



Cats Paws and Wind Lippers

During the foreign leg of the Commission, GAMBIA's boats raced in regattas and against yacht clubs at practically every port of call. An impressive number of wins was recorded in the dinghies, the Captain leading our trio of most successful helmsmen.

We started off on the right foot at Augusta in the Fleet sailing regatta, where we took first and second places in the Officers' race, and first place in the Ratings' race; and just to show there was no ill feeling, the Gunnery world entered the open " Swordfish " race and won that as well !

At Malta the winning streak continued in our favour and we won the Officers' event in the R.N.S.A. regatta, coming second in the Ratings' race. The Captain continued to enjoy plenty of practice - he raced most Saturday mornings and won every time ! In the offshore whaler race GAMBIA's boats finished fourth and sixth.

In East Africa there was some enjoyable team racing and an outstanding success was registered in beating the East African Navy (seven officers and sixty ratings !) in a whaler and dinghy race. One intrepid party sailed a whaler from Mombasa to Dar-es-Salaam, a distance of 130 miles, just to get out of gunnery ! They had a whale(!) of a time and only sank the boat once. Fortunately it stood on end (getting to be a habit in GAMBIA) in about 20ft. of water and lots of bona-fide natives came along at the right moment to lend a hand.

The best team racing for dinghies came at Karachi. The Karachi Yacht Club have a trophy, the Mauritius Cup, for which visiting R.N. ships compete. It has been won by the R.N. only five times in the last thirty years. Karachi helmsmen are not only extremely good : when it comes to racing they are merciless ! However, they were unlucky against GAMBIA and we carried off the trophy, the tankard for the best individual helmsman being won by the Captain.

More racing took place at Trincomalee, Hong Kong (in 'Dragon' class, of course) and at Singapore, where we had the misfortune to lose two of our dinghy stalwarts. We weren't half as unfortunate as they were - they missed the trip to the Cape.

Personally I didn't see a lot of the sailing we did in South Africa - other

commitments, I expect. I Do know we weren't very successful (at racing I mean) and I Do know the answer. Most of our helmsmen were suffering from an arthritic condition of the tiller hand known to the medical profession as " Strangler grip." At Durban one young officer and one leading hand suffered so much they capsized their boats ! During a four-cornered race against the South African Navy, the Portuguese Navy and the Royal Capetown Yacht Club in Table Bay, the Captain suffered such an excess of zeal he sailed his boat right under !

Well, we've had it pretty good in GAMBIA from the sailing point of view. In our last important fixture, the Fleet sailing regatta at Rosyth, we took first and second places in the Officers' dinghy race for the Bradford Cup, and second place in the Ratings' race, while one of our Officers' whalers claimed the Hornby Trophy and gained individual souvenirs for its crew. We may not all know our " ribs and timbers," but we've always enjoyed a long reach for the prizes !

R.C.B.

Ole! In my Racquet

The racquets restrung had been hastily done the contestants in white had been matched the tournament day had dawned while we lay alongside and just lazed in the sun forty love game and set the servers regret that volleys remorselessly hatched flew indifferent it seemed our antagonists beamed while we bandied and struck few if one now the end of this tale states the conflict will fail if your racquet you do not look after because half-way through we saw it was true that a string on the Wing spells disaster.



Padres Corner

I would like to tell you a story about two tommies of the 1914-18 war. They were in the trenches in France and as is quite common among soldiers (and sailors for that matter) they were grumbling about this, that and the other. Bill turns to his mate and says, " How's things, Bob? " " Rotten, mate. Me tin hat don't fit, me bayonet's rusty, and we go over the top in 'alf an hour." The next time they meet is up aloft. Bill turns to Bob: " Well, how's things, chum? " "Rotten," he replied. " me 'alo's too tight, me 'arp's out of tune, and there is a band practice in 'alf an hour."

Yes, I suppose we will grumble even when we get to heaven ! This grumbling business is all very well so long as we don't let it upset our judgment. It is one of our privileges.

During this last Commission, no doubt we have found plenty to grumble about. The weather of course has come in for fair criticism. It has been either , too hot or too cold, depending on where we have been; the food has seldom come up to the standard of " mother's cooking "; life has been too hectic or else too dull. So I could go on with a long list of things we could find to grumble about. However, that is not the purpose of this article. When the dust of this Commission has settled, no doubt the old adage : " The last ship is always the best," will apply to GAMBIA.

In spite of all the snags, the disappointments and the frustrations, you and I have a great deal to be thankful for. We can thank God for our health and strength and for His protection " from the dangers of the sea and the air, and from the violence of the enemy." We can be thankful for the friendships we have made onboard and in the different places we have visited. Most of us can truly be thankful for the affection of our wives and sweethearts.

If you will give this subject a little thought I am sure you will find ample reason for getting down on your knees and offering up a prayer to your heavenly Father.

" Thou who has given so much, give one thing more, a grateful heart, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen."

JOHN CUMMIN.





Vital Statistics

During the Commission we have

STEAMED	—	71,000 miles.
BURNED	—	36,000 tons of fuel oil.
BEEN PAID	--	£365,200.
SAVED	—	£12,000.
SPENT	—	Sterling : Pesetas, kroner, lire, francs, drachmae, rupees, Singapore dollars, Hong Kong dollars.
		African currencies : Marks and guilders.
CONSUMED	—	30,600 pints of rum-nearly 245,000 tots ! 59,200 tins of milk. 79,700 goffas.
DRUNK	—	Often.
RECEIVED	--	15,000 injections. 144 X-rays onboard. 83,300 salt tablets. 510,900 pills.
DONATED	-	35 gallons of blood.
WORN OUT	-	590 hypodermic needles.
SMOKED		Too much.
FIRE	- .	2,563 6in. shells. 2,662 4in. A.A. practice rounds. 196 4in. surface shells. 279 4in. starshell. 12,729 40/60 H.E. 11,914 40/60 break-up.

H.M.S. GAMBIA retired on 7th December, 1960, aged twenty,
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