Standard Grade III Award. The 100 Yards and 220 Yards saw Thomson (ANSON) just beaten into second place in both events by Junior Marine Brown (R.M. Deal). Both competitors qualified for the A.A.A. Standard Grade III 220 Yards Award. In the 440 Yards Whitlow (BLAKE) was placed 3rd, and Muir (ANSON) was placed 3rd in the 880 Yards event. C. Mack (HAWKE) had a tough and exciting race in the 1 Mile when he was just beaten into 2nd place by Dale (*Ganges* Individual), just 0.8 seconds separated them. Whilst the track events were taking place the Throws and Jumps were also being held, and although the "grapevine" suggested that *Ganges* were strong in both these sections, they were given rather a surprise by the *St. Vincent* throwers and jumpers. Briers (ANSON) 1st in the High Jump, 5 ft. 1 in.; Claydon (ANSON) 1st in the Long Jump, 17 ft. 7½ in.; Herskowitz (ANSON) 1st in the Hop, Step and Jump, 36 ft. 5 in. - all did extremely well to win their events. Again Herskowitz qualified for the A.A.A. Grade III Standard Award.

As the Championships were progressing H.M.S. *St. Vincent* were slightly leading H.M.S. *Ganges* and R.M. Deal, but competition was extremely keen and it was anyone's Championship. In the Pole Vault, Clarke (ANSON) finished 3rd (9 ft. 9 in.) - he also qualified for the A.A.A. Standard Grade III Award. Williams (ANSON) did extremely well in gaining 2nd place in the Hammer event, his distance of 112 ft. 8½ in. was his best ever throw - he also qualified for

the A.A.A. Standard Grade III Award. Incidentally Brough (*Ganges*) won the event with a throw of 176 ft. 9 in. and set up a new record. Weston (BLAKE) also did well in the Javelin event by being placed 2nd, 138 ft. 7½ in., he also gained the A.A.A. Standard Grade III Award. In the Weight and Discus we had rather a set-back, the standard was extremely high in these events and Graham (ANSON) and Borst (ANSON) were placed 6th. However, they both did well and it was very unfortunate for them as *St. Vincent* were in the lead for the Championship prior to these events, but our rivals *Ganges* and Deal were then overhauling us in the points race. In the final event, 1,500 Metres Steeplechase, Ellis (ANSON) won in fine style by leading the whole way, his time of 4 minutes 53.8 seconds was his best this season. The winning of this event was not sufficient to clinch the Championship, but it was a very close shave for the final positions were *Ganges* 73, Royal Marines 71, *St. Vincent* 70, *Fisgard* 47, *Dryad* 18.

But congratulations to the *St. Vincent* team and individuals for their fine efforts, and perhaps with a little more of "Lady Luck" on our side it could have been an even closer finish.

It has been hard work throughout the season for everyone who has taken part and the team spirit and sportsmanship has always prevailed. Well done!

Our last fixture will be with Arborfield Army Apprentices School at Forton on Saturday, 22nd July, but the magazine will have gone to press, so we must once again wish the team well. B.C.K.

## CRICKET

Following daily searches in the nets and three trial matches, the season opened on the third Saturday of term with fixtures against Bembridge School. We were fortunate in having Howard and Plumb (H.313) of last year's team to captain the two teams in the first trial match and indeed it was a luxury to have Howard with us to captain the 1st XI in the opening fixture. However, we were soon looking for a team captain, for 31 Entry were to leave the Establishment on the morning of our second fixture, and that took the last of the established players from the 1960 season. It is not surprising that we lose so many of our early fixtures for we play opponents who have been playing together for two, three or even four years and who have had coaching during most of that time.

Nevertheless, we have met with some success and to date have experienced a most enjoyable season. As we go to press, the 1st XI have played thirteen games, winning three of them and drawing two. The 2nd XI have played nine games, winning five of them and drawing two. We have lost some very exciting games with extremely close finishes as in the case of the 2nd XI game with St. John's College Where We lost by 1 run and the 1st XI game with H.M.S. *Fisgard*, where *Fisgard* scored their winning run with next to the last ball of the day. Our bowling and fielding have been quite good and steady and our batting, if patchy at times, most encouraging. The "running between wickets" and "calling" needs to be improved for many is the occasion where we have lost valuable runs.

## TEAM

MUSGROVE, S. P. (B.361) Captain.

An attacking batsman who could score lots of runs if only he would show more patience. As a captain he has shown the right qualities and led his team with enthusiasm.



**Williams A.340 and Patterson H.330. 1st XI openers.**

JONES, D. (H.370).

A wicket-keeper who has improved with every game. He has a safe pair of hands and has stumped several players off slow bowlers. He has the making of a useful bat and has been the most consistent batsman in the side.

WILLIAMS, N. D. (A.340).

Started the season in the 2nd XI but has now established himself as an opening bat. A keen and alert fielder.

PATTERSON, H. (H.330).

A stylist with a good "straight bat" defence. His scoring strokes will improve with time. A useful off-break bowler who is not afraid to give the ball plenty of air.

EDNEY, R. J. (A.376).

A good medium pace bowler who, when he remembers to pitch the ball up, gets plenty of wickets. He has the makings of a useful bat but must learn to play a good length ball on his leg-stump. A good fielder.

WILSON, D. C. (B.361).

A promising left-hand bat but has still to prove that he can score runs. Although potentially good, his fielding needs attention.

DAY, A. G. (H.356).

A useful steady slow leg-break bowler, not afraid to pitch the ball up to the batsman. His fielding is good and his batting showing improvement.

FRENCH, R. W. (D.343).

A very useful all-rounder. An attacking batsman who is not afraid to hit a loose ball. A steady medium pace bowler.

HUNTER, D. W. (A.340).

A good medium pace bowler who has proved to be a hostile if not always accurate bowler. A useful No. 11 bat.

Hiscox, J. G. (D.331).

A useful medium pace bowler who can swing the ball. Safe and alert fielder.

JACKSON, P. J. (H.406).

A newcomer to the side and a promising all-rounder.

COOK, I. W. (B.390).

An attacking batsman Who could score lots of runs if only he could conquer his habit of walking away to leg. His fielding needs attention.

EVANS, D. (H.330).

The 2nd XI Captain but recently introduced into the first team. When he learns to use his feet more he will make a good aggressive batsman. A useful medium pace bowler.

TWIGGS, S. C. (B.361). The Scorer.

He has been with the team for every game and his score-keeping has been perfect in all respects. Reliable, enthusiastic and a tower of strength to the Juniors' Cricket.

At the time of going to press the following have been awarded their 1st XI Cricket Colours: Musgrove, S. P., Jones, D., and Edney, R. J.

#### BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES UP TO 15th JULY 1961

BATTING (Qualification 5 completed innings)					
	Inns.	Runs	H.S.	Not Out	Av.
Pughsley	7	124	49	2	24.8
Jones	11	102	21	3	12.8
French	11	64	18	4	9.1
Patterson	11	81	27	2	9.0
Williams	6	49	26	-	8.2
Edney	13	91	31	-	7.0
BOWLING (Qualification 10 wickets)					
	Overs	Runs	Wkts.		Av.
Edney	94	248	29		8.5
French	54	151	17		8.8
Hunter	55	156	16		9.8
Hiscox	42	112	11		10.2
Day	29	126	11		11.5

**RESULTS**

- May 20. (H) H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 27.  
Benbridge School 60 for 5 wkts.  
(French 3 for 8).
- .. 24. (A) St. John's College 83 for 8 wkts. dec.  
(French 3 for 15).  
H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 51 (Musgrove  
14).
- .. 27. (A) H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 87 (Pughsley 31  
n.o., Cook 19).  
Portsmouth Grammar School 3rd  
XI 88 for 5 (Hunter 2 for 13, Hiscox  
2 for 12).
- .. 31. (A) H.M.S. *St Vincent* 113 for 6 wkts.  
dec. (Edney 31, Patterson 27,  
Pughsley 19).  
Ryde School 76 (Day 4 for 11,  
Edney 3 for 19).
- June 3. (H) St. Mary's College 108 (Hunter 4  
for 24, Edney 3 for 21).  
H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 43 (Jones 21 n.o.).
- .. 7. (H) Embley Park School 124 (Hunter 4  
for 47).  
H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 91 for 8 wkts.  
(Pughsley 49 n.o.), MATCH DRAWN.
- .. 10. (H) H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 78 (Cook 28,  
French 18 n.o.).  
St. John's College 79 for 3 wkts.
- .. 17. (A) School of Navigation 46 (Edney 7  
for 18).  
H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 32.
- July 5. (A) H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 81 for 7 wkts.  
dec. (Edney 23, Jones 18).  
Embley Park School 64 (Hunter 3  
for 9, Edney 3 for 16).
- .. 12. (H) Gosport County G.S. 104 (Edney 2  
for 19).  
H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 37 for 5 (Jones  
20 n.o.) MATCH DRAWN.
- .. 14. (At Shotley) H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 93  
(Williams 26, Patterson 16).  
H.M.S. *Fisgard* 98 for 8 (Evans 2 for

- 18, Edney 2 for 38).
- .. 15. (At Shotley) R.M. Deal 41 (Edney 4 for  
7, Hunter 3 for 22, Hiscox 2 for 0).  
H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 45 for 6 (French  
18 n.o.).
- .. 15. (At Shotley) H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 55  
(Williams 15).  
H.M.S. *Ganges* 56 for 3 (Edney 3 for  
20).

The Success of the Juniors' Cricket is, to a large extent, due to the reserve strength in the 2nd XI. In the Personalities Column it was necessary to write on thirteen players and indeed one could have included others who have gained 1st XI status. With each game there is keen speculation and interest as to the combination of the 1st XI. It is true to say that there is an excellent team spirit in the 2nd XI so much so that one player expressed disappointment on being selected to play for the 1st XI. P.O. Junior McIvor was appointed 2nd XI captain at the start of the season, but since advancement to Junior Instructor has not been available. Evans has taken over the captaincy and seems to have revelled in the additional responsibility; he has shown great interest and organising ability and indeed his own performances have improved beyond all recognition.

The following Juniors have played regularly for the 2nd XI-  
Upham (B.373), Mansfield (D.343), Grayston (D.391), Bennelick (H.356), Pappas (H.347), Mellor (H.347), Starkey (A.396), Varley (D.391), Nicholls (B.373), Smith, T. (D.391) and Evans (H.330).

At the time of going to press Smith, T., and Evans have been awarded their 2nd XI Colours.

**RESULTS - (2nd Eleven).**

- May 20. (H) H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 41.  
Benbridge School 43 for 8.
- .. 24. (H) St. John's College 45.  
H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 44 (Bennelick  
16).
- .. 27. (A) Portsmouth G.S. 4th XI 57.  
H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 60 for 2 (Williams



*Musgrove leads his team on to the field.*

- 29 n.o., Smith 18).
31. (H) H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 97 for 9 wkts. dec. (Grayston 21).  
Ryde School 19 (Mclvor 5 for 2, Bennelick 3 for 11).
- June 3. (A) H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 93 for 4 wkts. dec. (Mansfield 25 n.o.).  
St. Mary's College 55 (Bennelick 5 for 11, Mclvor 5 for 18).
7. (A) H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 133 for 5 wkts. dec. (Smith 36 n.o.).  
Embley Park School 38 (Bennelick 6 for 7, Mclvor 4 for 16).
- ., 10. (A) St. John's College 148 for 6 wkts. dec.  
H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 78 for 6 (Smith 23 n.o., Varley 25) MATCH DRAWN.
- July 5. (H) Embley Park School 101.  
H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 102 for 7 (Evans 46 n.o.).
- ., 12. (A) H.M.S. *St. Vincent* 131 for 5 wkts. dec. (Evans 60, Bennelick 23).  
Gosport County G.S. 70 for 9 (Mellor 3 for 12) MATCH DRAWN.

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## SWIMMING AND WATER POLO

The term started with all outstanding Juniors attending racing training practice each evening in preparation for the R.N. Junior Championships which were being held at H.M.S. *Ganges* in conjunction with the Quadrangular games this year.

It was soon apparent that whilst no records were going to be broken one or two Juniors stood a chance in the R.N. Championships,

Two swimming fixtures versus Seaford College and Taunton's School were arranged as well as a Junior Section in most of the Portsmouth Command matches. Although in the Command matches this usually consisted of Relays, it proved to be worth while, if only to give Juniors a little experience in competitions. However, although Taunton's School completely outclassed us, we had our revenge with Seaford College.

In the R.N. Junior Championships most of the team did better times than they had previously gained, but unfortunately *Ganges* were again much too strong for us.

In the Water Polo we entered the Hampshire League (Juniors) and once again found the opposition much too strong. This is understandable as most of the League players are a couple of years older and they stay with their clubs as Juniors for something like four years. In the Quadrangular matches we suffered three defeats, although with a little more shooting from the forwards this could have been a different story, but, as in most ball games, it's the goals that count.

The season is now coming to a close and all swimmers and water polo players must be congratulated on their efforts, not only when training, but in the competitions they've entered even though we've had very few successes.

F.J.B.

## ST. VINCENT RIFLE CLUB

Normally the Summer Term is very quiet as far as competitive shooting is concerned because quite a few clubs change over the full bore shooting, and try their luck at Bisley. However, this term has not been too quiet for the Juniors' team, as they have been practicing every morning. At the start of this

term, the majority of the Juniors' team had gone on draft, and it was with much regret that we saw J/Seaman Still and J/Seaman Looker leave us - these two shot well during the whole of last season. It was very refreshing to see them presented with medals and a crested ash try by the Mayoress of Gosport, for not only representing their Establishment, but Gosport as well, in inter-Area and inter-Town matches. Our loss was someone else's gain. The task was then to find replacements and get them down to the business of practice, practice, practice. This the Juniors did with their usual alacrity, and it was soon obvious that we would have a team comparable with that of last season. We must thank the Divisional Officers for their whole hearted co-operation in allowing the Juniors to practice every morning.

On Saturday, 15th July, our annual Quadrangular fixture took place at H.M.S. *Ganges*. We were at a disadvantage right away, having to shoot on an outdoor range, and a strange one at that. It is always our ambition to beat the Juniors from Shotley, but once again this was not to be; although we did put up our best score ever in these fixtures, and just missed our rivals' total by 5 points. A disappointment, but there will be another time, when I feel sure our Juniors will win. We came a very worthy second with *Fisgard* third and the Royal Marines fourth. A special word here for J.E.M. Jenkins (A.360) who was the only competitor in the match to score a possible 100 - well done!

At the end of this term we shall be losing A.340 Class who have been the mainstay of our team since last Christmas. We wish all the shooters from that class the best of luck, and hope they will continue with the very interesting sport throughout their careers.

In conclusion, we are all sorry to see the retirement of Mr. H. R. Clarke from first-class shooting. He has been a stalwart both of our club and the Gosport Association. However, we have the knowledge that he'll be around and can always be contacted in the Training Office for any advice that may be required. We wish him the best of luck. Now to summer leave, enjoy yourselves, and come back with the intention of shooting even better next season.

F.J.A.

## SEAMANSHIP

This term has seen a considerable number of changes in the staff with more yet to come. We will shortly be saying good-bye to C.P.O. Martin who is leaving the Service for civilian life, C.P.O. Aird who is joining H.M.S. *Ruthven* in the Persian Gulf, P.O's Wood and Hartung who are going on course to H.M.S. *Dryad*.

I will also be leaving during the first week of the new term and hope that my relief, Sub/Lieut. J. Bucksey who is joining from H.M.S. *Dalrymple*, a survey ship, will get as much pleasure and satisfaction from the job as I have. Also next term we will have a new Boat Officer, Sub/Lieut. Hayward from *Dryad*.

Mainly owing to the fine weather we have enjoyed this term we have had a full and successful sailing season, not only in the Establishment, but also in the various Regattas in which we have taken part. In the Aggregate Cup races the Divisional points are, at the time of going to press, much closer than they have ever been before. It appears that it will be a tight finish between BLAKE and DUNCAN with BLAKE as favourites. We are in a very healthy position regards coxswains, but coxswains must remember that they, and not the rest of the crew, are in charge of the boat. Incidentally, the word "please" is not used when sailing.





**SEAMANSHIP STAFF**

***C.P.O. Tucker, C.P.O. Edwards, P.O. Marrant, P.O. Cowan.  
 C.P.O. Shaw, C.C.Y. Sims, P.O. Stallard, C.P.O. Martin, P.O. Finn, P.O. Dodson  
 P.O. Brundell, Mr. Goffin.  
 P.O. Wood, C.P.O. Harris, Lt. Spencer, Lt-Cdr. Torr, Sub Lt. Duncan  
 P.O. McConnell, C.P.O. Holgate.***

I had hoped to be able to say that we had; at last, beaten *Ganges* at sailing on their home waters, however; it was not to be. After a very good race we came a close second with 5½ points. Coxswains and position were: Whalers-D. Bubeer (Captain) (B.346); 3rd; R. Tample (B.361); 5th; six ran; Cutters-G. Shearer (D.331); 3rd, D. Smyth (D.343); 5th; A. Winter (H.330); 6th, and R. Young (B.346), 11th, twelve ran.

Congratulations to D. Winson (D.353) who, having represented the Establishment twice at sailing has been awarded his sailing Colours; also to D. Bubeer (B.346) and G. Shearer (D.331) who already have their colours and have been presented with the Sailing Pennant. Congratulations also to Bubeer at being selected as one of the coxswains for the Portsmouth Command Whaler Team.

Now that we have two Albacores, with another two on the stocks; it is hoped that coxswains will contact the Sailing Officer; Lieut. Dyer; and pass out as Albacore coxswains. There are already six so qualified; Bubeer, Temple and Hoyle from BLAKE; Shearer, Winson and Watts from DUNCAN; and Winter from HAWKE - but there is room for more yet. You will find it much more exciting, and easier too; sailing an Albacore than a Cutter - provided, of course; you keep your wits about you and do not start thinking of your next run ashore instead of watching the wind. If the two on the stocks are ready

in time we might challenge *Fisgard* to a race during the sailing fixture next term.

The Pulling Regatta is almost upon us, unfortunately three classes from 37 Entry and 360 Class will be away doing their Sea Training and will be unable to take part. It has been very encouraging to see the keen enthusiasm everyone is taking in this competition, especially during the early morning periods - or is this just a popular period arranged to miss clean ship?

This term has been disappointing in the number of Juniors who have passed for their Call and Chain. There is really no excuse for a Seaman (or J.E.M.) to leave *St. Vincent* unable to use a Boatswain's Call. At the moment, out of 420 who are eligible, only 192 are entitled to wear the Call and Chain. I hope that next term more volunteers will be forthcoming at our morning sessions in the Seamanship Block.

The Heaving Line Competition was won by A.340 who; represented by Chaters and Banks; threw an average of 39 ft. 3 in. The rules for this competition have been changed this term in order to speed up the procedure. It should now prove to be more successful; but; altering the rules is as far as we can go - you throw the line, and I hope a higher standard will soon prevail. Again; there are plenty of heaving lines in the Seamanship Block, and Instructors only too willing to help you. S.S.

## ROYAL MARINES DETACHMENT

The main news of this term has been that the Royal Marines detachment, including the P.T.'s, have received a firm Admiralty directive that they are to be withdrawn from H.M.S. *St. Vincent*. The same thing is happening to the *Ganges* detachment.

It is naturally most unpopular amongst all Royal Marines ranks to lose another "Pompey" appointment, apart from the fact that the presence of Royal Marines will disappear altogether from one of their original barracks, the Home of the Royal Marines Light Infantry.

However, it is hoped that as the Band will be remaining at *St. Vincent*, all connections will not be severed.

The reason for the Withdrawal is that the Royal Marines are forming their fifth Commando "43", but are not increasing their overall strength. Shortly, we will only be employed either in Commando's, Amphibious Warfare and for landing parties from small Ships.

As a result of our being withdrawn, our numbers are now at rock bottom and we are only able to cope with security duties. However, the Sergeant Major and detachment Sergeant still find time to pay their visits to the New Forest with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme Juniors, as will be seen in a separate article.

In case there is no opportunity to write an article next term, I'm sure I can speak on behalf of all Royal Marines who have served in *St. Vincent* in saying that it's a very enjoyable appointment which will be badly missed. Also to wish every one the very best of luck for the future.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

In spite of Bugle Bands, Guards, Triangular Sports and Divisional Officers, it has been possible to push ahead with the Scheme during this term.

We have over 130 Juniors involved in this Scheme, and this term the following Entries have had the following number of Silver Awards- 32 Entry 2, 33 Entry 6, 34 Entry 10, 35 Entry 16 and it is hoped that after the final expedition on August 12th and 13th there will be another twelve successful candidates from 36 Entry.

We will, by the final expedition on the 12th August, have carried out six expeditions this term in the New Forest involving 40 Juniors, each of whom has carried out three expeditions.

The Juniors enjoy every moment of these expeditions no matter what the weather, most of all they love to cook their own food. It was rather amusing to see one Junior from 35 Entry cook and eat for his breakfast, eleven slices of fried bread, three eggs and four rashers of bacon, and then cheerfully make himself a Heinz's Bean sandwich for Stand Easy.

We have enjoyed running this Scheme very much and hope that when we leave it will be carried on. Those of you who will follow in our foot steps will find that because of the keenness and gratitude of the Juniors it is a most enjoyable and rewarding job.

**Situation Vacant** - A keen type to run the D. of E. Scheme in H.M.S. *St. Vincent*, must be of smart appearance and possess a very good sense of humour

It is anticipated that there will be a large number of volunteers for this post, so, to avoid disappointment will you please call at the Royal Marines office NOW.

## P.T. STAFF

This term has seen many old faces depart but, woe is me, we've had no replacement as yet, but before the end of term we should see quite a number of new faces.

At the beginning of June we said good-bye to Ldg. Seaman R. S. Wilkins, P.T.2, who joined H.M.S. *Mercury* but his reign has been very short there because it is understood that he has now been detailed for a "Foreign".

We also saw Ldg. Seaman M. J. Speake, P.T.1, leave for the P.O.'s School, Corsham, for a course, and whilst there his draft note appeared to join H.M.S. *Loch Killisport* and so, with a brief return to *St. Vincent*, he finally waved good-bye on 20th July.

P.O. Binks has also been away to the R.N. P.O.'s School at Corsham, and he will be returning before leave. We should see a lot of him should the hockey ground become unfit in the winter.

Ldg. Seaman W. N. Mitchell, P.T.2, and Ldg. Seaman K. J. Hibberd, P.T.2, have also been away on courses, but we hope we will have their services next term.

During the leave period we will be saying good-bye to C.P.O. F. J. Baker, P.T.1, who after 1 year and 24 months at *St. Vincent* is leaving for "foreign" parts (R.N.B. Portsmouth). C.P.O. Baker has trained the Juniors' Swimming Team for two seasons and I'm sure they will be sorry to see him leave.

Also Ldg. Seaman K. Walton, P.T.2, who will be joining H.M.S. *Lowestoft* late in September. Ldg. Seaman Walton trained the Boxing Team during the last season so he may be seeing a few of his pupils.

We will also see P.O. K. Sanders, P.T.2, leave for the R.N. P.T. School just prior to leave (hard luck). Also our two stalwart bootneck friends will be leaving shortly - they may get their leave. Sgt. P. Jarvis, R.M., has been a R.L.S.S. expert for two terms and it is hoped that his good work will be continued after he has left. Also Corporal Makings, R.M. who has excelled himself in the Tetrathlon events, and we wish him the best in the forthcoming R.N. Championships at the beginning of August.

Perhaps Duncan D.O. will realize how honoured he was in having no less than 5 P.T.'s attached to his Division during the term but unfortunately they were not all present at one time.

*For Record purposes-*

Ldg. Seaman Wilkins.

P.O. Binks.

Ldg. Seaman Walton.

Ldg. Seaman Speake.

Ldg. Seaman Hibberd.

My apologies to DUNCAN; with a shifting populace, one's foundations do slip. We hope that next term DUNCAN will have a P.T. Instructor long enough to learn his name.

The upheaval has been hard to bear and everyone will be sorry to see these old faces leave, but we have been promised that we should see and welcome the following early next term--

Ldg. Seaman L. O. Scott, P.T.2.

Able Seaman A. E. Wood, P.T.2.

Ldg. Seaman D. T. Jones, P.T.2.

P.O. D.T.W.M. McGaw, S.P.T.I.

All will be joining from the R.N. P.T. School.

Lastly this will be my last contribution as P.T. Officer at H.M.S. *St. Vincent*, and I would like to thank all my P.T. Staff, Divisional Staffs, Ship's Company and Juniors for the wonderful support that has made my job a pleasant and enjoyable two years. I should remark that C.P.O. B. Lucas, S.P.T.I., and P.O. Nash, P.T.1, have kept their fingers crossed and it would really be the last straw if these two found movement!  
B.C.K.



## BUGLE BAND

Engagements undertaken by the band this term have been restricted due to training requirements. They have varied from processions through the streets of Gosport to field gun displays and fetes, each one of which has been well carried out. The credit for this is due to Bugler Corporal Wilson, and his staff.

Corporal Wilson has now moved further afield to Lympstone and we wish him well in his new surroundings.

Corporal Reeves has now taken over the training and responsibility, which is not completely new to Corporal Reeves as he has served previously as a bugler in *St. Vincent*.

Bugler Howe, who has given very valuable assistance in training Junior buglers has been drafted to sea and our thanks and good wishes go to him on *H.M.S. Ark Royal*.

It has been extremely gratifying to witness the general rise in bearing, dress and the standard of playing during the past six months. Much credit is due to the bugle band juniors the majority of whom have tried very hard indeed. The new entries have filled in vacant spaces in the main band on many occasions and have responded well.

The annual outing this year for the 36 Bugle Band was enjoyed by all. Our only regrets were that we could not take more of the band and the weather restricted our activities in Brighton. It is to be hoped that the numbers for the next outing will be increased and the weather a little kinder.

In a few days time we anticipate the bugle band's participation in "Open Day", a day when Mums and Dads can see how their little "Johnny" is performing. We know parents and visitors will be agreeably surprised at the finished article produced by you, and I look forward to another commendable term after a well deserved long leave. J.D.W.

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## CRICKET

This season the weather has been very kind to us. No game has been lost through rain and in only one game has it been necessary to come off the field at all. The wicket at Forton, thanks to Mr. Christmas, has played well though there has not been sufficient rain to make it fast enough for the comfort of batsmen or bowlers.

Our main difficulties have been in maintaining a consistent team. Drafting, sickness, wives and girl friends, together with the calls of the United Services and Command sides on our players, have made the task of selection tricky on occasions. Surg./Lieut. Gornall and A.A.I Tilsley, however, have played in every game and have been invaluable as opening the bowling and batting respectively.

In our matches we have had rather mixed fortunes,

winning 5, drawing 2 and losing 6. The second game of the season brought our heaviest defeat by nine wickets at the hand of *H.M.S. Dolphin* despite a 65 by A.A.I Tilsley though this was more than made up for by our 10 wicket victory over *H.M.S. Collingwood*. The most enjoyable fixture of the season is generally held to have been that against the Old Tensionians at Croydon where Inst./Commander Tidy proved to be the main strength of the batting.

In the Command Knockout Cup we reached the semi-final when we were beaten by the powerful *H.M.S. Ariel* in a most interesting match (because of injury this is the only match in which Captain Tufnel has been able to play). Our total of 118 in 24 overs looked strong though they passed our total in their twentieth over. In the previous round there was a finish far too exciting for comfort. The game was won for us by a dashing 60 in 12 overs by Inst./Lieut. Woodcock who included 5 sixes in his score.