

LESS WE FORGET:

"TO PROMOTE ESPERIT DE CORPS AMONGST ALL
MEMBERS OF THE ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE
INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION WHEREVER THEY
MAY SERVE"

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ASWI ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS DRINKS 17 DECEMBER 1987

Dear Members,

This year we are holding our lunch time Christmas drinks in the FRI Club HMS DRYAD, Start Time 1215 Duration until Stop Time (Stop Time unknown).

Our main guests joining us to toast the festive occasion will be Mrs Shirley Metherell and Staff from the Elizabeth Foundation, our adopted Charity.

A Free Barrel will be made available and eats will be provided; a raffle will also take place proceeds to Charity and the Association.

A small ceremony will also take place to present Shirley with a donation from the Association for the Foundation.

I look forward to your support.

Yours aye

P HITCHCOCK
Warrant Officer
Chairman

Dear Members,

I must apologise for the delay for this edition of the Seamaster, hopefully my last News letter kept you in touch with the latest news. The delay was due to the hectic activities leading up to the AGM and Dinner and I expect you will all realise that these functions takes up a lot of the committees time.

I would like to start by thanking two of our out-going committee, Brian Golding, Seamaster Editor and Dusty Rhodes, Secretary, for all their Stirling work over the last 2½ years. Their posts have been taken over by the new Editor WO Alan Noble and the Secretarys position has been undertaken by CPO Smudge Smith.

This years Dinner was once again a success and I thank all those of you who attended. The attendance of 140 was exceptional considering the weather conditions the eveing before. I do hope that the eveing was enjoyed by all and hopefully it will be the same again next year.

I am considering a new venue for next years Dinner, and HMS Vernon may be a possibility; however I welcome your choice, so why not drop me a line.

The AGM this year was a great disappointment. The lack of power in Dryad forced us to change venues and because of this many of the presentations were in sound only. Which was as frustrating for the presenters as it was for me. I thank all of you who attended, and hopefully next year we can have a good attendance of both Serving and Ex-serving members, weather permitting. As I mentioned in my previous News letter, my intentions are to split up the day, with normal service presentations in the forenoon, the AGM after lunch followed by a guided tour of all the ASW training facilities in HMS Dryad including I hope a visit to the Wall map room for all Ex-serving members. of course this cannot happen without your support.

I would like to remind you all that the Subs for 1988 have increased to £5. Please forward them as soon as possible. As you know we rely only on your membership contributions to run the Associating, without them we are doomed.

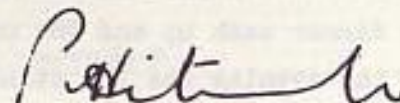
You will have noticed from the minutes of the last committee meeting that we have decided to have a meeting once a month, everyone is invited. The venue will alternate between the PRI Club in Dryad and the GI Club Whale Island. Lets see if we can beat the GI's and PRI'S in our support by turning out in numbers greater than 40. Both associations have offered us 50% of the bar profits for any of our Association functions; so once again your support is vital. Wives sweethearts friends are most welcome. The dates of the meeting are promulgated in the Social programme.

Our Ex-serving rep, Sam Snelling, because of his pending admission into hospital again, will not be able to fulfill his position on the committee next year. Therefore I would like a volunteer to fill the post. My aim is to build a large and enthusiastic Ex-serving element in the Association and will rely heavily on our next Ex-serving rep to help me achieve this. I would like to thank Sam on behalf of the Association and wish him and his family all the very best for the future.

It is with regret that I have to report that the most photographed Willow tree in the world of TAS finally came to grief on the awful night of 15th October in HMS Vernon. The good news is that we have been provisionally given permission to plant another in the spring. Ceremony details will be published in due course. CPO Jimmy Green has salvaged a slice of the old Willow. This will take its rightful place (when dried out and varnished) in the Hallowed Halls in Vernon II Lewin Building Dryad. (hopefully)

We are still waiting for British Telecom to vacate "our Portakabin". They assure us that exchange of contracts will be (shortly). Watch this space. "The Kabin" will never replace the old TASI Club but at least its something and will be an HQ for us.

I think I have rambled on enough but before "Closing down on this Circuit" a final reminder. Please support us by turning up at future socials, meetings etc. Please send in your Subs early — and — on behalf of the Association committee, We wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



P Hitchcock
Warrant Officer
Operations (Sonar)
Chairman.

P.S. Please forward your items for the AGM Agenda.
and your choice of venue for the Dinner.

CONGRATULATIONS TO :-

WO OPS(S) SLOSH WAKEFORD AND CPO OPS(S)
TONY WALTON FOR THEIR AWARD OF THE
MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

'U' Faculty,
Lewin Building,
HMS DRYAD,
Fareham,
Hants PO17 6EJ

Dear Members,

Firstly a big thankyou to all members who attended this years Annual Dinner, making it a most enjoyable evening. The committee have held a post dinner wash up and the one main criticism to arise from the evening was the standard of waitress service received. This has been pointed out to the Manager of the Home Club and every effort will be made to see that improvements are made for the future.

The next item concerns fund raising for our charity, "The Elizabeth Foundation for Deaf Children" in 1988. I am canvassing for candidates who would be willing to partake in a sponsored diet, which would commence on the 1st March 1988 and finish on 3rd May. The reason for the long delay before the start of the effort is that I am hoping to have at least one candidate from each Base port, and perhaps Ships on various deployments etc, in order to co-ordinate all candidates so that weigh ins etc take place at the same time and printing of sponsor forms. I must have names of candidates asap - attached you will find an entry form for the prospective candidates. So if you feel you can afford to lose a few pounds for a very worthy cause,

fill in the form and send it to me today.

Ray Hawgood
Vice Chairman

SPONSORED DIET ENTRY FORM

NAME..... RATE.....

O/N..... SHIP/EST.....

FULL POSTAL ADDRESS.....

A.S.W.I.'s DINNER AND DANCE 1987

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total number attended: 143
Non-paying: 12
Paying members: 131

CREDITS

£15 X 131.....£1965

DEBITS

Home Club.....£1533.85
Early Cancellation.....£15
Drinks.....£250
Table Flowers.....£20
DRYAD Band.....£25
Corsage's.....£28.80
Disco.....£50

£1922.65

CREDITS.....£1965
DEBITS.....£1922.65

Remaining £42.35

Cost of RAFFLE Prizes: £50
RAFFLE Receipts: £108
PROFITS TO ASSOCIATION £58

CPD (OPS) (S) WALSH B.D.
TREASURER

ASWI's ASSOCIATION - TREASURERS REPORT

Dear Members,

I've now been in this job nearly a year, and a few changes have come about in that time.

Firstly, the Ex-Members amongst you would have noticed that your Seamasters and Newsletters have been arriving with postage stamps on the 'Pussers' envelopes. Well, the powers that be here in DRYAD had a shake up about 5 months ago or was it CinC's inspection nerves!! to cut a long story short, we lost the free postage that we had enjoyed for quite some time. It now costs some £18 to send Seamasters to the Ex-Members!!

Secondly, the annual Subscription has been put up to £5 from 1st January '88. Some of YOU out there are still outstanding from this year.

Sub's are payable at the beginning of each year - HINT ! HINT !

STATEMENT AS AT : 9th November 1987

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	£16.14
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£221.71
PETTY CASH TIN	£28.79

	£266.64

B. Walsh

CPD (OPS) (S) WALSH B.
TREASURER

Editors Dit

Dear All,

Welcome to the latest edition of your very own magazine, "SEAMASTER". I must start by thanking the outgoing Editor, Brian Golding for all the effort he has put into this magazine and to the Association in the past.

Secondly a plea; As this is your magazine, if you have any articles of interest that you would like to see published and given World wide distribution (well almost, it depends whose on what deployment) then please forward it to me, this also includes all you ex-serving members, and I will see that it gets what it deserves.

Thirdly, rumor has it that "TASI TED" (no not Ted Roberts) is about to publish his memoirs and has given me permission to publish extracts. These should start appearing in the next edition so watch this space!!!.

On a more serious note, in this edition as well as the usual letters and "Where's my Oppo" sections there are also articles on Feedback reports and Task books, the new ASWD PJT and a trip down memory lane for all the old "TS Arethusa" boys.

Well that's all the transmissions from me except to remind you to send in the "dits" and "Happy Reading",

Yours Aye

Alan Foble

PROMPTIONS TO CPO(OPS)(S)

Congratulations to the following on being selected for promotion on this years signal:

T.J. Allport

P.E. Cunningham

R Dooler

K.L. Howes

B.W. Lewis

K Marshall

R.C. McCready

A.S. Moore

D Morrison

G.R. Parry

T.G. Roberts

J.M.A. Wilde

More candidates for the ASWSC Course perhaps?

MINUTES OF THE ASWI'S ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
22 OCTOBER 1987

PRESENT: WO Hitchcock
WO Noble
CPO Hawgood
CPO Smith J
CPO Walsh
PO Smith CW

Chairman
Seamaster Editor
Vice Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Passive Rep

APOLOGIES: WO Hiley
CPO Whitehead
Mr Snelling

Portland Rep
Foreign Training
Ex-serving Rep

1. The Chairman opened the meeting at 1230 and the minutes of the last meeting were accepted with no matters outstanding.
2. The Chairman welcomed WO Noble who has volunteered to take over as Seamaster Editor and also CPO Smith as the new Secretary.
The Chairman paid special thanks to CPO Golding and CPO Rhodes on their sterling service and wished them well on the completion of their course.
3. The Treasurer reported on the Dinner & Dance Fund and also the financial state of the association. This was accepted.
The Chairman suggested the need to increase subscriptions to £5 per year commencing in 1988 to make the association run as a viable concern. The Chairman also suggested a reduced subscription from ex-serving members.
Action: Treasurer
4. A special thanks went to the Dinner & Dance Committee for all their sterling work put into a thoroughly enjoyable and well organised dinner. There were however a few feedbacks that the quality of the waitress service could have been improved and this will be looked into for next year.
5. Special praise was paid to Colour Sgt. Charlie Miller and his Merry Band for a brilliant performance at the Dinner.
6. The Chairman stated that the GI's Club and the PRI's Club had offered their facilities to our association and 50% of profits made would be ploughed into our association.

Action: Treasurer

It was also agreed to forecast a programme of forthcoming events well in advance.

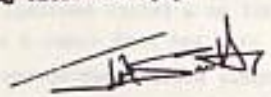
It was also proposed to hold two socials per term commencing next term.
One at each venue.

Action: Vice Chairman
Secretary

7. The Treasurer stated that their are still members of the Association with subscriptions outstanding and this is being looked into. Also the numbers in the association do not reflect on the numbers in the branch.
Action: Treasurer
8. It was hoped to produce an 'Association' Christmas card and have them printed by Portland Printers at very competitive rates.
It is also hoped to hold Christmas drinks in the Mens for Members of the Association and invited guests.
9. It was suggested that £50 from the association plus the contents of the charity boxes be donated to the Elizabeth Foundation.
The committee suggested that instead of a cheque being donated, the purchase of toys may be more appropriate for the festive season. It was also suggested that unwanted toys would be very much appreciated and will be accepted by any of the committee.
Action: All Committee
10. Next years Dinner venue was discussed and the places suggested are, HMS Dryad, HMS Vernon and HMS Warrior. This will be discussed in more detail at a future meeting.
11. WO Noble stated that it was hoped to get the next edition of 'Seamaster' out by Christmas and deadline for articles is the end of October.
12. The Association General Meeting was held on Friday 16 October and even though a lot of effort was put into advertising the fact through Navy News, Seamaster, Ocean Sound etc. the attendance was poor. Thanks once again was passed to the Dinner & Dance Committee.
Thought was given to the programme of events for future meetings due partly to presentations over running.
CPO Hawgood was approached at the Dinner by ex member Mr Dennitt to see the possibility of ex members attending the AGM next year. The Chairman suggested that it would be a good idea to arrange for all ex members attending to have a guided tour of the updated branch facilities. This may get more ex members interested. Any agenda for next years meeting in asap.

13. The Tri-service meeting will be held on Thursday 29 October at the GI's Club.
The possible Games Night that was to be held in November would have to be cancelled due to insufficient time to organise, and it is hoped to re-arrange early next year.
14. It was on a sad note that the Chairman stated that the most photographed willow tree that has stood in HMS Vernon since time immemorial was erased during the severe storms of last week. It is hoped that a plaque with a portion of this tree will be made for prosperity.
It is also hoped that a new tree will be planted at the existing sight in the Spring of 1988.
Action: Chairman
15. The Chairman asked if there was any other business. CPO Hawgood asked if ideas could be forthcoming for fund raising events to increase our profits for the association and charity. The committee agreed to this and investigations will take place.
Action: Vice Chairman
16. The next meeting was programmed for Friday 20 November 1987.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 1325.


J Smith
CPO(CPS)(S)
SECRETARY

At a Tri Association meeting held on October 29 It was agreed by all associations (GI PRI and ASWI) that a Combined association Summer Ball be held most probably in the Royal Sailors Home Club Portsmouth in June or July 1988 However to test the feasibility of holding such an event it was further agreed that respective associations report their memberships response to this idea. Therefore it is necessary for me to ask you by filling in the details below whether you support this social occasion. The cost would be approximately £3 per person. Guests would be most welcome.

Please fill out the form below and return it to:

The Secretary
ASWI Association
Lewin Building
SMOPS
HMS DRYAD
Southwick
Fareham
Hants PO17 6EJ

Name.....

Address.....
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I Wish to attend the TRI Association Summer Ball

YES		NO	
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 tick appropriate box

I Wish to bring No..... Guests

Signed.....

This form to be returned by 15 January 1988

FEEDBACK - TASK BOOKS - WPE

FEEDBACK

No doubt quite a few of you who were interviewed over the last year are still ploughing your way through the latest feedback report Summer 1987. I do hope that the points raised reflect some of your anxieties, frustrations etc. As you know feedback is essential as it is the only way of measuring the effectiveness of training carried out at the School of Maritime Operations HMS Dryad. The report is especially welcome by Fleet (PASWO) the FOFs and FOST, as it highlights many of our shortcomings in the training world especially those experienced at sea.

There was one particular item in the report which I feel needs some mention in this article. It is apparent that most of us are ignorant of the Naval Training System. Many Officers and Senior Ratings are unaware that when a man completes a career course LS(S) PO(S) or ASW Sensor Coordinators course he must then achieve his Operational Objectives for him to complete his training as he only achieves a Training Standard on completion of career course. The gap must be filled at sea. However as stated in the report ships are sometimes unable to achieve this training because of many factors, i.e. Ships programmes, lack of proper training aids, etc. Ships must not expect a man who arrives onboard having completed a career course to be that 'all singing, all dancing' Sonar Controller or ASWD, he needs further training, QJT. to bring him to operational standard, and if ships are unable to fulfill the training they must report the fact to their FOFs. If you are one of those interviewed and have not yet seen the report make sure you do so.

Once again thank you to all those who gave up their valuable time to be interviewed your cooperation is

appreciated. On a final note. Please inform your PWOs/COs that my visit is not an inspection. It is an analysis of training. Ships names and personalities are never mentioned in the report and the interviews are conducted hopefully on an informal basis.

WPE

"It's Working Folks" The results of the last two Examinations, June and September are very encouraging, Well done to both yourselves, the instructors and to the candidates who undoubtedly put a lot of preparation and hard work in to achieve this success. The last examination produced a 90% pass rate overall.

I am sure that most of you are aware of the standard required. It is high and I believe that to be correct. Remember that the man you are training may come back as your controller or ASWD/PSD. Ensure your PWO's are aware of the training requirements to complete Taskbooks. These books must be taken seriously, and completed concieniously. I have advised many of you that if you have men ready to take the WPE ensure you give them a dummy board. (Old WPEs can be obtained from me or your FOFs on request.)

It is also important that the man is worthy of the next higher rate and careful thought must be given to his ability before being recommended. Application for the WPE is made on as S442 in duplicate, make sure that the S442 is annotated with the name of the sonar in which he was trained i.e. 184, 2016, 2031I or 2031Z. This is very important so as to enable the WPE section in Dryad to forward the correct papers and for Drafty to draft him for the correct course.

The next WPE takes place in December. The DCI for the 1988 WPE is also sent out in December. Make sure you get to see it.

SONAR TASK BOOKS

These are under-going a complete re-write, the process is slow. I anticipate that Task book 3 will be out to the fleet in the summer '88.

The books take on a completely new look which will hopefully help both Instructors and sonar ratings completing them. They are much more comprehensive, and hopefully they reflect all the suggestions given to me during my feedback visits.

Their contents reflect the requirements brought about the Post Sonarman study and the new Sonar Career Courses. They will be in three sections. Common, (part 1) Active (part 2) and Passive (part 3). Part 1 will be completed by both Active and Passive Rates. A choice then can be made between Parts 2 and 3.

I would finally like to remind you that if you have any suggestions to make on the content of task books please do not hesitate to contact me on Dryad 4574.

I have also in my goodies cupboard new Task book Bar charts and Sonar Watch and Station bills, if you need these please contact me.

PASSIVE TASK BOOKS GRAM AND TAPE EXAMINATION

The requirement to complete Tapes and Gram on completion of the task book is no longer essential. The Tape and Gram can be taken at any time but ratings must be successful in both before application for the written Provisional Examination is made.

It is also important that the man is recommended by you before he takes the Gram and Tape examinations. If the rating fails only one part he is only required to take that part again not both. Three months must

elapse before the retake. Examinations can only take place in the STC Devonport or at HMS Dryad.

P. Hitchcock
WO.OPS(S)
TS(U)

CPO(OPS)(S) BRIERLEY
PO(S) COURSE OFFICE
LEWIN BUILDING
HMS DRYAD

THE ASWD's PJT

Gentlemen,

At present our contemporaries in the RADAR, MISSILE and E.W. branches enjoy a draftable 5 week E.Q. if they have been away from systems for more than 18 months. This gives them the confidence that they are up to date and speed before joining their ships. We at present are denied this luxury.

Having recognised the need to give the ASWD a fighting chance on his return to sea after X amount of months ashore, a proposal was made to the M.O.D. for a PJT package.

This has now been approved but as with most things nowadays in an abbreviated form. They have allowed us 3 weeks which in the main is taken up with the "COOK" cycle of weeks 4 and 5 i.e. The Full Command Team. The rest of the time is made up of updates in TCN's, Voice Procedures, General Training Admin., Watchbills, FCD 3, Casex Signals, MTIS, Weapons, Oceanography, Button Crunching in ADAMS or CAAS, a little bit of Passive and a day in ASUAT 6. So you can see a very full programme.

Every effort will be made to keep it as a "PRACTICAL" PJT with minimal formal theory instruction. The first PJT is planned to run in January '88. The PO(S) Course Office will do most of the organisation/administration.

Little else need be said at this stage. A further update will appear in the SEAMASTER after suitable feedback from the first course. It is a good step in the right direction for us to improve initial standards at sea.

This PJT does not deny us the opportunity to be trained in further systems required by our new draft. We look forward to seeing you all eventually in the future.

YOURS AYE
PETE BRIERLEY

RANGE OF THE DAY - IN MEMORIAM

'Range of the day' is dead! We all know that active sonar initial detection ranges depend on target type and on target aspect. A beam aspect submarine is usually detected at considerably greater ranges than one presenting a bow aspect, especially with modern sonars. It is therefore no longer adequate to produce a predicted sonar range based on a 'random aspect' target: we need to give a RANGE BRACKET.

The upper figure represents the range beyond which the probability of detection is less than 50%, even with a beam aspect submarine. The lower figure represents the range within which the probability of detection is greater than 50% even with a bow aspect submarine. The resulting range bracket therefore gives much more meaningful and useful information. R I P 'range of the day'.

AOC HMS DRYAD

SS Peking

Peking was built for Ferdinand Laeisz's shipping Company by Blohm and Voss in 1911.

She was built to carry grain and nitrates from the port Hamburg to Chile or Australia, making the passage more than once between Chile and Hamburg in 66 days, averaging some 16 knots per long periods.

After the 1914/18 war she was loaned to Italy as war reparations and later sold back to her original owner F Laeisz for £8500 on January 1 1923.

F Laeisz continued to sail her to Chile and Australia up to 1932. Her last passage in 1932 was Taltal - Santander in 71 days. After her last passage she was laid up for only 3 weeks before being sold to Shaftesbury Homes for £6500.

She was brought over from Hamburg to Strood in Kent by Knights tugs of Rochester, Kent.

After being converted to a Boys Training Ship, she was remoored at Lower Upnor, Kent. On the 25 July 1933 she was renamed "Arethusa" (after the wooden frigate at Greenhithe, which she replaced) by the late Prince George, Duke of Kent.

When the fall of France came the Boys of Arethusa were moved down to Salcombe in Devon and the ship was loaned to the Royal Navy.

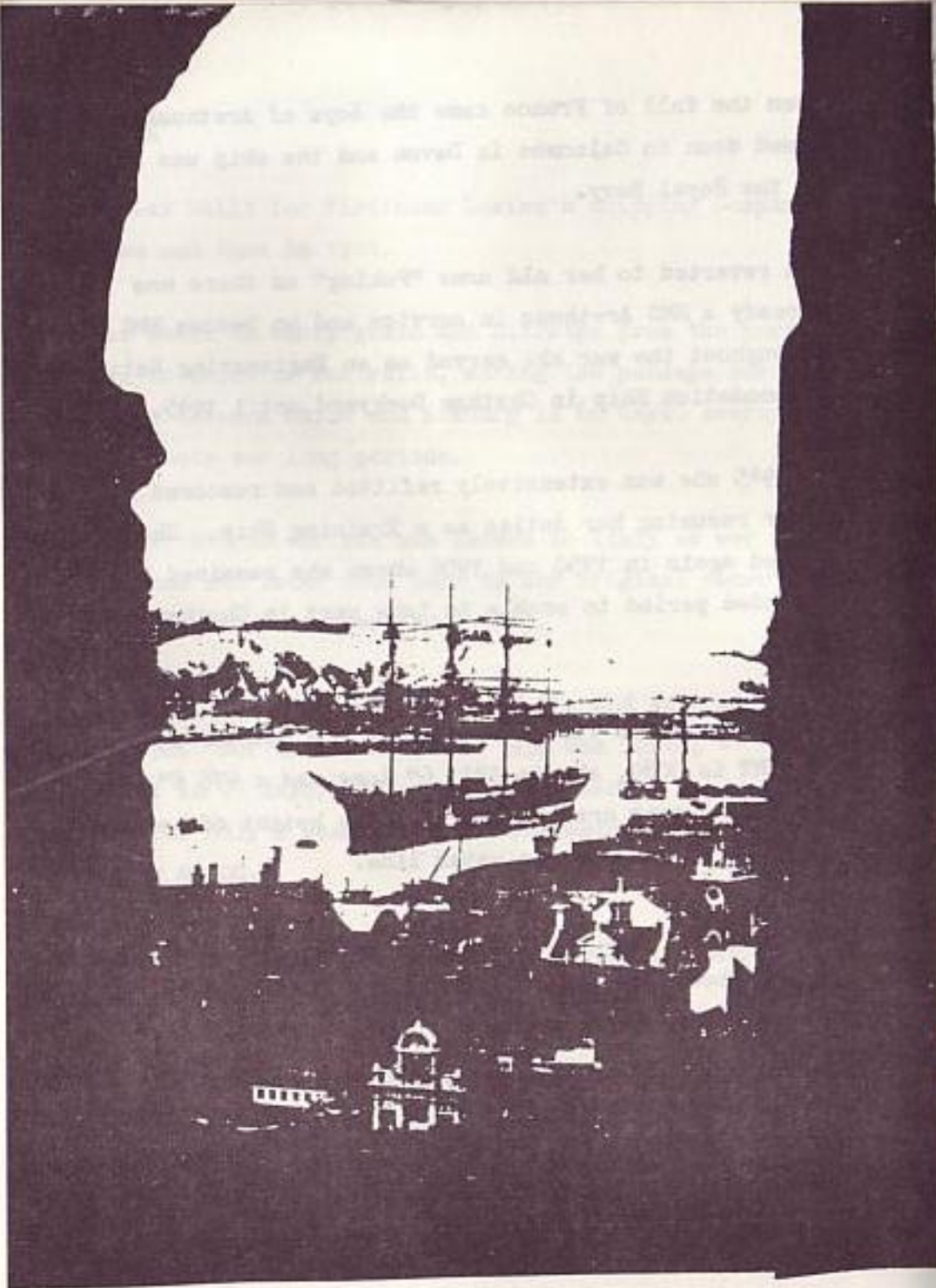
She reverted to her old name "Peking" as there was already a HMS Arethusa in service and so became HMS Peking. Throughout the war she served as an Engineering Ratings Accommodation Ship in Chatham Dockyard until 1945.

In 1945 she was extensively refitted and remoored off Upnor resuming her duties as a Training Ship. She was docked again in 1950 and 1956 where she remained for an extended period to enable to take part in Chatham Navy Days.

The Peking has a fine flared bow and a counter stern. Her GRT is 3089, she is 322' 6" long and a 478 8" beam. Her deep summer draught is 25'. The height of her steel masts is 173' above the water line.

During the 1956 docking she was rerated 100 A1 at Lloyds as a Harbour Craft. After her last docking (1970) she emerged minus her top masts.

In 1974 the Arethusa (25 July) closed down as a training ship. She stood idle for 4 months before being sold to the Sea Port Museum New York. She now lies in New York Harbour, rerigged in all respects as a sailing ship.



F Laeisz and Company - Hamburg

The German firm of Ferdinand Laeisz of Hamburg dominated Nitrate trade, which was never attractive to British sailing ship owners to anything like the same extent. The German Fleet sailed regularly out of Hamburg which came to be known among seamen as the Flying 'P'. Incidentally, sailing ship men always referred to the cargo as 'Saltpetre', a cargo of great demand in those days as chemical manure and in the preparation of explosives.

Such was Laeisz's organisation on the West Coast that before harbour stow was finished the hatches were off for discharging or loading. Despatch at loading or discharge ports was just as efficiently organised as the manning and running of his ships.

In the early days the crews (and Masters) were hand-picked most of the former being local men with home ties in or around Hamburg. Ferdinand Laeisz started as a ship owner with the wood brig, Carl in 1840 but sold her seven years later at half her purchase price and until 1855 was without a ship. In that year he purchased the 195 ton wood schooner "Sophie und Freidericke" from W and S Sauer of Hamburg. From this time onwards the business prospered. Two years later the first of the "P" ships was the wood barque "Pudel" built for Laeisz in 1857 by Stulcken at Hamburg. Although Stulcken was a good friend of the Laeisz family the "Pudel" was the only ship built by him

for the firm.

By 1865 the Fleet had grown to eleven ships and in 1867 Laeisz bought from J J Buhr Hamburg his last six ships, these were the : Mercedes, Don Julio, Carolina, Ricardo, Henrique, Theodore and Rosa/Isobel all built between 1862 and 1865. These six ships totalled 2556 tons.

Early in 1879 Firdinand Laeisz Grandson Carl Firdinand Laeisz entered the family partnership of the firm which at that time owned 17 ships with a total tonnage of 8641 tons. The first ship that the Laeisz had that topped the 1000 ton mark was the iron ship Pluto ex Aminto acquired from Moore and Co of Liverpool 1881. This ship was built by Messrs Jones Quiggin and Co in 1862 shortly before these enterprising ship builders of Liverpool launched the first steel sailing ship known as the Formby.

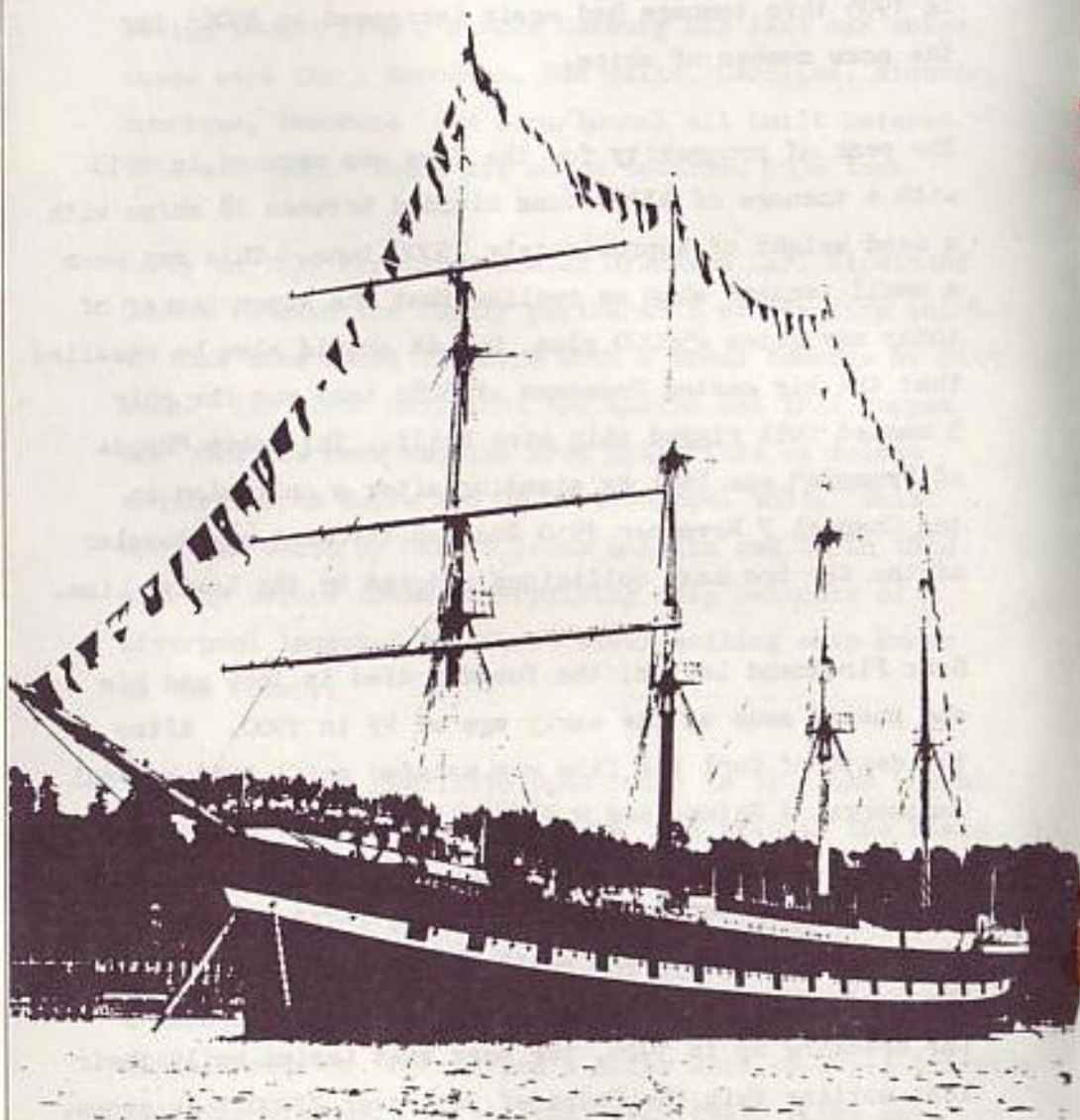
The wood barque Henriette Behn built in 1872 and bought by Laeisz 3 years later, was the last ship in the Fleet to bear a tally not prefixed by the letter 'P' - all Laeisz's sailing ships thereafter conforming to this pattern. This oddly named barque was driven ashore in a hurricane and lost off Mazattan, Mexico in November 1885. Prior to 1862 Laeisz's ships were employed tramping all over the world but in that year their first ship was ordered to Valparaiso. Within a few years the West Coast trade provided full employment for the Fleet and by the

year 1885 Laeisz owned 15 ships with a tonnage of 10945 tons. For the same number of units in the Fleet this tonnage of 10945 had increased to 26494 tons by 1895. In 1905 this tonnage had again increased to 35065 for the same number of ships.

The peak of prosperity for the firm was reached in 1913 with a tonnage of 43299 tons divided between 18 ships with a dead weight of approximately 73000 tons. This may seem a small tonnage when we realise that the super tanker of today may gross 250000 plus, but it should also be recalled that the big masted Preussen of 5081 tons was the only 5 masted full rigged ship ever built. This ship "Pride of Prussia" was lost by standing after a collision in the Channel 7 November 1910 and was the most spectacular of the far too many collisions endured by the Laeisz line.

Herr Firdinand Laeisz, the founder died in 1887 and his son passed away at the early age of 47 in 1900. After the death of Carl the firm was managed until 1912 by Paul Ganssabge, J Reisse and W Struck.

Then Carl Ferdinand's sons Hervert and Erik became of age and entered the firm which still operated from Hamburg. The Bordes Company disposed of their last sailing ship for breaking up in 1926, the year that Laeisz built their last sailing ship the Padua of just over 23000 tons gross. Both wars resulted in the loss of all the Fleet of the



flying 'P' line. After the first disaster the Laeisz Fleet was rebuilt but after 1945 the new re-birth did not include sailing ships.

Around 1880 regular monthly sailings were started from Hamburg with a departure from Antwerp every second month. Ofcourse the 1914-18 war put a stop to that. Throughout the long history of the flying 'P' line a total of 82 ships had been owned by them although for the record it must be added that the Pola 4m barque built for Laeisz. Perkeo was purchased in New York in the summer of 1914 and was captured on 2 August 1914 by a British Cruiser in the Channel. The Pola was taken over by France in 1920 and renamed Richelieu it was used as a training ship until destroyed by fire and explosion at Baltimore on 4 January 1927. Laeisz during his change over period sold the Peking in 1933 to become the training ship Arethusa. The well known Passat was the sister ship to the Peking.

It was claimed by a passenger who sailed from Hamburg to Chile on board the Peking that at that time her Captain was rounding the Horn for the 52nd time on board a sailing vessel; but a Captain Joseph Warren Holmes was reported in the Connecticut magazine issue of 1899 as having rounded Cape Horn 83 times.

As an example of the standard of performance required of Laeisz's masters here is the sad story of the steel ship Pellworm, 2270 tons which was bought by Laeisz in

1924 during his struggle to rebuild the Fleet. On her first outward passage (Ballast) for Laeisz she was unable to round the north and was compelled to return to Hamburg. This was a vicious decision for in the opinion of many experienced seamen not even the Devil of Hamburg himself could have prevailed against Cape Stiff with Pellworm on that passage - ill balasted as she was.

What was so important about nitrate that it needed express delivery? Could it be that the sinister demands of the explosive industry in Germany, pre 1914 provided the answer?

The success of the German Firm can be mounted up to a number of facts which are worth mentioning. About the year 1880 a new look in the shipbuilding technique was looked upon by British builders. This was known as the Liverpool House of Midships Bridge which consisted of a long midship deck raised above bulwark level which prevented the vessel being bourne down by the weight of water shipped in the latitude of the Horn and enabled men to work the ship in near enough safety. About the same time a Scottish Shipmaster JCB Jarves of Tay Port of sailing ships in heavy weather. Later in the last century Commander MF Maury, an American Hydrographer resented his report on ocean meteorology to the International Conference in 1881 based on his vast collection of ships' wind and weather reports.

Maury's contribution to the scientific methods of navigation was invaluable. Further improvements in the form halliard winches also came along in the 1920s and the Laeisz Company took full advantage of all advances made. Thus a smooth and efficiently run company.

LETTERS TO THE CHAIRMAN

I have received three letters lately from former SDI's (Submarine Detectors Instructors). I need not remind some of you that these splendid people were the forerunners of the TASI as it was they who joined with the Torpedo Instructors and became the TASI's.

I hope that these letters are of interest to you. I have replied personally to all three and have sent them information on the Association as it stands now and of course a couple of past copies of Seamaster. I thank them all for their interest and hope that they continue to keep in touch.

Tel: 041 771 5715

Mr. G. Kennedy

54 Garlieston Road,

Glasgow G33 4UE

Dear Sir,

I was reading Navy News May edition and happened to notice your A.G.M. Dinner Dance.

I am an Ex. S.D.I. or T.A.S.I.(D) as it became later, we had an association years ago in H.M.S. OSPREY known as S.D.I.A., I qualified pre-war as an S.D. then H.S.D. and S.D.I. during the war. If it is not too much bother to you, I would like to hear from you about the A.S.W.I.'s. As I travel down to Weymouth and Poole quite often I may manage to some of your meetings.

Yours sincerely,

G. Kennedy.

Thank you George. Your interest in the Association is very much appreciated and welcome to the fold. Hopefully you will keep in touch and perhaps send us a "dit" or two to remind us all what it was like in the "good old days". I still don't believe Sonar is as good as ASDIC?

You are now on the mailing list and thank you for your subscription.

Rear Admiral R.I.T. Hogg,
Chief of Staff to
Commander in Chief Fleet,
Northwood,
Middlesex.
HA6 3HP
29th April 1987

Dear Mr Hitchcock,

A very short note to apologise for keeping you waiting for a reply to your invitation for the evening of the 16th of October. Sadly, as you would have heard, I already have a commitment for that day and have had to refuse. I would however be very grateful if you would convey my best wishes to all those present of whom I will no doubt know. Having spoken to the TASI's Association in the past I know what an excellent evening is in prospect.

With my very best wishes to all of you.
Yours Sincerely
Robin Hogg.

26 Meadow Road,
Marske By the Sea,
Redcar
Cleveland TS11 7BY

Dear Sir,

Recently I was given a copy of "Navy News" (I didn't know such a publication was available) I see there is an A.S.W.I. association. For many years I've been wondering how to try and find out about a P.O.S.D.I. whom I last saw in Simonstown A.T.H. (1945) where he was instructor and I was H.S.D. in charge of Maintenance: His name A.L. Dean, Arnold Leslie, I believe, but of course "DIXIE". I wonder, is he a member? is he still alive? Age must be about 75 up. He lived Down Pompey way I remember. He would remember me as "Tiddly Fitts" Sailors Tailor. I used to run a Sewing Firm.

Yours sincerely,

L. Ridgway.

J W Jackson
MSSCh., MBChA.
Qualified Chiroprapist

78 Elm Grove
Hayling Island
Hants PO11 9EH

Tel: Hayling Island 468642

1st June 1987

Dear Paul

Please find enclosed Subs for 1987. I am sorry to be adrift but the old integrity isn't as water tight as it used to be.

May I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate Brian Golding for his superb efforts in producing the Seamaster under difficult conditions. I wish him and the other students on the ASWSC course the very best of luck, lets hope that the "knockers" give them a fair crack of the whip and are more constructive in their criticism than they were for the ASWD. I still believe it to be the right way to top the profession of ASW.

Unfortunately, I shall not be able to attend this years Dinner due to a long standing commitment, however I am sure you will all have a wonderful evening to round off a successful AGM.

Life on the outside isn't too bad as long as one retains the years of advice from First Lieutenants who couldn't think of anything better to say and "remain pear shaped"

I have never understood what "Yours Aye" meant so I'll finish by saying,

Cheers and Good Luck
from Jim

Great Yarmouth (0493)
(858965-

'Barkleigh'

100 CHURCHILL ROAD
GREAT YARMOUTH
NORFOLK
NR30 4NQ

19th May, 1987.

The Chairman,
A.S.W I 's Association,
Lewin Building,
S M O P S
H M S DRYAD,
Southwick,
Fareham,
Hants.

Dear Paul,

Please find enclosed our Bookings for the Dinner /Dance,
we shall forward the monies within the next Month, as you will
notice we have included the Two usual Guests who unfortunately
were prevented from attending last year through illness, Do hope
that this meets with the Committee's approval.

We had the pleasure of entertaining the Two Members
who won last years free weekend with us, namely Spike and Pam
Hughes and Bob and Cindy Snelling, and it gives us great pleasure
to be able to offer a Free Weekend again for a Draw at the Dinner/
Dance (Letter enclosed), the only stipulation being that the Winner
should be a member of the Association (or Retired Member)- would
it help if it was made a fully paid up member?.

Our very Best Wishes to all Association Members, and we
look forward to renewing friendships in October, and of course
will be corresponding within the next few weeks with the Cheque for
the 'Do' ,which incidently is our Annual 'Break' each year, so you'll
know how we look forward to it.

Yours

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Myra & Jim Green



37, Sussex drive,
Banbury,
Oxon.,
OX16 7UR
6th May 1987

Dear Paul,

Many thanks for your info-reference the dinner in
October 16th also thanks for the "Seamaster".

I will be visiting Pompey on Friday 10th July for
the above weekend reunion, it officially starts at the
Southsea War Memorial on Sat 1030 and Finex after Sunday
lunch in RNB.

I will be passing Dryad on the Friday lunch so I
will call at the Main gate about 1200, I hope that is o.k- chat
and a glass of pop.

I would have attended the 40th anniversary dinner
but as I stated in my return slip I had a Ruby wedding in
Northampton (weekend job) wife's sister therefore unable to attend

I occasionally keep in touch with Jeff Stanley at
OOO^o also Jock Duncan (Thurso). Jeff said he flew down etc to
the dinner. I will be going to Caister on Sea (6 miles north of
Yarmouth) in June, so I dare say I will look Jimmy Green up
at the hospital (ambulance service).

I often see Phil Wratten at the Thames Valley Police
Training centre (seems to be enjoying the life). I use the
centre for Supervisory in house courses for the Civilian
staff.

Please give my regards to young Mr Hiley and Hartley
(in my first WC3 class after I qualified TASI in 1959).

Sam Snelling Ex service Rep, has he got a job
description or a brief for the job? What's his address, does he
represent Ex members etc!!!

Well I will close for now, all the best to you all,
keep the branch going.

Yours Sincerely
Alan Quartermaine

37 ,SUSSEX DRIVE,
B. NBURY,
OXON., OX167ur

Dear Paul,

Many thanks for your letter received yesterday, please put me down for one place for the October Dinner at the Sailors Club, I will square you off on the Friday dinner pop in DRYAD.

I stay at the club for the above re-union each year so I will book my accommodation that week-end for October.

I might write to Sam Snelling shortly, to pop into the Club on the Friday night for a few pints, (I'm not sure what is health is like etc).

Sorry to hear about Chris Hartley, good job he is getting better etc.

Should any of the Branch going outside is think about any Professional quals eg M.I.T.D or M.I.S.M tell them I will sponsor them (it's something to put on a piece of paper or Application Forms - that's if they are interested in training in Civvy St or Management etc.

Could you do me a favour, get someone to look up the Officers retired list for S/Lt S.D. William Roach (Bill Roach or Cock Roach). I would be grateful if you could find his address if he is still kicking around etc.

Well I will close for now and to say that I will pay for the Dinner and report to the Main gate at 1200ish on Friday July 10th.

Yours Sincerely

Alan Quartermaine

MITD, MISM, Cet Ed

P.S i) It seems as if everyone is writing up books etc?

ii) I see it's a 47 ship navy?

School of Maritime Operations
HMS DRYAD
Southwick, Fareham
Hampshire
PO17 6EJ

18th October 1987.

Dear Mr. Hitchcock,

We both very much enjoyed our evening with the ASWI's Association on Friday. I thought the Home Club did us well with an excellent meal and friendly service though fundamental to success was your organisation. Would you please pass on our thanks to your members and in particular to CPO and Joanne Walsh for being most generous hosts.

As your president I feel I should contribute to the evening - I did not even make a speech! - so I enclose a donation to the Association charity.

Yours sincerely,

Jake Backus.

LT D.R GREEN,
H.M.S.DRYAD,
SOUTHWICK,
HANTS.

16th OCTOBER 1987

Dear Mr Chairman,

My wife and I would like to take this opportunity in thanking the ASWIs Association for a most enjoyable dinner in such pleasant company with a special thankyou to uor host "Smudge" and his wife Wendy.

The patriotic singing of "Land of Hope and Glory" at the end of the dinner brought home the comradeship enjoyed within our country and Associations, and was a very fitting conclusion to a most memorable dinner.

Yours Aye

Dave Green LT SD(X)(PR)

Mr George Kennedy,
54, Garlieston Road,
Glasgow G33 4UE

Dear Sir,

I received all the Data and Newsletters, thoroughly enjoyed it and had quite a task trying to interpret just the ratings and laughing at the same time, changed days from the old Osprey, but all for the better I hope.

I noticed in your newsletter you mentioned a Jim and Myra Green who live in Great Yarmouth, I was wondering if you could pass me his telephone number, if it is the same Jim Green I know him, I think he did a bit of boxing and I think his wife Myra was a Wren.

I will enclose £5 as a membership fee if you would be good enough to pass it to your Treasurer and would be delighted to be put on your mailing list. Hope your Dance was a success and everybody had a good time.

Yours

George Kennedy

Ex TASI(D)

Many thanks for the subscription George, you have now been added to the growing list of Ex-serving members.

Mr. A. Quartermaine,
37, Sussex Drive,
Banbury,
Oxon. OX16 7UR.

Wednesday, 21st Oct. '87
Trafalgar Day.

Dear Paul,

I would like to thank you and the committee members, for the work and final evening of the Association Dinner held at the Sailors Club on Friday evening 16th Oct. It was a most enjoyable evening I only had three floors up in the club to go before I finished the morning off. Very nice to see some of the Ex-TASI of the Vernon days.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Quartermaine

Banbury X

Thank you Alan for your continued support in the association. It was indeed nice to see so many Ex-serving TASI's at the dinner. Glad you made it up the stairs?

WHERE'S MY OPPO

WARRANT OFFICERS

ANDERSON D S	CINCFLEET
BACON N E	FOF 1
BLANCHE R R I	FOF 2
BROWN S W	CINCFLEET
CAMBURN I R	DRYAD
CHETWOOD	CNSA (PORTLAND)
DAVISON T	POST (SEAGOING)
FELL J I R	POST (SEAGOING)
FOX T L	DRYAD
HARRISON P	DRYAD
HARTLEY	DRYAD
HILEY	POST
HITCHCOCK P	DRYAD
KENNEDY P J	DRYAD
NOBLE A	DRYAD
OWEN M	ACHILLES
PARK C D	DRYAD
WAKEFORD A E	FLT ENG PORTSMOUTH

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

BAREFOOT D J	ARGONAUT
BASS H W	DRYAD
BATES M R	RALEIGH/DRYAD
BEECHEY C D	POST (SEAGOING)
BETTS M A J	RALEIGH
BRIERLEY P	DRYAD
BRIERS C C	BRAVE
BUTLER J P	JAAC FARNBOROUGH

CAPEL T P	BEAVER
CARPENTER G	DNR OUTPORTS
CHARRINGTON L J	EURYALUS
CHENNEL J	PHOEBE
CLIPSTONE P	SIRIUS
COMLEY	RALEIGH
COSTELLO M A	RALEIGH
DAVIS A M	DRYAD
DREW R J	FLT ENG PORTSMOUTH
DUNCAN R	CAPT F P
ENGLISH T	BOXER
ENVY M	DRYAD
FELLS C T	YORK
FOSTER J	DRYAD
FOWLER A G	LONDON
FRANKLIN W B	ACTIVE
FURLONG P K	ROYAL ARTHUR
GILMORE A C	ARETHUSA
GLEAVE F W	NELSON(NBCD)
GOLDING B F	DRYAD
GORRINGE J M	DRYAD
GRAHAM R	FLEET FOAS
GREEN P J	SMOPS(NELSON)
HAWOOD R P	DRYAD
HOBDEN R F	DRYAD
HOOD D R W	POST(SEAGOING)
HUDSON B	DRAKE(RELEASE)
KAY J C	ROTHESAY
KAY D B	DRYAD
KILROY J O	COLLINGWOOD

LOVEDAY A D	CLEOPATRA
MAHER P	DRYAD
MARSHALL D	HUNTER
MARTIN H J	ARK ROYAL
MEASEY C T	DRYAD
MILEY M P	PT PARTY BRAWDY
NEEDHAM S E	DRYAD
NEWELL R J	DRYAD
NIBLETT M E	ARE TEDDINGTON
NIXON P H	DRYAD
O'SULLIVAN GG	DRYAD
PATTINSON F R	DRYAD
PEARCE P M	DANAE
PLATER D A E	NELSON(RELEASE)
PODDAGE T R	PLYMOUTH
PREECE M	BROADSWORD
FROMSE B J	MINERVA
REEVES P J	JAAC FARNBOROUGH
RHODES P	DRYAD
RIDDLE B A	RALEIGH
RIGBY J W	MOD CHWSE
RODGERS S P	POST(SEAGOING)
SIMPSON A J	ETHELLOPE
SMITH J A	DRYAD
TUCKER P	DRYAD
TUTTY P J	NEWCASTLE
WALKER J L	ANDROMEDA
WALSH B D	DRYAD
WATFORD	DRYAD
WILKINSON B W	DRYAD

WILL S C	POF 3
WOODHAM G L	SOUTHAMPTON
WRIGHT P J	DRYAD
FLOWER B H	DRYAD
BARKER D A	DRAKE (RELEASE)
BROTHERWOOD D C	DRYAD
HUDSON A S	RALEIGH
HUTCHISON J N	DRYAD
LAURIE I	BATTLEAXE
LEATHALL P R F	DRYAD
PRESTWICH J M	ARIAINE
WILLIAMS D P	POST (SEAGOING)
HUNT R E	VICTORY

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AIDSCOUGH J C	JUPITER
ALLPORT T J	AVENGER
ANTCLIFFE R A	BIRMINGHAM
ASTLEY A J	DIOE ELE
AYLING H J	LONDON
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BAKER R F	MANLY
BAKER P R	OSPREY
BANNISTER H W	BOXER
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BODEN S W	ACHILLES
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BROWN T G	PHOEBE
BUCKERFIELD R I	AFOLLO
BURLEY R E	ROYAL ARTHUR
BURTON R B	BEAVER
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CAMBURN N	APOLLO
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CLASPER J W	AVENGER
COLLINS M C	EDINBURGH
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COUPE T R	ARETHUSA
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ELLIOT R E	GIB NAVAL BASE
FIRTH D J F	DRYAD
FORRESTER R J	GLOUCESTER
FORSTER W D	PHOEBE
FROST S R	CLEOPATRA
GARCIA N	DRAKE
GARDINER G	JUPITER
GERMILL D J	RALEIGH
GLEAVE A S	DRYAD
GOODFELLOW D J	BRISTOL
GRAVETT A N	BRAVE
GRIFFIN M	EDINBURGH
HALLONES J A T	AMBUSCADE

HODSDON K L	PHOEBE
HOWES K L	ROYAL ARTHUR
HUTCHINGS M J	ALACRITY
JERRONES T A	RALEIGH
JONES C W E	GIB NAVAL BASE
KELLY A	ARCONAUT
LEWIS B W	EURYALUS
LARRATT R	BATTLEAXE
LE-MACE T J	JUNO
LEWIS T K	BRAVE
LINGER N P	LONDON
LYONS J	ARROW
MADDISON S H	AMBUSCADE
MAKAREWICZ R E	BRAVE
MAHEELY G J	BROADSWORD
MARSHALL K	ACHILLES
MARSHALL L	NOTTINGHAM
MAULE K H	MINERVA
MCCARTHY D P P	CLEOPATRA
MCCREADY R C	DRYAD
MCINTOSH N A	EXETER
MCINTYRE A H	BOXER
MCLEOD I C	CINCFLEET
MERCER I L	ARCONAUT
MIDDLETON P R	PLYMOUTH
MILLS M S J	BRILLIANT
MOORE A S	ROYAL ARTHUR
MORRISON D	COCHRANE
MORTIMER M C	GIB NAVAL BASE

STEVENS C T C	NEWCASTLE
BULLY P I	DRYAD
THOMAS A B P	ILLUSTRIOUS
THOMAS D P	JAAC FARNBOROUGH
TREGALE A D	LIVERPOOL
TWIST P U	DANAE
WARDLE D	FOSHI
WATERS N J	AMAZON
WHALLEY G N	INVINCIBLE
WOOD P	ARETHUSA
WOODS G	NELSON
WORSEY R	NELSON (NBCD)
WORTHINGTON G R	RALEIGH
WRIGHT D	SIRIUS
WRIGHT D A	BRAZEN
WYLIE B J W	LIVERPOOL
WHITTY T F	DRYAD/BEAVER
YOUNG P D R	BRITANNIA
BROOLEY J W G	DRYAD
ANDREWS M P	DRYAD
ATKINSON D A	ROYAL ARTHUR
BARTLETT C E J	RALEIGH
BRAYFIELD D J	CARDIFF
CANFIELD C J	DRYAD
DOYLE G	GLASGOW
DUNN B M	MANCHESTER
EDWARDS A D	DRAKE
EDWARDS	SIRIUS
ELLIOT P J	DRYAD
FINN T	AVENGER
HILL P D P	SCYLLA

MOSS K G	JAAC FARNBOROUGH
MULDOON I	ARLAIN
MURRAY A R	ARCONAUT
MYATT A J	APOLLO
NASH S J	BOXER
NEESON E	GIB NAVAL BASE
NICHOLSON T M	NELSON
O'BRYNE P W	LONDON
O'SHEA M P	MANCHESTER
PARRY G R	DRYAD
PEARSON R D T	LONDON
PHILLIPS W J	GLASGOW
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QUATE W T	REDPOLE
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RAW A	ROTHESAY
RICHARDSON G A	RALEIGH
RIMMER R R	SIRIUS
ROBERTS T G	RALEIGH
ROBINSON J	WARRIOR
ROLFE C	YORK
ROOKE J W	GIB NAVAL BASE
RUSHBROOK A G	NELSON
SEARLE L P	ARK ROYAL
SHAW D G	RALEIGH
SHEPHERD D	DIOMEDE
SLATER N	BRAVE
SLOCOMBE D	NEWCASTLE
SMITH R J	ARCONAUT
SMITH C U	DRYAD
STANKEVITCH P	CLEOPATRA

LANCASHIRE A J	SIRIUS
LONAS P	BULLDOG
LOYNES M J	PENELOPE
MACLENNAN I M	DRYAD
MATTHEWS A	DRYAD
MIDDLEMAN G	ROYAL ARTHUR
NELSON J	LEANIER REFIT GROUP
ROWE S M	BRAZEN
RICHES R N	DRYAD
SADLER N B	AVENGER
SLATTER M	DRYAD
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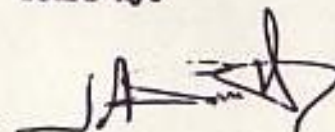
Dear

Our records show that you are/are not a member of the ASWIs Association and as you may or may not know we are trying to get back on to an even footing with the GIs and the PRIs Association. At present the number in the Association does not reflect on the number in the Branch and we would like to encourage new and old Senior Rates alike to join or rejoin the Association.

As our Association no longer has a Clubhouse since the demise of the TASIs Club (a matter we are looking into with great urgency) the GIs and PRIs have offered their facilities to us to be used for our functions, with us taking 50% of the profits. This will, we hope, if functions are well attended, build up our money within the Association and allow us to programme more functions throughout the year. The committee realises there is a South/West/North divide and it is hard for members to attend functions held in Portsmouth when they are stationed in Plymouth or Rosyth, but we hope this will not deter members from joining or remaining in the Association.

At the last Committee Meeting it was voted to increase the Annual Subscription to £5, an amount already paid by the GIs and PRIs to their respective Associations - and also a reduced subscription from Ex-serving members. If you are already a member of the Association could you make sure that your subscription is paid as early in the New Year as possible. If you are not a member already, please forward a £5 subscription in January 1988 and you will be enrolled as a member, receiving four copies of the Seamaster each year and all information on forthcoming events.

Yours Aye



J A Smith
CPO(CPS)(S)
Secretary