

TIMETABLE

Oct 2013

2nd = Specialisations
4th = Shooting/Sports
8th = Specialisations
8th = TS Inv. Committee AGM
11th = Shooting/Sports
15th = Specialisations
16th = St Paul's Seafarers Event
18th = Shooting/Sports
19th = Trafalgar Dinner @ 7:15 pm
21st = TS Albion Opening
22nd = Specialisations
25th = Shooting/Sports
29th = Specialisations

Nov 2013

5th = Specialisations
8th = Shooting/Sports
10th = **Remembrance Parade**
12th = Specialisations
15th = Shooting/Sports
19th = Specialisations
22nd = Shooting/Sports
26th = Specialisations
29th = Shooting/Sports

Dec 2013

3rd = Specialisations
6th = Shooting/Sports
7 & 8th = Dobbies Collections
10th = Specialisations
13th = Shooting/Sports
14th = Race Night
17th = Specialisations
20th = Shooting/Sports
Closed w/c 23rd & 30 December



TS Invincible News



Issue 3

October 2013

CO's Update - David Moth

Dear All,

We have had another busy couple of months and are now moving into yet another season. Do I dare say, it will soon be Christmas!

Our Emberton Unit TS Albion is opening on 21st October and parades will run on Monday and Thursday evenings from 18:45 to 21:00.

We hope to have a special VIP open our TS Albion units soon - so watch this space. Our annual Summer

Camp took place in Belgium and was a great success.



The Cadets and Staff had a fantastic time taking part in a variety of different activities, and we even had a surprise visit from our Holland colleague — Mad Mick!

The photographs from our Summer Camp to Belgium can be viewed on our Website in the **Gallery** section,

so please check them out.

For those of you who are unaware, you can always start saving with us for any trips that take place at the Unit.



We have a "**Savings Card Scheme**" in place which you can sign up to, allowing you to pay by instalment for trips. Simply visit Mrs Moth in the Ships Office to set this up.



Easy Fundraising

To date we have managed to raise approx **£184** from all those of you who have signed up every time they shop on line.

Please help the unit raise funds by signing to our fundraising cause, as every penny counts.

register online:

<http://www.easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/tsinc/>

It works in a similar way to nectar, but instead of earning points when you shop, you raise a donation for your cause instead.

each will donate up to 15% of what you spend.

Thanks for your support.

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**“By Sea,
By Land”**

**“Man
overboard”**

Marines - John Owens, Lt Marine Cadets



For this year's camp we headed off to Belgium and were being hosted by the Belgian navy in Zeebrugge. We had an

inauspicious start as our lead mini bus broke down just outside Dunstable but a very nice man from the AA quickly reconnected the turbo and off we set

once more.

Belgium Diary

The first person we met at the Belgian naval base was Mick, our liaison and events manager from Holland. Uncle Mick to the cadets; Mad Mick to the staff.

Sunday was our first official outing. We went to Brussels to the Musée Royal de l'Armée et d'Histoire Militaire (military history museum). Colour (Colour Sergeant McClurg) set up a quick quiz, with prizes, based on the exhibits at the museum. The answers did surprise us both, being far more general than anticipated. 'Who used this particular weapon?' = the Belgians or 'Which Naval force took part in the action?' = the Belgian. There were two however that had us rolling in the aisle; 'What is the oldest item in the museum?' = WO1 Corrigan and 'Name three different aircraft types?' = an orange one, a brown one and one made from avocado tree. This entry from Abby won first prize.

Monday was our first work day undertaking personal survival in the base's swimming pool. First thing was the swimming test and then life jacket familiarisation and use. After we had inflated/deflated our jackets, we simulated jump from a ship (2 metre platform). The task cadets had to get themselves into the 25 man life raft. This looks like a 14 ft wide paddling pool with a tent pitched on top and quite difficult to manoeuvre in and out of, it's slippery when wet. Shaune and Jake, being the biggest, were first onto the life raft. Their task was to haul the hapless cadets out of the water into the raft. At times it was like a scene from a Marx Brothers movie. Shaune was pulling them out like trout on a line and falling in and out of the raft while Jake was directing the rescued into the correct corners of the raft, otherwise it could have tipped up throwing all back into the water again. After disgorging the cadets from the raft we lined up against the side of the pool to receive instruction on how to right the raft as apparently they don't all land the right way up. Fully instructed on how to right one of these raft beasts, it was our turn. We chose some of the bigger lads as it seemed that pure technique needed some muscle and weight behind it. When we asked for volunteers, Kobi stepped up to the mark. At 5 ft 2 and weighing in at around 6 stone I thought it would be too big a challenge. But after some huffing and puffing she turned that house upside down, I was amazed.

On Tuesday we split the group into two. One would do Phys Ed –that's games to you and me- and the other re-painting some of the Frigate in harbour, the [F931 Louise-Marie](#). Any excuse for WO1 Corrigan to get a paint brush in his hand.

Wednesday was a more sombre day with walks and talks around Passchendaele, the trenches, museum and war graves. In the evening at 8 pm exactly, we paraded in the Menin Gate for the last post. There were several hundred visitors who watched Joe dip the NCC Standard and the NCC Ships Company pay their respects in a two minute silence. Commander Moth and I laid a wreath and joined the Ships Company to march off in what was a very poignant ceremony.

Thursday - those mosquitoes were not going away. I listened to Leona recount how she saw them diving around their room. I'm sure she was just relating a scene from the Battle of Britain film. Those darned tootin' mossies were feasting well on our white shiny flesh that week.

Friday and RDP [Run Down Period] as it is termed in the Navy. Do a bit of shopping in the afternoon around Oostende and back to Zeebrugge base for a BBQ. In the evening we had the traditional navy Sod's Opera, in which the cadets put on a bunch of sketches for everyone's entertainment. We were treated to impressions and Mickey take off of the staff in some sort of rather confused parade. The highlight of the show had to be Charlie. His impression of Cdr. Moth was superb, so much so that we will have to get him a tailored Commanders uniform should we need a double.

This was our first visit to Belgium in a long time and we know what works and what needs working on, as next year it will be the same time, same place. We hope to return and meet the friends we made this year.

Lt. J Owens

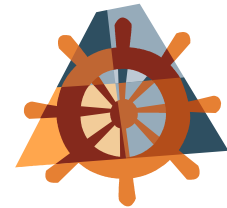


Field Craft

There is always a lull after camp and we deliberately keep it low key during August. September and

October would see myself and C/Sgt McClurg take separate groups out to the Warwick ranges on a shoot-

ing day.



Stay on Target

Shooting Weekend - October 2013

I took twelve Marines and two Navy lads from both TS Invincible (Bletchley Park) and Ocean (Leighton Buzzard) on a field craft and shooting day.

We were going to spend a day making shelters, lighting fires and cooking and the following day would be on the 100 metre ranges.

Fieldcraft is mainly practice so first of all we had to build our shelters. We had a paddock, small wood and an orchard to play in, so naturally they dispersed themselves as far from me as they could. I never even found one pair (Tom and Shaune) who disappeared into the undergrowth.

After they had set up their shelters we all met up to try our hand at cooking. We built a Hangi –this is a large hole in the ground, where we built a log fire, placed stones on the fire and then the 4 chickens and veg. Finally we covered the whole thing back in with soil and leave at gas mark 3 for four hours.

Meantime we gathered plums, blackberries and apples. I had also brought some extra ingredients to show what could be done on an open fire. Our first attempt was an apple & onion curry. This is actually very nice when done properly.

The creations varied in success from very good to burnt to a frazzle. The orchard apples were supplementing the diet to a great extent.

We lit more fires; I think

there were at least five at one point and then dug up the chickens. We weren't sure about them being fully cooked and proceeded to boil the living daylights out of them. All we seemed to do was light fires, cook and eat. As the evening wore on, cadets drifted back to their shelters for the night.

The next morning we went down to the ranges. 100 metres is the length of a



football field and we fired all manner of calibres and weapons. This is quite a good distance for Marines to practice on as the ammunition is standard power and the feel of the recoil is what we would expect. Saying that I was aware that one over exuberant cadet was given ammunition that was calibrated to 1000 yds to fire, this recoil can be quite uncomfortable but fortunately it was only isolated rounds. Still everyone appeared to have enjoyed their weekend.

C/Sgt McClurg took a mixture of Navy seniors and juniors to the same ranges a few weeks later at the beginning of October. These would be almost the same weapons but with lower power ammunition as they were shooting at targets on the 25 metre range.

The range officers and instructors really enjoy seeing the junior cadets. As with all the cadets, they show great patience and knowledge but do especially enjoy their sessions with the juniors.

The feedback I get from the range personnel is always positive about the standards and behaviour of our cadets and how good some of them are, especially the juniors.

It was pointed out that Poppy Sidney was particularly good and showed great potential; as such we have awarded her the Marksmanship badge.

John Owens LT



Shelter anyone!



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TS Invincible Committee

We are always looking for new members to join our TS Invincible Committee.

The committee is a group of parents who meet up normally every second month and discuss fundraising ideas for the Unit.



meetings are due to take place at Bletchley Park at the Unit from 7 pm :

- * 8/10/13 (AGM)
- * 12/11/13

If you would like to come along or find out any further information, please email Andrea Campbell our Committee Secretary:

andrea@campbell-clan.co.uk

upon us, if you have any unwanted presents, we are always on the look out for these. They can be used for any fundraising activities ie Tombolas and raffles we run throughout the year.

All donations greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Here is a list of when our

As Christmas will soon be

Dates for your diary

Please be aware of the following dates.
Cadets are requested to take part in these events:

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| 16/10/13 | = | St Paul's Seafarers Event |
| 19/10/13 | = | Trafalgar Dinner @ 7.15 pm |
| 10/11/13 | = | <u>Remembrance Parade</u>
All Cadets MUST attend |
| 7 & 8/12/13 | = | Dobbies Collection |
| 14/12/13 | = | Race Night (fun for all)
Details to follow |



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