

*The
Royal Navy's
Dartmouth
Training Squadron*

Her Majesty's Ships :
**SCARBOROUGH EASTBOURNE
TENBY**

*The
Captain (D)
officers and men of the
Dartmouth Training Squadron
send you good wishes.
They are delighted to be making
this visit and take the opportunity
of welcoming you on board
their ships*





A cadet is transferred between ships by jackstay.



The Squadron

The Royal Navy's Dartmouth Training Squadron consists of Her Majesty's Ships *Scarborough*, *Eastbourne* and *Tenby*.

The Ships

Each ship is a Type 12 (Whitby Class) anti-submarine frigate with a displacement of 2,144 tons, a length of 370 feet and a beam of 41 feet. Two sets of double reduction geared steam turbines give them a maximum speed in excess of 25 knots.

Anti-submarine armament consists of two three-barrelled mortars which can fire a pattern of projectiles with great accuracy, set to explode at predetermined depth.

For air defence each ship is equipped with two 4.5-inch guns in a single turret, and a single 40 mm Bofor. The 4.5-inch guns can also be used against ships and for bombardment in support of ground troops.

The ships are fitted with sonar (underwater detection) equipment and facilities for controlling anti-submarine aircraft.

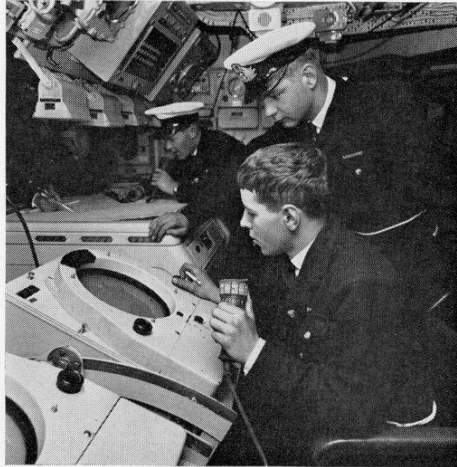
HMS *Scarborough* and HMS *Tenby* joined the fleet in 1957 and HMS *Eastbourne* in 1958.

The Men

Each ship has a complement of 16 officers and 160 men. When on training cruises each ship has around 40 trainees embarked.



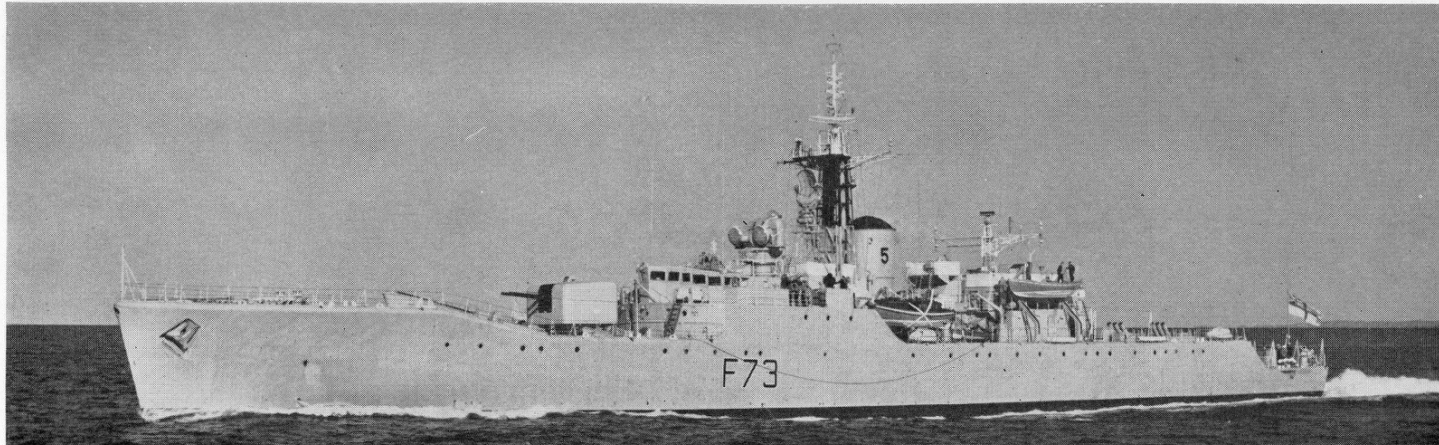
Training in navigation
HMS Eastbourne



In the operations room

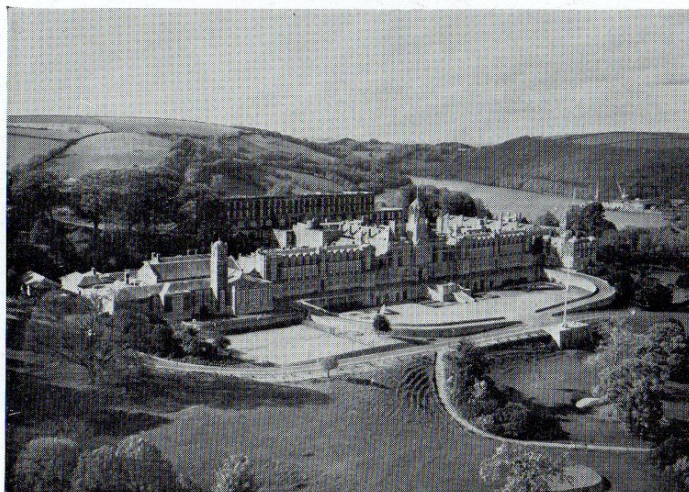


Duty on the bridge



THE TRAINING TASK

The main task of the Dartmouth Training Squadron is to provide basic ship experience for the officer cadets of the Royal Navy. It also provides sea experience for Royal Marines young officers. This period afloat (approximately 3 months) provides an early opportunity for the young officers to find their 'sea legs' and to apply some of the knowledge they have acquired during their time at Dartmouth. While at sea, cadets are accommodated as ratings and live in broadside messes. They are trained in general shipboard duties, navigation, gunnery, anti-submarine warfare, Officer of the Watch duties and seamanship. Each ship of the Squadron has been specially modified for cadet training by the addition of a chart house, navigation platform and classrooms. Recently the Squadron has visited numerous ports of interest in North America, the Mediterranean, the Aegean, Scandinavia and also ports in the United Kingdom. Many thousands of miles have been travelled and many new friends been made by the officers and men of the Dartmouth Training Squadron.



*An aerial view of the Britannia Royal Naval College (Left)
Cadets and ratings on board a submarine during exercises (top)
Cadets assemble near the anti-submarine mortars, ready to take another ship in tow (above)*