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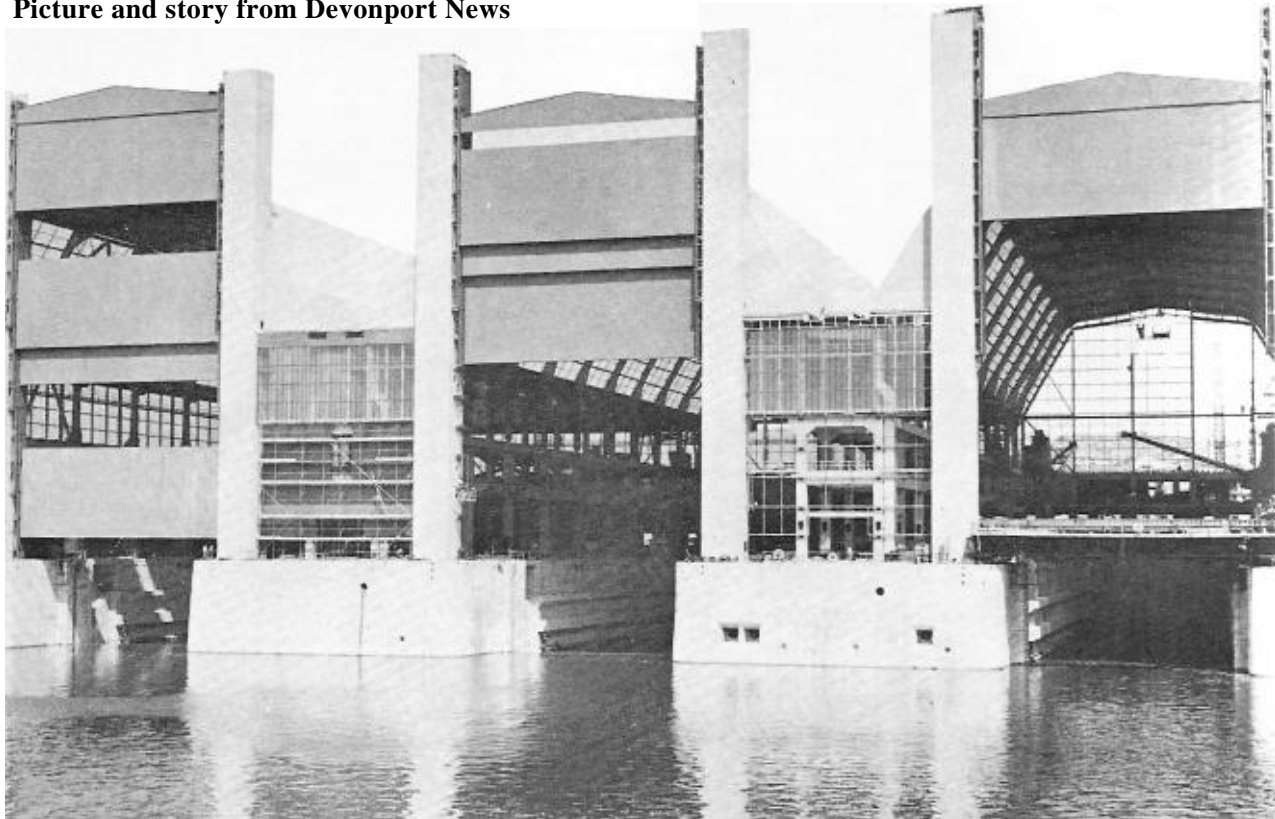
The work on the frigate complex at Devonport Dockyard is only part of the responsibilities of the Property Services Agency. It manages the greater part of the Government's land and property at home and overseas and it carries out new building and other works to meet those needs of Government which cannot be met by the use of existing assets.

At Devonport, PSA is involved in a ten year modernisation and redevelopment programme costing some £150m. which is now over half way towards completion. Over 14,000 people are employed within Devonport Dockyard's 300 acre area and PSA is engaged in trying to improve day to day efficiency and productivity. PSA also provides continuing maintenance for the twelve dry docks, five basins, and the vast complex of workshops, smithies and engine rooms essential to Devonport's role in providing ship maintenance and base support for the fleet.

The PSA exhibition "Building for the Navy" in the marquee on the Field Gun Track shows some of the planning problems being tackled in the Yard. Photographic displays record progress on the maintenance base and the frigate complex, while models show how they will appear when finished and at the centre of the exhibit, a full size reconstruction of married and junior ratings quarters showing how the Navy lives.

Frigate docks flooded

Picture and story from Devonport News



A major milestone in the development of the £17m Frigate Complex was reached in June when No. 2 basin and the three covered in docks were flooded.

Over three years ago — March 1973 — the basin was pumped dry in preparation for work to begin behind a cofferdam to enlarge 5, 6 and 7 docks and to remove the entrance lock and sliding caisson.

The point has now been reached where the work is virtually complete and on June 2, water gushed into No. 2 basin through the new balancing culvert to a depth of three feet. Six days later the basin and three docks were fully flooded.

The Complex is scheduled for completion by the end of this year and operational early next year.

Docks 5, 6 and 7 in No. 2 Basin, on the site of the old Keyham Steam Yard, completed 121 years ago, were demolished and enlarged as part of the Devonport Dockyard modernisation programme. Removal of the original entrance lock provides additional berthing facilities.

Thousands of tons of hand faced granite were removed to provide the three new covered docks, longer and deeper than the originals and with vertical walls replacing the traditional stepped sides.

The dominant features of the site is the row of six re-inforced concrete towers each 53 metres (175 ft) high which supports the three dock entrance doors, each comprising of low vertically sliding leaves.

Entry to the docks is over flap down

lock gates and the 40 metre (131 ft) high clearance of the steel-framed complex above the dockside means that ships can be docked without the masts and aerial arrays being removed.

Workshop, storage and office accommodation, together with amenities for the labour force to be employed in the complex, will complete the provision of self-contained, purpose designed and built facilities for re-fitting work.

The maritime works of the docks and basin, including underground pumphouse and subways, etc., have been designed "in house" by the Property Services Agency, while the superstructures have been designed by Sir Alexander Gibb and Partners. The main contractor is Kier Limited.

SHIPS FOR TRIPS

XSV Loyal Governor (right) is the first of the Loyal class of training vessels allocated to the Royal Naval Auxiliary Service (RNXS).

The XSV based at Plymouth is the Loyal Moderator which is available for river trips. The RNXS is a spare-time voluntary Service administered and operated by the Royal Navy and makes an important contribution to our national defence by releasing active service personnel for first-line duties. The service trains men and women in their spare time primarily to support the Naval Control of Shipping Organisation which would be set up in the event of an emergency or war.

Shore members are trained in plotting, communications, including teleprinters, and other Port Headquarters duties. Afloat members are trained to man small craft such as Loyal Moderator for duties in coastal waters, harbours and anchorages. Specialist categories are

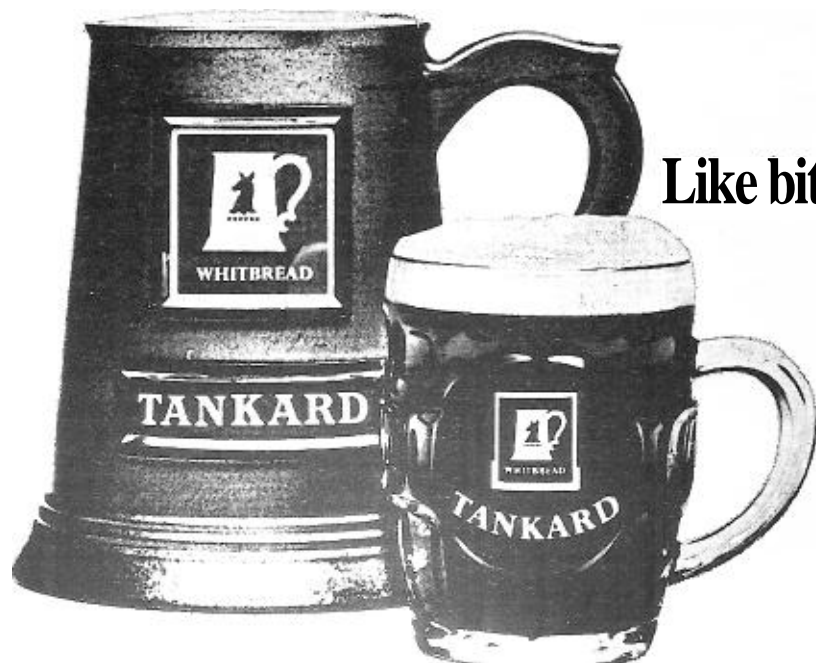
Take a river trip in Loyal Moderator, Dittisham, Aveley or Flintham, or take a trip around the harbour in a landing craft from Fearless, Trips cost lop a head, toddlers free, and take place all day except during the River Display. (Embarkation points, see map p. 2-3).

Entry into the RNXS is open to men and women between the ages of 18-55 (afloat) and 18-60 (ashore). Generous allowances are paid and free uniforms are provided. If you wish to know

more about the Royal Naval Auxiliary Service, apply to the Area Naval Auxiliary Officer — Office of the Flag Officer, Plymouth, Mount Wise, Devonport.



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Girls in a Man's World

Wrens count themselves fortunate to be able to work with the sailors and share the traditions of the Senior Service. They are in a man's world. They may help to train officers for command at sea, service aircraft, brief aircrew or work with a communications team or an operations staff. But there are also many jobs similar to ones found outside the Service — office workers, stores accountants, cooks, dental assistants and others.

Wrens also serve ashore with the Royal Marines, the Fleet Air Arm, the Submarine Service and in NATO Headquarters.

As well as being able to serve around the British Isles, many wrens have the opportunity of going overseas to such places as Malta, Italy, Gibraltar, Holland, Norway, Canada, Hong Kong, Portugal, Belgium and New Zealand.

Though in some jobs, Wrens get grease-stained and blown about, they are encouraged to look as smart and attractive as possible, both in and out of uniform. There are facilities for all kinds of sports including sailing, fencing, judo, rifle shooting, horse riding, swimming, badminton, volleyball, tennis and squash. Wrens even try parachuting, skiing and mountaineering!

The accommodation is comfortable and centrally heated, with laundry, hairdressing, dressmaking and recreational facilities. The more modern quarters such as those in HMS Drake are decorated in attractive colours, have fitted wardrobes and wall-to-wall carpeting. You will see lots of Wrens at Navy Days. Ask them how they enjoy their life in the Women's Royal Naval Service today.



M o D Police

The Ministry of Defence Police force was formed in 1971 with the amalgamation of the three Government Departmental Police Forces serving Army, Navy and Air Force Establishments; MOD Police are employed throughout the whole of the United Kingdom and also serve at some establishments abroad.

The variety of tasks and experience to be gained by service at different establishments provides an interesting and worthwhile career in a Force which gives opportunity for service with the CID, Water Police and Dog Units. In the normal course of their duties constables drive radio equipped vehicles and when patrolling on foot carry portable radios. 1975 saw the addition of Women Police and there are eight employed on general police duties at Devonport. Pay and general conditions of service for the MOD Police are comparable with those of other Police Forces.

The men, women, boats and vehicles you may see are continuously on patrol, day and night, throughout the year for the maintenance of security and law and order. You can see something of their work in the exhibition hall.



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Displays and Demonstrations

A series of exhibitions in the main hall that show life in the Royal Navy: how the men are trained, fed and clothed, and how the ships are maintained.

Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth

The Royal Naval College was opened in 1905 and in the 70 years since then Officers training has undergone many changes to keep pace with the changing needs of the Service. Now all Officers in the Royal Navy receive their initial training at Dartmouth. In September they will be joined by the WRNS Officers Training Course who are moving from Greenwich.

Officers from many Commonwealth and Foreign navies also receive their initial training at Dartmouth and it is quite usual to find between 15 and 20 other navies represented there.

There are normally about 700 Officers under training on the roll and of these some 250 are studying for degrees at Universities throughout Britain. These courses are the choice of the Officer himself, the entire spectrum of the Arts and Sciences being read. The training at Dartmouth is equally broad and covers Professional subjects, academic subjects and leadership taught by Naval Officers and civilian lecturers. This training is supplemented by sea training in the Dartmouth Training Ship HMS Fearless.

Courses vary in length from one to five terms depending upon the particular career pattern but whichever type of career one chooses there is little fear of contradiction that the training at Dartmouth is first class.

Royal Naval Engineering College

Engineer Officers of the Royal Navy, as well as members of the Royal Corps of Naval Constructors and Officers from many Commonwealth and Foreign navies, come to the

Royal Naval Engineering College to read for an Honours or Unclassified degree in Mechanical or Electrical Engineering. The pictorial display on the stand shows various aspects of life at the College and also illustrates the large number of countries throughout the world that send Officers to the College for training.

The 3 year degree course is followed by a further year's application training in the Marine Engineering or Weapons and Electrical Engineering (both for surface ships and submarines) or the Aeronautical Engineering specialisations. Officers who have graduated at Manadon are joined at this stage by Officers who have taken their degrees at Civilian Universities or who have joined the Navy under the Direct Graduate Entry scheme.

The College staff, predominately serving Naval Officers, is backed up by members of the Royal Naval Scientific Service and Civilian Instructor Officers. Many of these Officers are involved in research work leading to the award of higher degrees.

On the stand in the Exhibition Hall are various items of equipment that demonstrate the modern and sophisticated engineering techniques that now form part of the everyday life of an Engineer Officer in the Royal Navy, as well as items designed to entertain and amuse.

Come to the Flicks

A non-stop film show in the HMS Drake cinema demonstrates the Navy in action. See how aircraft operate, see weapons being fired, see a warship taking on fuel at speed. Call at the cinema in HMS Drake.

HMS Cambridge

The original Westcountry Gunnery School was established in 1838 on board the San Joseph at Plymouth. In 1856 the school transferred to Cambridge. She was broken up in 1869 and the school moved to the Windsor Castle, which was renamed to become the fifth Cambridge.

In 1907 the school moved ashore to the Royal Naval Barracks. In 1940 the present AA Range was established on the site of a holiday camp at Wembury, with the object of providing live firing practice to gun crews. At the end of the war it was decided to keep the range and the land was purchased in 1948.

In 1950 approval was given to build permanent accommodation, and this work has proceeded over the years. In 1956, to provide firing training, the whole Gunnery School moved from RNB to Wembury, commissioning as the seventh HMS Cambridge

Today the main task is to train Officers and Ratings of the Royal Navy and other navies in the live firing of gunnery systems. In addition, newly entered Operations (Missile) branch junior ratings are taught basic gunnery, internal security and general naval subjects in their qualifying course before joining their first ships.

HMS Raleigh

The New Entry Establishment is situated two miles west of Torpoint on a site of 130 acres.

The main task of the establishment is to prepare recruits for life in the Royal Navy. Each week up to 75 newly entered ratings of the Seaman and Electrical Engineering Mechanic branches arrive at HMS Raleigh from all parts of the country for a six week New Entry course.

On completion of this initial training the Electrical ratings go to HMS Collingwood for part II professional training and the Seamen remain at HMS Raleigh for a further six weeks

Warship

A quarterly journal of warship history.
Edited by Antony Preston

Apart from the amateur publications of clubs and societies, warship enthusiasts have never had a journal solely devoted to their interests. However, December 1976 sees the launch of *Warship*, a lively, highly illustrated quarterly, specifically for those interested in warships, their development, design and history. Initially the emphasis will be on the major navies of this century, with Second World War material predominating, but from time to time articles will appear on sailing and transitional warships

and the lesser fleets. In fact, the coverage of the material side of naval history will be limited only by the availability of technical information.

The high standard of the contributions — from warship specialists in many countries — combined with the professional nature of the production should satisfy the most demanding technical historian and delight the general enthusiast, warship modeller, and naval photograph collector.

Features

Each issue will be built around 4–6 major features — technical histories of a ship, class or type illustrated with plans, photographs and tables. Detailed and accurate research will be the keynote, and we aim to encourage original approaches to the more popular subjects as well as coverage of unusual and little-known aspects of warship history.

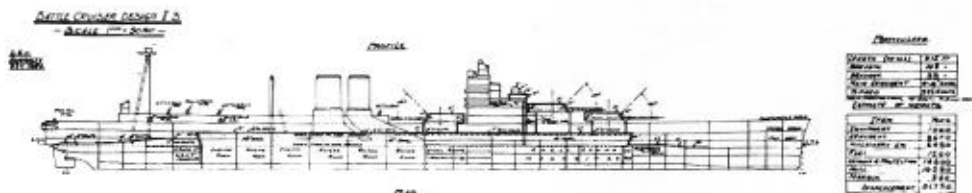
The major serial articles will be supported by 'one-off' features on a wide range of related aspects — gunnery, tactics, warship identification, research sources, 'classic warship models' and so on.

Regular reviews of new books and commercial plans (and a critical look at some old ones usually accepted as standard authorities), and a readers' column.

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During this seamanship training the accent is on practical seamanship and boatwork. It is ratings at this stage of their career who can be seen manning the establishment stand in the drill shed.

In addition to the New Entry training task, HMS Raleigh houses the Trevel Rifle Range and Plymouth Command Schools responsible for seamanship, leadership and fire-fighting.

The present Raleigh is undergoing a rebuild which is due to be completed in 1978 at a cost of over £8 million. Work commenced in 1972 and when completed all branches of the service except apprentices will receive their initial training at HMS Raleigh bringing the weekly intake up to 250 recruits.

HMS Fisgard

Artificers are the technicians of the Royal Navy and have a wide and varied knowledge of the engineering aspects connected with the operation and maintenance of naval ships and aircraft.

Engineering in the Royal Navy is divided into three main groups: marine engineering, weapons electrical engineering and air engineering.

These groups are further subdivided into specialised groups to ensure the expertise necessary to maintain or operate such diversified equipment as computer controlled weapons systems, guided missiles, supersonic aircraft, helicopters, diving equipment, propulsion plants of nuclear powered submarines—and a host of others.

Before a young man becomes a qualified Artificer he serves an apprenticeship of roughly four years and part of this time is spent at sea. In general the artificer apprentice will spend the first year of his apprenticeship in HMS Fisgard, a training establishment at Torpoint.

Having been placed in one of the main artificer categories at HMS Fisgard the apprentice will continue his training either at HMS Caledonia—for marine engineering—at Rosyth or HMS Collingwood—for weapons electrical engineering—at

Fareham, of HMS Daedalus—for air engineering—at Lee-on-Solent. In these establishments the apprentice will undergo his specialist and further academic training to give him the opportunity of obtaining the ONC—a nationally recognised qualification.

At HMS Fisgard up to 280 young men between the ages of 16 and 21 join at the beginning of each term—January, May and September. They must have previously satisfied the naval authorities that they are of sufficiently high academic standard to undergo the apprenticeship and have sufficient technical potential.

Cookery

There will be a display of cookery and confectionery items made in HMS Drake. Cooks of the establishment will give demonstrations of the preparation and presentation of various dishes periodically throughout the afternoon.

Hydrographic

The training of all specialist officers and ratings of the Hydrographic Department is done at the Hydrographic School in HMS Drake who also train an increasing number of foreign and commonwealth personnel.

The Hydrographic display contrasts the early and modern methods of surveying, the instruments, the ships and the charts produced.



A naval cook in action with the deep fryer.

Royal Naval Medical Services

Today's naval medical branch is a highly trained service consisting of female nurses trained to State Registered and State Enrolled Nurse standards, Technicians of all grades who work in their chosen speciality and qualify the examinations of their civilian Society or Association, and the general medical assistant who can be seen in HM ships, RN hospitals, Establishment sick bays or working with the Royal Marines in the field.

Naval hospitals of today provide accommodation not only for Service personnel but also for the local civilian population. The hospitals are run and administered by Naval personnel with the aid of certain grades of Ministry of Defence civilians.

Commemorative Covers

A special Plymouth Navy Days Commemorative envelope over stamped with a postmark suitable for the occasion and bearing a unique BFPO number will be on sale in three kiosks; two in the Naval Base and one in the Exhibition Hall. The cover depicts a Type 21 frigate. Limited stocks of 1970, 1974 and 1975 issues are also available for sale.

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Fleet Maintenance Group

The group consists of a number of skilled Naval personnel who assist in the maintenance of ships and submarines of the Royal Navy.

HMS Defiance is the headquarters of the group and has extensive machine and electronic workshops where all types of equipment are serviced.

HMS Defiance is also the headquarters for the maintenance of S. M.2 submarine squadron which includes nuclear powered attack submarines.

Fleet Communications

The Fleet Communications display has been designed to show the public the ever-increasing role of satellites in modern fleet communications. The display contains a working model of Skynet 2 Britain's military satellite launched in 1974 from Cape Kennedy.

Also on the stand, the ever-popular Navy Days telegram service which allows you to send a radio telegram free of charge to any serving member of a seagoing ship which is at sea or in harbour, plus a radio postcard scheme whereby for a small charge you can send your friends or relations anywhere in the United Kingdom a special souvenir Navy Days postcard via your local Royal Naval Reserve Centre.

Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance for Devonport men lost at sea has been placed in St. Nicholas Church, HMS Drake throughout the Navy Days period. A sailor wearing white gloves is on duty to turn the pages of the book for visitors.

Royal Naval Supply and Transport Service

The primary role of this civilian service is to support the Royal Navy as an efficient and effective fighting force, in peace and war, ashore and afloat, at home and overseas. This involves maintaining armaments and weapons systems at operational readiness; supplying spares, general stores and fuel for the ships; and clothing and victualling their officers and crew.

Staff to perform these duties serve at Ministry of Defence Headquarters in London and Bath, at the four Dockyards and numerous other bases and depots in the United Kingdom, at overseas establishments and afloat.

The RNSTS locally is administered by the Principal Supply and Transport Officer (Naval). In addition to his responsibility for all RNSTS activities within the Dockyard PSTO(N) controls the RN Armament Depots at Ernesettle, Bull Point and Stonehouse, Thanckes Oil Fuel Depot, the Royal William Victualling Yard and the Stores Depots at Wrangaton and Exeter.

The RNSTS stand includes some of the items supplied to the Navy. On a large map of the world is shown the position of ships of the RFA service on a typical day. The ship model on display is that of RFA Lyness which is open to the public for Navy Days. Working models on display include an oscilloscope (visual representation of sound waves), a sectioned Mk 20 Torpedo and a counting machine. At certain times this machine will be seen counting glucose sweets which children will be invited to sample.

Resettlement Training

Resettlement interviews are available at the 2½ year and 6 month stage before leaving the service with the Naval Resettlement Information Officer or the Ship's Resettlement Officer. Many varied courses and ideas can be discussed often leading to training courses at Skillcentres.

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If you would like to see the training in action you are invited to visit the Centre at Strode Road, Plympton, or the Centre at Somerset Place, Plymouth, on any Wednesday afternoon. No appointments are necessary.

Model Railway Exhibition

You are all cordially invited to view the Model Railway Exhibition in Raleigh block, HMS Drake. One of the most comprehensive "00" gauge layouts in the South West this has been built entirely by railway enthusiasts, in the Model Railway Club.

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CHARGE. Adults 20p; Children 10p; Cars with passengers £1. All proceeds from admission charges, sale of programmes, and so forth, go to Naval charities.

GUIDES. Sailors and Wrens will be stationed at various points in the Navy Days area to help you. Please ask them for any information you want.

REFRESHMENT centres, provided by a national catering organisation, are open throughout the period of Navy Days.

VISITORS are warned that no liability can be accepted by the Ministry of Defence or its agents for any accident, loss, injury or damage sustained on Government property, however caused.

PHOTOGRAPHY. Although cameras may be brought into the Navy Days areas, it is regretted that no close photography of ships can be allowed in the Dockyard. Out-of-doors photography is permitted in HMS Drake.

We hope that visitors will understand that while the details in this programme are correct at the time of going to press, Service requirements may compel them to be altered at the last moment, and there may be changes. If this does happen we can only ask for your understanding.

SMOKING. In a few places—marked by signs—visitors are requested not to smoke. Please be very careful everywhere to extinguish matches and cigarettes before throwing them away.

NURSERY. Children up to the age of five may be left at the Nursery near the flagstaff in HMS Drake free of charge.

LOST CHILDREN should be taken to the Nursery in HMS Drake or to a special office provided in the Dockyard near the coach disembarkation point. A broadcast announcement will be made as soon as any lost child is brought to these points.

FIRST AID. Members of the Royal Navy's Medical Staff and of the St. John Ambulance will be on duty in the Navy Days area.

LEFT LUGGAGE AND LOST PROPERTY. Offices to deal with these are situated at the entrance to HMS Drake.

ENQUIRIES of any sort after Navy Days should be addressed to the Navy Days Secretary, HMS Drake, Devonport, Telephone Plymouth 53740, Drake 5914.

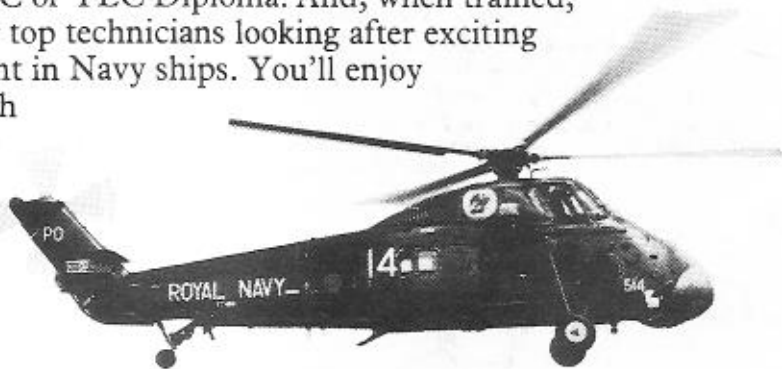


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