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OF  
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"DARING" AND "WISHART"

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1934 - 1936

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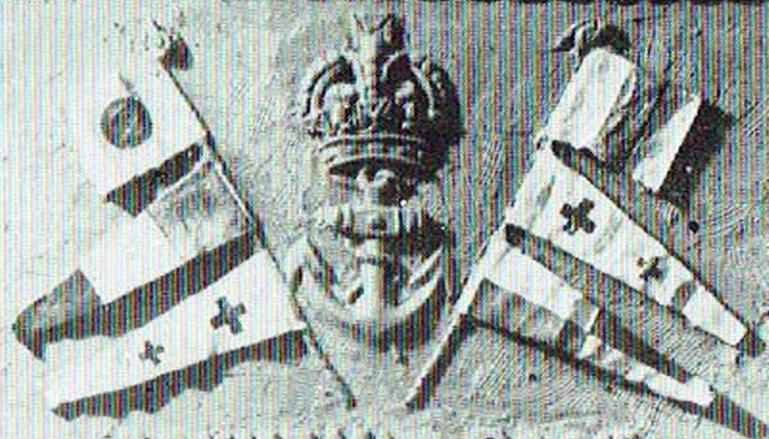
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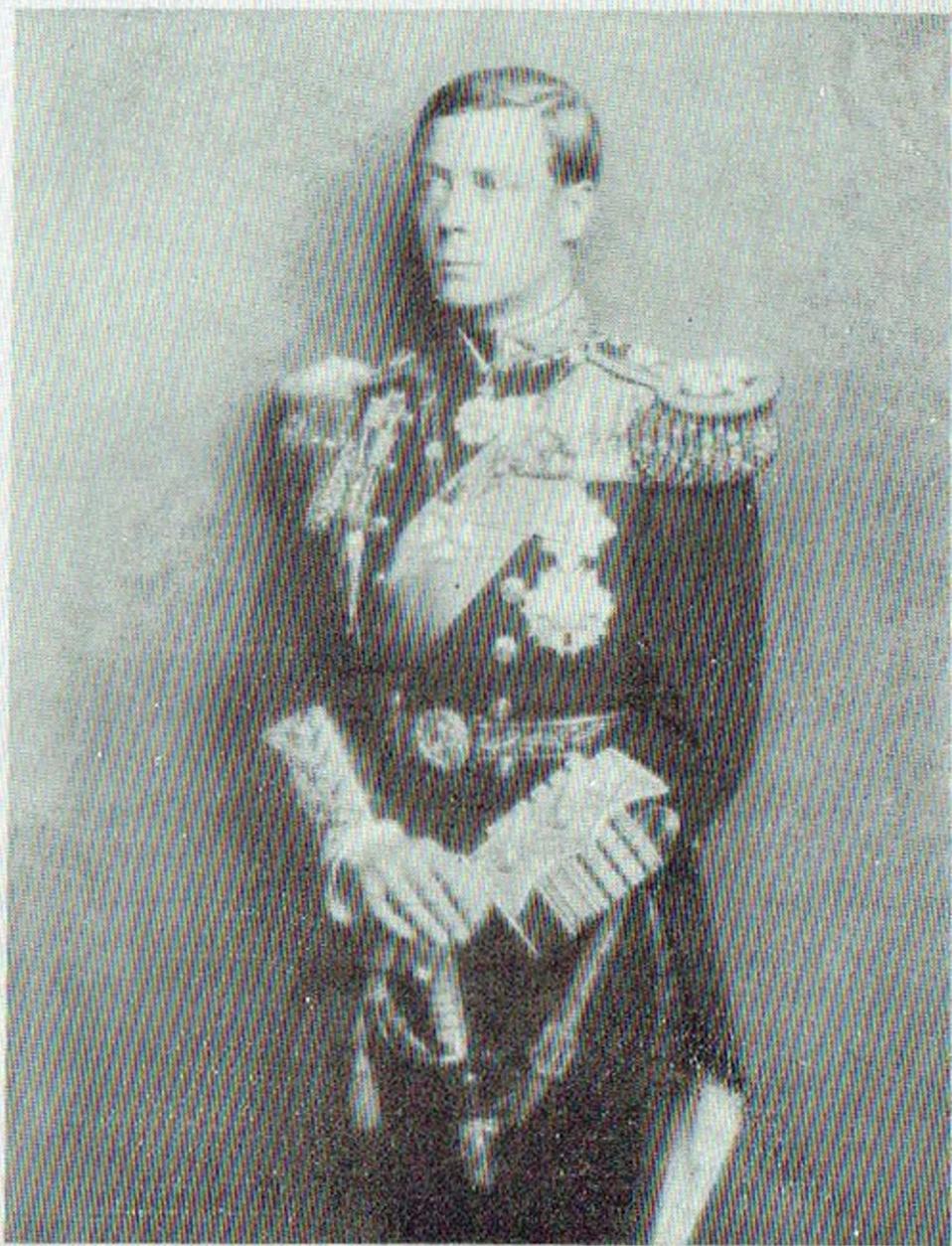
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Major Col. Lawson To the 1934-35 Commission  
of "Daring" and "Wishart"  
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**Aerial View of the First Destroyer Flotilla in Sliema Harbour.**  
 (Note: 'Wishart' is ship without awnings in the centre of the background.)

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## MEDITERRANEAN FLEET, 1934-1936.

### Commander-in-Chief.

Admiral Sir WILLIAM FISHER, G.C.B., G.C.V.O. (Until March 20th, 1936).  
 Admiral Sir DUDLEY POUND, K.C.B. (After March 20th, 1936).

### Rear Admiral [D]

Rear Admiral A. B. CUNNINGHAM, C.B., D.S.O. (Until April 8th, 1936).  
 Rear Admiral SOMERVILLE, C.B., D.S.O. (After April 8th, 1936).

### Captain [D] First Destroyer Flotilla.

Captain H. T. BAILLIE-GROHMAN, D.S.O., O.B.E., R.N.

### Commanding Officers.

Commander B. A. WARBURTON-LEE, (*Witch*).  
 Commander S. H. T. ARLISS, (*Wild Swan*).  
 Commander G. N. OLIVER, (*Veteran*).  
 Commander Lord LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN, K.C.V.O., (*Wishart*) (until April 1936).  
 Commander W. G. A. ROBSON, (*Wren*) (until Feb. 1936).  
 (*Wishart*) (after April 1936).  
 Lieut. Commander M. S. T. THOMAS, (*Whitshed*).  
 Lieut. Commander J. M. ROGERS, (*Whitehall*).  
 Lieut. Commander R. C. GORDON, (*Verity*).  
 Lieut. Commander E. A. GIBBS, (*Wren*) (after Feb. 1936).

# THE FIRST DESTROYER FLOTILLA MEDITERRANEAN FLEET.

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October 1934	December 1934	1936
Commissioned	Turned over to	Relieved by
DUNCAN	KEPPEL	GRENVILLE
<b>FIRST DIVISION.</b>		
DELIGHT	WILD SWAN	GREYHOUND
DIAMOND	WHITEHALL	GIPSY
DIANA	VETERAN	GALLANT
DUCHESS	VERITY	GRENADA
<b>SECOND DIVISION.</b>		
DECOY	WITCH	GRAFTON
DAINTY	WILTSHED	GLOWWORM
DARING	WISHART	GARLAND
DEFENDER	WREN	GRIFFIN

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*Notes:* Wren's ships company turned over to Worcester during August and September 1935, while Wren's turbines were being repaired. Subsequently they turned over again to Wren.

The "G" class destroyers will not be organised in the same way as the "V" and "W" class, as *Garland* is to be a divisional Commander's ship.

The following additional ships joined the First Destroyer Flotilla during the Italo-Abyssinian crisis in the Autumn of 1935, as a temporary measure:

WESSEX, VALOROUS, MACKAY, DOUGLAS.

In October 1935, these ships together with *Venetia*, *Vega*, *Wolsey*, and *Viceroy*, were formed into the 19th Destroyer Flotilla.

# THE FIRST DESTROYER FLOTILLA ACHIEVEMENTS

Much as we should have liked to set out a full and comprehensive survey of the athletic and professional achievements of the First Destroyer Flotilla during the 1934-1936 Commission, lack of space made this impossible so that we have had to content ourselves by selecting the salient features of the Commission, and discussing them briefly.

## **Flotilla Hockey**

During the Commission the flotilla hockey team played 36 matches. Of these 26 were won, 7 drawn, and 3 lost. The losses were in all cases friendly matches, played against sides who had been defeated previously by the full flotilla team.

The first flotilla had four representatives in the Navy side which defeated both the Army and the Royal Air Force in the Spring of 1936.

The first lieutenant played for the Flotilla side throughout the Commission, and in the both matches against the other Services.

## **Flotilla Rugby**

The Flotilla Rugby team, composed of three officers, one rating each from *Wishart* and *Whitshed*, and the remaining players drawn from the three West Country ships; had some very keen and interesting games during the six weeks that the flotilla was at Malta during the 1934-1935 season.

Captained by Lieut. Franks of the *Wren*, the team showed considerable talent and a very good game was played against the Third Destroyer Flotilla, as a preliminary to the Marsamuscetto trial. It was during this game that *Wishart's* representative Ldg. Tel. Meadows unfortunately dislocated his shoulder, which prevented him from taking part in any other game during the season.

During the 1935-1936 Season, lack of opponents, (due to the absence of the Fleet), and the very hard condition of the grounds, caused an unavoidable decline in the activities of the Flotilla Rugby Team.

## **Flotilla Soccer**

In the 1934-1935 Season, the Flotilla Soccer Team showed promise of settling down into a very clever side, and although there were few fixtures the team shaped well.

During the present season, they justified their promise and have been very successful in friendly matches. The flotilla is fortunate in having three players who represented the Navy in the Mediterranean last season, whilst our own ship had two regular players in A.B. Waite, and Tel. York.

Each season at Malta, football is centred around the Cassar Cup which is organised by the civilian clubs, and includes one team from each of the fighting Services. In order to select the team which is to represent the Navy at Malta in this competition, a league has been formed which is styled the Royal Naval Malta Football League, the winner of which has the honour of representing the Navy in the Cassar Cup.

This League comprises teams from the 1st Destroyer Flotilla, 19th Destroyer Flotilla, 1st S/M Flotilla and St. Angelo. The 1st Destroyer Flotilla were successful in coming out top of this League and therefore were chosen to represent the Navy in the Cassar Cup.

Unfortunately they were defeated in the semi-final by Floriana by 5 goals to nil, but at the time of going to Press, the final had not been played.

## **The Inter Flotilla Regatta, 1935**

In the Summer of 1935, when it was learnt that the First Destroyer Flotilla were not going home to take part in the Naval Review at Spithead, it was felt that although there were disadvantages in not going home, there was at any rate the consolation that we should stand a better chance in the inter flotilla regatta, by remaining in the Mediterranean, since the 4th Destroyer Flotilla regatta training would be interrupted by the Review routine and leave periods at home ports, and the 3rd Destroyer Flotilla would be newly commissioned.

In view of the fact that the length of skiffs differed in the various flotillas, it was decided to confine the inter flotilla regatta to whaler races entirely.

Since our hopes in the 1st Destroyer Flotilla ran high, it came as a bitter disappointment when it was realised that owing to Mussolini's war-like attitude the inter flotilla regatta would not take place.

*Wishart* in particular had great hopes, after her success in the 1st Destroyer Flotilla regatta and her five winning crews stood a very good chance of carrying off the "double event".

In addition to this she had a very fine crew eligible to pull in the Orion Cup, so that it came as a double disappointment to her when the news was received that the inter flotilla regatta had been cancelled, and the Fleet Regatta was to take place at Alexandria in the absence of the First Flotilla.

## **Flotilla Sports**

In the inter flotilla sports, the First Destroyer Flotilla defeated the submarines by a handsome margin, but were defeated by the Fourth Destroyer Flotilla after a very close contest.

## **Flotilla Polo**

Various games were organised at Aden and Colombo while on passage to and from Singapore, in which the Flotilla team won 4 out of 5 matches.

The team won the Keyes Cup in 1935, and three members of the same team were included in the Destroyers side which won the King of Spain's Cup in the same year.

The Flotilla team were only defeated by 1 goal in the finals of the Ships and Regiments tournament.

The Flotilla team also supplied three members for the Navy side which was so narrowly defeated by the Army in 1936.

The Captain played for the flotilla team through the Commission, and the Sub. Lieut. for the last year.

## **Flotilla Boxing**

Boxing in the flotilla has been followed with interest throughout the Commission, and despite the absence of the major part of the Fleet from Malta, some interesting contests have taken place.

In the first contest held at Malta after the return of the First Destroyer Flotilla from China, A.B. Wright (*Wishart*) lost on points to A.B. Algar (*Blanche*) in the inter destroyer championships.

This was followed immediately by the First Destroyer Flotilla championships, which saw A.B. Wright and A.B. Shepherd victorious in the finals of their respective weights.

The inter flotilla contest between the First and Nineteenth Destroyer Flotillas, did not take place until the Spring of 1936, when A.B. Wright again emerged victorious, after a very even fight.

Various miscellaneous matches have taken place during the Commission, notably one between the First Destroyer Flotilla and the Games Boxing Club. This match took place during the Summer of 1935 and it is interesting to note that *Wishart* again led the way, when A.B. Wright scored the only Flotilla victory.

## H.M.S. DARING



H.M.S. Daring leaving Chatham for Singapore, October 1934  
Painted China Fleet colours.

### PARTICULARS OF H.M.S. DARING.

Built by Thornycroft. (1930 Programme).

Tonnage 1375.

Horse Power. Designed 36000. Developed 38,000.

Armament, Four 4.7" Guns, One 3" H.A., Two 2 pounder pom poms,  
Eight 21" Torpedo tubes.

Complement on re-commissioning, 159.

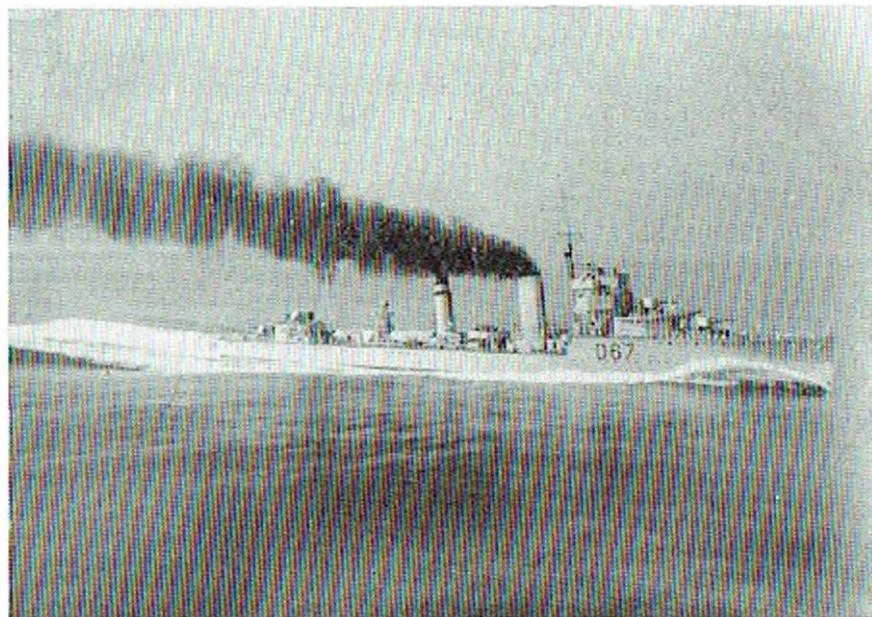
Length 329 ft. 1in.

Beam 33 ft. 1 in.

Speed. Designed 36 knots. Developed 38.2 knots (On trials).

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## H.M.S. WISHART



**H.M.S. Wishart carrying out a full power trial in June 1935**

### ARTICULARS OF H.M.S. WISHART

Built by Thornycroft. Launched 18/7/19.

Tonnage 1140.

Horse Power 30,000.

Armament, Four 4.7" Guns, Two 2 pounder pom poms, six 21"  
Torpedo tubes.

Complement on turning over to First Destroyer Flotilla, 131.

Length 312 ft.

Beam 30 ft. 7 in.

Speed. Designed 34 knots. Obtained in 1935, 33.2 knots.

# LIST OF OFFICERS AND MEN WHO SERVED IN H.M. SHIPS DARING AND WISHART IN THE 1934-1936 COMMISSION.

d Served in *Daring* during previous commission  
 D Served in *Daring* during passage to Singapore.  
 w Served in *Wishart* on the China Station.  
 W Served in *Wishart* on the Mediterranean Station.

		<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
dDW	Comdr. The Lord Louis Mountbatten, K.C.V.O.	4/34	4/36
W	Comdr. W.G.A. Robson,	1/36	Until paying off.
DW	Lieut. R.F.W. Northcott,	10/34	Until paying off.
dDW	Lieut. E.G. Roper,	3/34	Until paying off.
wW	Lieut. W. Whitworth,	12/34	5/35
W	Lieut. P.H.J. Southby,	5/35	Until paying off.
dD	Lieut. (R) J.K. Mc A. Tod,	10/34	12/34
dD	Sub. Lieut. A.G. Leatham,	10/34	12/34
W	Sub. Lieut. G.J.B. Noel,	12/35	12/35
DW	Mr. R.M. Browne, (Gunner "T"),	10/34	Until paying off.
wW	Mr. S.J.H. Mardon, (Warrant Engineer)	12/34	Until paying off.

### R.N.R. Officers. Lent for Training.

W	Lieut. E.J. King-Wood,	1/35	4/35
W	Lieut. H.J. Hall,	4/35	7/35
W	Lieut. N.R. Murch,	8/35	9/35

### Midshipmen lent for Training.

W	Mid. R. Hankey,	12/34	12/34
W	Mid. R.J. Thoresby,	12/34	12/34
W	Mid. M.F.J. Ferguson,	1/35	4/35

DW	Abel J., Stoker.	wW	Collins F., A.B.
DW	Alexander G., Stoker.	dDW	Cook B., Ldg. Sea.
wW	Armstrong T., C.E.R.A.	D	Coote E., A.B.
WD	Back H., Stoker.	D	Cox A., P.O.
dW	Bagby G., A.B.	W	Crane T., A.B.
W	Baldacchino A., Ldg. Std.	DW	Craven W., A.B.
DW	Barnett G., Ldg. Sto.	DW	Crowther E., A.B.
DW	Barton W., A.B.	dDW	Dench H., Yeoman of Sigs.
wW	Bean A., C.P.O.	DW	Densley H., A.B.
W	Birtles T., A.B.	W	Dixon G., L.S.A.
DW	Boggis E., A.B.	wW	Dormer H., A.B.
dD	Bonnie A., Ldg. Std.	DW	Doughty J., A.B.
W	Brayson W., A.B.	DW	Dowd G., Stoker.
DW	Bridgeman F., A.B.	D	Ducatel J., Stoker.
DW	Bromley W., C. Stoker.	DW	Dyson S., A.B.
DW	Brown W., Stoker.	D	Ellington W., A.B.
DW	Bruce A., Cook	dDW	Ellis A., C.E.R.A.
W	Bunce S., Ord.	W	Evans J., Stoker.
DW	Butt F., Ldg. Sto.	DW	Farrington J., Sig.
D	Byrne K., A.B.	DW	Faulkner K., P.O. Tel.
DW	Campbell E., Ldg. Sea.	dDW	Field E., A.B.
DW	Campbell J., E.R.A.	wW	Finnerty P., A.B.
dD	Campbell R., A.B.	DW	Finnis A., Sto. P.O.
DW	Carden E., A.B.	DW	Fleck A., A.B.
dDW	Chircop L., P.O. Std.	DW	Fray R., E.R.A.
W	Cinntar S., Std.	DW	Fuller F., Tel.

dDW	Golder S., Ldg. Sea.	DW	Peurce R., A.B.
W	Greensides C., A.B.	DW	Pendrill A., Sto.
DW	Gurr A., A.B.	DW	Perry A., A.B.
D	Hall W., A.B.	dDW	Pitcher F., A.B.
wW	Harkess W., A.B.	DW	Potter A., P.O.
D	Harley G., E.A.	DW	Ralph D., Sto. P.O.
W	Harris C., Tel.	DW	Randall E., A.B.
DW	Hassan J., A.B.	dDW	Raven R., A.B.
W	Hawes C., A.B.	DW	Richards F., Ldg. Sea.
W	Hawker A., Ldg. Sea.	wW	Ridley W., A.B.
DW	Hydon H., C.P.O. Cook.	DW	Robinson J., Acting C.P.O.
DW	Hazzard E., Stoker.	W	Ruse E., A.B.
DW	Heard E., A.B.	DW	Saker C., Stoker.
wW	Hector A., Chief Sto.	DW	Sands E., Ldg. Sig.
W	Henderson J., A.B.	DW	Shelley E., A.B.
dDW	Henshaw A., Ldg. Sea.	DW	Shepherd J., A.B.
D	Hind P., A.B.	D	Smith E., A.B.
DW	Hiriart R., A.B.	DW	Smith F., A.B.
wW	Hirons L., A.B.	DW	Smith N., Stoker.
W	Howell A., Ord.	DW	Smith W., O.A.
DW	Hutchins H., C.P.O.	DW	Snelling H., A.B.
DW	Hutton W., P.O.	D	Sore E., A.B.
DW	Jarrett H., A.B.	dDW	Spiteri D., Off. Cook.
DW	Jones A., Ldg. Sea.	D	Stevens F., A.B.
dDW	Jones H., A.B.	dDW	Sultana C., Sto.
D	Jones N., A.B.	W	Sumner F., Sto. P.O.
dDW	Kennedy R., A.B.	D	Surbey J., A.B.
DW	King H., A.B.	DW	Surrett E., A.B.
W	Kirk T., E.R.A.	DW	Syder G., Stoker.
DW	Laidlaw P., A.B.	W	Tait B., Ord.
W	Lawlor W., A.B.	W	Terrey C., Tel.
DW	Lawson J., Ldg. Sto.	D	Terry C., P.O.
W	Ledger F., A.B.	DW	Thomas W., Stoker.
DW	Lighton G., P.O.	DW	Thurley A., A.B.
DW	Lloyd E., A.B.	D	Tilley F., A.B.
D	Lofts W., A.B.	DW	Tomkins W., A.B.
D	Lovatt A., A.B.	W	Vule L., P.O.
W	Luffingham A., A.B.	DW	Waite G., A.B.
W	Mallon J., Sto. 2.	W	Walker A., Sto.
DW	Markham R., A.B.	W	Walker R., Sto.
wW	Martin A., I.S.A.	D	Walker E., E.A.
DW	Martin W., A.B.	dDW	Waring J., A.B.
DW	Maytom F., A.B.	D	Warren F., A.B.
D	McCann C., A.B.	D	Watson H., A.B.
W	McClymont F., A.B.	DW	Welling C., A.B.
DW	Meadows J., Ldg. Tel.	W	Wilson A., C. Stoker.
W	Meeson F., Sto.	DW	Wilson F., A.B.
D	Mercy S., A.B.	DW	Winch G., A.B.
W	Mills W., Sig.	DW	Wise E., A.B.
DW	Millward A., A.B.	DW	Wood L., A.B.
DW	Milton F., A.B.	DW	Woodcock G., Stoker.
DW	Mitchell S., A.B.	dDW	Woods F., Sto. P.O.
DW	Mundy G., A.B.	dD	Woods R., I.S.A.
DW	Morgan F., Sto. P.O.	W	Worboys W., A.B.
DW	Morrison J., P.O.	W	Wright A., Ord.
DW	Morton W., Ldg. Sea.	DW	Wright, H., A.B.
W	Moss T., Ord.	DW	Xerri E., P.O. Std.
W	Newbury C., A.B.	DW	York J. Tel.
DW	Ockenden J., A.B.	W	Young J., A.B.
wW	O'Connell J., A.B.	DW	Youngs A., A.B.
DW	Parker R., Sto. P.O.	dDW	Zammit J., Ldg. Std.
		W	Zarb C., Std.

The following Riflemen from the 2nd Bn. The Rifle Brigade, were borne in Wishart for the Summer Cruise, 1935:

Rifleman Bowler  
Rifleman Merry

Rifleman Rickard  
Rifleman Graham

## DARING'S CREST.



While Rome was being besieged during the Etruscan wars a youth named Gaius Mucius, set out to kill the enemy king Lars Porsena, but not knowing him by sight, slew his secretary in error. Mucius was arrested and brought before the king, who threatened him with torture.

"I am not afraid of torture," exclaimed the young Roman as he plunged his right hand into a brazier, and held it there till it was consumed by the fire.

So impressed was Lars Porsena that he ordered Mucius to be released. The youth then advised the king to make peace with the Romans saying: "I am but the first of three hundred Young Romans, all equally daring, who have sworn to kill you or die in the attempt." On hearing this Lars Porsena made peace.

Gaius Mucius was received with great honour on his return and the nickname "Seaevola", arising from his injury, was given to him.

This deed of daring is illustrated in the crest of the *Daring*.

## WISHART'S CREST.



The coat of arms of Admiral Sir James Wishart, after whom the *Wishart* is named, consisted of a red heraldic Scottish thistle on a silver background.

Silver or "argent" as it is called in heraldry, is often represented by white, so that the *Wishart's* crest comes to be a red thistle on a white background.

## ADMIRAL SIR JAMES WISHART



- 1692 In command of the Oxford (53 guns) at the battle of Barfleur.
- 1695 Appointed "First Captain" i.e. Captain of the Fleet to  
Sir George Rooke.
- 1704 Promoted to Rear Admiral of the Blue, and knighted.
- 1708 Appointed as one of Lord High Admiral's Council. Promoted  
to Admiral of the Blue.
- 1710 Appointed a Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty.
- 1711 Elected as Conservative Member of Parliament for the  
Portsmouth Division.
- 1713 Promoted to Admiral of the White, and appointed C-in-C, Mediterranean.
- 1714 Retired from the Service, and lived on his country estate  
at Bedale in Yorkshire.

VISIT OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING  
TO  
H.M.S. DARING  
ON RECOMMISSIONING AT CHATHAM, OCTOBER, 1934



The arrival of His Majesty.



His Majesty inspecting the Ship's Company.



**The Officers being presented to His Majesty, on the Jetty alongside the Ship.**

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On Saturday the 27th October, H.M. The King, (at that time still Prince of Wales) flew from Windsor to Rochester Air Port where he was met by the Captain and driven to the ship.

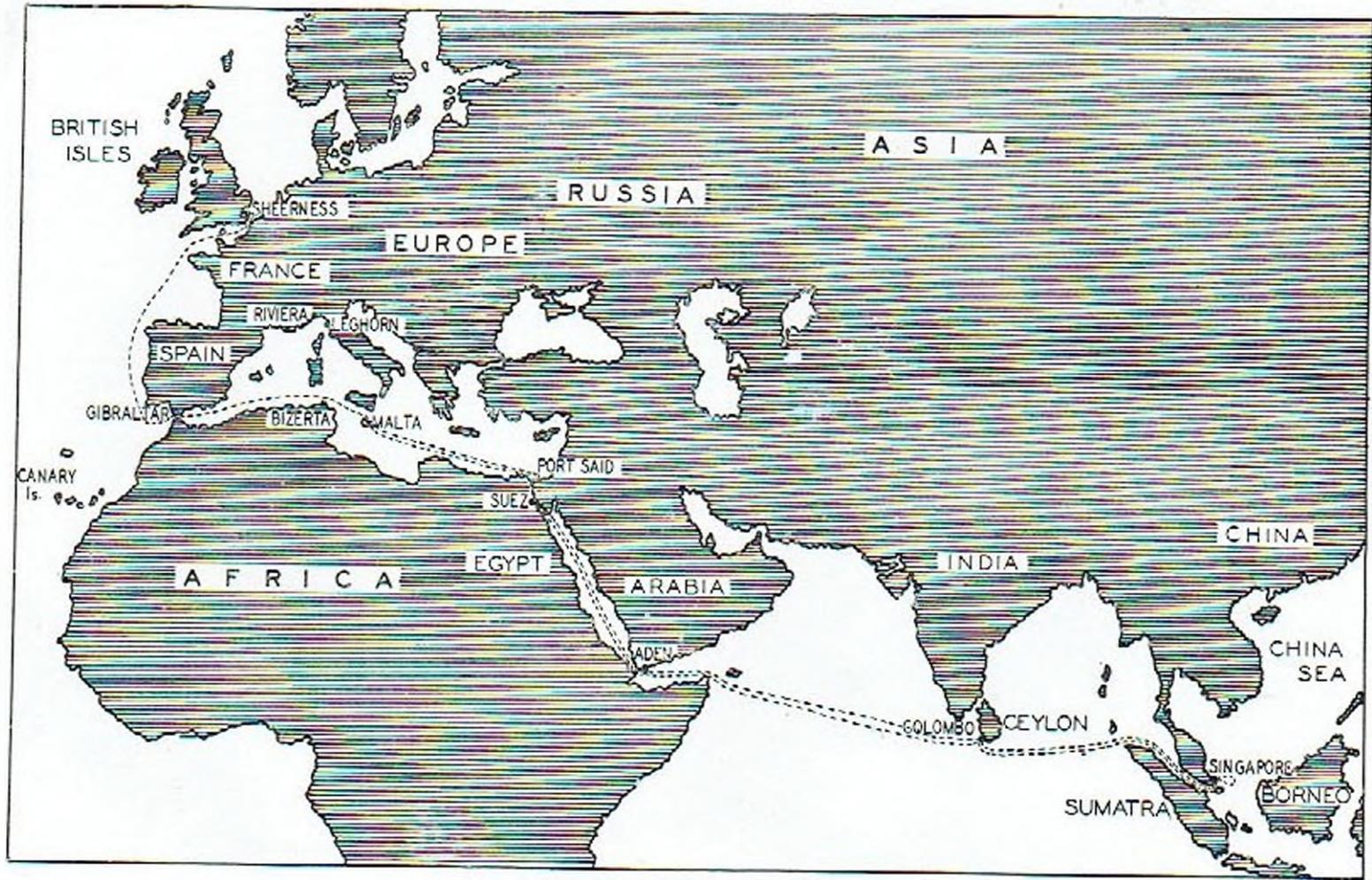
His Majesty's visit was entirely informal, and by his special request neither the C-in-C nor the Admiral Superintendant received him.

The ship had been in dockyard hands until the day she re-commissioned on Thursday the 25th October, and the new ship's Company had achieved miracles in making the ship respectable within two days of re-commissioning.

The Ship's Company were fallen in on the jetty alongside the ship. The officers were presented to the King, after which His Majesty inspected the Ship's Company. His Majesty then went on board, and went all over the ship from fore-bridge to stokehold and from fore mess-deck to Ward Room.

His Majesty remained on board for his usual light luncheon, and returned by air in the early afternoon.

TRACK CHART OF THE VOYAGE FROM CHATHAM TO SINGAPORE,  
AND FROM SINGAPORE TO MALTA.





H.M.S. Daring leaving Malta in August 1934, to recommission at Chatham.

## DIARY OF H.M.S. DARING.

- Oct. 25th 1934 Chatham. Re-commissioned. The Captain, two officers, and twenty ratings remained in the ship on re-commissioning.
- Oct. 27th Chatham. H.M. The King, (then still Prince of Wales), inspected the ship, and remained on board for luncheon.
- Oct. 29th Chatham and Sheerness. Chief of Staff inspected the ship. Commodore returned Captain's call on board. 1400 "locked", with *Duchess*. 1600 secured to No. 4 buoy, Sheerness.
- Oct. 31st Sheerness. 2100 Sailed for Gibraltar in an icy cold wind, in company with *Diana* and *Duchess*.
- Nov. 1st At Sea. 1330 *Daucen*, *Delight* and *Dainty* joined from Portsmouth.  
2300 *Decoy*, *Defender* and *Diamond* joined from Devonport.

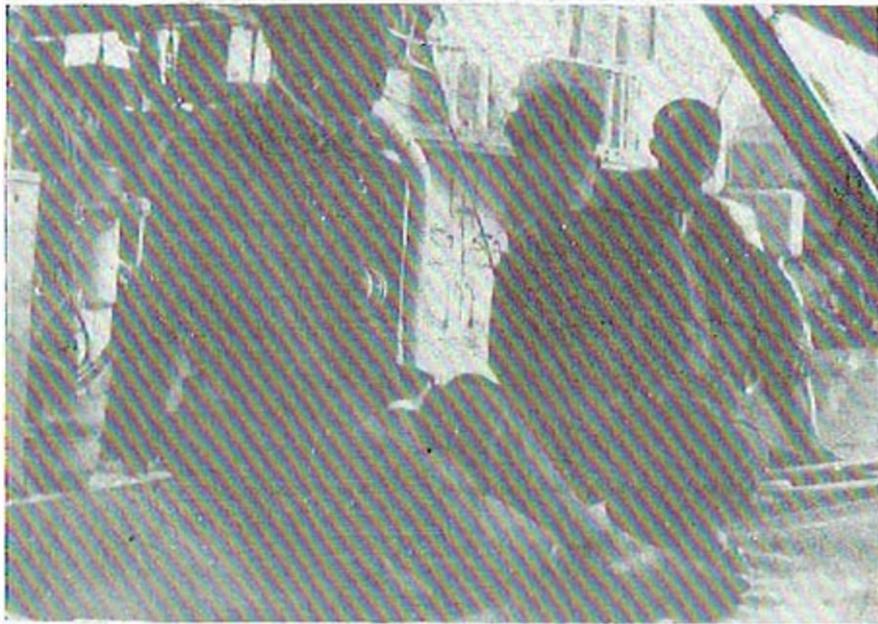


The 'Graf Zeppelin' passing over the Flotilla in the Straits of Gibraltar.

- Nov. 2nd At Sea. 1600 First Evolution carried out by the Flotilla. "Pick up lifebuoys". *Daring* was first.
- Nov. 5th Gibraltar. 1100 Arrived. The German airship *Graf Zeppelin* returning from South America flew over the Flotilla and dipped her ensign just before the Flotilla arrived.
- Nov. 6th Gibraltar. 0730 Sailed for Malta.
- Nov. 9th Malta. 0900 Arrived.
- Nov. 14th Malta. Sailed for Port Said.
- Nov. 17th Port Said. 1330 Arrived.

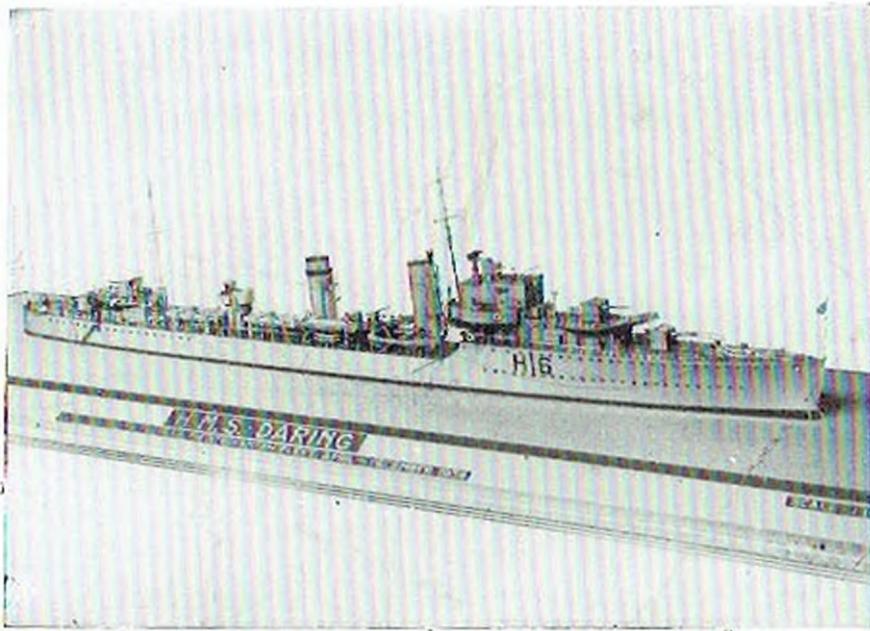


One of the Stations on the Suez Canal



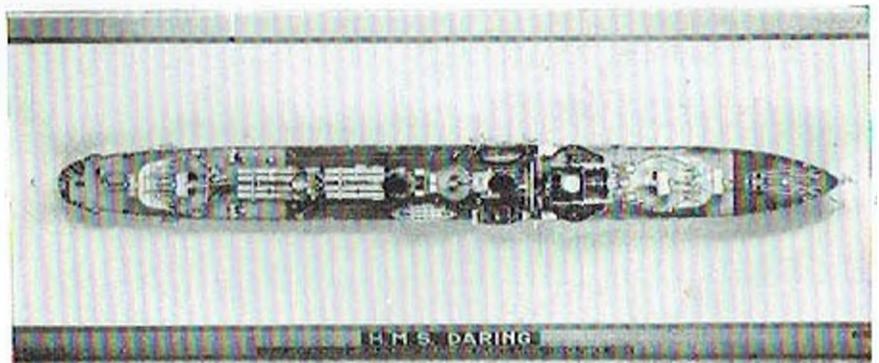
**Survivors from the Sampan on board 'Daring'.**

- Nov. 18th Suez Canal.** 0700 Entered Canal, 1450 Arrived Suez. Average speed through the Canal was 11 knots. (Unusually high). 1700 Sailed for Aden.
- Nov. 19th Red Sea.** Carried out a full power trial.
- Nov. 22nd Off Perim and at Aden.** Passed close to where Italian Royal Yacht was lying in Perim harbour. Paraded guard for King of Italy. 1530 Arrived at Aden.
- Nov. 23rd Aden.** This day some 400 miles southward of Aden there occurred the notorious "Wal Wal" incident, which started the trouble between Italy and Abyssinia.
- Nov. 24th Aden.** 1400 Sailed for Colombo.
- Dec. 1st Colombo.** 0700 Arrived.
- Dec. 5th Colombo.** 1830 Sailed for Singapore.
- Dec. 10th Straits of Malacca.** 2200 The leading ship ran down a Sampan in the dark. *Daring* lowered both whalers and picked up three of the total crew of five.



**Model of H.M.S. Daring to scale of 1 in. to 12 ft.**

- Dec. 13th** Singapore. 0930 Arrived at new Naval Base. Found 8th Destroyer Flotilla, with whom ships were to be exchanged, already there.
- Dec. 14th** Singapore. 1600 Sailed with *Terra* for the 'Attack on Singapore' exercise.
- Dec. 15th** China Sea. 1500 Exercise commenced.
- Dec. 16th** Singapore. 0127, Fourth Sub-Division, (*Daring* and *Defender*) sunk *Whitchell*. *Daring* herself was sunk and anchored until 0720 when she proceeded to Naval Base. *Wishart* came alongside *Daring* at 1200.
- Dec. 17th** Singapore. The ship's Companies of the 1st and 8th Destroyer Flotillas exchanged ships. *Daring* exchanged with *Wishart*. Two officers and twenty-six ratings remained in *Daring* on transfer.



**A bird's eye view of the same model.**

# H.M.S. WISHART

## DIARY OF H.M.S. WISHART.

- Dec. 17th 1934 Singapore. The Captain, three officers and one hundred and six ratings transferred from *Daring* to *Wishart*. Two officers and twelve men of *Wishart* remained in the ship on transfer.
- Dec. 18th Singapore. Two midshipmen from *Cumberland* joined for training on passage to Colombo. 1300 Sailed for Colombo. The two flotillas cheered each other out of harbour. 1600 The first two evolutions carried out by the newly constituted flotilla, "Pick up Lifebuoys" and "Fire a Rocket," resulted in *Wishart* being placed first in both.
- Dec. 23rd Colombo. 1700 Arrived.
- Dec. 25th Colombo. The officers were at home to the Ship's Company on Christmas Day.
- Dec. 28th Colombo. 1930 Sailed for Aden.
- Jan. 1st 1935 At Sea. *Wishart* began the New Year by being the first ship to follow *Keppel's* motion and fire a rocket.
- Jan. 4th Aden. 1600 Arrived.
- Jan. 5th Aden. *Wishart* played Aden W/T Station's crew at football and won by 3 goals to nil.
- Jan. 6th Aden. 1130 Sailed for Suez.



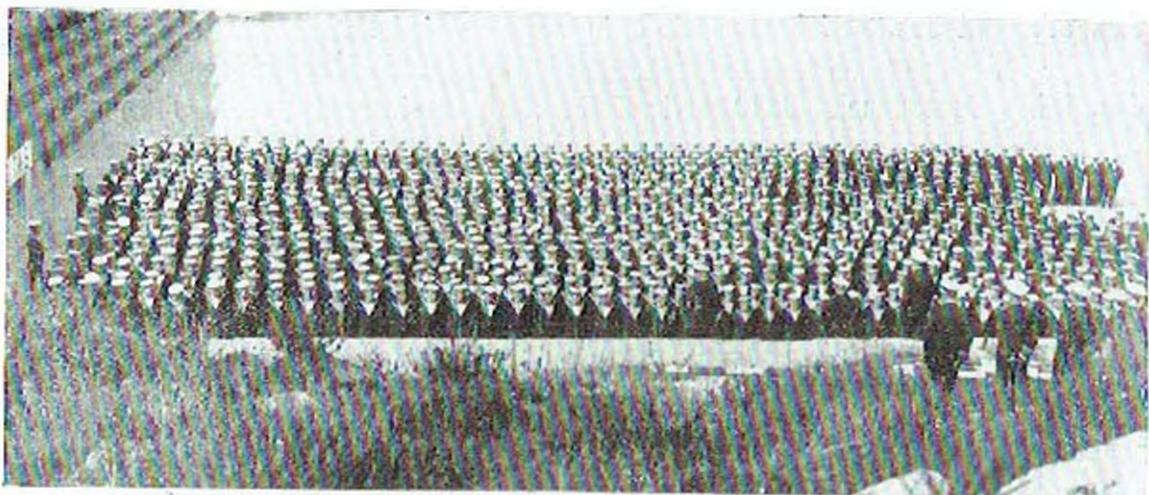
**View from the desert of *Wishart* passing through Suez Canal.**

**Jan. 8th**    **At Sea.**    First full power trial in *Wishart*. Each division carried out this trial separately. *Wishart* attained the greatest speed in second division. Running torpedoes was carried out for first time; on conclusion of which "low ship" was exercised by Sub Divisions. The fourth Sub. Division was comfortably first, both when *Wren* towed *Wishart* and vice-versa. On conclusion the following signal was received from Capt. (D): "The manner in which 4th Sub Division towed ship was highly creditable to all concerned."



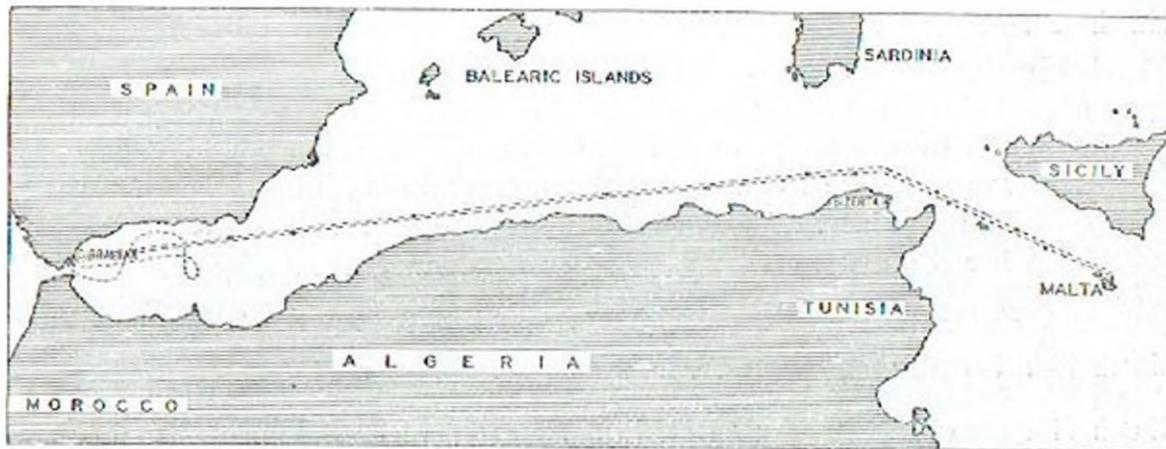
**Looking forward in the Suez Canal.**

- Jan. 9th **At Sea.** Night torpedo firing was carried out for the first time.
- Jan. 11th **Suez Canal.** 0630 Arrived Suez. 0850 Entered Canal. 1740 Arrived Port Said.
- Jan. 13th **Port Said.** 2000 Sailed for Malta.
- Jan. 17th **Malta.** 0900 Arrived and berthed in dockyard alongside Hamilton Wharf. On arrival C-in-C signalled: "I am very glad to have the First Destroyer Flotilla back again after such a long and successful voyage."
- Jan. 21st **Malta.** Sailed for three days exercises and Sub-Calibre firing, anchoring at Marsa Scirocco when not exercising.
- Jan. 23rd **Malta.** Sub-Divisional torpedo firing. 1100 proceeded to Sliema.
- Jan. 24th **Malta.** 1500 Sailed for two days exercises. Anchored at Marsa Scirocco on completion of night firing.
- Jan. 25th **Malta.** 0145 Sailed to meet the Mediterranean Fleet returning from their Winter Cruise. On completion of exercises returned to Sliema.
- Feb. 1st **Malta.** This day marked the completion of the first entire week that the flotilla had spent in harbour, since commissioning last October.
- Feb. 4th **Malta.** 1415 Sailed for four days exercises and Sub-Calibre firing. Anchored at Marsa Scirocco when not exercising.
- Feb. 6th **Malta.** First day full calibre shoot, and first day torpedo attack carried out by the flotilla as a whole.
- Feb. 7th **Malta.** First night full calibre shoot.
- Feb. 8th **Malta.** 0800 Returned to Sliema.
- Feb. 10th **Malta.** Rear Admiral (D) visited the ship and inspected the ship's company.

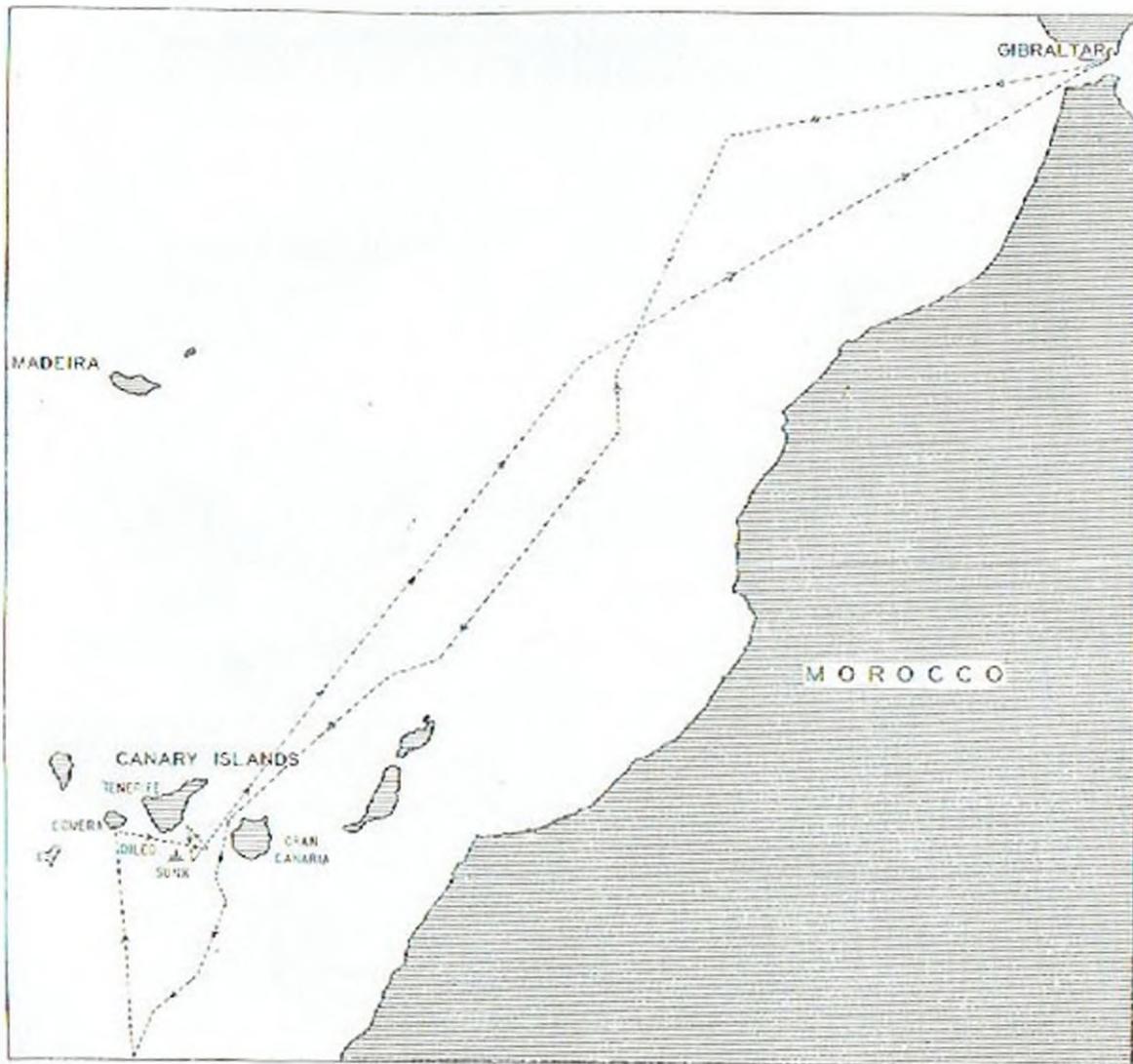


**The C-in-C accompanied by R. A. (D), addressing the First Destroyer Flotilla  
on Manoel Island football ground**

- Feb. 16th Malta.** Shifted berth from Sliema to Lazaretto, and secured alongside *Sandhurst*.
- Feb. 21st Malta.** The C-in-C accompanied by R. A. (D) inspected the Ships' Companies of the First Destroyer Flotilla on Manoel Island.
- Feb. 25th Malta.** *Wishart* towed high speed target for Royal Artillery firing, and then returned to Sliema.
- Feb. 28th Malta.** 0900 Mediterranean Fleet sailed on Spring Cruise, carrying out exercises on the way to Gibraltar.
- March 4th Gibraltar.** 1630 Arrived at Gibraltar long overdue, on account of bad gale in which speed had to be reduced to 8 knots. This resulted in 5 knots being made good. On arrival, berthed in "pockets".
- March 6th Gibraltar.** 1600 Sailed in bad weather for combined fleet manoeuvres; Mediterranean Fleet versus the Home Fleet.

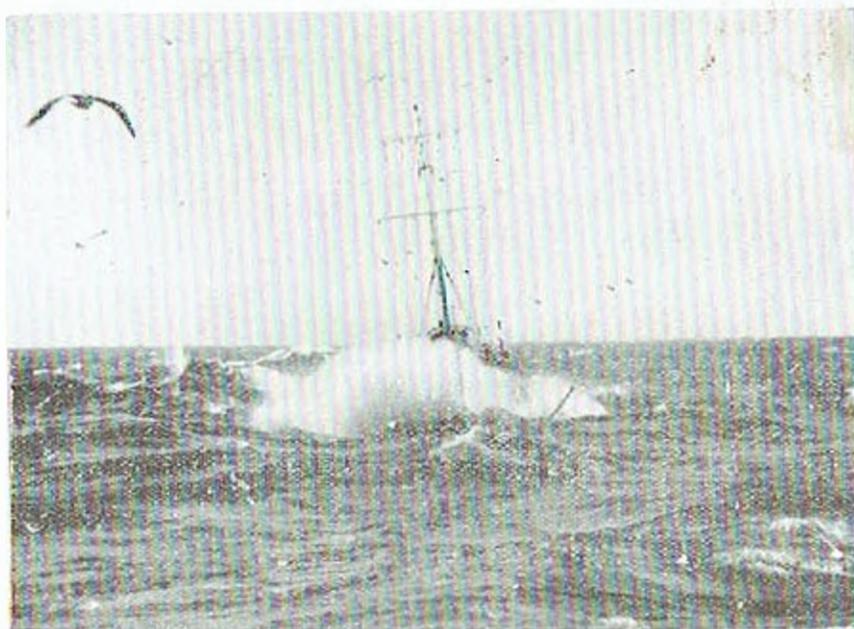


TRACK CHART, TO AND FROM GIBRALTAR ON SPRING CRUISE.



TRACK CHART DURING THE COMBINED FLEET MANOEUVRES.

- March 10th At sea off Teneriffe.** 0800 Fourth Sub-Division refuelled at sea from *Brambleleaf*, under lee of Gomera Island. On completion proceeded on patrol, passing a number of black fish and whales. 1600 *Wishart* got caught on patrol between Teneriffe and the Grand Canary; an "enemy" cruiser and two destroyers closing in on her from the North, whilst a battle cruiser, aircraft carrier and destroyers blocked her escape to the South. *Wishart* was eventually "snuk" and started making her way back to Gibraltar alone.
- March 13th Gibraltar.** 0930 Arrived. Secured to Buoys alongside *Brilliant*.
- March 14th Gibraltar.** Moved to Dockyard for repair of damage caused to *Wishart* while she was lying alongside the oiler.
- March 15th Gibraltar.** 1930 The Captain gave his first lecture on the Battle of Jutland, on the mess decks.
- March 19th Gibraltar.** The Gunner's Mate and twelve ratings from *Wishart* took part in the combined fleet's march past the Governor of Gibraltar.
- March 21st Gibraltar.** Shifted berth to the "packets".
- March 24th Gibraltar.** The C-in-C's family Lady Fisher and Miss Fisher came on board *Wishart* for Church.
- March 27th Gibraltar.** The Captain gave his second lecture on the Battle of Jutland.



Another destroyer in the storm which '*Wishart*' encountered on passage to Gibraltar.



**The Rifle and Pistol team.**

The rifle and pistol team made their first appearance of the Commission at Gibraltar in the Flotilla competition

This competition was run on the "Knock-out" principle, the winners of each division shooting in the final.

In the rifle competition, *Wishart* beat *Witch* and *Wren* in the second division, thereby qualifying to meet *Wild Swan* in the final, since the latter had won the first division shoot.

Unfortunately *Wishart* was beaten in the final, despite the fact that the team average was in the region of 91<sup>o</sup>/<sub>o</sub>.

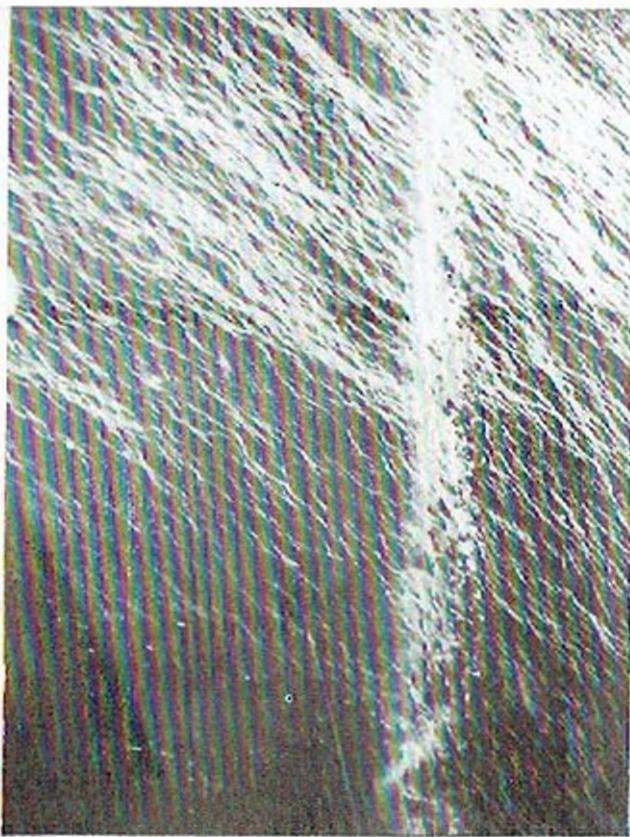
The pistol competition was run on the same lines, but *Wishart* was beaten in the first round by *Wren*.

The team appeared again at Cannes in a match against the Cannes rifle club, the French and Italian destroyers, and the *Whitehall*.

*Wishart* won trophies for both rifle and pistol competitions, the *Whitehall* being second. Highest individual scores were made by Lieut. Roper in the pistol competition, and A. B. Shelley in the rifle competition.

In March 1936 a flotilla pistol competition was held at Malta. In the first round *Wishart* shot against *Whitehall* and defeated them by 240/196, but lost against *Verity* by 283/230.

The latter subsequently met *Keppel* in the finals, but was defeated by 385/335. In winning the shoot *Keppel* put up a very fine score, due largely to fact that they had taken the trouble to practise longer than anyone else in the flotilla.



**Track of a torpedo passing under  
Wishart's bridge**

- March 29th Gibraltar.** 0945 Proceeded to sea for sub-calibre and torpedo firing. Returned to pockets at midnight.
- April 1st Gibraltar.** 0800 R.A.(D). took all three Mediterranean flotillas to sea for three days exercises.
- April 3rd Gibraltar.** Returned from exercises and anchored off Catalan Bay in the morning for a short while. Full calibre shoot against Battle Practice target. Carried out trials on account of wear of port "A" bracket bush. It was decided that this defect could be left and dealt with on return to Malta, provided our maximum speed was kept low. 1500 returned to pockets at Gibraltar.
- April 11th Gibraltar.** 0750 Sailed and carried out full calibre shoot against *Centurion*. R.A.(D). was watching shoot from *Corentry*, and on conclusion signalled: "Good shooting *Wishart*".
- April 22nd Gibraltar.** 0730 sailed for Malta, carrying out exercises 'en route.'
- April 24th At Sea.** Carried out attacks with live depth charges. *Wishart's* defect prevented her taking part in the flotilla full power trials, so she parted company and proceeded to Malta alone.

April 25th Malta. 1400 Arrived and berthed in dockyard.

April 26th Malta. 0730 Docked.



Silver Jubilee — Parade at the Marsa

May 7th Malta. Combined Services Parade held at the Marsa in honour of His Majesty's Silver Jubilee. *Wishart* provided one officer and 24 men for this review. In the afternoon 24 spectators from *Wishart* and 21 from *Witch* witnessed the finals of the Ships and Regiments Polo Tournament, in which their respective Captains were playing, for the Destroyers team, who won the Cup. In the evening the Fleet was illuminated and a water carnival was held in the Grand Harbour.



The Fleet Illuminated  
in Grand Harbour.

## THE SHIP'S PETS



### RASTUS

Rastus in spite of the name was a young female "honey-bear" obtained by Lady Louis Mountbatten in Borneo. She joined *Wishart* on Dec. 11th 1934 at Singapore, and left the ship on arrival at Malta on Jan. 17th 1935.

She was "discharged" to *Despatch* for passage to the United Kingdom, on May 25th 1935, and on arrival was placed in the London Zoo. Subsequently she was presented to the Whale Island Zoo, the transfer taking place in Nov. 1935. However she escaped before she had been there 24 hours, thereby yielding to an instinct which appears to be common to animals as well as men. Ultimately she was discovered in one of the cells.

It should be noted that she caused a certain amount of trouble at a Pet's Party, given at Aden by *Witch*, to the Flotilla.

This party took place on Jan. 5th 1935, and Ruff Rastus, and Andrew represented *Wishart*. (The latter was a tortoise which the Captain's guest, Mr. Murphy, had obtained in Platea, while in the *Darino*.)

## THE SHIP'S PETS



### RUFF

Ruff was one of a litter of four, born during four salvoes of a full calibre shoot on board *H.M.S. Diana* at Argostoli in June 1934. Two of the puppies were "drafted" to *Daring* and *Diamond*.

Ruff transferred to *Wishart* at Singapore with the remainder of the Ship's company.

His staple diet is chocolate, and he has seldom missed a run ashore with the Manual Working Party.

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Unfortunately Rastus did not get on very well with the two leopards from *Keppel*, or indeed with his hosts: namely, two mongoose. This resulted in the Quarter Deck being cleared while Rastus indulged in her favourite pastime—sucking condensed milk out of a tin.

# CRICKET



*Standing:* Sto. Abel, Tel. York, A. B. Martin, Ldg. Sea. Waite,  
Ldg. Sea. Richards, C. Sto. Bromley, Ldg. Sea. Potter

*Sitting:* Tel. Fuller, Yeo. Dench, Comdr. Lord Louis Mountbatten, Ldg. Tel. Meadows, A. B. Wise

*In Front:* A. B. Waring Ldg. Sig. Sands

The cricket team enjoyed a most successful season and in addition to winning the Flotilla Cricket Cup, were not beaten until the last game of the season, which was a friendly match against *Witch*.

In all, fifteen games were played, eleven won, three drawn and one lost. Notable averages were as follows:—

**Batting:** Yeo. Dench 36, A.B. Wise 30, Tel. York 20.

**Bowling:** Yeo. Dench 44 wickets, 386 runs. Average 8.9 wicket.  
Ldg. Tel. Meadows 36 wickets, 411 runs. Average 11.4 wicket.

## *Result of Competition games:*

WILD SWAN	85	(Ldg. Tel. Meadows 6 for 32).
WISHART	164	(Sto. Abel 40, Tel. Fuller 25, Ldg. Potter 25).
VERTY	84	(Yeo. Dench 5 for 32).
WISHART	172	(A. B. Dyson 51, Tel. York 47).
WREN	102	(Yeo. Dench 5 for 32)
WISHART	148	(Tel. Fuller 35, Tel. York 27).
WISHART	183	(A.B. Wise 50, Tel. Fuller 45, Yeo. Dench 37, Ldg. Meadows 25.)
WITCH	92	(Yeo. Dench 5 for 24, Ldg. Tel. Meadows 5 for 63).

This competition was played on the knock-out principle, and some very fine cricket was witnessed in the final versus *Witch*.

# CRICKET

## *Results of Friendly games.*

BRYONY	59	(Tel. York 4 for 11).
WISHART	78	(Yeo. Dench 37).
WISHART	153/9	declared (A.B. Wise 67 not out.)
	121/4	
KEPPEL	87	(Yeo. Dench 6 for 41.)
WISHART	174/6	(Ldg. Tel. Meadows 45, Yeo. Dench 33).
WISHART	184	(Tel. York 39, A.B. Wise 36.)
RESOURCE	94	
MINESWEEPERS	181	(Yeo. Dench 63, A.B. Wise 48, Ldg. Sea Potter 25.)
WISHART	208	
WISHART	220	(Ldg. Tel. Meadows 49, Tel. York 43, Yeo. Dench 40.)
WREN	189/7	
KEPPEL	185/8	declared.
WISHART	160/4	(Yeo. Dench 59, Tel. York 46 not out.)
WHITSHED	60	(Ldg. Tel. Meadows 4 for 31.)
WISHART	109	(Sto. Abel 41).
VETERAN	35	(Yeo. Dench 4 for 14, Ldg. Tel. Meadows 4 for 17.)
WISHART	134	(A.B. Wise 35, Tel. Fuller 32.)
WISHART	107	(Yeo. Dench 37 not out.)
VETERAN	97	
WISHART	81	(Yeo. Dench 24.)
WITCH	106	(Ldg. Tel. Meadows 5 for 47, Yeo. Dench 4 for 44.)

The success of the team was due largely to the organisation and hard work of Yeoman Dench, who successfully captained the team throughout the season.

# THE TALKIES



**Able Seamen Ledger and Greensides, and the Cinema Apparatus.**

On March 17th 1935 *Hood* brought out the first type "N" cinema projector; (which is the first apparatus specially designed and built for use in the Royal Navy). On arrival at Gibraltar this machine was transferred to *Wishart* for the First Destroyer Flotilla.

Two Seamen Torpedomen, (who were on draft to the Mediterranean Fleet) were trained by the Gaumont British Company's Engineer, Mr. Gradwell, while on passage to the Mediterranean.

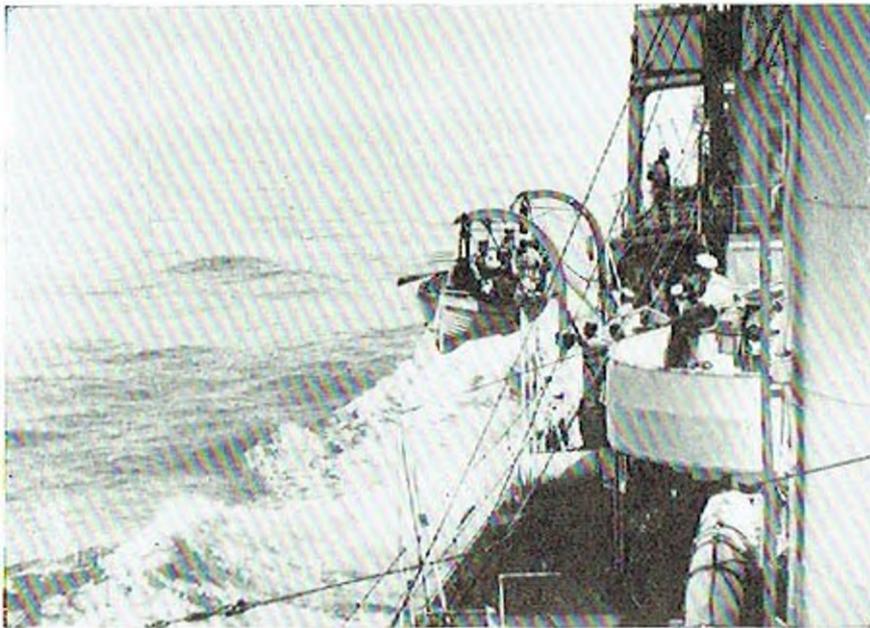
Both these men were drafted to *Wishart* and became the Flotilla Operators, under the very able direction of Mr. Browne.

Three trial programmes were demonstrated to all ships of the flotilla in turn, after which a vote was taken regarding the retention of the cinema gear for further cruises. This resulted in all ships (except *Keppel*) voting that the apparatus should be retained. This was done and after a number of initial difficulties had been overcome, the set ran very well and proved exceedingly popular in the Flotilla.

The following were among the films shown on board *Wishart*: "Flying down to Rio", "Cha Chin Chow", "Evergreen", "Going Hollywood", "Warn London", "25 Years a King", "A cup of kindness", "Female", "Take a chance", "Private detective 62".

On 26th August 1935, a performance was given in the presence of His Majesty the King (at that time still Prince of Wales).

- May 12th** **Malta.** Jubilee thanksgiving service held on board.
- May 15th** **Malta.** Seventy men from *Wishart* started annual two day musketry course at Ricasoli Rifle Range.
- May 17th** **Malta.** 0900 Flooded dock. Undocked and proceeded to Canteen Wharf. Subscription to King George's Jubilee trust in *Wishart* amounted to £1-4-2. (124 out of a complement of 127 subscribed; 2 were out of the ship, and 1 was sick). Officers were limited to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a day's pay, and ratings to 6d. a head, so that this was almost a maximum subscription.



**Whaler about to pick up torpedoes**

- May 21st** **Malta.** 25 men from *Wishart* saw the Navy beat the Army by 12 goals to 1, in the annual Army v Navy Polo Match at the Marsa.
- May 25th** **Malta.** *Wishart* "swung ship" off the breakwater, and then proceeded to Sliema. Finals of the flotilla sports took place to-day. Light-weight tug-of-war team were pulled over by *Whitshed*. Heavy-weight team defeated *Wild Swan* but were pulled over by *Keppel*. *Wishart* was 6th in aggregate points for the Sports, which were won by *Veteran*.
- May 27th** **Malta.** 0830 Flotilla sailed for sight and director test, followed by five days exercises, anchoring at Marsa Scirocco as requisite.



"X" Gun on completion of a full calibre shoot.

**May 31st** Malta. Carried out first full calibre divisional concentration shoot of the commission, after which *Wishart* was detached to carry out a full power trial; during which she attained a speed of 33.2 knots (315 revs.) The trial had to be abandoned owing to a defective boiler. Returned to Sliema at 1400.

**June 5th** Malta. Embarked four officers and 111 Riflemen of the 2nd Battalion The Rifle Brigade, 1500 Flotilla sailed for combined operation exercise. 2200 Disembarked soldiers at Ghar Lapsi. 0100 returned to Sliema after having created a diversion at Marsa Scah.

**June 11th** Malta. 0900 Fleet sailed for exercises.



*Wishart* carrying out  
full power trial



**"X" Gua on completion of a full calibre shoot.**

**May 31st** Malta. Carried out first full calibre divisional concentration shoot of the commission, after which *Wishart* was detached to carry out a full power trial; during which she attained a speed of 33.2 knots (345 revs.) The trial had to be abandoned owing to a defective boiler. Returned to Sliema at 1400.

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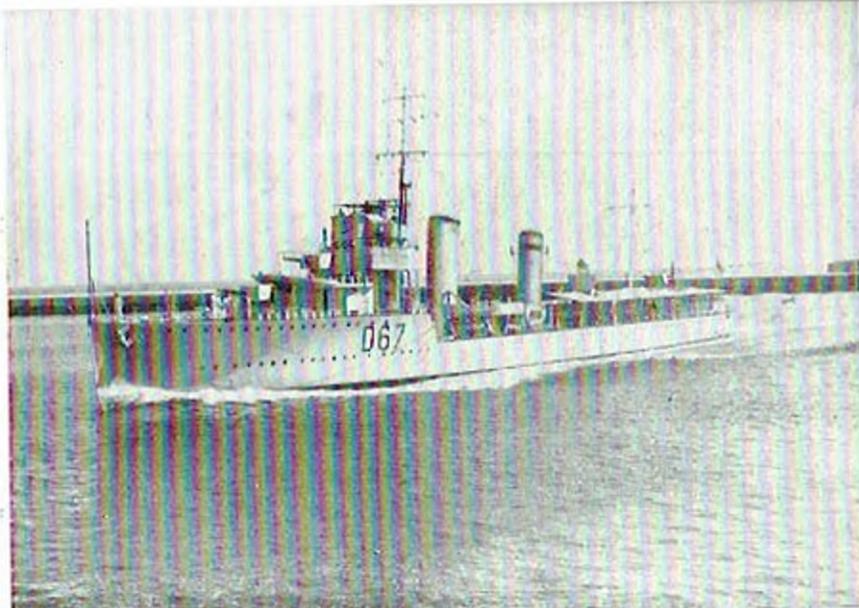


**First D.F. in single line ahead at high speed**

- June 13th At Sea.** First Destroyer Flotilla parted company and returned to Malta. Remainder of Fleet proceeded to England for the Jubilee Spithead Review.
- June 15th Malta.** First Destroyer Flotilla dance was held at the Queen's Hall, Sliema.
- June 16th Malta.** Captain (D) One, walked round *Wishart's* ship's company at divisions, and expressed himself as well satisfied with the appearance of the ship's Company as with the ship herself.

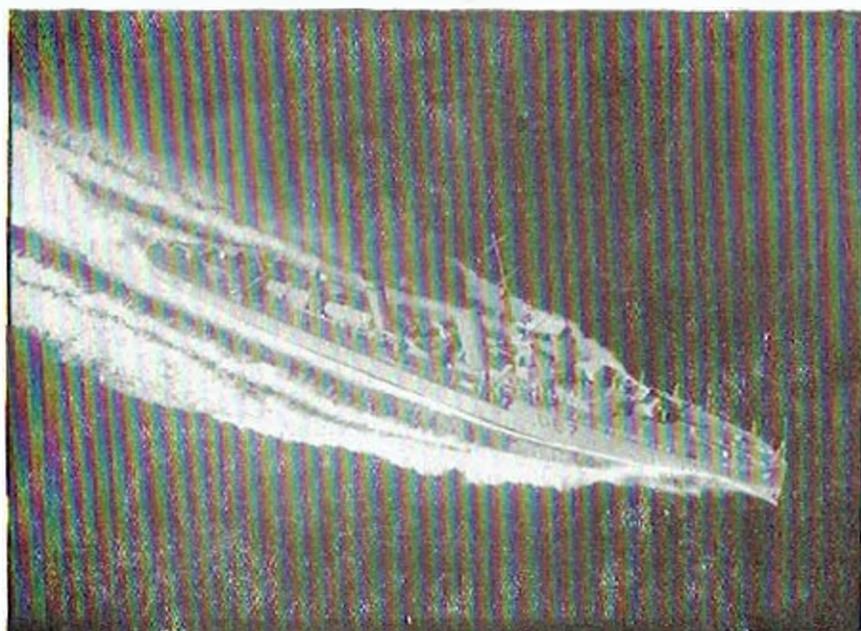


**His Eminence Cardinal Lepicier on board *Wishart*,  
while on passage from Gezo to Malta**



**Wishart entering Grand Harbour with the Papal Legate on board**

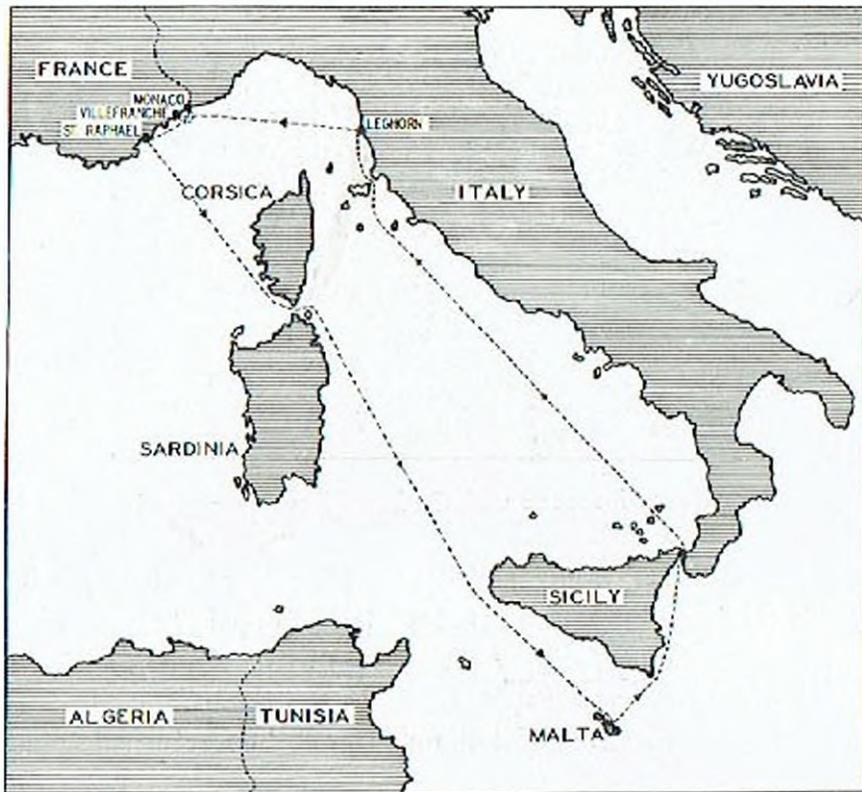
**June 21st Malta.** 0745 *Wishart* sailed to Mjyar, Gozo. 0850 Embarked Papal Legate and his suite of 18. 0945 Papal Legate disembarked at Customs House. 1100 Exercises with *Ajax*. 1800 *Wishart* and *Whitshed* escorted Papal Legate in *S.S. Milano*, from Grand Harbour for a distance of ten miles and then returned to Sliema.



**Wishart carrying out full power trial**

**June 22nd Malta.** *Wishart's* platoon marched to camp, as part of the company formed by the second division.

**June 28th Malta.** Stoker Brown landed his first fish. Weight 2 ozs., length 4 inches. Celebrations were held to mark the event.



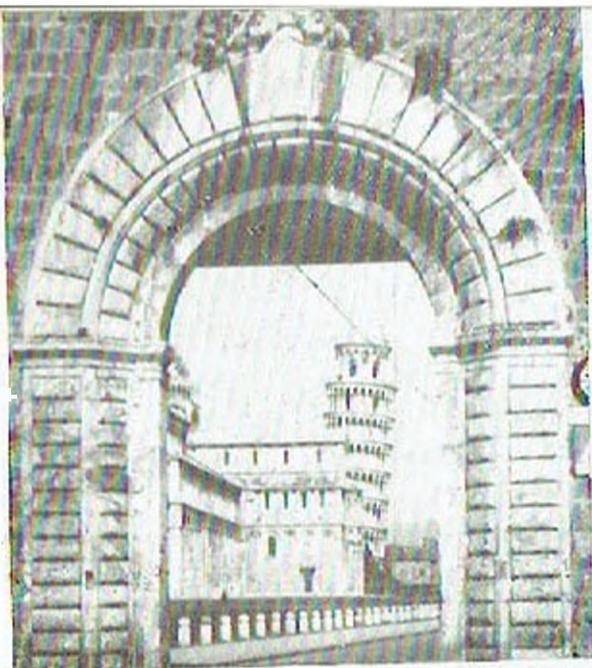
TRACK CHART OF THE SUMMER CRUISE

- July 1st** Malta. Sailed for second full power trial. Returned to Sliema on completion. Aircraft photos were taken of this trial.
- July 2nd** Malta. 0600 First Destroyer Flotilla sailed for summer cruise, carrying out exercises on the way. All ships were ordered to pass an egg, (by means of a line fired by Coston gun) to their "Divisional Commander. Second Division was easily first. *Hera* was disqualified for throwing the egg. 1900 Passed through the Straits of Messina, and after night manoeuvres First Division parted company for Castellammare.
- July 3rd** At Sea. Towing ship by Sub Divisions was exercised. Fourth Sub Division was first when *Wishart* was doing her "Tow-forward", but when "Towing-ast" it was found that the pin of our towing shackle would not fit the thimble of *Hera's* wire, so that the Third Sub Division beat us. After Quarters, ships had to pick up lifebuoys dropped by other ships. *Wishart* was comfortably first.



**His Majesty King Alfonso XIII who went to sea in 'Daring' in June 1934,  
and visited 'Wishart' in July 1935.**

- July 4th Leghorn. 0800 Second Division arrived. Berthed stern to Molo Mediceo.
- July 5th Leghorn. 1300 King Alfonso XIII visited *Wishart* informally and remained to luncheon on board.
- July 7th Leghorn. Parties of officers and men visited Pisa, famous for its "leaning tower". The officers of *S.S. Merkland* were entertained by *Wishart's* officers, and subsequently attended the Flotilla cinema.
- July 8th Leghorn. 1545 Division sailed and carried out exercises. After night encounter exercise "Place oil navigation lights" was ordered. *Wishart* was first.



**The leaning tower of Pisa**

**July 9th** Villefranche-sur-Mer. 0800 Second Division arrived, and secured head and stern to buoys in Villefranche harbour.

**July 14th** Villefranche-sur-Mer. The Second Division beat Villefranche by 9 goals to 2 at water polo, and 4 goals to nil at football.



**The Second Division lying in Villefranche harbour.**



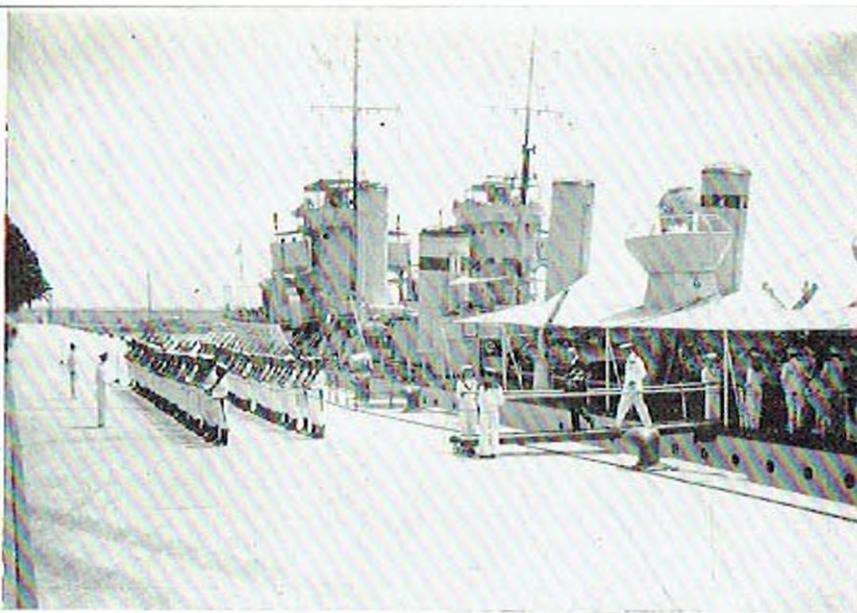
**Wishart flying the Senior Officer's Burgee at Monte-Carlo.**

**July 17th** **Villefranche-sur-Mer—Monte-Carlo.** 0500 Fourth Sub Division slipped and oiled at Villefranche. 0730 Sailed. 0830 Arrived Monte-Carlo. *H'ru* berthed alongside Quai de Plaisance; *H'wishart* alongside *H'ru*. 1030 Captain paid his official calls. 1145 Minister of State, representing His Highness Prince Louis, returned the captain's call. His Excellency was received by a guard of honour of two officers and sixty men. (Half from each ship). Later in the day, "Spliced the Mainbrace" in honour of the King's Jubilee.

**July 18th** **Monte-Carlo.** Arrangements were made for sight-seeing parties from the ships, to be taken to the Casino, Museum, Aquarium, and on motor tours through the surrounding country free of charge. Seats at some Cinemas were also arranged.



**Monsieur Bouilloux-Lafont, Minister of State of Monaco  
inspecting the Guard of Honour**



The Guard of Honour drawn up on the Quai de Plaisance at Monte-Carlo.

July 23rd Monte-Carlo. 1900 Official "At Home" given to British Community and local officials, held on board.

July 24th Monte-Carlo - St. Raphael. 0630 Fourth Sub Division sailed. 0745 Rendez-vous with First Division off Villefranche. 0930 Third Sub Division joined remainder of flotilla off Cannes. Exercised Manoeuvres. Flotilla changed to "after steering", *Wishart* was first. Changed to fore bridge steering *Wishart* was second. 1100 Flotilla anchored off St. Raphael.



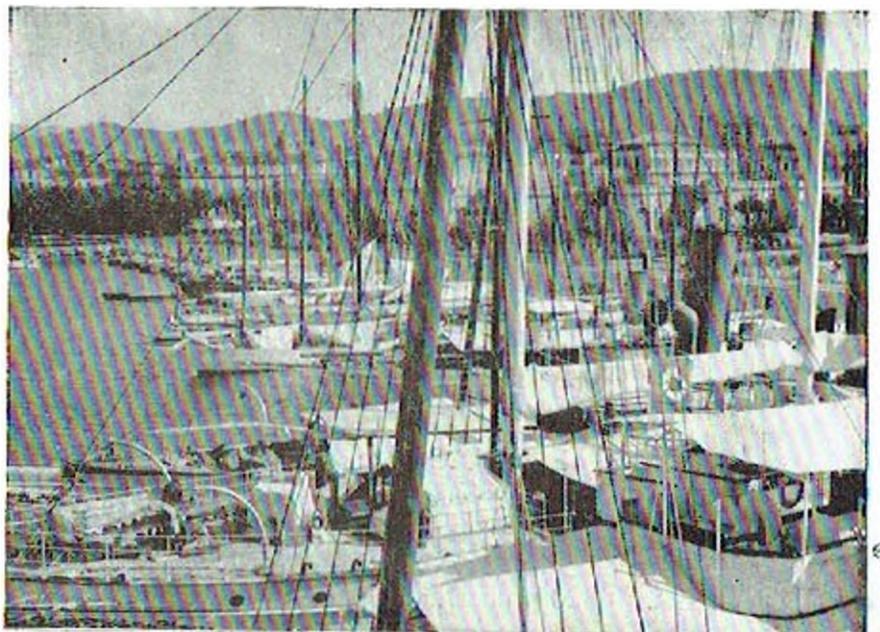
'Water-Skiing' behind  
*Wishart's* jolly boat.

- July 25th Saint Raphael.** Letter received from Vice-Consul at Monte-Carlo stating he had received from various official and unofficial sources, compliments on the behaviour of the ships' companies during our stay at Monte-Carlo.
- July 26th Saint Raphael.** 0930 Capt. (D) carried out his official inspection of the ship, including action stations but not General Drill. Capt. (D) on leaving the ship expressed his satisfaction in very warm terms.
- July 28th Saint Raphael.** 2030 Concert given on the fore's'le, mainly by members of the band. The officers "glee party" performed.
- July 29th Saint Raphael.** 0800 Capt. (D) conducted general drill for the flotilla from *Wishart*, at the same time inspecting *Wishart* at general drill, and placed *Wishart* first in order of merit. On return to *Keppel* he made the following signal: "What was name and rating of man who let go second anchor so smartly?" Reply: "A.B. Hiriart, last annual assessment superior." 2130 Flotilla sailed for Malta, and to carry out exercises.
- Aug. 1st Malta.** 0700 Arrived. Proceeded alongside oiler, and then to Sliema.
- Aug. 12th Malta.** 0800 Flotilla sailed for exercises; torpedo and sub calibre firing. Anchored off breakwater on completion.
- Aug. 13th Malta.** 0820 proceeded for torpedo firing. Returned to Sliema.



**Wishart lying stern to the wall at Cannes, between  
'Girundia' and 'Cutty Sark'**

- Aug. 19th Malta.** 2200 *Wishart* and *Whitehall* sailed for Cannes to represent the British Navy in the International Destroyer Flotilla present during the International Motor Boat Races for King George's Silver Jubilee trophy. (The Fourth Sub Division were originally detailed but *Wren* unfortunately developed engine trouble.)
- Aug. 22nd Cannes.** 0800 Arrived having stopped for regatta practice at sea. Captain paid and received official calls from Captains of French flotilla leader *Aigle* and Italian destroyer *Saetta*.
- Aug. 25th Cannes.** Rifle and pistol shooting match was held ashore for the four destroyers at the Cannes rifle Club. Cups were given for the best destroyer at rifle and pistol shooting, both of which were won by *Wishart*, with *Whitehall* close behind her.





**Motor boat racing at Monte-Carlo.**

*Hishart* officiated at Monte-Carlo during the motor boat races being anchored off the Beach Hotel.

The photograph above shows two of the competitors having rounded the mark below the Casino. About ten seconds after this photograph was taken, both boats were involved in a collision and sank. All members of the crews were picked up.

On conclusion of the races, *Hishart* returned to Cannes and berthed in the harbour, stern to the jetty.



**One of the competitors in the class for smaller boats.**

**VISIT OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING [while still 'Prince of Wales']  
TO "WISHART" AND "WHITEHALL" AT CANNES.**

**AUGUST 1935**



**His Majesty arriving on board Whitehall  
The officers of 'Wishart' can be seen fallen in on board their own ship in the background.**



**His Majesty leaving Whitehall to inspect Wishart**



Photograph of the Harbour at Cannes, taken by the King from Wishart's bridge.

Aug. 26th Cannes. The King (at that time still Prince of Wales) came on board *Wishart*, attended by Major Sir John Aird (Grenadier Guards), and accompanied by the ladies and gentlemen of his house party, to a small cocktail party. A film was shown to the Royal Party on the flotilla cinema projector.

Aug. 27th Cannes. 1045 The Captain proceeded in *Wishart's* motor boat to the Carlton Hotel steps, to convey the King on his visit to the four destroyers at Cannes. His Majesty was attended by Lieutenant Commander Colin Buist, Royal Navy. After visiting the French flotilla leader *Aigle*, His Majesty visited the Italian destroyer *Saetta*, and then *Whitehall* and *Wishart*. On conclusion of his visits, Vice Admiral Brownrigg had the honour of being received by His Majesty on board *Wishart* prior to taking up his new appointment as "Base Commander" for the Mediterranean Fleet. As soon as the King left, *Whitehall* sailed for Malta with Admiral Brownrigg and his Staff. 1800 His Majesty invited all officers and their wives, to his villa, 'Le Roc' for cocktails.



Photograph of *Wishart's* jolly boat, taken by His Majesty the King, before embarking to witness regatta practice.

**Aug. 30th Cannes.** The King attended by Captain The Earl of Sefton (Royal Horse Guards), and accompanied by the ladies and gentlemen of His Majesty's house party, embarked to witness the Cannes to Monte-Carlo international race for motor boats. *Wishart* weighed and proceeded at once, just ahead of *Aigle*. During the trip, His Majesty and Lord Sefton inspected the ship. An arrival at 1100, His Majesty disembarked, and proceeded to the Old Beach Hotel to watch the remainder of the races.

**Aug. 31st. Cannes.** The King embarked in *Wishart's* jolly boat, near his villa; (having first taken a photograph of the boat). His Majesty then watched regatta practice, following up the "All Comers" crew. After this His Majesty came on board *Wishart*, and then went over to the Duke of Westminster's yacht *Catty Sark*, (a converted destroyer) which had been placed at the King's disposal.



TRACK CHART OF CRUISE TO CANNES.

Sept. 1st **Cannes.** 0920 Weighed, proceeded out of inner harbour and anchored in the Bay. 1100 Embarked important official carrying despatches and sailed for Malta at 22 knots.

Sept. 2nd **Malta.** 1400 Arrived. Collected oars and boats from boat-shed, and returned borrowed boats.

Sept. 3rd. **Malta.** 0845 Sailed. 1300 Anchored Marsa-Scirocco.

Sept. 4th. **Malta.** "DER TAG" ! *Wishart* won the regatta after a very exciting contest, which was witnessed among others by: Lady Louis Mountbatten, Lady Brecknock and Mrs. Northcott.

## THE REGATTA 1935

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It is no exaggeration to say that the Regatta occupies the first and foremost thought of almost every officer and man, in every ship of the Navy during the Summer months.

Much has been written in the past on this subject, and much no doubt will be written in the future; but one fact stands out clearly from all the rest, namely, that a ship who "embarks on the Regatta" with "the will to win", is a ship who has a healthy morale bred in her, and one who possesses that "guts" which has been found to be so valuable in time of War.

The very fact that *Wishart* began training for the Regatta in June, shows that from the very start everybody set out intending to win the most coveted trophy in the Flotilla.

With this object in view, it is hardly surprising to find that everyone in the ship contributed in some way or another, towards achieving this object, and herein lay the secret of success.

There are a hundred and one things to be considered besides mere brute strength when training for a regatta, not least of which is arrangement of watch-keeping etc., and these latter factors are only easily surmountable in a 'happy ship.'

Therefore when the Captain embarked upon the task of selecting, organising and training boat's crews, the ship's company were behind him to a man. With this optimistic spirit pervading the ship, crews were formed and soon began to show promise.

It is of interest to note that the matter of training was gone into very carefully and after a series of experiments, (which were analysed on paper), it was discovered that over a given distance, with a man of normal physique and stamina, a stroke of 38½ to the minute produced the most advantageous results in a whaler.

This figure was arrived at by measuring the "overlap" between the spot where the bow oar entered the water, and the spot where the stroke oar entered the water on the next stroke. Hence knowing the distance between the two crutches, and the number of strokes pulled a minute, a very accurate estimation of the speed was obtained.

This experiment was repeated for various speeds of pulling from 30--42 strokes a minute, and the results plotted in the form of a graph. From the latter it was seen that the most "efficient" stroke, (i.e. the point of maximum value on the curve), was 38 strokes a minute.

In order to allow for a slight margin of relief in the latter stages of training, the Captain decided to train all whaler's crews to pull at 40 strokes a minute, and by similar experiments, skiff's crews at 45 strokes a minute.

For obvious reasons this theory would only hold good if the stamina of the crew enabled them to maintain this rate of pulling over the whole course ; so that the question of progressive training was carefully considered, in order to achieve this object.

In July the following scheme was initiated by the Captain, namely that all boats' crews should PULL once a day the number of strokes (given by the day of the month) multiplied by ten; and that during the other daily practice, half this number should be pulled. In this way all crews would be pulling for ten minutes a day after 40 days.

After this time had elapsed, (about the middle of August), crews were instructed in the art of "starting", coxswains practised steering steady courses on two "marks", and boats' crews were exercised in the art of replacing broken oars.

Competition ran very high in the Flotilla, and on our return from Games final practises and adjustments were made.

During our absence from Malta, our whaler and skiff which had unfortunately been sufficiently damaged to necessitate their being sent to the *Resource* for repairs had also been completely scraped and painted, so that when regatta day dawned we felt that everything that could be done had been done.

What followed that day is more clearly expressed in the table of results which is printed elsewhere; but there are certain features of the day that no one on board will ever forget.

The "chucking-up" party providing unending support.

The tense feeling as the Communication's Whaler went to the line.

The Seamen's "B" whaler winning by over 15 lengths.

The "roar" of applause as the Petty Officers' Whaler "turned the scale" with an easy victory.

The Captain's face when the final points were announced.

And the subsequent "family party" on board in the evening.

The credit for winning the "Cock" and six of the eleven available cups goes to the Ship's Company as a whole, but the thanks of everybody go to Petty Officer Hutton, Chief Petty Officer Hutchins, Leading Seaman Henshaw, and Chief Petty Officer Smith; all of whom worked with that willingness, cheerfulness and constancy of purpose that ensured success.

"He trained each crew to make it best,

"On each man's shirt he pinned a crest,

"His infectious spirit did the rest,

"Our Captain, Our Regatta."

# H.M.S. WISHART

## COMPOSITION OF REGATTA CREWS.

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### Officer's Whaler :

*Cox.* Sub. Lieut. Southby.  
*Stroke.* Comd. Lord Louis Mountbatten.  
*No. 4* Lieut. Murch.  
*No. 3* Mr. Mardon.  
*No. 2* Mr. Browne.  
*Bow.* Lieut. Roper.

### Seamen's "A" Whaler :

*Cox.* A.B. Welling.  
*Stroke.* Ldg. Sea. Waite.  
*No. 4* A.B. Drane.  
*No. 3* A.B. Worboys.  
*No. 2* A.B. Youngs.  
*Bow.* A.B. Fleck.

### Racing Whaler :

*Cox.* A.B. Jones.  
*Stroke.* A.B. Crowther.  
*No. 4* A.B. Carden.  
*No. 3* A.B. Bagby.  
*No. 2* A.B. Wise.  
*Bow.* A.B. Doughty.  
*Spare* A.B. Smith.

### Chief & P.O.'s Whaler :

*Cox.* C.P.O. Hutchins  
*Stroke.* P.O. Morrison.  
*No. 4* P.O. Lighton.  
*No. 3* P.O. Vale.  
*No. 2* S.P.O. Ralph.  
*Bow.* P.O. Cook.

### Seamen's "B" Whaler :

*Cox.* Ldg. Sea. Jones.  
*Stroke.* A.B. Greensides.  
*No. 4* A.B. Waring.  
*No. 3* A.B. Winch.  
*No. 2* A.B. Barton.  
*Bow.* A.B. Wright.

### Communications Whaler :

*Cox.* Yeo Dench.  
*Stroke.* Ldg. Tel. Meadows.  
*No. 4* Sig. Farrington.  
*No. 3* Tel. York.  
*No. 2* Sig. Mills.  
*Bow.* Ldg. Sig. Sands.  
*Spare.* Tel. Terrey.

**Young Seamen's Whaler:**

*Cox.* P.O. Morrison.  
*Stroke.* A.B. Woods.  
*No. 4* A.B. Wright.  
*No. 3* A.B. Perry.  
*No. 2* A.B. Jarrett.  
*Bow.* A.B. Field.  
*Spare.* Ord. Hawes

**Veteran's Skiff:**

*Cox.* C.P.O. Hutchins.  
*Stroke.* A.B. Raven.  
*Sculls.* A.B. Youngs.  
*Bow.* A.B. Thurley.

**Leading Rates Skiff:**

*Cox.* Ldg. Sea Henshaw.  
*Stroke.* Ldg. Sea Richards.  
*Sculls.* Ldg. Sea Potter.  
*Bow.* Ldg. Sea Jones.

**Artificers Skiff:**

*Cox.* Sto. Syder.  
*Stroke.* C.P.O. Smith.  
*Sculls.* E.R.A. Fray.  
*Bow.* E.R.A. Kirk.  
*Spare.* E.R.A. Armstrong.

**Stoker's Whaler:**

*Cox.* S.P.O. Ralph.  
*Stroke.* Sto. Thomas.  
*No. 4* Ldg. Sto. Butt.  
*No. 3* Sto. Dowd.  
*No. 2* Sto. Buck.  
*Bow.* Sto. Evans  
*Spare.* Ldg. Sto. Lawson.

**Seamen's Skiff:**

*Cox.* A.B. Ward.  
*Stroke.* A.B. Dyson.  
*Sculls.* A.B. Martin.  
*Bow.* A.B. King.

**Daymen's Skiffs:**

*Cox.* Chief Cook Hayden.  
*Stroke.* Ldg. Std. Zammit.  
*Sculls.* P.O. Std. Chircop.  
*Cox.* Officers' Cook Spiteri.  
*Spare.* Officers' Std. Ciantar.

**All Comers Whaler:**

P.O. Hutton. (*Cox.*)

A.B. Greensides (*Stroke*) A.B. Crowther.  
A.B. Wise. 4 A.B. Winch.  
A.B. Martin. 3 A.B. Bagby.  
Ldg. Sea. Henshaw. 2 A.B. King.  
Ldg. Sea. Jones. *Bow* A.B. Hiriart.

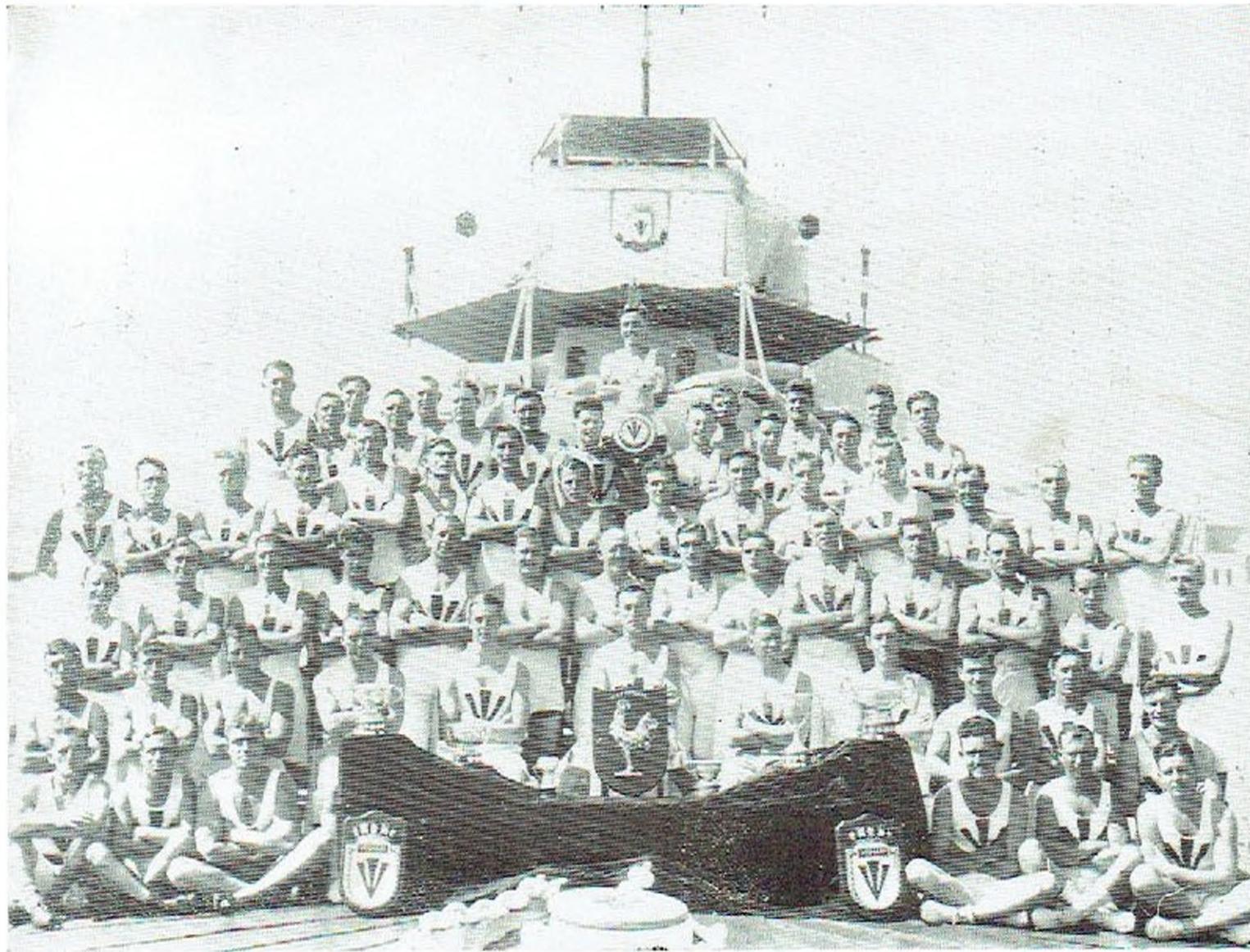
All the above were included in the Photograph of regatta crews and trophies, with the exception of the following who were absent:

P.O. Lighton.  
A.B. Raven.

A.B. Dyson.  
Lient. Murch R.N.R.



THE FIRST DESTROYER FLOTILLA REGATTA 1935  
WISHART'S REGATTA CREWS AND TROPHIES.



# WINNING BOATS CREWS:

## OFFICERS WIALER'S CREW.



Mr. Browne,  
Commander Lord  
Louis Mountbatten,

Lieut. Murch, (R.N.R.)  
Sub. Lt. Southby (cox)

Mr. Mardon.  
Lieutenant  
Roper.



The Officers Crew: An Action Study

PETTY OFFICERS WHALER'S CREW.



Sto. P.O. Ralph, P.O. Vale, P.O. Lighton,  
P.O. Morrison, C.P.O. Hutchins (cox), P.O. Cook,

COMMUNICATIONS WHALER'S CREW.



Tel. York, Sig. Farrington, Sig. Mills,  
Ldg. Tel Meadows, Yecman Dench (cox), Ldg. Sig. Sands.



## REGATTA 1935.



The Petty Officers winning their race

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*(With apologies to Rudyard Kipling)*

*Written by Signalmen Farrington, and published in the "Wishart News," during Regatta Practice.*

If you can pull a longer stroke with quick recovery,  
And bring that oar up to your manly chest,  
If you have made that old yet new discovery  
That forty strokes a minute are the best.

If you can train each day to keep your temper,  
When sound advice is poured into your ear,  
If you can pull each stroke with every ounce that's in you,  
You'll leave the other whalers far in rear.

If you can go ashore down Strada Stretta,  
And drink less Farson's - One or Two - !!  
Which can be done, and helps your wind much better  
When shooting forward, also pulling through.

If you can keep the Wishart spirit going,  
When stretchers slip, you feel like chucking in,  
If you can gain a lead that's ever growing,  
Then there's nothing more to say - We'll Win!

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Veterans Dinghy	70	64	62	69	59	22	46	26	36	6.	35
Young Seamens Whaler	86½	85	89	93	67	38½	49	35	42	11.	52
Artificers Dinghy	102½	91	103	95	85	49½	57	39	53	7.	19
Officers Whaler	129½	115	118	101	97	70½	75	48	56	11.	47
Seamens Whaler (B)	156½	130	142	113	100	91½	81	66	65	11.	56
Stokers Whaler	171½	154	163	140	118	103½	90	72	68	12.	39
Leading Rates Dinghy	183½	170	177	142	128	109½	108	76	76	7.	29
Seamens Whaler (A)	207½	197	189	163	146	118½	123	82	79	12.	11
Daymens Dinghy	215½	215	193	175	162	132½	129	92	81	7.	35-5
Chiefs & P.O's Whaler	242½	221	214	190	165	144½	153	98	99	12.	20
All Corners	257½	246½	241	199	183	167	156	110	105	92.	59
<i>Final Order</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		

TABLE SHOWING RESULTS OF RACES  
IN

FIRST DESTROYER FLOTILLA  
REGATTA

CREW	Wishart	Keppel	Whitehall	Veteran	Whitshed	Witch	Wild Swan	Worcester	Verity	Winner's Time
Communications Whaler	27	21	12	21	18	6	15	3	9	11. 38.5
Seamans Dugby	35	40	26	33	36	8	19	13	15	6. 42
Racing Whaler	02	58	47	57	51	20	28	16	21	11. 26

# WATER POLO



**The First Destroyer Flotilla Water Polo Team.**

**Ldg. Sea. Bashford, Ord. Woodhouse, A.B. Barry, Ldg. Sea. Waite,  
Ldg. Sea. Holden, A.B. Antliff, A.B. King, A.B. Martin, A.B. Yates.  
Comdr. Lord Louis, Capt. Baillie, Lieut. Comdr.  
P.O. Hutton, Mountbatten, Grohman, Gordon, P.O. Sturgess**

The first trial game in the Flotilla took place at Colombo in November 1931, and it is of interest to note that *Wishart* had five representatives playing.

It was not until December that the Flotilla team appeared officially for the first time, when a match was played against the 8th Destroyer Flotilla at Singapore. *Wishart* supplied four members of this team, and the result was a win for the first flotilla by 8 goals to none.

On the return to Malta, a series of three games was played against the *Brazen* (at that time winners of the 4th Destroyer Flotilla League), resulting in two wins for *Wishart* and one draw.

These games enabled us to form an idea of the talent in the ship so that a number of trial games were arranged, in order to make the final selection for our own team.

It was then decided to try our strength against the *Neptunes* who had been champions in Malta for the past three years, so that an idea could be formed of our prospects in the Flotilla League.

Although the result of this game was a defeat for *Wishart* by 5 goals to 2, it served as valuable training for our team.



**H.M.S. Wishart's Water Polo Team.**

**A B. Waring, A.B King, Ldg. Sto Lawson, A.B Martin, A B. Garden  
 P.O. Hulton, Comdr. Lord Louis Lieutenant Ldg Sea Waite,  
 Mountbatten, Northcott,**

When the final selection was made for the Flotilla team, four of our players were chosen, and continued to play throughout the season.

In the Flotilla League the following table shows the results of matches played.

<i>Wishart v Wren (5-0)</i>	<i>Wishart v Veteran (4-0)</i>
<i>Wishart v Witch (8-0)</i>	<i>Wishart v Verity (Walk Over)</i>
<i>Wishart v Keppel (8-0)</i>	<i>Wishart v Wren (1-1)</i>
<i>Wishart v Whitshed (4-3)</i>	<i>Wishart v Wild Swan (6-1)</i>
<i>Wishart v Keppel (10-0)</i>	<i>Wishart v Veteran (3-1)</i>
<i>Wishart v Witch (10-1)</i>	<i>Wishart v Verity (1-1)</i>
<i>Wishart v Whitshed (5-1)</i>	<i>Wishart v Hitchhall (2-0)</i>
<i>Wishart v Hitchhall (9-0)</i>	<i>Wishart v Wild Swan (7-0)</i>

Matches Played 16, Matches Won 16, Matches Drawn 0, Matches Lost 0.

Goals for ... .. 89 (excluding walk over)

Goals against ... .. 9

Points scored ... .. 52 (The Maximum).

Having won the First Destroyer Flotilla League, *Wishart* played the *Brazen* for the title of "champion destroyer". The match was arranged on a neutral pitch, and resulted in a win for *Wishart* by 5 goals to 1, the game being played amid much excitement.

The next trophy to be competed for was the Fleet Cup. Under the rules of this competition each Destroyer Flotilla competes as a unit, so that in point of fact four of *Wishart's* team were in the team representing the First Destroyer Flotilla.

Having defeated the Fourth Destroyer Flotilla by 4 goals to 1, (after a very good game) and the Submarine Flotilla by 11 goals to 0, the First Destroyer Flotilla entered the finals against the *Delhi*. The latter had already played through the eliminating rounds, defeating the other ships in the Mediterranean Fleet.

Unfortunately the final had to be played while *Wishart* was away from Malta, but the First Destroyer Flotilla managed to defeat *Delhi* by 3 goals to 0, thereby becoming winners of the Fleet Cup.

Subsequently *Wishart* challenged this team to a friendly game, which took place alongside *Keppel* in an atmosphere of great excitement. A very good game resulted, during which neither side scored!

During the season various 'friendly' games were played, both at Malta, and while the ship was away cruising.

At the end of a very successful season it is interesting to note the final results which are tabulated as follows:

<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Goals For</i>	<i>Goals Against</i>
30	25	3	2	132	21

The success of the team was due to two things; namely the expert and careful training given to them by Petty Officer Hutton, who worked unceasingly throughout the season to achieve this result, and to the team as a whole, who not only played the game unselfishly together, but played the game as it should be played!!!

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**The Ship's Dghaisas.**

Originally both Dghaisas were attached to *Daring*, during her 1933-1934 Commission, but when *Wishart* came on to the Mediterranean Station in January 1935, both Dghaisas turned over to the ship.

Always awaiting to "secure aft", when the ship came into Sliema, they had the knack of always being at the right berth.

Hats off to Dave Borg, "Chico" Borg, Carmelo Borg, and Joseph Gellel.

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**Wishart making a smoke screen.**

- Sept. 5th Malta.** 0900 Sailed for Marsa-Scirocco for exercises and firing. 1430 returned to Sliema. Congratulatory messages on winning the regatta were received from His Majesty the King, R.A.(D), and others.
- Sept. 6th Malta.** 0830 Second Division sailed for exercises. 1330 returned to Sliema.
- Sept. 9th Malta.** 1500 Sailed for three days exercises including torpedo and full calibre firing.
- Sept. 11th Malta.** 1300 Returned to Sliema after exercises.
- Sept. 18th Malta.** 2040 Second Division slipped and proceeded darkened out of harbour at 15 knots, for exercises.

- Sept. 19th Malta.** 0130 Anchored at Mellicha Bay after black-out exercise. 0830 Weighed and proceeded for inclination exercise with the Army. On conclusion entered Sliema in half a gale.
- Sept. 24th Malta.** 1330 Flotilla sailed for exercises anchoring on completion.
- Sept. 25th Malta.** Firing at C.M.B. targets, 1630 returned to Sliema.
- Oct. 1st Malta.** 0800 Sailed (with Capt. "S" One, on board) to act as target for submarine attacks. 1430 Returned to harbour. 1900 *Wishart's* jolly boat took part in a speed boat attack on the harbour.
- Oct. 2nd Malta.** 1300 Sailed for three days exercises, anchoring at Marsa Seirocco on completion.
- Oct. 4th Malta.** 1430 Returned to Sliema.
- Oct. 8th Malta.** 0800 *Wishart* docked.
- Oct. 11th Malta.** *Wishart* undocked, and proceeded to Parlatorio Wharf.



**Diving operations alongside the ship.**

Oct. 12th Malta. Shifted berth from dockyard to Sliema.

Oct. 22nd Malta. 1330 sailed for two days exercises. Anchored as requisite.

Oct. 24th Malta. 0630 sailed from Marsa Scirocco. 0715 Arrived Sliema.

Oct. 25th Malta. 0600 sailed for exercises. 1200 returned to Sliema.



**Wishart leaving Sliema for exercises.**

Oct. 30th Malta. 0715 sailed for exercises.

Oct. 31st Malta. Sailed for exercises. 1530 returned to Sliema.

Nov. 13th Malta. Sailed for exercises. 2045 returned to Sliema.

Nov. 14th Malta. 0815 sailed for exercises. 2045 returned to Sliema.

Nov. 16th Malta. First Destroyer Flotilla ships company dance at the Queen's Hall Sliema.



**Wishart and Wren escorting S.S. Carthage  
into Grand Harbour.**

- Nov. 17th** Malta. 1330 Fourth Sub Division sailed. Met and escorted P and O liner S.S. Carthage bringing His Excellency the Governor (Sir David Campbell) back to Malta. Returned to Sliema on completion.
- Nov. 19th** Malta. 0900 First Destroyer Flotilla sailed for exercises. 2400 Anchored at Marsa Scirocco.
- Nov. 20th** Malta. 0610 Weighed and continued search for torpedo lost by one of the Flotilla. 1500 Berthed alongside Burmola Wharf Dockyard for a short refit.

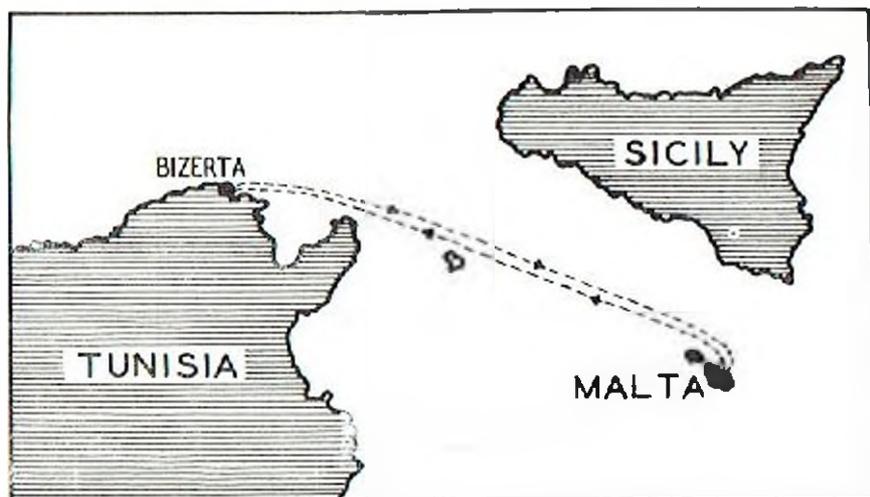


**Wishart and Wren waiting in Grand Harbour while His Excellency  
the Governor landed at Customs House**



Both ends of . . . . .

- Dec. 7th **Malta.** Completed refit. Ship placed under sailing orders, to stand by for special mission. Painted ship's side.
- Dec. 12th **Malta.** 1200 Sailed for torpedo firing. 1630 returned to Dockyard, Canteen Wharf.
- Dec. 16th **Malta.** 1245 Sailed for exercises. 2130 Anchored at Marsa Scirocco.
- Dec. 17th **Malta.** Weighed and proceeded for exercises. 2100 Returned to Sliema.
- Dec. 19th **Malta.** The Jazz Band of the South Wales Borderers gave a concert on board.
- Dec. 21st **Malta.** 1130 Sailing orders for special mission confirmed. Lieutenant Commander E. Neville joined ship to assist the Captain on this mission. 2100 Sailed for Bizerta.



the Question!



**Dec. 22nd Bizerta.** 1330 Arrived. Met by the French Commander-in-Chief's Flag Lieutenant.

**Dec. 23rd Bizerta.** 0920 Captain, Lieut. Comdr. Neville, and Mr. Mardon landed on duty. 1500 Returned on board. 1600 Chief-of-Staff returned the Captain's call. 1700 Sailed for Malta.

**Dec. 24th Malta.** 0730 Arrived. Oiled and proceeded to Sliema.

**Dec. 25th Malta.** Christmas Day, Officers were 'at Home' to the Ship's Company.

**Dec. 27th Malta.** First Destroyer Flotilla Ships Company dance

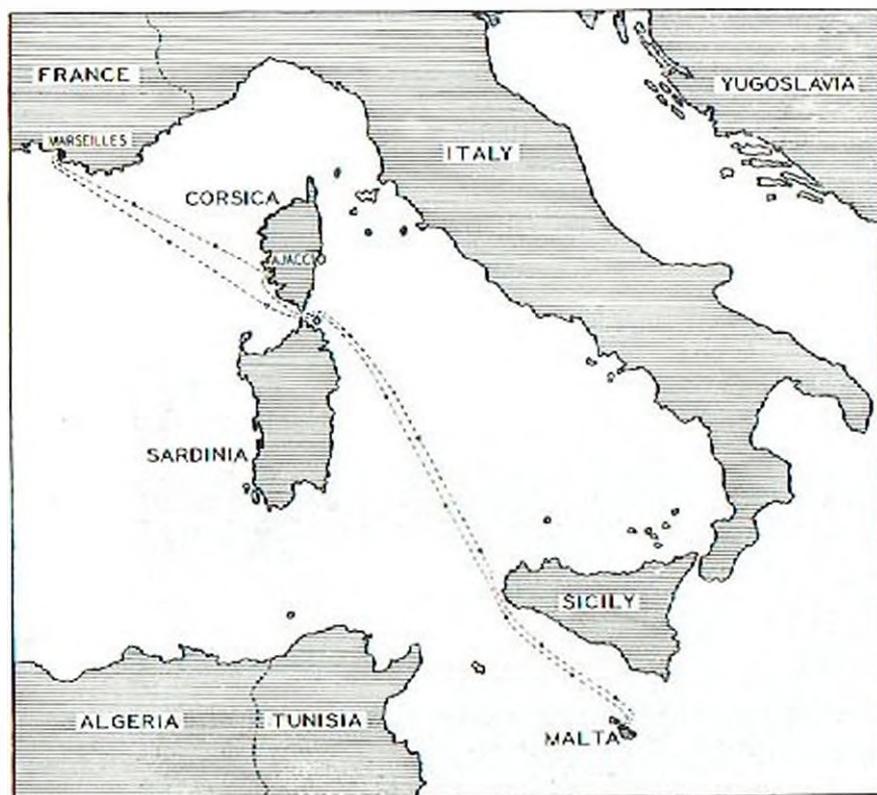
**Dec. 31st Malta.** 2400 Rang in the New Year.

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### Wishart camouflaged

- Jan. 1st Malta. 1000 R.A.(D), whose flagship *Galatea* was docking at Malta, inspected officers and men of the 1st and 19th Destroyer Flotillas at Manoel Island. 1415 Flotilla sailed for two days exercises, anchoring at Marsa Sirocco as convenient.
- Jan. 2nd Malla. Flotilla General Drill at which *Wishart* was placed first. 2200 returned to Sliema.
- Jan. 6th Malta. 0930 sailed for exercises. 2200 returned to Sliema.
- Jan. 10th Malla. 1030 *Wishart* and *Keppel* docked together.
- Jan. 14th Malta. 0930 Undocked. Swung ship. Returned to Sliema.
- Jan. 17th Malta. 0650 sailed for convoy exercise. 1730 returned to Sliema.





**The Vieux Port, Marseille,**  
showing **Wishart** in the background at the end of the **Canebiere**.

**Jan 24th Marseille.** 0700 Arrived. Moored stern to quay in Vieux Port. 0830 Captain left the ship to proceed to London to attend the funeral of His late Majesty.

**Jan. 28th Marseille.** 1000 Landed 3 officers and 60 men to attend memorial service for His late Majesty King George V at the English Church. 1330 Observed two minutes silence on board. 1400 Landed 3 Officers and 40 men to attend second memorial service at the English Church for the benefit of the English colony at Marseille.

**Feb 1st Marseille.** 1600 Captain rejoined ship. 160 Sailed for Ajaccio.

**Feb. 2nd Ajaccio.** 0645 Arrived. Sent despatches ashore to British Consul. 0715 Sailed for Malta.



**Ceremonial Church  
Party moving off  
to Church.**

- Feb. 3rd Malta.** Arrived. Proceeded to Sliema.
- Feb. 7th Malta.** 1530 Sailed for exercises. 1930 Returned to Sliema.
- Feb. 10th Malta.** 1300 Sailed for exercises. Anchored at Marsa Scirocco for the night.
- Feb. 11th Malta.** 0500 Sailed for big combined exercise. 0800 exercise abandoned owing to bad weather. Proceeded to dockyard to fit Metcalfe speed indicators.
- Feb. 14th Malta.** 0430 Sailed for combined exercise. 2200 returned to Sliema.
- Feb. 19th Malta.** 0830 Flotilla route march. *Wishart* landed 3 officers and 40 men.
- Feb. 20th Malta.** Captain placed on sick list. First Lieutenant appointed temporarily in Command.
- Feb. 22nd Malta.** 2015 Destroyers concert at Manoel Island Club, at which the "Wishartians" gave a turn.
- Feb. 24th Malta.** 0900 Sailed for exercises. 1700 returned to Sliema.
- Feb. 25th Malta.** 0930 Sailed for exercises. Returned to harbour on completion.
- Feb. 26th Malta.** Carried out night torpedo firing.
- Feb. 28th Malta.** 2015 Second performance of the Destroyers Concert.

**March 2nd Malla.** Captain returned to duty. 1600 Evolution "send armed whaler" to *Keppel*. *Wishart* was first.

**March 3rd Malla.** 0900 Proceeded for inclination exercise with Army. 1115 Returned to Sliema. 1500 *Wishart's* band played at Admiralty House for meeting of Naval Wives Friendly Society.

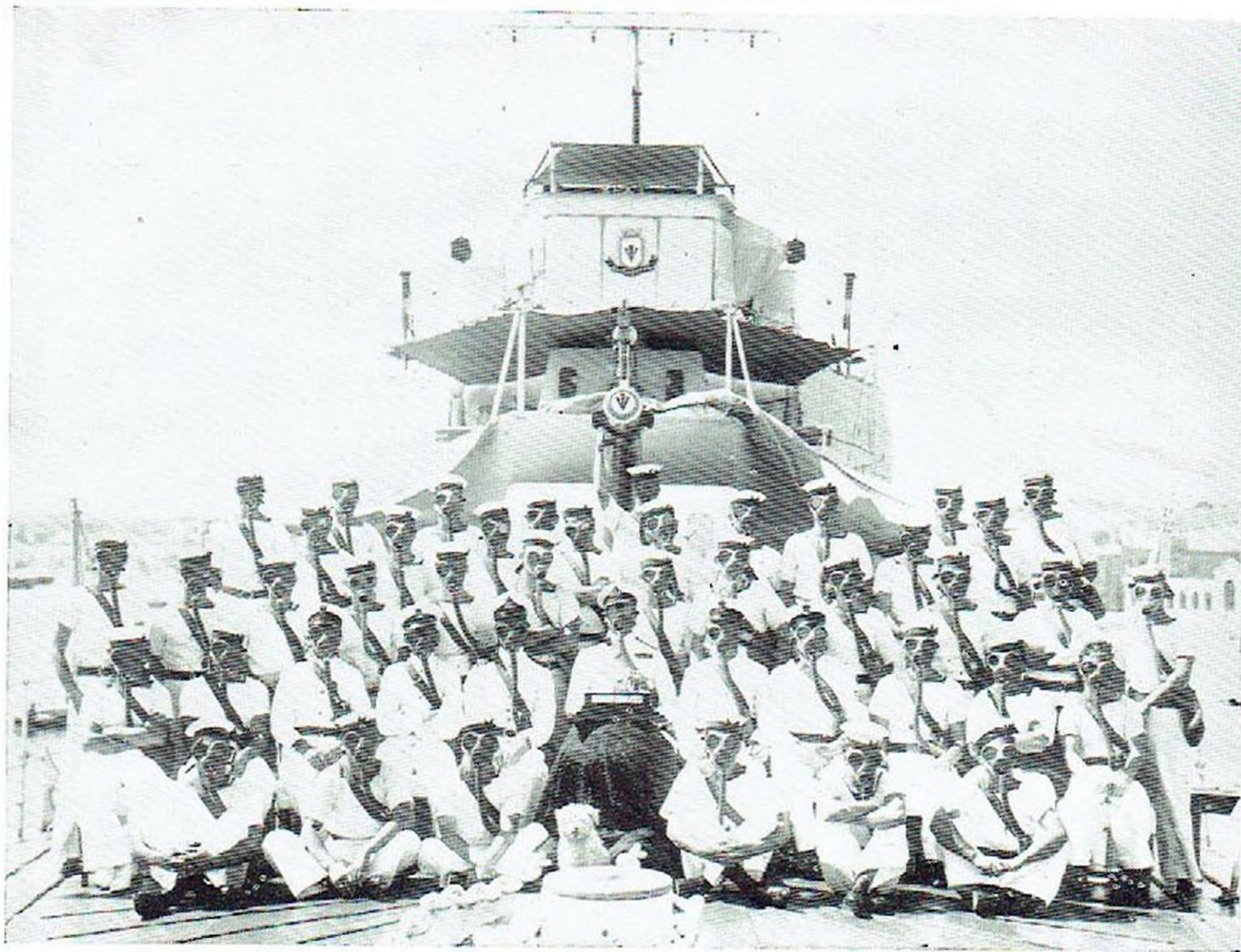
**March 5th Malla.** 0900 Sailed for exercises. 1800 Returned to Sliema.

**March 6th Malla.** 0830 Sailed for exercises. 1200 Returned to Sliema.



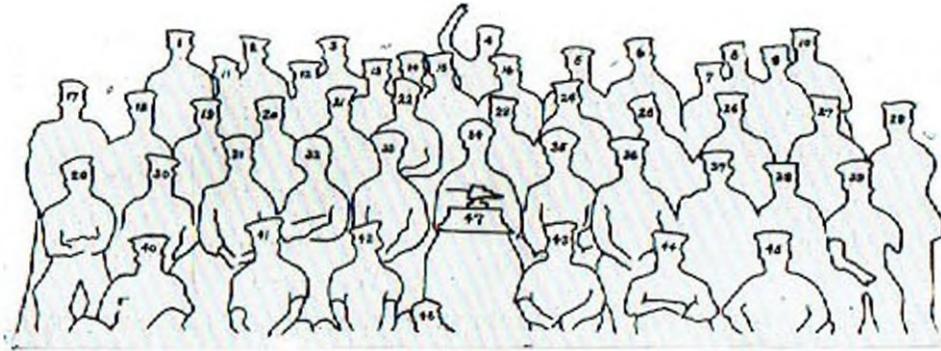
"Wishart" in her war paint.

FIRST DESTROYER FLOTILLA GUNNERY TROPHY.



H.M.S. Wishart Gunnery Personnel. Winners of the Gunnery Trophy, June 1935.

# GUNNERY



1 A.B. Wise.	16 Ldg. Sea. Morton.	31 C.P.O. Hutchins.
2 A.B. Doughty.	17 A.B. Boggis.	32 O.A. Smith.
3 A.B. Waring.	18 A.B. Barton.	33 Lieut. Roper.
4 A.B. Woods.	19 A.B. Mayton.	34 Comdr. Lord Louis Mountbatten.
5 A.B. Craven.	20 A.B. Welling.	35 P.O. Morrison.
6 A.B. Garden.	21 A.B. Hawes.	36 P.O. Hutton.
7 A.B. Perry.	22 A.B. Woodward.	37 A.B. Shelley.
8 A.B. Raven.	23 A.B. Heard.	38 A.B. Hiriart.
9 A.B. Randall.	24 A.B. Ruse.	39 A.B. Jones.
10 A.B. Drane.	25 A.B. Lawlor.	40 A.B. Bugby.
11 A.B. Bridgeman.	26 A.B. Newbury.	41 A.B. Winch.
12 A.B. Ward.	27 A.B. Field.	42 A.B. Mitchell.
13 Ldg. Sea. Campbell.	28 Ldg. Sea. Henshaw.	43 Ord. Wright.
14 A.B. Milton.	29 P.O. Potter.	44 A.B. Hassan.
15 A.B. King.	30 Ldg. Sea. Jones.	45 A.B. Shepherd.
46 Ruff.	47 The Trophy.	

## THE GUNNERY TROPHY.

From the very day of commissioning, *Daring-Wishart* set out to wrest this trophy from last commission's holders, *Diana-Veteran*, but in a thoroughly friendly spirit as witnessed by the following exchange of signals :

N.B. *Veteran* was one of the unlucky ships not to be fitted with a "loader" of their own.

*Veteran from Wishart :*

"Our loader will be at home to you whenever you wish. We should like you to have every advantage before sending us that trophy."

*Wishart from Veteran :*

"Very many thanks. We are glad that the trophy will stop in a Chatham ship."

In fact so seriously was gunnery taken from the beginning of the Commission, that not only were prayers offered up for Saint Barbara, but by the time the ship reached Singapore the pipe: "Gunlayers and trainers close up", was only too familiar to everyone.

No shoots took place until our return to Malta, when we had a busy practice period; which was continued with *Centurion* shoots at Gibraltar on the Spring Cruise.

# GUNNERY

In June we received the "fruits of our labours" in the form of the First Flotilla Gunnery Trophy, (which is awarded every six months on the results of full calibre shoots). The positions and marks were as follows :

Wishart	149	Witch	} No Points Published.
Wren	97	Whitehall	
Verity	94	Veteran	
Keppel	67	Wild Swan	
		Whitshed	

This result was highly satisfactory, and reflected the greatest credit on the G.C.O. Lieut. Roper, who put in so much hard work to achieve this result.

In the second six months of the Commission, more shoots were carried out than in the first period, the most spectacular being a night shoot with live H.E. shell against Puffin Island; but we were not so fortunate with the result, and the trophy passed to *Keppel*, *Wishart* being third in order of merit.

The final results were as follows :

Keppel	357	Veteran	209
Witch	329	Verity	193
Wishart	310	Wild Swan	168
Whitshed	291	Whitehall	164
Wren	277		

The system of marking during the first six months of the Commission was that devised by Commander Langley. In the second six months the system was changed: fewer marks being given for accuracy.

It is interesting to note that the second ship would have had to get 35% more marks to equal *Wishart's* performance in the first six months, whereas *Wishart* would have kept the trophy in the second six months had she obtained 16% more marks.

In the last night shoot *Wishart* came out top with a particularly good shoot.

During the third six months, (apart from concentration shoots which cannot be marked), there has only been one shoot to count, up to the time of going to press.

The results were as follows and it is interesting to note the lead established by *Wishart*. In fact the second ship would have had to get 65% marks to equal her.

Wishart	63	Witch	23
Whitehall	38	Veteran	16
Wild Swan	27	Whitshed	15
Keppel	25	Verity	11

Note: *Wren* was in dock during this firing, and up to the time of going to press her results have not been published.

Captain (D) commenting on these results, told *Wishart's* ship's company, how pleased he was to see that *Wishart* showed every sign of regaining her old position in the results of the Gunnery Trophy.

## FIRST DESTROYER FLOTILLA CUPS AND TROPHIES.

<i>Name of Cup.</i>	<i>Holder.</i>
Water Polo Cup. Champion Destroyer.	<b>Wishart</b>
Water Polo Cup. League Winners.	<b>Wishart</b>
Regatta Trophy.	<b>Wishart</b>
Preliminary Regatta Trophy.	<b>Wishart</b>
Officers Whaler.	<b>Wishart</b>
Beaver Cup. Petty Officers Whaler.	<b>Wishart</b>
Racing Whaler.	<b>Wishart</b>
Seamens' Whalers "A" and "B".	<b>Wishart</b>
Communications Whaler.	<b>Wishart</b>
Young Seamens' Whaler.	Whitehall
Stokers' Whaler.	Veteran
All Corners Whaler	Whitehall
E.R.A.'s Skill.	Whitshed
Cricket.	<b>Wishart</b>
Football.	Veteran
2nd XI Football.	Whitehall
Gunnery Trophy. First Six Months.	<b>Wishart</b>
Second Six Months.	Keppel
Boxing Cup.	No Competition
Sports	Veteran
Rifle Competition.	Veteran
Sailing.	Wild Swan

*Note: Wishart also won rifle and pistol trophies, when competing against the international flotilla and Cannes rifle club, at Cannes in August 1937.*



**Wishart's Cups and Trophies**

## FOOTBALL.

Although a Football team was formed in *Daring* soon after recommissioning it was soon realised that football was not one of the ship's best games.

Matches were played more out of fun than in a serious frame of mind, and although *Wishart* did not distinguish herself in the flotilla league there was plenty of enthusiasm over the game in the ship.

It is perhaps of interest to note that *Wishart* was the only ship in the flotilla who organised an inter part competition, and these games not only provided a lot of quiet humour, but also made an object for cheating the First Lieutenant out of an honest afternoon's work.

Besides these games *Wishart's* team beat the Army at Ricasoli 4-0, and also defeated the *Sosser's* torpedomen.

The greatest defeat of the season was in a game against the *Venetia* when the latter scored six goals to our one.

The composition of *Wishart's* team was as follows :

<i>Goal :</i>	A.B. King.
<i>Right Back :</i>	Ldg. Tel. Meadows.
<i>Left Back :</i>	A.B. Martin.
<i>Right Half :</i>	Sto. P.O. Ralph.
<i>Centre Half :</i>	Tel. York.
<i>Left Half :</i>	A.B. Wise.
<i>Outside Right :</i>	A.B. Wright.
<i>Inside Right :</i>	A.B. Fleck.
<i>Centre Forward :</i>	Ldg. Sea. Richards.
<i>Inside Left :</i>	A.B. Waite.
<i>Outside Left :</i>	Ldg. Sig. Sands.
<i>Trainer :</i>	A.B. Waring.
<i>Reserves :</i>	A.B. Dyson, P.O. Potter.

## GENERAL DRILL.

Apart from single evolutions at sea and in harbour, the results of which are recorded on the days on which they were carried out, competitive general drill has been carried out in the flotilla at more or less regular intervals throughout the Commission.

The results of isolated evolutions have been given elsewhere in this book, but it would be impossible not to include a "précis" of the results of the drills which have been carried out by the flotilla as a whole; since one of the methods of measuring the efficiency of a ship is by her capacity to deal with any emergency that may arise.

That general drill brings out this point to the full is a well known thing, hence it is interesting to review the results of evolutions, (carried out over a long period of time), in order to get the matter into the right perspective and also to form a proper picture of the ship's merits.

The following table gives the results of drills carried out during the last year.

<b>May 29th. 1935</b>	1st "Wishart"	
	2nd "Whitshed"	
	3rd "Verity"	
	4th "Wren"	
	5th "Witch"	
	6th "Veteran"	
	7th "Whitehall"	
	8th "Wild Swan"	Note: <i>Keppel</i> was absent.
<b>July 12th. (Second Division only)</b>		
	1st "Wishart"	
	2nd "Witch"	
	3rd "Wren"	
	4th "Whitshed"	
<b>Jan 2nd. 1936</b>		
	1st "Wishart"	
	2nd "Witch"	
	3rd "Veteran"	
	{ 4th "Verity"	
	{ 4th "Wren"	
	{ 6th "Whitshed"	
	{ 6th "Whitehall"	
	8th "Keppel"	
	9th "Wild Swan"	

Note: The only other occasion on which general drill was exercised, no results were promulgated.

These results speak for themselves, as to the "keenness" and ability of the ship's company, but the credit for such a great achievement goes very largely to the First Lieutenant, without whose power of organisation, this feat could never have been achieved.

## COMMUNICATION EXERCISE NUMBER TEN.

This is the one competitive communication exercise carried out in the fleet, and by station orders is taken largely into account in assessing a ship's signalling and coding efficiency. The results in the First Destroyer Flotilla were:

First Exercise, Feb. 1st 1935. **Keppel** first, *Wishart* second. Captain (D) made signal that this exercise was for practice only, and would not be taken into final account.

Second exercise, Feb. 26th, 1935. **Wishart** first.

Third exercise, May 31st 1935. **Wishart** first, *Keppel* second.

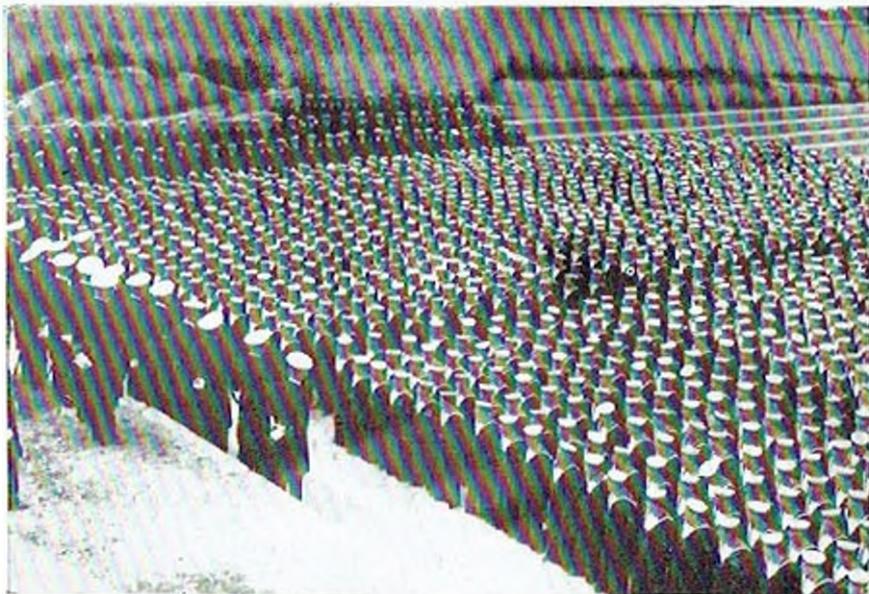
Fourth exercise, Nov. 7th, 1935. Owing to a mistake in the exercise no complete order of merit was issued, but the first three ships were announced as **Wishart**, *Verity*, *Witch*.

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## SWIMMING.

In the flotilla swimming sports held in the summer of 1935, *Wishart* put in five entries, who competed in the events set out below. The results were as follows:—

50 yards free style	....	....	....	<b>A.B. Waite</b>	<i>First.</i>
				<b>A.B. King</b>	<i>Second</i>
Diving	....	....	....	<b>A.B. Wright</b>	<i>Fourth</i>
				<b>A.B. Field</b>	<i>Fifth</i>
100 yards free style	....	....	....	<b>A.B. Carden</b>	<i>Second</i>



**Admiral Sir William Fisher addressing  
the men of the First and Nineteenth  
Destroyer Flotilla**

**March 10th Malta.** 1330 Proceeded to sea and anchored off the breakwater. 1400 Carried out night torpedo firing. Anchored at Marsa Scirocco on completion.

**March 11th Malta.** 0130 Weighed and proceeded. Carried out interception exercise with *Exeter*. 1115 Returned to Sliema.

**March 17th Malta.** 1245 Proceeded to sea for exercises, anchoring at Marsa-Scirocco on completion.

**March 18th Malta.** 1415 Returned to Sliema. 1800 proceeded to sea for special exercise. 2230 Returned to Sliema.

**March 23rd Malta.** 0940 Landed ship's company for farewell speech from Sir William Fisher on Manoel Island football ground. 1715 Cheering party embarked in *Veteran* to cheer Sir William Fisher out of harbour in the Queen Elizabeth, on his return to England.

**March 29th Malta.** 0930 Captain "D" walked round upper deck and inspected the ship's company. On conclusion of which he expressed himself well satisfied with the cleanliness of the ship.

**March 31st Malta.** 1330 Proceeded to sea for two days exercises. Remained at sea all night, in vicinity of lost torpedo.

**April 1st Malta.** 0600 Continued search for missing torpedo. 2115 Returned to Sliema.

**April 3rd Malta.** 1500 A number of men from *Wishart*, witnessed the annual Navy v Army polo match at the Marsa. The Navy were defeated 2-1, after an extra chukka had been played. The Captain and Sub Lieut. played for the Navy.



**Wishart photographed from the S.S. Strathmore**

**April 5th Malta.** 1300 Fourth Sub Division proceeded to sea to escort P. and O. liner S.S. Strathmore (carrying H.E. The Governor Sir Charles Bonham-Carter) into Grand Harbour. The following signal was received from H.E. The Governor in reply to the signal made by the Fourth Sub Division reporting themselves as his naval escort: "I much appreciate the kind message of the Fourth Sub Division and am greatly impressed by their fine appearance." Captain "D", and a number of official guests were embarked to witness this manoeuvre. 1510 Escorted "Strathmore" into Grand Harbour. Embarked Admiral Somerville, (at that time R.A.(D). designate) and returned to Sliema with him on board.



**S.S. 'Strathmore' securing in Grand Harbour.**

The following signal was received from Admiral Somerville in reply to one saying how proud the Fourth Sub Division were to be the first unit of his new Command to come under his eagle eye. "I very much appreciate your message of welcome, and have to inform you that the Eagle's Eye has been temporarily blinded by the brilliance of the Fourth Sub Division." 1630 Secured in Sliema.

**April 6th Malta.** 0740 Ceremonial landing party proceeded to Marsamuscetto and marched to Valletta. Carried out ceremonial duties, and lined Strada Reale for the "swearing in" ceremony of His Excellency the Governor.

**April 7th Malta.** 0830 Second Division proceeded to sea for station keeping trials. 1530 Returned to Sliema.

**April 14th Malta.** 0850 Proceeded to sea. Carried out inclination exercise with the Army. 1130. Returned to harbour.

April 15th Malta. 0810 Proceeded to sea. 0930 Embarked Captain (D) to witness 2nd Division full calibre shoot and station keeping trials. 1200 Landed Captain (D). 1520 Returned to harbour.

April 20th Malta. Port Rifle Meeting commenced.



The Captain about to be pulled ashore by the Officers on leaving the ship.

April 24th Malta. Final day of Port Rifle Meeting. Able Seaman Mayton distinguished himself by obtaining the highest aggregate score of the meeting. He therefore qualified for the National Rifle Association's Medal.

April 26th Malta. 2100 Commander Robson arrived in P. & O. liner S.S. Cathay.

April 27th Malta. News was received that the First Destroyer Flotilla would be returning to England at the end of May.



**Wishart's piper, Stoker Walker, who joined the ship in April 1936, and 'played' the ship in and out of harbour on all subsequent occasions.**

**April 28th Malta.** The Captain addressed the ship's company prior to relinquishing command of the ship having completed his full two years on the station. He was then pulled ashore in the whaler manned by officers, while the entire ship's company "cleared lower deck" of their own accord, and cheered him as he left. 1200 Commander W.G.A. Robson assumed command. 1445 *Wishart* proceeded to sea to pick up submarine torpedoes. On passing Tigne Point three cheers were given for Commander Lord Louis Mountbatten, who watched the ship leave harbour. 2100 *Wishart* returned to harbour.

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**NOTE:** In order to prepare this book for publishing, it was found to be necessary to close the diary at this point.



**Cocktail Party on board Wishart.**

**O**n April 26th the Captain gave a "farewell cocktail party", prior to his return to England, having completed his full time of two years on the station.

Owing to the large number of guests it was necessary to use the Quarter Deck, and both sides of the waist, as far "forward" as the funnel, as well as the Captain's cabin, Ward Room and "X" gun deck.

In all well over two hundred people were entertained on board, and it was obvious that the party was a great success.

Perhaps the greatest attraction of all, was the ship's band and the pipes and drums, who played alternately throughout the proceedings.

It is interesting to note that one lango, "Morena", had been specially composed by the bandmaster, Stoker Meeson.

The Vice Admiral himself remarked on the excellence of their performance, which he said was a remarkable feat for a destroyer.

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Some of the guests at the Cocktail Party

## BAND PROGRAMME

### AND PIPE MUSIC

PERFORMED BY H.M.S. WISHART'S

VOLUNTEER BAND AND PIPER

ON BOARD, ON SUNDAY, 26th APRIL, 1936.

Dance	Title	Composer
Waltz.	When I grow too old to dream.	DANA SUSSIE
Rumba.	South American Joe.	DR SYLVIA & BROWN.
Slow Fox-Trot.	Josephine	MAX STRINER.
Pipes.	GREAT SCOT	LOVE A MANHATTAN
Tango.	Tina.	WILL GROSZ
Trumpet Solo.	Gipsy Moon.	DAVIES
Quickstep.	Tiger Rag.	P. YORK.
Pipes.	Mallorca.	H.M. KING EDWARD VIII.
Slow Fox-Trot.	Blue Moon.	RICHARD ROGERS
Accordian Solo.	Smoke gets in your eyes.	JEROME KEAN.
Tango.	Morena	STORER & MESSON.
Pipes.	Scottish Medley.	VARIOUS.
Violin Solo.	Dark Eyes	DON NERO.
Fox Trot	Iste of Capri.	WILL GROSZ.

F. MESSON,  
*Acting Bandmaster.*

## SAYINGS OF THE COMMISSION.

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1. "Now if you were going to catch a train, you wouldn't try and run it as fine as that."
2. "Messenger bring me a bucket, and tell Abie Seaman Perry I want some oranges."
3. "Port 20——Port 30."
4. "Carry on the Bridge sweeper."
5. "Looook, Looook, you must LOOOOOK!"
6. "Ship is under sailing orders."
7. "I *think* its on all right."
8. "Up two, down four, up two."

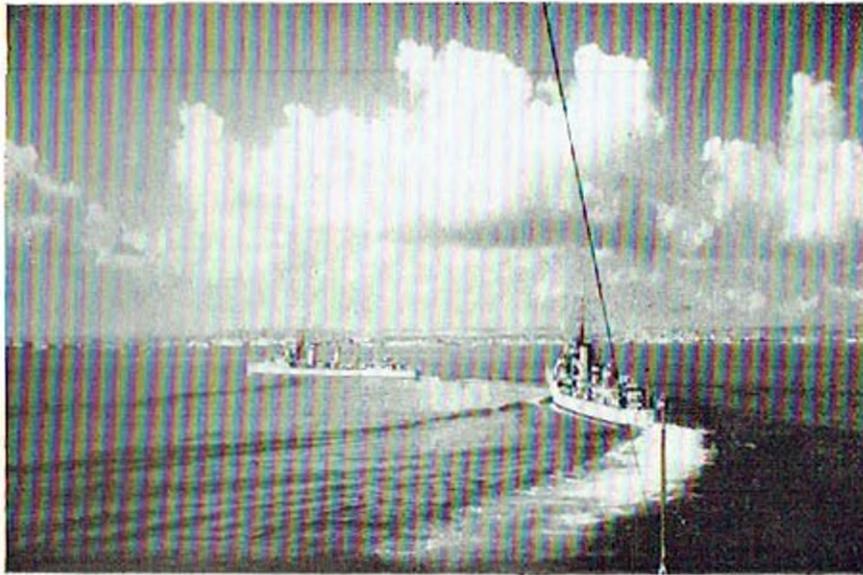
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## WISHART NEWS.

**T**his book would not be complete without a mention of the ship's newspaper, which has appeared daily under the style of "The Wishart News" since the day of taking over the ship.

The telegraphists have been responsible for the production of this paper, one third of which has been devoted to the ship's news and two thirds to the wireless press news. The daily circulation was in the region of 35 copies.



**The Second Division exercising off the Grand Harbour.**

### **BELIEVE IT OR NOT :-**

Since commissioning the daily consumption of "Bluebell" has been 13 tins.

If all the cigarettes smoked on board during the Commission were placed end to end, they would stretch from Dover to Calais.

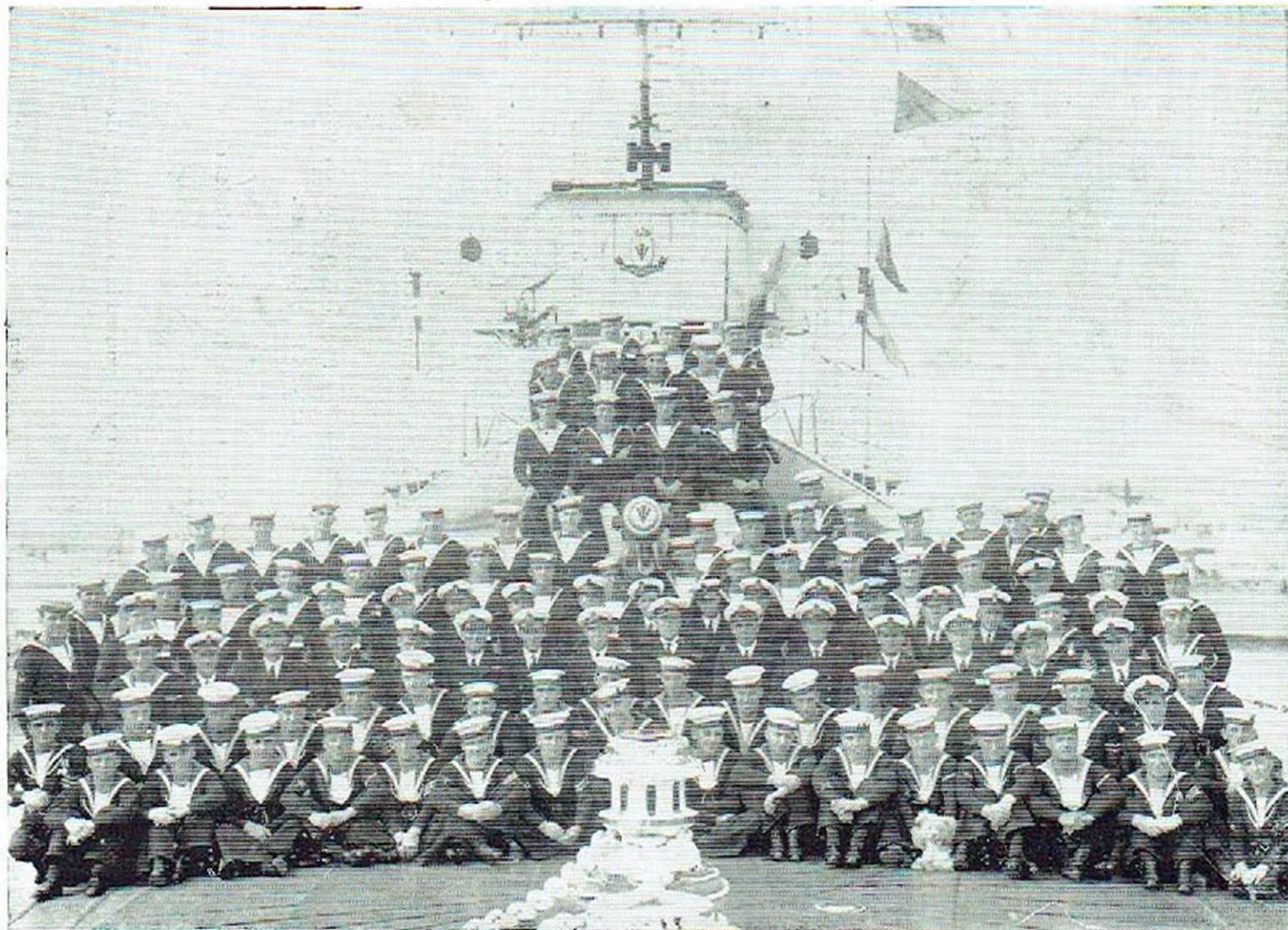
Note :- This includes cigarettes smoked during working hours.

If all the oil fuel burnt during the Commission was paid for in pennies, (stretched in a single line touching each other) they would extend for 70.0 miles.

The distance travelled by the tip of one of the propeller blades during the Commission was approximately 142,000 miles.

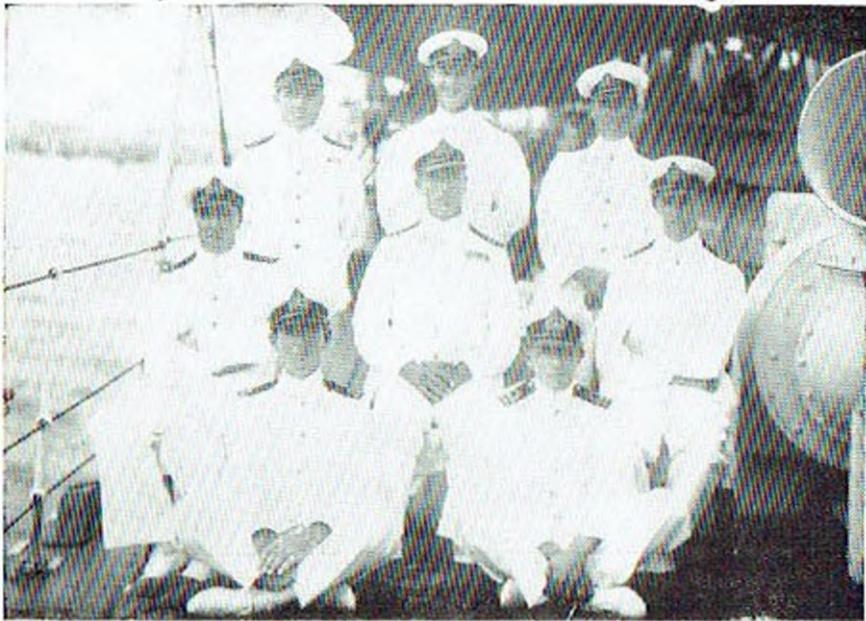
If the beer consumed during the Commission was poured into the King George V dock, it might just float the Queen Mary.

Note :- If the Yeoman had not been to hospital, this would have been accomplished with ease.



H.M.S. WISHART'S OFFICERS AND SHIP'S COMPANY  
NOVEMBER 1935

H.M.S. WISHART'S OFFICERS.



Mr. Mardon, Lieut. Murch R.N.R., Mr Browne,  
 Lieut. Northcott, Comdr. Lord Louis Mountbatten Lieut. Roger,  
 Sub Lieut. Southby, Lieut. Whitworth.

COMMANDING OFFICERS OF THE FIRST DESTROYER FLOTILLA.



Commander Robson	Lieut. Comdr. Thomas	Lieut. Comdr. Gibbs	Lieut. Comdr. Rogers	Lieut. Comdr. Gordon
Commander Lord Louis Mountbatten	Commander Warburton- Lee	Captain Baillie- Grohman	Commander Arless	Commander Oliver

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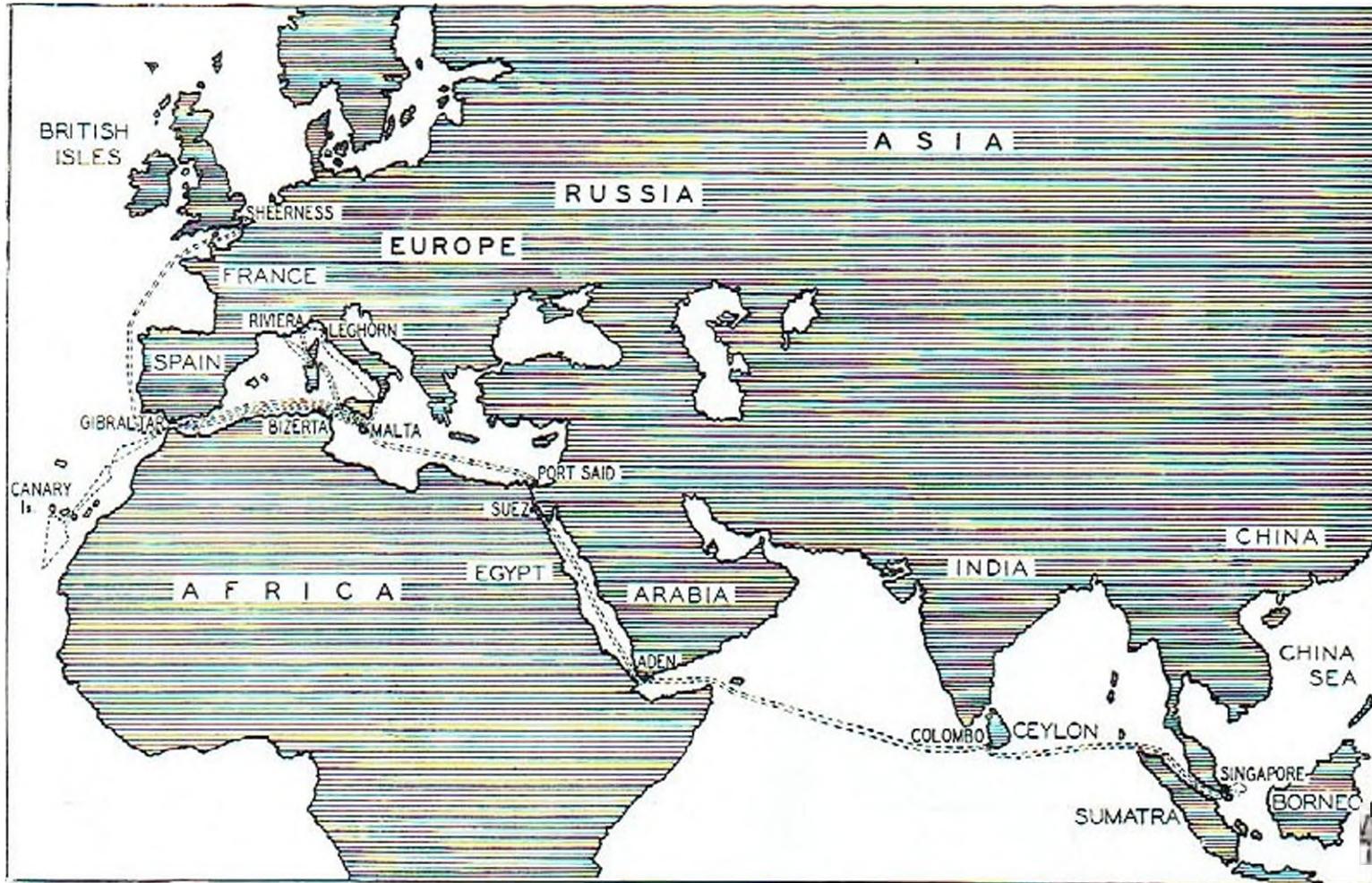


DIAGRAM SHOWING APPROXIMATE TRACK CHART OF THE COMMISSION.

**DETAIL OF MILEAGE  
STEAMED DURING THE COMMISSION.  
OCTOBER 1934 TO JUNE 1936.**

<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>Distance:</b>	<b>Total.</b>
<b>H.M.S. DARING</b>			
Chatham	Gibraltar	1275	1275
Gibraltar	Malta	984	2259
Malta	Port Said	940	3199
Port Said	Aden	1538	4737
Aden	Colombo	2111	6848
Colombo	Singapore	1636	8484
<b>H.M.S. WISHART</b>			
Singapore	Colombo	1636	10120
Colombo	Aden	2111	12231
Aden	Port Said	1538	13769
Port Said	Malta	940	14709
At Malta (Exercises)		700	15409
Malta	Gibraltar (Exercises)	1220	16629
Combined Exercises		3150	19779
Gibraltar	Malta	984	20763
At Malta (Exercises)		1280	22043
Summer Cruise		1510	23553
At Malta (Exercises)		150	23703
Malta	Cannes	584	24287
At Cannes		30	24317
Cannes	Malta	584	24901
At Malta (Exercises)		2766	27667
Malta	Bizerta	242	27909
Bizerta	Malta	242	28151
Malta	Marseille	635	28786
Marseille	Malta (via Ajaccio)	660	29446
At Malta (Exercises)		2404	31850
Malta	Gibraltar	984	32834
Gibraltar	Chatham	1275	34109

**Grand Total 34,109.**