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HISTORY OF THE ASWs ASSOCIATION

The Torpedo Branch was formed in 1876 in order to maintain, prepare and fire the torpedo weapon which had just been introduced into the Royal Navy. The first home of the branch was the hulk of the old frigate VERNON, and the (PO) Torpedo Instructor was very much the backbone of the Torpedo Branch. Although Anti-Submarine devices were in use throughout World War 1 (1914-18) the A/S Branch wasn't formed until 1920 and in July 1921 three Submarine Detector. Instructors qualified in HMS OSPREY; HMS VERNON moved ashore from the hulks to its present location in 1923. Both the Torpedo Branch and the Anti Submarine Branch carried on their ways throughout World War 2 (1939/45) but in 1946 the torpedo Branch and the Anti Submarine Branch combined to form the TAS and Electrical Branches.

SDI's and TI's now amalgamated and became TASI's with the school centred in HMS VERNON. Those Ratings from the old branches who formed the Electrical Branch moved to a new home in Fareham later to be called HMS COLLINGWOOD.

The TAS Branch and TASI reigned supreme until the formation of the Operations Branch in 1974 when the old TAS Rates, including the TASI died, and the new Sonar Branch was formed, thus the new style PO(Sonar), CPO(OPS)(Sonar) fulfilled the function of, and are worthy successors to, the TI (1876-1946), SDI (1921-1946), TASI (1946-1974) of by gone days.

On the 11 December 1954, a meeting of all TASI's was held in HMS VERNON with a view to forming a new Association of TASI's.

As a result a working committee was elected to investigate the pros and cons; and on the 22 January 1955, a general meeting of TASI's approved that the Association be named the TASI's ASSOCIATION (1955) and that the Association be:

a. To promote "Espirit de Corps", among the TASI's and thereby enhance their prestige in the Service.

b. To help in all respects, the duties of, and the life of a TASI.

c. To maintain an Employment Bureau.

A full committee of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and two committee men were elected, and Lt Cdr COXWELL RN(TASI) kindly agreed to act as Liaison Officer to the Association.

An enrolment campaign was instituted, and during the ensuing months much progress was made.

A representative member was elected in HMS OSPREY and the Annual TASI's outing was organised. Monthly meetings were held in VERNON, and full support was given by all Senior Officers everywhere.

Members were kept up to date with Association affairs by News Letters and the publication of minutes, but in January 1956 the first edition of the "Journal" was produced.

It had been decided that the first year of the Association would be considered as a trial period, and so on the 24 February 1956, the first Annual General Meeting was held, as a result of which the Association was officially formed with the approval of the Captain of HMS VERNON, Captain John GRANT DSO RN and the full support of the Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, Admiral of the Fleet, Sir George E CREASY, GCB, CBE, DSO, MUO.

With the introduction of the Operations Branch and the end of the TASI's; the new style instructor could not recognise the Association. Resulting in the new name of ASWI's, which was introduced in 1975.

ASW USER OPERATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

When the 'U' Faculty moved to DRYAD so also did I, the Naval Staff Author for ASW Operational Publications. For those who do not know me 'I' am Lt Cdr Gerry McGEOWN MBE RN (Rtd) (TASI class AW 13-1962) and I now reside in Lewin Building, G24 office (Ext 538) in the close proximity of all the 'U' Faculty Offices.

Although the NSA(ASW) is part of DNW's staff, because it is MOD(N) policy that all of their authors responsible for Weapon and Sensor System publications be co-located with their appropriate faculty, I therefore moved from VERNON to DRYAD with the 'U' team.

As NSA(ASW) I am responsible to DNW for the continual and timely update of all CBs and BRs on Surface Ship Sonars and ASW Weapon Systems used by the Operations Branch in the RN. As a general rule I attempt to amend all ASW CBs and BRs at least once a year although the odd BR, because of the continual updating of software, has been amended three times in one year.

Like all forms of Warfare an essential part of the CB/BR updating task is 'feedback'; an error in a BR may be painfully obvious in HMS Type 22 carrying out an ASW serial in the South Atlantic but equally less obvious to me under the drawbridge of Lewin Building - so 'feedback' please.

In the execution of my ASW task I receive tremendous help from Flag's Officer Staff and SMOPS's 'U' Staff, occasionally a little from a private ship, all of it is essential and all of it is very welcome. I need you to help me to help you. So any comments??? You know where I be.

Gerry McGEOWN

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** To bve relived by POA(MET) WILSON August 1985.

CPO LAKE
HMS BEAVER
March

Dear Editor

Could you please let the membership know that I have unearthed a supply of TASI Association (circa 1955) crests.

If any members are interested I will supply them - fully painted - at a cost of £12 which includes wooden back. As you probably appreciate a lot of man hours are involved, at least ten colours are required. Advance orders would be preferred.

I will endeavour to have some available for the next get together for on the spot requirements.

Anyway I'll get back to preparing this "Super Frigate" - media words not mine - for Portland Work-Up.

Yours Aye

Jake LAKE

PS. I would still like to swop crests to add to my collection if anyone is interested.

Editor

Obviously Jake would like early orders.

CPO O'SULLIVAN
HMS MINERVA
February

Dear Editor

As promised here is a note from down South.

Life down here is not too bad providing you can get yourself a good hobby. MINERVA has been here since November along with SOUTHAMPTON and BERWICK.

Time passes slowly even with a full programme. I have found it an ideal time to complete the Fleet Form 10 provided the SLUTT and 1077 and the hands are working, and available.

Smiles are beginning to broaden though as we await the BRAZEN and DIMEDE to appear on the horizon.

Then its sunny Florida and home.

Looking forward to the next edition, my regards to all.

Yours Aye

Greg O'SULLIVAN

Editor

Hope you didn't get burnt in Florida. Your subs received with thanks.

If you wish for any of the above literature please contact us at the above location, by letter or phone (Carrier pigeon by prior arrangement).

Physical fitness is another area where there is room for improvement, the failure rate being due to lack of preparation and causing much unnecessary paperwork.

Please bear in mind that the more prepared the 'raw material' are, the better the finished article.

Yours Aye

Ian CAMBURN BEM
Warrant Officer Royal Navy

BITS AND PIECES

HP 9845

Edition 2 to the BB Acoustic Package is with the Fleet Engineering Staff (FES), HMS EXCELLENT. This package is being used for instruction at the Applied Oceanographic Centre, SMOPS and is very user friendly compared with the original issue. To receive your copy of this range prediction package, you should write to FES.

SONAR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION AND DISPLAY SYSTEM (SEPADS)

The hardware for this system will be in the Applied Oceanography Centre, SMOPS by August, 1985. All instruction for SEPADS will be done here. Course dates will be promulgated.

HMS COSSACK

Coming soon an article concerning the 1950/51 commission of the COSSACK sent in by Alan QUATERMAINE who served onboard as LS TD2.

ALL MEMBERS

We have received many complaints regarding non receipt of Seamaster. Our records can only be kept up to date if you keep us informed of new addresses etc. The Seamaster is sent to the address held in our Mailing List.

GEORGE CROSS

Coming next issue an article relating the history behind the award of this medal to AB TUCKWELL in World War II.

MININUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE

15 MAY 1985

Those present:

FCPO BACON	Chairman
CPO FELLIS	Vice Chairman
CPO BEECHEY	Active Sonar
CPO OWEN	Secretary
PO COTTIS	Passive Sonar
PO RHODES	Treasurer

Absent with apologies:

CPO WHITEHEAD	Foreign Training
CPO GOLDING	Seamaster Editor

1. The Chairman declared the meeting open at 1210. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true copy.
2. The Chairman then opened a discussion on the Association Charity - namely the Elizabeth Foundation. The fact that when the Association first adopted the Foundation it was a small organisation and struggling to survive financially was noted.

However, now that it is firmly established and is a much larger concern meant that the Association input was minimal. It was decided that a smaller, more personal, charity should be investigated. Everyone was in favour of this and a decision would be made at the next meeting. It was also decided to continue supporting the Elizabeth Foundation until a smaller, more suitable charity could be found.

3. The Chairman then told the Committee that Captain A M NORMAN has accepted the Presidency of the Association his letter of acceptance will be displayed on the Association notice board in Lewin Building. Captain NORMAN has been invited for drinks by the Association in Park House on Monday 3 June, at 1230 where it is planned to present him with an Association Swaeater to commemorate the fact that he is the first SMOPS Captain to hold the

position of President of the ASWI's Association. (the point that he is also a Long Course TAS Officer should be noted). Cost to the Association will be £10 for small eats and £14 for Captain NORMAN's sweater. Carried unanimously.

4. The Chairman went on to say that CPO GOLDING had been asked to have the next edition of the Seamaster ready for despatch to members by the first week in July. Included in this edition would be the Dinner booking form. General arrangements for the dinner were discussed and a sub-committee formed (CPO's FELLs and OWEN).

5. There followed a discussion regarding the enrolment of newly qualified PO(S) into the Association. It was decided that in future immediately after the PCD's of the course the Chairman would talk to successful POs and invite them to join from that moment.

6. The Annual PRIGITASI Sports Day will take place during the last W/E in July. The ASWI's Association is the host for this years event and a good turnout by members is hoped for. Some thoughts were put to the floor by the Chair as to the venue, food etc. More final arrangements will be published in due course.

7. Treasurers Report:

Deposit Account	150.00
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The Chairman stated that membership was on the up but some members were still very slow in paying their subs. Perhaps there was some other way of raising funds for the Association. The Committee was asked to give this some consideration.

8. There being no other business the meeting was closed at 1315.

M OWEN
Secretary

WHERE'S ME OPPO

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D C BROTHERWOOD
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L J CHARRINGTON
A CLIFFORD
P S COMLEY
M A COSTELLO
A M DAVIS
R DUNCAN
J ENNIS
J I FELL
C T FELLs
B H FLOWER
J FOSTER

A WAKEFORD	ROSYTH
R NICHOLS	CNOCS
J JACKSON	DRYAD
M LEGG	CINCFLEET
C HARTLEY	DRYAD
P HARRISON	SULTAN
S BROWN	CINCFLEET
W HILL	DRYAD
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HMS CALATEA
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HMS DRYAD
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HMS EURYALUS
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HMS RALEIGH 30.7.85)
HMS RALEIGH
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J C KAY	HMS PLYMOUTH
P J KENNEDY	FOST SEAGOING
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M J KING	HMS DRYAD
I LAURIE	HMS BEAVER
T E LONG	HMS DRYAD
P MAHER	HMS BATTLEAXE
D MARSHALL	HMS DRYAD
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M OWEN	HMS DRYAD
C D PARK	FOST SEAGOING
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R E PICKERSGILL	HMS RALEIGH
T R PORDAGE	HMS VERNON
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B A RIDDLE	HMS RALEIGH
S P RODGERS	HMS DRYAD
J P SHEPHERD	HMS DRYAD
A J SIMPSON	HMS PENELOPE
J A SMITH	HMS DANAE
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B G SURTEES	HMS DRYAD
K SWAIN	HMS NAIAD
M J TRAVIS	HMS COLLINGWOOD
J L WALKER	HMS DRYAD
P L WATFORD	FOST SEAGOING

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B K WEST	HMS VERNON
S C WILL	HMS DRYAD
D P WILLIAMS	HMS DRYAD
G L WOODHAM	HMS DRYAD
P J WRIGHT	FOST SEAGOING
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J C AINSCOUGH	HMS RALEIGH
T J ALLPORT	HMS GALATEA
R A ANTCLIFFE	HMS SOUTHAMPTON
G ASHTON	HMS AMAZON
A J ASTLEY	HMS DIOMEDE
K P BAILEY	HMS RALEIGH
P R BAKER	HMS CARDIFF
H W BANNISTER	HMS BOXER
D A BARKER	HMS AVENGER
A BENNETT	HMS MANLY
D S BLODOWORTH	HMS ROTHESAY
S W BODEN	GIBRALTAR
K J BRETT	HMS LIVERPOOL
J W C BROMLEY	HMS BIRMINGHAM
A BROWN	HMS PHOEBE
R P BUCKERFIELD	HMS NEWCASTLE
R E BURLEY	HMS GLOUCESTER
H A CALEY	HMS ANDROMEDA
N CAMBURN	HMS DRYAD
M J CLARK	HMS ILLUSTRIOUS
A J CLEMENETS	HMS BOXER
M C COLLINS	HMS DRYAD
T R COUPE	HMS ALERT
R C CRAIG	HMS EXETER
R CROSBY	HMS BRISTOL
P E CUNNINGHAM	HMS ANDROMEDA
R DOOLER	HMS DRYAD
A DOUGALL	HMS ACHILLES
J DOYLE	HMS NOTTINGHAM
G DOYLE	HMS FIFE
M S DUTSON	HMS DRYAD
R P EDWARDS	HMS BERWICK

PO(S) Continued

R E ELLIOT
M ENVY
B M FINN
T FINN
D J F FIRTH
R FISHER
B J FORHESTER
W B FRANKLIN
S R PROST
P K FURLONG
N GARCIA
G GARDINER
D J GEMMILL
A A GIBBS
A GLEAVE
D J GOODFELLOW
J M GORRINGE
B GRAHAM
P M GRIFFIN
J A T HALLOWES
M C HARRIS
R P HAWGOOD
P J HENSHAW
K L HODSDON
D HOLT
K L HOWES
A S HUDSON
M J HUTCHINGS
J N HUTCHISON
A INGRAM
T A JERRONES
S KNIGHT
R LARRATT
T J LE-MAGE
K W LEE
P R F LENTHALL
B W LEWIS
P LOMAS
J LYONS

HMS ACHILLES
HMS JUPITER
HMS VERNON
HMS DRYAD
HMS NOTTINGHAM
HMS DRYAD
HMS GLOUCESTER
HMS ACTIVE
HMS CLEOPATRA
HMS INVINCIBLE
GIBRALTAR
HMS ALACRITY
HMS DANAE
HMS INVINCIBLE
HMS GLAMORGAN
HMS DRYAD
HMS ARROW
HMS ALACRITY
HMS DRYAD
HMS AMBUSCADE
Release
HMS DRYAD
CINCFLEET
HMS HERMIONE
HMS CHARYBDIS
HMS BRAZEN
HMS AVENGER
HMS SIRIUS
HMS YARMOUTH
HMS NAIAD
HMS ARGONAUT
HMS DEFIANCE FMB
HMS JUPITER
HMS VERNON
HMS DRYAD
HMS EXETER
HMS EURYALUS
HMS SCYLLA
HMS DRYAD

PO(S) Continued

S H MADDISON
R E MAKAREWICZ
C T MANEELEY
K MARSHALL
L MARSHALL
H J MARTIN
K H MAULE
D F MCCARTHY
R C MCCREADY
N A MCINTOSH
P R MIDDLETON
M S MILLS
A S MOORE
D G MORRIS
D MORRISON
D MULGREW
S E NEEDHAM
R J NEWELL
T M NICHOLSON
M P O'SHEA
B W OLDREY
S S PEARCE
D R POCOCK
M K POWLEY
B B PRICE
W T QUATE
C T QUINTRELL
A RAW
M R REED
P RHODES
J W RIGBY
R R RIMMER
T G ROBERTS
J ROBINSON
J W ROOKE
A G RUSHBROOKE
M K SEXTON
D G SHAW
D SHEPHERD
F P SHOTTEN
S C SKIPPER

HMS AMBUSCADE
HMS DRYAD
HMS BROADSWORD
HMS GLASGOW
HMS DRYAD
HMS BEAVER
HMS MINERVA
HMS CLEOPATRA
HMS BIRMINGHAM
HMS VERNON
HMS APOLLO
HMS BRILLIANT
HMS BRILLIANT
HMS RALEIGH
HMS ARROW
HMS CARDIFF
HMS SOUTHAMPTON
HMS DRYAD
HMS SCYLLA
HMS DRYAD
HMS ARIADNE
HMS PENELOPE
HMS DRYAD
HMS BRAZEN
HMS GLAMORGAN
HMS YORK
HMS RALEIGH
HMS NEPTUNE NT
HMS DIAMEDE
HMS DRYAD
HMS ILLUSTRIOUS
HMS DRYAD
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HMS MANCHESTER
HMS RALEIGH
HMS JUNO
HMS RALEIGH
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HMS CHARYBDIS
HMS YORK
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D SLOCOMBE
R J SMITH
C T C STEVENS
P I SULLY
D O TAYLOR
F N THOMAS
A D TREGALE
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C S WYNN
P D R YOUNG

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HMS AJAX
HMS ARK ROYAL
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HMS DRYAD
HMS CALEDONIA
HMS GLASGOW
HMS BATTLEAXE
HMS DRYAD
HMS LEANDER
HMS DRYAD
HMS SIRIUS
HMS NEPTUNE
HMS CALEDONIA
HMS DRYAD
RY BRITANNIA

Editor

As already said elsewhere in this issue if you are listed incorrectly; please let us know!

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Members

Firstly congratulations to CPOs' Jess Owen, Jim Park, Paul Hitchcock and Fred Fox on being selected for Warrant Officer, a most deserved achievement. Our heartiest congratulations to you all.

As you are all aware the 'U' Faculty has now settled very firmly into SMOPS at HMS DRYAD and as the move is now complete it has been decided that the Captain of HMS VERNON, who since the Association was founded in 1955 has historically been the President of the TASI's and in more recent years the ASWI's Association be succeeded by the Captain of SMOPS HMS DRYAD. To this end Captain A M NORMAN was delighted to accept the Presidency of the ASWI's Association and his letter of acceptance is now displayed on the ASWI Board in LEWIN BUILDING.

This year it is our turn to host the PRIGITASI Annual Sports Day which will be held at HMS DRYAD on Saturday 27 July. The venue is the Sports Pavillion and the setting is ideal for a good family day out. Could families please provide their own picnic lunch, the Association will provide 'eats' at about 1630. It is my hope that the turnout will be the best ever. Families and guests can arrive as early as 1100 but the Sports will not commence until 1330 and end at 1700 ish. The bar will be available throughout. All those who wish to attend please send a letter or phone me FCPO BACON on DRYAD 547 or CPO FELS on DRYAD 383.

Yours Aye

N BACON
Chairman

STOP PRESS!!!

Congratulations to Fred FOX being awarded the BEM on the Queen's Honours List

EDITORS LETTER

Gentlemen,

I have taken on this job with some trepidation and I must admit have given myself a July deadline for this Seamaster, only time will tell if I meet it as this letter is written at the end of May!

I am assured by Don ANDERSON the Seamaster writes itself and I must admit your many contributions are gratefully accepted and received by me. However I will reserve the right to condense material and not print some of the more unsavoury suggestions.

I hope you enjoy this issue, please spread it about especially to your PWO, all you serving at sea, above all send in your ideas.

Yours in anticipation

Brian GOLDING
Editor



TREASURER'S REPORT

Gentlemen

With the majority of subscriptions paid for 1985 and many new members joining our Association I'm pleased to report, on the financial side we stand healthy - at present.

Closed on the 4 June 1985

Deposit Account	£150.00
Cash Float	£ 18.00
Current Account	£106.00
	<u>£274.00</u>

To those who have not paid please forward 1985 subscriptions as soon as possible; your attention is drawn to Rule 12 of the Association.

Yours Aye

P RHODES
Treasurer

FCPO(OPS)(S) BENNETT
ARE
Portland

Dear Editor

Many thanks for the Seamaster which I received today.

Thanks to a comprehensive turnover from Ian CAMBURN I'm now settled in at ARE Southwell, and am finding it quite novel adjusting in the pace of life here. So far I've not had one action that had to be completed yesterday and very few that require a decision by next week. That is not to say that I'm loafing; acceptance of UW Weapons into Service is a long drawn out process and involves months of trials to ensure the RN gets the equipment it asked for in the Naval Staff Requirement.

The FOST and Syllabus Training Staff ensure there is a good representation of TAS men in Osprey, and there is no lack of convivial company at the bar.

I enclose by wishing the 'U' Faculty a smooth painless move to SMOPS DRYAD, I'm sure 'Folly Foot Farm' will be the richer for your presence.

Yours Aye

John BENNETT

Editor

Thanks for the letter and good wishes John, our move here was very well organised. Thanks for your subs and contribution to the Associations Charity.

R C PATON
Stubbington

Hello Don

This dropped out of a book whilst I was rummaging around in the loft.

Is it rare? An antique maybe?

It is signed by Charlie FIRBANKS. I wonder where he is now? Might be interesting to find out?

Yours Aye

Bob PATON

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Editor

Over to you Gentlemen, all answers to the Seamaster.

CPO(OPS)(R) T REYNOLDS
HMS BRILLIANT

Dear Fellow Members

Having been 'formally' accepted as an 'Honorary Member' of your prestigious Association at your last Annual Dinner, (reading my Junior TAS Manual avidly) I feel that I have a responsibility - nay - a pleasure to contribute an article occasionally. Hoping that this will ensure despatch of the Seamaster to me on a regular basis. Thank you for the last copy I can assure you I am an avid reader. 'Pony' MOORE, who is something to do with ASDIC onboard says would you please rememebr his copy next time!

I am now ell entrenched in (or shoudl it be on) BRILLIANT and we have recently become the RN respresentative to STANAVFORLANT, with the Commodre embarked - a challenge for us all in the Ops Branch. We were, until recently, bereft of ASW, but Exercise Bright Horizon rectified that in a big way, with hours and hours of 'in contact' time and good ranges from 2016 in some fairly unfavourable conditions. Altogether there were 9 S/Ms available during the period, and you know what we TAS rates say 'Time spent not Casexing is Time wasted'.

As you may have gathered, this letter is not based on any particular theme, but it may help to fill the (seemingly bulging) pages of the next Seamaster. I would, through the courtesy of those pages, like to say once again how much I enjoyed my 18 months in VERNON, both professionally and socially. I always felt a part of the Section and the comeraderie engendered within the confines of the Mess, Section and Association is second to none. Had it not been for a less than perceptive PSO twenty years ago, I may have experienced all of it a long time ago. (My reason for wanting to be a TAS rate, "my bruvvers one"- albeit a UW - was not deemed adequate). To those of you that I did acquaint during my stay, 'thanks' and Good Luck - especially in the new VERNON II - see you in the near future, once we get back from distant lands. (I don't half miss the Snooker Tables though!)

I thought I'd finish off with a dit, - true of course. Whilst on a recent visit to Greenwich - secured to buoys adjacent to the Cutty Sark, a generous offer of 'free' entry to the said vessel was permitted on production of the RN. Identity Card. Two culturally - minded stokers from our mighty vessel took advantage of the offer - unfortunately they had recently partaken of much mead in the many ale - houses ashore - and by the time the Poop was reached, one of their number was in dire straits and in urgent need of relief. Happening upon a small cabin structure, he entered cautiously.....Happily he found therein something resembling a sink unit. Abiding by the old maxim 'any port in a storm', he proceeded to relieve himself of his crippling burden. The jolly duo then went merrily on their cultural way.

Only later did it transpire that the 'sink' unit was in fact only a fascimile, and lacked the necessary plumbing arrangements. It did, however, drain down.....but only as far as the souvenir shop.....wherein stood charming - but unsuspecting - young female vendor. She did not, at the critical moment, have her umbrella ready to hand and was subsequently drenched. Subsequent investigations produced the guilty parties, who were duly 'run in'. The main culprit was fined under the NDA and ordered to pay a hefty sum for damaged merchandise. He was also to confront the unfortunate lady to express his remorse and apologies in the shape of a large box of choccs. Rumours that his tokens included a shower cap and deoderant proved to be unfounded.

Yours Aye

Tim REYNOLDS
CPO(OPS)(R)(S)

Editor

Your money is in our coffers Tim, thank you.

The printing of your letter is the least we can do.

E DENNETT
CLANFIELD

Dear Editor

Many thanks for the Seamaster I received recently.

I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society (RNARS) of which I and many other ex TAS are members.

This year is the Society's 25 Anniversary and a dinner was held at the 'Home Club' Queens Street.

Membership is open to Serving and ex-serving personnel of the RN and other Navies which can often lead to invites when abroad.

I must close now, hope to see you again soon.

E DENNETT

Editor

Should any member be interested in the Society I would be pleased to forward the correct address.

CPO F GLEAVE
DNBCC
Salisbury

Dear All

Is it this time again already! I'm still with the NEW Joint Services Centre of NBC in the wilds of Wiltshire.

Although having lost my "Sea Legs", now adorned with OG's there is many a 'pongo' still working out such terms as "going ashore", "stand easy", "bulkheads" etc. Enough for me to really confuse matters by being an "I". As I've always said when in Rome, do it.

It's a pleasure to include my subscription in this note and hopefully I'll get a few 'Make and Mends' so that I can come and see you all.

Hear's hoping

Fred GLEAVE

Editor

I have to admit your Centre was news to me.

I can see that NBCDO's Course would be a useful adqual. We thank you for your dues and look forward to your next visit.

THE 'U' FAC INSTRUCTORS TEA BOAT

Deep in the bowels of Lewin Building the new country residence of the ASW world there is a room that is the most important factor in 'U' Facs premises. In it is where all the Instructors get their sustenance, keep their lockers and of course buzzs throughout the day. The 'T' boat is run by 'Tansy 50p or else' LEE, who rules with a soggy T bag and a wicked snatch; other regular members are:

Brian 'cake maker' GOLDRING

'Buck I've done more 170 PJT's TAYLOR'

Ray 'I'll fix it' HAWGOOD

'Dusty have you paid your subs RHODES'

Tom 'the fish' DOOLER

Chris 'our own TASI' WYNN

Fred 'soon to be Sir' FOX

'Taff no you can't have a fag' THOMAS

and yours truly, for a limited period only. At any time during stand easy most days these stalwart characters can be found, within these walls, chewing the fat on various subjects ranging from, politics, kit cars, fishing, sport and page 3 profiles but at all times having the interests of the Branch near to their hearts.

If at any time any colleagues do pass by our T boat please pop in and for 10p and a T bag you will always get a warm welcome.

Tom STEVENS

Editor

Since writing this intro Tom has left the section to join ARK ROYAL. However his message still applies.

LS(S) COURSE OFFICE
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Dear Editor

Waking each morning to the sound of 'clipclop' readers will gather quite correctly that the LS(S) Course Office has moved to DRYAD. This move took place in March this year and we are now settled in.

Under the SMOPS set up the Course/Divisional Officer is FCPO Ian Camburn, title AS 2 and his staff consisting of CPO M J KING (AS2.1), PO(S) R FISHER (AS2.2) and PO(S) C WRIGHT (AS2.3). In June this year we are lucky enough to have CPO J FOSTER (Ex EXETER) joining the section to relieve Shiner WRIGHT who is going outside (All the best mate).

Courses are running at an average of eight per year and still we are experiencing the same course related problems. The major shortcoming is the lack of practical time sonar controlling by those nominated for course on successful completion of the PE Board. Secondly is the tendency by a majority of prospective candidates to 'rest on their laurels' again after completion of the PE Board. The Introduction Quiz given to all students reflects this, marks generally ranging from the mid-thirties to the lower eighties.

The section used to send out Advanced Literature to students, giving small tasks and problems which were designed to help the student maintain and in some cases advance the standard he had achieved. This has now ceased as very few were completed and returned. On occasion these Work Sheets fell out the Ratings papers when they arrived for course, this being the first time they had seen it. We are more than prepared to send out literature but are asking you, the man in the 'front line' to make a viable undertaking

D JACKSON
PLUMSTED
Cape Town

Dear Editor

I recently received from Sam SNELLING three old copies of Seamaster, very nostalgic, after a 16 year delay since the last copy I received.

I would like to re-establish my links with the Association and so extend an invitation to serving and ex-serving members to write to perhaps trace ex SAN TASI's trained by the RN.

There are many fond memories of TAS Branch hospitality in Simonstown. I get regular enquiries here from TASI's about old RN "oppos".

All who wish to write are guaranteed a reply.

Sincerely

Doug (JACKO) JACKSON
Class of '63

Editor

The letter says it all; interested parties please contact the Association at the new address.

L. ROSHMAN
Bognor

Dear Treasurer

I'm enclosing my subs and hope all is in order. I've heard very little from you for some time.

I left the Service in 1961 a full member of the TASI's Association, things fizzled out until quite recently; so I hope I will hear from you again.

I am now retired having taken early retirement from HM Prison Service.

Yours Aye

Les ROSHMAN

Editor

Thanks for the letter, welcome back to the fold. We now have you up to date in our records so there should be no further complications.

PRIGITASI

The following article has been received from the Chairman of the PRI's it concerns the origins of the PRIGITASI. The information comes from Ian BURNS.

In March 1962 I was Squadron PRI of the 3rd Frigate Squadron, with a permanent cabin in HMS TERROR, Singapore.

The Mess bar was a popular place for the Senior Rates of the Radar, Gunnery and TAS Branches, however each tended to keep to their own parties. That is not to say that these parties were not gatecrashed from time to time. After one particularly hectic gatecrash it dawned on me that we should do things properly and make it a proper do.

All ships carrying an Instructor on the Station was contacted and a Committee was formed.

The first get together was held in the Mess Hall of the POs Mess HMS TERROR, the guest of honour was the Captain of HMS TERROR and the three base Commanders of the Radar, Gunnery and TAS Branches were also invited.

The 'Three Wise Monkeys' were chosen as a symbol of the branches; "See no Evil" for the PRI, "Hear no Evil" for the TASI and of course "Speak no Evil" for the GI.

The evening was a great success.

The spirit of the Three Wise Monkeys lives on today in the PRIGITASI Trophy keenly contested for in various activities and sports. May it continue to flourish for the good of the Service.

Ian BURNS

Editor

Perhaps some of our members recollect this first occasion. Please let us know.

