



David Trevorrow (48-49)

Greetings from the top left hand corner of the world, British Columbia. We get mail quite slowly from the UK so it is likely you have already been inundated with help from all directions. If you have not, look at *The Maritime Art of Kenneth D Shoesmith* (06-08) by Glyn L Evans. On page 65, there is the whole picture of Conway and *Mauretania* in the River Mersey. It would seem some enterprising cove must have photographed the picture to make silk ties for sale to nostalgic old sailors. Probably a Mizzentopman! The *Cadet* magazine for August 1933 carried an article headed 'KD Shoesmith's new picture'. In December's *Cadet*, they mention the picture is going to be hung at the Walker Art Gallery in their Autumn exhibition. I am not all that erudite; Glyn Evans has done an excellent job of tracing Shoesmith. The book is well worth a few hours of nostalgia - ask Alfie if he has a copy. I do hope that you do well by John Ivor Jones. He was a good shipmate. I also hope that he was able to weather the eighty year tide line before he got took, and that he went peacefully from this world. His was the last term to spend their time entirely on the Ship (except possibly time in the Bryn Mel party).

Spithead Review Memories

Anthony Gimson (52-54)

The articles in the last two *Cadets* caused me to dig into my archive as I too was at the Review on HMS *Trafalgar*. My claim to fame came about on the day before the Review itself when I was cox of the liberty boat. The ladder from the boom had been removed for blancoing so I had to drop from the boom onto the boat which understandably rocked, I lost balance and dived into the Solent. As I was a capable swimmer, my hat stayed on and I swam round to the gangway. On reaching deck, I was threatened by the OOW with being charged for abandoning ship without permission!

Loss of the Ship

Sid Davies (42-43)

You have obviously delved into the circumstances of the loss of the Ship most assiduously and you are to be congratulated. However, a lot of the technical stuff is beyond me and I would venture to suggest that Capt Hewitt and the pilot could be forgiven for not being *au fait* with all the aspects you mention. Perhaps she should never have gone to PN in the first place?

Peter O'Donnell (66-68)

He is to be congratulated on the amount of work that has been put in, in studying such a complex subject as the tidal streams through the Swellies.

Response from the feature's author, the late DG Williams (49-51)

You are much better to read the finally edited version I've put on the web, which also gives you easy instant access to all the references, several of which you do need to see to get a full and proper picture of the circumstances that day. Every ship I was ever on had a full world-wide library of Admiralty Pilot Books in the chart room. Surely any nautical college such as Conway would have had a set too. In Admiralty Pilot Vol 37 page 315 is a paragraph describing how winds at sea affect the tides in the Menai Strait. There isn't any excuse for them not knowing this.