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All naval aviation under one flag

CHANGES THE AIR

THE Royal Navy's FONAC is about to become FONA as his responsibilities are extended to all the Service's aircraft wherever they are deployed.

The title Flag Officer Naval Aviation replaces Flag Officer Naval Air Command in a reorganisation which combines his existing tasks with the present Fleet aviation responsibilities of Flag Officer Flotilla Three.

It means that for the first time accountability for all naval aviation matters, ashore and at sea, are brought under one flag officer.

The change, coming into effect on March 23, results from the big technological advances in naval aviation; change of emphasis to helicopters; reduction in size, shape



TRYING out her new FONA cap tally, to be worn from next month, is WRENWTR Karen Rouse (who when not busy at the Yeovitton HQ is a judo blue belt).

FONAC gets a new hat — and a new title too

and deployment pattern of the Fleet; and the aim for a leaner, fitter management structure.

Over past years, naval aviation has come under many admirals, but management arrangements have remained basically unchanged for the last 15 years. With difficulties resulting from division of responsibility increasing more recently, a study was carried out in 1989 which identified how requirements could be most effectively met in the 1990s.

The recommendations, which have been endorsed by the Navy Board, form part of the MOD's New Management Strategy aiming at better value for money from the overall defence budget.

Over the past six months an implementation team has been

at work and now FONA's remit is to be greatly increased to include squadrons and flights at sea.

The terms Fleet Air Arm and Naval Air Command will continue to be used, but NAC will consist of the naval air stations (including HMS Gannet), all the naval air squadrons and flights wherever deployed, and all the aircraft in the Active Aircraft Fleet.

Aircraft Fleet.

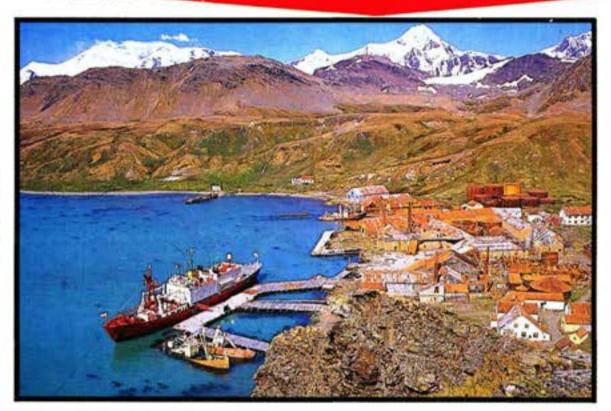
Although FONA will have Fleet Flag Officer status the FOFs will exercise operational control of the aviation units in their flotillas.

His mandate concerning naval aviation is like that of a type commander's responsibilities for ships, with the proviso

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PLUM IN THE MIDDLE

THE distinctive outline and colour of the Royal Navy's ice patrol ship HMS Endurance, now nearly half-way through her seasonal deployment "down south", is seen against a spectacular snow-capped mountain backdrop. The occasion was a visit by the ship — nicknamed the 'Red Plum' — to South Georgia, where she was alongside at Grytviken on Christmas Day. Story and more pictures in page 23.



World cruise for training ships

THREE Royal Navy ships, forming the Dartmouth Training Squadron, left the UK late last month for a deployment which will take them round the world.

Leading Endeavour '90 is HMS Bristol, the other two warships of the squadron being the Leander class frigates HM ships Ariadne and Minerya.

The ships were leaving

Gibraltar at the end of January to sail through the Mediterrancan for Suez, and the later itinerary will include visits — individual in some cases — to India, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Hong Kong, Korea and Japan. After crossing the Pacific the

After crossing the Pacific the ships will make visits on the Western seaboard of Canada and the United States before heading homewards via the Panama Canal and the West Indies.

They are due home in July from a six-month training deployment which will provide valuable experience both for officers under training and marine engineering artificer apprentices.



Chatham gets a home start

CHATHAM naval dockyard's glory days will return on May 4 when the last Broadsword class Type 22 frigate, HMS Chatham, is commissioned there.

The frigate, affiliated to the Medway towns, will be in Chatham for a week and open for visits by the public on Sunday, May 6, and the Bank Holiday Monday.

Local people have taken the ship to their hearts and a hectic

Local people have taken the ship to their hearts and a hectic social and sports programme has been lined up for the ship's company.

HMS Chatham, built by Swan Hunter, Wallsend, was laid down in May 1986 and launched in January 1988. Her sponsor, Lady Oswald, wife of the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, will be guest of honour at the commissioning ceremony.

The frigate is pictured before her acceptance into service at

HOSPITAL CHEER FOR KIDS NORTH OF THE BORDER

PICTURE this! Four of the ship's company from HMS Glasgow were certainly 'framed' recently when they presented a painting of the ship to the Royal Hospital for Sick Chil-dren, in Yorkhill, Glasgow.

The painting, by Southsea-based marine artist Gabrielle Russwurm, had been on show in the Royal Academy, London and was donated in recognition of the Type 42 destroyer's fund-raising activities for the

Now it will hang at the entrance to HMS Glasgow's affiliated ward, Ward 7A.

Pictured, right, with Dr. Brenda Gibson and patients Kirsten Shaw and Caroline McMicken are, from left, CPOCk Kevin Flanagan, Sub-Lieut. Ned Flaxman, and

Lieuts. Mark Ellis and Stewart Bankier. Meanwhile, children from the Royal Hos-

pital for Sick Children in Edinburgh also received a well-deserved boost from the ship's company of HMS Cottesmore.

The mine countermeasures vessel have only recently adopted Ward 4 and so far they have raised £500 from their last Gulf deployment.

Further sponsored events have been planned and some of the more able chil-dren were invited to a pirate party onboard.

Pictured below with patients and staff from Ward 4 are, from left, SEA(MW) Westbrook, SEA(MW) Hankin, Lieut. Poole, LS(MW) Chapman, AB(MW) Wyatt and CPO(D) Egginton.





Helping Hands |

Cumbrian walk

WAR hero and charity worker Group Capt. Leonard Cheshire flew into Cumbria in December to start a unique 70-mile walk and run along the Cumbrian Way to Carlisle.

He met five servicemen who were sponsored for over £2,000 for his World War Memorial

The five Sgt. Colin Gil-lingham, RM, Major Steve Pal-freyman, a TA Officer from Sheffield, Flt.-Lieut. Steve Baugh, LCpl. Jim Clune and Steve Brown, a civilian working at RAF Brize Norton, each caried a 65lb pack and ran the 16 mile stages in remembrance of the Somme.

The pack weight commemo-rated the load carried by British soldiers during the battle and the 16 mile stages represen-ted the length of the battlefield's front.

Group Capt. Cheshire started the marchers off by blowing a whistle similar to those that sent thousands of men over the top during the Somme offen-

The aim of the fund is to raise £5 in recognition of the 80 million casualties of the two world wars, a staggering total of

Wrens' big jump for Marine fund

LAST month we featured three Wrens who took part in a sponsored parachute jump in aid of the Royal Marines School of Music Relief Fund. Unfortunately, the final total raised was reported incorrectly and we're now more than happy to set the record straight.

Wren WTRs Joanne Peet and Claire Munsey, of the Second Submarine Squadron, Devonport, and ALWren WTR Sue Groves, now of Dauntless Squadron, HMS Rateigh, raised the magnificent amount of £1,436.

The money was presented

The money was presented to the FO (Plymouth) RM Band at a concert in aid of the Relief Fund.

'Toy boys' from RNXS CHRISTMAS came early at the

Children's Ward at the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, when members of the Margate Unit, RN auxiliary service, arrived

with toys.

Money for the gifts came from various fund-raising activities and from money in lieu of flowers at the funeral of the late Mr Cyril Sampson, father of two of the unit's members. Superintendent Nursing Offi-

cer Lynne Nelly accepted the gifts on behalf of the ward, as-sisted by one of the patients, 10-year-old Barry Rutley, and the unit enjoyed a short tour of the hospital followed by after-

Panto cash

THERE was a distinct naval air about the Kings Theatre, Southsea when sailors and their

families turned out for the an-nual Navy Night at the panto. Dick Whittington and his friends, alias Lorraine Chase and TV's Boon, Michael Elphick, entertained a packed

And even though there were a few seats vacant over £1,500 from ticket sales and raffle proceeds was raised in aid of King George's Fund for Sailors.

Money talks

WHEN the staff of the Radar Procedures Ground Trainer at 750 Squadron, RN air station Culdrose, found they had a couple of hours spare time they decided to put them to good use.

Student programming some-times means the RPGT (a Jet-stream student console simulator) is quiet for short periods of

So the RPTGO, Lieut-Cdr. Mike Chirnside, suggested some form of fund-raising ac-tivity would be in order. The RNIB Talking Books

Service was agreed upon as the charity to be adopted and with £500 needed to sponsor a new

title a team relay swim was or-ganised, raising £370.

With some of the money in-vested in the production of Christmas decorations 750 Squadron now hope they'll ex-ceed their original target.

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Culdrose was also the scene of some old-fashioned punishment when Naval Airman John Robinson spent two days locked up in the stocks.

His 48-hour marathon was in aid of a good cause, however, and he raised nearly £350 for the Carn Brea house for handicapped children.

Over the last year staff and trainces at HMS Raleigh have collected almost £3,000 for their 1989 adopted charity, the Churchdown Farm Field Studies Centre.

The centre was opened in 1975 by The Spastics Society to provide field study and adventure courses for children and adults with all kinds of

While the centre held its annual Christmas Fair Cdr. John Hill, of the Royal Australian Navy, accompanied by Lieut. David Grindel, handed over the cheque to the principal, Martin Overton.

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The spirit of Christmas was

The spirit of Christmas was also in evidence at HMS Dol-phin when a group of Wren car-ol signers sang their way around the establishment.

Over £250 was raised for their adopted charity, the Dol-phin Ward at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, proving the singers were all in fine voice. fine voice.

Just before Christmas, at the FONAC HQ, Yeovilton, Group Capt. K. G. Bennett made a seasonally generous £500 presentation to the Fleet

Air Arm Benevolent Trust. The cheque, accepted by Commodore Jimmy James, FONAC's Chief of Staff, was part of a larger amount collected for various charities by personnel at RAF Swanton

Morley, The naval part of Group Capt. Bennett's unit, the RN Data Flight, traditionally runs the beer tent at the station's annual Open Day and donates the profits to the charities fund, so in recognition of this involvement the station charity com-mittee decided to make a contribution to a naval fund.

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The Naval Regulating Staff Mess, Gibraltar, and the Royal Antedeluvian Order of Buffaloes (William, Tilley Lodge) presented a cheque for just over £1,254 to the maternity ward of the Royal Naval Hospital,

The money was raised from various charity events, includ-ing an ambulance pull up Main Street which raised over £600 in an hour, and will be used to provide much-needed equipment for the care of newly-born

Babies in the Special Care Unit at Ayshire Central Hospital are also benefiting thanks to the efforts of the WOs and Senior Rates Mess at HMS

A horse-racing video night raised £828 which will go towards buying special equip-ment for the unit. Strathblane Children's Home

in Blanefield is £1,483 better

off thanks to the Senior Rate Wrens at the Clyde Submarine

They organised a sponsored cycle, walk or run around the

The final lap was completed after they had covered 140 miles but the fund-raising

didn't stop there. The energetic ladies proceeded to the Senior Rates Mess at HMS Neptune where they con-tinued to rattle their collecting boxes while dancing the night

Sceptre's pedal-pushers on the road to Wigan



CREWMEN from the subma-rine HMS Sceptre swapped their sea-legs for cycles to raise money for handicapped

As Wigan is their affiliated town they decided to help two local schools for the handi-

And so a team of eight men from the Fasiane-based sub-marine pedalled all the way from the Clyde Submarine Base to the Lancashire town.

After their gruelling 279 mile journey a grand total of £1,200 was raised for the Rosehili Montrose Special

"It was well worth it," said a spokesman for the team pic-tured in front of HMS Sceptre at Fasiane being congratulat-ed by the boat's commanding officer, Cdr. John Milnes.

HOT SHOTS!

A spectacular shot of the aircraft carrier HMS Invincible (right) firing a Sea Dart missile in the Puerto Rican exercise area. After visiting the naval base at Norfolk, Vir-ginia, the Invincible is taking part in a major United States national fleet exercise.

Also participating are other British ships, Ca-nadian ships, and NATO's Standing Naval Force

While the invincible was in Mayport Naval Base, Florida, many families flew out to join their menfolk.

Also included on the flight were the fiancees I two ratings from Invincible, LCaterer lan empest and Ck Dean Mason. The two couples ere married at Lake Region Country Club,

Dundee, Orlando.

Below: another winning photograph from the first RN Amateur Photographic Competition — "Birds Away", which gave LS(EW) C. N. Hanby the first prize of £250.

Hanby photographed the launch of a Sea Dart missife from the Type 42 destroyer HMS Gloucester at dusk in the South West approaches.

Other prizewinners were: PDAEM(M) B. Flewitt, HMS Daedalus (3rd prize and a highly commended); Surg-Lieut. M. N. Parrish, RNH Haslar (2nd prize); and Lieut. Cdr N. Huxtable, RNSETT, HMS Nelson and AB(D) Prescott, HMS Keddleston (highly commended).

The competition was sponsored by Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering Ltd and attracted 111 entries.

tremely exhausting, exacting and difficult, the citation says the action of the three men in entering the water with little or no regard for their own safety

was in the highest traditions of

the Service.



COMMISSION books come in many styles, but a new one from HMS Ark Royal hits a particularly high standard of presentation.

It covers the activities of the Ark from February 1987 until her return in December 1988 from the Outback deployment which took her to the Far East and to Australia for the Bi-Centennial celebrations.

Lavishly illustrated and handsomely bound, the book co-ordinated by Lieut-Cdr. Stan Woznicki — is available from Lieut. D. A. Knight, HMS Ark Royal, BPPO Ships, at £10 (including postage and pack-ing). Cheques are payable to "HMS Ark Royal Central Fund," There is a discount for men serving in the carrier at



Sent to a watery

DURING a stop at Gibraltar the Type 22 frigate HMS Battleaxe helped to mop up the Rock after three weeks of torrential rain.

CPOs Adrian Byrne and Chris Sharpe, POMA Squirrel Campbell and MEMs Solly Soloman and Buck Taylor made a valient attempt to pump out the tempt to pump out the main cemetery, which was under several inches of

Using a Hathway pump and later the ship's Rover gas turbine, the group made some progress but were finally besten be-cause the rain did not stop — and who was going to stay in the graveyard after dark?

Atherstone has good hunting

The ship's company of the mine countermeasures vessel HMS Atherstone was delighted with its success in hunting and then recovering more than 20 submarine-laid exercise mines off the west coast of Scotland.

But not all has been work and while the ship was berthed in Hull members of the crew visited their namesake town of Atherstone in North Warwick-

Led by their Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Cdr John Long, the men visited the Atherstone Hunt, two local schools and the Scout unit.

After a civic reception the Mayor, Councillor Ken Wain-wright, presented LCook An-drew Wagstaff with two brace of pheasants for the duty watch

During a visit to a centre for the physically disabled, Lieut.-Cdr Long presented a cheque for £70, raised by CCMEA(M) Martin Lloyd during a sponsored "shave off,

Later in the week more than 60 people from Atherstone travelled the 130 miles to Hull to visit the ship.

Talent error Spotted IN the January issue of Nav

News we referred to HMS Tal-ent as the last of the Trafalgar class submarines being built by Vickers Shipbuilding and Engi-neering Ltd at Barrow-in-

In fact, she is the second to last of the class. The Triumph, also under construction, is due to be launched later this year

Dredger rescue trio praised

THREE seamen from the minesweeper HMS Upton have received Commanderin-Chief's commendations for their bravery while rescuing men from gale tossed

Marines' Freedom

welcome for the Royal Marines when Commandant General RM, Lieut.-Gen, Sir Martin Garrod accepted the Freedom of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne on their behalf.

After accepting the scroll from the Lord Mayor, Cllr. Terence Cooney, the Band of the HM Royal Marines FOSNI led units from 45 Commando Group and the Royal Marine Reservists on a march through

Later that evening Lieut. Gen. Sir Martin Garrod offi-cially opened Anzio House, the home of the Royal Marines Reserve Tyne.

The Upton responded to a mayday call from the dredger Bowsprite which broke in two and sank during a severe westerly gale.

onditions made it impossible to launch a boat and men from the Upton had to enter the sea to rescue survivors.

Exhausting

The condition of the men in the sea was very poor and as each survivor was recovered ship's swimmers were forced to remain in the water, constantly being swamped by salt water and diesel fuel and battered against the rolling ship's side.

Commendations go to the three seamen who braved the waves — Seaman David Bay-liss; LS Stephen Webster; and

AB Gary Knight. Describing the rescue as ex-

Rooke's Sword of eace



HMS Rooke, the Gibraltar naval establishment, has received the Wilkinson Sword of Peace, in recognition of "Outstanding efforts in fostering good relations with the local community."

Since 1966 Wilkinson Sword

Since 1956 Wilkinson Sword Limited have sponsored a special award, known as the Sword of Peace, given annually to a unit from each of the three Armed Services.

During 1988 the naval community in Gibraltar, under the collective name of HMS Rooke, made considerable efforts to reinforce its harmonious relationship with the people living on the Rock.

Many projects of redecorating and refurbishing were completed, charity functions

completed, charity functions were held and funds distributed to local charities. Facilities were made available for sporting and social functions. The Sword of Peace was

presented by Mr. Gordon Ross, a director of Wilkinson Sword Limited, to Cdr. Ri-chard Mitchell, Commanding Officer of HMS Rooke, at a special ceremony in the tablishment.

Mr. Ross and Cdr. Mitchell are pictured with the Senior Officer, Gibraltar Squadron, Lieut-Cdr. Geoff Hoyle, talk-ing to WRNR (Diver) Karen McKirdy, on two months' train-ing from Forth Division, RNR.

Returned to life with the lions

THE MINE countermeasures vessel HMS Middleton had a musical homecoming from a four-months deployment with the Standing Naval Force Channel with Cpl. Lachlan Murray, of the Royal Highland Fusiliers, playing his bagpipes on

During her spell with the NATO force the Middleton steamed more than 7,000 miles, visiting 15 ports in six European countries.

Sailing under a Dutch Commander, the force varied in size between four and eight ships of different nationalities. During exercises the Middleton was able to hunt 19 exercise mines.

Members of the crew spent time in other ships of the squadron

experiencing at first hand how their NATO counterparts live and work. There was time for sport and recreation during weekends spent in harbour.

The ship found herself on hand to assist when two oil tankers collided off the Humber Estuary. She acted as Scene of Action Commander to co-ordinate the firefighting and rescue efforts. After Christmas leave the Red Lions of the First MCM Squadron

were back on the Middleton's funnel as she prepared for a busy four months before starting a refit in May.

Shore billet gapping hits ME training



SINCE the last ME branch article in June, the manpower shortfall, particularly at Able Rate level, continues to dog the scene. Gapping in some shore billets is still a problem, particularly in the Portsmouth area, where a shortage of Artificers is also presenting training problems.

Unfortunately, there are still more West Country preferees than jobs available, so inevitably a few ratings will have to spend some time 'non-pre' during their shore service.

Drafty obviously regrets having to do this but, it is important to

balance the manpower books, particularly when training courses have to be cancelled due to non-availability of instructors. However, anyone who does draw the non-pre short straw will be

very favourably looked upon for his subsequent draft.

Recently, sporadic gapping at sea has been necessary in Mechanic L" billets, due solely to a lack of men. This situation is hopefully a short term problem since recruiting has recently improved and more ratings are being extracted from the training pipeline for "L"

It is Drafty's policy to get out and about to meet as many of our customers as possible, in conjunction with Captain Naval Drafting's "Drafty's Roadshow". Commanding Officers, Divisional Officers and Divisional Senior Ratings are also actively encouraged to pay

HMS Centurion a visit to discuss their men at first hand. Experience has shown that such a visit does save work and time and, most importantly, the individuals under discussion benefit personally more often than not.

Pre-release Vocational Training

From comments made by many of you on your Drafting Preference Cards regarding PRVT, there seems to be some misunderstanding of both the eligibility and time allowed for such courses.

Whilst Drafty will get you relieved from a sea job in good time before your TX date, he is very rarely able to set aside time to draft a man for resettlement training.

The majority of you will find yourself drafted to your shore preference area, where you will have to negotiate with your local employer to spare you from your duties to undertake such training.

So, be careful before you enter into any resettlement training.

So, be careful before you enter into any resettlement training commitments, as a Senior Rate recently discovered to his horror when, for service reasons (ERP), he was unable to attend a resettlement course that he had paid for in advance!

Waiting time for MEACC

Both rosters for "M" and "L" streams are at present DRY. Ratings who are being selected now for Artificer Candidate are being drafted to the course commencing 20 June 1990.

Combating terrorism

The need for ships to defend themselves against terrorists at all times, both in the UK and abroad, has meant that MEMs too must



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be trained to play their part in this important whole ship activity.

To prepare men for this additional task a significant proportion will be allocated to one, or in some cases, both the courses held at HMS Cambridge or HMS Nelson (Whale Island). Each course runs

So far only MEM Junior Ratings who have to complete this PJT before taking up a draft to sea are being trained.

However, on completion of certain ADQUALS ratings records will be annotated "ADQUAL*", which means that within six months of course completion they are to be employed on duties utilising their training for at least a 12 month consolidation period.

The star will be removed when MEOs report a satisfactory com-pletion of this 12 month period to CND. If these requirements are not met, the ADQUAL qualification will be deemed to be void and struck off the record.

Small ships offer big rewards

There is always a requirement for MEMs M and L to serve in the "small ships Navy", which is predomi-nantly Scottish based, although billets do exist else-where but in small numbers, eg Portsmouth, Gibraltar and Northern Ireland.

If you want a challenge and enjoy working as part of a small team with the associated responsibility then make it your preference for Sea Service on your DPC.

Also include supporting remarks in the section of your DPC where you are invited to state points that you would like to be considered.

Positive support

Before being eligible you need a strong recommend from your Divisional Officer, stating that you have the necessary qualities to fulfill this task (BR 14 0615.3).

DOs are reminded that if a man does seek to serve in Minor War Vessels, to be successful the request does need your resulties support.

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More jobs at Faslane

The shoreside support aspects of submarine maintenance are already heavily subsidised by General Service ratings at Faslane, to the tune of 71 Artificers and 82 MEMs. This requirement will increase next year with the advent of the Trident Synchrolift facility, when a further 8 Artificers and 24 MEM billets will be coming onto

The jobs are rated as interesting, challenging and varied and will have to be filled -- volunteers would be infinitely preferred to pressed men, so get your updated C230/C240 in now!

Be an ADQUAL star

As announced in the last ME article for the Navy News, a rating will now only be drafted for ADQUAL training if he specifically requires the course to do his next job, as laid down in the Scheme of

The ADHULL course

From September 1990 the ADHULL course will be reduced in length from 22 to 15 weeks and will take place three times a year. The course is open to all Artificers, but the Fitters and Turners among you will need to complete a 7 week enabling module prior to the course start date.

In order to meet the ADHULL requirements, all 16 places need to be filled — again, plenty of volunteers, rather than pressed men,

The bonus for those who complete the course is a period of 12 months journeyman's time in the FMG of their choice.

RNR billets

For that period of shore time away from the traditional port areas. why not consider spending some time working with the RNR? The following units have billets as stated, so DPCs at the ready:

RNR Clyde (Glasgow) — CMEMMIN, CMEMIL), MEMIL), 2 x CPOMEAs; RNR Concernos Preston and Swanseal — POMEMIMI, no Titls: RNR Form (Edinburgh) — CMEMIMI, CMEMIL), MEMIL, 1 x CPOMEA, RNR London (London) — CMEMIMI, POMEMIL, 1 x CPOMEA, RNR London (Portamouth) — 1 x CPOMEA, no MEMIS; RNR Mersey (Liverpool) — CMEMIMI, MEMIL, 2 x CPOMEAs; RNR Select (Bouthampton) — CMEMIMI, CMEMIL, 2 x CPOMEA; RNR Select (Bouthampton) — CMEMIMI, CMEMIL, 2 x CPOMEA; RNR Select (Bouthampton) — CMEMIMI, CMEMIL, 1 x CPOMEA; RNR Select (Bouthampton) — CMEMIMI, CMEMIL, MEMIL, 1 x CPOMEA; RNR Select (Bouthampton) — CMEMIMI, CMEMIL, MEMIL, 1 x CPOMEA; RNR Select (Bouthampton) — CMEMIMI, CMEMIL, MEMIL, 1 x CPOMEA, RNR Select (Bouthampton) — CMEMIMI, CMEMIL, MEMIL, 1 x CPOMEA, RNR Tay (Dundee) — CMEMIMIN, CMEMIL, MEMIL, 1 x CPOMEA, RNR Ulster — CMEMIMIN, CMEMIL, MEMIL, 1 x CPOMEA, RNR Ulster — CMEMIMIN, CMEMIL, MEMIL), 1 x CPOMEA, RNR Ulster — CMEMIMIN, CMEMIL, MEMIL, 1 x COMEA, 1 x CPOMEA, LNRRM, MEMIL, MEMIL, 1 x COMEA, 1 x CPOMEA, LNRRMMIN, MEMIL, MEMIL, 1 x COMEA, 1 x CPOMEA, LNRRMMIN, MEMIL, MEMIL, 1 x COMEA, 1 x CPOMEA.

Awaiting time for LRQC:

LMEM(M) - 16 months from passing PPE. LMEM(L) - 36 months from passing PPE. From October 1989 an additional "L" course is being run to reduce the waiting time.

FES — don't panic!

Tiffs may have read about the planned reorganisation of the Fleet Engineering Staffs. There is no need to panic! Whilst some jobs are being reallocated, they are all mainly within their present location

and no one will be moving involuntarily out of preference areas.

In essence, Drafty is treating the moves as PQ no changes only and will not "re-start the clock" for shore time, although some ERDs may have to be adjusted to provide continuity.

High Duty Pipe Welders

In order to support the 39 HDPW billets there is a continuing need to train a small number of men (about four a year), so volunteers are still needed. The billets are at: Defiance (20); Dolphin (4); FOST (1); Neptune (12); Portsmouth (1) and 1 in NP 2010 (4) months duration only).

ACES deal a strong hand

MEMs who consider that they have Artifi-cer potential should be looking to the Artificer Candidates Early Selection (ACES) scheme, announced in DCI(RN) 3/89.

This allows MEMs an opportunity to bypass the traditional system whereby selection for Artificer Candidate could only be achieved at the Leading Rates' Qualifying Course or beyond. Now, if you have obtained a full AMC, possess NAMET 3:3 or better and have completed one year's sea time then you are in a position to apply to become an

If this appeals then see your DO for further information. So far 9 MEMs have been selected by the board at SULTAN for this scheme. MEMs(M) should note and take up the challenge for, thus far, all have been MEM(L) — surely there must be some worthy Ms out there to change this trend?

 DNMT(E) has agreed to implement the pro-posal to extract SD ME and MESM Officers at the CPOMEA level. Details of the scheme are now being worked on and a DCI will be published in Spring 1990 announcing the details, together with the new Electro-Mechanical syllabi for the Quali-fying Professional Examinations in 1991. DCI(RN) 285/89 also refers. The scheme, will align the ME's with their AE and WE coun-terparts, is aimed at being fairer to the potential ME or MESM candidates as well as providing an opportunity for younger SDs to compete for transfer to the General List.

The Team

ME Drafting Commander — Co-Maie Broadbart (est 2575); WO-(MEM,MEA) and FSD's — CPOWTR Kir Hamlyn (est 2152);2574; MEA Drafting Officer — II Co-Doog Ro-berts (est 2572); CC and CPOMEA ML-EL — POWTR Tony Arts (est 2576) and ALWREN WTR Comme Donkin (est 2576); POMEA and Wys ML-EL — COMEA Totoy Tyler (est 2515); MEM Crafting Officer — Li Cot John Faher (est 2516); CMEM and POMEM (ML) — POWTR John Barnam (est 2576; LMEM (ML) and MEACC — POWTRIN WTR Jacob Morgan (est 2516); MEM (ML) (SEA) — POMEM(M) Shep Woolsen (est 2578); MEM (ML) (SHORE; LROC) — LWREN WTR Jo Llewethyn (est 2578); WEEN WTR L Widdows.

Intrepid delivers the goods!

ASSAULT ship HMS Intrepid together with her sister ship, HMS Fearless, form the nucleus of British amphibious capability.

Built by John Brown (Clydebank), she commis-sioned in 1967. At that time, the Intrepid and the



Fearless were the largest Royal Navy vessels to have been designed and built since the Second World War. They can still claim to be the tallest ships in the Service.

Virtually a streamlined float-ing dock, the Intrepid is able to land both Army and Royal Marines units and act as a headquarters ship during am-

phibious operations.
Her complement numbers some 600, including the men of the 6th Assault Squadron RM. In addition she can accommodate some 400 troops with their tanks, vehicles and heavy equipment and for short perods a further 300 soldiers can be carried

She lands her Army units by landing craft. There are four Landing Craft Utility (LCU), which fit into the large, rear dock and can carry tanks, lor-ries and specialist beach equip-ment. Also there are four Land-ing Craft Vehicle and Personnel (LCVP), which are carried on davits along the ship's sides.

The Intrepid's dock can be rapidly flooded and the stern gate lowered to allow the LCUs to sail in or out.

Above it is a large helicopter flight deck, fully equipped for around-the-clock flying. The Intrepid does not carry her own helicopters but embarks RN, Army or RAF aircraft.

For her role as headquarters ship, the Intrepid has an assault operations room and a ship's operations room. Her main machinery consists of steam turbines in two self-contained units, each driving one shaft and giving a top speed in excess of 20 knots.

With an overall length of 160m, the Intrepid's beam is almost 25m and she displaces 12,000 tons. Defensive arma-ment consists of two Seacat surface-to-air missile systems, two 40mm Bofors guns, four 30m (two twin) and two 20mm

Oerlikon guns.
Another of HMS Intrepid's roles is as Dartmouth Training Ship, embarking up to 150 midshipmen for nine week

training cruises.

As well as the young officers, engineering apprentices often have their first naval sea experience on board HMS Intrepid.

This year will be another busy one for the ship before a decision on her future is taken. Amphibious exercises in Norway and the Mediterranean will certainly provide a contrast



Above: HMS Intrepid has proved her worth time and again during more than 20 years in service, not least during the Falklands War.

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Facts and figures

Displacement: 12,120 tons (full load). Length: 158.5m. Beam: 24,4m. Draught: 6,2m (9.8m flooded). Propulsion: two geared steam turbines; 22,000 shp. Speed: 21 knots. Range: 5,000 miles at 20 knots. Missiles: two Seacat. Guns: two Bofors 40mm; four Oerlikon 30mm (two twin); two Oerlikon 20mm. Radars: Surface search Plessey Type 994. Navigation: Kelvin Hughes Type 1006. Helicopters: Platform for five Sea King Mk 4. Operational: Fitted out as a Naval Assault Group/ Brigade Headquarters with an Assault Operations Room from which naval and military personnel can mount and control the progress of an assault operation.

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WHOOPS! You may have noticed that last month we featured a second Ship of the Royal Navy No. 409. If ordering a postcard relating to fea-ture No. 409, please specify HMS Arrow or HMS Ariadne.

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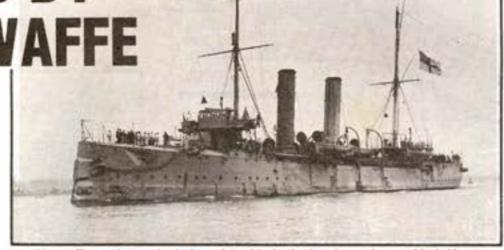
HMS Intrepid's French motto Cela va sans dire means "That goes with-out saying" and her intrepid history bears testimony to her right to it.

naval record is held by the present ship's predecessor an I class destroyer of 1,370 tons launched in December 1936. Her service during the Second World War included Dunkirk, the Bismarck action and the Malta convoys.

She was eventually sunk by the Luftwaffe in Leros Harbour, in the Dodecanese,

in September 1943. The first HMS Intrepid started life as the French Serieux. She was taken by the Royal Navy off Finisterre

The second was a third rate and won battle honours in 1782 (St Kitts) and 1809 (Martinique) before being



Above: The cruiser and minelayer Intrepid, destined to be sunk as a blockship at Zeebrugge in 1918.

sold in 1820.

In 1850 the Royal Navy bought the 342 ton sloop Free Trade and commissioned her as the Intrepid. She took part in Capt. Austin's expedition to the Arctic 1850-51 and Cdr. F. L. McClintock's expedition there in 1854. She was abandoned in the ice.

The next HMS Intrepid was an 862 ton gun vessel built in Blackmall by Wigram in 1855.

An Apollo class 2nd class cruiser of 3,600 tons fol-lowed. This HMS Intrepid was built in Glasgow and launched in 1891. In 1910 she was converted to a minelayer and served in the

First World War. She was sunk as a blockship at Zeebrugge in April 1918.

The present HMS Intrepid won her battle honours in the Falklands campaign, In view of the vital role she and her sister ship, HMS Fearless, played in this operation a decision taken in 1981 to lay them up was revoked.

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'Trough' brings more

temptation

IN a Commons reply (reported in your December edition), it was stated that at June 30 last year the Navy had a manpower shortfall of 786. As one of the remainder, may 1 say it feels much, much more!

Then it goes on to say there is a deliberate policy to increase efficiency even further by aim-ing manpower plans a "little ing manpower plans a "little below the full requirements". Yes, you can continue to do that, but those of us that are left to carry the burden are not go-ing to bale you out indefinitely.

Job offers

I for one have received job offers, though I do not want to leave the Service, but they are becoming more tempting. These offers are a result of the forecast demographic trough.

I am a member of the Marine Engineering department and our workload at sea and in harbour is far more than should be expected in a peacetime Navy in 1990. But, "rush rush" demands are continually placed upon us to get it done, so that the hierarchy are not embar-rassed and the Service is seen in a good light.

I do not disagree that we should try our hardest. But we should have tools and manpower to do the designated job -

and once we become overshould be made. This reassess-ment should bear in mind that industry sheds manpower and uses more machines - and hopefully from greater profits pays the remaining workforce higher wages. A substantial pay rise might help with retention.

Perhaps it will be said, "if you don't like it, then leave." And, of course, this will help with your reduced manning

But I have enjoyed the Navy for 27 years — and write in the spirit of improving the sailor's lot. — CCMEA(P). Hants.

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CONGRATULATIONS to CWEM(R) (December) for his accurate and personal description of the decline of our Royal

I wholeheartedly agree with what he said and cannot blame him for his choice to leave the Service early. I have served only 11 years but in that short time have noticed the changes he mentioned.

It seems to me too many de-cisions are dealt with in two ways: (a) Pending (b) Sloped off, this obviously happens outside the Services, too — but is this the type of life that people want? — **B.L.E.** Type 22.



A royal welcome in old Romania

WITH recent events in Romania in mind I thought the enclosed picture of the Main Square in Constanta in 1932 might be of interest.

HM ships Ceres and Colombo were there as part of 3rd C.S. cruise to the Black Sea in September that year.

Ships' companies were inspected by King Carol of Romania and on sailing we visited Varna in Bulgaria, where the ships' companies were inspected by King Boris.

We rejoined the Fleet anchored in the Greek Islands, where the then Prince of Waies and Duke of York inspected the Fleet.— E. A. Tilley, Ex-Tel. HMS Ceres, St. Leonards, East Sussay.

Let software stop spread of title changes-

CONCERNING the Communicators' title change, including the new ones of CPO(CY) and PO(RS) (letters January), if this is a case of drawing the branch into line with others, then surely I should now be a CPO(OPS)(CY) as Communi-cators are part of the larger Operations Branch.

Centurion indicated that the change would be restricted to draft orders only and did not constitute an actual change of rates, but already it has spread to pay statements and official correspondence from other units and Services. Surely the cost of a computer software change to restore the titles

would be negligible when one considers the improvement of morale and goodwill it would generate. Recently there has been a television series in which the Army was

proud to present the long-standing traditions of its regiments and

the efforts being made to continue them.

The Royal Navy is also founded on traditions which are still relevant in the computer age and we should not let them die through bureaucracy. Remember it is us who control the computers, not the other way round.

So come on, — Centurion give the Communicators their identity and heritage back by restoring their previous rates. — CCY. HMS

HMS Centurion commented: We are stuck with the fact that current databases are structured to have room for only 12 characters for rank abbreviation. Re-design

to accommodate more characters would be at major cost.

Standard official abbreviations (ie in QRRN and BR 1066) contain up to 17 characters — not including acting and local acting

A need for standard translations for use in all RN computer systems was recognised in 1986 and the opportunity taken to ration-alise computer translations across all branches as far as this could be agreed.

Communicators' translations are but a few of the some 1,700 involved and it was always realised some would be emotive.

Many MOD departments were consulted and MOD endorsement

for introduction was given in March 1989 stressing that use was for computer purposes only, including output documents. This does not change the official abbreviations to be used in normal correspondence and on the Service Certificate.

Future system re-design would allow further review of abbrevia-tions — and this would include proper consultation with the au-

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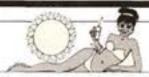
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Injury claims -looking for a clear steer

DURING a recent Seamanship evolution in a frigate undergoing sea training off Portland, there was an incident in which some members of the replenishment team sustained injuries ranging from broken limbs to severe bruising.

cent DCI (as outlined in page

The cause of these injuries was a large wave which came over the frigate's bow and swept all personnel in its path against ship's fittings and screens. No ship's investigation was thought necessary.

On investigating the possibility of claiming compensation in the case of personal injuries I found it difficult to get clear information on the subject.

Complicated

QRRN's Chapter 77 Article 7706 titled "Report on Injury or Death" refers the reader to BR 1991 Instructions for the Royal Naval Medical Service. Both of these publications state that a MOD Form 298 Report of Injuries is to be completed at the time of the incident or at the earliest opportunity.

QRRNs Chapter 59 goes into complicated detail of various claims which would take a "legal eagle" to decipher but which would leave the layman still wondering what to do.

Is it not about time we let everyone know what he may be entitled to and how to claim that entitlement should he be unlucky enough to be injured, permanently or otherwise, while on duty? At present it is difficult to claim for such injuries and clear documentation is not available.

Patched up

Surely something of this sort should be displayed for all to see and learn about as are the Articles of War. All too often, injured personnel are patched up, made well and then sent back to work with no further action taken by Divisional Officers.

This letter is in no way a slight against Divisional Officers, many of whom may not be aware of contents of the Crown Proceedings (Armed Forces) Act 1987.

But perhaps someone can give us a little more simple information on a subject which will interest us all. — R. F. Hopkins, WO(Sea), Portland.

hip evolution in a frigate ent in which some membe om broken limbs to sev • Details of the PAX optional personal accident insurance scheme, were provided in a re-

The announcement also referred to the Crown Proceedings (Armed Forces) Act 1987, pointing out that it is now open to a member of the Armed Forces or his (or her) dependants to make a common law claim for damages in respect of injuries or illness or death arising from an incident on or after May 15 1987, and believed to have been caused by negligence on the part of one or more members of the Armed Forces when on duty, or on the part of the MOD or the Crown.

Damages

The announcement adds, "Any Service person who feels that he or she has a valid claim for damages arising from negligence occurring on or after May 15 1987 is advised to consult a civilian solicitor who will be able to offer advice and, if appropriate, pursue the claim on his or her behalf.

"Claims under the terms of the 1987 Act will be considered by MOD PL(LS) Claims, First Avenue House, High Holborn."

LETTERS to the Editor should always be accompanied by the correspondent's name and address, not necessarily for publication.

Britain sensed in New Jersey

AS AN Englishwoman, living in my husband's country, it is always a delight to read Navy News.

From beginning to end it brings a wonderful sense of Britain, and I felt it proper to convey my pleasure and thanks. — Margaret Laurin Morrison, Fort Lee, New Jersey, USA.

TOO LATE TO RETURN . . .

IN December you published a letter from a former rating expressing his regret at leaving the Service. He says there must be many more people who made the same mistake.

I joined the Navy as a seaman at HMS Raleigh in 1964 at the age of 17. After a while I felt the Navy wasn't the life for me but at that time once you had signed there was no way out.

Despite my feelings I had some good times, some good runs ashore, and some good mates. After about a year, and serving in three establishments, I was released, mainly at my own insistence.

Disappointment

Being a little older and wiser in the following years I realised the mistake I had made so, having seen advertisements for the RNR, decided to apply. To my great disappointment, I never received a reply.

In 1984, having seen numerous advertisments in Navy News for the RNR, I decided to try again. I was invited for interview and aptitude tests which I completed successfully. By this time I was over the age limit of 33 but as I had been in the Navy I got the impression I had a reasonable chance of being accepted. But no.

I have some consolation in that my son has been in the RN for the past three years and seems content. Even so, I suppose I will always regret the mistake I made all those years ago and wonder what might have been had I stayed. — M. Poynton, Hazel Grove, Stockport.

Cracow's naval graves

REGARDING Mr. Fred Gee's item in "Over to You" (December issue) about naval graves in Cracow Cemetery, last year some 200 members of the National Ex-POs Association returned to Poland on a pilgrimage.

I laid naval wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Warsaw on the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of war and later at the Crosses of Sacrifice in Cracew, Poznan and Marlbork cemeteries, also at a memorial at West Platte. We also placed Royal British Legion crosses and poppies on every British grave in Poland — over 1,000.

There are in fact five, not three, naval graves in Cracow. There are also one RN and three MN graves in Maribork and a further two RN graves in Poznan.

I have photographs of all these graves — with the exception of Leading Airfitter Chamberlain in Cracow — and will happily supply copies (please enclose sae). — J. Cook, Silver Birches, Horsell Birch, Horsell, Woking, Surrey.

Letters

High prices, warm hearts at Narvik

COULD I suggest to Mr. B. Hallas ("Let's go to Narvik," December) that if he enjoys a tipple and should ever make the trip, that he takes his own liquor with him!

We were over in Narvik (my wife's home town) last July and paid about £3 for a pint of lager and £2.50 for a short. Having said that, however, April 1990 will undoubtedly be quite an occasion as I was told that large groups are expected from both France and Germany.

British naval veterans of the two battles will no doubt be made very welcome, especially by the local populace.

On our visits every three years we never fail to visit Mrs. Petra Christiansen who sheltered and cared for 100 survivors from HMS Hardy after their icy swim ashore from the beached and burning destroyer.

She is a wonderful old lady (now in her 90s) and still lives in the large remote farmhouse at Virak on the Ballangen Road. — Bill Sanders. Ex-Seaman. Exeter.

Thanks to all other correspondents who wrote about Narvik and the war in Norway, including those concerning the suggestion of a commemorative visit by a British warship this year. — Editor.

True fate of the Ark —

AS a devout reader of the Navy News — and also an ex-member of Force H stationed at Gibraltar during 1941-43 on board HMS Hermione, could I make clear that the third Ark Royal (a capital unit of that force) was not sunk off Malta, as stated in January.

She had almost completed one of the many runs from Gib. (via Bomb Alley) to Malta and return, when she was torpedoed between 25 to 30 miles from her base at Gibraltar. — A. Norton. Ex-SBPO(D). Leyland, Lancs.

No ban — or a blind eye

REGARDING "Movies go to War" (December), to the best of my knowledge — and I joined before the war — the use of private cameras by naval personnel was not at any time forbidden either at sea or on land.

At the Atlantic Charter meeting the Heads of State and their top brass posed specially for the amateur photographers on the quarterdeck of the Prince of Wales after Sunday church service.

service.

If such a ban existed it was certainly never promulgated, observed or enforced. I and every wartime camera owner have the photographs to prove it. — P. D. Alley, Lieut-Cdr (retd.). Axmouth, Seaton, Devon.

and birth of Achilles

YOUR January edition states that the old Achilles of River Plate fame originally commissioned in New Zealand in 1936. In fact the original Achilles was commissioned in Chatham Dockyard in 1933.

I joined her brand new there as a Boy Seaman from Ganges, until leaving in 1934 for the Renown. — H. C. P. Coe. Ex-GI. West Wimbledon, London.

CAN ANYONE KEEP UP WITH CHIEF JONES?

THE letter from ex-PO G. K. Smeeton (January) prompted me to review the types of ship to which I was drafted during my 26 years service.

Your correspondent may well be right in wondering whether present-day drafts to and from similar ships might lack a certain anticipatory kick which I experienced.

experienced.

The list, if anyone is interested in comparisons,

is: Aircraft carrier, battleship (gunnery target ship), battlecruiser, four cruisers, five destroyers, sloop, two minesweepers, PC74 (A/S training ship), trawler (mine experimental ship), four signal stations (home and abroad), and six shore depots.

In addition I took passage in a cruiser, two submarine depot ships, a flotilla leader, a troopship and seven liners. — R. D. Jones, Ex-CYS. Wootton Bridge, Isle of Wight.

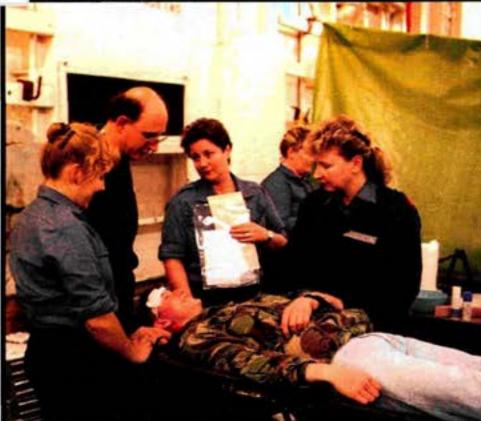


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Action on board the Sir Tristam in the minor casualty bay. Surg.Lt.-Cdr. John Chapman RNR shares a joke with a "casualty" ably assisted by POEN(G) Kathy Lee QARNNS(R). The team is completed by three Medical Support Assistants — the new RNR "War

Bedside manner of the new 'angels'

ROYAL Naval Reserve personnel "went to war" in an exercise staged on board the Royal Fleet Auxiliary logistic landing ship Sir Tristam, rapidly converted to a hospital ship.

It provided an exciting and novel start to training RNR medics for their war task of manning casualty ships evacuating wounded. and their peacetime role of

assisting at major disasters at home or abroad.

The scenario for the exercise was to provide medical facili-ties for a Service-assisted evacuation of British nationals -

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at short notice.

It tested the rapid mustering and deployment of an RNR afloat surgical team in a ship with little time for conversion. A further aim was to assess the suitability of the ship for use in a hospital role.

Casualities were flown on board by helicopter and sorted into priorities for treatment. Following treatment, the in-jured were selected for evacua-tion depending on urgency.

Casualties

Having embarked the medical team and stores the Sir Tris-tam left Marchwood Military Port and sailed through gales for the sheltered waters of the Humber Estuary, where the ex-

ercise took place. Ashore at Pocklington Grammar School, a Sea King heli-copter crew and support unit had set up an evacuation point. The "casualties" were provided by Pocklington School Com-bined Cadet Force, local Sea Cadets and Territorial Army personnel

In two days 159 exercise "ca-sualties" were flown to the Sir Tristam, admitted to the temporary hospital, and given treatment. After a hot meal they were returned ashore by Sea King.

The exercise had particular value for the RNR Medical Support Assistants (MSAs) — the only members of the team who are not normally in medi-cal ships converted for medical

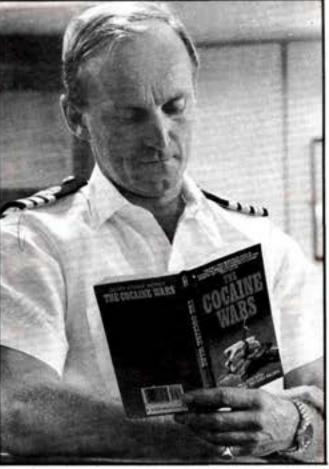
Success

The team of medical and nursing officers and ratings from the RN, RNR, QARNNS and QARNNS(R) worked together exceptionally well, en-suring that the "first of type" exercise was a success.

The exercise was organised and directed by the medical staff of the Commodore Am-phibious Warfare, Commodore Brian Turner, and the officer in charge of the medical team was Surg.-Cdr. Alan Waterworth RNR, of HMS Forward.

ARROW SHO





- Above LS (EW) Bruce Marriott (left) and AB (Ra-dar) Paul Parker keep a close watch on HMS Arrow's radar displays as they search for drug smugglers.
- Left Cdr. Richard Davey, Commanding Officer of the frigate HMS Arrow, reads up on the subject during his ship's anti-drug operations off the Florida
- Below left Off the Florida coast the Arrow's Lynx helicopter identifies a contact prior to making a routine search. The frigate's deployment will take her around the West Indies and Central America before returning to Devon-port in the Spring.
- Opposite, top L Reg. Bob Duvall (right) and LS Robbie Whatton on watch on the bridge as HMS Arrow starts a week of anti-drug smuggling oper-ations with the United States Coast Guard.
- Opposite, bottom HMS Arrow rendezvous with the United States Coast Guard cutter Chin-





OTS THE COCAINE LINE

Guard ship puts in time to tackle the drug barons

THE Type 21 frigate HMS Arrow has been at the forefront of the battle to destroy the evil trade of the Colombian drug barons.

During her five months' deployment as West Indies Guard Ship the Arrow has spent two spells on drug patrol with United States Coast Guard vessels.

Active co-operation by the Royal Navy is a barometer of the Government's determination to help in the interception of cocaine and other drugs being smuggled between the Caribbean and

During her first tour with the US Coast Guard the frigate helped in the capture of the small vessel Beverly Anne laiden with 14,000 lb of marijuana.

In December Arrow sailed from Miami to rendezvous with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessels Resource and Olwen and join her second anti-drug patrol off the Florida coast.

Cdr. Richard Davey, the Arrow's Commanding Officer, said: "We would love to catch another Beverly Anne but even if we just deter drug-running for a time and make their life a little difficult it will be well worthwhile."

Street value

The expertise and technology of Royal Navy ships is used for surveillance and the detection of suspect ships. All raids and boardings are carried out by US Coast Guard crews.

The Arrow's Lynx helicopter is a vital weapon, extending the search beyond the range of the operations room radar. In the first 24 hours of the patrol 38 sightings were reported to the Coast Guard but none proved to be carrying drugs.

That is the size of the task in waters in which small craft abound and just a few are manned by smugglers carrying con-signments of cocaine which can have a street value in excess of

One investigator commented: "Although it may seem like looking for a needle in a haystack we have our successes — and the help of the Royal Navy is greatly appreciated."







Prized

articles

Prizes have been awarded for

the winning articles and photo-graphs submitted for the spring

edition of the new magazine Minewarfare and Diving.

Editorial prize — a copy of Jane's Fighting Ships — went to CPO(MW) Dixie Dean.

Challenger's diving officer, ac-cepted the prize for the best photographs — a year's sub-scription to Jane's Defence Weekly — on behalf of the

HMS Challenger diving team.

The prizes were presented by Capt. Paul Du Vivier, Captain

T at HMS Dryad, on behalf of Jane's Information Group.

Lieut, John Giddens, HMS



AN AWARD of £8,000 has been made to Lieut. Leslie Richmond for devising a computer-based trainer to teach Morse code to Naval Communicators.

Leslie first had the idea of replacing the Navy's obsolescent Morse code training equipment while inat HMS structing

His system, first put on

trial in 1985, was accepted into full service a year

As well as stimulating in-terest in a subject which has been very difficult to teach, the new equipment has significantly increased quality control and

It provides over 60 hours of study — incorporating instruction, examination, marking and remedial work — and has proved so successful that the Navy has

been able to reduce the course by two weeks at the same time as achieving a better standard.

Interest in the system has been shown by a num-ber of countries. Morse code is still taught in all NATO navies as the primary fall-back method of radiocommunication.

Still based at Mercury, Leslie was presented with his cheque by the Com-mander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, Admiral Sir Jeremy Black.

Peter signs off

FOR NEW PILOT NOT content with one trophy, Sub-Lieut. Scott Booker (23) went on to take a second for achievements during his flying training.

DOUBLE AWARD-

Vice-Admiral Sir Lancelot Bell-Davies presented him with the Bell-Davies Trophy as the best anti-submarine warfare pilot of the year, at a ceremony held on board HMS Ark Royal.

The second award was the Kemsley Trophy, pre-sented to the best student gaining the coveted pilot's

Scott is currently serving with 820 Squadron, RN air station Culdrose.



D-DAY veteran Lieut.-Cdr. Peter Dinnis (65) has hung up his sword after 46 years service with the Royal

For the past 18 years Peter served "shoreside" at HMS Dryad. He was in charge of Cunningham Building, one of the School of Maritime Operations' key training centres.

He began Service life as a midshipman in 1943 and has served in 11 ships, including HMS Ramillies during the Al-

Peter's farewell gift, an en-graved silver ice bucket, was presented to him by Capt. Anthony Provest, Captain SMOPS, Southwick.



The presentation took place in the room at Southwick where the invasion was masterminded, before the wall map used by General Eisenhower.

Dockyard worker receives award

MR JAMES Ayres has been awarded the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct for going to the rescue of an injured contract worker in Portsmouth Dockyard.

Jim was loading equip-ment into RFA Appleleat, undergoing dry dock re-pairs, when an explosion ripped through the ves-sel. Mr Frank Lacey, a painter working 50ft up on scaffolding, was badly

Spotting Frank clinging desperately to the scaffolding, Jim climbed to his aid, despite smoke, falling debris and the risk of further explosion. He administered first aid and stayed with Frank until help arrived. help arrived.

The award was pre-sented to Jim, who lives in Portsmouth, by Ad-miral Sir Jeremy Black, Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command. It is believed to be the first time that a civilian work-ing in the dockyard has

received this award.
Frank, still being treated for extensive burns, travelled from Wales for the presentation to add his thanks.



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A key date for Peter.

WHEN 12-year-old Peter Potthurst was invited to tour his father's workplace at the Fleet Engineering Centre, Rosyth Naval Base, it proved to be a day to remember for the technically-minded youngster.

Not only did the offi-cers and ratings roli out the red carpet for a Navy son whose illness con-fines him to a wheelchair, but they had a high but they had a big sur-prise for Peter at the end of his trip.

They presented the com-

puter-mad lad with his very own home computer and special desk, all paid for through a whip-round organ-ised in the FEC and the Chiefs' Mess of HMS Coch-rane by CPO Eric Thompson. The software was handed

The software was handed over to a delighted Peter by the top man at the FEC.

Capt. Stuart Tickner, Chief Staff Officer (Engineering).

Forming a semi-circle around Capt. Tickner and Peter in the picture are WO Mick Gent, CPOs John Searle and Eric Thompson, Anne and CPO Peter Potthurst and CPO Ray Hambly.





People in the News







First helo handover

COMMANDING officer of the Lynx Operational Flying Training Unit (LOFTU), Lieut.-Cdr. Charlie Thornton, has taken delivery of the first Lynx Mk3 CTS from Lieut.-Cdr. Al Howden, of the Rotary Wing Squadron, Aircraft and Armament Experiment Establishment, Boscombe Down.

The Lynx will undergo tactical trials on the central tactical system, which is a major part of the conversion of the future Lynx Mk8.

LOFTU has a busy time ahead, with two more Lynx due to arrive and its own commissioning ceremony scheduled to take place this month (February).

ADMIRAL OF FLEET

Commander-in-Chief Fleet was in overall military control of the 1982 Falklands operation and went on to become First Sea Lord and then Chief of Defence Staff, was created a life peer (Baron) in the New Year's Honours List.

During a naval career which started as a Dartmouth cadet in 1941, Admiral Fieldhouse — now retired from Active Service — commanded several submarines, including the nuclear-powered Fleet sub. HMS Dreadnought.

STANAVFORLANT

Following service in HMS Hermes, he commanded the Polaris Squadron before serving in frigates and destroyers from 1970-72, first as commanding officer of HMS Dio-mede and Capt. Third Frigate Squadron and then as Commander of NATO's Standing Naval Force Atlantic in the rank of Commodore.

Subsequent appointments included Flag Officer Second Flotilla, Flag Officer Submarines and Controller of the

Another distinction which has recently come to Admiral Fieldhouse is an honorary science doctorate from the University of London. He was admitted to the degree by the Chancellor of the University, the Princess Royal, at a ceremony in London.

Royal Navy awards in New Year Honours List — see page 22.



New life peer: Admiral of the Fleet Sir John

OLD Hand Stuart Lush of Stowmarket, Suffolk, oldest member of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and Royal Naval Reserve Old Hands Association (London Division), celebrated his 100th birthday last month.

He joined the RNVR London Division in August 1907 as a Boy Bugler, then transferred to the signals branch the following year. He went sea training every year until July 1914, when he trained in HMS Audacious.

That August he was in-structed to report to Blackfriars HQ and sent on to Grimsby War Signal Station.

Old Hand Lush was not sent to Belgium with the rest of the RNVR (who buried a marlin spike in protest at being used as infantry) as he had already been mobilised. He stayed in Grimsby for four years and then was drafted to HMS Crystal Palace and demobilised in 1918.

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DAVE'S

COME on down! was the invitation given to Lieut. Dave Wilson (HMS Raleigh) and he didn't need asking

As a contestant on The New Price is Right programme on Sky television. Dave collected a wealth of seafaring prizes — sailing holiday, a boating holiday in Scotland and a boat of his own. He also won a hi-fi, a telephone answering machine and a camera.

BUBBLY OCCASION



YOU meet the nicest people on exercise just ask Wren Margaret Sharp of RNR Dalriada, Greenock.

While on a three-month visit to Hong Kong to

help out during a busy naval exercise, Margaret met up with the pop group Bucks Fizz. She is pictured (above) with two members of the band, Mike Nolan and Cheryl Baker.

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MASTERS OF ALL THEY SURVEY

THE OCEAN survey ship HMS Herald, right, has completed her second deployment in a year to the North Norwegian Sea — above the Arctic Circle.

In the Arctic winter much of the oceanographic survey work had to be carried out in total darkness and in unpleasant weather.

Herald spent two-and-a-half months collecting oceanographic data across the Norwegian Sea, continuing work started last June. During the deployment the ship's company enjoyed visits to the Norwegian towns of Trondheim and Tromso, and to Amsterdam on the way home.

To while away the weeks at sea, charity events were held to raise money for the ship's adopted charity, Myton Grange Centre for Handicapped Children, in Warwick.

During a weekend visit from Warwick, the ship's adopted town, a cheque for £424 was presented to the Myton Grange Centre.

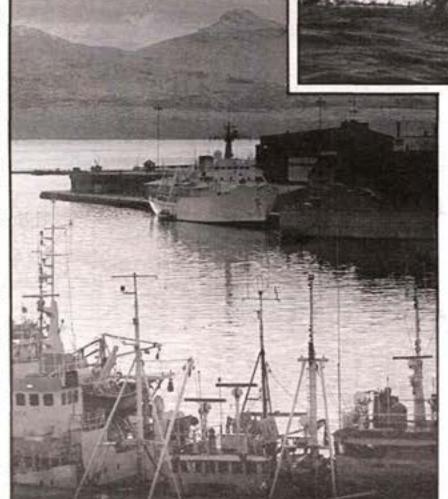
Destroyer

Visitors from Warwick, led by the Mayor, Councillor Stanley Ransom, had lunch on board in Devonport and toured the ship with the Commanding Officer, Cdr. Richard Cotton.

They also included members of the Warwick Royal Naval Association and survivors of the World War II destroyer HMS Warwick, sunk in 1944 off the coast of North Cornwall.

The Mayor presented the General Service Medal with Gulf Clasp to Naval Airman Meteoroligical Observer Chris Patrick who had served on board since the Herald's time in the Gulf as Mine Countermeasures Command Ship, heading a European task force involved in the dangerous task of keeping the Southern Arabian Gulf free of mines laid during the Iran-Iraq conflict.

Staff and children from Coten End Middle School and the Myton Grange Centre also enjoyed a visit to the Herald and boat rides around Devonport Naval Base were popular.



THE WATERS of the Solent provided many surprises for the little survey ship HMS Gleaner, above, during a year's work in one of Britain's busiest shipping lanes.

The seven-man crew surveyed 400 square miles, from the Nab Tower to Old Castle Point, including the treacherous Bembridge Ledge, last surveyed in 1943.

Discoveries of inaccuracies

Discoveries of inaccuracies on the current chart, last updated in 1977, led Gleaner's commanding officer, Lieut. Steve Malcolm, to believe that not only has the seabed changed but the modern echo sounding equipment of his vessel allows far greater accuracy than was previously possible.

The main shipping lane, regularly used by very large cargo carriers (VLCCs) on their way to the port of Southampton, was found to be three feet shallower in places.

Although this was not a major problem, it was of great interest to the owners of deep draught vessels using the water and as a consequence the channel was dredged last October.

Lieut. Malcolm also discovered a number of new contacts on the seabed including three uncharted wrecks. All the information gathered on the Solent survey has been sent to the Hydrographer of the Navy's headquarters at Taunton where a revised chart will be produced. New-found dangers were announced immediately in Notices to

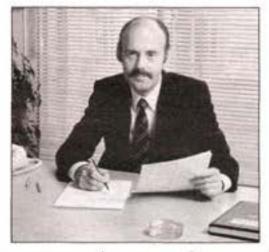
The 22-ton Gleaner is being given a well-earned refit in preparation for a busy survey programme in Weymouth Bay later in the year.

SEVEN sailors from HMS Hecate enjoyed a five-day expedition round the island of Islay, off the West coast of Scotland, while the ship continued its ocean survey programme. In bitterly cold weather the team walked round the mountainous east coast of the island. During a visit to the Laphroaig distillery they were treated to a few drams to warm them on their way.

The Hecate returned to lymouth for Christmas and he ship's company is looking orward to another deploynent — in warmer waters.

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Santa's

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WHEN Santa dropped down the chimney to visit he "Minnie" Community Centre at Horrabridge, near Plymouth, he was doing his bit to help raise money for

the newly-established

Christmas decorations hand-painted by resident artist Rob Atkinson proved

popular as did the exciting game "Splat the Rat" and at the end of the day over £100

was raised towards a new

Chairman of the Residents Committee, Tina Parker, was pleased with the

"This was our biggest

fund-raising effort yet," she said, "and the residents and

other members of Horra-bridge village community supported the event very

playgroup.

climbing frame.

LUCK OF

to SSAFA's Christmas lottery.

Sapper Flaherty and Fusilier Fitzpatrick, both serving in Germany, and Mrs D Ogilvie, of Glos., each won one of

the top prizes — a sporty Peugeot 205.
With an amazing 220,000 tickets sold the lottery, sponsored by Natocars, of Bridgwater, in co-operation with Peugeot Export, raised over £40,000 to further the work of the Association on behalf of Service and ex-Service

And there to pick the winning tickets when all the entries came flooding in were Wren Caroline Scott, Pte. June Meskill and Cpl. Jinder Parkes, WRAC, and Cpl. Terry Carnie, WRAF.

WASPS stung into action

THERE'S a definite buzz going around Rowner, Gosport these days thanks to the newly-formed Wives Active Support Pastimes and Socials Service Group.

WASPS meet on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am to 12 noon at the Family Services Block, 11 North Path, and would like to welcome all Service wives and mothers who want to expand their social

A creche is provided for those with children and they've also got their own babysitting circle if you want to get out and about.

The ladies are keen to point out, however, WASPS isn't just another "mother and toddler"

This month they've already planned a visit from Family Services and a talk about personal safety for women from officers at Fareham Police

And at the beginning of March a Well Woman Clinic will be held at the Family Ser-

vices Block. WASPS have also been busy fund-raising and at the end of last year a bring and buy cake sale brought in £103 for Chil-dren in Need.

Anyone interested in joining WASPS should contact Debbie Eaton, tel. 587514, Lynn Dudley, tel. 510947, Belinda Beck, tel. 520656 or Helen Tory, tel. 504824 (all Gosport numbers).

Bargain breaks

Club are offering subsidised holiday accommodation to serv-ing ratings of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, WRNS and QARNNS. With 65 self-catering time-

share holiday weeks in Eng-land, Scotland and Guernsey available from June to September applications are now invit-

Although all accommodation sleeps up to six people types vary throughout the different

At Clowance House, Corn-wall, there are 'A' frame cha-lets, the Osborne Hotel, Toroffers self-catering penthouse apartments, luxury cottages are available within the grounds of the Gleneagles Hotel and at Craigendarroch there are self-catering lodges.

Applications can be obtained from David Watts, General Manager, China Fleet Club, c/o Tamar, BFPO 1, and should be returned as soon as possible for the draw which takes place in March or early April.

The scheme which has been running for three years has al-ways proved to be popular.

lucky ones to be selected you'll be informed by the end of



Family Life

Green light for lead-free petrol

WITH more and more people becoming environmentally friendly these days Service personnel and their families are being urged to follow suit.

"Going green" doesn't necessarily mean a vast change in lifestyle.

But by changing to lead-free petrol not only will the envi-ronment become a lot healthier but you may also find yourself with a bit more money in your

In three successive budgets the Chancellor has announced price incentives to boost the

uptake of unleaded petrol and in last year's budget the difference in tax between unleaded and leaded petrol was further increased resulting in the cleaner fuel being over 10p cheaper a gallon than ordinary

With the average motorist travelling 10,000 miles annual-ly this means a saving of up to

Lead was originally added to petrol in the 1920s. But seven in ten cars don't

need it and with lead being passed into the atmosphere cars are responsible for some 75 per cent of the lead in the air we breathe.

Now many people are switching to unleaded and in one month it's estimated motorists using it have prevented over 65 tonnes of unwanted lead from entering the UK environment.

Nearly all new cars are sold ready to run on unleaded and

required to do so. However, many cars on the road require an adjustment because their engines have been set to run on 4 star petrol and the re-timing is a simple, quick and cheap operation which some car manufacturers offer

In the UK there's no problem in finding unleaded petrol as over 80 per cent of service sta-tions stock fuel.

Service personnel travelling in other European countries such as Germany will find availability good but even if supplies are difficult to obtain there's no risk of being strand-ed — adjusted cars can still run on ordinary leaded.

If there is any doubt about whether a car can run on un-leaded or not it's easy to obtain advice from local dealers or the car's manufacturer.

Service personnel and their families can therefore do their bit for the environment.

All it takes is making the necessary adjustments and then everyone will benefit from this cheaper and cleaner fuel.

Costs rise if loans increased

HOW much would it cost to increase advances under the Navy's long service advance of pay scheme from £3,500 to £12,000?

A recent Commons reply to a question along these lines ex-plained that the estimated cost of the scheme, which is used by married RN personnel to assist in house purchase, was £2.7 million for the current financial

The extra net cost of raising the maximum advance avail-able to £12,000 was estimated to be about £31 million over 10 of which the majority would be required in the first three years.

This estimate took no account of the effect of fluctua-tions in the housing market on demands for advances. The scheme was self-financing over the long term.

An earlier Commons question asked the present level of home ownership among personnel of the three Services.

The answer showed that for married personnel the estimated proportion of home owners is: Royal Navy, 75 per cent; Army 26, RAF 49. For all per-sonnel the proportions are: Royal Navy 48 per cent, Army 16, RAF 34.

Raleigh responds



NEWS that children at Alexandra House were without a video brought a rapid response from HMS Raleigh.

They dipped into funds already held and with a bit of help from the Services Sound and Vision Corporation they managed to come up with the right equipment.

Alexandra House is a short-stay day and residential centre in the Plymouth area for children of Service families.

With a friendly family atmosphere Housemother Ruth Greet and her team take care of the children, whether it's for a few days or a couple of weeks while Mum

Now, thanks to Cdr. Keith Ridland, HMS Raleigh, pictured presenting the video to Ruth Greet, with right, Peter Heron, Family Services and Molly Buzzo, of the Manage-ment Committee, the children will enjoy an 'entertaining' stay at Alexandra House.

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'The Navy's here!'



THE next five or six years will see the anniversaries of many famous events — and Navy News will not be able to record

But this month falls one of the best known of all — the day when the destroyer HMS Cossack rescued 303 British seamen from the Altmark.

It was on the night of February 16, 1940 that the Cossack — commanded by Captain Philip Vian — entered Josing Fjord, violating Norwe-gian neutrality on the orders of Churchill, who

was then First Lord of the Admiralty

The Altmark was boarded and, after a strug-gle on the bridge during which the German Fleet Auxiliary ran aground, the prisoners, who had been transferred from the Graf Spee, were discovered below.

and the cry echoed around the world.
 Above: HMS Cossack, a Tribal Class destroyer built in 1937. On 27 October 1941 she sank off Gibraltar, four days after being torpedoed by

Naafi give back £17m—despite 'difficult year'

DURING a difficult trading year to April 29 Naafi returned more than £17 million to customers.

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the UK.
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reflect with some pride on how

much it has changed since those days of 'char and wad'."

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endeavours to develop the

"Despite a difficult year," he added, "we confidently remain

on track to secure for our customers the benefits of a

forward-looking and efficient

"Our continued ability to

said Mr Field.

The importance of Naafi's cash contribution to the well-being of Service personnel and families was highlighted in the corporation's annual re-port and accounts.

Despite unfavourable exchange movements, higher in-terest payments and increased borrowings, chairman Malcolm Field told the annual meeting of the Naafi Council that fig-

ures were encouraging and that the corporation continued to pursue the five-year plan agreed with the Services to pre-pare the business for the 1990s. Mr Field also reported that more than 150 club and 90

shop projects were completed or started in the year under review - development spending on families and Services shops had created 'centres of excellence' such as those at Celle and Fallingbostel in Germany.

"In offering extended daily and weekend hours, video film hire, the sale of newspapers, chilled drinks and so on, we are constantly attuning our services to the ever-changing needs of our customers," said Mr Field.

After allowing for exchange and VAT, sales were up 1.8 per cent overall, while sales in the UK rose 1.4 per cent, despite reduced strengths and tightened security.

But those although up by 6.1 per cent in DM terms, fell 3.4 per cent on conversion to Sterling.

In overseas areas, sales held firm while trade on HM ships, up 5.8 per cent, reflected the increased level of Naval deployments.

Naafi hoped to generate even more revenue from financial services following the launch of its Worldwide Finance Scheme offering Deutchmark loans which were proving popular with the customers — and by

ROYAL NAVY MOTOR CYCLE CLUB, Annual General Meeting, All members, new members and those members, new members and those who would like son, welcome at the Clubbouse. The Grange, HMS Sultan at 2000 on Wednesday, 7 March, 1990, Enquiries: Sultan 2437 and Doedmin 4564:

Dunkirk show at Dover

DOVER Museum will be marking the 50th anniver-sary of the evacuation of Dunkirk with a major exhi-

bition, opening in May.

The operation took its name — Operation Dynamo — from the Dynamo Room, in a tunnel beneath Dover Castle, from which Admiral Ramsay controlled the evacuation of more than 330,000 Allied

Alan Goodeari, Dover Museum historical researcher (tel. 0304-20166) said: "Entry to the Dynamo Room was restricted and few pictures or drawings of

"Since we hope to re-construct it, we would like to hear from anyone who served there - or in the operation as a whole."





Insure yourself at a premium with PAX

PAX, an optional personal accident insurance scheme now available for purchase by all RN personnel and their families, can provide compensation for accidental death or disability (such as loss of sight or limb) at all times anywhere in the world.

The scheme - whose introduction was reported in last November's edition — is separ-ate from the income insurance provided by N-Trust.

ALL regular RN, RM, WRNS and QARNNS service-men and women are eligible to purchase PAX cover. Addi-tional insurance may be bought for a spouse and, as part of this family cover, unmarried depen-dant children under the age of 18, or under the age of 23 if in full-time education, would be automatically included at no additional cost.

For single parents, similarly eligible children would be included in individual cover.

PAX offers world-wide cover on and off duty at all times, except in several specific cir-cumstances, which are listed in

the announcement.

Cover is offered in units of £10,000 and personnel may purchase up to 15 units. The parchase up to 13 units. The monthly premium for each unit would be: Normal individual cover, £1.50, normal family cover, £2.84 (representing £1.50 plus £1.34). Family cover would include the serviceman or woman, his or her spouse and eligible dependant children.

Personnel whose duties involve hazardous activities would be required to pay high-er monthly premiums for each

If injury results in death or permanent disability within two years of the accident, PAX would pay benefits up to £10,000 for each unit of cover

held. No medical is required, and for those using the scheme premiums will be deducted automatically from pay.

The announcement emphasises that the decision whether and with whom to take out personal accident insurance is a matter for the individual alone. While drawing attention to schemes which appear to offer appropriate cover, the Navy not seek to influence an individual's choice of insurance

- Announcement dated Nov 24, 1989



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Ships diver training changed

CHANGES to ships diver training and capability, implemented from January 1 this year, mean that these divers will be trained to have an enhanced underwater ships husbandry capability; also that the maximum depth allowed for ships divers will be 21 metres.

Ships diving courses will remain at four weeks but will in-clude one week of underwater ships husbandry training as well as retaining the ships bot-

tom search capability, Currently qualified ships divers will have the opportunity to conduct underwater ships husbandry during continuation training, subject to availability of instructors and

From February 15 the cur-rent ruling of 50 per cent of Adventurous Training sub aqua diving being allowed to count towards qualification for SSP(D) will cease.

In addition, equipment sup-plied for military diving operations and training is now not to be used for Adventurous Train-ing sub aqua diving. DCI(RN) 346/89

feature is to give a general impression of new **Defence Council** instructions affecting conditions of service. In the event of action being taken the full original text should be studied.

On line for orange cards

THE new orange 1990 Forces Railcard, replacing last year's purple card, is now in opera-

It is valid between January and December 31, 1990 and is available for issue to all eligible personnel, using the instructions contained in the announcement.

Personnel and dependants are reminded that provision of the railcard is a concession of British Rail and should not be taken as a condition of service. DCI(JS) 135/89

Tobacco rise

WHEN it was announced that the Blue Liner cigarette and tobacco concession was to be withdrawn at the end of 1991. it was also stated that the price would be progressively in-creased in April 1989, January 1990 and January 1991.

Full details of the prices ef-fective from January I this year are now given.

DCI(RN) 357



Make amends at Centurion

BR8748 has required proposed amendments to a rating's Ser-vice Certificate to be referred to the Commodore, HMS Centurion (NPP Accounts) for pri-or sanction if the entry relates to the past.

They have also required that recommendations for amend-ments to annual assessments of efficiency should be treated in this way

It has now been decided that any recommendation to amend an annual assessment of efficiency on the Service Certifi-cate should be referred to Com-mander-in-Chief, Flag Officers in Independent Command or Area Flag Officers, as appro-priate, for sanction before amending action by Centurion

A recommendation to amend an annual assessment of efficiency should only be forward-ed when the rating concerned has made representation on the subject within six months of the date the assessment was

DCI(RN) 356/89

Daggers withdrawn

THE dagger distinguishing symbol used in some cases against officers' names on appointing lists and other documentation to indicate completion of courses is to disappear.

Referring to its use in the various specialisations, an an-nouncement says its primary use had been as an appointing aid but since it has not been awarded in a consistent manner in recent years, it has ceased to be useful in this respect.

It is now sufficient for recording and appointing purposes that all additional qualifications are shown in an officer's personal file and in the Naval Secretary's appointing records.

Letters denoting specialisation and sub-specialisation are all that is necessary to categorise an officer in the Navy List, Officers Appointments Lists or in Ship's Officers Lists. DCI(RN) 349

Stewards sit City and Guilds

IN agreement with the City and Guilds of London Institute, leading stewards and stewards who have passed the Fleet Examination for advancement to leading steward may sit the City and Guilds 707/1 Certifi-cate Examination at the RN

Supply School.

The certificate is a civilian qualification in Food and Beyerage Service which is widely recognised by the hotel and catering industry.

Examinations are held on set dates throughout the year.

The other certificates awarded by the RN Supply School for the Stewards Branch are City and Guilds 717/3 (Alcoholic Beverage) and NEBSM in Steward Management, which are both part of the POSTDQC.

DCI(RN) 344/89

New title for WRNS job

THE job description of the WRNS Quarters Assistant branch has been reassessed and has resulted in a change of title to Quarters Administrator, which more aptly reflects the status of the branch.

There is no change in the category badge.

DCI(RN) 361/89



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Seeking more recruits from ethnic groups

INCREASED efforts are to be made to recruit more members of the ethnic minorities to the Services following an independent report com-missioned by MOD. This disclosed that only 1.1 per cent of recruits to the Armed Forces during 1987-88 came from these minorities.

The Government has said it is concerned at the finding that fear of discrimination deters members of ethnic minorities from applying to join. "The Services are equal opportunity em-ployers, under the terms of the Race Relations Act, and we will continue to make it clear that no form of racial discrimination will be tolerated and that all complaints will be properly investigated.

'Many Service men and Service women from the ethnic minorities are already pursuing successful careers in all three Services.

Implementation of the report is to be closely monitored, but it is recognised that a sustained effort will be required if attitudes are to be changed and that dramatic increases in the number of ethnic minority recruits are unlikely in the short term.

In defence of

WHAT'S in a name? Quite a lot if lamentation. emanating from the Communicators is any indication.

As is evident from our correspondence columns, both this month and last, the needs of the modern computer and preservation of old rank abbreviations are not necessarily compatible. And though the Communicators' official abbreviations remain unchanged, some reckon the computer versions of their titles are catching on elsewhere - and they don't like it.

So, is it a case of a storm in Communicator's teacup - or commendable guardianship of proud old titles?

So why not get FEW people know much about the job of the Royal Navy Communications Technician (CT). in touch? But with the announcement of the decision to close HMS Mercury, and to retain the Special Communications Unit in its present location at Leydene in the grounds of Mercury, the CT

CTs, something of a special breed, perform a crucial role, and are constantly in demand. They are specialists in the techniques of recognising and reporting on a wide variety of emissions occurring in the radio frequency spec-trum, and play an essential part in keeping the Navy informed of

Branch has received a somewhat higher "visibi-

what other nations are doing. It is a small branch, but offers a long-term professional challenge for the right man. In it he is treated as an individual, and merit and expertise can be clearly seen and rewarded, says a call for volun-

> His prospects, with corresponding responsibility and job satisfaction, are good. He can look forward to a variety of challenging jobs ashore and afloat, and there are opportu-nities to serve abroad.

Only very rarely is short notice drafting necessary. And he can ex-pect to be rated Acting CPO in about five-and-half years, receiv-ing Technician's pay of about £80 a month after tax, in addition to his basic pay.

Methods of Entry: The branch was formed in 1978 from a restruc-turing of the Radio Operator (Special) sub-branch of the Communications Group. In the past, applicants had to be trained and experienced Communicators. But with the formation of the CT Branch and its rapid expansion, new and complementary methods of recruitment have evolved.

Fit into team

Sideways Entry from within the Service has been widened to allow applications from Able and Leading Ratings of any branch, except Artificers and Medical Technicians. And civilians may also apply as Direct Entry candidates through their local RN Careers Office.

Challenge of the 'special breed' CTs

All candidates are subject to a special security clearance before being accepted for training. They should be well motivated, mentally agile, able to work unsupervised and fit into a team, and have the self confidence to take charge of a team of experts.

Long training

Experience of foreign languages and/or computers and electronics is obviously an advantage, but is not essential. Sport is encouraged.

> It has been found that many men have these qualities without, perhaps, realising it. A special Selection Board sympathetically screens all volunteers through a series of aptitude tests and interviews, giving them every opportunity to demonstrate their capabilities.

Training: For those successful at selection, training is long and de-manding. Direct Entries spend their first year in HMS Raleigh and HMS Mercury, and at sea in an operational warship, following the same path as the Radio Operator (General). They then join their counterparts transferring as Sideways Entries from other

branches of the RN, to start CT Qualifying Course.

Training takes three years: the first ashore in SCU, HMS Mercury, to learn the basics of the job; the second at sea in operational ships, consolidating this training. In the third year, prospective CTs are streamed into Linguist (L) or Analyst (A) sub-specialisations.

CT (Linguist): In addition to being taught a foreign language, the CT(L) is trained to operate the most up-to-date computer-assisted radio receiving and recording equipment. He is also able to read Morse, touch-type, and use com-puters. The level of language training is eventually to that of the Civil Service Commission Linguist standard, which is higher than GCE A level.

Highly skilled

CT (Analyst): CT(A) is highly skilled in the reception of radio communications, and in analysis. He is trained to read Morse accurately at high speeds, and to operate the most advanced receiving, recording, direction-finding analysis equipment available to-day. He is also skilled in the use of computers.

The level of training for the CT(A) is very high, to give him a thorough understanding of the world's most complex communications systems.

Advancement: Because of the demands made on the CT, the branch enjoys Technician status and rates of pay. Sideways Entries can expect promotion to Acting Petty Officer on successful complication of the CT(Q) Course, and confirmation in the rate after one firmation in the rate after one

Direct Entries are rated Leading. Communications Technician on successful completion of CT(Q) Course, and can expect promotion to Acting Petty Officer after one further year.

Promotion to Chief Petty Officer will follow after one year's ser-vice as a confirmed Petty Officer, subject to passing the professional qualifying examination. Further promotion follows the standard

Responsibility

Competition is stiff. The quality, particularly or Direct Entries, is increasing steadily, and many on selection are already qualified educationally for promotion on the SD(EW) List.

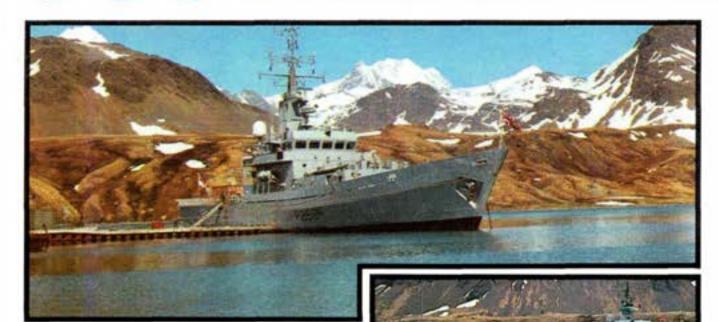
Entry Regulations: Mature and responsible men, with the academic and professional ability to unthe training and subsequent duties, are needed for this highly specialised branch.

Anyone who is interested, and is currently serving in another branch of the RN, should see his Divisional Officer to check that he meets Sideways Entry require-ments, so that application can be made for a Selection Board.

Details are contained in Chapter 24 of BR 1066 (Advancement Regulations Art 2403). Interested c vilians should enquire at any RN Careers Officer, and ask to see the newly re-issued Careers Pamphlet

SMALL BRANCH WITH CRUCIAL ROLE

SOUTHERN BELLES



 HMS Leeds Castle, the resident South Atlantic patrol ship, with the mountains of South Georgia in the background - and a noisy welcome from a giant elephant seal on the beach at King Edward point.

— and many a good tune from this old girl .

ON patrol in the South Atlantic, HMS Penelope, the Navy's oldest major warship, is now well into her second half-million miles of sea service.

The 500,000th milestone was passed when the Leander class frigate was on passage from the Falkland Is-lands to South Georgia for

POCk Bill Ferguson baked and iced a commemorative cake which was cut by LPT Kevin Bowen, who was born within 16 hours of the Penelope's keel being laid on March 14, 1961.

Operational duties within the Falkland Islands Protecthe raikland Islands Protec-tion Zone have kept the ship busy during a time of rapid di-plomatic changes. The vigil continues with the Penelope, the command task force for HMS Leeds Castle, and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel Blue Royer. Blue Rover.

Penelope and Blue Rover sailed in company to South Georgia to carry out the routine change-over of troops and transfer of stores and equipment to the dependency.
Once the transfer had been

completed the two ships con-ducted their own scenic tours.

Heading to the South East, the Penelope's crew looked at large icebergs off the coast nd entered Drygalski Fjord to see the glaciers. On an unforgettable Christ-

mas Day the turkey was carved in sunbathing weather with the ship surrounded by the spectacular beauty of mountains and snow.

When the patrol is over the journey home will enable many of the ship's company to see North and South Amer ica and the Caribbean for the first time.

Meanwhile the Penelope's ship's company has become undisputed champions in all sports in the South Atlantic.

The rugby team has crushed all opposition - including the previously unbeaten Royal Engineers team.

Events have also included a

charity walk by the RO's mess from Stanley to East Cove, which raised more than £400,

and Shoot competition — won by Penelope, the first time a naval team had entered.



Pictures by AB(EW) Gary

Davies



Above - POCk Bill Ferguson (left) watches while PLT Kevin Bowen prepares to cut the cake baked to commemorate HMS Penelope's 500,000th mile. The mountains of South Georgia make a spectacular backdrop.

Right — Crossing the line on the way down South. Penelope's Commanding Officer, Cdr. Nigel Bray, is in the hands of the Bar-ber, CPO George Toner.

Serenaded by a seal —

THE offshore patrol vessel HMS Leeds Castle has spent more than a year on station in the South Atlantic providing a vital link in the defence of the Falkland Islands.

On the anniversary of her first year "down South" she has steamed 37,012 miles, conducted 233 deck landings — and her crew have consumed 1,145 crates of beer!

As the resident patrol ship the Leeds Castle has a busy pro-

gramme, including resupply visits to South Georgia, regular patrols of the Falkland Islands Protection Zone, visits to settle-ments and exercises with on-station warships.

Time has also to be found for maintenance and some rest and recreation.

Members of the ship's company spend five or six months on board, trickle drafting in the normal way, but with such a high turnover there is a constant need for a high level of training. On her last visit to South Georgia the Leeds Castle had the new garrison embarked - soldiers from the Green Howards.

Gulf medals

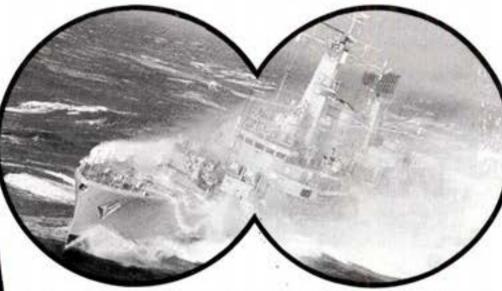
Elephant seals had invaded the beach on King Edward point, where the ship berthed, and all on board later had the chance to

where the ship berthed, and all on board later had the chance to explore the whaling station, see a glacier and a small colony of King Penguins — and make the most of the warm, sunny weather. Before leaving, the Leeds Castle put on a lunchtime barbecue for all 150 Army, Navy and civilian personnel based at Grytviken. Members of the House of Commons Defence Committee, headed by their Chairman, Mr. Michael Mates MP, visited the Leeds Castle in Falkland Sound in December.

Mr. Mates presented Gulf Medals to Lieut. Jim Tyrwhitt-Drake, RS Peter Bird, RO1(G) Gordon Davidson, AB(EW) Leighton Clements and MEM1(M) Paul Simpson.

He also presented a Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to

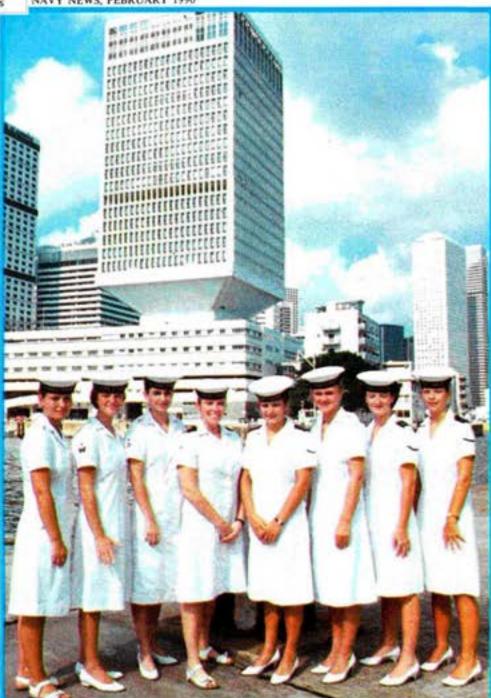
He also presented a Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to the ship's Marine Engineering Officer, CCMEA(M) David Pilcher. The visit was part of a tour of the defence facilities in the



Now well into her second half-million miles, HMS Penelope's venerable bones are glimpsed taking a pounding as she ploughs her way through the freezing South Atlantic between the Falklands and South Georgia.

Launched in 1982, the Leander Class frigate that is the Royal Navy's oldest major warship is now thawing out in warmer climes, visiting South America, the Caribbean and Florida before returning to the UK at Easter.





A NICE VIEW OF THE HARBOUR

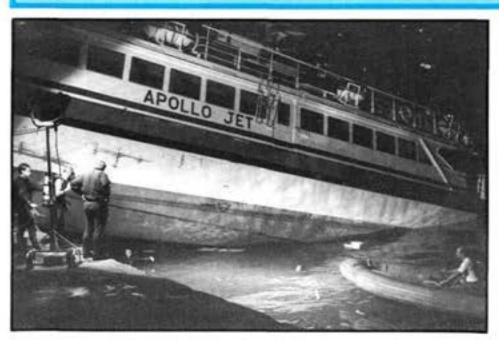
The White Squadron . . . The gleaming edifice of HMS Tamar's Prince of Wales Building sets off the crisp tropical whites of this group of Wrens from the Royal Navy's Hong Kong headquarters.

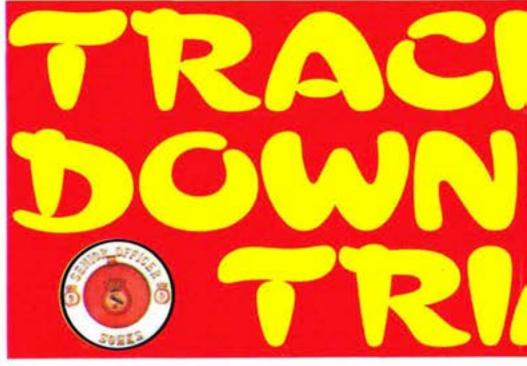
HMS Tamar — soon to move to Stonecutter's Island — will have been synonymous with the Senior Service in Hong Kong for a hundred years when the Colony is handed back to China. The original barque-rigged troopship of 1863 arrived in 1897 and was originally secured to a buoy off the Dockyard. Moved alongside the West Wall in 1913, she stayed there until she was scuttled in advance of the Japanese occu-

pation in 1941.

Formerly the Army's Wellington Barracks, the present HMS Tamar was transferred to the Navy in 1946. Rebuilding began in 1959 and the place opened in its present form twenty years later, occupying a commanding position on the North Foreshore of Hong Kong Island opposite Talim Sha Tsui with spectacular views of the harbour that is now the world's busiest container port.

Left to right are Wren RO1(T) Jackie McHardy, Wren RO Helen Noake, Wren Wtr Dianne Grayson, Wren Wtr Linda Knott, L Wren Wtr Sally Williams, Wren Wtr Chris Hole, L Wren Wtr Janice Phelps and L Wren Wtr (G) Jacqui Pitches.





Maritime terrorism and smuggling are two of the Navy's prime targets for the 1990s, the First Sea Lord has said — and nowhere in the world, perhaps, are these problems more acute than in the waters around Hong Kong.

Lately the repatriation of Vietnamese refugees and British citizenship for the Colony's Chinese after 1997 have taken up the headlines — but meanwhile the day-to-day struggle to contain the rising tide of organised crime continues to keep the Hong Kong Squadron's three remaining patrol craft working at full stretch.

Last year HMS Starling alone made dozens of arrests, recover-ing over 5 million Hong Kong dollars worth of smuggled goods. Typical of these was a 'catch' one autumn night in Mirs Bay, off Ping Chan. She picked up a fast-moving contact on her radar, switched on the thermal imaging camera — and identified a

switched on the thermal imaging camera — and identified a loaded speedboat.

The Triad gangsters who control the rackets in this part of the world once thought they had found a way to evade arrest by racing through shallow waters where the big police launches could not follow.

But the Squadron countered with Sea Riders — eight metre rigid inflatables with a speed of 50 knots plus — and in the first three months of operation alone caught up with 24 cargoes of contraband.

Extortion

On this occasion their quarry — powered by three 300hp engines — yielded up 46 TV sets. But sometimes the hauf is a little more sinister.

The drugs trade remains as keen as ever — and the Triads make a bit of money on the side by providing transport for illegal immigrants from China. At extortionate rates with, needless to

Despite new laws making it a criminal offence for 'Ils' to live or work in Hong Kong, with prison sentences of up to 15 months meted out to offenders, the traffic goes on. Each patrol craft carries out around 500 boardings a year, checking for stowaways as well as other dubious shipments.

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Lately there has been an increase in the undercover trade in high-value electronic equipment, the smugglers showing a new sophistication by operating in teams with decoys and radio-linked fishing junks.

These ramshackle vessels make an odd contrast with the sleek lines of the likes of Plover, Peacock and Starling. With their ancient, unpainted, waterlogged timbers full of gaping holes, swarming with rats and cockroaches, they seem like the relics of another age, suggesting that in a time of great change for Hong Kong and her people, nothing much has changed at all.

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Rong and her people, nothing much has changed at all.

Piracy remains the scourge of the coasts of Thailand and Malaysia. When units of the Squadron have visited these parts they have brought back tales of horrific brutality that rival the worst deeds ever committed under the Black Flag.

They continue to provide a strong deterrent against the modern version of the old scourge of the High Seas — useful experience for the wider police role Admiral Sir Julian Oswald has predicted for the Royal Navy of the decade to come.

Captain-in-Charge Hong Kong Captain Peter Dalrymple-Smith was relieved last month by Captain Michael Gordon-Lennox, hav-ing returned to the UK as Commodore Naval Ship Acceptance.

How the Hong I





Just before Christmas divers from HMS Tamar spent five hours searching for survivors when a catamaran ferry went out of control and crashed into a typhoon shelter, killing two men.

Before coming to rest with her bows out of the water, the powerful ferry Apollo Jet ran over three smaller boats. Another 18 people were injured.

The pair who died were playing Mah Jong on a sampan when the catamaran smashed down on them. One was thrown 15 metres onto the quayside and was found to be dead on arrival at hospital.

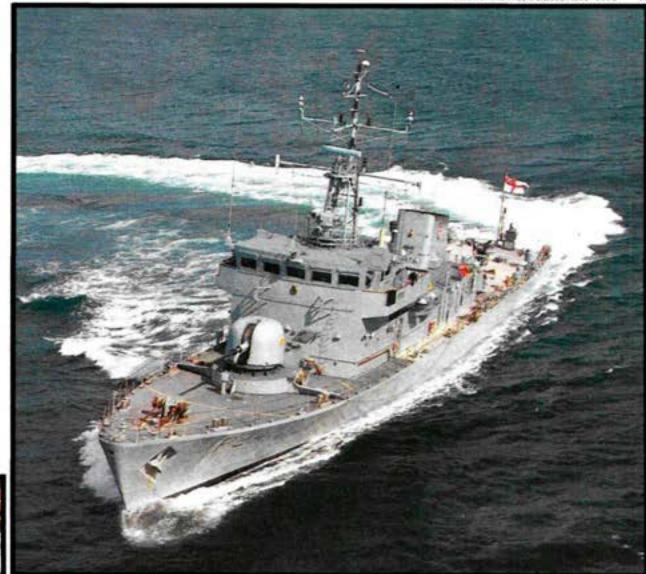
The other went missing in the city, rubbish-strewn water—and despite the efforts of the four divers could not be found. The Tamar Clearance Divers have the only recompression chamber in Hong Kong and are on call 24 hours a day, often to support search and rescue operations for which the Navy provides the only deep sea capability.

Working alongside the wrecked ferry Apollo Jet are (left to right) AB Diver Bob Hope. L Diver Mick Openshaw, Chief Diver Ben Benbow, AB Diver Stevie Mullins (in the water) and Marine Graham Simpson from HMS Starting.



SING THE ADS

Navy outrides the Kong crime wave



Another 'kill' to add to the tally — Lieut.-Cdr. Alan Brooks (right), CO of HMS Starling (above) records his latest success in the war against the speedboat smugglers from whom he has recovered 5m Hong Kong dollars' worth of contraband last year.

● Something fishy here? Smuggling — drugs, people, electronic equipment — is a lucrative sideline for many Chinese mariners. PO(SEA) Taff Richards (right) and LWEM(O) Jupiter Shum check that all is what it seems while a fast pursuit craft from HMS Plover stands alongside (below).

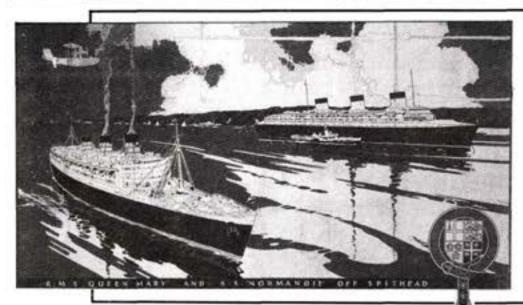
Below left — HMS Plover's fast pursuit craft shows the form that has helped bring the smugglers to justice.

Pictures by CPO Radar Thompson









POSTCARDS CATCH OLD SOUTHAMPTON

HMS Gladiator's sinking by the liner St Paul in 1908 is one of many dramatic tales retold in A Maritime History of Southampton in Picture Postcards.

With visibility down almost to zero the St Paul was making some 16 knots when she came up against the Gladiator off

The second class cruiser, proceeding more cautiously, was struck amidships on the starboard side and sank within 15 minutes; 26 members of her company were drowned.

This hardback, by Alan Leonard and Rodney Baker, is com-plemented by Clive Brooks's and Peter Boyd-Smith's A History Southampton in Picture Postcards.

The maritime history is priced £12.95 and the town history £11.95. Available from Southampton bookshops, they can also be obtained by sending cheques for £14.45 and £13.45 respectively, to Ensign Publications, 2 Redcar Street, Shirley, Southampton SO1 5LL.

Left: Cover of the Maritime History of Southampton.

Tales out of school

LITERARY success may Navy "schoolie" Ivor Lawrence, now in his 89th year, but the res-ponse to the hardback volume of his memoirs, 4 Naval Schoolmaster Looks Back, after review in Navy News in 1988 made it sweet - prompting him to update the work and issue it in paperback.

The Churchman Pub-lishing edition, (£6.95) has retained the diarytype format, which makes this ideal bedtime or odd minute reading.

JMD

Nelson's Navy under review

on board ship was an unavoidable reality in Nelson's Navy; seaman had no rights to shore leave and could be subjected to years of "floating imprisonment" so the mountain had to go to Mahomet as it were.

A contemporary observer by the name of "Jack Nastyface" records that 450 women came on board the Revenge in 1805 for a crew

"On the arrival of a man-ofwar in port, these girls flock down to the shore, where boats are always ready; and here may be witnessed a scene somewhat similar to the trafficking in slaves in the West Indies." Despite the lack of privacy,

the women slept in hammocks with the men amid scenes of indescribable squalor and

Soldiers were entitled to take their wives to sea in addition to

geon with casualties.

But when two women applied for the Naval General Service Medal on the grounds that they had been present at The Nile and Trafalgar it was refused lest it create a prece-dent which would be followed by "innumerable applications" from many others.

Expert

These facts form part of the encyclopaedic fund of know-ledge to be gleaned from a new large-format book by Brian La-very, Nelson's Navy — The Ships, Men and Organisation 1793-1815. The author is not only one of the world's leading experts on the sailing navy, but he is readable. always eminently

The scope of the book is social, historical and technical, laid out in 14 themes, each with its own chapters and sub-headings. The topics include shipbuilding, career structures, shipboard life, the fleets, for-eign navies and tactics. A final section of appendices provides

Brian Lavery admits to treat-ing the subjects somewhat superficially. His triumph is to have collected and organised them so thoughtfully in one volume, illustrated and care-

It works superbly both as an introduction to Nelson's Navy and as a companion to all the specialist books an enthusiast may have already collected. (Published by Conway Mari-time Press, price £35).

YACHTSMEN'S BEST FRIEND

CRAMMED with naviga-tional data, charts and maps, this year's edition of the Macmillan and Silk Cut Nautical Almanac once again proves an invaluable companion for yachtsmen.

Edited by Rear Admiral I.J. Lees-Spalding and Wing-Cdr. Basil D'Oliveira, the softback almanac is priced at £15.95. For each copy sold, Macmillan and Silk Cutill make a doce Silk Cut will make a donation towards a much-needed D-class lifeboat for

BATMAN, BOND

BATMAN was born in May 1939 in the pages of Detective Comics, the creation of a cartoonist named Bob Kane.

Screen Scene

Unlike, say, Superman, he had no magic powers, unless you count money (his alter ego Bruce Wayne is the richest man in America), but was simply a crime fighter with a weird taste in accoutrements.

He was first annexed by the movies in 1943 for a cliff-hanger serial, a staple for years after of Saturday morning kids' mat-inees; and in the mid-60s he was the subject of a popular TV

Now he has returned to the big screen in one of the most expensive - and profitable movies ever made, released to the Fleet on 16mm this month.

Immediately noticeable is the change of tone. Gone are the campy jokes of the 60s version, gone too (thankfully) is Robin the Boy Wonder. This Batman is brooding, even sinister, and played by Michael Keaton in a deliberately low-key manner, the better to contrast with Jack Nicholson's gleefully maniacal Joker.

The film's sets are some of the most eye-filling imaginable (and will inevitably be diminished on video). Art director Anton Furst's dank and danger-ous Gotham City, where it al-ways seems to be night and over which the Joker looms monstrously, is a brilliant creation. Not surprisingly, the sets were left standing for future use: Batman II will flit on to our screens later in the year.

Another hero undergoing something of a transformation

is James Bond. As played for the second time by Timothy Dalton in Licence to Kill, he is clearly getting further and further away from the devil-may-care flamboyance of his previous incarnation and returning to Ian Fleming's origi-nal characterisation of a ruthless tough guy.

This concept has been pur-sued to the extent that the film's producers have denied themselves a slice of their usual audience, via its 15 certificate. Otherwise though, the action is as spectacular the bad guys are as colourful and, in the person of Carey Lowell, the lady as de-lectable as in any Bond film.

Lock Up, the new Sylvester Stallone movie, has been made available to the Fleet in advance of its cinema release. It's an ultra-tough prison movie in which evil warden Donald Sutherland relentlessly goads model prisoner Stallone, hoping to provoke him into the retaliation which will forfeit his chance of early release.

Needless to say, Sylvester is duly goaded and, biceps throbbing, wades into the warden's

The most worrying question is how so obviously unstable a nutter as Sutherland ever got to be warden. Looks like a cock-up at the lock-up.

Finally, a comedy to counterbalance all this drama -although some of the goings-on in Wilt are more extreme than even Bond or Batman have to Based on Tom Sharpe's best seller, it stars Griff Rhys Jones as henpecked Henry Wilt and Mel Smith as a policeman who must have graduated from the Clouseau Detective Academy. It's all very rude, very funny.

One man's wartime

AS A member of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve during the Second World War, Michael Auriol Buxton took part in many famous events.

He was even acting ADC to Winston Churchill while the PM was aboard the Prince of Wales for the Atlantic Charter Meeting Roosevelt. with President

That episode and a host of others, including the Bismarck action and D-Day, are recorded in his privately published softback. Service at Sea. Cheques for £9 made payable to M.A. Buxton should be addressed to him at Rose Cottage. Gaston him at Rose Cottage, Gayton, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE32 IPA.

DOCKYARDS

ROYAL Dockyards In Camera by Philip MacDougall shows in over 70 pictures what those naval leviathans looked like in Victorian and Edwardian

There is much still recognisa-ble in the photographs of Ports-mouth, Devonport and

Chatham.
Other yards which served the
Royal Navy — Pembroke,
Sheerness, Woolwich and
Deptford among them — and overseas yards at Malta, Ber-muda and Gibraltar are also featured in this neat little hardback, published by Quotes Ltd. of Buckingham at £7,95.







SHAKY PEACE AND WORLD CONFLICTS

EDITED by Dr Noble Frankland, The Encyclopedia of 20th Century Warfare has been written by an international team of military historians.

Included are seven major essays, illustrated in colour, tracing developments from the age of transition in the nineteenth century to the era of "Star Wars". More than 3,000 alphabetically-organised entries and

500 photographs, maps and pictures back these up to create an authoritative reference to the complex subject

Noble Frankland, historical adviser to Thames Tele-vision in the production of "The World at War." was director of the Imperial War Museum from 1960 to 1982. Published by Mitchell Beazley, the encyclopaedia costs £14.95 hardback.

Marching to War (Bracken Books, priced £9.95 hard-back) traces the run-up to the Second World War through the words and photographs of the Illustrated London

News.
With its introduction by Martin Gilbert, Winston Churchill's official biographer, the book provides an absorbing record of the tumultuous pre-war years.

A pack f aces

prior to and during the Second World War, and sometime commanding officer of 801 Squadron, was an inveterate risk-taker.

Although perhaps careless of his own life, his courage in defending Britain against the Ger-mans won him a place in naval history and, posthumously, the Distinguished Service Order.

He admitted that in attacks on enemy aircraft he never opened fire until about to collide with the enemy plane's rear turret, convinced that this was the best way of blasting them out of the sky.

Bill met an untimely end when one of the rear gunners got him first, but it was a death absolutely in keeping with the way he lived.

Second World War flying ace, Laddie Lucas, has included Bill's story - and that of two other Fleet Air Arm heroes of Bobby Bradshaw and Anglo-American David Foster — in his book. Thanks for the Memory — Unforgetta-ble Characters in Air Warfare 1939-45

The hardback, published by Stanley Paul, priced £16.95, is a fascinating compilation of pen portraits of famous fliers by famous fliers. The layout of the book is initially a little con-fusing, with potted histories of their authors or brief comments on the subjects of the ar-ticles preceding the pieces.

The writing style is not consistent, varying from the rather boringly biographical to tales of high adventure but there is still plenty to capture the interest and imagination of professionals and non-professionals alike

FROGMEN MARCH

WORK underwater remains treacherous despite huge advances over the past century in equipment and technological back-up; dangerous tides and currents, stormy seas and cold continue to dog divers ...

For military divers, of course, there are added enemies — the opposing forces for a start and everything they can de-ploy to put a diver out of action.

In Combat Frogmen - Milttary Diving from the Nine-teenth Century to the Present Day author Michael Welham shines a light into the sha-dowy depths of underwater soldiering and sailoring. A former Royal Marine

diver/parachutist, Mr. Welham saw active service in Aden, later transferring to the SAS and 95 Commando Special Forces.

Another ex-Royal, leader of the Social and Liberal Democrats, Mr. Paddy Ash-down wrote the foreword to the book. In it he said: "The world of the combat swimmer is a lonely and silent one, where life constantly

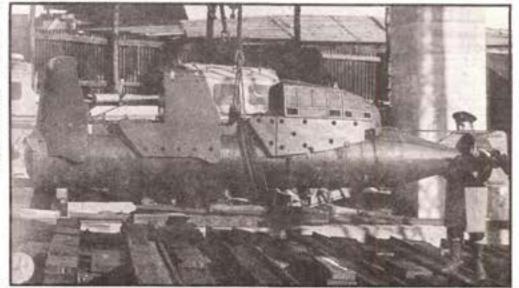
Left: Britain designed and developed the underwater Chariot. This example is without the explosive warhead at the

Top: On the surface the Chariot made a small target. rests on the efficiency of your equipment, the courage of your colleague and the ef-fectiveness of your prepara-

Illustrated throughout with black and white photographs, the book also con-tains 15 colour shots.

(Published by Patrick Ste Ltd. at £16.95 hardback.)





Dangers of the deep

IF THE RUBBISH DIDN'T GET YOU THE RATS AND 'ROACHES MIGHT

IF serving in a sweltering submarine in dangerous Far Eastern waters was no Second World War picnic, emptying the boat's gash buckets was just one of the hazards.

Slopping over with uneaten dinners, they had to be

hauled by rope up the conning tower at night and ditched over the leeward side of the bridge. Often half the contents finished up either in the tower or the control room beneath!

When the klaxon sounded in the middle of an operation the gash party up top and the two lookouts leapt for the conning tower hatch as the boat started to dive — with about 30 swilling gash buckets lined up under the control room ladder.

According to one description of the unsavoury scene, "The skipper and Jimmy were dancing around in the control room, leaping in and out of buckets while all of us who had to run the length of the boat to get to our diving stations got caught up in the general melee, skidding around on spud peelings and lumps of fat as the boat plunged down.

Such day-to-day episodes on. under or above the water are colourfully described by scores of "ordinary men at war on the sca" in The British Sailor.

The boat with the gash problem was the T-class Tactician and the writer, Iain Nethercott

Telling how the food on board was "all wrong", he re-calls, "We had jars of salt tablets and 'Sunshine Pills' (Vitamin C) in all the messes. For a long time they had been mis-trusted by Jolly Jack, as some

they dampened his sexual ar-dour, like Ganges bromide.

"Then it got round that they had just the opposite effect, and were swallowed by the handful. I've often wondered when they'll start to work."

Water was short and the boat infested with rate and once.

infested with rats and cock-roaches. A naval surgeon was taken to sea on one patrol to report on conditions. He col-lapsed in the second week and nearly died in his bunk. The temperature was 140 degrees, beyond which they reckoned men couldn't survive. We did."

Kew Gardens

Sailing from Trincomalec. they used to fill the boat with green tropical fruit which was hung from every available space except engine, control and motor rooms. "Looking and motor rooms. through the boat into the fore ends looked like the tropical house at Kew Gardens. The trouble was that it all went rotten after a couple of days and made the ship stink more than

When Admiral "Slim" Somerville went on board before one hazardous patroi and looked into the stokers' mess all he saw was a mass of greenery with one of the killick stokers stack naked looking for his sca-going sarong. "Like Tarcan of the bloody apes," said the Admiral.

The book's first-hand descriptions capture a worldwide spread of the war at sea, with inking commentary by author Kenneth Poolman, himself ex-RN. It is a story of regulars who found themselves reluctantly in Navy recruiting offices during the Depression for a "pair of boots and three square meals a day" and of Hostilities Only men, enlisted from all walks of

Tragedy and humour mingle freely in extracts from diaries. letters, interviews and the auth-

or's personal memories.

There are the recollections of men who watched the mighty Hood blow up and shadowed the Bismarck until revenge was exacted; of the flying surfers of the Fleet Air Arm; and of the smooth Combined Operator

who slept with a sergeant-major (female)

There is, too - in these interesting items for the Wrens— a brief glimpse of the wartime activities of their predecessors. Today, no-one should be surprised that girls could run tenders, picket boats, mail boats, hospital boats, boarding drifters and skimming dishes, ceremoniously twirl a locathook

and belay a rope with the best foretopman in the Fleet." But the strength of the book lies in the ability of the words of sailors, half a century on, to capture the spirit of the times

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Leut. M. P. Bulscot, Leut-Cdr. K. P. Doney,
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Officer Promotions NN)

PROVISIONAL half-yearly selectins for pro-motion from June 30, 1990 are at follows:

SEAMAN: To captain — A. T. Lightoller, H. Buckle, A. C. Lyddon, I. M. Hime, A. J. Taylor, C. R. Beagley, G. B. D. Lane, R. Lockyer, C. D. Stanford, J. M. de Hall yer, C. D. Sterrow, M. Burnel-Nugent, M. Burnel-Nugent, M. Burnel, A. A. Rich, R. M. Skones, D. B. Haber-Teringham, M.

J. M. Burner-response.
To commander – T. Jane, A. A. Rich, R. N. W. Craig, G. M. Skinnst, D. B. Haber-shon, D. A. K. Presenan, T. J. Etringsham, M. R. Legg, E. D. J. Sykes, D. L. W. Sim, D. R. Southcott, M. C. Nixon, P. G. Miller, S. M. Turner, C. J. Gass, M. B. Avery, P. Fishar, H. J. Ledingham, B. J. Scoter, A. R. C. Bernsett, S. C. Jerrry, R. A. Mark, P. Lenhart.

ambert.
ENGINEERING: To captain — P. Organ. D. Newberry, R. J. Tempest, G. Heathcose, J. T. Tamblyn, J. B. Sadler, J. Luard, J. M. Parkinson, D. P. Lashbood, To commander — R. G. Barks, R. Broad, C. F. Podmore, C. W. Flander, W. Smith, J. C. W. Arthur, J. D. Murch, R. Brd, G. W. G. Coles, D. Morgan, R. Libbe, P. Cariss, R. A. N. Palmer, W.

Geddes, C. J. Davies, K. R. Doney, I. P. G. Tibbitt, D. J. Issitt, P. J. Broadway, R. T.

SUPPLY AND SECRETARIAT: To captain A. P. Hallett, J. J. Hart.
To commander — G. R. Philipott, M. J. amborough, R. R. Morris, A. Menzies, B. Rayner, R. M. Grainger.
Rayner, R. M. Grainger.

Rayner, R. M. Granger. INSTRUCTOR: To captain — B. L. Nevitle.
To commander — M. S. Rogers, T. Tom-kow, J. B. M. Rose.
MEDICAL: To surgeon captain — J. D.

uchanan. To surgeon commander — L. J. Jarvill. J. Ryder, P. J. Waugh, G. M. F.

DENTAL: To surgeon captain (D) - G. H.

ROYAL MARINES: To colonel - R. S. To Seutenant-colonel — A. J. W. Higgin-

son, M. J. Meardon.
To major -- R. S. Grant, T. C. G. Hunter.
R. Hutchings, T. M. Gregory.

Merit Medals NN/

MERITORIOUS Service Medal awards to RN and RM personnel for first fact of 1990.

MAA(CAS) R. A. L. Austen, CSGT A. J. Bakker, R.M. CPO(B) C. J. Ballinger, WO(AEM) R. J. Bamadough, CSGT R. J. Chivers, R.M. CPOAEA(L) T. L. Chivers, CPO(SEA) B. W. CLitton, A/WO1 T. G. CUMbertson, CPOAEA(WL) H. R. Davies, WO(MT/SM) R. M. Evans, CPOSA P. J. Finan, CMEA(CAS) L. W. Gamble.

WO(WTRL D. O. Glavier, CSGT H. Gray, RM, WO(RS) D. N. Greig, WOMEA(P) C. W. Hamilton, WOMEA(P) C. W. Hamilton, WOMEA(P) C. Helm, CPOAEA(M) W. N. Hicks, CPOWEA G. Hell, WOWEA(ADC) P. R. A. Jones, WOWEA R. Lake, WOMEA(P) G. M. Middelon, CCCT D. Owen, CPO(OPS)(M) C. N. Pappas, WO(SEA) D. G. Plymted, WOMEA(P) S. Roche, WOMEA(P) S. Roche, WOMEA(P) S. Thomas.

NN. Appointments

CAPT, P. B. Rows in to be promoted rear admiral on February 5 and to be Military Deputy to the Head of Defence Export

His recent posts have included Commo-dore Clyde and HMS Nepture.

Other appointments announced include: Surg. Capt. A. L. Revell, Director of Clini-

Points

cal Services, MOD DMSD, from Jan. 1990 in the rank of surgeon commodore. Cdr. R. N. Lucey, Broadsword in com-mand, May 18. Cdr. N. S. Holden, Danue in command.

Lieut-Cdr. R. C. Faulks. Bicester in command. May 9.

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Promotions to Chief

AUTHORITY for promotion of the folio

AUTHORITY for promotion of the following ratings to chief petry officer was issued by HMS Centurion in January.

OPERATIONS BRANCH (SEAMORE)

To CPO(DPS)(M) — L. Discourse (Birmingham). G. Drewey (Drahe).

To CPO(DPS)(M) — A. R. Barnes (Henori).

R. W. Mattock (Amazzon, W. N. Allen (Cumbertand). R. E. Criag (Dryad). I. Histon (Dryad). A. R. Imms (Guorn). G. H. Roberts (Active), G. J. Jennings (Power). W. Shardlow (Collingwood). F. W. Hudson (Berkeley). K. R. Morris (Ralegh). R. X. Eliston (Dryad). M. J. Wingth (Machry). E. A. Cave (Andromedia). P. A. G. Fortin (Dryad). M. Bradford (Nottingham).

ford (Nottingham).

To CPO/OPSI/R) — G. G. Rogers (Atherstone), P. C. Langford (Boxer), D. N. Wright (Dryad), B. J. Sandlands (Dryad), R. C. Cobb (FOSH) OPSI, G. S. Williams, (Shefned), G. S. Pedersen (Dryad), R. C. Cobb (FOSH) OPSI, G. S. Williams, (Shefned), G. S. Pedersen (Dryad), G. E. Hilbourne (Birmingham), J. N. Smister (Fit Eng. Whate Isen, S. D. Watson (Danae), B. G. Kentité (Cambridge).

Kenible (Cambridge).
Te CPO(GPS)(S) — K. G. Moss (Com-ati, M. S. Dutson (Shelfletd), R. J. Forres-

To CPOISEA) — W. T. Amery (Achilles), R. P. Turner (Cornwall), P. M. Edwards (Hecla), C. Germell (RNR London), R. E. Sturp (Collengwood), D. W. Login (Angonaut), R. M. Goold (Minerva), A. M. Batt (Brazen), R. Crottey (Dophini, P. Ebbly (Raleigh), D. W. Opney (Norfolk), (COMMUNICATION), 1980, 1971.

leigh), D. W. Oprey (Nortow),
(COMMUNICATIONS GROUP), REG. PT
AND R.
To CCY — D. J. Cutter (Mercury), P. W.
Lepse (Nortok), C. E. King (Mercury DVP),
G. Clissett (COMCEN Wisehast),
Te CCCT — C. C. Herrocks (Beaver), G.
Porter (SCU Leydene), 1. P. Hamilton (SCU Leydene), P. S. Bond (SCU Leydene), K. J.
Elliott (GCHQ Cheltenham),
Te CPOPT — P. Shipston (Exeter), V. J.

Parsons (Nelson), R. C. Perifold (Cercurion), B. Richardson (Osprey), M. J. Clarrity (Dotphin), N. J. Holohan (Arrow), To MAA — S. C. Rigier (Bushrout), R. M. Beardmore (June), M. J. Bone (Battleave), P. M. Ward (Ambuscade), G. E. Ward (Active), C. Desening (Serlance PAB), A. J. Pritchard (Blackwater), M. B. Longbunt (Nelson), A. B. West (Collingwood), K. A. Cruickshari (CINCHANHOME), C. N. Dindale (Lindistame), J. Masterion (Southampton), K. R. Hod (Peters), P. F. Messit (Clargow), J. H. Parker (Charybdis), R. Newell (Cruickenger), M. J. Warr (Proebe), N. J. P. Kuereman (Nothingham), C. A. Burden (Edinburgh), P. Rottwell (Dunae), K. C. Williams (Nelson Reg. Ech), G. R. Browne (Collingwood).

MARINE ENGINEERING
TO CMEMIL) — S. Lunt (Nelson NBCE
To CMEMIM) — M. Dees (Ark Royal)
WEAPON ENGINEERING

Te CWEM(O) — C. P. Mallett (Not-righam). A. Walls (York). B. N. Woods

To CWEM(R) - S. J. Parkes (ROC CHAN, G. Bryton (Dumbarton Castle), D. J. CHAN, G. Bryton (Dumbarton Castle), D. J. Tyler (Gib. Naval Base), C. J. Austin (Butt-laues), C. P. Cadman (Minerva), D. Mactar-laues (Portamouth NB), M. P. Rose (SNDN), C. S. Stuman (Carditt), P. T. Crampton (Ark Broad), C. S. Morra, Visit

oyal, G. S. Morris (York).

SUPPLY AND SECRETAMIAT

TO CPOCK — R. G. W. Greaves (Raleigh).

To CPOCK — G. J. Wilkinson (Raleigh).

Te CPOSTD — C. Metcalle (Nor108), A. D. Barrett (FOST), D. A. Bray (Sestrank), M. D. Braid (St. Vincent), C. F. Dye (Beaver), MEDICAL BRANCH

MEDICAL BRANCH
TE CMT — D. W. Curlett (Rhat Prymouth).
SUBMARINE BRANCH
To CPO(COXNISM) — R. D. Waters
To S. Johnson (Soveregn), M. Gudeon (Switsure), E. J. W. Waton (Tiretess).
To CPO(OPS(SSSM) — M. A. Suffield
(parlan), S. Lister (Captain, SM2), R. J.

Ward (Revenge 8tbd), L. G. B. Cochrane (Tratalgar),
To CPO(OPS)(TS)(SM) — C. Pauley (TOSM Fasilane), P. M. Smith (Tratess), A. P. Anderson (Captain SMO), C. Bilot (Turtulant), D. B. Hutchinson (Neptune SMO),
To CRS(SM) — D. J. Pristaw (Revenge Street)

To CMEM(L)(SM) - K. J. P. Doyle (Re-

To CWEMIO(SM) -- W. D. Sawyer (Nep. ne SM10), W. G. Lyons (Neptune NT). Te CPOSA(SM) — K. Morris (Detiance

INCIBERLANT)
To CPOA(PHOT) — K. R. Rixon (CINC-

FLEET PHOT UNIT)
To CPOA(SE) — A. K. Garter (Osprey),
B. A. Scott (LEE BDN), S. A. Smith (RAF
Wyton), M. E. Beech (Portland BDN), P. L. Wyton, M. E. Beech (Portland BDN), P. L. Moss (Interpol), WRNS BRANCHES To CPOCGA — V. A. Kirwan (ERA (SMS)

osporti. Te CPORGN — S. I. Middleton (RNH lymouth). A. Dobson (RNH Haster). C. L.

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ACPOMEA — A. J. Silverthorne (Deliance

CPOWEA — E. Fisher (Achilles). ACPOWEA — B. Contley (Sheft) ACPOWEA - 5 Cordery (Sheffield) ACTING CHARGE CHIEF ARTIFICER

Authority was insued by HMS Certarion December for the following rannings to be computed to acting charge chief artifore: To ACCMEA — K. Brain (Sheffled), T. uchanan (Valant), J. Gibbon (Tireless), S. Perry (Reputs S), D. A. Ernest (Torbay), M. Madders (Sovereigh).

Deaths

J. Swith, CPOCA, RN College Greenwich. C. J. Leakey, MEM(M), HMS Otter, Dec.

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P. T. Fry. LS(R). HMS London. Jan. 5. A. J. Yeomana. RO1(G). RN Hospital tymouth, Jan. 12. lymouth, Jan 12. M. J. Newbury, POSTD, RN Hospital symouth, Jan. 15.

Sir Michael Villiers, KCB, OBE, Vice-Adminal (rend). Served 1905-64, including com-mand of HM ships Urna, Snipe and Bulwark (at time of 1956 Suez operation), Ships also included HMS. Warsotte and Hood. Later Chief of Staff of RNZN: Fourth See Lord and Vice-Controller of the Navy, and, fol-lowing retrement, Lieutenant-Governor of Jersey, Aport 82. Sir Charles Norrie, KBE, CB, DSO, Vice-

Jersey, Aged 82.
Sir Charles Nomis, KBE, CB, DSO, Vice-Admirst (rest). Served 1913-56, including Jutland. Second World War appointments included HMS Shelfield as second-in-command, and command of HMS Bellona. Later Captain of HMS Dryad (where he was largely responsible for ensuring the famous Drya responsible for ensuring the famous D.

Captain of HMS Dryad (where he was largely responsible for ensuring the famous D-Day Wall Map was preserved; Captain of the Fleet in the Home Fleet; Flag Officer Flotillas, Mediterranean; and CIC East Indiscrete Fleet. Aged 89.

Sir Geoffrey Robson, KBE, CB, DSO and Bar., DSC and Bar. Vice-Admiral (red). Served 1915-58. Ships included HMS Asilays and command of HMS When; Kandahar in Fifth Destroyer Flotilla; HMS Hardy (as Captain D. 28th Destroyer Flotilla); and HMS Superb. Latter appointments included command of HMS Ganges: Flag Officer Flotillas Home. Flag Officer Scotland, CINC South Atlantic and South America, and, after retirement, Lieutensant-Governica.

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H. F. H. Layman, DSO and Bar. Clipt (retd). Served 1917-S3. Commanded HMS-Hotspur. Norway 1940, and later in Mediter-ranean. Oner ships included HMS Centurion. Warspite and Rajah. Later appoint-ments included command of HMS Horibol. (RN air station) and Chief of Staff to CINC the Nore. Aped 90.

G. W. Dibben, OBE (retd). Served 1929-

R. T. Kemble, Served 1917-45, ships in-luding HMS Malaya and Winchelsea, Aged J. Lyens. Lieut. (retd): Ex-Boy Seaman 1909 and survivor of HMS Lightning, other ships including HMS Dido, Cleopatra and

Ceres.

J. Gardiner, Ex-CSTO: Served 1928-56, including HMS Warspite, Royal Sovereign, Anson and Oceanway. Member Burnley and Pendie Ex-Naval Assn. Aged 80.

J. Wright, Member HMS Barham Survivosa.

J. Wight. Member HMS Barham Scrivvors Assn.
L. R. Slade, Ex-CPO, Served 1928-58,
including HM ships Comvest, London, Nelson and Kerya. Apel 78.
H. Franklyn, DSC and Bar, Ex-RNVR,
Commanded MTB in Costali Forces at apel
of 20. Member Coastal Forces Venerans
Assn. Ded in Comvest, aged 67.
J. Chapman, Ex-EMI, Served in HM submarines Taient, Trenchant and Teredo,
Founder member Blackpool and Fylde
tranch Submarine OCA. Aged 59.
S. Micklin, Ex-CSGT, RM. Formety chief
quide of HMS Victory, Chairman Liverpool
Branch RM Assn. since 1885.
T. F. Little, Ex-SHPWT-MEADIS, Berved
1850-72, including HMS Agricourt, Bul-

1950-72, including HMS Agincourt, Bul-wark Londonderry and Tyrie Member Exe-

ing Manager of Field Aircraft Services at Culdrose. Closely associated for many years with RN flying training. Aged 61.

H. Gillespie, Ex-AB(Subs). Aged 65. fember Manchester SOCA.

The deaths have occurred of the follow-ing members of the Algerines Association: C. Robinson, ex-ERA3, ships including HMS Driyx: J. Levy, HMS Pincher: E. Barnes, ex-ERA3, HM ships Roserio and Myrmidon; and C. de Vall, ex-LSA, HMS Magicienne.

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

The deaths are reported of the following shipmates:
Sybil, Doweger Marchieness of Chel-mondeley, CBE, president Kings Lyrn, Su-perintendent WRNS 1939-49. Aged 95. C. Golding and E. Pearson, Brentwood. J. Nell, vice-chairman, Shard End,

Irmingham.

A. Beckett, Wythenshawe.
R. Strick, Cleethorpest, Served HMS Norols, in Bismark action, Aged 86.
J. Sweeney, Ide-president Cleethorpest.
L. Barrett, ex-branch and club secretary.

Warrington,
K. Belshaw, Taunton,
R. Williams, founder and life member and
sx-charman. Wythershaws. Served with
Combined Operations.
Rev. H. G. Smith, Padre, Bridgort,
F. C. Pryer, Bridgort, Aged 70.
H. Cele, Dundee, Served in HMS Vestal
and Jewel. Also member of Algerines Asso.
Aced. 53.

Aged, 63 B. Fowler, artefacts bosun, York, Ex-

Aged S9
A. Payne, Warnscoville Ships included MMS Bulmark. Aged 75:
S. B. State, tile meriber and president Boone Survivor MMS York. Aged 70:
S. Nottage, Normanipori. Aged 74:
A. Lewis, Bury. Ex. 75:
J. Kemp, D. Bennett and J. Allen, Gravesend.
Capt F. L. Midna, CBE, DSC yeld, president Distinct

J. A. H. Ragers, DSM, founder member

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THE following list shows the total points of the men and women at the top of each advancement roster for perty officer and leading rates as at January 1, 1990.
Intermediaties (int) indicates that personnel can be advanced before they are eligible to receive ment points or before the noster can be adjusted to take account of them. This means that personnel are advanced in basic date: order, Dates shown against first rosters are the basic dates of the top eligible personnel.

The number following the points (or basic dates) is the number of men who were advanced during December.

PO(EW)/RS(W) — Int (30.9.88), No. LS(EW)/LRO(W) — Dry. 2: PO(M) — Int (37.3.89), Not. LS(M) — Int (96.89), No. PO(R) — brt (96.89), No. PO(R) — Dry. 6: LS(8) — Dry. 6: LS(8) — Dry. 6: LS(8) — Int (96.89), No. PO(D) — Int (39.881), Not. LS(D) — Int (39.881), Not. LS(SR) — Dry. Not. PO(SR) — Int (96.89), Not. LS(SR) — Int (49.881), T. PO(SEA) — Int (47.88), Not. LS(SR) — Int (49.881), T. POPT — 443, 1; RPO — 156. Not.

POMEM(L)(GS) — Int (22 1.89), 6: LMEM(L)(GS) — Int (14.7.88), Nit, POMEM(M)(GS) — Int (15.7.87), 18: LMEM(M)(GS) — Int (15.87), 17: POWE-M(O)(GS) — Dry, 8: LWEM(O)(GS) — Int (24.1.89), 5: POWEM(R)(GS) — Int (5.9.89).

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The Basic Dates guoted for the WRNS ratings in the following categories, which have no examination for the next higher rate, are applied in accordance with BR 1086 Chapter 22.

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AB(5) LE Fustec, 184M trained, curry based at Gibratar Naval Base (PV) bilet. Will swop for any Devonport Leander. Contact Gib. Naval Base, ext 5008.

LWEMIR) K Meore, 118 Bryson Hall, HMS Collingwood, drafted HMS Gloucester deploying August. Will swop for any ship in refit or not deploying.

CK(C) Bennett, 801 Squadron, HMS Ark loyal, Will swop for any Rosyth based ship eploying or not.

AB(5) Williams, HMS Active, 2016. We wop for any Portsmouth based ship decying or not — must be 184 trained. LWEM(0) N P Cotgreave, HMS Brazen. MI swop for any Portsmouth based ship

CK Osborne, MMS Warrior, ext 6576. Will wop for any Scottish draft or ship in refit. LAEM(M) Wilson, AED, HMS Ark Royal Will swop for any Culdrose billet or Fron Line Squadron.

LWREN WTR L. Gwynn, drafted to UPO HMS Ongray Agril (POWren POWTR billet). Will swep for any Portsmouth draft — con-tact HMS Sutan ext. 2189(2430.

AB(M) Trute, drafted HMS Sentinel in June. Will swop for any Devonport ship extrer deploying or not — anything consi-dered. Contact HMS Drake, Manigate or flodney 12 Block.

WEM(O) P. J. Taylor, 2/3 Mess HMS M. Will swop for any Portsmouth based either in relit or not deploying.

RO1(T) Gough, 2D Mess HMS Averaged swop for any Devonport ship A/LRO(T) Jackson, LRQC HMS Mercury

until February 23, drafted HMS M. March 13. Will swop for any Ports based ship. AB(R) A. Wiltshire, HMS Exeter. swop for any Portsmouth share base or ship in refit. POCA Farmer, Servior Rates Mess. HMS tecahe, deploying end of March, Will swop or any ship not deploying or any shore

Swop Drafts

LRO(G) Simpson, HMS Argonaut, PV till consider any draft except Ports-

outh.

AB(M) R. Elliott, Main Gate, HMS Nelson, rafted HMS Challenger, May, Will swep for my deploying ship.

AEM(M) R. Weng, 800 Squadren, HMS nuncible, drafted HMS Daedalus, Manch, Vill swep for any Yeoviton draft.

AB(M) J. Esten, Hel Gosport \$87514], rafted HMS Ark Royal, April, Will swep for my Portsmouth, ship not deploying.

WRO1 D. J. Wright (Scale A), FM RNAS buildrose, Will swop for Northwood or Prymuth draft, contact RNAS Culdrose ext. 159.

LWEM(0) B. Merse, FSU 3, FEC, Rosyth ext 2919, drafted HMS Brave, June. Voll swop for any Rosyth ship, Fastane consi-dered.

dered.

RO1(0) A. J. Delaney, 5 Mers, HMS
Dursbarton Castle, Will swop for any ship
not deploying or any Common.

AB(R) Towers, CAAIS, HMS Lindistance,
drafted HMS Sertinet, based HMS Neptune. Clyde, end of Feb. Will swop for any
northern shore base or ship going into
major refit.

major retit.

MEM Pradies, (Scale C), HMS Nottingham, retiting July, Will swop for any
Portsmouth type 42/22, deploying,

WRO1 K, Webb, FOSNI Commoen, Pitreasie, ast 443, drafted CTF 345 March,
Will swop for any billet, preferably Fastane.

LSTD A. Bates, HMS Cochrane, drafted HMS Alacrhy, May, DED until September, Will consider any Rosyth ship.

LWEM(R) D. A. Spinks, Systems, MHQ Poresive, ext 277, Rosyth, drafted HMS Up-ton, June, refitting end of the year. Will swop for any Rosyth Type 42.

LSR A Pearson, 3 Delta Mess, HMS Avenger, deploying end of April, Will swop for any ship not deploying — anything considered.

WIENSTD P. J. Mogfard, Wrens Quaters, HMS Rocke, drahed HMS Osprey, March. Will swop for any Plymouth draft Replies, Wardroom, HMS Rocke Gibraltai BFPO 52.

LCK(C) A. J. K. Harrison, HIAS Active Will swop for any Type 22/23 or Leander not deploying or refitting, but not essential enything considered.

POMEMIMI Jopling, HMS Ledbury, draft-d Fastane floating dock, July, Will swop for my. Rosyth shore barie. CKICS Myers, HMS Fascate, deploying farch, Will swop for any ship in refit or not

LCK G. P. James, 35 Mess, HMS Achille, crafted HMS Osprey, May. Will swop or any Portemouth ship or shore base.

LRO(T) A. E. Chapman, HMS Drake, Bar ick Guard, avil 85140, drafted HMS Ark dyal, March, deploying April, Will swop for ty Devorport ship, seagoing or not.

SA W. Smith, 2SP Mess, HMS Edinburgh, osyth based, DED until lake summer, Will swop for any ship deploying

ROTAT) D. G. Søunders, HMS Androme-a. Will swop for any floreyth ship. AB(MW) L. Harrison, HMS Brevenon, refined HMS Mercury, March. Will swop for ny Rosyth shore base.

AB(EW) Ruston, HMS Rateigh, ext 41250/41244, UAB/9 trained, drafted HMS Rocke, Match, Will swop for any Devenport Leander, all considered. LWEM(O) A. Sworder, HMS Beagle, reft

ting Developer. Will swop for any ship de-ploying. Confact set 54/13, Developer. LWEM(0) D. C. Lewis, Portsmouth Dock-yard, srt 41953, before 1600 frs. Drafted IAMS Cumberland, May, Any draft considered. WRO1 K. Smith, C. Watch. Common Whitehall, ext 3415, drafted HMS Dolphin March. Will twop for Common, Whitehall

L5(M) P. Higgins, 3F Mess, HMS Edm-urgh, DED until size summer. Will swop for my Portsmouth, ship, deploying or not.

CPOMEA (EL) (SM) C. C. Heavet, Qualitissirance, HMS, Deliance, ext 65763 Assurance, HMS Defiance, ext 65768 drafted as RPD HMS Spartan, June, Will swop for any RPO's billet, SM11/Devon port.



The three-month trip has been divided into two-week legs to allow the maximum number to take part and it is hoped that many submariners enjoy a first taste of sailing.

The expedition is also ope to those who serve alongside submariners at the operational bases - to further forge links etween the support and the sharp end.

Starting at Gosport on April 2, crew changes will be made at Oban, Shetland Islands, Ber-gen, Gothenburg, Hamburg be-fore arriving back in Gosport

on June 23.

Application forms can be obtained from Cdr. C. E. Fisher, Clyde Submarine Base Repair Manager or from CCWEA Truby, Sandford Block Wea-pons Office, HMS Dolphin.

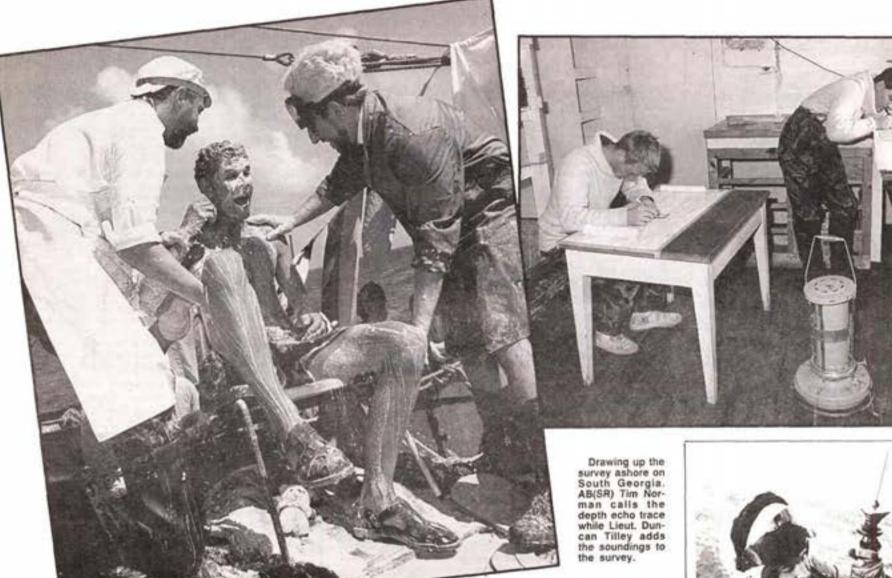


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Crossing the line was an experience LA(SE) Bob Howatson will remember as one of the highlights of his first deployment on board the ice patrol ship HMS Endurance.

Having paid homage to King Neptune, CPO(SA) Nigel Eastmead, he was shaved by "doctors" POMEA Wayne Ross and CCMEA Steve Gibbons before being thrown to the bears.

He is pictured in the tender clutches of CCMEA Gibbons (left) and POMEA Ross.

A whale of a time in Georgia

LIFE is not all at sea for men serving in the Royal Navy's ice patrol ship HMS Endurance. They even go camping in Antarctica!

During the first work period of the current seven-months deployment down South a party from Endurance set up camp in the abandoned whaling station at Husvik, on South Georgia. Landed by helicopter and

Landed by helicopter and boat, the party under the command of Lieut. Duncan Tilley completed a comprehensive

mand of Lieut. Duncan Tilley completed a comprehensive survey of the inner harbour.

Lieut. Tilley's team consisted of four survey recorder ratings, four ratings for technical and operations support, and Mr. Scouse Braken, the ship's Naafi assistant.

The data gathered, together with the information gained from 20 hours flown by the ship's helicopter carrying out vertical photography, will provide the material for the coasline and topography on a new series of Admiralty charts.

Civilian passengers embarked in Endurance included five mountaineers from the Southern Ocean Mountain Expedition, two scientists from the Scott Polar Research Institute, and a team of salvage consultants.

on South Georgia the salvage consultants assessed the amount of oil, pollutants, wasted steel and machinery left behind in the wake of the Falklands conflict.

An examination was also made of the whale catcher Karrakatta, built in Oslo in 1912, and used in the latter years of its life to provide power for shore establishments. For Endurance Christmas Day proved a little unseasonal as the temperature rose to 18° Centigrade

A relaxing day was followed

by a sporting Boxing Day when the Wardroom lost 5-2 to the Senior Rates at soccer before the ship's company beat C Company of the Green Howards, the current resident Army unit in South Georgia, 6-2 in a thrilling match.

in a thrilling match. While on patrol in support of the Endurance's first work programme the ship's company kept themselves busy in their off-watch time.

Flight deck sports, quizzes, bingo nights and a sponsored exercise bicycle "ride" all helped to raise nearly £1,000 for the ship's charities.



Landing the stores for the South Georgia campers. More than 20 helicopter trips were made from ship to shore to land the equipment and stores needed for the survey.



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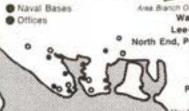
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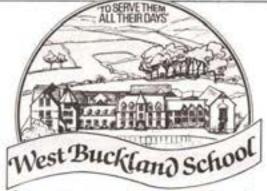
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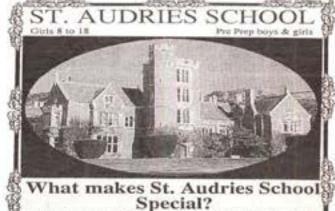
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The RNA's participation, master-minded by Shipmate Ron Tremlett, chairman of the publicity and recruiting committee, triggered off a lively season of dinners and dances organised by branches up and down the country.

Capt Keith Sutherland RN, president No 1 Area, and Mrs Sutherland were guests of honour at the fourth Mess dinner dance organised by Kingston-Upon-Thames. They were "piped aboard" by girl cadets from TS Steadfast, as was the branch president, Rear Ad-miral J.W.D. Cook and Mrs Cook

Shipmate of the Year award was presented during the even-ing to Shipmate Charlie Mayhew, the social secretary. Ship-mate Mick Paske received his standard bearers certificate and the Rev Neville Biden was welcomed as new branch chaplain. The occasion was enjoyed by 118 shipmates and guests.

The General Secretary, Capt Jim Rayner and his wife, Trish, with branch president, Rear Admiral John Bell and Mrs Bell, were guests of honour at Gravesend annual dinner dance enjoyed by 140 shipmates and friends. A raffle raised £250 for

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RNA charities. A thank you to all who contributed prizes.

The annual Christmas party for senior citizens organised by Dartford branch, attracted many of the usual "regulars" who turn up yearly for the 'big eats', the drink and the pre-sents, followed by an old time

sing-a-long.

There was a big turn out for Stockton-on-Tees annual dinner which was a great success. The General Secretary, Capt Jim Rayner, on a visit to the branch was presented with a decanter and a cheque for £200 for the RM Band Relief Fund.

A dinner dance organised by Falmouth branch and attended by 125 shipmates and friends proved a great social occasion. The guest of honour was Capt Taylor, commanding officer RN air station Culdrose and Mrs Taylor. Also present was the branch president, Vice Ad-miral Sir James Junguis and Lady Junguis and Cdr Mansfield, from Culdrose, and Mrs Mansfield.

Admiral Gwynn Pritchard, president of Weymouth branch was guest of honour at Bridport annual dinner dance attended by 120 shipmates and guests. During the evening a cheque for £270, raised by members,

was presented to Nurse Heather Payne of the MacMillian Services, to provide a second bath-hoist. The presen-tation was made on behalf of the branch by Shipmates Trevor Golds, branch vice-chairman, and Shipmate J. Barra-

Congratulations to Shipmate Paul Harris of Cleethorpes on becoming the youngest-ever delegate to represent the

branch at the age of 27 years. Standards of 15 ex-service associations were paraded at an impressive service in St An-drew's Church, Farnham to commemorate Trafalgar. The event, hosted by Farnham branch, was attended by the General Secretary, Capt Jim Rayner, Dr. Jill Cluff, Head-mistress of the Royal Naval School, members of the ships' companies of the RN Cookery chool, Aldershot and of HMS Dolphin and the mayors and mayoresses of Waverley and Garnham. The service was con-ducted by the Rural Dean of Farnham and Vicar of Hale, the Rev Michael Chapman, as-sisted by the Venerable Ray Roberts, former Chaplain of the Fleet, and the Rev Michael Wishart, chaplain HMS



BRANCH NEWS

The staff of Valindra Hospital, Cardiff, thank the friends of the late Mrs Joan Davies, wife of Shipmate Tom, chairman of the national council, for donating money instead of flowers on her death. Donations sent to the Central Charities Fund provided two brand new nebulizers for the hospital to assist patients suffering from respiratory complaints.

Members of Llanelli branch with members of the RM association organised a concert in aid of the RM Band Relief Fund. The music, provided free by a local band and dance orchestra, plus donations from branches and the proceeds of a raffle raised £780 for the fund.

That the ties between the past and present navies are strong was again proved recently by members of Atherton branch. On the invitation of HMS Sceptre, 20 shipmates enjoyed a tour of the submarine and were royally entertained by the Senior and Junior rates messes. A thank you from the branch for a memorable experi-

Members of Oldham had the holiday of a lifetime in Califor-nia, including a tour of the USS Missouri, arranged on their be-half by Shipmate Geoffrey Schofield, chairman of Long Beach branch. Aboard the Missouri, Shipmate Ron Smith, on behalf of the branch, presented an Oldham plaque to the ship's Chief Executive Officer. In return he was presented with a Battle Ensign of the ship and a certificate of its authentication. The visitors, who were royally entertained by members of Long Beach branch, also en-joyed a five day trip to Las Vegas where they attended a reun-ion of the Stinger Club and enjoyed a banquet and dance in the Union Plaza Hotel. The welcome and hospitality extended during their visit was overwhelming

Shipmate M.D. Evans, secre tary of Oswestry branch, would like the views of branches with less than 20/25 members on pooled fares - in other words the payment made by a branch towards the cost of travel by delegates to the annual conference and the system by which the cost is divided equally by branches. "Is it fair", he asks, "that a branch with less than 20/25 members should pay the same as a branch with 300 members plus in the same area?

Having raised £288 for the RM Band Relief Fund, members of West Ham club have set a memorial tablet on the external wall of the club in honour of the bandsmen who died. It bears the stark, yet sim-RM Deal, 22 Sept, 1989."

To the delight of shipmates of Bristol, their eight-hour sponsored skittles match, which ended in a draw, raised £540 for the Children in Need appeal. The match was between Bristol Rovers FC and supporters and members of the RNA. A thank you from the branch to all who donated prizes for the raffle and all praise to Shipmate Eddie Whelan the organiser of the event and to Shipmate John Burden, organiser of the raffle.

There was a good turn out for Yeovil Trafalgar dinner and for the Remembrance service and parade. Standard bearer, Shipmate Joe Rowland with a party of 14 shipmates attended the annual reunion at the Royal Albert Hall and paid a visit to the Star and Garter Home to de-

liver a cheque from the branch.
Members of Nuneaton
branch attended a RM Band
concert at Bedworth Civic Hall and later witnessed the presentation of a plaque to the con-ductor of the band, Capt Whealing. The plaque was from the New South Wales branch of the RM Association, and was delivered on behalf of the branch by Mr. Ray Albrighton, on holiday in Nuneaton from Australia.

Shipmates of Lincoln shared in two celebrations when they hosted a reunion of HMS Manchester Survivors Association the wedding of one of its members, Shipmate R.J. Kelly to a member of Lincoln club, followed by a reunion celebration. The bride and groom were "piped aboard" for an after-noon reception in the club, where many a toast was drunk, the day ending with a gala social.

On the following day the standard of the HMS Manchester Survivors association was re-dedicated in St Faith's Church,

Southend-on-Sea branch held its annual Pearl Harbour Re-membrance Day parade and service on December 10th, the only RNA branch to commemorate this historic event. Throughout the ceremonies the Stars and Stripes with the state flag of Hawaii and the White Ensign flew from the mast out-side branch headquarters where a service, conducted by branch chaplain, the Rev Roger Ma-son, was held. The salute at the R.D. Aldinger USN and colour parties representing the US Navy and the US Marine Corps took part in the parade, which also included standards of the association and the Royal Air Force Association with marching units representing the RNR, the RN Auxiliary Ser-vice, the Sea Cadet Corps and the RNLI.

Wartime memories on the menu

TWO of yesterday's heroes were invited to a pre-Christ-mas lunch organised and fi-nanced by members of Swindon branch for veterans and their wives.

Presiding at the top table was Rear Admiral Anthony Davies, the branch president and survivor of HMS Cossack. With him were honoured guests ex-CPO Chartie Rogers, survivor of HMS Repulse and HMS LI Wo, and ex-LSEA Tom Parsons from Cardiff. Tom Parsons from Cardiff, survivor of HMS Prince of Wales and also of the Li Wo.

Shipmates Rogers and Parsons, who were among 10 crew to survive the sinking of the Li Wo in the Java Sea, Feb 14, 1942, had much to recall on this festive occasion.

Before she was sunk, the Li Wo, armed only with a four inch gun and little ammunition, engaged the might of a Japanese invasion convoy. Shipmate Rogers was at the time Chief Bosun's mate and "Captain of the Gun" and Shipmate Parsons was the ship's Gunlayer and when de-tails of the action became known, the ship's Command-ing Officer, temporary Lieut Thomas Wilkinson RNR, who went down with the ship, was awarded a posthumous Victoria Cross.

If memories of wartime ser-vice were relived at the pre-Christmas lunch, the occasion was a happy and festive one enjoyed by veterans, their wives and the survivors. The guests were waited on by a team of helpers and the catering was masterminded by Shipmate Steve Brooks.

Members of the Abergwaun branch, with members of Fish-guard and Goodwick branches of the Royal British Legion, travelled aboard the St Bren-dan ferry from Fishguard to Rosslare for the annual ceremo-ny of tribute to those lost at sea when the St. Patrick ferry was bombed and sunk off Strumble Head in 1941. The ship hove to at the site of the sinking of the St Patrick and wreaths were cast on the water after a simple service on the stern deck. A wreath was cast on behalf of Abergwaun branch by Shipmate Rob Salmon.

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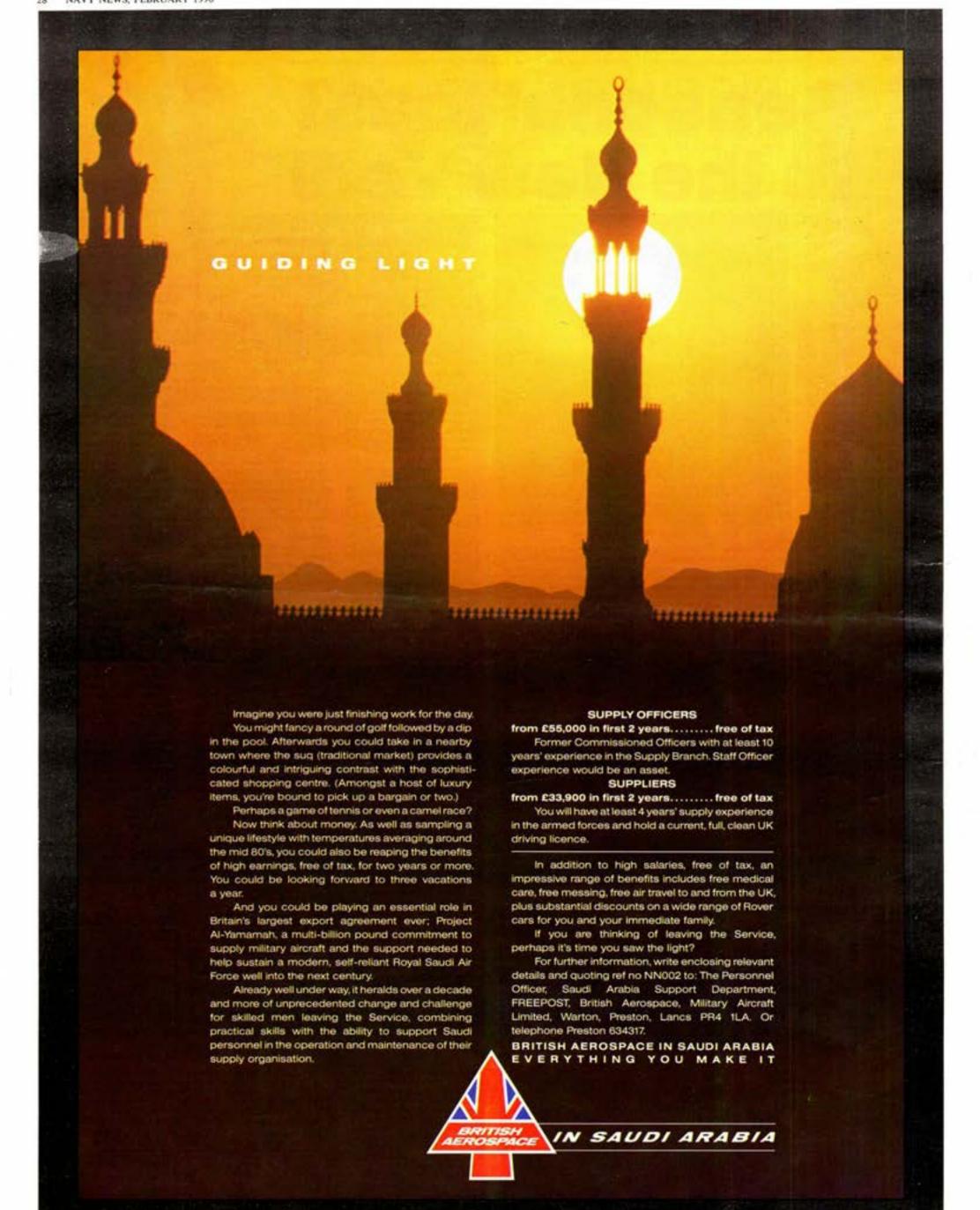
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Coventry on call is a record turn-out





 Top right — NATO ship's companies form a parade on the jetty at Ancona, Italy for the 39th activation of the Naval On Call Force Mediterranean.

 Above — during HMS Coventry's visit to Augusta, Italy, her Cheverton launch was used for junior officers' training. In the picture Sub-Lieut. Hood is at the helm with the ship's helicopter controller, LS (R) Harris keeping a careful eye on things. Below — AB (Sonar) Whaley, from HMS Coventry (front centre) with sailors from all the ships taking part in NATO exercises in the Mediterranean — from Germany, the United States, Spain, Turkey, Greece and Italy. Pictures by LA(Phot) Key Jeffries

THE Type 42 destroyer HMS Coventry returns to Devonport next month after a six months' deployment which has taken her through the Mediterranean and the Gulf to the Far East.

After a five-day visit to Corfu, the Cov-entry took passage through the Aegean Sea to the Italian port of Ancona where the NATO pennant was hoisted for the 39th activation of the NATO On Call Force Mediterranean (NAVOCFORMED).

The force is activated twice each year, spending a month on exercises designed to prove and evaluate tactics and communications plans and to improve co-operation between NATO navies.

The 39th activation saw the largest force yet assembled. The Coventry was joined by units from West Germany, the United States, Spain, Turkey, Greece and Italy. The Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel Olmeda provided excellent tanker support for the force.

Ships exercised in gunnery, air defence, anti-submarine operations, replenishment at sea and electronic warfare — and close manoeuvering provided good training for junior officers of the watch and operations room teams alike.

Activation

All participating nations supplied support and target forces, including submar-ines, oilers, fast patrol boats and hydrofoils and a large number of aircraft.

During the activation the force made port visits to demonstrate NATO co-operation in the Southern Region.

These included Ancona, where the activation ceremony took place, Augusta in Sicily, Alicante in Spain, Toulon in France and Genoa in Italy.

The force was under the control of the Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces Southern Europe, from his headquarters in Naples. At sea, the overall commander was the Italian Commodore D'Agostino. Released from NATO duties, the Coventry sailed through the Suez Canal and the Red Sea to the Gulf of Oman where she

assumed Armilla Patrol duties, protecting British shipping passing through the Gulf. During a visit to Dubai the ship's company did their Christmas shopping for the folk back home. The tills rang up £68,000 in five days!

The ship spent Christmas Day at sea on passage to Karachi, in Pakistan, and New Year's Day found her returning for another spell of duty in the Gulf.

A 17-day spell in Singapore for mainte-nance and station leave enabled many members of the ship's company to meet wives and families and enjoy a short Far Eastern holiday.

Armilla Patrol

When the Coventry returns home next month with HMS Manchester and HMS Beaver the Armilla Patrol will be taken over by HMS Liverpool and HMS Charybdis.

After leave and maintenance in Devonport the Coventry will be operating in United Kingdom waters until the end of the

 While HMS Coventry was at Port Said her Commanding Officer, Capt. Ted Hackett presented an embroidered kneeler to the Rev. Robin Lee, from the Anglican community in Cairo, on behalf of Coventry

The ship had promised to present the kneeler when it received the Cross of Nails recovered from the destroyer HMS Coventry, lost in the South Atlantic during the Falklands war.

Mr. Lee conducted a simple service of dedication and thanksgiving on the ship's bridge. He is pictured (below) with members of the ship's company, including Capt. Hackett.



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Calling Old Shipmates

HMS Whitehall (1944): Mr. R. S. Simmonds, 63 Hunts Mead, Billericay, Essier, CM12 9JA voold be pleased to hear from old shipmarks of 11 Mess (Comms) March-September 1944.
HMS Huntley (1941): Mr. Bill Humphries, ex-PO Tel. 58 Kinndyke Avenue, Livdney.

HMS Huntley (1941): Mr. Bill Humphries, rx-PO Tel, 58 Klondyke Avenue, Lydney, Idos GL15 SPN Bel, 0594 841789; wants to lear from survivors of the ship surk, Janu-ry 33, 1941.

ary 31, 1941, HMS Montclare (1948): Ex-StoMech Ken Hawes, 23 Lindfield Lane, Newlands, Well-ington 4, New Zesland, would like to hear from Lieut. Curran, All Tommy Stater (Blackburn) and Sto Jimmy Robinson of Sunderland.

HMAS Maryborough: Ex-Sig Alan Tonkin, 14 Whin Ave. Bohon-Le-Sands, Carriforth, Lance LAS 8DA would like to hear from old shipmates, especially of the Communica-tions Mess.

HMS Penn (1942): Mr. A. Bell, 14 Jenusalem Lane, New Inn, Nr Pontypool, Gwent NP4 (WPI, who served in the Penn during the Maita Correy, August, 1942, which lowed the Ohio to Maita, would welcome resear of city shipmans.

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MMS Tulip (1942); Ex-Sig 'Bash' Marsh, 27 Lechlade Gardens, Fareham, Hants PO15 Sif 'Hel. Fareham 20454, would welcome news of old shipmates.

Supply Branch 1938: Mr. Ron Martin, Maytree Cottage, Appleton, Ouon, Ox13 S.H. would be pleased to hear from former classmates who joined Supply Branch on February 1, 1938 or from those who may have photographs of the 48 new entrants. HMS Freediship (1945); Ex-AB R. Clayton, 33 Rosewood Avenue, Rokety Estate, Rugby, Warwickshire CU22 SPJ would like to contact ex-AB Joe Armstrong of Cumberland.

Cumberland.
Gibraltar (1917-19): If any RNVR members who served in MLs minetoweeping remember CPO Engineroom artificer George Oakes, please contact his daughter, near York (tel. 0347-810384).
HMS Narvik (1958,59): Ex-LRO(G) Don Bardsiny, 34 Risson Street, Watersheddings, Oldham Dt. 4 ZNX (sei. 061-624-1388), wishes to contact old shipmates and Z Mess oppos, also those of HMS Mercury, class 44A, 1955- Sparkers class.
HMS Experance Rev. (1909-41): Mr. J.

class 44A, 1956- Sparkers class.

HMS Esperance Bay (1939-41): Mr. J.
Francis, Mersey RNVR, 35 The Farway,
Deal, Kent CT14 SR2 (set (304-368563).

sants to contact F. Ginger Taylor, RNVR
East Scotland.

HMS Cecepatris: Mr. D. Fond, 24 Duddery
Hill, Havethill, Suffice CI9 8DP, (5440-705576), wants to contact, on behalf of Ron
Wilkins ex HM, his old shipmate as-Cs. Jen
Shean, who lived in Waterloo or Wandsworth areas UJC Clapham South of Wandsworth Road.

HMS Eacle (1965-56): Mr. Brian Key, 30

HMS Eagle (1955-56): Mr. Brian Key, 30 Langfield Road, Littleport, CB6 1LB, (tel. 0353-861046), would like to hear from any member of 630 Squadron.

Navai Meterological Observers (1948-68): Those interested in renewing contact with old mates please telephone Peter Clar-idge (0009-66480) (south) or, Cem Olliver (0209-732590) (north). HMS Ganges (1937): Boy Stan Keeler, second class, 19 Tewkenbury Ave, Black-pool, Lancs FY4 2NF Bet 62418), who poned HMS Ganges, Dec 1973, and became a resmber of PO Fred Churches' and Jerry Lant's class, 23 Long Covered Way, would ske to hear from od class members, es-pecially Nobby Walton, flash Merser, Ramsey Hendry, Campion, Riley and Mottershead:

Antersheed: HMS Witherington (1939-41); Mr. Ron illman, 18 Cavendish House, Collingwood lose, Peacehaven, East Sussex BN10 EE, would be pleased to hear from old

SEE, would be pleased to hear from old shipmates.

HMS Melaga (1937-40): Mr. G. E. Gillief Potter, 11 Custance House, Queen Street, Honton, Devon EX16 & LA wants to get in louch with the secretary of the Malaga Assa and survivors of the Boats crew.

HMS Peterus (1943-46): Mr. T. Gamble, 4 Harry Road, Reddish, Stockport, Cheshire SK5 6TX would be pleased to hear from ex-Coder A. Harrison of Rochdale.

HMS Ferenidable (1940-46): Mr. A. W. Russell, ext.Sto., Broadmeres, Mill Road, Potter Heigham, Gr. Yarmsouth NR29 Setty, would be pleased to hear from old shipmates also of HMS Affleck (1944-45).

HMS Royal Arthur Will anyone who has joined the association since May, 1989 and who has not received membership details contact Mr. John Stephens, West View, Buckfrom Avenue, Skegness, Lincs PE25 100 (Hel. 0754-6641-4).

HMS Ganges (1925): Mr. Jack Castle, 92 Sandwich Road, Whitflield, Dover, Kent, wants to get in fouch with members of class 98A, Division 5s, Mess No. 5.

HMS Formidable (1944/46): Mr. L. G. Mooty Banis, 32 Edinburgh Drive, Ruhal, Westan, West Midlands (tel 0922-2969), would like to hear from old shipmates of stokers mess, also engineering officers, He would tike to know if a neurison was ever held, or if anyone is interested in laying one arranged 45 years on from the Buttle of Okinawa. He would also the to contact Derivik Tebbes of HMS Duke training entablishment, Malvern, 1943.

HMS Redney (1941-44); Mr. R. G. Jackson, 13 Temple Street, Nelson, Lancs BSS

establishment, Malvern, 1943, 1945, 1945 Rodney (1941-44); Mr. R. G. Jackson, 13 Temple Street, Nelson, Lancs BSB OTE, enjoyed a reunion of old shipmates at Blackpool and would be pleased to hear from those who did not attend. HMS Narvik (1952); Mr. Sid Hardwick, 20 Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth, Hants, POI 1DE, would welcome news of old shipmates.

HMS Phoebe (1946-47): Mr. P. W. Saunders, 5 Coldharbour Lane, Harpenden, Herts ALS 4NO (tol. 05627-32530), wants to hear from old shipmates, especially ex-Te-legraphist Angus Kerr of Glasgow.

HM Ships Bustrious and Albion: Ex-Arman, Ken 'Blood' Read of Liverpool HM Ships Blustrious and Albion: ExL/Arman, Ken 'Blood' Blead of Liverpool
who served as an signard handler throughout the 1950s and in HM Ships Blustrious
and Albion, would velocere news of old
shipmates. They should get in touch with
his son, PO/ARIP. N. Read of HMS Daedalab Bell. (1975-550148) ask 4409).
HMS Caracos (1942): Former Sub-Lieut.
P. E. M. Hotmes BNVFL Unit 7, 190 Marine
Parade, Cottesloe, W. Australia 6011,
wants to get in touch with former Lieux. R.
K. Clover BNVFR, Surg. Lieux. G. J. Rooke
RNVR and Lieux. Charles W. Windham RN
(Rtd), who left the ship before her collision
with the S.S. Queen Mary.
HMS Carvendish (1940) Mr. G. Bett. 21
Ammerston Read, Newport, Middlesbrough. Cleveland TS1 SUL (tel. 217867)
would like to be put in louch with the Cavendesh association, if one exists, and to
hear from old shipmates.

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Dunkek (1939-90): Leuxt-Cdr. S. E. Glover RN (Rtd), Woodland Gater, Tething Lane, Bramdean, Alresford, Hants SO24 QJJ (tel. Bramdean 479), would like to hear from lormer members of a Gunnery Party, secondat to the Army unider General Increases of York Command, to erect and train East Coast Detences from Berwick to the Wash.

HMS Mult of Kintyre (1951): Ex-CERA A. Vaughan, 8 Espatieth Road, Boston, Lincs.
FE21 9AS, wants to get in touch with ex-ERH A. Appleton or anyone who knows of his whereabouts.

HMS Aberdeen (Freetown, 1942-44): Mr.

HMS Aberdeen (Freetown, 1942-44): Mr. W. Bill Denwood, Quebe House, Camp St. Maryport, Cumbria (sel 813490); would like to contact Tels(S), or any old shipmates

with view a resursor.

HMS Wuchang (Triscomaice, 1944): Mr.
J. D. Carter ex-POTEL, 10 Southgreen Gardens, Ruston Garden Estate. Clacton on-Sea. Essex CO16 70S (sel 625-47366), would be pleased to hear from old ship-

mates.

14MS Oriors: Calling all communications personnel: Jan Hanlon, Gerry Trim, Derek Kert, Len Faul, Stan Dolman, Johnny Gravestock, wish to make contact with old shipmates. Telephone: 0604-491002.

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MMS Cleopatra (1945-46), Ex-Radar Af F. E. Darbiels, 45 Glebe Rise, King's Sutton. Barbury, Oxon. Ox17 3PH (0295-810004) wishes to hear from old shipmates, specially Jock Lownon, late of Forfar, Sootland and other members of 18 Mess. MMS 5V Viscoest Association to 18 Mess. HMS 5V Viscoest Association tend of the members of 18 Mess. MMS 5V Viscoest Association for the members of 18 Mess. MMS 5V Viscoest Association for the members of 18 Mess. MMS 5V Viscoest Association for the production of the same of the second of the sec

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HM Ships Bruiser and Boxer, Mr. Lou Monton, Bulawayo RNA Branch, 13 De Beer Avenue, Paddonhurst, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, would be pleased to hear from old shomates.

shipmates.

HMS Mine: Mr. Biobbie Wells who sailed a dozen Russian corrusys in the Mine and who has a good selection of photographs taken on some of the Kola runs, would be pleased to hear from old shipmates. He can be contacted c/o Bulawayo RNA Branch, 13 De Beer Avenue, Paddonhurst, Bulawayo, Zmbatzwa.

mbabwe. HMS Cavalier (1961-66): Mr. Sid Anning. HMS Cavalier (1961-66): Mr. Sid Anning, 14 Kipling Gardens, Crownhilt, Plymouth PLS 38 (etc. 0752-768291), would like to get in touch with Soapy lan Watson, who served in Gib, when the Cavalier was undergoing refit, and lived at Ashford, Middx, to invite him to a March reunion of former members of the ship's company, HMS Peaceck & MASB 3953 (1947-52); Mr. Don Kelley, 16 School Close, Croft, Leicester LE9 6HB (tel: 0455-282776), would be pleased to hear from old ship-mates.

MASS Maryborough: Ex-Sig Alan Tonkin, 14 Whin Ave, Bolton-Le-Sands, Camforth, Lancs LAS 8DA would like to hear from old shipmates, especially of the Communica-tions Mess.

Air rescues double

THE number of people rescued by helicopters from RN air station Culdrose last year was more than double that of 1988 - up from 96 to 216.

Sporting Success

THE FIVE Leander class frigates of the Sixth Frigate Squadron, HMS Hermione, Andromeda, Charybdis, Juno and Jupiter, took part in an action-packed two-day "meet".

On the first day the Jupiter won the golf tournament at HMS Dryad while the Hermione and Charybdis finished joint winners of an aquatic "It's Knockout" Temeraire.

Day two included professional meetings at all levels.

Results of other knockout competitions: Rugby, Jupiter, soccer, Andromeda; hockey, Andromeda and Juno. Victory in a bicycle "vectac," enabled the Jupiter to take the overall trophy.

Overto You

QARNNS: Mrs. J. New (nee Graff James), 4 Rosebery Avenue. Goring by Sea, Worthing, W. Sussex BN12 4EU (tel. Worthing 45939), wants to contact Nurse Susan McConneil, who trained with her in Liverpool and later served in the QARNNS. X-Craft: A memorial stone and soroli commemorating those who served in X-Craft submarines, will be unveiled at Port Barnatyne, near Bothesay, on May 12 to which former submariners are invited. Details from: Leut. Cdf. Hornity, Priestrail RNR, The Old Rectory, Kedleston, Derbyshire DE6 4JJ (tel. 0302-841515).

Vancouver Members of the naval yet

Vancouver Members of the naval veterans association meet on the first Sunday of the month in the CPOs' and POs' Mess of RMS Discovery at 1300 hrs and extend a welcome to visiting personnel.

Naval Engineer Officers: The traditional tie worn by engineer officers is no longer available from naval tailors. If enyone knows where a tie can be found contact. Mrs. Rits Bicknell, Springfield, 2 Safer-Acres. Winchester, Hants Sid22 SJW.

HMS Glosy (1939): Mr. J. E. McBurney, 2 Priory Close, Nounsley, Hatfield Pevenel, Chelmisford, Essex CMS 2NN (tel. 0245-380531), wants to hear from survivors of the Glosy, who will be interested to know

that a ship's foremast, believed to be that of the Gipty, has been found and may be sighted ashore close to where the ship

the Gipriy, has been found and may be sighted shore close to where the ship went down.

HMS Quore: As Loughborough Sea Cadet Unit is affiliated to the present HMS Quore, Sub-Lieut, (SCC) R. J. Moore RNR, 99 Holywell Drive, Loughborough LE11 3JJ (Jet.) 0509-266164, office 0509-214546), is interested in the history of the Hunt Class destroyer HMS Quorn and the submarine HMS Seawolf for research being carried out. He would like to hear from officers and former members of the ship's companies.

FAA narbonal association: The association boasts 12 branches but aims to expand and would like to hear from former fleet Arm personnel. For details contact: Mr. W. J. (Bill) Neate, 24 Bredon Road, Oldbury, Warrley, West Miclands EP69 1EP.

HMS Sickle (June 1940): Anyone who knew the late Lieut Patrick B. Jakeman floville, who served in chariots' (haman torpedoes) in Malta in 1943, and was later lost in the Sickle, please contact the trother Mr. Noel Jakeman, 419 Watting Street, Radfeld, Herts W07 7-30.

Mr. Robert Ramsay: 'Dalvina', Main Street, Kyle, Ross-shire N40 8DA, wants to contact Paul Roberts, son of POWTR Roberts, who in 1981, served at the BUTEC

Naval Base, Kyle of Lochalsh, Ross-shire last known address, 118 Fairmead Road

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Omaha Beach landings: A retired US Navy captain, Mr. Robert A. Rowe, 27942 Beechgate Drive, Flancho Palos Verdes, California 90274, would like to hear from RM and RN personnel who manned the lollowing landing craft — Ben My Chree, Prisoe Charles, Empire Anvil, Amsterdam and Empire Javelin, which landed US troops on Omaha Beach on D-Day. 1990 Inflatable Boat Race: This event takes place from June 10 to June 16 and covers a 500 mile course circumnavigating the north of Scotland — Inventess via Cape Wrath and Pentiand Firth. Entrants must be rigid inflatables IBH with horse power not to exceed hull manufacturers recommendations. Details, from IRIQProvt, 48 Eaton Place, London SWIW BAL, (bit. 01-235-2724).

Number Naval Enthusiasts: This scorety, which is based in Hull, meets at 1930 on the third Tuesday of the month in their local Sea Cadet Unit (TS Revenge) in Stanley Street. There is a welcome for new members and also for enthusiasts visiting the Hull district. Details from the chairman, Jim Wilcock, on Hull (0482) 26738.

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Reunions

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HMS Nelson (Battleshig): The fifth euroicn of former members of the ship's company will take place on May 5, at the Victory Caus, HMS Nelson to which members of the Nelson's sister ship, HMS Ridney are invited. For details contact Mr. G. Treadwell, 31 Clyde Road, Gosport, Hants PO12 30N (et. 0705-521 504).

MMS Naiad (1974-60): Former members of the ship's company interested in a get-together and perhaps forming an association contact: Mr. Ted Coleman, The Walnus, Advenseum Street, Prymouth, PL1 28H (et. 0752-26681).

HMS Gambiac The South reunion will be held at the RNA Club, Royal Learnington.

Adhenseum Street, Plymouth, PLI 29H (bit. 0752-26981).

HMS Gamblac The fourth reunion will be held at the RNA Club. Royal Learnington. Spa. on October 27 and a welcome is extended to former members of the ship's company of HMS Ubster (1945). Further details from: Mr. Les Newman, 3 Coppice Road. Whitmash, Learnington Spa CV31 2JE (ed. 0926-831599).

HMS Liverpool association seventh reunion will be held on the afternoon of June 9, in the POs' Mess, HMS Nelson, Portsmouth, Further details from: Mr. John Waters, 2 Dewberry Road, Wordsley, Slourbridge, West Midlands DYS SXJ (bit. 0384-71064).

bridge, Weet Midlands DY8 S.K.J (tell. 0384-71054).

Upper Yardman Class (1940): Would members wishing to observe the 50th anni-versary of Upper Yardmen class, RNB. Portsmouth, 1940, confact: Mr. David Welsh, Plough House, Fiskerton, Lincoln, LN3 4EX (tell. 0522-750102).

HMS Kipling reunion takes place at the Ashburn Hotel, Fordingbridge, Hants on June 2. For details contact: Mr. E. Clark, 11 Mehrose Avenue, Cove. Famborough, Hants GU14 9SY (tell. 0252-548853).

Old Hermione Association reunion dinner takes place on May 5, in Blackpool, For details send a stamped addressed enve-lope to: Mr. R. Fleming, 7 Highbury Avenue, Blackpool FY3 7DL.

HMS Butten (K469). The second reunion takes place at St. Edmunds Hotel, Gorles-ton, Gl Yarmouth on April 26, dinner, 6, 30 p.m., overnight accommodation available. Crew members not already in bouch con-tact: Mr. C. W. Diverstone, 31 Sands Lane,

p.m., overright accommodation available. Crew members not already in touch contact: Mr. C. W. Bilventtone, 31 Sands Lane, Outnot Broad, Lowestoft NRG2 3ER, pet. 0502-961130.

The George Cross Island Association reunion will take place in Malta, in March, and a warm welcome is extended to all alled forces, including nurses, and Crist De-tence personnel who served on the island from June 10, 1940 to May 13, 1943, or who were engaged in attempts to supply the beseiged fortness between those dates. The association, formed in July, 1987, boads 1-500 members with transfres in the UK and overseas, For details contact: Mr. A. (Tony) Spooner, 12 Parkside, Upper Hale, Farnham, Surrey GUS 9UP (bl. 0252-710408).

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Combined Ex-Services Association reunion weekend will take place from June 15 to
17 in Bridlington, Further details from Mr. R.
Collins, 38 Hermitage, Road, Bridlington,
YO16 4HG (psi. 0052-604270).
HMS Middleton (L74): The sixth annual
reunion will take place on April 28, at the
RNA Club, Royal Learnington Spa. First temers please contact: Mr. Mike Alston, 6 Belmort Park Road, Maidenhead, Berks SLS
6HT (tel. 0628-29650).

Japanese Prisoners of War reunion: The annual reunion of survivors of the Battle of Java Sea, 27 Feb 1942, and the Battle of

the Sunda Straits, 1 March, 1942, will take place at the Oswalds Hotel Babbacombe, Torquiry, on March 2/3, Futher details from Mr. W.E. Johns, c)o Mr. Glimore, Manager, Oswalds Hotel, Pallemo Road, Babba-

Oswalds Hotel, Palemo Road, Babba-combe, Tonquay.

Ressian Convoy Club: East Anglian branch quarterly meeting will take place at the Conservative Caub, Kirby Street, toj-wich, Surfok at 11,30am on Sat, March 31. Names for kinches required to the Hori. Sec. Mr. G.P. Ward, 15 Peterhouse Cres-cent, Woodbridge, Surfok IP12, 4HZ, (sel 03943-3031).

03943-3031).
HMS Tattico (1943-46): The third reunion will be held at the Royal Sallor's Home Chib, Portsmouth, on June 6 and 7. Details from: Mr. A. (Joe) Rue, 30 East Drive, Bursdon Abbey, Swindon, Wits SN2 4DP (tel 0793-724490).
HMS Croceme (1941-44): The third annual reunion will be held in Bromsgrove, on Sat. May 19, Further details from Mr. R. Coutson, 660 Manor House. Close Moss Side, Leyland, Lancs (0772-82223).
"Greenfel". The annual reunion of offi-

Leyland, Lancs (0772-622223).
"Grappie") The annual reunion of officers who served on Christmas Island with operation "Grappie" will be held at the RAF Club. 128 Piocadilly, London, on Sal March 24. Wives are invited to the Isuncheon. Further details from Mr. David Brockett, Phylis Court Club, Marlow Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon INGB 2917.

MMS Bossington: It is hoped to hold a reusion for former members of the ship's company and their families on July 22. The reusion for the their some financial control of the ship's company and their families on July 22. The reusion will be hosted by Mr. & Mrs. John Fairey, Bossington House, and would take the form of a family barbecue. Those interested contract: Lieuf-Cdr S.J. Sconer, 13 Verne Road, Riodwell, Weymouth, Dorset, fiel 0305-775169).

HMS Simbang (1946-47): Those interest-

HMS Simbang (1946-47): Those interested in a reunion contact Ex-LSA C.W. Marmell, 45 New Road, Water Orton, Birmingham B46 1GP (bc: 021-747-2418).

Aircraft Handlers association reunion takes place over weekend May 11 to 13, at Barton Hall, Torbay, to which members and non-members are invited. Tickets from: Mr. lan Beard, 6 Meadow Crescent. Castle Donington, Derby DE7 2LX (tel. 0332-950471).

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HMS Comwell (1939-42): The association's annual reunion will be held in the Gascoigne Rooms, Union Jack Club, Waterloo, London, on March 3, Details from Mr. P. Soott, 6 Gatward Close, Winchmore Hill, London N21 1AS (tel. 01-360-8736).

Odilise: Serving and ex-serving serior EW rates are invited to a social evening on March 17, at 1900 hrs in the Work Moss. HMS Dryad. Tickets 56 each, available from CP(DPS)(EW) McFarland (tel. Cosham. 210522 ext 4599).

210022 ext 4999. Blake Division artificer apprentices who joined in January 1940 will be holding their 50th anniversary on Saturday March fight at the Home Club, Qualens Street, Portsmouth, For details contact B Combes, 9 St Catherine's Court, Cambridge Drive, Ipswich (tel. 0473 883476).

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HMS Fulmar (RNAS Lossiemouth) buffet
dance and reunion will take place or April
21, at the "Lanerock Barik hoter." Details
from Mr. B. Jones. Torr House, Moss St,
Elion IV30 ILU (sel 0343-542651).

HMS Glasgow Old Boy's reunion will take
place in the Victory Club, HMS Nelson, on
July 28, tollowed next day by a memorial
service in St Ann's Church, Portsmouth
Dockyard. Tickets for buffet dance £7,
available from Shipmate John Morris,
Portsmouth RNOC Club.

HMS Cleopatra reunion will take place on
May 19, at Hebburn, Tyne and Wear to
which former ship's companies are invited.
Details from Mr. F. E. Daniel, 45 Gabbe Rise,
King's Sutton, Banbury, Oxon OX17 3PH
tel 0295 810024).

Naval Careers Service A reunion will be held at the Nautical Club, Birmingham, over weekend Oct 8 and 7, for past and present members of the Navel Careers Service. Those interested contact: WO2 G. E. Mor-ley, Careers Information Office, RNARM&WRNS, 105 Mayflower Street, Phymouth Pt.1 15D (tel 6752-266487).

Phymouth Pt.1 ISO (set 0/32-256447).

MMS Duke, Great Malvern, Worcs transing base (1942-43). A resumen of those who served in the base will be held on April 7/8. Details from Mr. G. W. Hyde, 8 Gibbons Crescent, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcs DY13 8ET (set 6986).

HMS Scythian (1954-58) Don't dip out on the big reunion details of which can be ob-tained from Mr. T. G. Spencer, 2 Rosedale Gardens, Heteraburgh GM 7HW or Dave (Tarky) Knott, 8 Mill Road, Mile End, Col-chester, CO4 5LD.

MMS Serene (1944-47) reunion will take place on April 28, at the Community Centre. Lingfied, Surrey, buffet lunch, tea and sup-per will be provided. Details from Mr. E. Drummond, 5 Greenway, Scarcroft, Leeds LS14 3BJ (set 0532-892222).

HMS Black Prince (1943-46): A reunion of the ship's company will take place on May 5, at Hotel St James, Laicester, For details contact. Mr. H. Johnson, 199 Winstanley Drive, Braunstone Estate, Leicester LE3 1PO.

HMS Caire reunion will take place at the Union Jack Club, London on May 12, 1100 to 1600 in the Gascoigne Rooms, Details trom: Jock Harris (et 0202-894121 or Len Morgan (tel 0784-432-538).

HMS Gloucester (1930-41). The fighting G club, will hold their reunion Sat & Sun 19/20 May at the Royal Fleet Club, Devon-port. Non club members wishing to attend contact. Frank Moulder, 7 Raphael Drive, Elburton, Plymouth PL9 BEU pel 0752-405319.

The Green Beret Assn annual dinner dence will take place on March 17, at the Quarterdeck, Deal 1900 for 1900, tickets, £12 each. Further details from: Mr. J. W. Beech, 99 Hereson Road, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 70U.

HMS Pearl (1935/46) neuron will be held in Padiham, Lancs over weekend May 4/6. Further details from: Mr. Geoff Lancashre, 1 Rowsham Court, South Hill Avenue, Har-row-on-the-Hill, Middx HA1 30X (tel 01-422-2357). the 50th anniversary of the

triking of the Curlew will be marked at a reunion in Devonport May 26/27, venue, the Rouse Further details from Mr. Len Yorky Holmes, 2 Hawthorn Cotts, Graypound, Troro, CNWI, TR2 4RR (tel 725/48/26).

0726-883827).

**Branch/CT reunion will take place in HMS Mercury on May 5. Details from: CCCT Langley, Ashmore Block, HMS Mercury, Leydene, Petersfield, hants. (tel 073087-521 ext 30).

BRNC Sept 1965 entry: A reunion for the Sept 1965 entry to the Birtannia Royal Na-vol College will be held at the college on 2/3 November, Further details from: Cdr D. M. Tall RN (tel Devonport 65589 or Plymouth SSSSE)

25th Destroyer Flotifia: The second reun-ion of former members of the ship's compa-nies of HM Ships Grenville, Utster, Utysses, Undeumbe, Unding, Unana, Urchin, Ursa, takes place on March 31, at Blackpool. Those interested contact ax-AB Eric Buckner, 25 Dathla Close, Clatton-on-Sea, Essex (tel 9255-432031).

HMS Royal Arthur (1942). Mr. M. Hol-ness, 11 Sussex Gardens, Herne Bay, Kent CT6 807 (tel 6227-381961), wants to hear from any of Signals Class, not already con-tacted for reunion in May.



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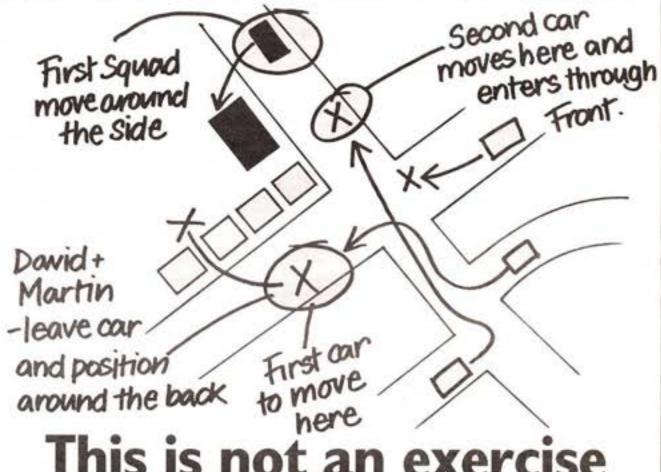
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Lieut. Chris Eaton (Division winner of the Navai Air Command fishing competition), CPO Dougle Drane (winner of the NAC open fishing competi-tion), Lieut. Chris Robinson (many marathon wins; fifth in the Humber Bridge race), NA John Robinson (NAC heavyweight boxing champion), AEM Lee Watford (NAC middleweight boxing champion), AEM Mike Bruce (runner up NAC weiterweight boxing champion) and CPO Paddy Smith (NAC golf champion).

Although not in the photograph, the following members of the squadron also deserve a mention: Lieut.-Cdr. Paul Lea, the senior pilot (member of winning Bambara rugby team), Lieut. Peter Davies (member NAC hockey team) and Lieut. Stan Kemp (captain of the NAC basket-



ROUND BRITAIN RECORD



HMS Sultan's beam for the record breaking attempt and their Falcon Royale racing monohuli

MASTERS IN THE SWIM

MASTERS Gala of the Reyal Nevy Amateur Swamming As-sociation will be held on May 5.6 at HMS Ospray's Boscawoo

The peol has now been offimeasured and times achieved there can be ratified as tirear Britain or even world

It is hoped that RN swintmers will be able to repeat their successes of the TSB National and Open Masters events in which a team lead by Lieut. Cdr Peter Stephens gained some outstanding results.

There were particularly time performances on the over-35 and over-35 and over-45 4x59 and tox56m. relay events and in the Iolim. betterfly, which saw LAFM S. Theorets of 801 Squadeen freigh first in a new Bertish record have of I min 486 % sex

In the 50m backstroke (Ju. 34 age group) lies of dr. Ian Highes timeled head in sels i

Entry frems, and further details may be obtained by whiting to Mry E. Newman, 56 Avenue Budmouth Wesniouth, Dorset DT13 6QL. enclosing a large S.A.E. Closing date for entries is April 19.

Opportunities missed on soccer pitch

PO WILL Flint (Heron) gave the Navy a perfect start in the game against Fareham Town 1st XI when he scored a fine individual goal after five minutes, writes Lieut Car. Jon Danks.

Following an error by goalkeeper MEM Jason White (Nelson). Fareham equalised when former Navy player Kevin Maddock headed home from close range.

Chances lell to both sides in an entertaining match which flowed from end to end but with time running out Meddack flicked the half on for Thomas, whose fine shot gave Fareham victory

by two goals to one. The Navy attack will rue the missing of opportunities they created; opportunities which should have seen tha team comfortably shead before Fareham's second goal

The Combined Services Football Association, with Lieut.-Cdr. Chris Brady (Warrior) as coach and Sqt. Tiv Lowe (BRNC) as captain completed a short tour of Portugal last month and came home undefeated in three matches. Cpl. Russell Wilson (CTCRM) was the other Senior Service player in the party

in the game against Force Fuzileiros (the Portuguese Navy champions) the CSFA won 9-1. Second division Estreša Amadora hald the visi tors to a 2-2 draw and in the final match the Combined Services beat the NATO base side 5-1

CPOPT lan Rees, sta tioned at COMIBERLANT. did an excellent job of mak ing the necessary arrange-ments in Portugal.

TEAMS of Royal Navy engineers from HMS Sultan and Sea Cadets from TS Stirling, Birmingham, will use very different craft to mount the first dual attempt on the record for the fastest erroumnavigation of Britain in a hoat of under 50ft.

The existing record was set by the Royal Marines in 1988, with a time of 89 hrs 24 mins

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A 36ft deep-vee planing monohull driven by three Susaki 20thin engines will be used by the Sultan engineers, who will start and finish at Portsmentin

They have called their challenge "Operation Island For-fress" and will rover the 1,506-mile-plus distance in seven legs. Their ports of pall will be Brightam, Fishguard, Peripet-ick, Serabner, Berwick upon I weed and Lowestoff and the attempt is scheduled for a recdieted safe weather period in

June/July. Crewed by six, the vessel will be refuelled by a shoreside logistical fearn using specially campped vehicles. Another vehicle, carrying space parts and emergency equipment, will be on standby.

Meanwhile, the Sea Cadets, who will set off before the Navy team, will use a 23th rigid infla-table powered by twin 115th outogards. They will make the circumnavigation in 10 legs each being undertaken by a fresh crew of Cadets, male and female, aged 16 to 18, led by a supervisor

Also starting from Ports-month, the Sea Cadets will call in at Falmouth, Fishguard, Portpatrick, Mallaig, Scrabster, Aberdeen, Whithy, Great Yar-mouth and Folkestone. Both learns are using the ac-

empt for fund-raising projects and among the charities to ben-efit will be The Royal National Lifeboot Institution and the British Heart Foundation

Determined by the rule book

FOR the first time in its history the final of the Royal Navy Rugby Union Knockout Cup had to be decided by the rule book, writes Lieut.-Cdr. John Clark.

The problem arose when the deciding match for the Pusser's

NN Rugby

Rum Trophy between Scottish-based 45 Complande and HMS Collingwood, played at Devon-port, finished with a 25-25 searchine.

Litere were anxious moments for both sides until Liesa -fiel. John Fisher, the competition organiser, prenounced 45 Commande winners on the bases of most tries seered.

The Royal Macines laid the ferindation of bheir victory in the first quarter of the match in which they seered 16 people from two tries by Sgt. Docker-son plus a conversion and two

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irst outli a Gamison genalty fellowed by a push over try, cap-tain I sent Stephens goving the Souchdown and Gambon again converting.
The Royal Marines with-

stood nearly 30 minutes of intense pressure, conceding just two penalties to the accurate base of OPO Corps, until in the closing minute PO Lakeman second his way over in the cor-

ner to level the score at 25-25.
With every eye on him florps, took the final kick which agon singly dipped the inside of the right-hand post and beconced

The final whestle beew the rule book was consulted, and delighted 45 Communic col-lected the Imply from Vice-Admiral Sir John Webster, Flag Officer Physicada.

your Navy players leagued prominently in the Combined Services, 18 3 victory against the Russian national side at

For Licut, Chris Alenck (REA Argos) it was nic second match against the Russians. He captained Cornwal, in a 12draw on the opening game of

the Soviet four.

The Combined Services pack, with POPT Cass Clay Raleigh) hooking three against the head and Royal Marines. Sg. Mick Reece (DNR) and eut. Ian Diekson (42 Cdn) forming two thirds of the back ow, was never troubled. The Russians could not match tite flair and commitment of the

Servicement.
With the Navy in the Form hined Services chair this season, the match acrange ments were impectably organ Kuswan speaking Cde Leigh Merrick, with sponsor store from Lambs Navy Rum.

Prior to the game the learns. attended the Varsity March and a House of Commons re-

Medics' trophy match

PLYMOUTH-based Naval Medical Services football team beat the Royal Army Medical Corps 3-1 to take the Chatham Tankard Trophy.

Naval Medical Services scorers were Lieut, Kenney (Cdo Logistic Regiment) and LMA Wilson (RNH Haslar) 2.

STAGGERING SCORE!

WHEN two teams of Royal Marines slugged it out on the rugby field at Devonport, a staggering score of 234-6 resulted, kicking into touch the previous world record score of 194-0.

All the players represent the Royals at either unit or

Corps level, but the selection process turned up one team vasity more capable than the other.

Colour Sgt. John Kimbrey said: "The winning team took the record in their stride; they could have done even better but were fairly relaxed once the record had gone." A sponsored event, the game was in aid of the Royal Marines School of Music Relief Fund and RM Rugby

SIX WINS RUNNING

HIGH flyers of the Reyal Navy volleyball team marched into 1990 with a magnificent 100 per cent, record of six sticcessive wins.

Travelling to Cardiff for their econd fixture, the Navy found the LYC side tenserous oppornerth and after two hours the score was level at 2-2

The result had to be decided hy the new rally point system. invisiving a maximum of 1. service with a point source from each serve. The winners being first to 15 with two clear points. of at the case, and I fe lie to the

The new agreements nevertaed a sense and thrilling final ser-with the Navy running on 14-14 winners thanks to some powerful spiking from LABM Al Benkinsto (HMS Daedalas) and Weishman SA Taff Gridfiths (HMS Neptune).

A confident Navy sine swept aside the Torese side 3-8 before returning to their bone ground at HMS Temerairs to meet Cardoff Volts, the other Weish side in the league.

Once main the Weishmen proved tough opponents, fight ing back from 2-b down to level the match. The Nevy wen their second rally point set at the

Season 15-10 to win the match. In their final game of the year the Sarlers beat Wey-meeth Jowson 3-1. They took a form grops on play with executions combination allass missing new seller POAFA Gerry Smith (HMS Seahawk) and Se near Chief Jim Smith United States Navy (HMS Mercury).



How about learning to sail?

LARGEST centre of its type in the Services, the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Sail Training Centre, RMB Stonehouse, Plymouth, is offering an impressive range of courses and events throughout

With 26 Bosun sailing din-ghies and a selection of Laser Is and Laser 2s, the centre is open to all RN/RM ranks in the Plymouth area plus visitors, including all attached Army and RAF personnel.

Yachtmaster

There are 30 courses on offer this year; from basic instruction right up to the ocean yachtmasters shorebased navigation course, and everything in between.

Many major Naval events will be hosted by the centre this year, including the Claude Bar-Inter-Command Team Championship in June.

Wednesday afternoon points series racing, switching to Thursday evenings when the weather gets warmer, begins this month and summer barbeque races fill out the programme.

The centre is open from 8 a.m. until last light seven days a week and details are available from Graham Tongue, Chief Instructor, RN/RM Sail Training Centre, RMB Stonehouse, Plymouth, Tel. 0752 836470 (BT) or 36470 (MOD).

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Information on RNSA membership is available from the General Secretary, c/o RNC and RAYC, 17 Pembroke Road, Old Portsmouth, Hampshire PO1 2NT.

GOSPORT/RN MARATHON

ENTRY forms for the 1990 which will be incorporated in the Gosport marathon on April 1, are now available from PT offices and from the Marathon Registrar, 55 Stoke Road, Gosport,

The first two RN/RM finishers will be invited to take a place in the team to represent the Royal Navy in the United States Marine Corps Marathon in Washington at the beginning of November.

Trophies and prizes will be on offer for individuals and teams. Any further enquiries should be addressed to Cdr. Brian Davies, Marathon Coor-dinator, HMS Daedalus, Leeon-Solent (ext. 4182).

DOLPHIN TAKES HOME HOCKEY

WITH a combined age of over 100, Lieut.-Cdr. Ray Brooks and Lieut. John Parsons were on vintage form for HMS Dolphin in the hockey Navy Cup final.

In 30 years of playing Navy hockey it was their first time in a Navy Cup final and the victory gave HMS Dol-phin its first Navy Cup of any kind since 1921.

Dolphin took on HMS Daedalus on Astroturi at South-ampton after the pitch at Burnaby Road, Portsmouth, became waterlogged. It was a hard-fought

match, with Dolphin having the early advantage and tak-ing the lead through an indi-vidual goal by team captain Lieut.-Cdr. Martin Hodgson

Daedalus then started to get back into the game and gained short corner after short corner, but the well re-hearsed routine just would not work. Eventually Daedalus scored after a spell of

sustained pressure.
POPT Garrity, Dolphin's keeper, kept his side in the game with a good save after an excellent effort by Dae-dalus forward Scott Mitchell.

With 20 minutes to go a tactical substitution by Dol-phin brought LPT Nesbitt on up front and he scored the clincher, giving Dolphin a 2-1

Dolphin's winning squad: back row (from left) Lieut.-Cdr. Brooks POWEA Upjohn, Lieut. Titcombe, LPT Nes-bitt, POWEA McNeice, AB Roberts and CPO May. Front row: Lieut. Pollock, CPO Waitley, POPT Garrity, Lieut. Parsons and Lieut, Johnson. Team captain Lieut.-Cdr. Martin Hodgson RAN and Lieut. Danny Meald were ab-sent for the photo.

Crew buoyant for fourth leg of the Whitbread CELEBRATIONS, SQUALLS

Auckland - saw Satquote British Defender, the Combined Services entry, finish eighth, just over six hours behind the leading yacht, Steinlager 2.

Since then she has underone a refit at Devonport Dockyard . . . HMNZS Dockyard . Devonport, Philomel, Auckland, that is, followed by ten days of testing and tuning up.

The next leg of the race will begin on February 4 and will see a return to the frozen waters of the Southern Ocean as the yachts head back to Punta del Este, Uruguay. At 6,255 nautical miles this leg is almost twice as far as the one just completed.

Reporting back to the Com-bined Services Challenge HQ at Southampton, Cdr. Ed Searle, leading the Auckland shore team, said the crew members were in good shape and were positive about their ability to continue to improve their position in the fleet.

REGULATORS'

FORE! The Royal Navy Regu-lating Branch is holding a Re-gulators' Golf Day at South-wick Park Golf Club, HMS Dryad, on Thursday, August

Any serving or ex-serving member of the branch who

would like to play in what is

intended to be a fun day is asked to contact RPO Chris

Wellstead at HMS Mercury on

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COMBINED Services foot-

ball team will take on a Vauxhall League XI at the Military Stadium, Alder-

shot, on February 6. Sup-

porters would be most well

come at the game and the kick-off is at 7.30 p.m.

GOLF DAY

Regarding the most recent leg, he wrote that once into the Tasman Sea both boat and crew settled down and began to make ground on the leaders. A tactical decision to hold a more northerly course than the lead-ing group paid off.

Closing

Satquote British Defender continued to close, getting to within 10 miles of Martela O.F, which at one stage had been 120 miles ahead. The chase down the North Island coast was very tight, with many of the yachts in sight of their closest rivals.

The exciting final charge to the line was widely covered by the media.

"The violent line squall which so discomforted Fisher

and Paykel just before the fin-ish also hit SBD and the yacht suffered a classic broach and a

90 degree knockdown.

"Recovery required letting the spinnaker fly, but the only damage was to the sail and a certain amount of pride," reported Cdr. Searle.

He said there were clear indications that improved tuning and crew performance on the third leg had brought results, as had work to improve the yacht's trim.

There are also indications that the boat lacks pace in some conditions and on some points of sailing compared with the pack leaders," he added. Whether or not it will be possible to improve in this area

will become clearer as Satquote British Defender continues her challenge in the world's greatest

GALLEY-slave Tim Morris laid on turkey, Christmas pudding and as many of the trimmings as possible to bring seasonal joy to his colleagues on board Satquote British Defender. Happy New Year. We ate

Christmas came just two days into the third leg of the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race and aboard the Combined Services entry it was a wet one rather than

But wet sail bags and condensation, plus a wave breaking over the boat and joining the crew through the open hatch, failed to dampen the festivities.

Australian champagne and rum — broken open to mark Surgeon Lieut. Colin Berry's 30th birthday —

helped keep spirits up. In his diary of the third leg. Capt. Morris (7th Gurkha Rifles) wrote that the sea had started to settle by Decem-ber 27, giving the crew a chance to sort out the inside of the yacht. Satquote Bri-tish Defender was going well and the crew felt optimistic.

New Year's Eve, and all aboard were treated to the sight of the aurora australis, putting a seal on the celebrations.

Tim wrote: "It was a double celebration for us this year. Skipper Colin Watkins was promoted to Com-mander on New Year's Day ... We gave him a baseball hat with 'scrambled egg' on

it ...
"We sang Auld Lang Syne, slapped each other on the back and wished all a

mince pies and drank Pusser's rum.

"The difference was that we were in the middle of the Tasman Sea, heeled over at 30 degrees, in the greatest yacht race in the world. We would not have swapped it for anything."

By January 4th, Satquote British Defender was still holding her own, ahead of yachts from Finland, the Soviet Union, Italy, Ireland, France and Britain. The next

day brought drama ...
"Sailing down the coast towards Auckland we were hit by a 40 knot squall that laid the boat on its side. I was in the heads at the time, which was not a good place

"The spinnaker that was up was ripped into confetti. The bits were pulled in over the stern. Shortly afterwards everything was back to normal as we beat our way into Auckland . . .

Tim wrote that the leg seemed very short after the two previous marathons, But it was marvellous all the same to have that first taste

"After four weeks in New Zealand we return to the fro-zen waters of the Southern Ocean. That is a sobering thought for everyone," concluded.

Early success in the table tennis

FIRST fixture of the season for the Royal Navy Table Tennis team saw a win against the Hampshire C team at HMS Collingwood.

The 7-5 victory was a result of a good all-round team performance. PO Steve Reilly played at No. 1 for the RN and only dropped one match, to the Hampshire C No. 2, Wally Pay.

MEM Ivan Hazell and AB Steve Harrison also dropped one match each, both to the Hampshire C No. 1, Tony Catt. LAEM Steve Jackson lost to both Pay and Phil Watson but beat Darren Walker, his opposite number in the Hampshire team.
As a prelude to the fixture, RNTTC Collingwood played RNTTC Manadon earlier in the day. The Portsmouth area team

consisted of Reilly, Jackson and WEA App Pete Staley. Playing for the Plymouth area were Hazell, Harrison and Sub-Tim Currass. The match was very close throughout and resulted in a 5-5 draw. \Box

The RN and Inter-Command Table Tennis Championship will take place on March 31 and April 1 at HMS Collingwood and the Tri-Service Table Tennis Championships will be held on the following two days at RAF Stanmore Park.

Ark Royal's a knockout

NINE ships took part in a very successful Christmas knockout competition at HMS Temeraire.

Events were played out in fancy dress and followed by sherry, mince pies and a sing-song, HMS Ark Royal won and also took the prize for best

Second place went to HMS Birmingham and HMS Intrepid won the award for creating the

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Also taking part were HM ships Challenger, Juno, Ariadne, Andromeda, Newcas-tle and Hermione.

The event was organised by POPT Marty Farrow and an Easter It's a Knockout will be held on March 29.

Harriers head for Ark Royal

Sea Harrier FRS 1s of 801 Squadron. At the time they were en route from RN air station Yeovilton to embark in

All the aircraft have 190-gallon drop tanks, and the

missiles loaded are Sidewinders.

LASER DETERRENT STILL EFFECTIVE

SOME Royal Navy warships have had laser dazzle devices fitted as a "fallback" which could be useful in certain circumstances - and disclosure of their fitting "had not helped" said Defence Secretary Mr. Tom King.

The presence of the LDS (laser dazzle sight) to deter potential attackers was disclosed recently in a Spanish magazine.

Mr. King said, "It is a useful additional way to try to protect our

sailors and ships — and it's been particularly useful because it hasn't been known about."

Asked if disclosure had destroyed its value, Mr. King said, "I hope it will still leave them with some use in certain circumstances."
He added, "This is a very limited device. It has a possible close-

range, short, air and sea capability and it is effectively to deter attack, to cause confusion in a possible assailant and to do it in a non-lethal way.

Earlier in the Commons the Defence Procurement Minister Mr. Alan Clark said, "It is an essential and extremely useful adjunct to the armoury of the Royal Navy in difficult waters where they might not want to shoot.



Decision awaited on women at sea

WITH recruiting and retention remaining vital topics, speculation has continued about the possibility of service at sea by members of the WRNS.

> Forecasts have appeared in several newspapers suggesting that a decision in the near future is likely to offer the opportunity for women to serve at sea. Some reports have even speculated on the categories which might be involved.

There has, however, been no confirmation of developments concerning a topic keenly discussed in naval circles following the recent survey on the future employment of the

The latest official word was contained — briefly — in answer to a Commons question ment levels to the Services.

The reply stated that there had been a large increase in the advertising budget, adding: "We are trying to attract ethnic minorities and greater opportunities have been found for women in two of the Services. A decision will be taken shortly

on the Royal Navy." Meanwhile, later in January, it was announced that, following an independent report com-missioned by MOD from management consultants there is to be "positive encourage-ment" to recruitment applica-tions to the Services from members of ethnic minorities.

The report recommended a

measures to increase recruit-

number of spheres where selection and recruiting procedures could be improved to attract more from these minorities.

Tribute to medics

NAVAL medical personnel have continued to form part of the

Service contingent assisting during the ambulance dispute. Crews and behind-the-scenes staff have been visited by Mr. Archie Hamilton, Armed Forces Minister, and Mrs. Virginia Bottomley, Minister for Health. Mrs. Bottomley said, "In an obvi-ously difficult and sensitive situation, they have carried out their tasks confidently and without fuss, and deserve the unqualified respect and gratitude of the whole community."

Service personnel have been assisting the police and voluntary services in providing accident and emergency service in London and many counties.

In all nearly 1,000 Service personnel - many from the Army and 181 Service vehicles have been directly involved.

Pay news imminent?

announcement of the annual pay award for the Armed Forces will be made early in the year, rather than after the effective date of April 1, as has usually been

the case in past years. The 1989 announcement came in February. This year there have been Press stories that a series of reports of review bodies covering various public sectors will be con-sidered by the Government in the near future.

Last year the average in-crease on basic pay for the Armed Forces was 6.8 per

Changes in the air

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that he has direct access to the Navy Board on all flight safety

Headquarters of FONA - to be Rear-Admiral Michael Lay-ard (at present FONAC — will remain at Ycovilton, but because of the need to work closely with the Fleet, his air operations and warfare staff will be based at Northwood. CINCFLEET, who has al-

vays had an aviation expert on his staff, will now have a dedi-cated division of FONA staff working alongside his own op-erational staff. The Naval Air Warfare Development Group at Fort Southwick will also be part of the division.

There has also been a general review of the distribution of responsibilities at the higher levels of the staff structure at Yeovilton HQ, and new figan-cial and budgetary control methods have been set up.

Flag Officer Sea Training will continue to be responsible for integration of air units into ships during work-up and sea training, but may call on FONA for additional aviation staff and expertise when required.

FOF3 will also call on FONA to provide specialist advice and assistance during the aviation work-up of aircraft carriers and other aviation-capable ships of the Third Flotilla.

The FOFs will remain res-ponsible for operational

Officer dies in storm

During the storm of January 25, Lieut.-Cdr. Adrian Bom-back (44) died after being struck by falling debris outside his home at Didworthy, Devon. He was on leave from detachment to the Royal Saudi Navy.



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Sunshine holiday in Singapore

SAILORS from HMS Manchester and their families relax in the pool of their hotel in Singapore (above) as they enjoy Christmas in the sun.

The Manchester, on Armilla Patrol in the Gulf since Sep-tember, timed her two-week visit to Singapore to coincide with the Christmas and New Year celebrations.

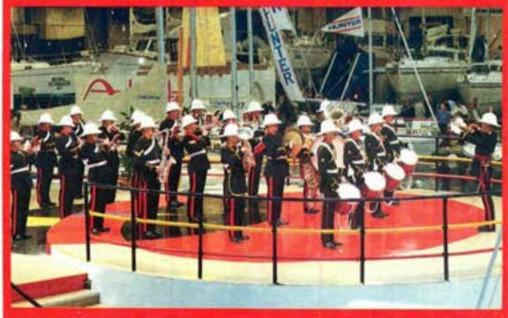
The visit was a great opportunity for members of the ship's company to fly wives, families or girl friends out for a spectacular holiday.

About 80 made the trip, including the girl friends of 18 sailors who took advantage of the interest-free loan now offered to single men.

Singapore had much to offer in entertainment, sport, cuisine and of course shopping. Many made a trip to Malaysia during their station leave to discover the delights of an interesting and diverse

The Manchester returned to her Gulf patrol duties and is due to be relieved this month (February).

Band plays at Boat Show



The BRNC Dartmouth Band of the Royal Mar-