

HISTORY

USS TRENTON DIVISION

April 1, 1968 - March 31, 1969

The training year started off badly due to racial strife in the City of Trenton as well as the rest of the Nation. An effort was made to bring back into active participation the 25 cadets who had failed to attend the last Annual Inspection. Five were discharged in April for lack of interest as evidenced by poor attendance during the previous three months.

During May attendance continued sporadic due to racial disturbances and the locally imposed curfew for all persons under 18. Three cadets were discharged due to poor attendance in a continuing effort to bring up the attendance record of the unit. On Memorial Day, provided one officer and a four cadet color guard to the parade in Lambertville, N.J., while three officers and twenty-eight cadets paraded in Hamilton Square, N.J., all personnel then participated in the afternoon parade in Trenton.

June 1 and 2, two officers and eight cadets cruised in USS LINNET out of Atlantic City; on June 1 three officers and twenty-five cadets enjoyed an orientation visit to Naval Air Station, Lakehurst which included a three-hour indoctrination flight in an NARTU transport. One officer and twelve cadets departed on June 23, 1968 for TWT at Great Lakes, Ill. Four cadets were discharged for lack of interest.

Three officers and twenty cadets participated in the Ewing Township, N.J. Independence Day parade and celebration; the one officer and twelve cadets returned from TWT on July 6, 1968 - all cadets satisfactorily completing the RFATS and qualifying for designation as Apprentice Cadet E-2. Twelve cadets were removed from the rolls of the unit, nine for lack of interest as indicated by poor attendance, the remaining three to enlist in the U.S. Naval Reserve, two as E-3 and one as an E-2.

During August, although no regular drills were scheduled, six cadets satisfactorily completed the E-2 Advancement Examination and were ordered to TWT at ORLANDO, FLA., with five fulfilling all requirements for E-2, one failed due to being hospitalized and not completing all his RFATS. One officer and seven cadets completed a cruise in USS SNOWDEN during the period 16-18 August 1968 with many practical factors completed. The cadet officers and twenty cadets assisted the parent council with the program and reception held in Trenton in connection with the launching of the new USS TRENTON in Seattle, Washington.

Commencing the new training year in September, we found eleven new recruits waiting, three being graduates from USS GUADACANAL SHIP, NLCC.

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and mail to  
Ldr Matheson*

October found two new cadets enrolling while the rolls were decreased by two others for lack of interest as evidenced by poor attendance. Four officers and thirty-eight cadets participated in a parade on October 12, 1968 observing Columbus Day and also the 50th Anniversary of the American Legion.

During November disenrolled three cadets, one for lack of interest and two others (P. Dooling and A.W. Grover) to affiliate with SQUADRON ONE at Lakehurst. Also issued a discharge to an ex-Sea Cadet (John Longmuir) who was separated in April 1967 but who was then enlisting in the U.S. Navy. Four cadet officers and thirty-five cadets participated in a parade sponsored by the Veteran's Organizations of Bordentown, N.J., in honor of Veteran's Day.

During December we enrolled one new cadet and held the Annual Christmas Party prior to securing drills for the Christmas Holidays. Two cadets, PETRATOS and TOMAZOS, who are members of musical groups each brought his group to provide music for dancing.

January 1969, the new year, found us enrolling five new cadets and discharging one due to poor attendance and lack of interest, and one other due to increased work load at school which prompted his parents to request his termination.

February found us separating three more cadets, one due to lack of interest as evidenced by poor attendance; the others were at their own requests, MAC DONALD, J., due to accepting a part-time job which precluded his drilling on Friday nights, the other JEDREZCYZK, F., for personal reasons, primarily due to school activities and his preparations for entering college next fall with the announced intention of applying for Air Force ROTC.

During March two cadets were separated, one due to lack of interest, the other for personal health reasons. Four officers and thirty-five cadets observed the parade and ceremonies in Philadelphia for St. Patrick's Day on Sunday March 16th. Twenty recruits completed the recruit training cycle and eighteen passed the end-of-course examination; they will be subsequently administered the E-2 Advancement examination.

SUBMITTED:

JOHN T. DEMPSTER JR  
LCDR USN (RET)  
COMMANDING

ANNUAL INSPECTION FORM

Unit Being Inspected: USS TRENTON DIVISION (4-1-17)

Location of Drilling Station: USN&MCRTC TRENTON, N.J.

Name of Commanding Officer of Drilling Station: LCDR N. MATHESON, USNR

Council Sponsoring Unit: TRENTON MEN'S COUNCIL

Name of Committee Chairman: Mr. Frank Brotschol

Name of Commanding Officer of Unit: LCDR J. T. DEMPSTER JR, LCDR, USN(RET)

Number of Officers Attached to Unit: Inspection date this year 5  
Inspection date last year 8

Number of Cadets Attached to Unit: Inspection date this year 44  
Inspection date last year 61

Date of Inspection: May 17, 1969

Senior Officer of Inspection Team: CDR T. A. HOWARTH, USNR-R

- Members of Inspection Team:
1. CDR J. DREXLER, USNR-R
  2. LCDR J. HEWITT, USNR-R
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  4. \_\_\_\_\_

Verified as being correct to the best of my knowledge.

This section to be completed by National Headquarters Only

Part I (14%) Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Part II (20%) Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Part III (45%) Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Part IV (15%) Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Part V (6%) Total: \_\_\_\_\_

GRAND TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

N. MATHESON  
(Type or Print) *N. Matheson* Signature  
C.O. USNRTC/Naval Facility

Verified as being correct to the best of my knowledge.  
T. A. HOWARTH  
(Type or Print) *T. A. Howarth* Signature  
Senior Inspecting Officer

Verified as being correct to the best of my knowledge  
J. T. DEMPSTER JR  
(Type or Print) *J. T. Dempster Jr* Signature  
C.O. Naval Sea Cadet or Navy League Cadet Unit

PART I

\* SECTION A - NAVY LEAGUE COUNCIL PARTICIPATION

1. Number of visits made to the unit during the training year by the President of the Navy League Council Visits: 1
2. Number of visits made to the unit during the training year by members of the Navy League Council 18 officers and other members visited on October 18, 1968 Visits: 1
3. Number of members of Navy League Council Attending Annual Inspection Visits: 12
4. Number of visits made to the unit during the training year by Naval Sea Cadet Committee Chairman Visits: 4
5. Number of visits made to the unit during the training year by Naval Sea Cadet Committee members Visits: 10
6. Number of members of Naval Sea Cadet Committee members attending Annual Inspection 2
7. Guests invited by President/Members of the Navy League to visit with the unit during the training year Guests: 0
8. Names of Naval Sea Cadet Officers who are members of the Navy League Number: 0
  
9. Names of parents of Naval Sea Cadets who are members of the Navy League Number: 2  
    Mr. John Ferrante (son no longer in Naval Sea Cadets)  
    Mr. V. Roubas

\* Entries on this section to be used in allocating points for the George Halas Trophy only.

PART I

\* SECTION B - NAVY LEAGUE COUNCIL INTEREST

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BY CHECKING EITHER YES OR NO

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1. Does the Navy League Council invite officers of the unit - not members of the Navy League - to Navy League meetings and/or functions?	<u>x</u>	___
2. Has the Navy League Council solicited members for the council from parents of the Cadets?	<u>x</u>	___
3. Have members of the Navy League Council - excluding Executive Staff - attended the Annual Inspection?	<u>x</u>	___
4. Does the Navy League Council make provisions for an annual report to the Council by the Naval Sea Cadet Committee Chairman and/or Commanding Officer of the Unit?	<u>x</u>	___
5. Does the Navy League Council provide funds for at least one social activity for members of the unit?	<u>x</u>	___
6. Do members of the Naval Sea Cadet unit participate in Navy League Council functions including Navy Day activities?	<u>x</u>	___
7. Is the Navy League Council actively interested in the unit?	<u>x</u>	___
8. Does the Naval Sea Cadet Committee schedule at least one meeting a month to assist in the administration of the unit?	___	<u>x</u>
9. Has the President of the Navy League Council attended at least one meeting of the Naval Sea Cadet Committee?	<u>x</u>	___

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PART II

ANNUAL PERSONNEL INSPECTION FORM

SECTION A - ATTENDANCE

	<u>No.</u> <u>Enrolled</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>Present</u>
1. Officers of the Unit	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
2. Cadets of the Unit	<u>44</u>	<u>39</u>
3. Commanding Officer of the Naval Activity or USNRTC		<u>No</u>

SECTION B - PERSONNEL INSPECTION

	<u>Number</u>
1. Hats - Soiled or Improperly Worn	<u>0</u>
2. Neckerchief/Lanyard Soiled or Improperly Tied	<u>0</u>
3. Insignia Arcs/Flashes/Rating Badges on Wrong Sleeve (Correct Sleeve is the Right Sleeve - Flashes may be worn on Right Shoulder or both Shoulders until revised uniform Regulations are promulgated)	<u>0</u>
4. Unshined Shoes	<u>2</u>
5. Haircuts needed	<u>4</u>
6. Military Bearing	<u>0</u>
7. Unmilitary Answers to Questions	<u>0</u>
8. Uniform - Untidy, Dirty, etc.	<u>0</u>
9. Wearing Unauthorized Ribbons (No Ribbons Authorized)	<u>0</u>

SECTION B - PERSONNEL INSPECTION (cont/d)

	<u>Number</u>
1. Hats	
a. Hat Covers - Soiled, etc.	<u>0</u>
b. Chin Strap - Tarnished, Worn, etc.	<u>2</u>
c. Gold Braid - Tarnished, Worn, etc.	<u>0</u>
d. Unofficial Cap Device	<u>0</u>
2. Unshined Shoes	<u>0</u>
3. Haircuts needed	<u>0</u>
4. General Appearance - Uniform not Cleaned, Pressed, Improperly Worn, etc.	<u>0</u>
5. Unmilitary Commands Given	<u>0</u>
6. Military Bearing	<u>0</u>

PART III

ANNUAL INSPECTION FORM

TRAINING

Results and numbers of advancements must be verified by the inspection team and by the local Commanding Officer of the Naval Activity/USNRTC.

SECTION A - ADVANCEMENTS

Number

1. E-1 advanced to E-2\*

6 +

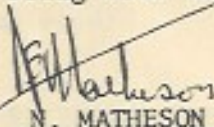
2. E-2 advanced to E-3\*

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3. E-3 advanced to E-4 or higher\*

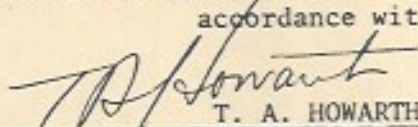
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+ Reflects those administered E-2 advancement examination in August 1968. It is (\* Advanced by BuPers Exams only.) to be noted that of 18 attending TWT, 17 completed therefore these have been designated permanent E-2's the one Verified as being true and correct to the best of my knowledge. is an E-2(T) in accordance with current instructions

  
N. MATHESON

Signature

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T. A. HOWARTH

Signature

Inspecting Officer

SECTION B - CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Inspection Team to sight records for verification. (minimum - 10)

Number

1. Cadets enrolled in correspondence course since last annual inspection

14

2. Cadets completed correspondence courses

E-1 to E-2

0

E-2 to E-3

6

E-3 to E-4

1

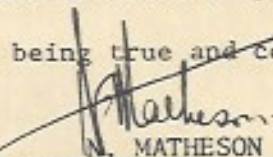
3. Cadet Officers enrolled in correspondence courses

0

4. Cadet Officers completed correspondence courses

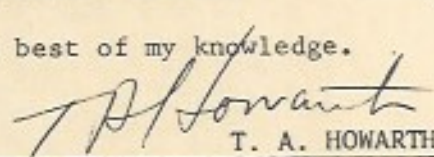
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SECTION C - RECRUIT TRAININGNumber

- |  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Cadets satisfactorily completing TWT at Great Lakes, Illinois or San Diego, California. | 12 <u>GLAKES</u><br>5 <u>ORLANDO</u> |
| 2. NSCC Officers attending TWT with cadets for the full Recruit Training period.           | 1 <u>GLAKES</u>                      |

SECTION D - PRACTICAL FACTORS

List the number of cadets completing Practical Factors and substantiated by NAVPERS 760.

Number

- |  |    |
|--|----|
| 1. E-1 to E-2 (TWT <u>satisfactorily</u> completed)                  | 17 |
| 2. E-2 to E-3 (Shipboard or NARTU training satisfactorily completed) | 0  |
| 3. E-3 to E-4 or higher (Rate training satisfactorily completed)     | 0  |

SECTION E - SHIPBOARD TRAININGNumber

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| 1. Cadets satisfactorily completing two weeks shipboard training Only two week-end cruises made available, 8 cadets attended one, 7 cadets attended the other | 0     |
| 2. List number Cadets/Officers for each cruise: <u>Cadets</u> <u>Officers</u>   |       |
| Cruise #1   | None  |
| Cruise #2   | _____ |
| Cruise #3   | _____ |
| Cruise #4   | _____ |

SECTION F - RECRUITING AND RETENTION

- |   |
|---|
| 1. Is there evidence of an active recruiting program: Yes <u>x</u> No _____ |
| 2. New recruits since last annual inspection: Number <u>21</u>              |

SECTION F - RECRUITING AND RETENTION (cont'd)

3. Losses since last inspection	Total Number	<u>36</u>
(a) Enlistment Navy		—
(b) USNR		<u>3</u>
(c) Enlistments other services		—
(d) NROTC		—
(e) Other losses*		<u>33</u>

(\* Reasons for these losses - physical, lack of interest, etc.)

Verified as being true and correct to the best of my knowledge

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SECTION G - GENERAL

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1. Does the Ship's training program follow the Training Syllabus? Naval Reserve Curriculae	<u>X</u>	—
2. Are there written lesson plans? Basic curriculum only, no locally prepared lesson plans	<u>X</u>	—
3. Does the training program provide time for physical training, swimming and recreational activities?	<u>X</u>	—
4. Are guest lecturers provided for lecturing in interesting subjects?	—	<u>X</u> None requested
5. Are Cadets familiar with the rate and rank structure of the Navy?	<u>X</u>	—
6. Does the Ship possess a Deck Log and is it maintained?	<u>X</u>	—
7. Is there an active program for cadets to become qualified swimmers?	—	<u>X</u>
8. Are copies of <u>NAVY - The Magazine of Sea Power</u> and <u>ALL HANDS</u> available for use by the Cadets?	<u>X</u>	—
9. Does the Ship have a Recruiting Officer?	<u>X</u>	—

SECTION C - GENERAL (cont'd)

- |  | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
|--|------------|-----------|
| 10. Are all Cadets (less recruits) properly uniformed?   | <u>x</u>   | ___       |
| 11. Are all Cadets (less recruits) familiar with First Aid procedures for shock, drowning and fractures? | <u>x</u>   | ___       |
| 12. Is the complement of this Ship presently 25 or more Cadets?  | <u>x</u>   | ___       |
| 13. Have the Cadets participated in at least one parade since the last annual inspection?                | <u>x</u>   | ___       |

PART IV

ADMINISTRATION

SECTION A - GENERAL ADMINISTRATION Check one.

- |   | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u>         |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| 1. Has the last monthly activity report been submitted to National Headquarters? (Sight carbon copy)  | <u>x</u>   | <u>April</u> 1969 |
| 2. Does the unit possess and maintain neat 1315's for classroom training?   | <u>x</u>   | ___               |
| 3. Does the unit have an audit report ready to be submitted with this Inspection Form to National Headquarters properly signed by Council Officers? | ___        | <u>x</u>          |
| 4. Is training officer familiar with all required forms?  | <u>x</u>   | ___               |
| 5. Does each Officer have a written billet description?   | <u>x</u>   | ___               |
| 6. Are the Commanding Officer and Officers familiar with the Naval Sea Cadet regulations? (Check by question)                                       | <u>x</u>   | ___               |
| 7. Are the office files maintained in a neat and orderly fashion?   | <u>x</u>   | ___               |
| 8. Is the Administration Officer familiar with the Naval Sea Cadet forms?   | <u>x</u>   | ___               |
| 9. Does the Commanding Officer of the Naval Sea Cadet unit visit the classrooms each drill?   | <u>x</u>   | ___               |
| 10. Do Naval Sea Cadets man the Quarterdeck?  | <u>x</u>   | ___               |

SECTION A - GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (cont'd) Check one.

Yes No

11. Does the Commanding Officer conduct briefings for the sponsoring Navy League Council on a regular basis.

       x  

SECTION B - NAVAL SEA CADET JACKET

Check the Naval Sea Cadet Jacket for the following: (Check 10 Service Records)

1. Naval Sea Cadet #4 application
2. Forms 88 and 89 Some entries entered in pencil
3. AQT Score Two scores not recorded on old type application forms
4. Page 13 examination results
5. Insurance and administration fees record - (are they current with National Headquarters)
6. Correspondence course record
7. Name and address of next of kin
8. Identification and Insurance card number
9. Form 760

Number of records checked 10

Number of deficiencies found 3

SECTION C - APPROPRIATE DUTY PERSONNEL

1. Number of Ready Reserve Personnel (Officers and Enlisted) assigned to this unit by the Commandant in an appropriate duty status (non-pay) 0

SECTION D - OFFICER PROGRAM ENROLLMENTS AND NAVAL ACADEMY/NROTC ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

(This category must be substantiated by the names and addresses of cadets)

SECTION D - OFFICER PROGRAM ENROLLMENTS AND NAVAL ACADEMY/NROTC  
ACCEPTANCES, ETC. (cont'd)

1. Number of Cadets accepted at Naval Academy 0
2. Number of Cadets accepted with NROTC 0
3. Number of Cadets accepted other Service Academies, i.e.  
Merchant Marine, Air Force, etc. (specify) 0

Note: One cadet was considered qualified and did apply for both USNA and NROTC programs however due to color blindness he was not eligible, he then enlisted in USNR

PART V

(THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS UPON RECEIPT OF THIS ANNUAL INSPECTION FORM)

1. Timely submission of Monthly Activity Reports \_\_\_\_\_
2. Timely submission of Cadet Administration and Insurance fees \_\_\_\_\_
3. Timely submission of Officer Insurance fees \_\_\_\_\_
4. Indebtedness to National Headquarters \_\_\_\_\_
5. Failure to submit this Annual Inspection Report on or before the specified date \_\_\_\_\_

This page is provided for comments by the Commanding Officer of the Unit. Your comments are invited on the inspection form, support from the Council, Navy, National Headquarters, and recommendations to improve the Corps.

The training and administration portion of the report covers the period 1 April 1968 to 31 March 1969. It is recommended that the various training periods and/or reporting periods be standardized; it is now necessary to conduct and report our activities on three different time periods - the January-December period in accordance with OPNAV INST 5720 - the annual inspection year and budget period of 1 April through the following March 31 - and the training year of insurance year of 1 September through the following 31 August.

Subsequent to the end of the inspection year, fifteen cadets were administered the E-2 Advancement examination for which they qualified on March 28, with twelve completing the examination satisfactorily.

SUPPORT The Commanding Officer is still concerned with the support provided by the parent council. Financial assistance is available, however, my concern is with the direct interest in the cadet unit. The parent council has not been able to provide a committee of more than two members for the past couple of years. Special effort was made during the training year to have members of the council visit the cadet unit during drill - a special joint meeting was held in October 1968 - seventeen members of the council out of approximately 650 members attended this meeting and most were officers, after the opening ceremonies for the drill at which time the President of the council inspected the cadets, the council members adjourned to the Wardroom of the station to conduct a regular council business meeting. No interest was displayed in the classroom work or other activities of the cadets on that night. The President of the Council did not attend the annual inspection held on May 17, 1969. The annual inspection this year was delayed until this late date to provide an opportunity to combine the personnel portion of the examination of the unit with the USS GUADACANAL SHIP, and to further provide an opportunity to hold the inspection out of doors under less crowded conditions than exist in the meager facilities of the Reserve Training Center. A few active members of the council were in attendance and one of them represented the Council President. We were privileged to have the New Jersey State President in attendance at our inspection. Invitations were extended to the CO of the supporting activity, to the Regional Chairman, and to the COMFOUR Liaison Officer however none of them attended - the CO of the supporting activity was informed with a warrant officer examination.

SHIP VISITS AND CRUISES still continue to be a problem. The associate director is aware of my correspondence concerning cruises, however none have been provided to date. In April the CO learned that a special ship was to visit Philadelphia, and that this ship treated visitors with special interest. Contact was made with the COMFOUR Liaison Officer and a visit requested; this officer stated he contacted the Operations Officers and PAO personnel, and that the visit was not to be publicized and that we could not make the visit - this nearly a week before the ship visit. A local

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Sea Scout unit however waited until Thursday to call the PAO and made arrangements to visit the ship - the visit was granted. THIS DOES NOT INDICATE AN ACTIVE INTEREST ON THE PART OF SOME OF THE NAVY IN THE NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS. Additionally, I recently had the occasion to discuss a visit to the fire-fighting school in Philadelphia with the Executive Officer KITTY HAWK Division, a visit scheduled for June 7th, and requested the KITTY HAWK cadets join with TRENTON cadets and some reservists from MC KEESPORT in the instruction to be held that day. No reply has been received to the date of this writing indicating mutual support - however, I did learn from the Executive Officer of KITTY HAWK that his unit has a commitment to send qualified cadets on each week-end cruise of a reserve ship out of Philadelphia (this is assumed to be one cruise each month), and I feel it is the responsibility of the Regional Director to provide some of these billets to other cadet units.

UNIFORMS continue to be a problem. Our source is the distribution center provided by the Naval Sea Cadet Corps Executive Director and with the assistance of some dedicated cadet personnel, however when ordering the uniforms were are required to take items in blocks with no provision for providing specific sizes, and at a considerable expense for handling and mailing charges. On the other hand, the Sea Scout unit mentioned above has had direct access to the Receiving Station Philadelphia "lucky bag" for all uniform items they may require.