

SIGNAL SCHOOL'S GUESTS.

AT NAVAL BARRACKS DANCE.

A company of about 700 whirled gaily in the gymnasium of the Portsmouth Royal Naval Barracks on Friday, when the Signal School (R.N.B.) held a very successful dance. Magnificently decorated, the large hall made a capital ballroom. Bunting of every hue, fantastically ornamented lampshades, and festoons of multi coloured electric lights suspended from the roof lent an enchanting effect to the gay scene.

A long and varied dance programme was rendered very successfully by the R.N.B. Jazz Band, led by Bandmaster Beedam. The band was situated in an attractively ornamented enclosure in the centre of the ballroom. Dancing continued until midnight, and the enthusiasm never flagged for a moment. Refreshments were served at dainty tables set aside in one-half of the Gymnasium, specially screened off for the purpose.

Among the distinguished guests present were Captain and Mrs. Kennedy-Purvis, Commander and Mrs. D. O'Lyon, Commander Pott, Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. Joel, Lieutenant-Commander Minter, Lieut. and Mrs. Wayling, and a number of staff officers attached to the Signal School.

Messrs. Griffin, Jenner, Savage, Dudley, and Rubeck acted as M.C.'s. The greatest credit for the organisation rests on the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. M. Griffin, who was assisted by a committee comprising the M.C.'s and Messrs. Head, Locke, Brotheridge, Pearce, Frampton, and Reece. The catering was in the hands of Mr. Fry (canteen manager, R.N.B.) and his staff, who carried out their task to the general satisfaction. The decorative work was done by the Hon. Secretary and Mr. Brotheridge, while great assistance was given to the organising committee by Mr. Beauchamp (hon. sec., R.N.B. Canteen) and Chief Yeoman Pasch.

NAVY CUP—FIRST ROUND.

SIGNAL SCHOOL v. H.M.S. TIGER.

The entry of H.M.S. Tiger added interest to this season's competition for the Navy Cup in the Portsmouth Command, and the battle cruiser sent an eleven from Portland to meet the Signal School on the Pitt Street ground yesterday. Teams:—

Signal School:—Brewer; Callen, Artlett; Duke, Randall, Mitchell; Harper, Wilson, Corley, Howlett, Packham.

H.M.S. Tiger:—Hill; Crockford, Deathers; Theobald, Martin, Goreher; Ormston, Waterhouse, Paymaster-Lieut. Yates, Lloyd, Williams.

Referee, Cpl. Tinson, Royal Marines.

The exchanges were keen from the start, the Tigers opening in promising style. Their forwards hung on to the ball too long, however, and were usually bumbled off before they could shoot. Yates hit the cross-bar on one occasion, and Waterhouse was a couple of yards wide with a good effort. Corley broke through for the School and tested Hill with a capital left-foot shot, but for the greater part of the half the Tigers were attacking, although they failed to score.

Half-time:—

Signal School	0
H.M.S. Tiger	0

On the run of the play the Tigers should have taken the lead early in the second half, but they failed to force home their attacks. Several shots were very close, and a splendid drive from Yates midway through the half was the best try for goal of the match. The Signal School livened things up in the closing stages, and scored through Harper, who converted a centre from the left. They nearly increased their lead when Corley hit the cross-bar with a header.

Final:—

Signal School	1
H.M.S. Tiger	0

JUST A SMALL PARTY

BUT 850 CHILDREN WERE THERE

The second of the huge Christmas parties which are an annual feature of the Portsmouth Royal Naval Barracks' New Year was organized by the Petty Officers. Actually it was the smallest of the series—a mere handful of 850 children, not to mention almost as many adults finding plenty of room in the vast gymnasium for the apparently endless diversions provided by versatile naval men.

If any child managed to exhaust the possibilities of the remarkable side-shows, shutes, and helter-skelters in the intervals between a gorgeous tea, the arrival of Father Christmas, and watching their maternal parents becoming girlish over musical chairs, they deserve the description of hustlers.

Once more Father Christmas, with his fertility of mind, has thought out a new method of arrival at the barracks, and actually broadcasts a running commentary of his journey from the Arctic. The clowns, of which there are many, led the Commodore (Rear-Admiral Geoffrey Layton, D.S.O.) and Mrs. Layton around to the tree, where the ceremonies were conducted by Father Christmas and presents distributed by Mrs. Layton.

The arrangements were carried out by the Petty Officers' Mess Committee, of which P.O. Tel. Ogler is President and P.O. Sailmaker Waire, Secretary. The rest of the Committee were S.P.O.'s Dannaford, Yeo, Sharp, P.O. Std. Landon and P.O. McLeod. P.O. Tel. Hazelgrove impersonated Father Christmas and the R.N.B. Bluejackets Band was in attendance to provide music.



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A party of German ex-Servicemen on board H.M.S. Victory at Portsmouth. They are in England as the guests of the Horsham Branch of the British Legion.

A retype of a 1923 Portsmouth Newspaper

The Removal of H.M.S. Victory from Portsmouth Harbour

There was much chuntering down amongst inhabitants of Portsea Island at the passing of the Victory ship from its harbour anchorage to No 2 dry dock in the yard.

One of the most unfortunate circumstances in connection with the removal of H.M.S. Victory from her moorings in the harbour, is the loss that must result to watermen who gained such a large part of their livelihood by taking people to and from the old ship, unless some other provision can be made to assist them. In this connection the Mayor of Portsmouth has approached the Admiralty through the Commander-in-Chief in an effort to get a modern battleship moored near to where Victory lay.

Doubtless many people who come here from inland towns and districts and who seldom get an opportunity to of seeing a man of war would be glad to visit an up to date cruiser or battleship, but to have such a vessel more or less permanently is asking rather big thing. The Admiralty has already intimated that watermen will be allowed to escort visitor to the dockyard and over the Victory and we very much fear that on economical grounds the proposal of concerning the mooring of a large warship can hardly be expected to succeed. It might be possible for a vessel in reserve to be moored in the harbour in the vicinity of Victory's erstwhile mooring, but there could scarcely be any permanency about this.

For my two pennyworth, I think it is a pie in sky thought and out of touch with reality. Much better I would have thought to employ these hapless watermen on a Vernon/Kings Stair route across the harbour to Dolphin and Haslar, putting men in the PAS boat service to jobs elsewhere in the extended yard.

NATIONAL PHYSIQUE.

(1) Each education authority shall provide at least one free meal a day for children attending the schools in their respective areas. (2) Each education authority shall take steps to record the height, weight, and chest measurement of children attending elementary schools, and shall furnish the first returns thereon to the Board of Education not later than December 30, 1906. (3) Each education authority shall appoint a medical officer, or officers, whose duty it shall be to medically examine and to treat such children as the teachers may consider in need of medical advice.

THE FIRST LORD'S VISIT

Portsmouth Inspections

TRIP IN A FAIREY SEAPLANE

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir Bolton Eyres-Monsell arrived in Portsmouth on Sunday afternoon to visit the various ships and naval establishments, of the port during succeeding days.

A trip in a Fairey III F machine from the deck of the *Courageous*, the flagship of Rear-Admiral R. G. H. Henderson, commanding the aircraft-carriers, was included in the programme carried out on Monday, by the First Lord.

The First Lord spent the whole of the day at sea in the *Courageous*, and watched the routine drills and flying evolutions of the flights of the Fleet Air Arm working from the *Courageous* and the *Furious*. He returned to Spithead in the *Courageous* in the evening and she fired a salute of 17 guns as the first Lord disembarked to return to Portsmouth Harbour, where he boarded H.M.S. *Nelson*, the flagship of Admiral Sir John D. Kelly, Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet, on which he spent the night.

Signal From the Nelson

From the *Nelson* the First Lord made the following signal:—

"First Lord to Commander-in-Chief,

Home Fleet. I shall be very grateful if you will inform Rear-Admiral Henderson now interested I have been in all that I have seen in H.M.S. *Courageous*, and how much I have enjoyed my visit. The Board of Admiralty appreciate the valuable work done by the aircraft carriers, and also realize that all departments on board share the working for the efficiency which is obviously attained."

Tuesday's Programme

Leaving the *Nelson* soon after nine o'clock Tuesday morning, the First Lord, who was accompanied by Admiral Sir A. K. Waistell, Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, motored to the main gates of the Royal Naval Barracks, where he was received with a guard of honour and a band.

His programme on Tuesday included visits to the Physical and Recreational Training School, and the Signal School, at the Royal Naval Barracks. Returning to the Dockyard, Sir Bolton visited the office of Rear-Admiral H. K. Kitson, the Admiral-Superintendent of the Dockyard, where he met the principal Dockyard officers before returning to the ward-room of the Royal Naval Barracks for lunch. In the afternoon the First Lord visited H.M.S. *Vernon* and *Whale Island*, and in the evening he was entertained to an official dinner by Admiral Sir A. K. Waistell, at Admiralty House. Lady Eyres-Monsell was also present.

The First Lord concluded his visit to Portsmouth on Wednesday morning when he visited Fort Blockhouse, the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, the St. Vincent Depot at Forton, and the Haslar Depot, returning to London by train in the early afternoon.