

**NAN 'N' RN BEACH PARTY
LATER NAN 'N' RN COMMANDO
FEBRUARY 1943 - NOVEMBER 1945**

NOTES:

7. HMS Armadillo, Ardentinny, Argyllshire, Scotland. The assistant training Officer was Lieutenant Roger Wake, who eventually took over the Command and training in full of the establishment known as HMS Armadillo.

8. Bill Redshaw and Tom Turton were the only two already at HMS Armadillo prior to the formation of NAN 'N' Naval Beach Party. They had arrived mid January 1943. ALL members of NAN 'N' Naval Beach Party were sent up to HMS Quebec in Scotland using a Special Railway Warrant and a troop train, single troop train if one could be spared. They all arrived at HMS Quebec in mid January 1943, and it was at HMS Quebec that they had to hand in their Blue Jackets and were issued with Khaki. As HMS Armadillo, was a new training establishment it was not easily accessed by metalled roads, in those days and the tracks had to wind around the Loch and through the Forests (Woods) it took some time to travel their so ALL were moved together rather than singly. The transport, which was limited had to be organised by a Transport Officer (a duty shared at that time Redshaw/Turton). Once the new intake had arrived NAN 'N' Naval Beach Party was formed in February 1943 at HMS Armadillo, Ardentinny, Argyllshire, Scotland, and could commence training. The Command was as follows:

Commanding Officers (CO):

Acting Commander PWF Stubbs DSC RN April 1943 - September 1943.

Lieutenant J Russell DSC RN September 1943 - February 1944.

Lieutenant Commander T J Turton RNVR February 1944 - June 1945.

Lieutenant A Varley RNVR June 1945 - November 1945.

At the time of formation:

Principal Beach Masters:

'N1' - Lieutenant J Russell DSC RN.

'N2' - Lieutenant Commander M V (Bill) Redshaw RNVR

'N3' - Lieutenant T J Turton RNVR

Assistant Beach Masters:

'N1' ?

'N1' ?

'N2' - Sub Lieutenant A Varley RNVR.

'N2' - Sub Lieutenant Jarvis RNVR.

'N2' - Midshipman B Wallace RNVR.

On completion of his Officer training Midshipman B Wallace became a Sub Lieutenant and replaced Sub Lieutenant Jarvis.

'N3' ?

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The training was carried out at HMS Armadillo, Carrick in Lochgoil, Kilfinan in Loch Fyne and the Commando School at Achnacarry, where training was given to become Commandos. NAN 'N' Naval Beach Party, were then presented with their Green Berets and Fighting Knives by the Commanding Officer at Achnacarry Colonel Charles Vaughan (known as the Rommel of the north). It was also said that 'N' did some training of their own at the 'Whistlefield Inn' but we may never know about those encounters?

