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IN MEMORIAM

TO PETTY OFFICER SONAR MICHAEL J
FOWLER WHO WAS KILLED IN ACTION
ON HMS COVENTRY ON THE 25th DAY
OF MAY 1982. DURING THE FALKLANDS
WAR, MICK WAS A SONAR INSTRUCTOR
IN BOTH VERNON AND AT SEA FOR A
NUMBER OF YEARS AND WILL BE
REMEMBERED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM.

A wreath from the Association was taken by a number
of members to a Memorial Service for PO Fowler held in
Southsea in June.

Also framed photographs in remembrance of Michael
have been sited in both the Sonar Section and the Petty
Officers Mess foyer, HMS VERNON.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Members,

It is with much pleasure that I write this seeing the
Seamaster going to print again. It is our intention to
publish from VERNON once per term and in so doing, ensuring
communication with our membership wherever you may be
serving.

As I mentioned to you in my last letter we were going
to re-form the Committee of the Association to fully
represent your interests. This has now been done and a
list of the team is shown on the first page. As you can
see from the list there is no representative from the Fleet,
because of course this is in fact each and every one of you.
Should you have any matter you would like raised at the
monthly meeting of the Committee or ever at the AGM, then
let me have it and it will be discussed. The next AGM by
the way will probably be either late March or early May.

Well what of the membership? As you all know, we are
now invited to pay the princely sum of £2 per annum
towards the running of the Association. After my last
letter, subs started to come in almost daily. To those of
you who have paid, thank you, to the many who are still shy
there is a blank membership application later on in this
issue.

Lastly a word about the Seamaster, I hope you like
the new cover and the size, we have gone for this format
to ease the problems with postage. Please remember though,
the quality and usefulness of this publication can only be
as good as the input from the membership. So when you
send in your subs let us have a few words on where you are
and what you are doing, believe me it does make interesting
reading for others.

Wishing you all a very Merry Xmas,

Yours Aye, *John Anderson*

VICE CHAIRMANS LETTER

Dear Members,

Since the close of the 'Club' in VERNON, not a great deal of Socialising has taken place. This is a disappointment because its one way you can meet and keep in touch. A couple of get-togethers have taken place. The PRIGITASI Trophy was played for at the GI's Association. We lost the Trophy very narrowly. Many thanks to all those who attended and special thanks to the splendid support from PO(S) 41 class.

The Association "put on" a barrel in the WO's & CPO's Mess VERNON and extended an invitation to all those members in the area to attend. Once again there was a splendid turn out and it is our intention to repeat this performance again next term. Watch this space for a date.

We would welcome your feeling on what you would like us to organize by way of an Association "do". We are looking at MARCH/MAY 83, and thoughts go towards a Dinner Dance costing approx £9 per head, or Disco with cold buffet costing £4 per head. Please send back form at rear of mag to help estimate how many are interested and what you would like.

Cheers,

G. Huesay.

PROMOTION TO CPO(CPS)(S)

Congratulations to the following who were selected for promotion on 4th November 1982:

PO(S) SIMPSON A J	D100971R	AMAZON
PO(S) REEVES P J	D080822V	ZULU (PEMBROKE RSU)
PO(S) TRAVIS M J	D092474B	ROOKE (PEMBROKE RSU)
PO(S) FREECE M	D109151K	BATTLEAXE
PO(S) CARPENTER G	D102565E	RALEIGH (LEANDER)
PO(S) HOOD D R	D083788N	ARIADNE (VERNON)
PO(S) NIBLETT M E	D078264X	ROTHESAY

WELL DONE!

DECORATIONS

Congratulations to FCPO MICK LEGG and FCPO BOB NICHOLS on the award of the MBE for their work during the Falklands War.

Bob was employed in the organisation which was preparing Merchant Ships for the passage South.

Mick was the RN Buffer on the Atlantic Conveyor.

Two awards which were richly deserved.

VERNON TELEPHONE NUMBERS

As from the 5th December 1982 HMS VERNON will be transferring to the Dockyard Telephone exchange and all existing numbers will be modified. In advance of the normal amendment to the RM telephone directory listed below are those numbers which might be of use:

CDR 'U'	-	24571
ASWTO	-	24803
IS	-	24813
IPS	-	24604
IOC	-	24802
ISPO	-	24604
PO(S) Course Officers	-	24987
LS(S) Course Officers	-	24770
Chief Instructor	-	24811
2016 Office	-	24887
Passive Office	-	24606
Chief Instructor OG	-	24839
FTV	-	24805
FU1	-	24712
External Feedback and Training Support	-	24815
L8880 Section Office (DRYAD) Ext 383		

ALL OUR YESTERYEARS

AN ERIE STORY

The lush greenery and flower beds of Victoria Park had never looked lovelier than on a certain Wednesday evening. The exertions of Navy Days led me to sit on the seat at the west end near RNB. It was twilight and a warm, still evening.

Suddenly, I became aware of someone approaching me from the direction of the pagoda styled Chinese Monument. It proved to be a sailor, but a most odd looking type with heavy boots, gaiters, blue trousers, yellow-looking flannel, and crossed bandoliers. A straw hat completed the ensemble. Its cap ribbon announced the wearer as belonging to HMS ORLANDO, but the oddest thing of all was the effective cutlass he held casually in his right hand.

"Have you a light chum?" he asked. As he sucked and puffed at his pipe I said curiously, "Whats the idea of that outfit?" indicating his uniform. "Thie?" pointing to his suit, "Yes", "Ah" he said, "Its a long story. You see I'm not from your world at all!" To emphasise the word "your" his cutlass point jabbed uncomfortably near my throat.

I looked hastily round the park, not a soul near, and here I was, stuck with a stray dressed up, topped up, left-over from Navy Days. I felt suddenly very cold, that outfit he wore didn't belong to any side-show I knew of from the Dockyard. He grinned, as if knowing my thoughts. "Its true you know. You see that Bell over there?" He pointed at the Chinese Monument, and I could see the odd shaped bell under the pagoda roof. "All that Chinese writing on the bell says:

Come pleasant weather and gentle rain, The Empire is at Peace again".

Then he went on "Once a sailor, always a sailor, and though we are what you call 'dead', we are in fact much more alive than you are in your World, and are interested in what goes on in it!

Ever since our Tientsin 'do' in 1900, one of us always comes to check on how things are going with the Navy when there's trouble in the offing. Whenever there is danger, that bell rings, so here I am!"

In spite of myself I was interested. "What kind of trouble?" I asked. Slowly he answered "Yangtze, Korea, Abadan, Suez, Cyprus, Lebanon" He was barely discernible in the dusk now and his voice seemed to be getting fainter.

"Listen chum he said. 'I'm off now, but remember this Britain's finest insurance policy has always been a strong Navy, so don't let 'em cut it down! We will be passing you boffins the latest ideas in nuclear submarines soon, which will shake the World! Before I go heres a little gift from the boys up top." He gave me a small package wrapped in silk. I carefully unwrapped it.

Inside, nestling in lotus blossom petals was a little Buddha-like figure. "Thankyou" I said, but he had vanished. I was utterly alone.

There is something very odd about this. I still have the little Buddha, faintly smelling of lotus blossom. I also quite often pass the Monument to those who lost their lives on HMS ORLANDO, but there is no bell there. Nor has there been for years they tell me. How is it then, I can accurately describe a bell I've never seen?

If you pass that way perhaps you can still detect the smell of lotus blossom, or find the Tolling Bell and for whom?!!

CARL HAYMAN

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The time has come to make a final plea to all our far flung members ashore and afloat, to comply with rule '8', which is that members should send their Annual Subscription to the treasurer.

We need full financial backing, to give the Association the start necessary for the STATUS of our name. Remember, according to the rules, if a member does not pay his subscription within SIX months, he can automatically cease to be a member. I hope this reminder will be appreciated.

C FIRBANK

PO TASI

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(Eds note: As was, as is still the case)

"GET STUFF"

A brief report on Ships Taken Up From Trade (STUFT)
by PCPO Bob Nicholls

With the major battles for the Falklands now over, much information is becoming available of the "Task Force" and its activities and I have been asked to write a brief article on my experience of the merchant ship involvement.

After the hasty preparation of "Atlantic Conveyor", at Plymouth in which I acted as general ship co-ordinator. The requirement for a Co-ordination Admin Support Team for STUFT was identified. I helped form this team which consisted of WRNS for admin and senior rates of each specialisation for special assistance ie. NBCD, stores, medical etc. The team went on to assist in the preparation of many of the 60 or so STUFT in Operation Corporate between April and July.

The large "Atlantic Conveyor" and "Atlantic Causeway" were rapidly adapted under the US/UK ARAPAHO concept of aircraft carrier conversions. They were converted in Plymouth dockyard in 9 and 8 days respectively. These ships played a major part in moving aircraft, munitions and general stores. The tragic loss of "Atlantic Conveyor" was more serious than as first suggested. It must have been a contributing factor to the lack of big heavy lift helicopters ashore and the decision to move troops to Fitzroy and Bluff Cove by sea, rather than by air.

The QE.II, "Canberra" and "Norland", all played their role in troop and stores movements South and also the return of Argentine prisoners back to the Argentine. Fears of incompatibility between STUFT and Naval Units were not as great it seems as at first anticipated. Most STUFT took a little over one week of round the clock work to prepare. Usually taken from Trade on a Friday they were often in groups of two or three at a time. Flight decks, hangers,

Sat Nav, Sat Com and gun mountings were often fitted. All their stores, life rafts and internal organisation etc. had to be re-planned in this time, as they were adapted to their new role and new crew passenger requirements. Fresh water production was a major problem as many of the ferries were designed only to be at sea for up to 8 to 10 hours, or the large container ships only supporting a crew of 50. Suddenly these vessels were required to carry hundreds of men for weeks on end. On-board Training packages in the form of video tapes of RAS, NBCD, First Aid etc. had to be organised along with things like unifoxer and Operation Awkward.

STUFT activities have not ceased with the liberation of Port Stanley, in fact further merchant ships have been taken up to keep the 8,000 mile life line moving. Recent charters include the cruise liner "Cunard Countess" and the large containership "Astronomer" which is twice the size of "Atlantic Conveyor" or "Causeway". Many existing STUFT's will not be returning to trade for sometime. The "St Edmund" for example is acting as a replacement for "Sir Gallahad" and "Sir Tristram" in a useful logistic role for the Army.

The "Rangatira", an ex New Zealand car ferry which was laid up in Falmouth until May and took 22 days to prepare, is now working flat out as an accommodation ship and is unlikely to be released for some considerable time. Other merchant ships like "Elk", for roll-on roll-off freight, some tankers and general cargo such as "Geest Port" and "Lyceon" will continue in service between UK and Port Stanley. The last Royal Mail Ship, "RMS St Helena" which was supported by the STUFT team in Portsmouth during her conversion to an MCMV mother ship and tanker, complete with Wasp flight deck and hanger, has been retained. Without her original Naval Party she has been re-chartered for use between Assension, St Helena and Port Stanley.

The last ships the STUFT team supported were the Bank Line's "Cedar Bank" and the P&O's "Strathewe", both general cargo ships, with big heavy lift derricks at Southampton in July. They carried munitions, mooring bouys and cables, engineering and runway equipment, including giant bulldozers and rock crushers.

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THE PASSIVE SONAR SECTION

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1. Since the last report some notable changes have taken place within the Passive Sonar Section. Towed Array has arrived and some 5 ships will be fitted by the end of 1983. Namely HMS CLEOPATRA, HMS SIRIUS, HMS ARCONAUT and HMS PHOEBE, not forgetting of course the forerunner of them all - HMS LOWESTOFT. Results from HMS LOWESTOFT have been getting better and better and we can look forward to a bright future.
2. The Leanders will be fitted with Sonar 2031 (interim) built by Marconis and installed in the hanger, although it is hoped that it will be installed below deck in HMS SIRIUS and HMS PHOEBE enabling them to keep the helicopter. Meanwhile HMS LOWESTOFT is trailing the successor 2031 Y and Z (often called the CURTIS MOD) for the Type 22s and 23s and the results to date are most encouraging.
3. It is planned that by 1991 a total of 21 ships will be so fitted and by that time some 400 men will be passively trained in Acoustics alone, to say nothing of the Command Team and AIO aspects. SMOPS is starting to embark on a major training scheme.
4. The Passive Sonar Section has been training Acoustic Analysts since 1976 in order to build up an essential base of experience as well as the complement for HMS LOWESTOFT. Since 1979, SMOPS modular training structure has effectively streamed Sonar sub-branch into either active or passive streams. Passive Sonar modular training has been necessary

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I am only one of thousands who were involved in the STUFT Task with all its difficulties and I take my hat off to all the Naval-Parties and merchantmen, that sailed in and worked these ships in a very hostile environment.

The words "Get STUFT" have certainly taken on a new meaning for me since "Operation Corporate".

Eds note: Thankyou Bob, a very interesting letter.

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to achieve the unique equipment and acoustic analysis skills required for Sonar 2031. The Passive Sonar Section runs the career courses and PJs necessary for FFTAs and is run by an AWO(U) who holds the title I Passive Sonar (IPS). The section is in Crenay West, HMS VERNON on the floor above the Active Sonar Section. The telephone numbers are 24604/5/6.

5. The Passive Sonar Projects Group is still very much in existence continuing under the very capable direction of Lt Cdr Don HILMAN, and one of its achievements this year has been to re-engineer the Broadband Amplifier and get it accepted as an official modification to Sonar Type 184. Some 9 ships are fitted to date with more to follow in the future. Some even more sophisticated fits are being designed and these will really change broadband passive capabilities in the future.

6. The following training is undertaken by the Passive Sonar Section:

a. The Towed Array Passive Course. This is a 4 week Command Team Training package given to the FFTA before it starts operating the towed array. The course is run by SMOPS and enables the whole team to gain experience of Passive Sonar techniques including equipment knowledge, ship handling, noise and noise reduction. Target motion analysis and Passive AIO. The first course is due to run for HMS CLEOPATRA in Jan 83.

b. PWO(U) Streamed Course. This consists of one week's passive career course introduction and includes equipment knowledge LOPAR and AURAL ANALYSIS, noise and noise reduction and an introduction to target motion analysis.

c. COW classes include a 2 period introductory lecture.

d. Passive Sonar Directors Course. This course is for Petty Officers (Sonar) who will receive the 8 week common training module of the Active PO(S) career course followed by the 12 week Passive Sonar Directors

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career course. They will qualify as PO(S) Passive Sonar Director (PSD) and then will be the ship's analysts and direct the Sonar 2031. Each FFTA will carry 2 of these highly skilled Senior Rates.

e. Passive Sonar Controllers Course. This course is for Leading Seaman (Sonar) who will complete the 3 weeks of the Active LS(S) course and then so a 6 week Sonar 2031 passive module. Each FFTA will carry 2 controllers.

f. Passive Sonar Operator. The operator will complete the present full 6 week Seaman Sonar 184 career course and then selected Seaman will be chosen subject to aptitude to complete a 4 week Sonar 2031 passive module. As the numbers increase it is intended that the Seaman Sonar be cross trained and operate both Active and Passive Sonars. Each FFTA will carry 6 Passive trained operators.

7. Advancement. Approval has recently been given for Captain SMOPS to convene separate PPE boards for Passive streamed personnel and these will consist of a Practical Gram Analysis Test and an oral examination covering all aspects of Passive Sonar skills and tasks dependant on the rate. They will be examined by the staff of the Passive Sonar Section.

8. Task Books. The provision of separate task books for Passive streamed personnel is well under way and it is hoped they will be in print during 1983.

9. Continuation Training. Analysis of Towed Array information needs constant practice if the Sonarman is to keep his skills in date and up to speed. Continuation training schemes are issued by JAAC every month and it is mandatory for all Passive Rates to complete them. The schemes are interesting and well presented but it is necessary to ensure that the Sonarmen are given time to complete them.

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10. Trainers. To assist with the teaching of LOPARGRAM analysis the Passive Sonar Section uses the SAINT Trainer which is shared with the RN Submarine School in HMS DOLPHIN. A 2031 facsimile trainer is being built by Ferranti and will hopefully be installed in HMS DRYAD by the end of next year. Regrettably until then we will have no 2031 trainer, and although theoretically our analysts are very good they will have no opportunity to do practical equipment training before going to sea.

11. Target motion analysis will be taught in HMS DRYAD and work is currently underway to convert a suitable area in Purbrook Block to accommodate the necessary equipment. Work is also underway to equip the CAAS Leander model for Towed Array simulation.

12. Personnel. Passive trained personnel may be identified by the annotation of PASSIVE in the listing of their ADQUALS on the HMS CENTURION computer print out. It should be noted that the PASSON qualification is now obsolete and is gradually being deleted from the print out.

13. Conclusion. The Passive Sonar Section has a very busy and challenging time ahead. We are still short of experience in Towed Array Operations and we know that there are many lessons still to be learnt. The section keeps a very close liaison with the Submarine Schools, the Fleet Air Arm and the RAF and a full exchange of personnel takes place. The section also has a special liaison with the Passive Schools of the US Navy and the Canadian Armed Forces a regular exchange of information takes place.

Ed. Thanks to CHRIS BRIERS, very enlightening.

WHERE'S ME OPPOFCPO (OPS) (S)

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R MADGE - DRYAD	M LEGG - FOF2
T MILLETT - AUWE	S BROWN - FOF2
C HAYDEN - RALEIGH	C HARTLEY - FOF3
J CHETWOOD - VERNON	W HILL - FOST
D HILEY - VERNON	A NOBLE - FOST
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A WAKEFORD - VERNON	P HARRISON - VERNON
R GREENEY - DARTMOUTH	S HUGHES - CHATHAM RSU
R WRATTEN - ROOKE	

CPO (OPS) (S)

A ARMSTRONG - VERNON	A CLARKE - DRAKE
D BAREFORD - FOSM	A CLAKE - RALEIGH
N BACON - VERNON	A CLIFFORD - LOWESTOFT
A BARRET - CALATEA	* P CLIPSTONE - LOWESTOFT
H BASS - DRYAD	P COMLEY - LEANDER
M BETTS - VERNON	M COSTELLO - BROADSWORD
* S BIRDS - BATTLEAXE	T CRAIG - FOSM-SUBLANT
* P BLACK - DANAE	G DALLEY - ARETHUSA
R BLANCHE - RALEIGH	T DAVIDSON - VERNON
P BRIERLEY - FOST	R DUNCAN - PLYMOUTH
C BRIERS - VERNON	J ENNIS - DRYAD
D FULL - DRYAD	W EVANS - EURYALUS
I CAMBURN - VERNON	J FELL - FOST SEAGOING
P CASS - NAIAID	L FIELDHOUSE - RALEIGH
J CHENNEL - VERNON	A FOWLER - VERNON
J CHETWOOD - VERNON	* T FOX - CLEOPATRA
R GALLIVAN - BRILLIANT	G O'SULLIVAN - DRYAD
R GASCOIGNE - DRYAD	M OWEN - FOST SEAGOING
F GLEAVE - EXCELLENT	C PARK - FOST SEAGOING
B GOLDING - BRAZEN	F PATTINSON - RN PARTY BRAWDY
P GORDON - VERNON	P PEARCE - VERNON
* P GREEN - YARMOUTH	R PICKERSGILL - MINERVA
* P HARLING - BERWICK	D PLATER - FO GIBRALTER

CPO (OPS) (S) (Cont.)

P HEALEY	-	ROTHESAY	M QUILLER	-	DRYAD
P HEDGE-HOLMES	-	BUTECH	P RAMUS	-	DRYAD
P HITCHCOCK	-	POST SEACOING	*R ROOT	-	BATTLEAXE
P HORDEN	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	*W RUTTER	-	DANAE
D HODGINS	-	AMTE TEDDINGTON			
B HUDSON	-	AURORA	R SARGENT	-	DRYAD
P JOINER	-	VERNON	*J SHEPHERD	-	AJAX
J KAY	-	CWT VERNON	R SNELLING	-	VERNON
P KENNEDY	-	DRYAD	P SOWDON	-	PEMBROKE
M KING	-	POST SEAGOING	G STOKES	-	PORT AD
K LAKE	-	FO GIBRALTER			ROSYTH
T LONG	-	VERNON	K SWAIN	-	DRYAD
A LOVEDAY	-	VERNON	P THORPE	-	VERNON
P MAHER	-	VERNON	P WATFORD	-	DRYAD
J MAYSTON	-	COCHRANE	*B WEST	-	PALMOUTH
C MEASEY	-	VERNON	P WILKINS	-	RALEIGH
* C MOORE	-	DIDO	M WRIGHT	-	RALEIGH
M A WRIGHT	-	PENELOPE	P WRIGHT	-	DRYAD

FO(S)

B BARNETT	-	PEMBROKE	R BAKER	-	AMAZON
J AINSCOUGH	-	RALEIGH	D BARKER	-	R. ARTHUR
D ARCHER	-	CAPT PORT PORTS			
G ASHTON	-	HERMES	A BARLEY	-	ARROW
A ASTLEY	-	SIRIUS	C BARTLETT	-	VERNON
R AYLING	-	LOWESTOFT	M BATES	-	AMAZON
K BAILEY	-	VERNON	C BEECHY	-	VERNON
S BODEN	-	ARIADNE	A BENNET	-	LIVERPOOL
M BRADY	-	FEARLESS	D FIRTH	-	R. ARTHUR
J BRAY	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	R FISHER	-	ACHILLES
* J BROMLEY	-	RHYL	*B FLOWER	-	DIOMEDE
D BROTHERWOOD	-	FIFE	J FOSTER	-	VERNON
T BROWN	-	PLYMOUTH	W FRANKLIN	-	ACTIVE
R BUCKERFIELD	-	MANCHESTER	*P FURLONG	-	INVINCIBLE
J BUTLER	-	RN PARTY BRAVDY			
H CALEY	-	VERNON	*N GARCIA	-	ALACRITY
N CAMBURN	-	VERNON	D GEMMILL	-	RALEIGH
T CARREL	-	CARDIFF	A GIBBS	-	VERNON
G CARPENTER	-	RALEIGH	A GIBSON	-	NEPTUNE

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S CARRINGTON	-	VERNON	A GILMORE	-	VERNON
L CHARRINGTON	-	BERWICK	A GLEAVE	-	VERNON
A CLEMENTS	-	DRYAD	D GOODFELLOW	-	FIFE
C CLEMOW	-	VERNON	R GRAHAM	-	RALEIGH
T COUPE	-	AMBUSCADE	M GRANT	-	ZULU
D COWAN	-	GLAMORGAN	G GRAY	-	LIVERPOOL
M COWLEY	-	LOWESTOFT	S GREGORY	-	DRYAD
B CREEDY	-	DEFIANCE FMB	C GRIFFIN	-	VERNON
D CREESE	-	VERNON	R HAWGOOD	-	CHARYBIS
R CROSBY	-	VERNON	K HOBSDON	-	RALEIGH
P CUNNINGHAM	-	R. ARTHUR	D HOOD	-	ARIADNE
A DAVIS	-	VERNON	D HOULT	-	DRAKE
R DOOLER	-	BRILLIANT	*S HOWELLS	-	BRISTOL
A DOUGALL	-	GLAMORGAN	D HOWES	-	BRAZEN
J DOYLE	-	R. ARTHUR	A HUDSON	-	R. ARTHUR
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R EDWARDS	-	BERWICK	J HUTCHINSON	-	GLASGOW
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T LIGHT	-	SOUTHAMPTON	*B PRICE	-	GLAMORGAN
N LINGER	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	D PRICE	-	AJAX
P LOMAS	-	VERNON	B PROWSE	-	TARTAR
S MADDISON	-	VERNON	R PYKE	-	MANLY
R MAKAREWICZ	-	PENELOPE	QUINTRELL	-	ARGONAUT
K MORDON	-	ARROW	A RAW	-	COCHRANE
D MARSHALL	-	YARMOUTH	P READ	-	MINERVA
K MARSHALL	-	R. ARTHUR	*M REEVE	-	DIOMEDE
*R McREADY	-	RHYL	P REEVES	-	ZULU
J McLACHLAN	-	HERMES	P RHODES	-	GURKHA
P MIDDLETON	-	ANTRIM	G RICHARDSON	-	VERNON
M MILEY	-	CLEOPATRA	M RICHARDSON	-	ANTRIM
M MILLS	-	CHARYBIS	B RIDDLE	-	AURORA

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A MOORE	-	VERNON	J RIGBY	-	VERNON
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EXTERNAL FEEDBACK

The position as External Feedback Officer to the 'U' Faculty of SMOPS is now filled again on a full time basis. The purpose of the post is to gather Feedback on all matters affecting ASW training but particularly the quality of Sonar ratings joining the Fleet from training and the difficulties experienced training personnel at sea. This is done by visits by me to both Ships and Seagoing Staffs. On your Ship you can expect a visit about once a year.

The information received is presented to the Heads of Sections within the 'U' Faculty and action taken as necessary. This does not mean that each and every comment will be actioned as sometimes a comment is watched to see if it is raised by someone else. It could be that the item might raise a question where more data is required. In this case it would probably form the basis of a question for forthcoming interviews of Ships Staffs. Whatever is said, however, is passed on in some form or other and given due consideration. To give you an idea of recent comments which have led to some action being taken here is a list of substantiated statements and the action started to rectify:

1. Ratings are joining some Ships from career courses and from other Ships not having done the required PJT.
ACTION. Item raised at the next SMOPS/CND liaison meeting.

2. The Sea(S) has a poor knowledge in interpolating the XBT trace and filling in the Bathy Log.
ACTION. Teaching methods have been revised but this subject to be continually monitored in further feedback.

3. PO(S) are not taught how to manage the Sonar Sub Department and how to prepare for OST using the OST Guide.

ACTION. The Sonar Section are looking at the possibilities of inclusion within the PO(S) Course.

4. Various comments from Ships on the content of Task Books particularly preparing for PE and the scope of questions available to PE board examiners.

ACTION. All comments to be considered and included where necessary in Task Book updates.

NOTE. These comments have been received at a very opportune time as all Task Books are at present being amended to reflect sonar 2031 training and future streaming of Active and Passive personnel. The progress achieved so far is as follows:

a) Task Book One has now been completed and should be ready for issue by Jan 1983. Major changes are the inclusion of sonar type 2031 and the revised Sonar Branch Structure reflecting the gradual introduction of Passive streaming from 1984 onwards.

b) Task Book Two almost completed, the major changes proposed being the introduction of four separate sections viz: Miscellaneous Sonars, Oceanography, Active Sonar and Passive Sonar. Completion of which will depend on Ship fit and Active or Passive streaming. Also the examples of questions in preparation for PE have been enhanced. TB2 should be ready for issue by March 83 and it is strongly recommended that Ships encourage changeover from the present TB2 as soon as possible. Changing in mid stream will be to the advantage of the advancement candidate.

c) Task Book Three at present being updated and should be ready for issue by mid 1983. Where it will probably emerge as two separate task books, one for Active and the other for Passive streams.

5. Various comments received on the need to update and expand on the examples in the set of Passive Training Tapes.

ACTION. Comments passed to JAAC who are at present updating these tapes.

As you can see your comments are looked at very closely and these visits are providing a useful medium in keeping the 'U' Faculty informed of the Fleet's requirements. It should be emphasised however that should your Ship have an issue which you want to raise regarding Sonar Training, don't wait until your next visit but use the Training Feedback Report form S3018, DCI 306/79 (Extant) refers.

From this you will get an immediate answer. The message really is, don't keep it to yourself, feed it back to where something can be done about it.

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BITS & PIECES

1. BR 4023 has been completely re-written and now includes much more useful information for the Sonar Department. Issue to Ships will be in the very near future - watch out for it.
2. Don't forget to destroy out of date task books. The revised task book 2 should be ready for issue by March 83. You are advised to get your LS candidates onto this task book as early as possible.
3. The 'Sonar Training Guide' should no longer be used. Information therein has now been included in the re-written BR 4023.
4. The ASWI's Association at long last allowed the GI's Association to take the '3 Monkeys Trophy' at a games night at Whale Island, Oct 20 1982. We had a very good turnout with 32 members present and lost the trophy by one point. (Basher Bates can't 15 - 2!).
5. All the POF instructors have changed round recently:
POF1 FCPO DENNIS HILEY was relieved by FCPO JIM JACKSON
POF2 FCPO STEWART BROWN was relieved by FCPO MICK LEGG
POF3 FCPO DON ANDERSON was relieved by FCPO CHRIS HARTLEY.
6. Treasurers Report 18 Nov 82.

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This function will take place late March/early May.

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POSTAL SUGGESTION

If you feel you have a worthwhile suggestion on the way the Association should be run or on something you would like us to do, let us have it below:

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