

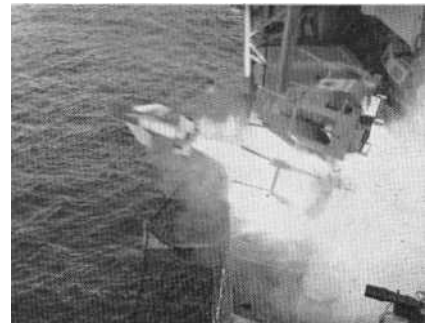
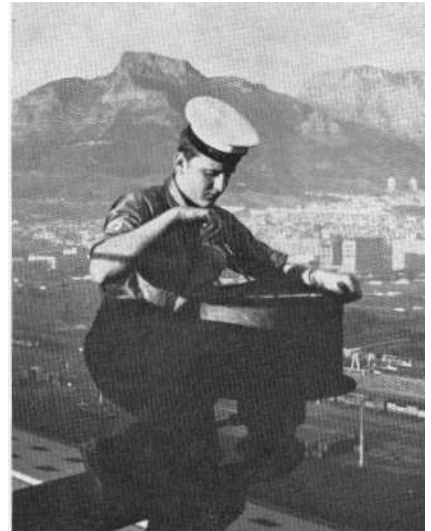
WEAPONS ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

Now this is the tale of the last Commish,
 Of seventy/seventy-one,
 When the Greenies have gone on doing their thing
 just as they've always done.
 What have they done to distinguish themselves
 From those who have gone before:
 The LOX plant fire ? That forced lube pump ?
 Or dear old nine-eight-four?
 Now these were just a few of the things
 Which were headlines for a while
 When most of the time was the same old grind
 With wiring by the mile,
 And thousands of lamps and hundreds of fans,
 Motors and starters galore;
 Two frigates of guns and fuses by tons
 And missiles twenty-four;
 Broadcasts and 'phones, radar and comms,
 Computers, batteries, boats;
 Projector sights and flight deck lights,
 Catapult switches with floats;
 Lifts for aircraft, lifts for bombs,
 Galleys with ovens and fryers;
 Laundry machines, compasses, cranes,
 Heaters and coolers and driers.
 There was AC(L); there was DC(L);
 That's wiggly amps and straight.
 Whenever the steam was available
 They contrived to generate.
 Their amps and volts went all over the ship
 In the main by means of a ring,

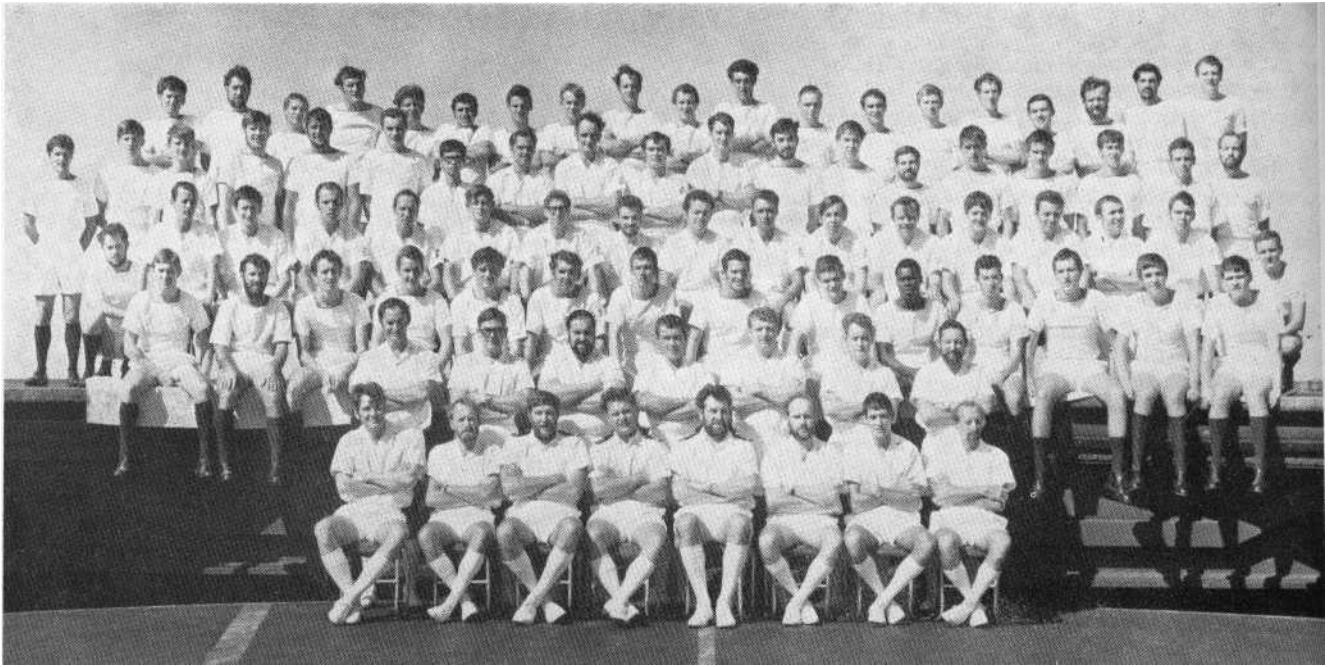
But most of their time was spent down below
 (Is that wiring held up by string?)
 They'd a very big part in the DED
 When `Rotators' was the cry.
 They'll remember a Megator here and there,
 And that FL PUMP in `Y';
 And those circulators; refrigerators;
 In `B' the element drain;
 And AELs and telephone bells;
 (Have they flooded that space again?)
 But it may be the thing they'll remember best
 Is the sweat of a southern clime
 Like chasing an earth in a sauna bath
 With continuous overtime.
 And others erected intercoms
 And looked after the audio range
 Like films, SRE and Singalongs,
 And *that* telephone exchange.
 Four point fives and Seacats each had a day
 At the end of the DED.
 They managed to clobber a Rushton apiece:
 There were quite a few TTB.
 Then the fifty men who look after those things
 Had four hundred days to wait
 Before they again had a chance to maintain
 A respectable firing rate.
 The sonar was fine except for the time
 When divers went down in the dome
 To change the transducer: restored to the user
 His underwater telephone.



Weapons Electrical Department -Officers, Group CPO and Office Staff: * OEA(L)1 Tony POLMEAR (AC); REA1 Peter HUBBARD (Radar); CCEL Bryan CORK (Telex and Internal Comms); COEL Mac MACARTNEY (DOM L); COEA Geoff LLOYD (FDL). ** OEMIN(L)1 Alan SALES (DCL); A/L/COEA(O) Charlie YENDALL (Weapons L); CREA Dave GERREY (984 Radar); COEL Taff DAVIES (Regulating); COEL Trev JONES (WEOW); CREL Harry HARRIMAN (Radio). *** S/Lt P. A. LIVERTON (Control L); Lt J. EDYVANE (FDL & DOM L); Lt A. D. SEEPPEY (984 Radar); S/Lt R. H. ROBERTS (Weapons L); Lt A. W. JONES (DCL); FCOEA(O) John BIGGINS (DOM L). **** Lt P. J. M. TURNER (Radio); Lt-Cdr J. S. HOLMES (DLO); Cdr I. A. McLELLAN (CDR L); Lt G. C. HERBERT (ACL); Lt P. R. C. JOHNSTONE (Radar).



On right: Above - repairs aloft, Capetown; Below - Seacat firing



Weapons Electrical Department - Weapons L, Control L and FDL Groups: * AB Jim DALE; AB Bert BERTRAM; ORD Arnie ARNOLD; AB Dusty FOGG; AB Taff TRAHAIR; AB Joe HOPE; AB Fred FITTON; AB Dicky DOEL; AB JOCK STEVENS; ORD Bungy WILLIAMS; AB Colin HUTCHINSON; AB Bagsy BAKER; AB Steve MCQUEENEY; A/LOEM Paddy MEGANNETY; AB Smudge SMYTHE; AB Alan PARTRIDGE; CEMN4 Butch CASSIDY; AB George DATE; OEMN4 Bill BAILEY. ** OEM1 JoCK WERESZCZUK; AB Jacko JACKSON; OEM1 Titch ACOURT; AB Pelican MANSFIELD; AB Bimbo BAIRSTOW; CEM1 Taff WELBOURNE; REA App TAN AH HIN; OEMN(O)3 George MAITLAND; CEMN3 Dave HAMLIN; OEMN(O)3 John DALTON; CEA2 SHEDDEN; REM1 Bill BASSETT; CEMN4 CUSHING; REMN4 Dave LOWE; A/LOEM Jacko JACKSON; CEM1 Mark EMPSON; AB MCPHERSON; CEA App MUNRO; AB Bonzo BOYNES. *** A/POREL Larry EVANS; CEA2 GOUDGE; OEMN(O)3 Steve WHETLOR; PO Buster BROWN; REMN2 HARRIS-SMITH; OEMN3 Sweeney TODD; CEMN3 SWIFT; CEMN3 Jeremy CHAPMAN; OEMN3 Alfie MARKS; OEMN3 Sid PAMMENT; PO MASON; OEA2 Ted HEATH; POREL KILBRIDE; OEMN(O)1 HAMMILL; REA2 MILES; REM2 MOONAN. **** LCEM MCINTYRE; OEM1 Kevin CULLUM; AB Moses Moss; ORD Butt BUTTLE; OEM1 John MUSSELL; AB Terry NURSE; A/LOEM Steve BROADY; LCEM Sandy SHAW; OEM1 Gary HIRD; OEM1 Mick COOKE; AB Ainsley EDWARDS; AB Colin DAVIES; CEM1 Dolly GRAY; CEM1 Dicky BOULTON; LOEM Scouse HAWKES. ***** OEA(O)1 Alan PINNEGAR; OEA(O)1 CRAIG; OEA(O)1 Ted BURTON; OEMN(O)1 George SARGENT; CREL Maurice MERCY; OEA(O)1 Reg IFOULD; CEA1 BLANDEN. ***** CEA1 PENNINGTON; CEA BONNING; S/Lt P. A. LIVERTON; Lt J. EDYVANE; S/Lt R. H. ROBERTS; A/L/COEA(O) Charlie YENDALL; COEA(O) Geoff LLOYD; OEA(O)1 Albert BURDEN.

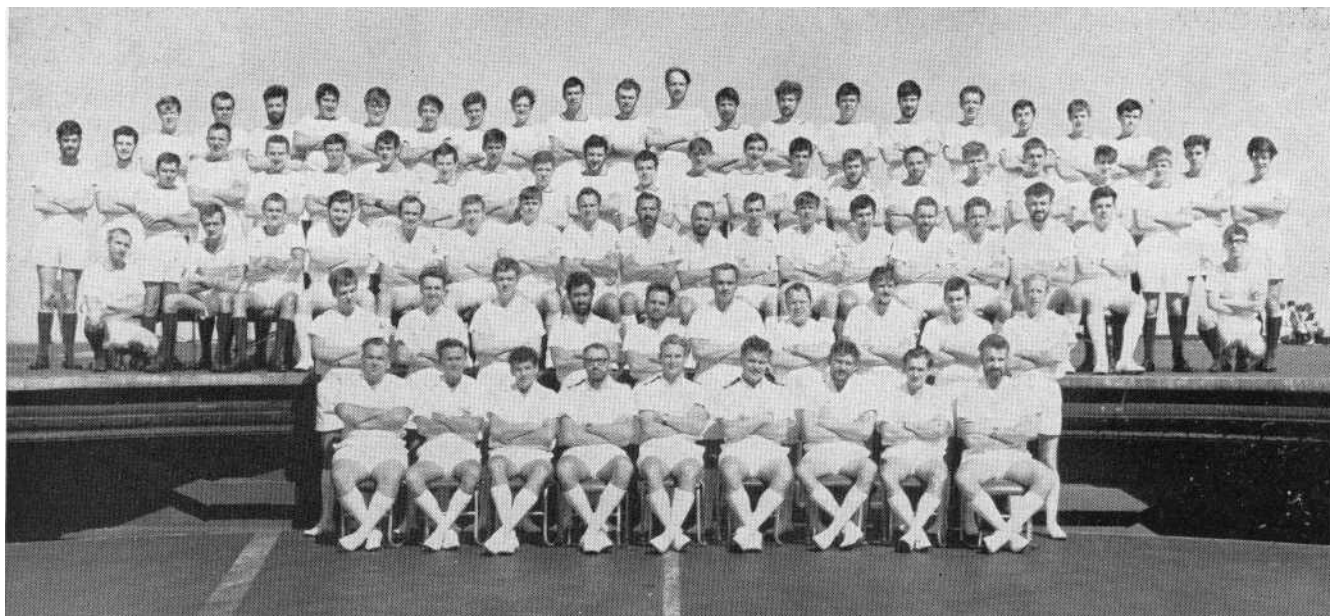


Weapons Electrical Department -Radio, Radar and Communal Groups: * JREM Mack MACKAY; A/LREM Shaun SLOAN; REMN App Sam SAMW ELL; REM1 Robby ROBINSON; CEM1 Taff JAMES; OE M2 Hebbly HEBDEN; REA App TAN KAM Loo; OEM1 Rupert GROVES. ** REM1 Jonah JONES; REM1 Brian GOOCH; REM1 Cas STEELE; REM1 Nev RADBOURNE; REM1 Scouse LONGSTAFF; LREM Adam BAXTER; REM1 Mick SPROATES; REM1 Sharky WARD; REM2 Jock STUART; REM1 Trev SHARP; LREM Darby ALLEN; LREM John BINGHAM; REA App Smiler ONG; REMN App Derek SIMPER; REM1 Sidney WIGGS. *** A/POREL Robby THEOBALD; A/POREL Graham HINTON; POREL Les WHITMEY; A/POREL Taff SLIGHT; A/POREL Brian VOCKINS; A/POREL Lou BARRY; POREL Tony THOMPSON; REMN2 Tony FAKES; A/POREL Basher BATES; A/POREL Dave LoviCK; REA2 Ian DREDGE; A/POREL Dodger LONG; REMN2 Barry HUDSON; A/POREL Dave BULMER; REMN2 Clem GREENHILL. **** CREL Fred BURLETON; REMN1 Taff DAVIES; REMN1 Alan MEAD; REA1 Bill GARLICK; REA1 Bob HUBBARD; REA1 Chris ELLIS; REMN1 Doug MAYNARD; REMN1 Albert SIMCOCK. ***** CREA Dave GERREY; REA1 Peter HUBBARD; Lt A. D. SHEPPEY; Lt P. R. C. JOHNSTONE; Lt P. J. M. TURNER; CREL Harry HARRIMAN; CREL Steve BUCHANAN. ***** REM1 Fitz FITZSIMONS; REM2 Mac MCILWHAM; REM1 Jimmy GREEN; REM2 Buster BROWN; REMN App Dave VAUGHAN.

Then up in the Island were Radio Mechs,
 And others were down in 6N,
 And the signals that flowed undoubtedly showed
 The equipment was working like ten.
 Some bested LORAN and closed circuit TV
 And teleprinters to boot.
 Yet again it was ceded a RADHAZ was needed:
 The aerials were covered in soot.
 IFFs a big if, and won't read out in SIF.
 FUI sometimes suffered from rain.
 Here's a shot in the arm, CCAS like a charm,
 But TACAN is blinking again.
 As for that time-delay and the AN-SPA display
 just behind the Ops Room door,
 If it goes wrong again I'll just have to complain
 For I'm basically feeling sore.
 And there's nine-eight-four which was young no more,
 Things loosened at every jolt.
 It wanted some doing to keep it all going,
 It very near shot its bolt!
 So they straightened the rack with an aircraft jack
 And mostly it worked till the end.
 With the rest of our radar, and even our ADA,
 Aren't we due for a make and mend?
 There were earlier hitches with catapult switches
 But later a mod stopped the rot:
 It was worked out on board and won an award
 From the Fund of the late Herbert Lott.
 Stabilised sights and innumerable lights
 Kept the Flight Deck Team on the go,
 But most out and out was when winds were in doubt:
 How fast and which way do they blow?

Now last but not least were that body of men
 Who looked after the lighting and vent
 You'd hardly discount since we started to count
 Thirty thousand more lamps have been spent.
 Theirs was the work that could never be done,
 That Forth-Bridge-like task of DOM(L);
 For it's hard to have everything, everywhere, work
 In a thousand-room floating hotel.
 When tragedy struck with the oxygen fire,
 Came with it the biggest task yet:
 All sections, and airmen, restored things to rights;
 The challenge was very well met.
 There's lots of additional things could be said:
 Of Hangar Displays and support
 For four X-ray Oscar; for Eagle Express;
 And inter-departmental sport;
 And regulating and maintenance plans;
 Expeds and spare gear store;
 And we mustn't forget the guy who types
 There's probably many more.

Should you be a Greeny (including an Oily)
 And find that you're not in this time
 Don't think that the reason's that you've been forgotten
 It's simply that 'Bomb Lifts' won't rhyme.
 And if it should happen you sometime have waited
 For a Greeny who left you one night
 And never came back in the morning: We're sorry,
 The user is always right!



Weapons Electrical Department: - DCL, ACL and DOM L Groups: * A/LOEM Ludo LAING; LOEM Fred BRISTOW; A/POEEL Mick CHERRY; OEM1 Ken HAYWARD; OEM2 Paul MARKHAM; OEM1 Nobby CLARK; OEM1 Dave RUDGE; OEM1 Bob WALLEY; OEM1 Dennis WHEATLEY; OEM1 Mick CHAMBERS; CEMN4 Lofty MINTY; REMN4 Sam GEER; A/LOEM Dutchy HOLLAND; LOEM Bob WARDLE; OEM1 Tony LOCKS; LOEM Steve BRIGGS; OEM1 Reg FARMER; JOEM Jock FALL; OEM1 Vie VICKERS. ** OEM1 Paddy GRAHAM; OEMN4 Jan CURRYER; OEM1 E. C. TONGS; LREM John JOHNSTON ; A/POEEL Brigham YOUNG; OEM1 Lawry LAWERENCE-BROWN; OEM1 SCOUSe LOCKTON; OEM1 Mac MCDONALD; OEM1 Steve PRICE; ORD Buster BROWN; OEM1 Bob GRAHAM; OEM1 Richard MALONEY; OEM1 Slinger WOOD; OEM1 Steve HUMPHREYS; OEM1 Sooty SUTTON; OEM1 Norm GILHAM ; AB Dutchy MOULTON; REM2 Andy ANDREWS; REM2 Taff HOWELL; OEM2 J. BEST; REM1 Yorky PATRICK; OEM1 Stu EDIS; OEM1 Frank WORRALL. *** OEMN4 Jonah JONES; OEM1 Buster BROWN; OEM1 Phil ABBOTT; OEA2 C. KELYNACK; A/POEEL Bob ELLIS; OEMN(O)2 Chats HARRIS; A/POEEL Stew STEWART; OEMN(O)3 Tomo THOMPSON; POEEL Jan FLOOK; POEEL Brum WHITTAKER ; OEMN3 Topsy TURNER; Dinger BELL; OEMN2 Tansy LEE; OEMN3 Ginge BAMBER; A/POEEL Ziggy NEWMAN; OEA2 Wiggie BENNETTS; POEEL Greenie Bungy WILLIAMS; OEM2 Taff SCREEN. **** OEA2 John HEYWOOD; POEEL Sam SAWDON; OEMN1 Smudge SMITH; OEMN1 J. B. BRODHURST; OEMN(O)1 Henry STARTUP; OEMN(O)1 Rocky STONEMAN; COEL Jan TRUMP; OEMN2 Blood REID; OEA2 Graham RICE; POEEL Jock CAMERON. ***** OEA(L)1 Tony POLMEAR; FCOEA(O) John BIGGINS; CCEL Brian CORK; Lt G. C. HERBERT; Lt A. W. JONES; Lt J. EDYVANE; COEL Pete RAFTERY; OEMN(L)1 Alan SALES; COEL Mac MACARTNEY.

SUPPLY AND SECRETARIAT

Led by Commander R. Richards, the S and S Department supplied and secretaried its way successfully through the commission. Our quota of crises, spread over these eighteen months, were handled with the Pusser's customary verve and vigour, while in lighter moments there was always time to have a laugh at the oddities, inconsistencies and extraordinary incidents thrown up by the system and the people operating it.

The **Captain's Office** fought the escalating bumf war with determination and aplomb, aided by the Secretary, Lt-Cdr Brian Jones, whose endearing habit it was to ditch half the ship's correspondence over the side the minute it arrived onboard. The Sec's refreshingly practical approach to paperwork did not prevent mountains of letters on a vast range of subjects from finding their way through the Duke of Torpoint (L/Wtr George Driscoll) and Wtr Ken 'Hollolegs' Holloway into the hands of Fleet AB Buster Brown, the one-man Post Office. It is to the Secretary's eternal credit that only one Lieutenant, one CPO Wtr, one PO Wtr, two L/Wtrs, two Wtrs and one Fleet AB wound up in Netley ... with him.

One young lady, seeking a pen-friend onboard, wrote to the ship enclosing a photograph of herself. In her post-script she added the disclaimer, 'My legs aren't different sizes, it's just the way I'm standing.' - a statement which caused much ribald comment amongst the office staff.

It is a commonly held fallacy that Writers can in fact write and spell.



If all the chips cooked on board during the Commission were laid end to end you can bet your boots that some twit would slap in a food complaint to Cdr (S) faster than you could say 'Store Ship'

This myth was exploded by one of their number onboard (who shall remain nameless) who awoke one morning after a particularly heavy run ashore to discover that during his revels, in a misguided moment, he had had himself tattooed with the words, 'BORNE TO BE WILD'. *In vino veritas!*

The **Pay Office** survived nine money changes and one new Pay Code seemingly unscathed, also decimalisation and devaluation of the Rand - the latter happening as the money was en-route to the Ship. In addition to the normal services, they also operated a local savings scheme, the Bank of Eagle, to help people save up to meet Customs Duty. So, while they dished



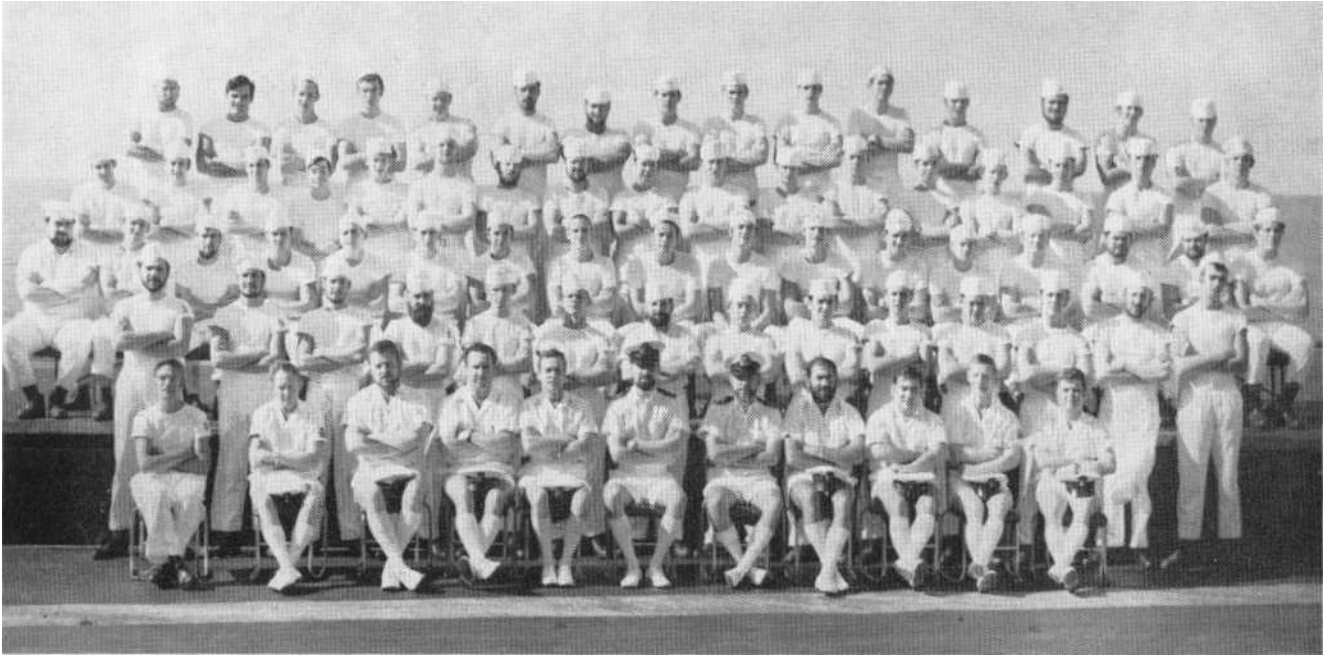
D Day - at Villefranche

out the lolly over the Pay Tables, the POSB and the Bank of Eagle were busy raking it in again; the difference between what went out and what came back was, one imagines, equally divided between Rabbits and Tigers.

The **Ship's Cooks**, by and large, kept us fat and happy, in spite of the difficulties raised by an invasion of rats and Rope Disease in the Bakery. PO Ck Bob Hamilton, in charge of the Bakery, was kept pretty busy producing bread not only for EAGLE but for the ships in company too. His real speciality though, was iced cakes. The tooth Deck Landing, Messdeck Rounds, Birthday or Christening - you name it, he had a cake for the occasion. After one particular spate of 100th, 200th, 500th Deck Landing ceremonies, it was rumoured that the Bakery staff had asked if they could have a Buccaneer when they baked the 1,000th cake.



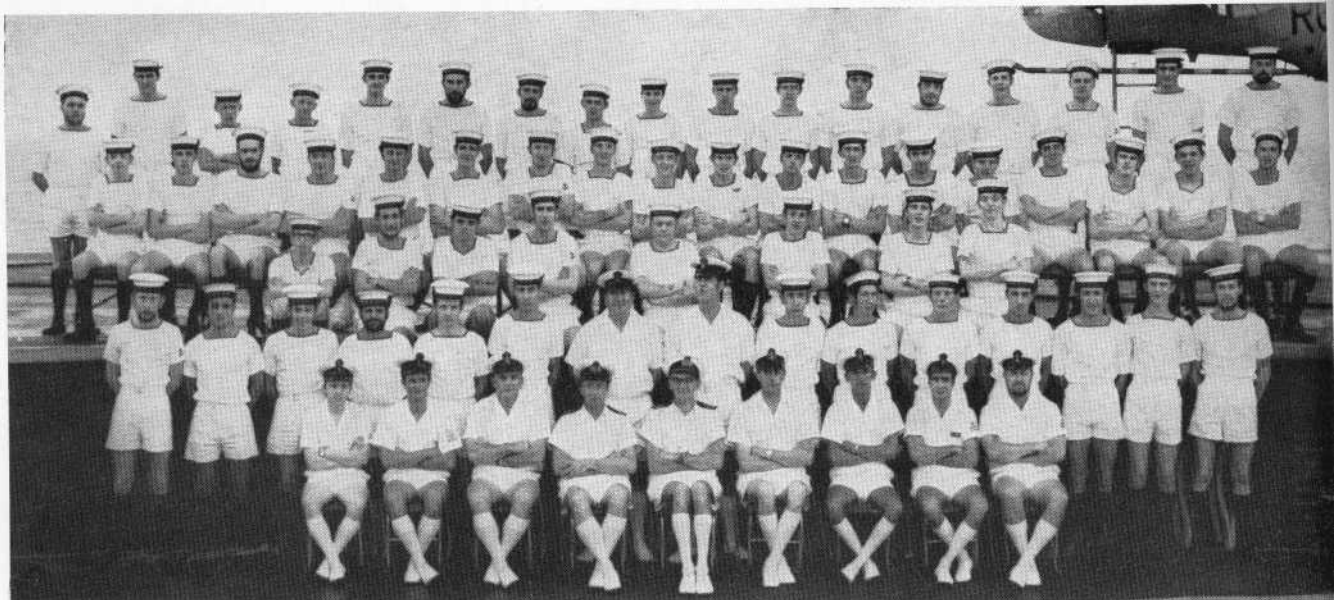
Captain's Office: * AB Barny BARNES; LA JOE MARSHALL; Fleet AB Buster BROWN; L/Std George HARRISON; PO/Ck Wally WALTON; L/Wtr Glyn TASKER; Wtr Hollolegs HOLLOWAY; L/Wtr George, Duke of Torpoint, DRISCOLL; Wtr Charlie HARVEY. ** CPO/Wtr Ken SHOBBROOK; Lt-Cdr Brian JONES (Secretary); Captain I. G. W. ROBERTSON; Lt Martyn THOMAS (Assistant Secretary); PO/Std Pete HEAD.



Ship's Company - Cooks' Division: * Ck HANNAM; Ck LEE; Ck WILLS; Ck DYER; Ck DOBSON; Ck SOMERVILLE; Ck EAGLE; Ck STANLEY; Ck MARSH; Ck POOLE; Ck ROBERTS; Ck GRIFFIN; Ck DILLON; Ck V. WOOD; Ck ROBB. ** Ck WATT; Ck RUDGE; Ck HARTFIELD; Ck G. WOOD; Ck LOCKWOOD-LEE; Ck AVERY; Ck GILHAM; Ck MELVILLE; Ck BAINE; Ck MITCHELL; Ck TRAYNOR; Ck PHILIP; Ck GILSON; Ck BENHAM; Ck EARLS; Ck JONES; Ck OSMOTHERLY. *** L/Ck DURRANCE; L/Ck HILL; L/Ck PORTER; Ck HEMBURY; Ck HICKMAN; Ck McNICHOL; Ck STONE; Ck POWELL; Ck BROWN; Ck MAZZONI; Ck ARTHUR; Ck KING; Ck TAYLOR; Ck MACDONALD; L/Ck AVERY; L/Ck PRATT; L/Ck WILD. **** L/Ck CUSSEN; L/Ck HUSSEY; L/Ck MURRAY; L/Ck HEWETT; L/Ck HENDERSON; L/Ck WOOD; L/Ck STEVENSON; L/Ck NICHOLLS; L/Ck COMBS; L/Ck JONES; L/Ck POTTER; L/Ck PEARCE; L/Ck BALDEN. ***** L/Ck CUMMINS; PO/Ck LEE; PO/Ck HAMILTON; CPO/Ck HALL; FCPO/Ck FIELDING; Lt W. M. JOHNSTONE (S); Lt S. F. T. COOKS (SCA); CPO/Ck THOMPSON; PO/Ck WHEELER; PO/Ck ROBINSON; PO/Ck TOSNEY.



Naval Stores - Stores Accountants and Pay Office Writers: *LSA JoCK BARRIE; SA Harry HARRISON; SA Andy PROBERT; SA Kegs FLOWERS; SA Danny THOMAS; SA Shiner WRIGHT; Wtr Desperate DANN; Wtr John SWEET; SA Paddy MCCORMACK; Wtr Charlie HARVEY; Wtr Chad CHADWICK. ** LSA Father REES; LSA Stumpy SIMPSON; LSA Jimmy JEWELL; LSA Dick CURTIS; SA Father FINDLOW; SA Shiner BRIGHT; SA Doc HALLIDAY; SA Rich PAUL; Wtr Paul GILGRAVEY; L/Wtr Ted RODRIGUES; Wtr Smudge SMITH; SA Robbie ROBERTSON. *** L/Wtr George STOREY; PO/Wtr Tom THOMAS; PO/Wtr Pete VIGORS-EVANS; PO/Wtr Bungy WILLIAMS; POSA Ted HEATH; POSA Len HARVEY; POSA Alan DEACON; PO/Wtr Bryn THOMAS; LSA Jan DARKS. **** POSA Wally WALTERS; CPOSA Frank O'SULLIVAN; CPOSA Vince MATTHEWS; Lt John HARRISON; Lt Brian COGHLAN; CPOSA Tom MASTERS; CPO/Wtr Trevor CREALOCK; PO/Wtr John HAMOND.



Wardroom Staff - Ship's Company Stewards: * L./Std Stumps HADLAND; Std Bagsy BAKER; Std Topsy TURNER; L/Sid Alan MEYHEW; Std Mick FRANCIS; Std Norman ELVIDGE; Std Jim LIDDLE; Std Paddy SLATTERY; Std Mac F. MACKENZIE; Std Moses WRAY; Std Willy WILLIAMSON; Std Paddy BURROWS; L/Std Mac MCINTYRE; L/Sid Tug WILSON; L/Std Scouse BATES; Std Ben BENHAM; L/Std Mama DUKES. ** Std Smudge SMITH; Std Bunny WARREN; Std Mac MACOY; L/Std Jed STONE; Std Brum RITCHIE; Std J. J. SMITH; L/Std Alan RICHARDSON; Std Scouse DRURY; L/Std Emma EMMERSON; Std Dave DEADY; Std Jan SPRY; Std Able KING; L/Std Bugs MORAN; Std Brigham YOUNG; Std Jock HARLAND; Std Jan STALLARD; Std Tug WILSON; Std DaVe BOSTOCK. *** Std Joe 90 STEWART; Std Steve DAVIS; Std Roy GILL; L/Std Chris INCE; Std Ginge RUSSEL; Std Eddy NEWMAN; Std Johnno JOHNSON; Std Robby ROBERTS. **** L/Std Marv BRIDGEN; Std Mario CATANIA; Std Mick CRAVEN; Std Mick CARROBOTT; Std Paddy HORAN; Std Knocker WHITE; PO/Std Shiner WRIGHT; PO/Std Bruce HIBBERD; Std Harry HOUSLEY; Std Amos BURKE; Std Ken RIDER; Std Mick WHEELER; L/Std Pricey PRICE; Std Clemm CLEMMETT; Std Nobby CLARK. ***** PO/Std DaVe KANE; PO/Std Mick O'CALLAGHAN; CPO/Std Paddy MORTON; Lt Ray SAUNDERS (WRCO); Cdr R. RICHARDS (CDR(S)); FCPOSA ELWOOD; CPO/Std Jumper COLLINS; PO/Std Jan WYATT; PO/Std Bob HAYMES.

The high point of the commission for the Chefs, of course, was the Western Fleet Cookery Competition, where EAGLE pulled out all the stops and carried away first prize in the Ship's Company section and second prize in the Wardroom section. After the convincing win, it is said PO Ck Hamilton whispered in CPO Ck Thompson's ear 'A piece of cake'.

Fleet Chief Ck Alfie Fielding, master builder in spun sugar (who will knock you up an edible Eiffel Tower at the drop of a chef's cap) took charge of the cookery displays at the various ports we visited, drawing crowds of drooling spectators to the S and S stand, where mouthwatering masterpieces stood as monuments to the skill and craftsmanship of our chefs.

Also prominent on the culinary scene were L Ck Mel Harper, who did a



CCY Slater receives a cake from Cdr (S), in the shape of a boot, to mark the five-hundredth S126 of 1971

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sculpture of the Captain in margarine; and Lt Cooke, the Ship's Company Catering Officer, who turned out to be a dab-hand at making models in marzipan.

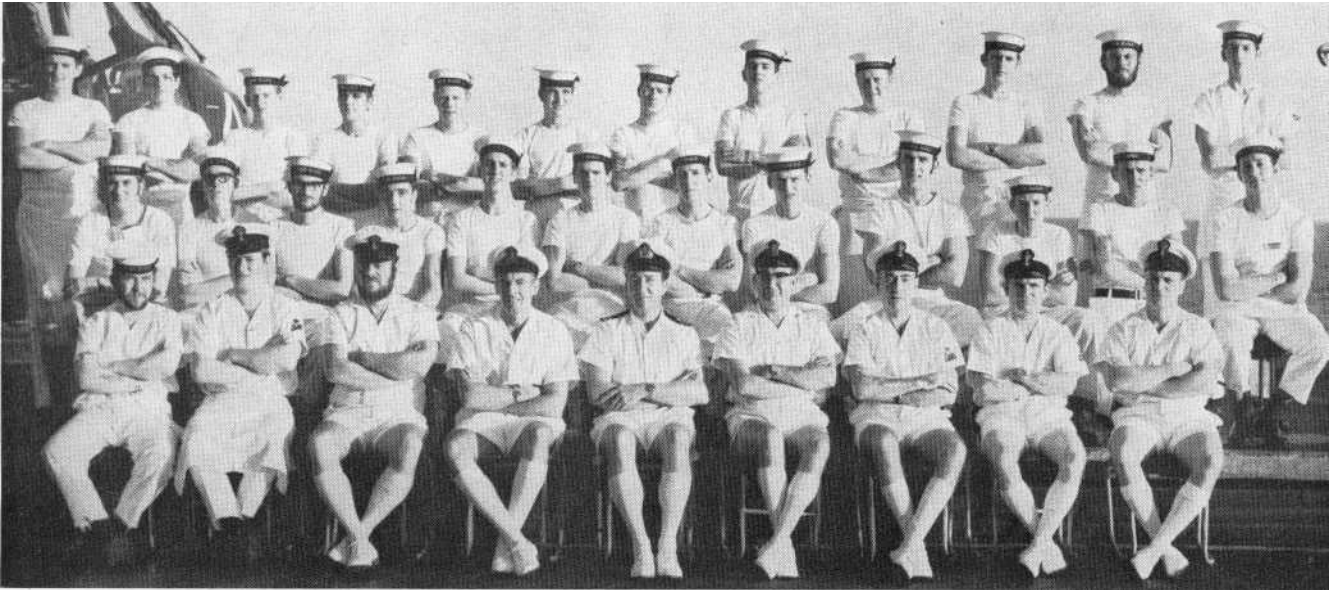
Down aft in the Wardroom, the Stewards handled an endless string of Mess Dinners, Cocktail Parties and Happenings of one sort or another with their usual panache. They, too, had their fair share of amusing incidents; for example, you can imagine the bewilderment of the poor chap who was tersely ordered, early one morning, to go and do the shakes on one and two decks! They also produced a fine crop of talent at the Ship's Saturday Night Singalongs. PO Std Shiner Wright, under the stage name of Ricky Dennis, had a large following for his impassioned renderings of well-known songs; and The Stewards, a popular group, provided music whose virtuosity was exceeded only by its volume.

Between prolonged bouts of stock-taking, the staff of the Quarters Office succeeded in flogging us tons of clothing and mess gear. CPOSA Ron Russell dealt with the many and varied problems of the office with cool efficiency. He was not put out by the 30,000 paper cups which were flown out, unannounced, to the ship while we were in Hong Kong; stowing away a few large packing cases was no problem. What caused the consternation on that occasion was the fact that the wretched cups all bore RAF crests.

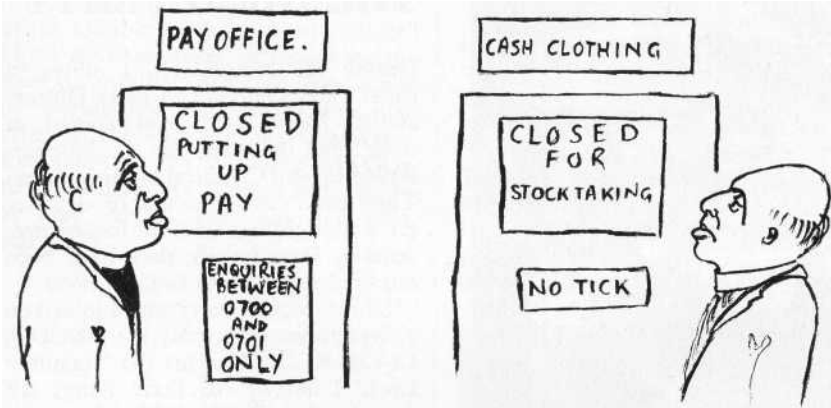
SO (Q) himself, S/Lt Hunter, showed a fine sense of timing during one particular RAS(S): patrolling the Flight Deck as the stores were being struck down, he spotted a bag of flour which had burst on the canvas chute to the Sick Bay. He immediately ordered water to be poured down the chute to lubricate things a bit, and then followed the water with another 56-lb bag, hoping to clear the resulting sticky mixture. His plan succeeded well. Unfortunately, the PMO, poking his head out to discover who was making such a devil of a mess of his Sick Bay, was just in time to catch the gummy bow-wave. The ensuing acrimonious words are mercifully not on record.

The Jack Dusties, ensconced in their dungeons below sea-level, have managed to supply most of the nuts and bolts most of the time. Their chief talent seems to consist of producing more signal traffic than any other department, which at least keeps the Communicators busy.

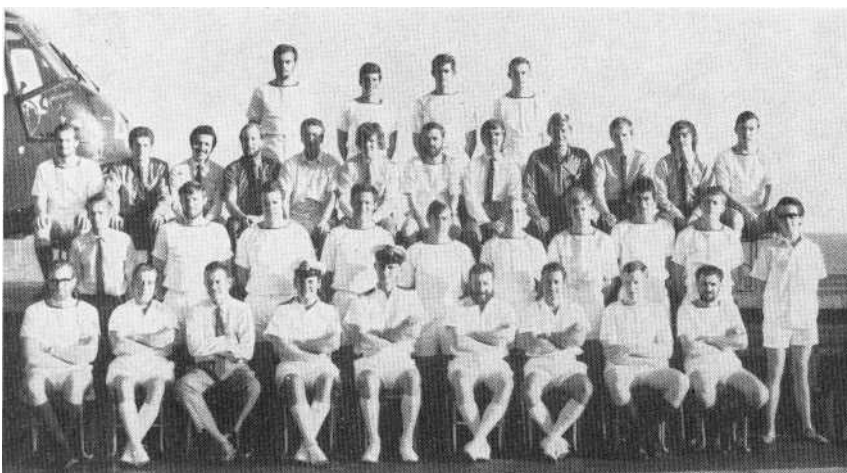
On the sports field, the department excelled at soccer, with strong teams from both 6F Mess (Scribes and Jack Dusties) and the Stewards. At other sports the department did moderately well. The supply officers were narrowly beaten at the two skittles matches against RFA RELIANT and, late in the evening of the return match, DSO (Lt-Cdr Claro) was heard to mutter strange things about life not being 'all beer and skittles'.



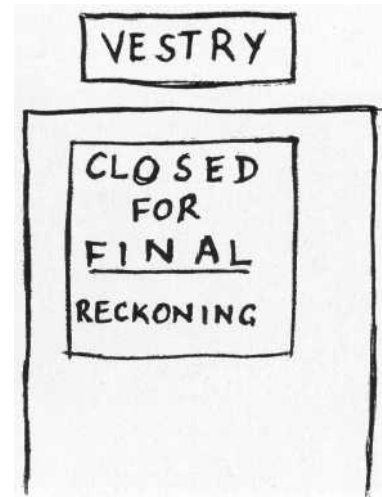
Wardroom Staff - Cooks: * L/Ck Premo MORRIN; Ck Geordie SNYDER; Ck Ginge FENWICK; Ck Norman POTTLE; Ck Fred DINSDALE; Ck George ARMSTRONG; Ck Thomo THOMSON; Ck JoCk SANDERSON; L/Ck Ginge KIDDELL; Ck Pedlar PALMER; Ck Russ RUSSELL; L/Ck Mal HARPER. ** LSA MAHONEY; Ck Cookey COOK; Ck Dave OASTLER; Ck Taff LATHAM; Ck Keith DRAYCOTT; Ck George IRWIN; Ck Andy SHOREMAN; Ck Mac MCCALLION; Ck DaVe TOWNSEND; Ck Taff HALL; Ck Dodger LONG; L/Ck Charley COOK. *** L/Ck Coll COLLETT; PO Bob HERON; PO Bill CAMPBELL; CPO Dutchy HOLLAND; Lt Ray SAUNDERS; CPO S. A. MORETON; PO Mick DOOLE; PO Berrie BUCKLEY; PO Danny DAVIDSON.



Some of the cartoons, such as this, have been drawn especially for this book: others have appeared in the 'Eagle Express' and are included here as a reminder of the services rendered to the Ship by Doodle, WAG, and the many others for whom we have, regrettably, insufficient space



Quarters, Catering and Naafi Staff: * AB Tomo TOMLINSON; AB Nobby CLARK; AB Bungy EDWARDS; SA Stan LOWE. ** SA Pat LISTER; B. HANCOCK; M. WEBSTER; D. CHESSWORTH; R. GRAY; S. BROWNE; LSA Ken RIMMER; C. PIERCEY; T. PINK; R. FULLER; K. LUGG; SA Ollie OLIVE. *** Derek CROCKFORD; AB Burl IVES; AB Steve HUXTABLE; AB Brian SYMONDS; LSA Jessie OWENS; LSA Ron LANSLEY; SA Harry FRESHNEY; SA DaVe HYSLOP; SA Nick NIXON; Chris THOMAS. **** LSA Stu BAILEY; CPOSA Ron RUSSELL; Mr Tom HOLLAND (Canteen Manager); S/Lt HUNTER; Lt-Cdr CLARO; CPOCA Rocky SWORDER; CPOSA John ROADNIGHT; LSA Bernie FENTON; LSA George COLEMAN.





NBCD Party, June 1971: *POMEM BARNETT; MEM WOODVINE; MEM PEET; MEM MEARN; LREM(A) MORRISON; NAM BALDRY; Lt-Cdr R. D. HARMAN (NBCDO); MEM MCNEILL; AB CLARKE; OEM GRAHAM; LA ADAMS; PO LAIDLAW; CMEM WILSON. ** PO BOWMAN; POMEM MARROWS; AB PASIFULL; MEM MCCARTHY; JS NICHOLS; AB KING; NA POET; MEM ROBB; NA WINTER; AB MENDAY; AB MORGAN; MEM FOSTER; POMEM SANSOM.



Watch below, a.m., Sunday 5 December, 1971: MEM STEPHENS; NA HAUXWELL; POMEM ANDREWS; MEM GREEN; OS MURPHY.

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During the commission, 1 officer, 2 Chief Petty Officers; 20 Petty Officers and 83 Junior Rates have worked, at some time or other, for the Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defence Party. Their main concern is one of vigilance for watertightness and fire-hazard prevention. Occasionally they have been required to deal with fire and flood.

Of the original party which joined on 7 September 1970, only the NBCDO, Lt-Cdr R. D. Harman; PO 'Hamilton Loch' Laidlaw; AB Dave King; AB Jock Pasifull; MEM Dickie Peet, and MEM Ginger Foster have remained throughout. Chief MEM Tug Wilson

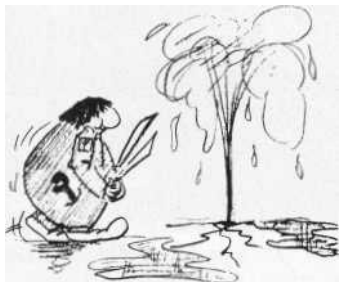


NBCD Party, a.m., Sunday, 5 December, 1971: * NAM RYAN; POMEM BARNETT; NA FOSTER; MEM PEET; EM(A) CLARK; CEM WELBOURNE; MEM PEAT; Lt-Cdr R. D. HARMAN (NBCDO); MEM MCNEILL; AB DOUGLAS; NAM COSTON; LA ADAMS; PO LAIDLAW; CMEM WILSON; OEM BROWNING. ** POAF JAMES; PO SMITH; AB PASIFULL; AB SKRIABIN; AB RUNHAM; AB KING; OS HENDRY; OS HARTY; MEM BRADY; MEM BENNETT; MEM SHAW; MEM FOSTER; POMEM MUSGRAVE; MEM HANDLY.

NBCD Party - continued

has been the NBCDO's Assistant since 6 February 1971, and other longtimers include POMEM Barnie Barnett; MEM Mac McNeill, and Leading Airman Daisy Adams.

Apart from the occasional NBCD Exercise, we have gone about our work quietly and mainly unnoticed except for the passing by of a red-and-black shirted figure wearing a blue helmet. Incidentally, since 8 September 1970, the NBCD Patrols from HQ1 (and, like the Windmill, we never close) have walked on your behalf 28,750 miles just keeping an eye on things.



Regrettably, we have no records as to the number of 'Local Fuel Danger' Pipes we have made, although we do have the original shell-case. Any offers on paying-off? Did you know that fitted in the ship are 284 Gas/Water Extinguishers, 193 'Foamites', 256 C02 Extinguishers, 351 Nozzles and 4 miles of hose carried especially for your safety?



Other Departments can measure their effectiveness by the number of successful launches, recoveries, firings, etc. We cannot use this yardstick. The fewer successful 'actions' we have the better. Our job is primarily to prevent, although occasionally we have to cure. However, the LOX fire on 23 July 1971 and the activities of person/persons unknown on 10 September 1971 in Fremantle did not find us wanting.

We are glad to have been of service. You will be pleased to know that HQ1 will remain open for normal service until the ship is handed over on completion of de-storing.



Some of the Divers: * Lt J. CORBET-MILWARD; MEA(P) Kenny EVERETT; EA1 John CRAGGS; AA1 Zeus HOLLOMB; PO(Met) Bogey KNIGHT; POMEM Mick MEEKINS; POEL Henry COOPER; REA1 Sharky WARD; POEL Skin SLIGHT; Instr Lt B. HARRISON. ** LAM Roy ROYAL; NAM HARRY HARRISON; LAM Bas DUNN; MEM Chick MURRAY; AB Lex BAXTER; OEM Jimmy JAMES; LS Sticky GREEN.

DIVING

The sixty-eight divers borne by HMS EAGLE must constitute one of the largest single diving teams in the Fleet. Practically every single branch on board is represented, and a hard core of keen divers has never failed to volunteer for irksome jobs out of working hours.

Routine jobs include standing by the 'crash boat' organisation for the recovery of a ditched helicopter; surveying the Ship's bottom and taking readings of the wear in the shaft bearings; underwater welding; and 'Operation Awkwards', the searching of the Ship's bottom for possible mines. There have been unusual jobs, too, such as recovering valuable items lost over the side; unblocking the Ship's underwater inlets; and, on two occasions, the divers

have been down to check for the navigator that the Ship has had the calculated six feet of water under the keel.

Since leaving Devonport some recreational diving has taken place, the highlight of which was the association with the Atlantic Underwater Club of Capetown. We were most hospitably looked after and had a few interesting days fishing out of season for crawfish. Much has been learned and much achieved by EAGLE's diving team since those early days practising 'Awkwards' for the ORI in the cold and dark anchored off Portland. The diving team was not called on to enter the water for that evolution during the ORI, but two of the diving officers were requested to simulate enemy attackers. Unfortunately, rumour had it that the SBS from Gibraltar were likely to be doing this 'attack' and the interrogation team did not seem to recognise their shipmates or show much mercy. It was a good job the Admiral's Staff were there to see fair play!

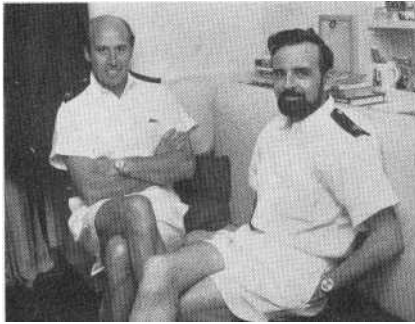
Many long hours have been put in by the supervisors - CPO King and, latterly, PO Trotter; the maintainers, under OA1 Burden; and the storekeeper, LS Johnstone.



Diving on the 'Speedwell'



Checking the equipment



Our Chaplains: Rev Arthur NUNNERLY; Father Kenneth KING.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN EAGLE

The Revd. Arthur Nunnerley, who relieved the Revd. Alan Hewison, joined the ship in October 1970 and will become Chaplain at HMS ROYAL ARTHUR, at Corsham, in March 1972. The Church of Scotland and Free Church Chaplain, the Revd. David Huie, transferred to HMS ARK ROYAL in May 1971 and we were joined then by the Revd. Father Ken King. After leaving HMS EAGLE, Ken King will be serving at the Royal Naval Hospital at Haslar. Whilst we were in the Far East our Chaplains included HMS GLAMORGAN in their parish and ministered to them by helicopter. Whilst visiting Australia and New Zealand the Small Ships Squadron Chaplains, Ian Hulse and Bernard Moore, were in company with us.

It was very appropriate that the Chaplains could visit Ascension Island in June and spend a day with Bishop Capper and the Island Chaplain. In Australia, Cardinal Gilroy of Sydney, who once served at sea, was delighted when presented with a Ship's Crest by Ken King and Ian Hulse. Bishop Myles McKeon of Bunbury, who is in charge of the Stella Maris Clubs in Australia, came on board in Fremantle. Bishop Gilbert Baker, Anglican Bishop of Hong Kong, celebrated Parish Communion in our Chapel and



Community carol-singing, Indian Ocean, 1971

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confirmed Bill Wentworth, Robin Halford, Bob Scott, Paul Raine, Michael Rowley and Malcolm Fuller. They were photographed with the Bishop at a party in the hangar after the service. Whilst we were in Hong Kong a Jesuit Father conducted a Moral Leadership Course at Maryknoll House, Stanley: Kevin Meehan, Christopher O'Connell, Frank O'Sullivan, Paul Chapman and Martin Pyke attended.

HMS EAGLE has a fine Chapel, one of the best in the fleet, and it has been well used. Besides the usual round of

Sunday services there has been Holy Communion and Holy Mass each weekday. The Chapel has never been closed and it has been available for prayer and quiet right round the clock. A Wednesday night Bible Study Fellowship was formed early in the commission and a regular study has been made of St. Luke's Gospel. A Monday night Discussion Group has had quite a following, with lively interest in subjects such as Christian Ethics, Evolution and The Bible, and also Heaven, Hell, Death and judgment!



MARINE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Comprising all those 500 members of S.T.E.A.M. (Society for Tampering with Enormous Antiquated Machinery).

On 28 January 1972, with a big sigh, EAGLE'S machinery fell silent for the last time after nearly twenty years of 'burning and turning'. In fact, her eight Admiralty Three-drum Boilers were first flashed in September 1950 and they thus celebrated their 21st birthday during the Fremantle to Singapore leg of the Ship's last commission. Of the 8 megawatts of electrical power that could be generated, 500 kW was provided by each of the four Metro-Vickers turbo-generators which were built in 1926 and gave faithful, if somewhat noisy, service right to the end.

No more will 120 MEA(P)s, Mechanics and MEMs change the watch every four hours, and no more will those engaged on rounds climb up and down 4,000 feet of steel ladders in the machinery spaces, through endless armoured hatches and doors, designed as protection against the attack which fortunately never came.

This will be regarded by many as no small blessing, although there is no doubt that there will be a considerable feeling of pride as they relate to their grandchildren tales of how they sweated it out, at 127°F (54°C), in the machinery spaces of one of the last of the real 'big ships'.



Marine Engineering Department - Officers: * Lt R. F. DALE (OSMO); Lt P. M. K. DODGSHUN; Lt K. F. WARD (FDE04); S/Lt M. COWELL (Assistant Shipwright Officer); S/Lt C. A. NIX (TLO); Lt R. CORSER (Senior Watchkeeper). ** FCMEA(P) P. ALFORD; Lt D. J. CRITCHLEY (XUO); Lt R. M. VOTE (MARENTO); S/Lt D. A. RAPKINS (Personnel); Lt J. V. WRIGHT (DBO and OSM 11); S/Lt S. P. EDGAR (BUO); FCMEM N. MUSK; FCMEM(H) HUSBAND. *** Lt-Cdr A. A. TEAPE (FDEO); Lt-Cdr J. L. L. GADSBY (DCEO); Cdr P. G. HOWARD (MEO); Lt-Cdr J. G. DINNAGE (Senior Engineer); Lt-Cdr E. J. J. WADY (Shipwright Officer)

The beginning of the end of EAGLE'S last commission was in March 1970 when the ship was hauled into No.10 dock for a six-month DED ('Docking and Essential Defects') - Maren's Moment in the limelight. In what seemed no time at all, the Double Bottoms Party had rigged their spaghetti of fire-hoses in the dock bottom and the atmosphere was filled with the clamour of windy chisels.

Pieces of machinery came and went, as did many members of the depart-

ment; even our temperamental steering-gear, which used to break down regularly twice a week, was sent to Hasties for rejuvenation and managed to bear up under the strain on its return.

The DED saw the first test of NBCD knowledge for many of the new Mareneers with a serious fire in 4SO mess which took an hour to locate and four hours to extinguish. Of all those who did an excellent job of tackling it, CMEA(P) Birch deserves a special



Maren 'A' Unit: * MEM Derv RICHARDSON; MEM Kathy KIRKBY; LMEM Slinger WOODS; MEM Jock ANDERSON; MEM Otti OTTENSEN; LMEM Ginge HEAD; MEM Jan BINDING; LMEM Paddy CONNOLLY; MEM Jim CRANSTON; MEM Taff DAVIES; MEM Chelsea MALYON; MEM Brum SELVEY; MEM Jock FINDLAY; MEM Jock FLOCKHART; MEM Mac McKLUSKIE; LMEM Ollie HOLLINGSWORTH; MEM Brum OFFLEY; MEM Chick HENDRY; MEM Jenks JENKINS; MEM Basher BALLARD; LMEM Andy NAILOR. ** LMEM Higgy HIGSON; MEM Ted HAYFORD; MEA3(P) Mick O'BRIEN; LMEM Jimmy BOND; MEM Tom NEASON; MEM Catweazle THORPE; MEM Joner JONES; MEM Brad BRADY; MEM Tweeds TWEEDY; MEM Stevie STEPHENS; MEM Paddy CASEY; MEM Jock JOYCE; MEM Robbie BURNS; MEM Smudge SMITH; MEM Ronnie WEST; MEM Gunny HOBBS; MEM Charlie WADHAM. *** MEM Johnne JOHNSTONE; MEM Duncan MACKENZIE; MEM Fred BARKER; MEA2(P) Kenny EVERETT; MECH2 Ken RIBBONS; MEA2(P) Sharkey WARD; MEA2(P) Jan BREWER; POMEM Jonah JONES; POMEM Jimmy GREEN; POMEM Jan HOWE; MECH2 Sooty BLOWER; MEM Moxley MORON. **** MEA2(P) George STUART; CMEM Tex HAYMAN; CMEM Jim TERRY; MEA1(P) Phil MARRIOTT; CH.MECH John LINKSTON; S/Lt D. BUCKLER ('A' UO); CMEM Bob BRENCHELY; MEA1(P) Keith BOXALL; MEA1(P) Nobby CLARKE; MEA1(P) Dave JOHNS; MEA1(P) Bagsy BAKER. ***** LMEM Nutty HATCH; MEM Tug WILSON; MEM Dips DIPROSE; MEM Tich HORBURY; LMEM Father WITTINGHAM; MEM Monkey MONK; MEM Shan SHANANHAN; MEM Spaz SPARROW; MEM Crazyhorse HARDACRE. On Watch: POMEM F. S. FULLER-SUTHERLAND.



Outside Machinery and Double Bottoms Division: * App Tom TAYLOR; App Eddy McKERR; LMEM Spider WEBB; MEM Pinky PERKS; LMEM John DENNIS; MEM Arthur SILLS; LMEM Daisy ADAMS; MEM Danny KAY; LMEM Terry JEFFRYES; MEM Wally GLENN; MEM Joe BEAVER; App Harry HARROP; MEM WILES; MEM Blondie KNOWLES; App Keith McDoNALD; MEM Aggis LIGERTWOOD. ** MEM Pansy POTTS; LMEM Mick MAPLEDEN; LMEM Jumper COLLINS; LMEM Adrian ELVIN; MEM Keith HUTCHINS; MEM Dicky DREW; MEM Aggie BULPIN; LMEM Dave MANLEY; LMEM Terry AUSTIN; MEM Boggy CAMPBELL; MEM Flo FORD; MEM Joe MERCER. *** MEM Denis LAWLER; POMEM Father DOWELL; POMEM Ginge CORNEY; MECH Nobby HALL; POMEM Mick HORNER; POMEM Roger CRAGG; MECH Bill JONES; MECH Bunny WARREN; MEA(P) Bas GEACH; MEA(P) Ian MURRAY; MEA(P) Woody HERMAN; CMEM Tug WILSON; MEM Paddy HYNES; LMEM Sam WELLES; MEM Red REDSHAW. **** MECH Jed HEWITT; MECH Roger SHOREY; CMEM Les SUTTON; Lt R. M. VOTE (MARENTO); Lt J. V. WRIGHT (DBO & OSM II); Lt-Cdr J. L. L. GADSBY (DCEO); Lt R. F. DALE (OSM I); CMEA(P) Pete WOODYARD; FCMEA(P) Pete ALFORD; MECH Dusty MILLER; CMEM Bob BARLOW. ***** LMEM Smudge SMITH; MEM Harry JONES; MEM Ernie PREECE; JMEM Jock WRIGHT; LMEM Roy PEATMAN; MEM Gareth EVANS; MEM Ruby MURRAY; MEM Jan RYDER; MEM Fish BRADFORD; MEM Andy ANDERSON. On Watch: POMEM John HILTON; LMEM Pert PERTILLER; MEM Brum HARDACRE; MEM Pedler PALMER; MEM Ginger CHILDS; MEM Pincher MARTIN; MEM Ginger WADE.

mention for pulling out two members of the fire brigade who had been overcome by heat.

The DED also saw the ship's company

moved into CENTAUR, the end of Rum Issue, the dock strike (and all our visions of driving cranes and shunting locos), and CMEA(P) Dorrington's

'D' Tours operating at full strength with two of the most notable being the evening at Lopwell Dam and the evening on the ferry up to Calstock.



Maren 'B' Unit: * MEM Mick STOKES; MEM Frank Cooves; MEM Paddy RODGERS; MEM Steve COURSE; MEM Woody WOODVINE; MEM Brum MADDOCKS; MEM Mac MCCONKEY; MEM Sharkey WARD; MEM Taff MACPHERSON; MEM Jack SIMMONS; LMEM Taff EVANS; MEM Dave HUNT; JMEM Ted EDWARDS; MEM Mat MATTHEWS; MEM Tansy LEE. ** MEM Tiny TIMMS; MEM Icky HICKMAN; MEM Taff WALTERS; LMEM George BLAKEY; MEM Doc FOSTER; MEM Pincher MARTIN; MEM Parky PARKINSON; LMEM Scouse OAKLEY; LMEM Elmer MURTON; LMEM Ken PRICE; MEM Jock PETRIE; MEM Tommy MUDD. *** MEA(P)2 John TURFREY; MEM Charlie WATT; POMEM Duke WELLINGTON; MEA(P)3 Dai EVANS; MECH3 Noddy PEEL; MEA(P)2 Bill LETTCH; POMEM Basher BRIGGS; MEA(P)2 Bri WHAPPLES; MECH2 Barny BARNES; MECH2 Mick CARNEY; MEM Dick PEET. **** POMEM Pete PRICE; MEA(P) Phil BASTOCK; MEA(P)1 Taff POTTS; MEA(P)1 Brian LAMBERT; CMEA(P) John HAYES; S/Lt Sam EDGAR; CMEM Bob FITZER; MEA(P)1 Dick ROWAN; MEA(P)1 Donald DUCKETT; MECH3 Bob HoPE; MEA(P)1 Charlie MUNN. ***** MEM Jona JONES; MEM Brum LILLEY; MEM Jock MITCHELL; MEM George THOMAS; JMEM Angus MCCANN; JMEM Taff MELD; JMEM Nobby NELMS; JMEM Scouse SYMS; MEM Sugar KANE. On Watch: POMEM Chick MURRAY; LMEM George BEST; LMEM Taff DAVIES; MEM George ASLING; MEM Paul BELGRAVE; MEM Ches CHESWORTH; MEM Knobby CLARKE; MEM Hoppy HOPKINSON; MEM Shady LANE; MEM Arty SHAW; MEM Whisky WALKER.

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