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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Members

1. As I come to the end of my first year in the chair may I firstly take the opportunity to thank you all for formally joining the Association, or more to the point showing faith in the viability of the Association's future. Our paid-up membership at this time last year was some 14 souls, as of 6 May 83, thanks to a last minute rush of subs our full membership stood at 120 and 47 Honorary Members. This is not to say we should be satisfied with this total after all it does only represent 50% of our possible members. I look to you all to help 'sell' the Association whenever and wherever you can until our percentage is up in the 90s where it should be. Why not start today and get all those qualified on your ship to apply for their membership.

2. You will notice that this Seamaster contains much more than we have published in the past. This is due to a much better response to our journal and includes some very interesting articles. For those of you who haven't yet found time to write a letter to your fellow members why not promise yourself to put a few words on paper before the next publication which is aimed to go to print in mid November.

3. Now onto the subject of our Annual Dinner. It has been decided that this will be in the WOs' and CPOs' Mess HMS VERNON on Fri 28 Oct 83. Bookings are welcomed from all serving and non-serving members and their ladies at a cost of £8.50 per head. This cost is fully inclusive of a sherry reception, dinner, wines and liquers, and after dinner we will clear the main area for a disco or group. Of course the final arrangements have yet to be worked out, but I hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend. Dennis HILEY and Jesse OWEN are organising the evening which must be

restricted to 120 so please apply for your tickets as early as possible but not later than 21st Oct.

4. Lastly may I offer on your behalf a vote of thanks to our outgoing Vice Chairman Paddy MEASEY for his hard work for the Association in the past 2 years. Good luck in your next job Paddy and thank you. Also of course a welcome to your new Vice Chairman Wiggy BENNETT who will be looking after our interests in HMS DRYAD. See you all in October.

Yours Aye

DON ANDERSON

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WARD	T	Cumbria
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PO(S) MICK REEVE
HMS DIOMEDE
LONDON

Dear Ed

I enclose money for jumpers which I am very glad have been ordered.

I intend to attend the AGM in HMS VERNON, as I will have returned to Portsmouth.

Thank you for the 'Seamaster' which was, once again, well printed and enjoyable reading.

Since last seen in HMS VERNON I joined HMS DIOMEDE, and immediately sailed for Royal Tour duty in America. For the most part this was quite an enjoyable trip whilst alongside in such places as Acapulco San Diego, Long Beach, San Fran (twice) and Victoria in Canada

Other stops in Panama and Tortolla in the British Virgin Islands (where I left the top of one of my fingers) were more brief but none-the-less enjoyable.

My AX POS during this trip have re-established my faith in Naval ratings, as they have laughed at all adversities, the endless changing of rigs, unreal times of Harbour stns (0325 in No 10s?) and the endless work keeping the ship clean for Royal duty. A very pleasant crew to work with.

A good run was had on the yacht in the POs' Mess, which I hasten to add is a quite beautiful Mess and vice versa when we reciprocated. LS(S) YOUNG from the RY took his PPE board for POS(S) onboard HMS DIOMEDE, and had an excellent pass of some 93% overall. A very likeable and knowledgeable person, who will I'm sure make a good ASWI.

After the jollies started SPRING TRAIN, and after 4 days in Gib during which time FCP0 Mick LEGG organised a highly successful ASWI's run ashore (an impromptu one, relying on the 'Esprit de Corps' quoted on the back of our journal, unlike all other divisions who had theirs planned into the OPORDER and were obliged to attend) we sailed for probably the quietest SPRING TRAIN in living memory.

The aforementioned Mick LEGG must take a special thank you from myself and Brian FLOWER (who didn't buy the beer) for the great help and vast amount of knowledge which he imparted on us lesser mortals, thanks Mick.

All that is left now is to return to Pompey on 28 April for a well earned refit.

By the way, a formal dinner would be most acceptable to me, at whatever cost, judging from the camaraderie in the branch, it could not fail to be a winner.

Hoping that I have not bored you too much I will sign off and wish all in the branch a very happy remainder of 1983.

Yours Aye

Mick REEVE

By Ed

Thanks for your letter Mick, it was nice to hear of your Association Run in Gibraltar - we wish we had been there.

'THE PORTLAND SPOT'

SYLLABUS TRAINING

It was a great surprise to us all down here at 'Portland-by-the-Sea' to receive after a long absence 'The Seamaster', cheers Dan. It continues to be a most interesting magazine, and I hope that we can contribute to it regularly with a 'Portland Spot'.

I know that there are many serving and ex-serving TASIs that would be very interested to know what happened to the old TS/2nd Frigate Squadron so the first few contributions will be devoted purely to 'Sea Training'.

As most of you serving will be well aware, the 62 year old TS/2nd Frigate Squadron, which served the Fleet well from 1919 to 1981 came to a close in April 1981, with HM Ship DIOMEDE (Captain A J DUNN) being the last leader of the many 'Work Horses' to host a ASW training class. I am sure that many of you will recall fond memories of this unique Squadron which bore the Red 2 on its funnels.

On disbanding, the responsibility for Sea Training came under the umbrella of the Flag Officer Sea Training, complete with its new title, 'Syllabus Training'. Syllabus Training ships are now nominated by CINCFLEET. Ships are selected according to the courses, be it PWO (common module) PWO(U) Petty Officer Sonar (ADAWS or CAAS) LS(S) and Sea(S) courses. A ship is also nominated for PWO 'A' Firings although these ships normally operate outside the Portland Areas.

The paying off of the old squadron meant a reduction in staff. The staff now comprises of the following:

Staff Syllabus Training Officer - SSTO
Programme Officer Syllabus Training - POST
Two CPO(OPS)(S) ST1 and ST2
and one CPO(OPS)(R) ST3

The present staff are:

SSTO - Lt Cdr A ROWBOTHAM (ex Long TAS)
POST - FCPO (TASI) Bill HILL
ST1 - CPO(OPS)(S) Paul HITCHCOCK (TASI)
ST2 - CPO(OPS)(S) Tex KING (MJ)
ST3 - CPO(OPS)(R) Des PEARSON

The staffs duties and responsibilities remain much the same, this includes giving guidance and help to courses and ships staffs, and acting as a liaison between the aforesaid. The duties of POST is providing the programme required to meet training needs. This requires close liaison between the ship involved - the courses, the FOST Programme Officer and of course CINCFLEET.

The ST dept is also responsible for the programming of Navigational Sea Training Deck Landing Training and the arranging of visits for both naval and civilian personnel including the visits of foreign Defences Attachés.

Pre-Syllabus Training Liaison

Unlike the 'work-up' staff, we do not normally carry out a liaison visit to nominated syllabus training ships. If ships are in home waters - a telephone conversation is normally sufficient to clear up any queries or to plan any miscellaneous training required whilst at Portland. A clear guideline for pre-ST preparations is laid down in FLOOs Vol 2. However its always nice to talk to you, and our number is Portland ext. 2276 or 2275. More in the next edition of 'Seamaster'.

Paul HITCHCOCK
CPO TASI ST1

PO(S) R MAKAREWICZ
POs' MESS
HMS PENELOPE

The Editor

Please find enclosed a cheque made payable to the ASWI's Association for the sum of £11 to purchase one of your new sweaters.

I hope that you achieve more success in gaining more members from further afield to make it worthwhile, interesting, attractive, informative, which it is at the moment. I feel that with more feedback, views, letters, cartoons, poems etc etc, it would make more interesting reading, and last a lot longer than the time it takes me to read it now.

I'm sure that it can only get better with more members taking an active role in supplying material needed.

Look forward to hearing from you and reading your next 'Seamaster'.

Keep it up, all the best

R E MAKAREWICZ.

PS: Will forward news to you from the sunny South Atlantic soon

By Ed

Thank you for your kind and encouraging words Mak, we hope that the 'Seamaster' is becoming once again what it has been in the past.

Yours Aye

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The 'Seamaster'

Dear Ed and Readers

Recently we were thrilled to welcome David BEAN to Gt Yarmouth for an Easter weekend visit and with him he brought a copy of 'Seamaster', since then I have received another copy through the post so assume that my address is now 'logged' on the distribution list - thanks - it's great to keep in touch with serving members some of whom I served with.

My last contact with the Association was the 1980 Dinner, so we were thrilled to hear that this is being re-introduced in October, and look forward to meeting up with you all once more then.

With regard to the suggestion made by PR Fair in the last issue indicating that he would like a more Active Retired membership, I am sure that all retired members would welcome this and assist him in making it more active.

As a contribution to the 'Seamaster' I have enclosed 3 items which may help to swell the pages should you find them acceptable. As you may recall I am an ambulance-man serving with Norfolk Ambulance Service and enjoy every minute of it although getting used to shift work comes hard. It is certainly a well worth and interesting occupation.

Thanks once again for the 'Seamaster' and I look forward to meeting you all once more in October at the Dinner, and my congratulations to the Editor and his staff on a well produced magazine.

Best regards to all.

Jim GREEN (ex TASI)

By Ed

Thank you Jimmy, it was nice to hear from yet another ex-serving member. Your articles will be included in this and future editions.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Sea(S) Course Officer	: FCPO ROBERTS	24770
2016 Projects Office	: FCPO CHETWOOD	24887
Chief Instructor (Active)	: CPO OWEN	24811
External Feedback	: FCPO ANDERSON	24815
Chief Instructor (Passive)	: CPO FOWLER	24606
Chief Instructor (OG)	: CPO (MET) BURGESS	24839
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POs' Mess	:	24885

HMS DRYAD

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DASWC Section Instructors	:	835383
Training Planning Courses/ASUATs	: PO WILLIAMS	835303
Task Book Issues	: FCPO PAYNE	835496

CODES

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Plymouth to Portsmouth Dkyd	-	13
Portsmouth to Plymouth	-	14
Portsmouth to Portland	-	15
Portland to Plymouth	-	13

CPOP(OPS)(S) R F HOBDEN
HMS ILLUSTRIOUS

Dear Mr Chairman

I must thank you for my copy of the 'Seamaster' which I received today. It is the first one I have received, and even though it took its time getting to me it was well worth it in more ways than one. It's heart warming to see our association coming back to life again, and someone taking care to produce a first class 'Seamaster'. You all have my full support. Well done, and keep it going.

I must apologise for being late with my £2 Membership fee, but I was unaware of the closing date. Please find enclosed membership form and fee.

We are sorry to have missed this year's AGM, but we had our sonar trials to do so they had to come first.

Let me wish you all the very best, and perhaps soon we might be able to make a contribution to the 'Seamaster'. So keep it up!

Yours

Ron HOBDEN

By Ed

Thanks Ginge we look forward to your next article.

HMS DELIGHT : Plymouth Dawn

Night was passing into day,
The wind was cold, the sea was grey
As I stood watching on Plymouth Hoe
Watching for a ship in the bay below.
I gazed out to the edge of sight
And there, black against the light
Was a destroyer coming home
From distant lands across the foam.

OCTOBER 22 1946 - CORFU CHANNEL INCIDENT

(HMS VOLAGE, HMS SAUMAREZ, HMS LEANDER, HMS MAURITIUS CSI)

The above named ships were involved in this incident, in which the case was taken to the International Court of Justice at the Hague and the cost of the loss of life, 44 killed, plus damage to the 2 destroyers the compensation was awarded to the UK Government. This compensation has never been paid by Albania, and most probably this incident has been lost in the corridors of power for ever due to politics. (I believe they valued a sailor's life at £2,000 in 1946.)

Early in the year of 1946, the cruisers 'SUPERB' and 'ODION' a well-known LEANDER Class cruiser from its war time fame had negotiated the international waterway between Corfu and Albania, they had been fired on by shore batteries from the mainland.

In October 1946 the Med Fleet had departed for the normal visits to ports around the Eastern Med, during this particular time ships had been engaged on the Haifa Patrol a cruiser was normally guardship in the port of Trieste, due to Marshal TITO claims to that part of Italy.

All ships leaving the anchorage of Corfu roads were at 'Action Stations', the LEANDER had commission in Portsmouth Dockyard, the majority of the cruisers ship's

company were HOs plus the boy seamen (Pompey and Chatham DIV) approx 30 boys who had just finished their trained mans training on HMS WHIRLWIND (Rosyth - hard ships in those days plus canteen messing).

As the ships proceeded North up the Narrow Channel, the SAUMAREZ received an underwater explosion, below the bridge and oil tanks, the VOLAGE I believe, went to her assistance to tow her (readers will appreciate that everyone was closed up, the writer was the Communication No in the Stb 4" HACP (4" High Angle Calculating Position) well below the waterline).

During the adjustments of the VOLAGE's course etc, to tow the SAUMAREZ, the VOLAGE hit a mine for'd, this blew away the bows as far as the bulkheads to the canteen flat and 'A' gun. However VOLAGE although in poor shape with loss of bows and life managed to get lines across to the SAUMAREZ stern.

The SAUMAREZ was on fire and down by the bows, with the stern out of the water. The LEANDER altered course and during the evening and all through the night, managed to pass tow lines, by the next morning the LEANDER anchored in Corfu Roads with the VOLAGE tied up astern, with the SAUMAREZ tied up astern of VOLAGE.

The 44 men lost are buried in the cemetery ashore in Corfu, both damaged ships were towed back to Malta, the VOLAGE had a new bow fitted in Malta Dockyard, I believe that SAUMAREZ was tied up in the Dockyard for boarding parties to carry out boarding practices and drills.

A QUARTERMAINE (ex LEANDER 1946-48)

By Ed

Thank you Alan for yet again providing interesting articles for the 'Seamaster'. I'm sorry we could not include the photo of HMS DELIGHT in 'Plymouth Dawn' as it would not reproduce.

Yours Aye

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The TASI Association

Gentlemen

My old friend John ASHTON may be reading this letter out to you, so I will try and keep it short. Firstly, I would like to thank the Editors of 'Seamaster' for the prompt attention to my request for a list of retired members - the list seems very small, but I do accept addresses may be missing - maybe a small ad in the 'Navy News' may dig out a few more.

My main concern regarding a more active retired membership, and I would like to state now I am more than prepared to pay a subscription - is that with the possibility of the closing of HMS VERNON and EXCELLENT, the chances of survival seem rather slim and I feel that if the retired element could get together, we may be able to keep the Association ticking, especially during the periods when the Association tends to go into the doldrums. (As it has on several occasions.)

I feel on your open days we could even help, as I suppose even in VERNON there is stuff on view that only we know about! In other words we would like to become involved. Hence my request for a committee man.

Hope to see you all in October.

Sincerely

Peter FAIR (ex CPO TASI)

By Ed

Thank you Peter. This letter was in fact read to the AGM for consideration than an ex-serving member sit on the Committee. See elsewhere in this journal minutes of AGM and request for volunteers.

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

Once again we have included edited Minutes from recent committee meeting and the AGM to keep you informed of the running of the Association.

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 APRIL 1983

1. The Chairman welcomed CPO OWEN as the new Secretary, and thanked CPO GASCOIGNE, the outgoing Secretary, for his efforts.
2. The Chairman called for a vote of thanks to CPO KENNEDY and PO KAY who had organised and sold 50 plus Association sweaters. Orders were still being received and it is hoped more would be sold as a result of the 'Seamaster' and the AGM on 6 May.
3. The Chairman stated that the agenda for the Association Annual General Meeting to be held on Fri 6 May had now been distributed (U Fac TM 6/83). In addition to these items the Chairman reminded the Committee that several points required ratification at the meeting, viz:
 - a. All ex-serving members currently on the books, and all fully paid up members who subsequently leave the Service would automatically become Life Members.
 - b. When subscriptions were introduced in Jul 82 it was hoped that the response by members would have been quicker. However, to date (26 Apr) only 74 members have paid, with more hopefully to come prompted by the latest edition of the 'Seamaster'. In order to be fair to the recently paid and to make it more uniform, it was suggested that all subscriptions be due on 1 Jan 84. The Committee unanimously agreed.

4. The Chairman informed the Committee that the tentative date for the Association Dinner had been fixed for Fri 14 Oct 83, and that the venue would be the WO&CPOs' Mess in HMS VERNON. The Guest of Honour and the price had yet to be decided, although it was hoped that the function would be self-supporting. The Chairman asked the Committee for its approval to form a separate Dinner Committee to work out the finer details which was approved. CPO OWEN volunteered his services to sit on the sub-Committee. Ed's Note: The finalised date is now Fri 24 Oct. Dinner Committee is FCPO Denis HILEY - CPO Jesse OWEN.

5. The Chairman then stated that he had written to Captain J D W HUSBAND OBE and had invited him to become the new President of the Association, which he has accepted. Captain HUSBAND has also accepted the invitation to make the opening address at the AGM. The Chairman pointed out as a matter of interest that Capt HUSBAND maybe the last Captain of HMS VERNON to act as President of the Association and, as an added bonus, he was a Long Course TAS Officer.

6. The Chairman then sought the Committee's approval to finance the lunchtime get together in the WO&CPOs' Mess after the AGM. A breakdown of the envisaged expenditure is:

Food for 30/40 people	£30
Beer (one, possibly 2, barrels)	£30/60
TOTAL	£90 approx

Unanimous Committee approval.

7. The Chairman also told the Committee he would be presenting Capt BARNDEN (Capt SMOPS) with an Association sweater during lunchtime drinks on completion of the Annual General Meeting. The point was also made that Capt BARNDEN will be the senior TAS Captain on his retirement.

8. The Chairman stated that the following reliefs positions on the Committee will require volunteers in the near future and volunteers will be looked for at the AGM:

- a. Vice Chairman - preferably from SMOPS HMS DRYAD
- b. Treasurer
- c. Passive Sonar representative
- d. New 'Seamaster' Editor

9. Future Association Projects. The Chairman stated that he was in the course of compiling an updated version of the old TASI's Information Pack for distribution at a later date.

10. Any Other Business.

a. The Chairman informed the Committee that £20 had been collected for the Association's adopted charity the Elizabeth Foundation. This sum had been made up to £25 by the Association and the donation had been forwarded to the Foundation. The Passive Sonar Section was to be particularly commended for its generous donation. It was further stated that all collection tins were now in place and one would be provided for the AGM. A brief statement about the Elizabeth Foundation would be given to the floor during the AGM. CPO WHITEHEAD asked if it would be possible to provide receipts for individual collection points for display so that it might encourage others to contribute. The Chairman said that this would be implemented.

b. The topic of having an ex-serving member to sit on the Committee was further discussed. The member would preferably have to live locally and be prepared to attend Committee Meetings during

working hours. The advantage of the ex-serving member providing continuity was noted. The position would be advertised in the 'Seamaster' and at the Dinner. A member from the running PO(S) Qualifying Courses was still not forthcoming but the course instructors would be appreciated again.

c. The Chairman reminded the Committee again that members who had not paid their subscriptions by 6 May would be considered not to belong to the Association. Members at the AGM who had not paid will be given the opportunity at Stand Easy.

d. The possibility of purchasing Association ties was discussed, but it was decided to continue selling sweaters for the time being.

e. A suggestion that traffilite name tallies could be produced with the Association crest engraved on them was also discussed. CPO OWEN said he would undertake to investigate the possibilities.

MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE ASWI ASSOCIATION HELD ON FRIDAY 6 MAY 1983

1. The President, Capt J D W HUSBAND OBE, welcomed all present. He stressed that although HMS VERNON's closure was imminent and that he may well be the last HMS VERNON Captain to preside over the Association, he was sure that none of the Espirit de Corp, would be lost.

2. The Vice President, Cdr A R PETERS, gave a brief address emphasising the value of all levels of training and that the Falklands crisis last year had born witness to that excellent training.

3. FCPO(OPS)(S) A WAKEFORD gave a presentation on the terms of reference of the newly formed CINCFLEET Noise Monitoring Team.

4. FCPO(OPS)(S) HARRISSON updated the floor on the capabilities and limitations of 2016.

5. FCPO(OPS)(S) D ANDERSON briefed the floor on the introduction of the new Task Books 1, 2 and 3.

6. FCPO(OPS)(S) A NOBLE introduced the present FOST UWW staff to the floor and then proceeded to point out the most common shortcomings of ships arriving in Portland for OST.

7. The members reconvened after coffee and the Chairman declared the meeting open at 1056.

8. The minutes of the last AGM held on 5 Mar 83 were not read but were briefed by the Chairman. Item 4 of the minutes (Annual Subscriptions) was emphasised.

9. The Chairman delivered the Financial Statement as the Treasurer (PO KAY) was absent on duty:

a. ASWI Association Sweaters.

Total Sold	- 47
Total Cost	- £517.50
Total Cash Collected	- £550.00

Donated to Elizabeth Foundation	16.50
Presented to Captain BARNDEN, one sweater	10.35
Cash Remaining for Postage:	<u>£ 6.15</u>

b. Elizabeth Foundation.

Collected from Passive Sonar Section	14.22
Collected from Active Sonar Section	3.97½
Donated from Sweater Sales	16.50
Donated from ASWI Association	<u>5.30½</u>
	<u>£40.00</u>

Collected from Passive Section Easter/Summer
Term carried forward until Summer leave - £5

c. Cash Outgoings.

Christmas/Easter Term Barrel and Food	32.00
Printers and Transport	10.00
Food for AGM	30.00
Stamps and Postage	10.55
Donated to Elizabeth Foundation	5.30 $\frac{1}{2}$
Treasurers Wages December/April	4.00
	£91.85 $\frac{1}{2}$

d. Members 1982/83.

As stated in the 'Seamaster', 67 members had
paid at time of printing. Total numbers now
stand at 113.

e. Cash Totals.

Total Cash - Bank	511.87
Cash - Box	40.58 $\frac{1}{2}$
	£552.45 $\frac{1}{2}$
	552.45 $\frac{1}{2}$
5 Sweaters have been paid for but as yet not ordered	51.75
Printers	8.00
Food for AGM	30.00
	89.75
	£462.70 $\frac{1}{2}$
GRAND TOTAL:	

10. The Chairman stated the Committee required the
floor to ratify a motion passed by them on 26 Apr 83,
viz:

'All ex-serving members currently on the books,
and all fully paid up members who subsequently
leave the Service would automatically become Life
Members.'

FCPO(OPS)(S) J ASHTON read a letter from former TASI
Mr Peter FAIR in which he stated that he had nothing
against paying subscriptions. FCPO A WAKEFORD said that
this was against the spirit of the original 1955
association. It was proposed by FCPO ASHTON and
seconded by FCPO ROBERTS that ex-serving members and
fully paid up members leaving the Service become Life
Members. Carried unanimously. FCPO HARTLEY added that
he was sure the Association would not object to Life
Members making donations should they wish. Ed's Note:
See request for volunteers later in this issue.

11. CPO WHITEHEAD then delivered to the floor a
presentation on the Elizabeth Foundation stating its
aim and hopes for local children hard of hearing. It
was also mentioned that FCPO KINGSFORD's daughter would
be making a sponsored parachute jump for the Foundation
and that the proceeds of a Horseracing and Casino Night
in the Vernon Club would also be donated. Any other fund
raising ideas from members would be welcomed.

12. The Chairman then put forward another Committee
proposal for ratification to the floor viz:

To standardise the date for future payments of
subscriptions for renewal of membership to 1 Jan
annually, commencing 1 Jan 84.

The Chairman continued by saying that when subscriptions
were originally introduced on 1 Jul 82 it was realised
it would be hard to get going and that members had to
be shown that the Association was viable and worthwhile
joining. This had been achieved in part with membership
steadily growing and now stood at 116. There followed

brisk discussion from the floor and eventually the motion was proposed by CPO BACON, seconded by CPO WALTON and carried unanimously.

13. The Chairman asked the floor to give some consideration to reliefs for the following positions on the Committee which were due to become vacant shortly:

- a. Vice Chairman
- b. Treasurer
- c. 'Seamaster' Editor

14. The Chairman then spoke briefly about the projected move of the Association to HMS DRYAD. The PRI's Association had kindly offered the use of their club and bar to the ASWIs but this facility would only be afforded to WO&CPOs. The Chairman asked the floor to give the pros and cons of this some thought and it would be included on the agenda at the next AGM when the way ahead would be more clearly defined.

15. There being no other business the Chairman thanked all those present and declared the meeting closed at 1156.

M OWEN
CPO(OPS)(S)
Secretary

BITS AND PIECES

1. Congratulations to CPO(OPS)(S) Ian CAMBURN on his selection for promotion to FCPO. Well done George it was richly deserved.

2. Congratulations also to PO(S)' Colin FELLs and Tony PORDAGE on their selection for promotion to CPO(OPS)(S) from the reserve list of the Autumn 1982 Selection Board.

3. The re-written Task Book 2s were delayed somewhat due to printing problems but are now available from HMS DRYAD. (Tel 835-496). Task Books 3 Active and Passive are being printed now and should be available for issue by the end of July. Watch out for an HTM, FTM and DCI on the introduction of these books and look carefully at the date (1 May 84) after which all PE Boards will examine on the content of the new tasks.

4. Don't forget to pass your Seamaster on to your PWO(U) for him to read.

5. The new Fleet ASW Officer from April is Commander NORMAN-WALKER.

6. FCPO Spike HUGHES and CPO Pete SOWDEN have both just retired. All the very best to you both in your new careers.

7. Recent Feedback from ships in the Fleet suggest that 'Full' SOC's on 1077 are not done as regularly as they should be. Who does 1077 SOC's on your ship?

8. The Annual Tri Association Sports Day for the PRIGITASI trophy will take place in HMS EXCELLENT on Sun 31 Jul 83 starting at 1100, with families bringing their own picnic lunch and games for all the family commencing at 1330. To ensure good support for our Association, who hold the trophy please try and bring the family along for what promises to be a good day of fun. Names and numbers to any of the following:

CPO KENNEDY (HMS DRYAD 383)
CPO OWEN (HMS VERNON 24811)
CPO GORDON (HMS VERNON 24884)
CPO KAY (HMS VERNON 24885)

WHERE'S ME OPPO

FCPO(OPS)(S)

D ANDERSON	HMS VERNON	R NICHOLS	ASWE
J ASHTON	HMS VERNON	J JACKSON	FOF1
J BENNETT	HMS DRYAD	M LEGG	FOF2
R MADGE	HMS DRYAD	C HARTLEY	FOF3
T MILLETT	AUWE	P HARRISON	FOF3
C HAYDEN	HMS RALEIGH	S BROWN	HMS WARRIOR
J CHETWOOD	HMS VERNON	W HILL	FOST
D HILEY	HMS VERNON	A NOBLE	FOST
E ROBERTS	HMS VERNON	K KINGSFORD	CINCNAVHOME
A WAKEFORD	CINC FLEET		
R GREENEY	DARTMOUTH		
P WRATTEN	HMS ROOKE		

CPO(OPS)(S)

R A EVANS	HMS VERNON
J WHITEHEAD	HMS VERNON
P GODFREY	HMS COLLINGWOOD
P EDGE	HMS VERNON
G MORALEE	HMS VERNON
W WALTON	HMS DRYAD
F FOWLER	HMS DRYAD
T WESTBROOKE	HMS VERNON
R S WILL	HMS COCHRANE
B BEAN	HMS VERNON
M NORTH	HMS EXCELLENT

ED's NOTE

The 'Where's me oppo' lists have been collected from the latest available information (Jun 83). Apologies to anyone not listed but please inform me if you have.

CPO(OPS)(S) (CONTD)

ARMSTRONG	A	VERNON (BOXER 8/83)
BACON	N E	FOST
BAREFORD	D J	LOWESTOFT
BARRETT	A R	GALATEA
BASS	H W	YARMOUTH
BETTS	M	RALEIGH (GALATEA 9/83)
BIRD	S J	BATTLEAXE
BLACK	P	DANAE
BLANCHE	R	RALEIGH
BRIERLY	P	FOST
BRIERS	C	FOSM & SUBELANT
BULL	D A	VERNON
CAMBURN	I	CWT
CASS	P	NAIAD
CHENNELL	J	VERNON
CLARKE	A E	DRAKE
CLIFFORD	A	ROYAL ARTHUR
CLIPSTONE	P	VERNON
COMLEY	P S	LEANDER
COSTELLO	M A	BROADSWORD
CRAIG	T B	FOSM SUBELANT
DALLEY	G E	ARETHUSA
DAVISON	T	VERNON
DUNCAN	R	VERNON
ENNIS	J	DRYAD
EVANS	W J	EURYALUS
EVANS	R A	VERNON
FELL	J I R	FOST
FIELDHOUSE	L I	RALEIGH
FOWLER	A G	FO GIB (9/83)
FOX	T L	CLEOPATRA
GALLIVAN	R J	BRILLIANT
GASCOIGNE	R	VERNON (RELEASE 8/83)
GLEAVE	F W	EXCELLENT NBCD SCHOOL

CPO(OPS)(S) (CONTD)

GOLDING	B F	BRAZEN
GORDON	P W	VERNON
GREEN	P J	YARMOUTH (VERNON 7/83)
HARLING	P M	BERWICK
HEALEY	P W	ROTHESAY
HEDGE-HOLMES	P J	BUTEC
HITCHCOCK	P J	FOST
HOBDEN	R F	ILLUSTRIOUS
HODGINS	D M	AMTE TEDDINGTON
HUDSON	B	AURORA
JOINER	P W	VERNON
KAY	J C	PLYMOUTH
KENNEDY	P J	DRYAD
KING	M J	FOST
LAKE	K O	FO GIBRALTAR (DRAKE 9/83)
LONG	T E K	VERNON
LOVEDAY	A D	BRAWDY
MAHER	P	VERNON
MAYSTON	J R	CMCM/CFP
MEASEY	C T	EURYALUS (8/83)
MOORE	C E	CWT (9/83)
O'SULLIVAN	G	DRYAD (MINERVA 9/83)
OWEN	M	VERNON
PARK	C D	DRYAD
PATTINSON	F	SIRIUS
PEARCE	P M	RHYL
PICKERSGILL	R	MINERVA
PLATER	D	FO GIBRALTAR
PREECE	M	DRYAD
QUILLER	M D	DRYAD
RAMUS	P	LOWESTOFT
REEVES	P J	ZULU (VERNON 9/83)
ROOT	R E	VERNON (RELEASE 8/83)
RUTTER	W	RALEIGH
SHEPHERD	J P	AJAX
SIMPSON	A J	RALEIGH
SNELLING	R	VERNON
STOKES	G L	PORT ADMIRAL ROSYTH
SWAIN	K	DRYAD

CPO(OPS(S) (CONTD)

THORPE	F	DRYAD
TRAVIS	M J W	ROOKE
WATFORD	P L	DRYAD (HERMES 8/83)
WEST	B K	FALMOUTH
WRIGHT	M	RALEIGH
WRIGHT	M A H	PENELOPE
WRIGHT	P J	DRYAD

PO(S)

AINSCOUGH	J	CLEOPATRA
ASHTON	G	HERMES
ASTLEY	A J	VERNON
AYLING	R J	LOWESTOFT
BAILEY	K P	ARETHUSA
BAKER	R F	AMAZON
BARKER	D A	AVENGER
BARLEY	A A	ARROW
BARTLETT	C E J	DRAKE
BATES	M R	GLAMORGAN
BEECHEY	C D	VERNON (ACHILLES 9/83)
BENNETT	A	LIVERPOOL
BODEN	S W	ARIADNE
BROMLEY	J	VERNON
BROTHERWOOD	D C	FIFE
BROWN	T G	PLYMOUTH (VERNON 9/83)
BUCKERFIELD	R P	MANCHESTER
BUTLER	J P	VERNON
CALEY	H A	ANDROMEDA
CAMBURN	N	MANLY
CAPEL	T P	CARDIFF
CARPENTER	G	RALEIGH
CARRINGTON	S K	AMTE TEDDINGTON
CHARRINGTON	L J	RALEIGH
CLEMENTS	A J	DRYAD (BOXER 8/83)
CLEWOW	C H C	VERNON
COUPE	T R	AMBUSCADE
COWAN	D P	VERNON
COWLEY	M J	AJAX

PO(S) (CONTD)

CROSBY	R	BRISTOL
CUNNINGHAM	P	ANDROMEDA
DAVIS	A M	VERNON (HERMES 10/83)
DOOLER	R	BRILLIANT
DOUGALL	A	GLAMORGAN
DOYLE	J	NOTTINGHAM
DREW	R J	PHOEBE
EDWARDS	R P	BERWICK
ELLIOTT	R E	VERNON
ENVY	M	RALEIGH (JUPITER 9/83)
FELLS	C T	DRYAD
FIRTH	D J F	NOTTINGHAM
FISHER	R	ACHILLES
FLOWER	B H	DIOMEDE
FOSTER	J	VERNON
FRANKLING	W B	ACTIVE
FURLONG	P K	INVINCIBLE
GARCIA	N	ALACRITY
GEMMILL		DANAE
GIBBS	A A	INVINCIBLE
GIBSON	A D	NEPTUNE ND
GLEAVE	A E	GLAMORGAN
GOODFELLOW		FIFE
GORRINGE	J	RALEIGH
GRAHAM	R	RALEIGH (ALACRITY 8/83)
GRANT	M P	ZULU
GRAY	G A I	LIVERPOOL
GREGORY	S R	DRYAD (PHOEBE 10/83)
HAWGOOD	R P	CHARYBDIS
HODSDON	K L	HERMIONE
HOOD	D R W	ARIADNE
HOULT	D	FO PORTSMOUTH (VERNON 9/83)
HOWELLS	S J P	VERNON
HOWES	K L	BRAZEN
HUDSON	A S	AVENGER
HUTCHINGS	M	SIRIUS
HUTCHINSON	J	GLASGOW
INGRAM	A	NAIAD
JONES	C	VERNON

PO(S) (CONTD)

JONES	R	ALACRITY
KAY	D B	VERNON (APOLLO 9/83)
KILROY	J	MANCHESTER
LARRATT	R	JUPITER
LAURIE	I	RALEIGH
LAVERY	A	ACHILLES
LE-MAGE	T	VERNON
LEE	K W	BIRMINGHAM
LENTHALL	P	EXETER
LEWIS	T R	GALATEA (VERNON 9/83)
LIGHT	T G	SOUTHAMPTON
LINGER	N P	ILLUSTRIOUS
MAKAREWICZ		PENELOPE (RALEIGH 9/83)
MARDON	K	ARROW
MARSHALL	D	YARMOUTH
MARSHALL	K	GLASGOW
McCREADY	R	RHYL
McLACHLAN	J	HERMES
MIDDLETON	P	FO PORTSMOUTH
MILEY	M	CLEOPATRA
MILLS	M	CHARYBDIS
MITCHELL	A J	RHYL
MULGREW	D	VERNON (YARMOUTH 8/83)
MORRIS	D G	MINERVA
MORRISON	D	CALEDONIA
NASH	K J	HERMES
NEEDHAM	S	VERNON (SOUTHAMPTON 11/83)
NEESON	E	LOWESTOFT
NEWELL	R	NEWCASTLE
NIBLETT	M E	ROTHESAY
NICOL	R M	DRAKE
NIXON	P H	SIRIUS
O'BYRNE	P H	EXETER
OLDREY	B W	APOLLO
PARRY	G R	VERNON
PEARCE	S S	RALEIGH (PENELOPE 8/83)
PEGDEN	P	WARRIOR
PORDAGE	T R	VERNON
PRESTWICH	J	TARTAR

PO(S) (CONTD)

PRICE	B V	GLAMORGAN
PRICE	D	RALEIGH
PROWSE	B	TARTAR
PYKE	R J	VERNON
QUINTRELL	C T	ARGONAUT
RAW	A	LOWESTOFT
READ	P J	DRYAD
REEVE	M R	DIOMEDE
RHODES	P	GURKHA
RICHARDSON	M E	ANTRIM
RIDDLE	B A	AURORA
RIGBY	J W	ANTRIM
ROBERTS	T G	SIRIUS
ROBINSON	T	CARDIFF
RODGERS	S P	DANAE (DRYAD 9/83)
ROOKE	J W	ACTIVE
SEXTON	M K	VERNON (HERMES 9/83)
SHAW	D G	ARGONAUT
SLOCOMBE	D	BRISTOL
SMITH	J A	PHOEBE
SMITH	R J	RALEIGH
STEADMAN	H	ZULU
STEVENS	C T C	PHOEBE (ROYAL ARTHUR 8/83)
STONER	K R	VERNON
SURTEES	B	PHOEBE
TAYLOR	D	APOLLO
TOPHAM	W	FALMOUTH
TUCKER	P	DIDO (ARIADNE 8/83)
TUTTY	P J	NEWCASTLE
WALKER	J L	BRISTOL (DRYAD 9/83)
WALSH	B D	HERMIONE
WARDLE	D	VERNON (PLYMOUTH 8/83)
WATSON	C H	SCU LEYDENE
WATSON	D N	CLEOPATRA
WILDE	J M A	BIRMINGHAM
WILL	S C	DRYAD
WILLIAMS	D P	TORQUAY
WILLIAMS	J	CAPT PORT PORTSMOUTH
WOOD	P	FLT ENG PORTSMOUTH

PO(S))(PSD) PARRY
PASSIVE SONAR SECTION
HMS VERNON

Dear Ed and Members

I am writing this little article for inclusion in the 'Seamaster' for 2 reasons. First, and foremost, it is due to a recent telephone conversation I had with an unknown caller, the second reason - which is a direct result of the phone call - is to keep you all up to date with events in the Passive Sonar Section (shore bound though it may be!).

The telephone conversation went something like this:

Me: "Passive Sonar Section, Petty Officer PARRY speaking."

Unknown Caller: "Can I speak to Chief FOWLER please?"

Me: "I'm afraid he's on a week's re-engaging leave, can I help?"

Unknown Caller: "Oh, well in that case can I speak to Chief BRIERS please?"

Me: "No I'm afraid he's gone on draft, however - I'm his relief so maybe I can help."

Unknown Caller: "No um, I'd better phone back when Chief FOWLER's there."

Me: (Totally exasperated) "OK bye *%."

So - as you have probably gathered - things are beginning to stir in the deep dark depths of the Passive Section!

First of all CPO Chris BRIERS has been drafted and is now working harder than ever up in London. Yours truly has now taken over from Chris and I'm busy preparing for the first cross - trained 184/2031 operators course which starts in September.

The other 'stanchion' in the training section, CPO Foxy FOWLER, is off soon for a well earned spell in the sun. CPO Pete CLIPSTONE will be leaving HMS LOWESTOFT and taking over from Foxy to teach the once yearly Passive Directors' course in the very near future.

Our resident submariner CPO Billy BUGG has now had his workload increased, as well as taking the LS(S) and PO(S) courses on their passive acquaint week, Billy will soon be taking the 3-day Passive Intelligence Gathering Courses (between EVTs) which will involve the SAGE that is due to be fitted in several ships.

Our other member of staff is CPO Terry DAVISON who is our 2031 expert. As well as being the only person in our section who fully understands both the 2031(I) and the 2031(Z) Terry also teaches the TAPS courses for the FFTA command teams.

That just about covers our permanent staff, CPO John CHENNEL and PO Rab BUTLER have both been helping out in the section - but only temporarily. At the moment they're both wandering around muttering about green crinkly stuff and casting furtive glances at those big grey things we occasionally see sailing past the Pierhead.

I hope this article has cleared things up (especially for a certain unknown caller!) and I hope that anyone with any questions about courses, new task books etc or just Passive Sonar in general, won't hesitate to give us a ring.

Paz PARRY

PO(S) (CONTD)

WOODHAM	G	SOUTHAMPTON
WORTHINGTON	G	RALEIGH
WRIGHT	C	VERNON (HERMES 8/83)
WYLIE	B J	GURKHA
WYNN	C S	VERNON
YOUNG	R C	AMBUSCADE

A STORY OF EVERYDAY NAVY FOLK

Once upon a time I was having a walkabout in VERNON looking for somewhere to park my carcass and bum a cup of coffee. Lost in the maze of passages and classrooms of Creasy I came upon the Foreign Office, this sounds impressive I thought, I should dip in here.

The first person I met was FCPO Ashundredweight, he told me he came from a large family, he said there were 20 Ashundredweights in their lot. I hear tell he has been in the navy a long time, someone said he once referred to the Ancient Mariner as a strop OD.

I was next introduced to CPO Flower, he has a lot of grey hair, he also has a badge with 'wings' on his sleeve, I guess he must have friends in high places and already booked his billet on the right hand side.

The next bloke I met was Dave Stringy, he belongs to some peculiar tribe I reckon because just like Russ Tabbot on the telly, he goes around giving a two fingered salute saying "Dib Dib Dib". I heard someone calling him 'Banjo', I suppose thats because he's always on the fiddle.

Sitting at the next desk was Scouse Blackfoot, he must be an oppo of Simple Simon and his mate, he has his finger in many pies, I hear he boasts about learning Foreign Gentlemen to talk proper English like what the Queen does.

The last bloke I met was Tony Eastbrook, He is the youngest of the staff, that is obvious by the fact he only uses one walking stick! ! He is also one of the most important, he runs the coffee boat.....

This is a fictitious yarn and any reference to any known persons is purely coincidental.....

The Happy Wanderer.