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EDITORIAL

Walking around 'VERNON' the last few weeks, I have had some very good comments passed on the last 'SEAMASTER'. It seems at last I am achieving something for my sins and labours.

My sincere thanks to all those members and people who have written and assisted me in the long and often arduous task of producing a really worthwhile magazine.

Some members may not realise that at the moment I am wearing several 'caps' as it were. Along with my duties of Secretary/Editor I am also running the Tote Draw, along with the odd PJW, not to mention the school and cadets visits; did I hear that there are some TASI's in 'VERNON' bored? Well be that as it may, I don't get time to get bored. The point that I would like to get across is — don't stop me in the passage or road and start discussing something that you would like to see in the magazine, put on paper and drop it into the office, then if it is suitable for publication — it will appear — 'Just like that'.

Talking about suitable material for the magazine, it is sometimes necessary to reject certain articles that although they may appear amusing or of limited interest at the time, border along the lines of being coarse, insulting and politically unsound, thus losing the main objective of the 'SEAMASTER' i.e. a magazine of major interest to all that have the pleasure of reading it.

I hear tell that certain Radar ratings objected to Sonar Rates Commandments No. 9 (See last Issue). Could it be that the truth always hurts! or are we losing our old sense of humour, but to any Radar people that may be looking, it was intended as a joke, anyway, I have since been informed that you are not 'Handbag Carriers' but 'Buttercups' I expect that I will be banned from Operations Rooms for that or black legged at 'DRYAD'.

Everybody out is the general order of the day here in 'VERNON' at the moment. To accommodate the 'RN School of Management' in 'VERNON' from their old home in 'NELSON', there has been a big shuffle around. I have been moved to 239 in Creasy East. The old stalwart of 'VERNON' the Sonar Section, have moved down one floor in Creasy West. On the same floor the PO(S)/PO(S) Conversion Course office has been established, now being 'driven' by 'Lofty' Root and 'Little' Robby. The PWO Section have moved into the Officers Course in Creasy Centre and their old abode is now housing the Foreign Training Office, who inform me that life is very colourful at the moment!

I did intend to publish some extracts from DCI(RN) S.114/74 on the Operations Branch, but I felt that by the time I go to print, most people should have read it or be aware of its contents. However I would welcome members views and comments for the next publication of 'SEAMASTER'. I have heard a lot of muttering and cries of 'Rhubarb' from people after they have read it, so lets have it on paper.

Still there are some very interesting dits in this edition (as always). I have even managed to obtain an article from the Oceanography 'Boffin' or as he is sometimes called 'Jim the Og'.

I had one minor 'drip' after the last edition was published, that was the publication of useful DCI's. It was felt that nobody read these pages and it was a waste of time. See Postbag). But comments are always welcome, good and bad.

Editor

CHAIRMANS LETTER

Gentlemen,

This is my first letter to you, as your new Chairman.

The year I shall be in office will be a year of change. The first Petty Officer Ops(MW) will have qualified by the end of May and the new Petty Officer Sonar will be qualified by the 13th June 1975.

These men will be the new Instructors of the Operations Branch and therefore be eligible to join our association.

In Liaison with Lieutenant Commander Broome, the TASI's Association Liaison Officer, the next proposed change will be the date of next years Annual conference and Annual General Meeting from March to June. This is to allow the first qualified Petty Officer Ops, Sonar and MW to attend. This conference and AGM will be followed by the Annual Dinner and Dance.

During the Annual General Meeting a decision will have to be made regarding the new name of the Association. My committee will be working during the next few months to find out all the routines required to change the association. From TASI to the new one, so that at the Annual General Meeting we will be able to put to the floor the things required to be done and any new names which we think will be appropriate. You are all entitled to make a choice of name. So please write in to let us know your views.

PO MILLEN your Secretary/Editor will be going on draft shortly. He will be sadly missed, for during his term in Office, his enthusiasm and willingness on your behalf has improved the magazine and brought credit to the Association. I therefore thank him for his work and wish him luck in his next job.

J K Ashton (BEM)

FCPO

PS Any takers for the job of Secretary/Editor?

Liason Officer's Letter

1. The past eighteen months has shown a marked improvement in the 'Espre-de-Corps' amongst those TASI's who have taken an active interest in their Association. This is the direct result of those TASI's who volunteered their services to act as committee members, TASI's who took a long look at the problems facing the Association and decided to dedicate much of their spare time to re-vitalise its meaning.
2. It has not been an easy task to achieve this standard as much of the hard work has been hindered by necessary changes in Committee personnel, in addition, the radical changes taking place in the service are causing doubt in the minds of the TASI concerning his future status and the well being of his Association.
3. Fortunately in HMS VERNON we have a strong nucleus of TASI's who hold strong feelings about their status and have made the effort to understand the full meaning of the Operations branch and how it will not only effect them personally, but the ASW rating and the navy in general.
4. I am taking this opportunity to advise ALL TASI's to read and carefully study DCI S114/1974 titled RATINGS - OPERATIONS BRANCH - IMPLEMENTATION and DCI S142/1974 which explains the User/Maintainer scheme in the under-water weapon field.
5. Changes such as the Royal Navy is undergoing at the moment always create cause for concern and to a certain degree, confusion in the minds of those who do not appreciate the facts that govern them and/or have never experienced similar changes in the Fleet.
6. Since 1946 the ASW branch has experienced its fair share of change and many of you will re-call the reluctance SDI's and TI's had in accepting the combination of the two branches to form the TD branch from which the TASI was borne. It took time to accept the change and once accepted the branch was

split yet again to form the UC and UW sub branches. It was during this period that the first Mine Warfare branch was formed, but the MD rate did not survive for very long, now we are re-introducing it under the Operations scheme as the Mine Warfare Branch. So looking back, the new look navy is not really quite so new after all. However, the important fact to remember is that we survived it all and despite the criticisms, injuries to self pride and reluctances, efficiency maintained its balance. It did so mainly because the SDI and TI, despite his personal feelings, made it so. Now the problems are yours, the SDI/TI became a TASI, the TASI becomes the PO Sonar, each in turn suffers a change in title, but more important gains additional responsibilities and status.

7. For those who look upon the Association in name only and those who accept its social life may have overlooked its true function i.e.

- a. Promote 'Espirit De Corps' amongst its members
- b. To assist in all respects any member of the Association
- c. To expand the social life and activities of its members.

a and c have been achieved, but b has been overlooked by the majority, where-as it should be taking top priority for ironing out those problems that the current changes are causing. Drip amongst yourselves by all means, but also let your committee know about them either by writing to the Chairman/Secretary or more important attend meetings. Only by this action can your drips be analysed and actioned as considered necessary.

8. TASI's in Vernon have been in on the operation of Branch as it effects ASW from the beginning. They have played a major part in the design of courses and task books, so the answers are here, you only have to ask your association and they will assist.

9. As the TASI Association Liason Officer, I wish to thank all committee members past and present for their hard work and co-operation. In conclusion, I wish Fleet Chief John Ashton all success as your new Chairman, I am confident that he will devote all his experience and knowledge to benefit your Association, all I ask is that you back him up.

G. BROOME

Lieutenant Commander

How It All Began In The A/S BRANCH

I am encouraged to tell you a little about myself and the early days when we laced a canvas cover over the dome cage.

When I volunteered for the A/S service in 1924, it was HMS HEATHER consisting of a couple of modest buildings and known as 'Y' Ranch.

The Commanding Officer kept foxes which kept getting out resulting in bills for chickens etc from the "Portlanders". So the school got a half day to look for them! A plan of action was decided upon in the "Sawmills", generally a bar of chocolate was the lure.

We did our practical operating in "OSPREY", an old whaler and it was 'first two inside' - then the set broke down and like the 'Grand Old Duke of York' marched up the hill again - from the dockyard.

Well I could go on - but I will conclude by saying I did go to sea as a Submarine Detector 2nd Class - No Badge.

MR. E. LAMMAS

They to had their problems!

The Editor wishes to express his thanks to Mr. E. Lammas for his interesting and amusing story.

GHOST STORY

Towards the end of last year, with the evenings turning dark early, I went to see my cousin Bill. Nothing much in that one might think, except for a rather unusual story - 'A Ghost Story' - which unfolded as the evening passed by. The incident happened onboard one of the Royal Navy's Aircraft Carriers two years before.

At the time, Bill worked in the Naval dockyard at Portsmouth, employed as a ship keeper. Ship keepers worked in pairs and their job was to ensure the safety ships and the equipment onboard. Bill and his companion Charlie were given the job of looking after an aircraft carrier from the first week in June.

Monday of the first week, they started their job. Among the many responsibilities imposed upon them, was rounds. These rounds were to be carried out each hour. One of them was to do rounds of the upperdeck and superstructure while the other would do rounds of the accommodation spaces. Nothing untoward happened on the first set of rounds, but on the second set of rounds things were not as they should be.

Bill whose turn it was for the accommodation rounds, had just started on No. 4 Deck, which was Aircrew Quarters. Bill suddenly felt cold, the hair at the nape of his neck began to rise. He set off to investigate and find out what had made him uneasy. Having checked the cabins on the left, he then moved the right and started looking. Shortly afterwards he came upon a open cabin door. On checking he found an officer dressed in a flying suit, checking through the cabin. Bill momentarily relieved to find it was an officer asked "Can I help?". "No thanks" the officer said, "I'm just looking for something I left behind", Bill said, "OK Sir, I'll leave you to it, but please check at the gangway when you leave the ship". Bill then carried on with his rounds and thought no more about the officer. Later on during the day Bill asked Charlie "Had an officer left the ship?" Charlie replied "No".

Nothing much happened over the next few days and the incident with the officer was forgotten. On the Friday of the same week, a damp and foggy day, it was Charlie's turn to do rounds of the accommodation and Bill the upperdeck. Bill finished his rounds and went back to the gangway to wait for Charlie. After an hour when Charlie did not appear, Bill began to get worried. He gave Charlie another half an hour and then set off to look for him. Bill started off in the accommodation area, he found nothing on two and three decks, he then went down to four deck. Calling for Charlie as he went. He found himself near the cabin he had first seen the officer. Strange he thought to himself, the cabin door is open again. So he went in; it was empty, just a photograph of the officer he had seen, no sign at all of Charlie. Bill by this time was very worried and without further ado, he called in some more workmen to help him in a systematic search of the ship.

The workers plus Bill searched from stem to stern without success, still no sign of Charlie. Then one of the men suggested checking the flight deck. So up they went, and sure enough, there was Charlie sitting peacefully on the round down, (The rounded part of the flight deck at the after end) apparently staring down at the water. Bill approached Charlie and suddenly noticed something strange; Charlie's jet black hair had turned pure white, not only that his speech was incoherent. Charlie kept repeating "Burn - Fire - No!".

At the subsequent investigation, it was found that the officer in the photograph had died through fire, whilst attempting a landing on the aircraft carrier. His plane had crashed on the exact spot they had found Charlie - strange is it not -

CPO TASI ROBERTSON
HMS LLANDAFF
BFPO SHIPS

CPO TASI WHITE
RN, RM & WRNS
Careers Office
17, St Peters Street
Canterbury

Dear Norrie,

Many thanks for the magazine it improves with the times excellent job. I don't think we need DCI's etc published in fact I've been against it for years, I don't think anyone reads those pages. As for 'where's me oppo' all for it, unless it embarrasses anyone who has been in VERNON 10 years.

I hope to meet you in the near future, as I have, would you believe a whole afternoon in VERNON on the Operations Branch.

Talking of that — the advert in the press "COME & JOIN THE OPERATIONS BRANCH", is producing results, one character wanted to know if you assisted the Doctor in the Operation, I suppose it makes sense no doubt he thought the picture of the UC was listening to heart beats!

Anyhow keep up the good work, excellent job you are doing, but no more DCI's its not a reference book.

KNOCKER

EDITORS NOTE: With regard to the publication of useful DCI's, I have had many phone calls thanking me for this particular section, especially from our sea going members. Still I did ask for comments good and bad to be committed to paper and at least Knocker has sent his view in.

CPO TASI WAKEFORD
HMS HERMIONE
Portsmouth

Dear Norrie,

Many thanks for the last issue of the magazine, its always good to read the news.

Not much is happening at the time of writing as we are in for leave period and SMP. However with the next two weeks in and out of VERNON to brush up then back on the ocean again it should soon liven up.

You asked for comments on the magazine, as far as I'm concerned its great. Having been involved getting an issue out by myself I know it is not an easy task, but yours now seems to improve with each issue. The DCI's etc I find very useful as it gives me my own personal index apertaining to TAS. Of course 'Where's me Oppo' comes in handy when meeting up with another ship to see whose BEER I am going to drink!

Well thats all for now so keep the good work going — see you in VERNON soon.

SLOSH WAKEFORD

I feel it is about time that I dropped a line to the club. Due to the hospitality of Alfie and the Garrison Seargent Major in Gib. (This typewriter can't spell being a Goonery 1) I floated out of Gibraltar to Lagos. The Nigerian Navy entertained us at the Senior Rates Mess (where I met the CPO (CPO DADIGIBOFA) that was in VERNON this year) this was done in true naval fashion. During an exercise at sea before we got in, we did a Heaving Line Transfer with the OTBO for our mail. However it was not a success and due to the fact that the mail was still ashore we decided to abort.

Next on the list was Simonstown — enough said. Big 'Jacko' has now dried out. I was regally entertained by CPO TASI's John Benke and Pin Pienaar, who dripped because they have not received any 'Seamaster'. The contractors painted the ship side for met but due to shortage of 'Crab Fat' we are now SA Grey. I hope to get my own stocks replenished by Heavy Jackstay — 30 Odd Pallets — on a Sunday Forenoon!

Our next visit was to Mahe in the Seychelles an excellent run ashore for most people, although very soon some will pay the price!!!!

With the New Management in ships at sea I am only required to advise DO's & PO's in what to do in their part of ships, this gives me a lot of free time in harbour, supervise all major evolutions etc. The system works well, but at sea the clash between training and cleaning the ship is somewhat abysmal, I believe the answer is to give the PWO an Upper Deck POS (please don't quote me).

Many thanks for my Seamaster, which I find very interesting in parts and frightening in others.

R OBBY ROBERTSON

PS TASI KB WARD
HMS AJAX
BFPO SHIPS

Dear Sec,

Thanks for the magazine (second this year) As you can see I've got my rate back at last. If you happen to know of a UC1 looking for a billet he can have this one.

I like your suggestions for the new name — if it gets voted in book me a badge. Order me a tie as well, but you can leave out the word BLUE* on mine please.

Cheerio from Sunny Cyprus
SHARKEY

*Editors Note: I was waiting for someone to pick up my mistake — Cheers!

Scottish Television
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Elm Row
Edinburgh EH7 4AH

Dear Mr Secretary,

Having been out of the service for five years and completely out of touch with the branch I have no idea who the members of the committee are, hence my heading on this letter to you.

I finished my 'stint' in July 1969 at HMS LOCHINVAR and after a good look round at jobs in 'civvy street' I got the post of Chief Security Officer for the Edinburgh division of STV and it has turned out to be a very interesting job. I meet most of the Television Stars and Personalities who float through our studios here. Our main branch is centred at Glasgow where we have two full crews, plus an outside broadcast team and one crew here at Edinburgh.

I do a lot of Security work with the outside broadcast crew and I am responsible for all work on the East coast of Central Scotland, security wise.

Unfortunately I don't get the opportunity to meet the Navy very much at all, but I do get a copy of the 'Navy News' each month, given to me by our Lighting Director whose son is serving on HMS NUBIAN. I have read of a few names that I knew in the past, also a notice announcing a Dinner and Dance held by the TASI's Association this year, but after that nothing about the branch.

Could you please let me know if you still have Blazer Badges and ties of the association for sale as I am most anxious to get same. If you still have them could you let me know the price and I will forward the cash.

Could you also advise me on the present state of Hon. Members to the association and if you hold any recent editions of the magazine so that I can read of 'whats happening' in the branch these days.

Hoping to hear from you shortly and sending you and all members my best wishes.

*Cheerio for now
Yours Aye
Nick Carter
Ex CPO TASI*

PS: CAN YOU PLEASE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT IF ANY TASI'S ARE PASSING THROUGH EDINBURGH PLEASE CALL IN AT THE STUDIOS FOR A CHAT AND A PINT OR TWO NEXT DOOR AT THE LOCAL!!

MORTAR MK 10 MOD 1

To many who may not already know the old Squid Building (49) which 'Off the back foot Allen' used to command in years past, is now being converted to house the new MOD 1.

Unfortunately like a lot of things these days, the completion date has gone right by and no clear picture of operation has emerged. It is hoped that the MOD 1 will come into being by the end of the year.

Although the mounting itself is not yet in operation, the Weapons Section has already conducted its first User/Maintainer course with a high degree of success.

Some of the main advantages over the MOD 0 are as follows:-

CENTRE BARREL SUPPORT
ELECTRIC HEATERS

NO HASTIE PUMP (Damn noisy things)

ALL THREE BARRELS RAMMED TOGETHER

MIS-FIRE INDICATIONS FOR 1, 2, & 3 OF
THE MOUNTING

LOADING PORTS OPENED BY ONE HANDLE

NO DISTRIBUTION PANEL

IMPROVED MAGAZINE

TO name but a few. From the short experience gained with the noise level around the mounting and handing room is now virtually nil, the standard of drill has vastly improved.

Once again we are in full control and all systems are go in 49 Building, uniformity can be produced in drills and ships at present doing their own thing, will be able to achieve a set standard. Mis-fire & Re-load drills in particular will only be able to be carried out in 49 Building correctly. The simulation of these drills onboard is possible damaging to a young UW's ideas of correct procedures.

We look forward to completion date and seeing TASI's in 49 Building (not only those with a draft). Any questions that may arise on the MOD 1, if you are not sure, or even would like a gander contact the Weapons Section (2477) and we will only be to glad to help.

BR 2752(2C1) GENERAL & BR 2752(2C4) OPERATING
INSTRUCTIONS are now in force.

PO TASI K. LEWIS
(49 Building)

RETRO/SPECT

THE HORSE AND MULE LIVE 30 YEARS,
AND NOTHING KNOWS OF WINES AND BEERS.
THE GOAT AND SHEEP AT 20 DIE,
AND NEVER TASTED SCOTCH AND RYE.
THE COW DRINKS WATER BY THE TON,
AND AT 18 IS MOSTLY DONE.
THE DOG AT 15 CASHES IN,
WITHOUT THE AID OF RUM OR GIN.
THE CAT IN MILK AND WATER SOAKS,
THEN IN 12 SHORT YEARS IT CROAKS.
THE MODEST SOBER BONE DY HEN,
LAYS EGGS FOR NOGS THEN DIES AT 10.
ALL ANIMALS ARE STRICTLY DRY,
THEY SINLESS LIVE AND SWIFTLY DIE.
BUT SINFUL-GINFUL-RUM-SOAKED MEN,
SURVIVE FOR THREE SCORE YEARS AND TEN.
AND SOME OF US THE MIGHTY FEW,
STAY PICKLED TILL WE'RE 92.

PASSING PINGING

With reference to Slish Wakefords letter which was published in the last edition of the 'Seamaster' regarding Passive training for Sonar Operators (especially Basics).

H.E. Training Tapes for the new Operators Branch have been compiled and are now a part of the training syllabus for all AB SONAR & L.SEA SONAR Qualifying.

Six tapes have been compiled for each course, the six tapes will be given in three tape lessons. Each tape lasts 15 minutes approximately. All examples used on these tapes were recorded from Surface Ship Sonars 170, 177, 184 and 185.

I must also bring to your attention a letter that was sent to all Seagoing TASI's with reference to H.E. Training. We would like you chaps on the 'Salty Brine' to contribute your bit to H.E. Tape Training by sending us tape recordings of all your passive contacts, so that we can use them in H.E. Tape Training compiling. Only the best examples will be used.

It is hoped that in the near future H. E. Tape Training will be sent to Sea-Going ships for continuation training onboard for all Sonar Operators.

PO TASI Paul Hitchcock

BEWARE

Beware all ye TASI's
Northern Ireland is the prize.
Believe you me your not exempt,
So don't treat the Paddy's
with contempt.
If you think this is for laughs,
I know two TASI's who'll swop
you drafts!

*PO TASI Lou Costello
(GSM(N.I.))*

ALL FOR A SHILLING A DAY

The TAS Instructors are a happy band
Some serve at sea and some on land
He has a lot to learn and a lot to say,
And for that gets a shilling a day.
The RAF and Army have Instructors as well,
And they are always quick to tell,
They do not get any extra pay,
So be thankful for your shilling a day.
But like all sailors we like to drip,
When shall we see the GI 'Part of Ship'
There's no difference between us I would
say,
Don't ALL qualified Instructors get a
shilling a day?

Anon.

NO WASTE

I hear tell that in the new ships the paper
from the SCR rolls is fed through a series
of rollers to the Ships Company Heads,
thereby conserving paper!

HOWLERS

- Q. Write all you know about the Mk 46 Torpedo.
- A. I know nuffin about the Mk 46 Torpedo.
- Q. Write all you know on the duties of the Mortars Crew.
- A. No1 & No3 are in the handel room but No2 is on the mountain!
- Q. Has the Mk11 Depth Charge any advantages over the Mk44 Torpedo?
- A. Yes, the depth charge will explode thereby upsetting the morals of the submarine crew.

CHANGE TO THE OPS BRANCH

And you think we have got troubles -
it has been happening for many years.

We trained Hard.....

But it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up into teams we would be re-organised. I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by re-organising. And a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency and demoralisation

Petronious Arbeter
(Died A.D. 66, Satirist for Nero
committed suicide so as not to
be murdered by Nero.)



Well Organised

The Padre on a certain ship, was carrying his portable organ along the Burma Road one Sunday Morning.

As he drew abreast of the Main Galley, a voice was heard to say

" I see your well organised Vicar! "

" Oh, I'm staying at the usual, Mrs. Bloggs 43, Marine View, Puddlesea "



BRAINY

A wealthy man went to a Harley Street Specialist and asked him whether it was possible to have a brain transplant.

" Yes " replied the specialist " I can do that for you, it will take about two hours - when would you like it done? "

" Right away " replied the man, " I'm fed up with this brain " "

The specialist said " Well you can have a labours brain for £25, a management brain for £50 or a Professors brain for £200. We also have on specil offer a Prime Ministers brain for £3,000 "

The man thought for a minute, then said " I don't why the Professors brain is only £200 and the Prime Ministers is £3,000 "

The reason for that replied the specialist is the Professors brain is second hand but the Prime Ministers brain has never been used! "

'Back you mutinious dogs'



'Last dog again'

WANTED

CPO's/PO's Mess Undress

Second Hand in Good
Condition.Inside Leg 31" Waist 36"
Chest 40".Will accept larger size.
Any reasonable price
considered.

BOX 0001

Wanted Urgently

CPO's/PO's TASI Branch Badges

Gold Wire-Red & Blue Embroidered.

YOU ARE GOING OUTSIDE OR BEING
PROMOTED OR RATED UP - SEND
YOUR OLD BADGES TO THE ASSOCIATION
WHO WILL FIND A GOOD OWNER FOR
THEM.

VACANT

VACANT

WANTED

A half set of Golf Clubs

in reasonable condition

with bag.

BOX 0003

FOR SALE

SWALLOW Pram

Colour TAN

Detachable Body

Good Condition

£10.00 o.n.o.

BOX 0004

For sale

Full length Dark Brown Beaver

Lamb wrap over evening coat.

Link button at neck. Worn only

once. Cost over £30.00 new.

£15.00 o.n.o.

BOX 0002

Do forget members if you cannot find a buyer or you want something this is
the ONLY place where you get FREE advertising.

'Where's me oppo'

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BURNS	J.J.	P.O.	DRAKE S/M 2
BLACKMORE	D.L.	C.P.O.	NEPTUNE SCTT S/M
BREAKSPEAR		P.O.	DOLPHIN S/M
BASS	A.	P.O.	VERNON SONAR
BARLETT		F.C.P.O.	JACC TEDDINGTON S/M
BAREFORD	D.	P.O.	VERNON SONAR
CATHERALL	J.C.	C.P.O.	NEPTUNE SAAU S/M
CHANDBAND	T.E.A.	F.C.P.O.	LEANDER
COOMBS	A.A.	C.P.O.	DOLPHIN S/M
CAMBURN	I.R.	C.P.O.	VERNON WEAPON CI(W)
CASTLE	B.E.	F.C.P.O.	LOCHINVAR
CASS	P.	P.O.	ESKIMO
CHAPMAN	F.W.	C.P.O.	VERNON MINE(W)
CHRISTON	L.	C.P.O.	DRAKE TAS SCH.
COLCLOUGH	K.	C.P.O.	FOST
CONROY	R.E.	P.O.	YARMOUTH
COUNSELL	R.S.	F.C.P.O.	VERNON SONAR
CRAIG	T.S.	P.O.	
CLAKE	A.	P.O.	VERNON TMD
CROUCHER	R.K.	P.O.	HERMES
CONNELL	J.E.	P.O.	RNZN
COLE	C.M.	P.O.	RNZN PHILOMEL
COOKE	P.	P.O.	NORFOLK
CONDLE	R.	P.O.	SALISBURY
CHETWOOD	J.	P.O.	SAN
CLIFFORD	A.	P.O.	VERNON OCEANOGRAPH
CULLEY	B.	P.O.	VERNON TMD
CRABBE		P.O.	DRYAD
CHOWLER	P.	C.P.O.	VERNON IMW
CLEARY	J.	C.P.O.	GALATEA
COSTELLO	L.	P.O.	ANDROMEDA
			VERNON SONAR

DUNCAN	J.A.D.	FCPO	NELSON	
DAVIDSON	M.T.	PO	RALEIGH	
DYSART	J.T.	PO	VERNON	OCS
DACOMBE	L.	PO	VERNON	CCTV
DAVISON	J.	PO	LOWESTOFT	
DAVIS		CPO	737 PORTLAND	FAA
DYMOTT	D.	CPO	RESOLUTION (S)	S/M

EVANS	R.A.	CPO	VERNON (SEAMANSHIP SCH)	
ENNIS	J.	CPO	VERNON	FTO
EDGE	P.	PO	VERNON	SONAR
ERLANIZ		PO	SAN	

FRAMPTON	P.	PO	VERNON	SONAR
FIELDHOUSE	L.	PO	VERNON	SONAR
FORREST	M.I.	CPO	DANAE	
FOWLER	J.A.	CPO	VERNON	PWO
FRANCIS	D.W.	PO	VERNON	ASUATS

GIBSON	W.H.	CPO	OSPREY	
GODFREY	P.J.	CPO	VERNON	OCS
GREANEY	R.A.	CPO	UDE PORTLAND	
GRIFFITHS	M.G.	CPO	DRAKE	
GARDENER	I.D.	PO	VERNON	ASUAT 2
GORDON	P.W.	PO	SMU	
GILMORE	B.	PO	RNZN	TARANAKI
GOODMAN	R.S.	CPO	SEAHAWK	FAA
GIBBS	G.R.	CPO	DOLPHIN	S/M
GUYLER	D.M.	PO	NEPTUNE SST	S/M
GRIEF	C.	PO	DOLPHIN	S/M
GIRSON		FCPO	DOLPHIN	S/M
GREEN	L.J.	CPO	RAF H. LOW(CCF)	

GLEAVE	F.W.	L.S.	VERNON	SONAR
GARVE	S.W.	P.O.	GANGES	
HANNERMAN	W.T.	FCPO	F2	
HERBERT	P.F.C.	CPO	VERNON	MACCO
HOLLINGS	P.F.	CPO	BACCANTI	
HUGHES	A.J.	CPO	RALEIGH	
HYLAND	H.J.	CPO	DOLPHIN	
HARTLEY	C.D.	CPO	VERNON	IKARA
HAYDON	C.	PO	DANAE	
HILL	W.	CPO	FOST	
HUNT	A.C.	PO	ACHILLES	
HODSON	R.	PO	VERNON	
HITCHCOCK(Paul)	P.	PO	VERNON	H.E. TAPE
HILEY	D.	CPO	DIDO	
HODGINS	M.	PO	VERNON	PO'S PRES.
HARPER		PO	RNZN	PHILOMEL
HOFFMAN		PO	RNZN	CANTERBURY
HOLLOWAY		PO	RNZN	WAIKATO
HUNT	A.R.J.	FCPO	JACC TEDDINGTON	S/M
HEAD	B.S.	CPO	CONQUEROR	S/M
HOWARD	J.T.	PO	SWIFTSURE	S/M

McHUGH	W.	PO	RNZN	OTAGO
MAGILL	R.	CPO	EAGLET	
MACDONALD	A.J.	CPO	DRAKE SAAU	S/M
MARR	D.G.	PO	NEPTUNE SCTT	S/M
MITCHELL		PO	NETPUNE	S/M
MADDOCK	M.G.	PO	DOLPHIN	S/M
NEAL	W.T.	FCPO	VERNON	TMD
NICHOLLS	R.J.	CPO	F2 STAFF	
NASH	T.	CPO	DIOMEDE	
NORRIS	P.J.	PO	TARTAR	
OAKLEY	C.S.	CPO	MINERVA	
OWEN	W.D.	PO	VERNON	WEAPONS
PEARCE	D.W.	FCPO	AJAX	
PERRY	A.J.	CPO	JUNO	
PAIGE	M.P.	CPO	VERNON	OCS
PERCIVAL	G.M.	PO	FORTH RNR	
PRYOR	M.D.	PO	LONDON RNR	
PERKINS	T.A.	PO	MERMAID	
PROCTOR	A.C.	LS	LONDONDERRY	
PETTERS	G.	PO	VERNON	SONAR
PRINCE	J.S.	CPO	BINCLEAVES	
PARK	R.	CPO	NEPTUNE S/M 10	
PHILLIPS	B.E.	CPO	DOLPHIN	S/M
PIENAAR	G.	CPO	SAN	
PRINCE	N.J.	PO	DOLPHIN FOREIGN NAVY TRG.	S/M
QUILLER	M.D.	PO	VERNON	PWO'S
RAWLINGS	B.	PO	VERNON	
ROBERTS	E.A.	FCPO	VERNON	
REDMOND	M.L.	CPO	VERNON	OCS
REEDY	J.T.	CPO	VERNON	ASUAT 6
ROBINSON	G.R.	PO	RALEIGH	
ROBERTS	D.E.	PO	VERNON	PO(S) Conv.Instructor
RODAWAY	R.R.	CPO	VERNON	TMD
ROOT	R.E.	PO	VERNON	SONAR PO(S) CONV.INST.
ROWE	W.R.	CPO	FOST	
RUSSELL	B.	PO	GRAHAM RNR	
ROSS	T.	PO	VERNON	SONAR
ROBERTSON	A.J.F.	CPO	LLANDAFF	
ROWE	D.	PO	RNZN	
ROTHWELL	R.H.	PO	REPULSE (S)	
ROBERTSON	C.L.	CPO		FAA
SARGEANT	M.J.	FCPO	VERNON	
SMITH	W.F.	PO	CARDIFF RNR	NCS
SLADE	J.W.H.	CPO	VERNON	MINE TRIALS
SMITH	S.N.	CPO	JUPITER	
SNELLING	A.N.W.	CPO	VERNON	CPO MESS MAN
SOMERTON	R.A.	CPO	VERNON	MINE(W)
SHEPHERD	R.W.	PO	ANDROMEDA	
SNELLING	R.	PO	VERNON	SONAR

HORDEN	C.F.	PO	YARMOUTH	
HOMMACOTT	K.G.	PO		S/M
HEYDON	T.P.	CPO	JACC TEDDINGTON	S/M
HOCKENHALL	F.J.	CPO	DOLPHIN	S/M
HOLMES	D.G.	CPO	DOLPHIN	S/M
HARRISON	P.	PO	VERNON	OCS
HEAP	D.J.	PO	REVENGE(P)	S/M
HEDGE-HOLMES		PO	VERNON	SONAR
INGRAM	B.M.	CPO	FOST	
JACKSON	D.M.	CPO	OSPREY	
JACKSON	J.W.	PO	VERNON	ASUAT 5
JERRERD	D.M.	PO	VERNON	ASUAT 5
JOINER	P.W.	PO	BRIGHTON	
JOHNSTON	F.	CPC	819 GANNET	FAA
JONES	J.W.	PO	NEPTUNE S/M10	S/M
JAMES	T.	PO	NEPTUNE STWG	S/M
JONES	J.H.	PO	DOLPHIN	S/M
KINGSFORD	K.	CPO	APPOLLO	
KINNARD	G.W.	CPO	VERNON	TSO
KENCH	R.W.	PO	FIFE	
KING	J.	PO	ROYAL ARTHUR	
KENSELL	B.G.	CPO	WORK STUDY	
KING	D.E.J.	CPO	VALIANT	S/M
KENYON	R.I.	PO	COURAGEOUS	S/M
KERTON	R.W.	PO	SOVEREIGN	S/M
LEAR	G.E.	CPO	DRAKE(NCS)	
LARCOMBE	C.	PO	DAUDEAUS	FAA
LECHAS	A.D.	FCPO	VERNON	TAO
LATUS	A.E.K.	CPO	VERNON	
LAWRENCE	B.E.	CPO	NELSON	
LEIPER	F.J.	CPO	CHICHESTER	
LAWSON	P.J.	PO	NUBIAN	
LEGG	M.J.	PO		
LEWIS	N.	PO	VERNON	SONAR
LINDSAY	J.	PO	KENT	
LINN	R.	CPO	WHITBY	
LONG	T.E.K.	PO	RHYL	
LUCAS	R.	PO	ZULU	
LOWE	S.	PO	REVENGE (P)	S/M
LE-CRIOX		STC(USN)	DOLPHIN	S/M
LAWSON	E.T.	PO	NIGERIAN NAVY	
LEWIS	K.	PO	VERNON	WEAPONS
MADGE	F.R.	FCPO	ASUAT 6(Farranti)	
MATTHEWS	P.E.J.	FCPO	OSPREY	FAA
MILLIWARD	A.J.	CPO	LOCHINVAR	
MARSHALL	R.	PO	ROOKE	
MILLER	A.K.	PO	VERNON	MINE(W)
MILLETT	T.W.	PO	LONDONDERRY	
MARTIN	D.	PO	VERNON	SONAR
MAPLE	K.	PO	VERNON	SONAR
MILLEN	N.	PO	ROOKE (15/11/74)	
MILLES	A.	CPO	SCYALLA	
MILNE	J.	PO	DROXFORD (Glasgow University)	
McFLYNN	B.	PO	RNZN	PHILOMUT
MOORE	D.	PO	VERNON	TSO

SINGLETON	R.D.	PO	VERNON	MANAGER VERNON CLUB
SIZER	N.H.	PO	VERNON	MINE(W)
SOLE	S.G.	PO	VERNON, FTO	NCS
SOWDEN	P.H.W.	PO	MOHAWK	
STEVENS	N.B.	PO	GHURKA	
STRINGER	R.	CPO	FOST	
SWANN	D.W.	CPO	VERNON	IKARA
SNOWBALL	A.	PO	GANGES	
SILLENCE	R.S.	PO	VERNON- OSPREY CONT TRAINING	
SHIRLEY	B.	PO	ISTS	
SHEPHERD	J.	PO	VERNON	SONAR
SMITH	D.H.	PO	REVENGE(S)	
SMITH	P.M.	PO	RESOLUTION(P)	
SADLER	A.L.	PO	WARSPITE	S/M
SHIPMAN	R.B.	PO	DOLPHIN	S/M
SQUIRES	K.	CPO	DOLPHIN	S/M
SULLIVAN	M.G.	PO	DOLPHIN S/M TESIS REP	
SMART	B.	FCPO	NEPTUNE	S/M
SAVAGE	B.	CPO	NEPTUNE(USA)	S/M
SHIPTSEY	R.H.	PO	DOLPHIN	S/M

TAYLOR	R.G.	CPO	SULTAN AIB	
TAYLOR	R.F.	PO	VERNON	TMD
TAYLOR	R.	CPO	VERNON	TSO
TAYLOR	J.W.B.	CPO	DOLPHIN	S/M
THOMPSON	R.M.	CPO	RALEIGH	
THOMS	K.J.	CPO	SHEFFIELD	
TOULSON	K.	FCPO	VERNON	TSO
TOWNLEY	R.E.J.	CPO	FOF2 STAFF	
TROTTER	M.J.	CPO	VERNON	CI(MW)
TOPPS	S.G.	PO	DOLPHIN	S/M
TOWNS	J.	CPO	RENOWN	S/M
TRELOAR	J.W.	PO	RNZN	PHILOMEL

UNDERWOOD	P.	PO	RNZN	
WOPLING	J.	PO	VERNON	SONAR
WARD	R.J.A.	CPO	VERNON	ASUATS
WHITE	D.	CPO	RN, RM, WRNS, CAREERS	CANTAB.
WICKENS	D.J.	CPO	VERNON	
WILLS	R.S.	CPO	VERNON	CI(S)
WILLIAMS	L.A.K.	CPO	AMAZON	
WILLIAMS	W.G.	CPO	ROTHSAY	
WRAITH	R.W.	CPO	FOF1 STAFF	
WRIGHT	M.	CPO	VERNON	TMD
WAKEFORD	A.E.	CPO	HERMOINE	
WALTON	A.R.	PO	FALMOUTH	
WARD	K.B.	LS	AJAX	
WESTBROOKE	A.	PO	VERNON	SONAR
WHETHRAD	J.	CPO	VICTORY	
WILLIAMSON	T.W.	PO	VERNON	MINE(W)
WOOD	P.	PO	VERNON	MINE(W)
WOOD	R.L.	CPO	PENELOPE	
WRATTEN	P.I.	PO	CHARYBIS	
WRIGHT	M.T.	PO	BRISTOL	

" Yes I'll be there " she replied. The Guildhall clock boomed out the midnight hour.

" Goodbye" she said in a breathless husky voice,tore herself away and fled into the night.

As I retraced my steps into the Mess my fingers;groping for my pipe;closed around a small piece of card. On it was written in neat Copperplate 'Deptford 1872'. Phone number I thought,it may come in handy later.

The next evening,as the sun went down I waited by the Captains house. Libertymen looked at me curiously as they made their way ashore. I waited for an hour and then gave it up as a bad job. As I turned to go back to the Mess my eye caught a line on the brass plate at the base of the ships figurehead 'Ariadne' launched at Deptford 1872 . Looking up I gazed straight into the replica face of my mysterious girlfriend! A breeze swept along the avenue of trees and I heard distinctly,I swear it,a husky voice saying breathlessly,

" Thank you.....Goodbye....."

Odd - don't you think?

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SOCIALISE

In the Portsmouth and Southsea district there are no less than 335 Public Houses,56 Private Members Clubs & Night Clubs,not to mention 55 Licenced Hotels.

However there is one particular club thats the cake,if you want a pleasant social evening with music!,a few laughs,food and the cheapest drink in town. I am refering to YOUR !!! club of course.

We cannot supply the plushiest of furniture or waiter service but we can supply companionship,renewal of old friendships,a bit of good clean fun and with your support we could eventually provide dancing & cabaret.

I cannot supply dances and cabarets without cash and the cash will not come without the support of club members. So TASI's why not join us on the following evenings at the club for a good old 'Orf the Kuff' night - to bring us back to the top.

October 25 th

November 15 th

December 13 th

jerry

DCI's

**That maybe of use
to the**

TASI

Title of relevant ASW DCI's from current issues and included in this section under the following headings:-

- A. **SONAR**
- B. **WEAPONS & DEMOLITIONS**
- C. **TRAINING - OG. - MCM**
- D. **TACTICAL & MISCELLANEOUS**

All DCI's were re-categorised as **STANDING** or **TEMPORARY** on 1st JAN 72.

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SECTION A - SONAR

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>EXPIRY DATE</u>
CONF	15	1971		10.9.74
S	32	1972	Sonar Type 2007 Intro	21.1.75
S	97	1972	Sonar Type 182 Breaker Box	24.3.75
L, CONF.	3	1972		21.4.75
CONF	7	1972		9.6.75
T	719	1972	BR 2791 Maintenance Handbook for A/S 1077 Introduction	5.10.74
L, CONF	1U	1973		15.6.76
L, CONF	2A	1973		13.7.76
L, CONF	2H	1973		13.7.76
L, CONF	1E	1974		8.2.77
L, CONF	2B	1974		
L, CONF	3	1974		17.5.77

SECTION 'B' - WEAPONS AND DEMOLITIONS

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>EXPIRY DATE</u>
U	1129	1971	MK44 Introduction of upkeep schedules	15.10.74
R	1152	1971	DCMK11 - Release from Sea King	22.10.74
R	1232	1971	Lightweight MK44 - Reliability Evaluation	12.11.74
CONF	21	1971		3.12.74
U	1358	1971	Mortar MK10 - 161231 Rings Sealing	10.12.74
S	53	1972	MK44 Intro of Exercise Weapon	18. 2.75
L CONF	1I	1972		18. 2.75
T	14	1973	MK11DC -Revised arming arrangements.	5. 1.74
T	16	1973	Ammunition allowance for 1973	12. 1.74
T	39	1973	Torpedo - Chain lever hoist - Intro	19. 1.74.
T	137	1973	Cavity Demolition - 5lb charge withdrawal from service	16. 2.74
T	187	1973	MK44 Torpedo - New log Book - Intro.	2. 3.74
T	241	1973	A/S Projectiles Inerts for Calibration	23. 3.74

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S	109	1974	MK 44 Interim Dropable Drill Torpedo Introduction	19.7.77
S	144	"	Torpedoes.US Mk46 MOD2 Intro into service	13.9.77
T	300	1973	A/S Mortar MK10 O 161231 Rings sealing	7. 4. 74
T	322	1973	Electrical Continuity Testing Demolitions	13. 4.74
T	656	1973	MK44 MOD O* Torpedo Introduction	7. 9.74
T	875	1973	Guided Weapons and Torpedoes Disposal of Unexploded Weapons Danger from Liquid Fuels	14.12.74
T	880	1973	Stores Ammunition Discontinuation of Propellant Lot Recording	21.12.74
T	28	1974	Torpedoes Air Launched MK44 Withdrawal of 544231 Slings Deck Test	18. 1.75
T	42	1974	Revised Forms S1168A	25. 1.75
T	81	1974	MK44 Torpedo and DC MK11 New fuze wire for use with Sea King Helicopters	10. 2.75
T	82	1974	Intro MK44/MK46 Sling Torpedo recovery for use by Heli- copters	15. 2.75
T	140	1974	1974 Ammunition Allowance	8. 3.75
S	37	1974	Hazards Fire involving Explosives on the Upper Deck.	29. 3.77
T	277	1974	Road Transport of Explosive Fire Symbols	3. 5.75
L CONF	2E	1974		5. 4.77
T	305	1974	A/S Mortar MK10 - 159004 Contact Assemblies	10. 5.75
T	306	1974	Issue of BR 4022 - Naval Nuclear Weapon Accident Procedures	10. 5.75
L CONF	3A	1974		17. 5.77
T	331	1974	Ammunition - Charge Cavity 5lb withdrawal from Service	31. 5.75
T	357	1974	introduction of Strop Torpedo Lifting	14. 6.75
L CONF	3I	1974	MK 44 Change of maintenance/ repair policy in ships.	5. 7.77

SECTION C - TRAINING, OG AND MCM

CATEGORY	NO	YEAR	TITLE	EXPIRY DATE
R	1061	1971	PWO Training Policy	1.10.74
R	1097	1971	Sonar Type 2G13 SSR Termometer Intro.	8.10.74
U	1227	1971	Cessation of UW1 Ratings to Qualify TASI	2.11.74
R	1277	1971	Og and Hyd Bathy Log and Radio Message Change of Codes	19.11.74

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CATEGORY	NO	YEAR	TITLE	EXPIRY DATE
S	138	1972	"A" MK12 Exercise Mines and VMFIs Instructions	2. 6.75
CONF	10	1972		4. 8.75
S	217	1972	Modifications to Bathy Winch (Type 12s)	29. 9.75
CONF	15	1972	Noise - Underwater Investigations	29. 9.75
S	236	1972	Og, U/W Handbook NF 624 "Western Approaches to British Isles"	20.10.75
L CONF	3V	1972		8.12.75
L CONF	3Y	1972		8.12.75
T	735	1973	PWO Officers selected for 5 + 6 Courses	12.10.74
T	813	1973	Oceanographic Courses in HMS VERNON 1974 - 1975	16.11.74
T	230	1973	Training Courses User Schools	23. 3.74
L CONF	3I	1973		7.12.76
L CONF	3L	1973		7.12.76
T	257	1974	PWO Training Policy Advanced Warfare Training	26. 4.75
S	78	1974	Seaman Officers of the SO List in the PWO Era	14. 6.77
S	80	1974	Military Oceanographic Responsibilities of Shipborne Meteorological and Oceanographic (METOR) Officers	14. 6.77
T	402	1974	Sweeps, Search and Torpedo Recovery Availability	5. 7.75

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SECTION "D" - TACTICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

CATEGORY	NO	YEAR	TITLE	EXPIRY NO
L CONF	91	1971		24. 9.74
U	1070	1971	Signals Sound U/W. Intro. of MK 411 Mod 1 (Wasp)	1.10.74
R	1236	1971	Grenade MK 36 (U/W 7 Sec delay) Withdrawal	12.11.74
GEN	263	1971	Letter Design. for Radio Freq. Bands.	15.11.74
S	207	1971	RN3D List. Conditions of Service and Career Structure.	15. 9.75
S	240	1971	TTU RNAS Culdrose Terms of Reference.	3. 11.75
S	252	1971	Armament Stores, RNSTS Support in Far East.	17.11.75

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CATEGORY	NO	YEAR	TITLE	EXPIRY DATE
S	39	1973	Intro of User/Maintainer Scheme into Weapon Systems Field	2. 3.75
S	40	1973	Seaman Officers - Requirement for Sub-Specialist Nav. Officers	2. 3.75
L CONF	1U	1973		15. 6.77
S	98	1973	Responsibility for Weapons Systems in Ships	15. 6.77
CONF	8	1973		27. 7.76
L CONF	3B	1973		14. 9.76
L CONF	3	1973		14. 9.76
T	679	1973	Abolition of Forms S1611, S1613 and S1624	21. 9.74
T	714	1973	Boots DMS Conductive vice Shoes Leather PTC	28. 9.74
S	184	1973	Implementation of Aircrew Branch	19.10.76
T	746	1973	Signals Underwater Sound MK4C1 MOD 1 Withdrawal	19.10.74
GEN T	209	1973	Standard Terminology for use by NATO Forces NATO Glossary	5.12.74
S	1	1974	Introduction Operations Branch Ratings	4. 1.77
T	26	1974	NBCD States of Readiness and Conditions	18. 1.75
T	171	1974	Intro. of Helicopter Briefing Form S2692(U)	15. 3.75
CONF	5	1974		26. 4.77
T	288	1974	Divers' Dress. Two piece Dry	10. 5.75
L CONF	3E	1974		17. 5.77
T	358	1974	Signal Underwater Sound MK411 MODO Introduction	14. 6.75
T	420	1974	Establishmen Term Dates for 1975	12. 7.75
T	429	1974	Diving SAR Divers Recall when submerged	12. 7.75

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S	114	"	Operations Branch Implementation	2.8.77
S	117	"	Seaman Officer Termonology	2.8.77
S	125	"	Oceanography & Hydrography Reports from the Fleet	16.8.77
T	468	"	Introduction Team Sweep Rig 3	2.8.75
S	142	"	User/Maintainer Scheme in Underwater Weapon Field	13.9.77

T.A.S.I.'s ANNUAL OUTING -

RAF Henlow

This years outing was a direct result of the TASI's inviting a group of Senior NCO's from Henlow during the Spring term. A form of repayment for the excellent time the TASI's provided in the way of showing off their establishment and entertainment that preceded and followed the "walk round" in the Sonar Club.

For the second year running the outing was limited in numbers able to attend, but when it came to asking for volunteers the response was such that no volunteers had to be turned down, however 19 TASI's appeared on the day and it was encouraging to note that this number included TASI's from the Fleet and not just TASI's in VERNON.

Friday 27th September dawned very wet and windy, not a very encouraging start for the outing even less for the Secretary PO MILLEN, who being a good flip to the front and crafty with it, arranged for the coach to pick him up in Gosport for a free ride to VERNON. Waiting in the pouring rain, getting wetter every minute he was relieved when a Priory Coach appeared on the scene - short relief - for on boarding he discovered that it was the wrong coach and that the one for VERNON had left the garage some time ago. A phone call to the garage revealed that this was for another job and that the TASI's coach would be along shortly. Heart beat restored to normal and for a further 10 minutes in the rain and your Secretary found himself being conveyed to the Sonar Club where the remaining TASI's had gathered.

Fortunately for Norrie Millen the outing involved an overnight stop so he had a change of clothing with him and did not have to spend his day looking like a submariner who had dived without his submarine.

In a matter of minutes the coach was loaded with liquid refreshment for estimated four hour journey and departed at 0845A.

Spirits were high with everyone looking forward to an interesting day and a lively evening of being entertained by the RAF Senior NCO's who, during their visit to VERNON, had promised their revenge. However, internal spirits were being dampened by the external weather conditions so a rapid extraordinary committee meeting was called and within seconds the decision to have "Up Spirits" early was carried unanimously.

The luxury of a 53 seater Continental Coach (Not asked or paid for) was soon put to the test as regards its 'built in toilet', but the up draft caused by the speed of the coach had a similar effect as the head in a submerged submarine have on the un-initiated, so it was not long before a series of short stops were being called for.

A stop for refreshments was made at 'The Old Forresters Arms', Ascot. All very posh until the prices had to be paid when another quick decision was made to leave earlier than first intended. (Not recommended for future stops)

Once underway the lads made a discovery when 'Luvabul Lez' Dacombe unleashed his hidden talents of humour by expressing himself in song and many ditties over the built in broadcasting system. Unfortunately long before he had exhausted his supply he had to switch off because the driver was suffering from aching sides and watered eyes caused by laughing so much.

After a distance to go and time check it became apparent that the ETA was not going to be met, so a phone call to Henlow was made at Watford to amend the ETA.

Many miles later, a missed turning and a reversal in course finally ended the journey at 1330A. The President of the NCO's mess met the team with an apology that it was too late for lunch, but the bar was open and our hosts kindly supplied us with chips, ham or pasty - for the selected few - chicken in the basket to help soak up the beer.

On completion a tour of the establishment commenced with a welcoming introduction to Henlow by the Group Captain. This was followed by a lecture supported with slides on the functions of Henlow and a lead into the conducted tour of the workshops.

It was disappointing that apart from one old aircraft decorating the suluting base there were no aircraft to visit. The tour comprised of visiting Mechanical and Electrical/Radar workshops where RAF personnel were busy repairing spare parts and introducing modifications from drawings. It was akin to a naval base but facilities much improved.

From work to play when a visit to the Gym, training area and indoor swimming pool followed the workshops.

The final visit was to the Experimental Parachute Unit where the modified and new type parachutes were tested with the aid of dummies. An interesting part of this section was a museum containing Japanese, German and American parachutes. It was in this area that a photograph was taken to record the visit, highlighted by positioning 'Connie' Francis under the word MUSEUM!

Thus the working day ended with many points of interest explained and an insight as to how the other half work.

Once back in the mess, the team were shown their cabins for a wash and brush up before the evening meal. A meal that was one of the highlights of the day, well cooked, well presented and ample in quantity.

At 2000 the social started with free beer and all TASI's present. 'Slosh' Wakeford came under some rebuke by appearing with a splendid Red Rose in his top pocket (he had no button hole) and eyes to match, but he declined to explain just where that rose came from even though the lads had their own ideas.

As the evening progressed mess members arrived with their wives, the disco provided the music for dancing and for the less energetic darts and mess games were played.

A short interlude provided an excellent buffet of curry, sandwiches and pastries. It was also an opportunity for the RAF to discuss their visit to VERNON and to express their appreciation in full. It was already obvious that they intended to return the hospitality in full when the lights were dimmed, the music restarted and glasses re-filled for the final EXODUS.

One vaguely remembers a certain TASI, who shall remain nameless, finding a table beneath his aged legs and the opportunity to express without embarrassing the lady guests, the naval version of 'This Old Hat of Mine'. Perhaps it was because he could not find a hat and had long since lost his legs that he never reached the final act, even if he had, no one present was going to waste good beer but he did create amusement even if he was not convinced that someone in his audience did not keep removing the table from beneath his feet.

During the early hours of Saturday morning mess members and TASI's drifted back to their respective cabins for a short nap before breakfast, only to be rudely awakened at 0700 by those Officer Cadets undergoing parade training outside their cabin windows.

It was not necessary to hold a post mortem on the night before, it just took a look around the breakfast table to denote that a good time was had by all - the eggs on the plate looked far healthier than the eyes in the head.

Leaving Henlow at 0915, the journey was fairly quiet until stopping at 'the Jolly Miller' Alton for refreshments. A short stop of 30 minutes was planned, but Luvabul Lez Dacombe came to life with his repertoire, keeping the public and customers highly amused for a further hour plus a warm welcome invite to revisit the pub at anytime.

So endeth the TASI's outing for 1974 and back to the grindstone with thoughts being given to next year when the Association aims to embrace more TASI's in a worthwhile visit and enjoyable occasion.

FAREWELL

Since getting the bulk of the magazine into shape and with thoughts of a special Christmas Edition outlined in my mind, I now find that I am to leave the fold shortly.

I have enjoyed my year as Association Secretary/Editor and would like to feel that some of my enthusiasm has rubbed off on the members who could not make up their minds, whether the Association was worthwhile. I would like to thank all members who have assisted me in improving your magazine and Association.

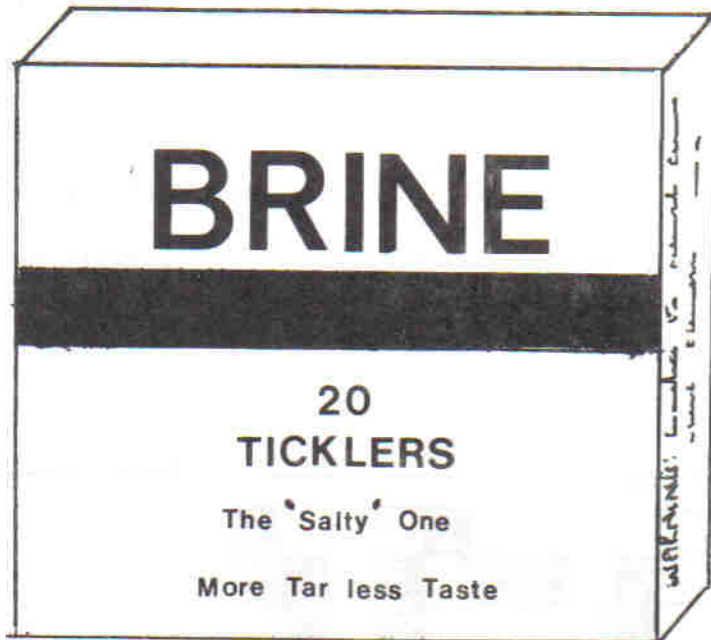
By the time you read this I will be on my way to Gibraltar if I have not already arrived there, where I will be attached to the refit group. I look forward to meeting you when you pull in from the 'orrible crinkle stuff' I may even be tempted to drink some of your beer.

As yet I have not got a successor for Secretary/Editor but I wish him luck and hope that he receives as much help and assistance as I did and that he gets as much satisfaction out of the job.

Till we meet again.

Navie

PS I was wondering how to fill this space!



Q. Are you fed up with your normally brand of cigarettes?

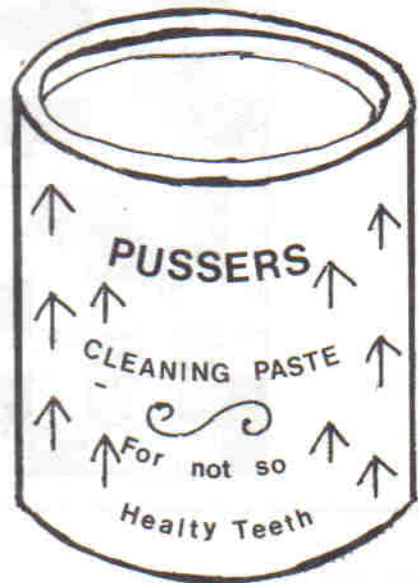
A. Yes.

Then change to BRINE, it will cure you of smoking for good.

WARNING: Every packet has a guarantee that you will get cancer.

' You'll wonder where you got that taste,

When you clean your teeth with cleaning paste - Pussers! '



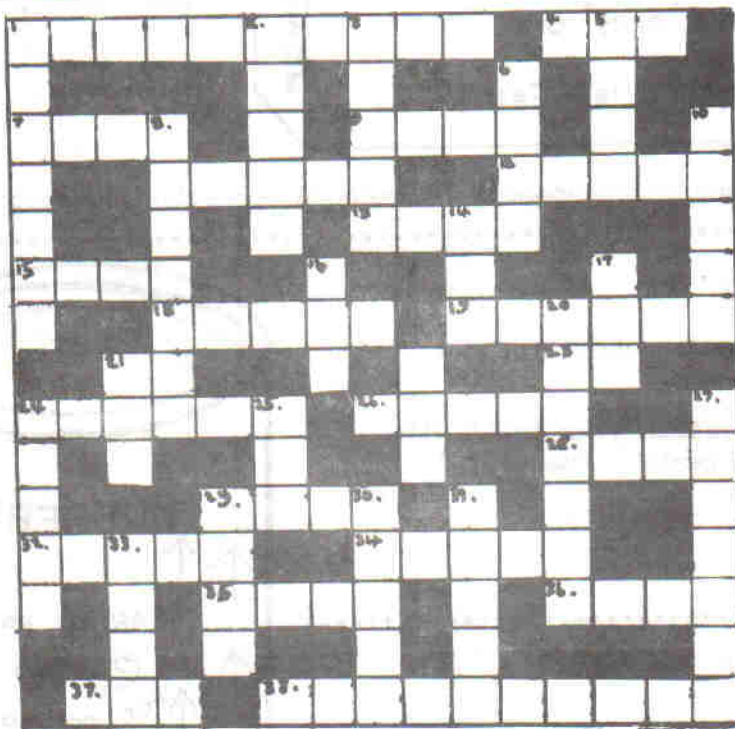
Do you have trouble getting to sleep at night?

Then you need Dr. Quacks little Rainbow Pills.

They don't help you to sleep, but should you happen to drop off, you are guaranteed to dream in Technicolour.

ACROSS

1. Are they teaching afloat?
Better check the magazine(10)
4. Take five hundred from the
fool and leave astern(3)
7. Involved in Operations but
not a Doctor(1.1.1.1.)
9. Are you?.Quiet.Hurry Up.(4)
11. You might search the woods
for it,or would you make a
search with it?(5)
12. Tamar should be good.Its in
there somewhere(5)
13. Its in the wet season(4)
15. Was he first on board(4)
18. Insufficient Knowledge &
Random Administration - Throw
it and destroy.(5)
19. Sounds like a sinful sheeps
final resting place(6)
21. Take 1010 from the young lady(2)
23. Half a Panda(2)
24. A bigger drink depending on the
size(6)
26. You might well stew meats with a good
stir.(5)
28. Mother & Gunnery Rate may become a
priest(4)
29. Is it so long winded? & a gas.(4)
32. Thief enters and loots,then sat on it(5)
34. Also narrow beamed - if you look you
can see it(5)
35. Add zero to a type of glove and leave
out(4)
36. Pist! Thats a dirty habit when cooking
on it.(4)
37. It could be small or big on its tod(3)
38. Could be an Atlantic seducer by the
sound of it(10)



DOWN

1. Is he the head of the ocean-
fly boy(7)
2. For lifting in ports?(5)
3. Electrical Artificer with Royal
Navy South- Gets paid(5)
5. Fright of this ship-take half
away and your left with it still
(4)
6. On Her Majesties Service-just
because I'm in the resistance(4)
8. Samuel Morse cuts a charming
figure(7)
10. Low heel-but turned out right(5)
14. The bat will be your target when
changed(1.1.1.)
16. Junior born on river learns to
cook(3)
17. You in the Royal Navy? Then wet the tea(3)
20. Does Mrs Mear get twistèd when loading
projectiles(7)
21. They get very irate with no tea(3)
22. Does the swine live here(3)
24. Alas nothing in it-throw again(5)
25. Are! Try the Radio Workshops(3)
27. Its cetainly no match when empty(7)
29. This worm is'nt vey quick(4)
30. As thick as tar-not the RAF Motto(5)
31. Put the merchant ship around it at the
moment and its all white(5)
33. Take 1,000 from the maxim and you'll have
the fuel(4)

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