

routine with very little 'make and mend' content. Hence the 'Araldite and String Brigade' formed up for the task of the next two years.

Early in 1971 the 'Greenie' spirit began to grow and in Durban achieved its first success by spiriting away the 'Joss Man's' lid.

At a subsequent ALFRESCO
 Came a little presentation.
 To the 'Boss' man a memento
 'twas the 'Joss' man's 'cap'-itation

Around this time the WE Deck Hockey, Rugger and Soccer Teams emerged as powerful forces in the ship. The Deck Hockey Team soon swept to victory whilst 'Mario' horsewhipped an unsuspecting team of Juniors round the first Olympiad.

In the background an industrial enterprise was being floated. Soon the famous NETLEY BOX hit the market, a product of the BNBC Ltd (British Netley Box Company). Soon after its introduction, the device's designer was bid for by another company and the then Managing Director, 'Ginge' Greaves took over. A failure of component supplies caused a drop in sales and subsequent liquidation. Before leaving the Company, the designer had some success with another invention, the game of 'WALLEY BALL', he being an exponent of the same. One of the novel rules of this new game was that the ball should be struck firmly backwards out of court when played. The rules also stated that the opposing team were not allowed to score more than 15 consecutive points in any one game.

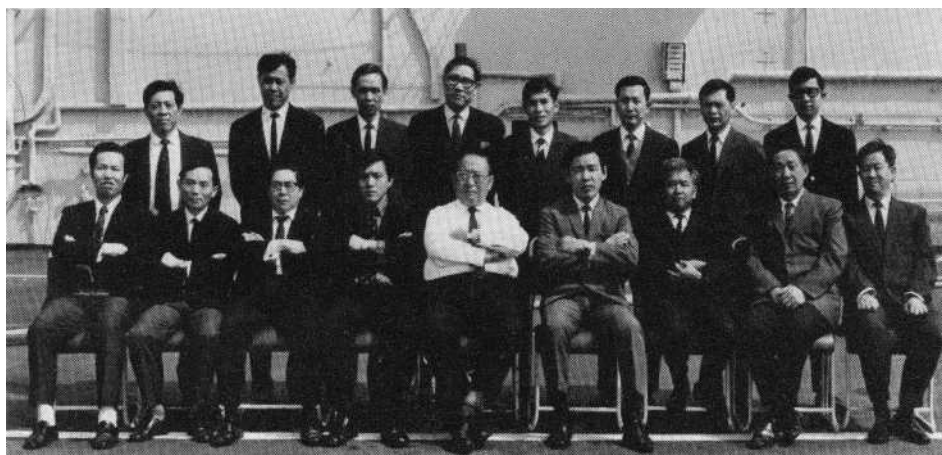
In Singapore, the Rugby seven-a-side team came through to the final by humbling some famous teams

including the AED and 848. Even in the final, the winning Wardroom team were taken by surprise by the speed of attack of players, sometimes half their size and age, and also the tenacity of their tackling. This superb feature of their play coupled with the running of 'Bungy' Williams was the greatest single factor of the WE success. LCEM McCarthy achieved notable fame as cheer leader on this occasion, having, at one stage, to be restrained from rushing onto the field to offer thanks to the Lord for mercies given. The team and many supporters were later seen offering thanksgiving sacrifices to heathen gods in the Anchor Club. Amongst those sacrificed that night was the recently arrived initiate LCEM Berry.

Visits to Japan and Australia at this time were marked by the regular disappearance from the staff of two senior 'elderly Boy Scout' types on Safari, whilst the record shows the almost continual absence of Messrs Organ, Norman, Tester and Harper whose weekend and station leave valises strongly resembled golf bags. With WB in Bali, RSO put in many hours preparation for the Wimbledon 'Open'. Lt Lovelock having appeared on the Naval Recruiting Poster in the *Sunday Times* promptly disguised himself by growing an impressive set. He has since been approached by the Players Tobacco Co. Skittles and reputations fell, and formal barriers melted away at the Seamens' Club in Kowloon, whilst a regular feature of our life at sea was the sight of melting away of a different kind as the distinguished figures of CPOs Harrop and Greaves undertook arduous circuit training.

Ship problems at this time included the need to evacuate the superheated section of an already humid messdeck until additional air-conditioners could be fitted. The next overheating problem occurred when a major fire broke out in the Senior Rates' galley, appropriately enough on 5 November 1971. The job of rebuilding and completely rewiring was carried out in 10 days of round the clock working by teams headed by OEMN Brennan and PO's Gould and Webster. This was a great effort by everyone concerned and the Admiral was kind enough to say so.

During the commission everyone has had a crack at something. OEM Evans encouraged us at everything and eventually finished up in a dinner jacket acting as the MC for the Ship's boxing tournament. PO Kelly won the mile championship closely followed by PO's Shields and Williams. He also captained the ship's Soccer Team in which PO Williams was one of the leading goal scorers. OEM MacCallum and CEM Dudman played regularly in the Ship's Hockey Team; the Juniors under the leadership of COEL Shepherd won the Top of the Rock Race and the Captain's Cup for soccer; CEM Dudman emerged as a modern Gauguin using spacemen as models instead of native women (although the latter were more readily accessible). The list of notable and notorious personalities is endless and in this limited space it is impossible to mention them all - the reader is left to fill in the gaps. These memories will live on for a long time, and so will these two questions, still unanswered: where did W.B. go? and who disclosed the ex-directory telephone number of the Green Grotto?



*Our unofficial Chinese
 in festive mood*

SPORT AND ENTERTAINMENT

CRICKET



SA Birkett in full flight



Where did it go?

PLAYED 17 WON 6 LOST 11

The record shows that perhaps *Albion* did not possess the greatest of cricket teams. However, the lack of skill was more than compensated by the enthusiasm of the players. This is not to say that we were not capable of beating the smaller ships. Indeed *HMS Argonaut* must have regretted their challenge one warm afternoon in Singapore. *Albion* made nearly 300 runs in just over 2½ hours! Several of the opposition's bowlers refused to bowl at SA John Birkett, whose 70 took only 15 minutes.

Our first game took place in the Ascension Islands where Georgetown, the capital, was thrashed by nine wickets. The local hospitality proved unique in that both teams consumed ale before the match began. After an hour or so, it was decided to play some cricket, and *Albion* took the field. The initial overs were not skilfully executed, but once sobriety prevailed Georgetown were out for 125. This left about

80 minutes before the bar opened - the ship was due to sail at 1900. We won with ample time to spare for refreshments.

At Singapore our main opponents were the Naval Base XI. We played them five times in all and managed to win twice. In between these games *KD Malaya*, the Malaysian Base, thrashed us; our former Shipwright Officer, playing for the opposition, scored an excellent century.

In Hong Kong we played Hong Kong Cricket Club twice. We were lucky to have the services of 40 Commando Royal Marines, and Marines Smith and Davey helped us beat HKCC by five wickets in the second game.

On the way home, RAF Gan produced a team of West Indians and made 250 for two; our reply to this total is not worth printing. The RAF were very hospitable.

In Cape Town we met a team called Camps Bay then the Impala Club. Both were too good for us. It was

unfortunate that we met a bowler renowned to be as quick as Mike Procter of Gloucester. At one stage *Albion* were six for five wickets and after consultation it was decided that the 'quickie' had to be taken off. It was estimated that at our rate of runs the bar would still be closed at the end of our innings. Once again SA John Birkett lessened our defeat by hitting 50 in 14 minutes. We lost, but everyone had an enjoyable evening and we learnt that the standard of Club cricket in South Africa is much higher than at home.

The most recent game occurred in Greenock. An enjoyable game of 20 overs was lost in the last but one over, which was bowled at 9.30pm; they seem to have longer days in Scotland. In the future we hope to play in Canada. However as it will be winter, extra sweaters will be issued.

We may not have been the best team in the world, but this mattered not. Our greatest asset may have been that we enjoyed the game, even in defeat.

EXPEDITION TRAINING

... is the official description of the odd activities carried out by members of the ship's company during the last two years. Anyone watching 86 assorted *Albions* departing on 11 different expeds in Brittany may be excused for thinking that 'Exped' is just another name for 'Banyan', although they would soon be disillusioned by the experiences of the Mt Kenya party, suffering oxygen starvation at 14,500ft, or that of the 'Australexped' suffering similar discomfort under clouds of outback dust.

Details of some of the highlights of expeds in Asia, Africa, Australia and Europe follow, but first a word about the organisation. Devotees of the sport have been very fortunate in being able to beg, borrow, (but never steal) a wide variety of equipment from different departments in the ship, which has undoubtedly helped towards the success of many of the trips. Exped gear in all forms, occasionally with wheels, has been readily forthcoming; many thanks to all who helped in this way.

By its very nature, Exped is an activity in which every member of the party has something to contribute. To list everyone who took part in each of the expeditions along with their peculiarities would take more space than I am allowed, but mention ought to be made of two of the leading lights. Cdr M. A. Jones has perhaps done more to put exped on the map than anyone else in the ship. Known variously as 'The Green Emperor', 'King of the Greenies', or 'Head of the Weapons and Exped Engineering Department'

he has expended as much energy preparing and planning trips as everybody else has in carrying them out. And who would get to know of our strenuous goings on if it were not for Aesop's witty articles, songs and poems in the Argus? CPOSA John Reeves, some of whose work is reproduced below, must surely be in line for Poet Laureate or something.

Where have all these gallivantings led us? In chronological order, then, as follows

May 1971 Bombay

A mini-exped to the hill resort of Matheran, 67 miles from Bombay and 2600ft above sea level. The descent included a 10 mile stretch covered in two hours (in all that 'ot 'eat) by a party of three and a local guide. To quote from Asop:

'Four miles down the track we took another break, but this time I was exhausted and had fuzzy vision which I later discovered to be a deposit of salt from sweat running from my forehead and evaporating on my spectacles.'

August 1971 Perth, W. Australia

A party of twelve went off to explore the outback by Landrover including the *Albion* ornithologist 'Guillemot' alias EA(A) Willmot, and a set of bagpipes with Lt Ken McDonald to play them.

A distance of 900 miles was covered in four days over tarmac and dust roads and tracks. They brought back a memory of freedom and space undisturbed by industry and pollution.

With apologies to Matilda I reproduce one verse of the exped song
 'Swarming round the outback, looking for the motorway,
 Going round in circles, one, two, three.

All the local farmers said we should be certified,
 Come to Australia Exped with me.'

October 1971 Mombasa

Two expeds, one to climb Mt Kenya and the other to explore the Kenyan bush.

The first consisted of eleven assorted bodies led (astray?) by, among others, Lt Graham Bateman. The highlight of this trip was probably Lt Peter Ritchie driving the train halfway to Nairobi, slowing to 5mph when he got hungry so that he could hop off and run back to the dining car.

The assault on the mountain proved very strenuous and Lts Bateman, Ritchie, Dillon and Britten and O/S Hine did well to reach 14,500ft on a peak which is far from the easiest climbing in the world.

The other party in three Landrovers spent two nights in the Taita Hills district south of the Tsavo National Park and one night out on the plains. Very hot, very dusty and very little game to be seen owing to a prolonged drought.

Again an extract from Aesop. This time from his 'Hyakenya' (apologies to Longfellow)

On the mighty ship the *Albion*
 Came the call for expedition.
 Come and follow Greenie Senior,
 Through the bush and hills of Kenya,
 Round the rocks and through the ulu
 In the land of the Kikuyu;
 To escape from naval duty
 And to emulate the Booty.

and again

Early start at 4 a.m.
 For to go and search for game
 And the search is not in vain
 See impala on the plain;
 Gazelle, dik-dik, hartebeeste;

Monkey and mongeese;
 Elephants they could not find
 But that which they left behind

May 1972 Brest

In addition to the aforementioned eighty-six, two boat expeds set out across the Rade de Brest and up the river Aulne. These two parties soon combined into one for a very pleasant weekend sampling the local wines, cheeses and crab and being made very welcome by the natives.

'You 'ave come all ze way from Angleterre in As leetle bateau? Vous avez mal a Tete.'

Several interesting conclusions were reached

1. Don't trust the weather forecasts. 'Force 5-6, visibility good' turned out to be 'Force 2, visibility 500yds'.

2. The workboat is a better seaboat than the LCVP but her mechanics aren't as reliable.

3. Schoolboy French gets very rusty if unused for 14 years.

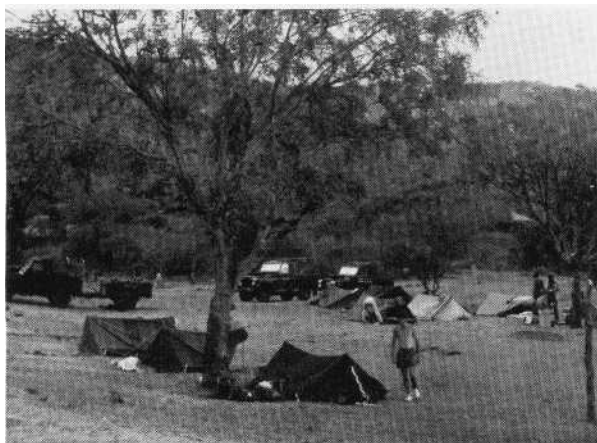
July 1972 Rotterdam

In which six junior seamen were sent to Arnhem Zoo for the afternoon. (Who said 'Why did you bring them back?')

In fact this was quite an educational weekend including a visit to the Airborne Forces Museum and the Dutch National Open-Air Museum of historic buildings and folklore.

July 1972 Glencoe

Home ground again. A very worthwhile weekend break, walking in the mountains arranged by HMS *Neptune's* Exped Instructor. It took the Exped Officer nine hours to reach Glencoe from Helensburgh but that, O Best Beloved, is another story. (Final apologies to Mr Kipling).



Camp site at Makwasingi, Kenya



Freedom and space; uncluttered by industry and pollution ?

SOCCER



Soccer 1st XI

Back row

AB Kirkham R02 Carter MEM Moss MEM Smith OEM Niblock REA Williams

Front row

POSA Baxter LMEM Wallwork Lt Cdr Nield S/Lt Molloy JMEM Gwynn

AB Boys REM Leek

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drew</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
1stXI	44	19	9	16	150	124
2nd XI	21	13	3	5	74	34

Club Captains: CPO Dave Edmunds
S/LT Jim Molloy

'Wherever we go we play soccer' could be the club motto as, with the exception of Subic and Capetown, games were played at every port of call.

The commission got off to a good start with the 1st XI raising their game to defeat Ascension Island by four goals to two. This was rapidly

followed by another victory in Durban against the Presidente Club; however the hospitality took its toll and against Durban City we were sent packing with our tails between our legs.

In Singapore the teams played some twenty-four matches, several being under the lights at *Terror*. The best performances were against *Intrepid* (won 5-2) and Singapore C.C. (won

6-4). Our 2nd XI, who were going through a purple patch at the time, challenged the seniors but crashed 3-1. It was during this stay in Singers that we said good-bye to Spider Kelly and welcomed Dave Edmunds (848) and Terry Fowler to the squad.

A visit to Hong Kong provided both teams with the chance to play in the 'Stadium', Neil Woolf having his best game of the trip. However, the highlight or rather 'starlight' of the commission was the tour to Nairobi on our way home. From Mombasa the train took 19 hours to reach the capital due mainly to elephants on the track and Paddy Bunyan in the dining car!

Back in UK another tour took us to West Bromwich Albion during which a game was played against the pros. Mighty Mottershead left his mark (down the winger's shin) whilst Frank Boys guested for the other team. The WBA boys couldn't stand the pace and changed their team at half-time!

On the spring cruise, Tony Williams' hopes of playing in front of his home crowd at Malta, didn't materialise but games were played in Gib, Cyprus and Crete. 42 Cdo were our opponents on the Rock No 1, the result being a draw 4-4 in spite of some good efforts by Jimmy Logan and Dave Edmunds. Water polo would have been preferable against the French Navy whilst in Brest; despite Steve Niblock gliding a couple home during his impressions of a whale, we lost 3-2.

A challenge to the Orkneys was taken up (they were playing Shetland away the following week) and we managed a 4-4 draw thanks to some sterling work by Moss and Jim Molloy. This was followed by a sound thrashing handed out to *Fearless* on our final visit to Rosyth.

Finally, a thank you to all those players who have not been mentioned but have turned out for the various teams and to our willing referee POMEM Whiteford.



Action in Ascension

RADIO 272

It was in August 1970 that the foundations of Radio 272, as you know it, were laid. EM(A) Squires, REM(A) Liepa and NA(SE) Cooke became Mark Allen, Lee Murray and Dave Charles respectively. Since that time you have listened to or switched off something in the order of 5000 hours of programmes produced by the Staff of

the SRE. Four turntables have been worn out and countless stylis have gone the same way.

The first three months were ones of learning for Messrs Allen, Murray and Charles. A few visits to various commercial radio stations, ostensibly to see how it's done, (but a good 'Jolly' as well) found our intrepid threesome

ready to assault the air waves, both in and around *Albion*.

An SRE Officer and a manager were provided as the first two lines of defence. For the statistically minded, four Officers and three managers have passed through the millstones of 2P1 since then. It seems that managers are more resilient than the upper echelon.

Several Outside Broadcasts were attempted and the most successful was on the Christmas Day of 1971 when a two-way link was established with '272's' 'Big Brother' Radio Solent and several families had their Christmas brightened. On other occasions *Albion* made SRE contact with ships in company and genial quizzical evenings were held. With the mention of quizzes, Lt Clements, SRE Officer, must be remembered. Whenever he was asked to do a programme his eyes would light up and he could be observed walking around the ship muttering 'Quiz, quiz'. The most successful was his Telephone Quiz, where he would phone various people, ask them a question and give away enormous proportions of the Welfare Fund for the right answer.

There were numerous private contributors to the programmes, in fact too many to remember them all personally, but they all did a grand



The Jockeys

job. One or two 'characters' spring to mind. Not the least of which was the Commander. Every night at 1930, to the strains of 'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly', he would appear at the Studio to tell the Ship's Company what had happened and what was going to happen. Nobody ever discovered which part of his signature tune he was identified with.

Bill Banner was manager until his duties as Petty Officer's Mess President forced him to hand over to PO McMahon whose only complaint was that he didn't get into the photograph.

It was thanks to the efforts of Tony Stewart (LA Makin) that the Captain had the chance to learn Serbo Croat. This was due to Tony's inability to tune into the BBC World Service.

That is just a brief insight into the life of Radio 272. So when you are in your next ship listening to the SRE, we hope you will think for a moment, of your own Radio 272.

HOCKEY

Most of the club games were played on the Far East leg and the first real test came in Bombay on 3 May 1971 where the Indian Navy provided the opposition. What a test this turned out to be. The Indians are masters of the game and aided by the climate really put the team through its paces. After a hard fought battle we finally went down 2-1.

Games came at a steady flow in the Far East and in the four battles with HMS *Terror* the honours finally fell to us having won two, drawn one and lost one. (This was the final game before our departure).

Whilst at Singapore the mighty *Eagle* was challenged and in a hard fought game on Suara No 1 pitch we scored the only goal. This came in the last ten minutes after continued pressure had forced the *Eagle's* defence into its fatal error. Hong Kong was the next hunting ground and on 5 October the Irish Guards were humbled by three goals to nil. This was the same margin by which RAF Gan were despatched during our unexpected visit to the Maldives.

Every team has its defeats and the first eleven were no exception the heaviest being at the hands of the Sembawang Shipyard by 4-0. Perth Ladies recorded a convincing 2-1 victory over us but in the replay in extra time we managed to make it a draw.



Hockey 1st XI

Back row

CPO Garnham CPL MacKean Mne Tibble Lt Cdr McCoy Lt Mead
LMA Purdham

Front row:

CPO Fitzgerald Mid Evans Cdr Tait MEA 1 Webb CEM 1 Dudman

A successful team needs reserve strength and ours was no exception; their most notable being against the 6th MSS, Hong Kong, 3-2. In their three games with *Terror* the honours were absolutely even.

Experience and youth are the ideal blend in a team and our experience has been provided by Lt Hutchins (current Navy cap), Cdr Tait at Centre Half, CPTI Sharpe and Marine Tibble at Full Back, CPO Fitzgerald, Cpl MacKean, Lt Cdr Cocks, Lt Mead RM and Lt Cdr McCoy at Half Back. The forward pack consisted of OEM

MacCallum, CEM Dudman, MEM Brown, AB Cox, MEM Black, CPO Kill, MEA Webb and our most recent signing Navy player, Midshipman Evans.

	P	W	D	L
1st XI	29	18	5	6
2nd XI	8	3	2	3

The list would not be complete without a special thank you to our two resident Umpires PO's Woodin and Calver for their help and to all players who have represented the ship during this commission.



1ST XV RUGBY

Back row:

*CPO Garnham Lt Fryer LA Dixon Cpl Nicholson
S/Lt Holt LA Denholm CPO Willmott Lt Cdr Wilson*

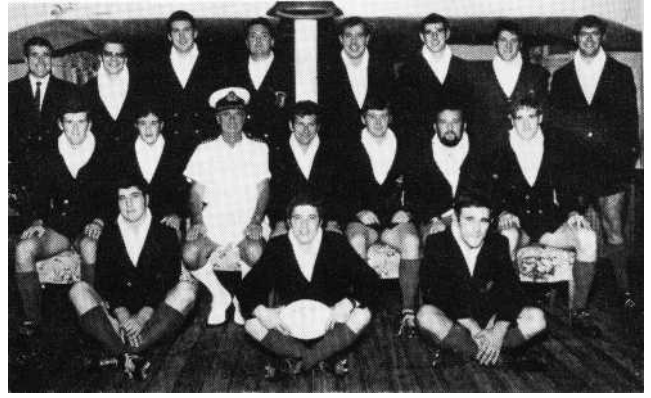
Centre row:

*S/Lt Robinson Surg Cdr Telfer Captain Jungius
Surg Lt Cdr Lloyd-Edwards (Capt) Cdr Tait
Instr Lt Cdr Roberts Lt Tuffiley*

Front row:

Lt Ives SA Birkett LRO Carr PO(A) Mitchell

RUGBY



2ND XV RUGBY

Back row:

*CPO Garnham Art/App Bauer PO Mills S/Lt Byrne
Lt Ritchie POMEM Dodson AB Dilks Mech Bunn*

Centre row:

*S/Lt Howard AB Dearlove Capt Jungius Lt Bowns (Capt)
OS Wright Mech Smith Art/App McCarrick*

Front row:

AB Reyre OS Frayne Art/App Fosker

The ship's first and second fifteens have enjoyed a most successful Season. This has been attributed to excellent teamwork, discipline, talent and above all leadership. No RN ship managed to beat us - *Intrepid, Blake, Eagle* and *Triumph* all tried, and failed. The second fifteen were usually much too good for the smaller ships and their record was not much below the seniors.

The first grounding occurred during April 1971 upon the ship's arrival in Durban. We played three games in as many days, and were beaten each time. South African teams are always difficult to defeat and although running them close we took second place. The highlight being the game against Natal University after trailing by 13 points *Albion* came back and eventually lost 21-14.

On to Singapore and immediately *Intrepid* came after our blood. The game was the first of many under the 'Terror Lights' and proved to be a tough one. We won 6-3 but ran out of steam in the heat and only just managed to hang on.

Then began a remarkable spell of eight months without defeat. Teams from 40 Commando, *Eagle, Intrepid* again, and Singapore Cricket Club twice failed in bids to stop the run. Eventually HMNZ *Otago* beat *Albion* by 16-12. This was a hard but cleanly fought match and the Kiwis looked rather rugged and tired towards the end. Two weeks later a combined team from the Naval Base beat us by 8-3.

The team chose this game to play badly and deservedly lost.

The visit to Hong Kong increased our score by over 150 points in three games. 48 Brigade based in the New Territories, were thrashed 58-4. This after they had defeated us in a sevens competition a few days before. Then the Irish Guards regretted the encounter with the ship in full cry - the final score 72-4. The second team capitalised with a good win over RAF Kai Tak by 19-6.

The Japanese proved formidable and in Kobe the Second fifteen drew 8-8 after a hard contest. On the same evening *Albion* produced a third fifteen and did well to hold a fast and fit local team to 22 points. The seconds may have been pushed to hold the same side!

On to Western Australia and Fremantle. We managed a couple of games, beating Southern Suburbs by 11-3. This victory was notable as it was played on the final day of our visit - not a wise move when visiting Australia.

On the way home we called at Gan where the RAF opposed us. Their unbeaten record was rather rudely

brushed aside by 33-3. Then on 30 December we arrived in Capetown. Nine months previously we had been introduced to Springbok rugby, and this time the team had matured and pulverised a Hamilton's fifteen by 37-4. The Hamilton's are the equivalent of the London Welsh and although this was not their best team they expected to win. The team produced some excellent open rugby and this was probably the best win of all.

Back home to Portsmouth in time to finish the home season. Without 848 Squadron, who had disembarked to their home in Cornwall, the ship beat the best Establishment sides, including *Collingwood, Daedalus* and *Sultan*. The latest game against the Paisley Police proved no match and we cantered home by 48-0.

Our visit to Canada will bring a long season, nearly two years, to a close. It would be easy to mention the stars but better to name them all. However the two Captains of the First fifteen, Lt Cdrs Lloyd-Edwards and Roberts must be thanked for their skill, guidance and leadership which helped to improve our standards and produced one of the best ship's fifteens seen for a long time.

.. THE RECORD..

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points For	Points Against
1st XV	22	18	4	—	475	122
2nd XV		8	6	1	179	143
Inter Part	21					

Seven-a-Side Competition Floodlit at Singapore-winners WARDROOM.

SAILING

Opportunities for sailing and racing, either as guests or in our own boats, occurred at many places during the commission and participation was widespread throughout the departments.

Sailing took place at Durban, Bombay, Singapore, Perth (W. Aus), Hong Kong, Gan, Mombasa, Cape Town, Cyprus, Brest, the Clyde and at Dover. The ship's team raced in most of these places with good results. Whilst we were at our strongest we challenged for the Fleet Championships at Singapore in June 1971. After winning our league by a convincing margin we failed to cover *Eagle* at the start of the two final races and finished third behind *Terror* in the Championship. In Bombay we had some exciting racing in the big local centreboard 'Seabird' Class and at Gan thrashed the RAF on three successive days on their own ground in their own boats. Trevor Jones claims most of the credit for the success in this regatta but it was Colin Howe and Tim Willis who showed us the way round whilst Commander Jones spent most of the final race repelling boarders. It was in this race that Tim Willis wrote his own S.206 by bringing Captain Jungius home in first place. At Brest a match was won against the French navy where heroism and ability to stay afloat were the winning tactics. Jim McCoy and Trevor Jones were the unsinkables, but then Jones is built that way.

Perhaps the most exciting racing of the commission was at Dover in July 1972. In a series of races, two teams from *Albion* met the Royal Engineers Junior Leaders Regiment who numbered amongst their talent the runner-up of the Inter-service Bosun



Championships. After two races sailed in force 6-7 winds, both teams were all square, half the competitors in each race having capsized, or failed to finish. In the final race with winds gusting 7-8 the Army kept two of their boats afloat to *Albion's* one and Trevor Jones, our only finisher, accepted the runners-up trophy on behalf of the team captain who was observed still swimming in the harbour.

On the individual side, Lt Howe crewed by Martin Boyce competed regularly with great success in the local service races in Singapore. At home in 1972, Cdr Jones, Lt Dillon RM and Mid Evans racing as a team were selected to represent FLEET in the Inter-Command Keel-Boat Championships at Seaview. They achieved two seconds in three races and gained a Navy trial for the Inter-service Team. Ship's commitments prevented them from taking part.

Amongst those who raced for the ship were:

Helmsmen: Cdr Jones (Captain), Lt Cdr McCoy, Lts Howe, T. Jones, Lovelock, Dillon RM, S/Lt Willis, Mid Booker, CPO Davidson, PO Middleton LSA Hill.

Crews: Captain Jungius, Surgeon Lt Cdr Burke, Lts Goodwin, Helps, S/Lts Boyce, Barton, Mids Ringrose, Evans, Hill, FCPO Thring, Cpl MacKean, LREM Bean, LOEM Blair, Mne Hewitt, OEM Sunman, AB Curry and MEM Ankin.

RESULTS

1971			
May	v. Royal Bombay Yacht Club		Lost
July	Fleet Regatta, Singapore		3rd
October	v. Irish Fusiliers, Hong Kong		Won
December	v. RAF Gan		Won
1972			
May	v. French Naval SC Brest		Won
July	v. Royal Engineers JL Dover		Lost

DIVING

Some twenty two divers started the commission with Lieutenant Whittington as Diving Officer and CPO Hartshorn as his assistant. After a cold start in the Norwegian Fiords in sub-zero temperatures, the water got steadily warmer as we proceeded out East.

Ascension Island, in particular Golf Ball Bay, provided our first pleasant dive on a reef, where fish of all sorts

abounded, including the odd fast black (shark). In contrast, the murky water of Bombay was avoided by all except AB Hicks, who in between dodging 'foreign bodies', confirmed we had adequate clearance.

During the Singapore stay, a Sub-Aqua Club was formed and several expeds held for the keen conchologists. On the serious side, divers were busy doing hull surveys, SAR drops and

Operations 'Awkward'. In one of the 'Awkwards' off Pulau Tioman the current was so strong that two Malaysian divers were swept two miles downstream. S/Lt Boyce took over the team when Lt Whittington left.

On most visits expeds were planned, two in particular to Stone Cutters Island, Hong Kong and Gan Atoll being outstanding. The latter was by far the most spectacular as, with a