

YESTERDAY'S MARATHON

RECORD TURN OUT AT GOSPORT

Considerable interest was taken in the R.N. and R.M. six monthly marathon race, which took place at Forton, Gosport, on Thursday afternoon.

There were 140 entries, and the course run was as follows:- R.M.L.I. Barracks Field, Forton Road, Brockhurst, Fareham Road, to the left over Bridgemary Arch, the road round to Rowner Church, to the main road, then to the right on to the main road back to the R.M.L.I. Field. The approximate distance was six and a half miles.

The team event was won by R.M.L.I. "A" with 117 points in 35 minutes 50 seconds, whilst the others finished as follows:- 2 H.M.S. Dolphin 314 points 38 mins 53 secs - 3 R.M.A. 373 points 38 mins 18 secs - 4 R.M.L.I. "B" 376 points 37 mins 55 secs - 5 H.M.S. Vernon 618 points - 6 H.M.S. Monarch 641 points - 7 R.N.B. 767 points - 8 P.R.T. School 800 points - 9 H.M.S. Courageous 1036 points and H.M.S. Canterbury did not finish.

The first three men home were:- 1 Pte C. Swaby R.M.L.I. 32 mins 11 secs- 2 Pte W H Bellchambers H.M.S. Dolphin 33 mins 3 secs - 3 Pte E Ayling R.M.L.I. 33 mins 6 secs. The R.M.L.I. won both the individual and team events at the last half yearly race held at Portsmouth and H.M.S. Dolphin finished second.

The championship cup, miniature cups for members of the winning team, cups for the individual winners, and medals for the second team, were presented after the race by the Commander-in-Chief of Portsmouth [Admiral the Hon Sir Somerset. A. Gough-Calthorpe. CB, CMG,

DSO], for whom the crowd gave three cheers on the call of Colonel -Commandant St. G.B.Armstrong CB, CMG, R.M.L.I.

Typical Service organisation characterised the race, the committee responsible for the arrangements

being:- Comdr C.K. Bampton RN – Lieu H.J. Hartnoll DSO RN - Capt D.A.C. Shephard R.M.L.I. – Lieu V.D. Thomas R.M.A and Sergt-Major Thatcher R.M.L.I.