

LESS WE FORGET:

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

ANON

THE SEAMASTER



THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE
ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION

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AUTUMN TERM 1988

IN MEMORIAM

IT IS WITH REGRET AND SADNESS THAT WE REPORT
THE DEATH OF ONE OF OUR OLD COMRADES.

CHARLES FIRBANK. (EX CPO TASI) DIED ON THE 29/10/88

CHARLES WHO WAS 72, JOINED THE NAVY IN 1932 AT THE TENDER
AGE OF 16 YEARS. AS TOP STUDENT ON HIS COURSE HE QUALIFIED
TASI IN 1953. HE FINALLY LEFT THE NAVY IN DECEMBER 1970.

A VERY ACTIVE MAN WITHIN THE BRANCH AND A FOUNDER MEMBER
AND SUBSEQUENT CHAIRMAN OF THE TASI'S ASSOCIATION. I'M SURE
HIS WIDOW WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO KNOW THAT THE ORGANISATION
IN WHICH CHARLES WAS SO ACTIVELY INVOLVED CONTINUES TO
FLOURISH AND HIS MEMORY WILL ALWAYS BE WITH US.

CHAIRMAN.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

DEAR MEMBERS,

SINCE LAST USING THIS MEDIUM TO SPREAD THE WORD MANY
THINGS HAVE HAPPENED WITHIN OUR ASSOCIATION. I HAVE JUST
COMPLETED MY FIRST 6 MONTHS IN THE CHAIR, WHICH WAS FOR
THE MOST PART A VERY BUSY PERIOD DURING WHICH WE HOSTED THE
TRI-ASSOCIATION SPORTS DAY, HELD OUR AGM AND ANNUAL DINNER
ALL OF WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE MOST SUCCESSFUL THANKS TO
YOUR SUPPORT. HOWEVER AFTER THAT LOT I NOW FEEL A BIT MORE
QUALIFIED TO NAG!

AS I SAID AT THE AGM "1988 WAS I BELIEVE BEEN A MOST
SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR US AS AN ASSOCIATION". WE ARE BEGINNING
TO REGAIN OUR IDENTITY, AND WE ARE RECOGNISED AS A
FLOURISHING ORGANISATION WITH AN ENTHUSIASTIC FOLLOWING.
THIS I BELIEVE TO BE TRUE, BUT I MUST ADMIT THERE ARE TIMES
WHEN I HAVE PAUSED TO WONDER.

1989 IS NEARLY WITH US! YOU HAVE A DEDICATED AND
ENTHUSIASTIC COMMITTEE WHO ONLY HAVE YOUR BEST INTERESTS
AT HEART, GIVE US YOUR SUPPORT AND PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION
PROMPTLY TO ENABLE US TO ORGANISE THE FUNCTIONS YOU WANT
AT THE VENUE MOST APPROPRIATE TO YOUR SITUATION.

REMEMBER, 1989 WELCOMES THE REVISED RULES AGREED AT
THE AGM A COPY OF WHICH WILL BE POSTED IN THE REST ROOM
HERE AT DRYAD AND SENT TO INDIVIDUALS ON PAYMENT OF THE
ANNUAL FEE. PLEASE READ THEM CAREFULLY AS THERE ARE SOME
RADICAL CHANGES REGARDING MEMBERSHIP LAPSES.

TO END ON A GOOD NOTE..... LET ME CONGRATULATE
THE FOLLOWING PETTY OFFICERS ON PASSING THEIR PROFESSIONAL
QUALIFYING COURSES AND WELCOME THEM AS FULL MEMBERS OF
THE ASSOCIATION.

PO(S)DERKIN PSD
PO(S)CRISPEN PSD
PO(S)MIDDLEMAN ASHD
PO(S)MILLIS ASHD
PO(S)ROBERTSON ASHD

ALSO TO CPO(OPS)(S) CUNNINGHAM
CPO(OPS)(S) KILROY

FOR PASSING THE ASHSC COURSE
I LOOK FORWARD TO THEIR AND YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

YOURS AYE,
PJ KENNEDY,
CHAIRMAN.

DEAR ALL,

MY TIME IN THE CHAIR HAS NOW DRAWN TO A CLOSE,
AND I AM QUICKLY FINDING MY SEA LEGS AGAIN DOWN
HERE IN PORTLAND AS SHOCU) 3.

I WISH PADDY ALL THE VERY BEST AS OUR NEW CHAIRMAN,
AND SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU GIVE HIM THE SAME
ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT THAT I RECEIVED DURING MY PERIOD
IN THE OFFICE.

I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS IN
REVITALISING THE ASSOCIATION. THIS HAS BEEN THE RESULT
OF A WELCOMED INFUX OF THE 'YOUNG' AND ENTHUSIASTIC
BLOOD ON THE COMMITTEE AND THE INTRODUCTION OF MONTHLY
MEETINGS, TO ENCOURAGE OUR EX-SERVING MEMBERS TO TAKE
A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THE ASSOCIATION.

I DO HOPE THAT OUR ACHIEVEMENT DOESN'T LOSE ITS MOMENTUM
AND THAT THE ASSOCIATION CONTINUES TO GO FROM STRENGTH
TO STRENGTH.

THANK YOU ALL ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND LOOKING
FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE AGM AND ANNUAL DINNER IN
OCTOBER.

YOURS AYE
PAUL HITCHCOCK

WELCOME TO THE AUTUMN EDITION OF YOUR
FAVOURITE GLOSSY, SORRY IT'S A BIT LATER THAN
USUAL BUT THE CONTINGENCIES OF THE SERVICE
DEMANDED THAT I BE ELSEWHERE DOING VARIOUS OTHER
TASKS. NEVERTHELESS WITH MUCH ASSISTANCE WE HAVE
PUT TOGETHER ANOTHER MASTERPIECE FOR YOU TO READ
OR WHATEVER YOU NORMALLY DO WITH IT.

THE FIRST THING THAT YOU WILL NOTICE IS THAT
WE ARE NOW ALMOST UP TO 20TH CENTURY TECHNOLOGY IN
THAT WE NOW HAVE THE USE OF A WORDPROCESSOR(I USE
THE TERM LOOSELY) TO PRODUCE THE MASTERS SO AT
LEAST YOU STAND A BETTER CHANCE OF READING THIS AND
FUTURE EDITIONS. SECONDLY WE ARE STARTING TO GET A
STEADY FLOW OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM VARIOUS MEMBERS
WHICH SHOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE VAST MAJORITY
OF YOU.

FOR EXAMPLE, IN THIS EDITION WE HAVE A POTTED
HISTORY OF PORTLAND SENT IN BY PAUL HITCHCOCK, PLUS
TWO ARTICLES AIMED MORE AT THE SERVING MEMBERS BY
PAZ(ASHSC DESIG)PARRY. HOWEVER AS ALWAYS WE STILL
NEED MORE SO KEEP THEM ROLLING IN.

I HAVE OMITTED THE EX-SERVING MEMBERS LIST
THIS TIME AROUND AS I HAVE N'T HAD TIME TO TRANSFER
THAT LIST ONTO THIS MIGHTY BEAST YET BUT HAVE NO
FEAR, IT WILL RETURN IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

WELL THAT'S ABOUT ALL FROM ME FOLKS EXCEPT
TO SAY, "HAPPY READING".

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH ASWI'S ASSOCIATION MONTHLY
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27th JULY IN THE GI'S
CLUB WHALE ISLAND

MEMBERS PRESENT

WO PADDY KENNEDY	CHAIRMAN
WO ALAN NOBLE	SEAMASTER EDITOR
WO GREG O'SULLIVAN	ASSOCIATION BAR MANAGER
CPO SHUDGE SMITH	SECRETARY
PO DAVE SHEPHERD	SOCIAL SECRETARY
CPO BRIAN WALSH	HMS DRYAD
CPO TUFF LEMWELL	HMS DRYAD
CPO JIM GORRINGE	HMS DRYAD
MR DAVE BERKER	DRAYTON
MR DILZY DENNETT	CLIFFFIELD
MR BILL ALLEN	WATERLOOVILLE
MR SAM SWELLING	CATHERINGTON

APPOINTEES FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CPO RAY HARGROVE	VICE CHAIRMAN
CPO FINCHER MARTIN	TREASURER
CPO PAZ PARRY	PASSIVE REPRESENTATIVE
MR PAT HERBERT	EX SERVING MEMBERS REP

MEETING OPENED AT 2004

1. The Chairman opened the meeting and asked that the minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted, except that a typing error on the front page stated that the meeting had opened at 2205 when it should have read 2005.

Proposed by PO Dave Shepherd

Seconded by WO Greg O'Sullivan

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

(Ref 5 para 2) The Chairman informed the members that an FIM had been issued on the AGM as suggested by WO Rod Blanche at the last meeting.

The format for the days events would be issued on arrival at HMS Dryad but an outline of the day is in the latest edition of Seamaster. (Ref 5 para 3) On the question posed by PO Dave Shepherd at the last meeting - WO Alan Noble will be giving a presentation at the AGM on the Sensor Co-Ordinator and his role at sea.

(Ref 9 para 1) The Chairman stated that he had written to Jackie Callum again telling him of the change of Chairmanship and that he was now in the chair. Also thanking him for his letter of Acceptance as Guest of Honour at this years Dinner and Dance.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- (a) The Chairman opened his report by informing the members that the wife of Captain Sandford our Guest of Honour at last years dinner had died in June.

The Association sent a card on behalf of all our members and a letter had been recieved from Captain Sandford thanking everyone for their message of sympathy.

- (b) The Chairman stated that a number of ASDIC training records had come into our possession from CPO(G/S)(S) Jake Lake. Jake had taped them and thought they should remain with the Association as historical value. They are 18 hrs so we are unable to play them to reminiscence. Mr Bill Allen stated he had an old player that he could copy the records for us if required or at least some of them onto a tape. This would be discussed further at a later date.

- (c) For members not present at the Sports Day the ASWI'S scooped all the awards, so well done all who participated and arranged the whole day. A special thanks was passed to the Vice Chairman and Social Secretary for all their sterling work put into organising a thoroughly enjoyable day only marred by the strong winds. (At least the rain kept off)

- (d) The Chairman informed the members that a letter had been received from the ex-Chairman thanking everyone on the committee for their loyal support in making his time as Chairman so enjoyable and rewarding.
- (e) The Chairman reported that since the last meeting the Captain has carried out rounds of the Portakabin and was very impressed with all the hard work that had gone into making it a presentable clubhouse. The Captain had seen it in its derelict state some two months previous.
- (f) The Chairman stated that the medals that used to be displayed in the TASI's club in HMS Vernon and have been under lock and key since our move to SMO's Dryad, are now locked up once again but in Lewin building at the moment. Investigations are currently under way into insurance etc: to have the medals on display outside of Lt Cdr Jerry McGowan's office in Lewin Building. With Lewin being a Grade 1 Secure building it is suggested as an ideal location for everyone to see them.

4. SOCIAL SECRETARY'S RE: GAT

- (a) The Social Secretary reported that the PRI-GI-TASI Ball went off well even though the weather threw everything into confusion for a while. The marquee which was to be used was devastated by the high winds of Friday and Saturday and made unusable, and all arrangements had to be changed to make everything ready within the Wardroom where it was held throughout the adjoining rooms. The Ball was a bit of an experiment and the first for 5 years but feedback from members attending was favourable and a good time was had by all.
- (b) The Sports Day on the following day was spoilt by high winds which kept a lot of people under wraps for the afternoon but as already stated the ASWI's walked off with the three Monkeys Trophy and the Ladies Trophy. WO Alan Nobles daughter Vicky also won the prize for being the best child at Guerning.

The actual results were :

THREE MONKEYS TROPHY

PRI'S	GI'S	ASWI'S	
80	94	137	POINTS

LADIES TROPHY

PRI'S	GI'S	ASWI'S	
23	17	45	POINTS

- (c) The Social Sec stated that he and the Chairman would be visiting Vernon in September to finalise arrangements for the Dinner and Dance.

- (d) The last item from the Social Sec's report was a date for the diaries. It is hoped to arrange a 'PRI ASSOCIATION QUIZ NIGHT' on Thursday 27th October if there are enough takers. At the moment the GI's and PRI's seem very interested.

5. TREASURERS RE: GAT

The Treasurer was absent from the meeting but the secretary read out a statement of the breakdown of the expenditure from the Dance and Sports day.

SAT 23 DINNER

	£	.	P
1. Flowers for the ladies (paid for by ASWI's)	62	.	50
2. 20 Couples from the ASWI's	300	.	00
	362	.	50

Paid to GI's £237.50 from ASWI's

(Tickets less flower money)

SUNDAY 24 SPORTS DAY

	£	.	P
1. Food and utensils for Bar-b-que	137	.	50
2. Sweets Balloons & kiddies prize	15	.	04
3. Mr Breeden - Magician & Punch & Judy	45	.	00
	197	.	54

Items 2 and 3 for Sunday already paid by ASWI's

Total £60.04.

6. A.O.3

1. WO Greg O'Sullivan stated that the matter of 50% of bar profits being transferred to our Association when we use the GI's club had still not been resolved. Discussions had been carried out but there is a need for the Chairman of both Associations to get together and come to some agreement.

A possible solution would be for a donation every six months from the GI's club to the ASWI's Association.

The Chairman of the GI's club has said he will back date our profit margin and he would also like it to be known that their club is ours to use as our own.

2. Mr Sam Snelling gave his thanks for Saturdays dance and Sundays Sports Day and said how he thoroughly enjoyed both days.
Mr Dave Becker endorsed Sam's thanks and said how well he thought everything went off and how well it had all been organised.

3. CPO Tuff Lenthall asked why the printing in some of the latest Seamanter was so poor.
WO Alan Noble stated that he had been given a deadline by the printers and when he phoned them on the day they were due for completion he thinks they hadn't started them and probably rushed the order to finish them on time.
He said he didn't want to complain as the printers still print all our Seamanter for nothing but he will ensure that the next issue is of better quality.

4. Mr Dave Becker gave his thanks as an outsider (as he called himself) to the committee for all we do to keep the Association running.

5. Mr Dave Becker also stated he had been approached by a wife of an ex-serving member who had passed on; to see if there is any chance of a function being arranged in order to invite wives of deceased members.
It was suggested it may be possible to arrange a combined function around Christmas time as the GI's are already looking into something of this nature.

6. The date for the next meeting was set for Wednesday 31st August which is the Seamanter Editors birthday so a Very Happy Birthday is wished to Nobby in advance.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2100


J. SMITH
C.O.(OPS)(S)
SECRETARY

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ASMI'S ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31st AUGUST
IN THE G.I.'S CLUB, WEALE ISLAND

MEMBERS PRESENT

W.O. Paddy KENNEDY	- Chairman
C.P.O. Ray HAWGOOD	- Vice Chairman
C.P.O. Soudge SMITH	- Secretary
C.P.O. Fincher MARTIN	- Treasurer
W.O. Alan NOBLE	- Seamanter Editor
P.O. Dave SHEPHERD	- Social Secretary
W.O. Greg O'SULLIVAN	- Association Bar Manager
C.P.O. Pat PARRY	- Passive Representative
Mr. Pat HENBERT	- Ex. Serving Members Representative
Mr. Dix, DEBENT	- Glenfield
Mr. Sam SNELLING	- Catherington
Mr. Dave BECKER	- Drayton
C.P.O. Brian WALSH	- H.M.S. DRYAD
C.P.O. Rod BODMAN	- I/C FANCER
C.P.O. Yorky CUNNINGHAM	- H.M.S. DRYAD
P.O. Bob JUDSON	- H.M.S. DRYAD

The meeting opened at 2002

1. Matters Arising From Last Meeting

(Ref 3 F) The Chairman informed the members that the medals that had been under lock and key since our move from VERNON would be displayed outside LT.CDR McGowen's office in Lewin Building. They are fully insured and with Lewin Building being a Grade 1 building they will now be on display for all to see. They have been taken on loan by U/FAC for the duration they are displayed in Lewin.

There being no other matters to discuss from the last minutes it was asked that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed by Mr. Dave BECKER

Seconded by Mr. Dix, DEBENT

2. Proposed Changes To The Rules Of The Association

The Chairman stated that we did not have an agenda for tonight's meeting as the proposed changes to the rules was the main topic of the evening followed by any other business.

A copy of the present rules in force (1977 edition) had been given to each member present and also a list of proposed changes. Most of the proposed changes were accepted by the members present but a few need more discussion

before eventually being accepted or dismissed at the A.G.M. These would be discussed at greater length at the next monthly meeting.

On completion of the A.G.M. it is intended to print the rules into booklet form and send a copy to each member of the Association.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Vice Chairman reported that the stall he and his wife ran at the Southwick Village Fair had raised £44.05 for our respective charity. He also thanked all those who donated goods for the stall.

The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to the Vice Chairman and his wife Wendy for their sterling efforts. Seconded by Rod RODWAY.

2. Social Secretary's Report

The Social Secretary informed the members that the TRI-ASSOCIATION quiz night had now been arranged for the 12th October.

It will take the form of 13 teams of 6 and we have been asked to make up 4 of these teams. Mr. Pat HERBERT stated that he would field two of these teams; an Ex serving members team and a ladies team.

The Social Secretary also stated that there would be no charge for the evening but if DRYAD personnel wished to hire the mini bus it would cost approximately £50 a head, however he needs to know numbers soonest to arrange the hire and work out actual cost.

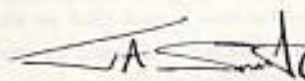
There would also be small cuts laid on for the evening.

3. W.O. Greg O'SULLIVAN informed the members that he had a friend in the Coach business and could get a 55 seater coach with driver for any night for £50, should we want to arrange a function outside the local area.

4. The Chairman stated that all preparations were going ahead well for the Dinner and Dance.

5. The next meeting was set for Wednesday 28th September.

6. There being no other business the meeting closed at 2102.



J.A. SMITH
C.P.O. (C.P.) (S)
SECRETARY

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH ASMI'S ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER AT THE GI'S CLUB WHALE ISLAND

MEMBERS PRESENT

WO PADDY KENNEDY	-	CHAIRMAN
CPO RAY HAWOOD	-	VICE CHAIRMAN
CPO PETER MARTIN	-	TREASURER
CPO SMOOGE SMITH	-	SECRETARY
PO DAVE SHEPHERD	-	SOCIAL SECRETARY
WO ALAN NOBLE	-	SEAMASTER EDITOR
MR PAT HERBERT	-	EX SERVING MEMBERS REP
CPO ROD RODWAY	-	I/C FENCER
CPO BRIAN WALSH	-	HMS DRYAD
CPO TAFF LUTHERALL	-	HMS DRYAD
MR DIZZY DENNETT	-	CLANFIELD
MR DARRY ALLEN	-	WATERLOOVILLE
MR SAM SNELLING	-	CATHERINGTON
MR DAVE BEKKAR	-	DRAYTON

APOLOGIES FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

WO GREG O'SULLIVAN	-	ASSOCIATION BAR MANAGER
CPO PAZ PARRY	-	INCOMING VICE CHAIRMAN
CPO TREVOR ENGLISH	-	INCOMING PASSIVE REP

MEETING OPENED AT 2002

1. The Chairman opened the meeting and asked that the minutes be recorded as a true statement of the last meeting.

Proposed by CPO Brian Walsh

Seconded by MR Sam Snelling

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES

The Chairman stated that the rule governing membership and including M.W. rates would stand as stated in the rules at present. It is intended to Canvas M.W. rates over the next year and find out if they consider themselves still part of our association and then have this rule brought up at the next A.G.M.

Unanimously agreed by all present

3. RATIFICATION OF NEW VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman informed the members that there was a need to elect a new Vice Chairman as the present Vice - Ray Hawgood - was due to leave the service in early 1989 and was presently on EVT's etc: and couldn't put in the time that he would like to into the position. A poster had been displayed for two or three weeks and there were two volunteers, CPO Trevor English, and CPO Paz Perry who is already an active member of the committee. A committee meeting had been held and by a unanimous vote Paz was selected to take over the position as Vice Chairman.

Unanimously carried by all at the meeting.

Ray would now stand down but remain actively involved in arrangements for the annual dinner.

Trevor English had been asked to fill Paz's position as Passive Representative and had agreed to this. Also carried unanimously.

The Chairman gave the associations thanks to Ray Hawgood for his two years sterling work in the position. Also a special thanks to Ray's wife Wendy for all the help she has given to helping Ray in his Charity Funding Activities. The Chairman also passed his welcome on to Paz Perry as the new Vice Chairman and Trev English as the new Passive Rep.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman stated that he hadn't anything to raise but had a few points to bring up about the AGM and Dinner.

(a) Numbers quite low at the moment for the dinner and with only just over two weeks to go we need to rally round and get people interested in coming. We have just over a week before we have to let ARE Caterers know numbers attending.

(b) Arrangements had now been made for a visit to the Wall Map room on the day of the AGM, from 1430 - 1500 for all those interested.

(c) A photographer has been booked for the dinner and will take photo's of couples etc: and shots of the dinner. It was suggested that arrangements be made for an assistant to help the photographer so that money can be paid at the function. This would be looked into.

Action Chairman/Secretary

(d) A boat has been organised for all members who live across the harbour from Vernon and will make trips from the Gosport pontoon to the Pier Head. The charge would be £1 per head return trip.

Action: Secretary to arrange

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer stated that at the close of play Tuesday 27/9/88.

(1) Our Charity account stands at £238.85 which includes Ray Hawgoods grand effort at the Southwick Carnival which raised £44.05

(2) The Association account stands at

Deposit Account - £167.30

Current Account - £93.64

(3) The Dinner & Dance fund stands at £1178.90

70 paid = £1120 + £58.90 carried forward

10 guests from last years fund.

6. SOCIAL SECS REPORT

(a) The Social Secretary reported that arrangements for the quiz night programmed for 12th October are well under way. We already have two serving members teams and hopefully Mr Pat Herbert would field two teams from ex serving members.

Pat stated that he had two teams, either mixed or one team male and the other female.

A suggested name for the male team was Vernon Veterans put forward by Social Sec.

(b) The Social Secretary stated that he had been in touch with the Chairman of the PRI's club reference the use of their club for hosting our Xmas drinks this year. Two dates were put forward but as the week prior to leave is pretty full socially - the 15th December (Thursday) was agreed the best day.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) The Treasurer informed the members present that for the night of the 14th October he had hired the Dryad minibus to bring down the members who live in quarters in Dryad and also the victualled members. Any takers contact CPO Martin.

8. The next meeting was planned for Wednesday the 26th October.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2045.


J. SMITH
CPO(GRS)(S)
SECRETARY

MINUTES OF THE NINTH ASMI'S ASSOCIATION MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER AT THE GI'S CLUB
WHALE ISLAND.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

WO PADDY KENNEDY	CHAIRMAN
CPO PAZ PARRY	VICE CHAIRMAN
CPO SUDGE SMITH	SECRETARY
CPO PINCHER MARTIN	TREASURER
WO GRED O'SULLIVAN	ASSOCIATION BAR MANAGER
PO DAVE SHEPHERD	SOCIAL SECRETARY
MR PAT HERBERT	EX SERVING MEMBERS REP
CPO TAFF LENTHALL	HMS DRYAD
CPO BRIAN WALSH	HMS DRYAD
CPO RAY HARGOOD	HMS DRYAD
PO BOB BURTUN	HMS DRYAD
CPO ROD RODKAY	I/C FENCER
MR DIZZY DENNETT	CLANFIELD
MR DERBY ALLEN	WATERLOOVILLE
MR SAM SMILLING	CATHERINGTON
MR DAVE BEKKER	DRAYTON
CPO GARY WOODMAN	HMS SCOUTCAPTON
CPO OSCAR WILSE	HMS COLLINGWOOD

APOLOGIES FOR:

WO ALAN HUBLE	SEAMASTER EDITOR
CPO TREVOR ENGLISH	PASSIVE REP

The Meeting Opened at 2004

1. The Chairman opened by welcoming everyone to the ninth meeting and asked that the minutes of the last meeting be read and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed by : Mr Pat Herbert

Seconded by : CPO Taff Lenthall

2. The Chairman also asked that the minutes of the AGM be read and accepted as a true record of the Annual General Meeting.

Proposed by : PO Dave Shepherd

Seconded by : Mr Derby Allen.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM AGM MINUTES

A question was posed at the AGM into the possibility of direct debiting of fees from members.

This was not possible as only allowed locally i.e. within ship or establishment that man is serving.

Mr Dizzy Bennett suggested that it should be possible to pay fees automatically through 'Bakers Order'.

This will be investigated.

Action Treasurer.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- (a) The Chairman opened his report by thanking all members that attended the AGM. It had proved to be a very worthwhile meeting with a good cross section of members attending from Plymouth, Portland and ships, and of course locally. Thanks are passed to the committee and also CPO Walton and CPO Lenthall and the ASUAT Wrens for the stage management and assistance given throughout the day.
- (b) The Chairman gave a 'Bravo Zulu' to all committee members for all the hard work that was put into organising the Annual Dinner and Dance both during and outside normal working hours. From the letters and feedback since the event the dinner and the AGM were very well accepted by all members.
- (c) The Chairman informed the members that he had written a précis of events on the Annual dinner and sent it to the Navy News for inclusion in their November issue. On reading the November issue which came out over the last couple of days it seems that we were too late for this edition and it will be included in the December issue.
- (d) The Chairman stated that the photographs taken at the dinner were now ready and a majority had already been collected or sent off. Only single copies had been received to date, but members requiring more than one copy could order on completion of the meeting and an order would then be placed.

Action Treasurer/Secretary.

- (e) The Chairman informed the members that he had written to Shirley Metherall (Elizabeth Foundation) and had informed her that he was now Chairman of the Association and had invited her to attend the Christmas drinks in the PRI's club on the 15th December for the presentation of our cheque to our charity, which presently stands at £238.85.

Further to our fund raising - P.O. ASW who had sported a beard for some considerable years was putting himself forward for a sponsored shave at Christmas. Sponsorship forms will be issued in due course and money raised will be split 50% - 50% between the 'Grest Ormond Street Hospital Appeal' and the 'Elizabeth Foundation'.

CPO Rod Rodaway suggested having some sort of function to raise money for our association.

The Chairman stated that we are already looking into the possibility of a car boot sale at a suitable venue charging £2 or £3 a pitch and the money once again would be split 50% - 50% between our Charity and the Association.

The Social Sec. suggested approaching any of the organisations that fund associations, eg: The Tot fund etc:

This would be investigated

Action: All Committee.

- (f) The Chairman informed the members that he had looked into the possibility of the Association being included on the ASW travel budget and an answer on this should be forthcoming at the next meeting.
- (g) The Chairman paid his thanks to Alan Quartermaine for the presentation of a print of a Leander Class Frigate which now adorns a bulkhead of our HQ.
- (h) The Chairman stated that we are now in the process of formulating the new rules and membership cards for issue in the New Year. Graphics had been approached for some samples of covers and hopefully these would be displayed at the next meeting for a vote on which one we select.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer stated that he had nothing to add to the full financial statement given at the AGM except that due to the excellent efforts of the wives selling raffle tickets at the Dinner we had ended up with £163.90 in the Dinner & Dance fund after paying all bills.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Mr Dave Bekker suggested that the wives who sold tickets at the dinner should be brought into our fund raising activities.
2. Mr Dave Bekker said he was also very impressed with the way the dinner & dance went off after all the difficulties we had over the last few weeks with the changing of the menu etc:
This was agreed by all members present.
3. The Chairman stated that he wholeheartedly agreed that the whole day went very well and had written eight letters of thanks to the different people involved in making it such a memorable occasion.
4. Mr Derby Allen suggested that a group may be better for next years dinner as some of the older members were getting past discoing.

The Chairman suggested it may be possible to have a split between a group and a disco, depending on cost.

This would be investigated on setting up next years Dance Committee.

5. CPO Brian Walsh informed members that he looked into the ruling of associate membership to the S/R's mess Dryad for our Ex serving members.

The rules state that an application to WO Peters the mess President has to be made and the annual subscription is £25.

Associate members must not exceed $\frac{1}{3}$ of full members.

PO Dave Shepherd said that he thought £25 annual subs was very steep for the amount of times our ex serving members may wish to use the mess, and suggested that any time an ex serving member would like to come to the mess they could contact him and he would sign them in as his guest.

This was agreed by all serving members present and stated any serving member could be contacted for signing in as guests any ex serving member.

6. The Social Sec stated that the Christmas drinks were confirmed for the 15th December in the PRI's club 1215.

He also stated that the GI's were holding a bonfire night on Thursday 3rd November for anyone wishing to attend. The club would open after the display for a social evening.

7. Mr Pat Herbert once again thanked the Committee and all members who had put all the hard work into arranging the Dinner and Dance.
8. Mr Derby Allen passed thanks to all concerned for the arrangements made for Ex Serving Members to walk round ASW facilities on completion of the AGM.

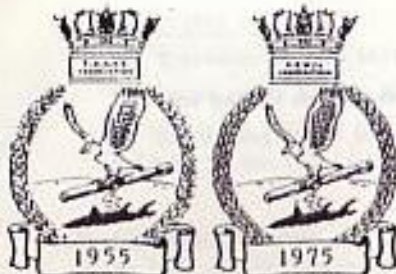
Seconded by Mr Sam Snelling.

The next meeting was planned for Wednesday 30th November.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2045.



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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN H.M. DRYAD ON FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER 1988.

THE MEETING OPENED AT 0845

AIM

The objectives of the meeting were to provide:

- An exchange of ideas on ASW matters.
- An opportunity for instructors on the various Fleet staffs to meet personnel involved in shore training of all sonar ratings.
- To highlight the problems associated with training ashore and afloat.

The opening address was given by the President of the APMA Association
Captain J D L. Backus.

The opening remarks were given by the Vice President of the Association
Commander S D de Halpert.

The opening remarks were then given by the Chairman
WO P J Kennedy.

Presentations covered throughout the morning.

ASW THREATS WITHIN SHORE

ASSTO LT CDR P. ZETLE
FSTO LT CDR P. ZETLE

WARRANTY AND DRAFTING

SONAR DRAFTING OFFICER
LT CDR G. APPELBYARD

WEAK AREAS AND COORDINATE FAULTS OF SHIPS DOING OPERATIONAL SEA TRAINING

POST STAFF SMO(B) 3
CO P. HITCHCOCK

ASW IN FIRST FLOTILLA

WO H. BACON

ROLE OF THE DRYAD CO-ORDINATOR

ASSTO
WO A. HOBBS

The meeting stopped for coffee at 1050 while the ex-serving members arrived for Association business.

A tour of the A22 Training areas for ex-serving members was arranged for the afternoon which included SHUT, the Movie, a visit to G14 weapons room, Asst 8 (2016+ sonar) and the Mail Room in the Wardroom.

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT.

WO PADDY KENNEDY	-	CHAIRMAN.
CPO PAZ PARRY	-	VICE CHAIRMAN.
CPO SHUDGE SMITH	-	SECRETARY.
CPO PINCHER HARTIN	-	TREASURER.
WO ALAN NOBLE	-	SEAMASTER EDITOR.
WO GREG O'SULLIVAN	-	ASSOCIATION BAR MANAGER.
CPO TREVOR ENGLISH	-	PASSIVE REPRESENTATIVE.
CPO ALAN LOVEDAY	-	DEVONPORT REP.
MR PAT HEBBERT	-	EX SERVING MEMBERS REP.

APOLATES RECEIVED FROM

CPO JOHN WHITEHEAD	-	FOREIGN TRAINING REP
CPO BOWY WILLIAMS	-	CEPREY REP
CPO JIMMY GREEN	-	VERDON REP
PO DAVE SHEPHERD	-	SOCIAL SECRETARY.

The meeting opened for Association business at 1117.

22 members in attendance (excluding committee)

1. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE

The Chairman stated that as per the rules of the Association the present committee needed to be ratified by the members present. Except for the Secretary the committee had completely changed since the last AGM and all committee members had been voted in at the monthly meetings held at the GI's Club Whale Island.

The Chairman asked the members present to ratify the present committee.

Carried unanimously.

2. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Chairman opened by saying that for the most part 1988 had been a most successful year for our Association.

- We have moved into our new HQ here in Dryad and although without the facilities we all enjoyed in our club in Vernon it is as they say "adequate" and more importantly given us a "foot in the door" in our quest for a more permanent building which is our ULTIMATE AIM.

2. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS CONT...

- (a) Since the introduction of a Social Sec to our ranks and our continued friendship with the GFA at Whale Island our social activities have more than doubled, although on many occasions the support at these functions has been disappointing.
- (b) At the PRIGITASI Sports day held on the 24th July at Whale Island we regained both the Ladies and Gents sports trophies for the first time in many years.
- (c) Historically the Association has always been based in Portsmouth because of the location of the main Sonar School and the home base of our ASM ships. This is no longer the case and many of our members (particularly serving members) have Plymouth or Hovey as their main base and must feel isolated from the Association in many ways.

In the past we have made a courteous gesture of providing a barrel in an appropriate venue but this is neither adequate or wholly successful. Consequently - We the committee 'will' in the coming months be investigating social gatherings outside our present area with either Portland or Plymouth as possible venues, maybe even contemplating next years dinner as a possibility for discussion.

To do this though we need your continued support at our meetings and social gatherings and also your financial support in the way of the Annual Subscriptions, for without either of these all our plans for the future will quickly go to ground. £5 per year is not alot to ask, at present we have some 258 members on the books but of these we have 506 with subs outstanding.

Without a Clubhouse/bar we have no other way of making money, the more we get the more we can achieve, So if your outstanding on your subs PAY UP

For the critics who say "what do I get for my £5" it all depends what you are willing to put into it.

The Chairman closed his address by stating Let us not look back to 88 but forward to 89. We are a flourishing organization and still the envy of many. We have a committee who are both enthusiastic and dedicated and now we have established ourselves within Dryad we are regaining our identity.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer informed the members that he had just completed a continuity audit to date 13.10.88 and the three accounts stand as follows.

ASMI'S ASSOCIATION ACCOUNT

	£	p
DEPOSIT	167.30	
CURRENT	110.82	
CASH TINS	11.28	
	289.40	

CHARITY FUND

285.85

DINNER & DANCE FUND

BANK	1203.77
CASH TIN	62.52
	1266.29

(a) Association Account

From the Association account at the six monthly audit carried out on the 30.6.88 there were a few pick up points and these have now been corrected.

- (a) All incomings and outgoings must be supported by a voucher or signature.
- (b) Vouchers should be numbered and kept in sequence.
- (c) Cash book should contain no more than one months transactions on each page.
- (d) Receipt notes should be more specific with regards to cash for subs/dances etc...

As already stated by the Chairman our membership currently stands 258 on our books.

Serving 134

Ex Serving 124

Overdue on subs for some reason or another we have:

56 serving members	=	£280
98 Ex serving members	=	£196
Total		£476

To be fair to Ex serving members the £2 sub was only introduced at the June monthly meeting to help with increased costs of printing and postage etc: and a great deal may not be aware as yet of the intro of subs.

(b) Charity fund

Due to grand efforts of Jay Hargood this years total now stands at £283.85 with Charity boxes dispersed around the ASW facility still to be opened. The donation will be made as usual to the Elizabeth Foundation at our Christmas drinks.

(c) Dinner & Dance Fund

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
1987 Bal B/F	68.90	Food 104 x 37.05	733.20
94 x 376	1504.00	Labour	350.00
Donation	10.00	Band (inc refresh)	50.00
	<u>1582.90</u>	Disco	65.00
		Raffle	50.00
		Raffle Tickets	1.48
		Hosting fund	20.00
		Flowers	28.13
		*Wine	134.40
		*Port	45.56
		*Sherry	24.05
		*Candles	8.25
		VAT @ 12% on stored items	31.50
			<u>1541.37</u>

INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE

1582.90
1541.37
41.53

4. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES RECAP

The Vice Chairman tendered the Social Secn apologies for not being present at the meeting and gave the social report on his behalf. In February of this year we held our first monthly meeting in the GI's club at Whale Island and to date have held eight meetings at this venue.

At the first meeting it was decided that the need was for us to hold the meetings at a clubhouse or bar in order to make it a social occasion and get together for serving and ex serving members and their wives etc on completion of the meetings. We had by the end of 1987 been offered the facilities of both the PFI's and the GI's clubhouses but

it was felt that the GI's club was the best venue for the following reasons.

- The club was always available to us on the last Wednesday of every month.
- The bar prices are cheap and a percentage of bar profits taken at any ASWI function would be paid into our Association.
- It was felt that Whale Island was more of a central venue and easier for members to attend, especially as we are trying to get more support from our seagoing members in the dockyard.

The Social Sec would also like to make it known that the GI's club is available for ASWI members for private use ie: Wedding Receptions, Birthday Parties etc.. The cost being minimal and the facilities very good.

Summary of Social Events held this year

A total of eight monthly meetings have been held to date. Some better attended than others, Lets see some new faces at the future meetings. Always the last Wednesday in every month, 2000 start.

In April the ASWI's hosted a games pub night against the GI's. A majority of the games were won by the ASWI's but as the evening wore on it didn't seem to matter anyway, as a good time was had by all.

In July two Tri Association events took place.

The Summer Ball and the PRIDITAI Sports Day.

The Summer Ball had its fair share of problems thanks to the weather. What should have been held in the Marquee on the Wardroom lawn had to be moved to the Wardroom as the strong winds damaged the very old marquee beyond repair.

The PRIDITAI sports day was hosted by us this year and even though the weather was still against us the day went quite well with a bar-b-que to finish in the evening.

As already stated by the Chairman we regained the Three Hoshies and the Ladies Trophies.

Finally on Wednesday the 12th October a Tri Association Quiz night was held at Whale Island. We fielded three teams of six but unfortunately didn't win any prizes.

Forthcoming Social Events

1. Monthly meetings as normal
2. December 15th Christmas drinks to be held in the PRI's club
RMS Dryad. (1215 - 1330)

Proposed Social Events for 1989

- February Tri Association Quiz night
July Tri Association Sports day
October AGM and Annual Dinner and Dance

5. PROPOSED RULE CHANGES TO EXISTING RULES IN PLACE (1977 EDITION)

A number of changes to the existing rules had been talked over at two monthly meetings and subsequently voted in. (A majority of changes due to our move from Vernon to Dryad) Each member at the meeting was given a copy of the existing rules and proposed changes, and the Chairman read out the proposed changes and asked for a vote to enforce them.

Carried unanimously by all present.

It is now intended to get the new rules printed along with new membership cards and sent to all members in the new year.

6. KEY QUESTIONS POSED OVER ALL THAT HAD BEEN COVERED

- Q. Could a system be used for direct debiting of fees.
A. Not possible as only allowed locally i.e. within ship or establishment that man is serving.
- Q. As stated in the rules should not membership expire if subscriptions not received within 6 calendar months of renewal date.
A. To be adhered to from 1st January 1989.
- Q. Could the Social Sec use the POF to see what ships are in or due in when arranging Social functions.
A. A good idea! Action Social Sec.
- Q. Could there be better feedback on minutes from monthly meetings.
A. At present all minutes from monthly meetings are put in the Semester. Also copies of the minutes are sent to our Portland and Plymouth representatives. Due to cost effectiveness it is not possible to send a copy of the minutes to all members.
- Q. Are Ash's finishing courses encouraged to join the Association as in the past.
A. Yes! Quite a few new recruits have joined our fold this year.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Semester Editor apologized for the quality of some of the printing in the last copy of Semester.

He assured all present it won't happen again as we now have the facility within Dryad, to make sure the master is of the best quality before reprinting.

The last copy was rushed by the printers to get it out to us in time.

2. The Secretary stated that if any member wished to order a jumper they should see him after the meeting closed.

In the last copy of Semester besides the order form for jumpers, there was a section on interest on ties, and to date only 7 members had contacted him.

We need 40 - 45 minimum numbers before we can put in the initial order.

A question was asked whether we could get jumpers printed with the old TASP's crest for Ex-Serving Members.

This will be looked into.

Action Secretary.

3. There being no other business the meeting closed at 1215.


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CHOC(Ord)(S)
SECRETARY

CPD (OPS) (S) MARTIN
TREASURER
ASHI ASSOCIATION
LEHIN BUILDING
HHS DRYAD
SOUTHICK
HANTS
EXT 4506/4515

TREASURERS DIT

SUBS

IT IS FAST APPROACHING SUBS TIME AGAIN, SO JUST A
REMINDER TO ALL THAT YOUR £2 (EX MEMBERS) AND £5
(SERVING MEMBERS) ARE DUE AS OF 1ST JANUARY FOR THE
YEAR 1989.

BANKERS ORDER

PAYMENT BY BANKERS ORDER HAS DISCUSSED AT THE AGM.
THIS IDEA HAS FURTHER DISCUSSED BY YOUR COMMITTEE
AND DEEMED FEASIBLE, THEREFORE, WITHIN THESE COVERS
I ENCLOSE AN EXAMPLE BANKERS ORDER FILLED IN WITH THE
RELEVANT INFORMATION.
IF YOU INTEND TO PAY BY BANKERS ORDER PLEASE LET ME
KNOW SOONEST.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CHARITY FUND:

BALANCE AT 09/12/88 - £283.85

AT THE XMAS DRINKS, TO BE HELD IN THE PRI'S CLUB ON
15TH DECEMBER, IT IS INTENDED TO PRESENT A CHEQUE TO
THE ELIZABETH FOUNDATION. IT IS HOPED TO ADD TO THE
ABOVE TOTAL SOME OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE RAFFLE MAKING
THE PRESENTED SUM £300.

DINNER & DANCE FUND

BALANCE AT 09/12/88	-	239.40
SUM LEFT AFTER PAYMENTS	-	57.40
PROCEEDS FROM RAFFLE	-	150.00
REFUND FROM UNUSED DRINKS	-	32.00
		£239.40

A SUM OF £200 WILL BE TRANSFERED TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT
TO EARN THE ASSOCIATION SOME EXTRA POUNDS. THE £200 WILL
BE TRANSFERED BACK TO THE DINNER & DANCE ACCOUNT PRIOR
TO THE NEXT DINNER.

ASSOCIATION ACCOUNT

BALANCE AT 09/12/88	
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	167.30
CURRENT ACCOUNT	101.72
CASH TIN	14.07
	283.09

DONT FORGET GENTS, SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION SO YOUR
ASSOCIATION CAN WORK FOR YOU.

YOURS AVE
PINCHER MARTIN

CPO (OPS) (S) PARRY
L/S (S) COURSE OFFICE
LEHIN BUILDING
HMS DRYAD

DEAR ED AND MEMBERS,

EVEN MORE MUNDANE THITTERINGS FROM THE PARRY STABLE, THIS TIME ABOUT THE NEW JAAC TAPES ("WHO'S JACK? "I HEAR YOU CRY). FOR THE UNINITIATED, JAAC (OR THE JAASHC AS IT IS NOW KNOWN) IS A TRI-SERVICE ORGANISATION BASED IN RAE FARNBOROUGH, THAT CARRIES OUT VARIOUS ANALYTICAL TASKS FOR FLEET.

PART OF THIS ORGANISATION DEALS WITH THE CONTINUATION TRAINING OF ALL PASSIVE RATES IN THE R.N. NOW, DESPITE BEING OVERWORKED, UNDERPAID (HA!), TAKEN FOR GRANTED, STARVED OF MANPOWER AND RESOURCES ETC ETC (HOPE THAT'S ENOUGH CLICHES FOR YOU RAB!) THE TRAINING SECTION HAS RECENTLY PRODUCED A SERIES OF TAPES DEALING WITH AURAL ACOUSTIC ANALYSIS. THE TAPES HERE DISTO TO SHIPS AND ACCOMPANIED BY TWO NEW PUBLICATIONS, JAAC PUBLICATIONS 1A AND 11 AND A FLEET TEMPORARY MEMORANDUM.

IF, PERCHANCE, THE FTM HAS DISAPPEARED INTO YOUR SHIPS OFFICE AND BEEN FILED IN THE 'THAT LOOKS VITALLY IMPORTANT SO HE WON'T TELL ANYONE' TRAY AND YOU - AS THE ASD - WERE SUDDENLY ACCOSTED BY YOUR FRIENDLY CPO CLUTCHING SOME BIG RED BOOKS AND DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THEM, DO NOT DESPAIR!

FIRST OF ALL, THE TAPES. THESE REPLACE OLD SURFACE SHIPS ACOUSTIC TRAINING SERIES (IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THESE THEN YOU OBVIOUSLY DIDN'T READ THE DIT I DID FOR THE SEAMASTER BACK IN '83') AND CONSIST OF A SERIES OF TEN TAPES. THE TAPES SHOULD BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH JAAC PUB. NO 11. TAPES 1 AND 2 COVER BASIC COUNTING, TAPE SPEED TRANSLATION ETC ETC AND EACH HAS A SHORT TEST AT THE END. TAPES 3 TO 7 ARE CONCERNED WITH SPECIFIC AURAL CHARACTERISTICS AND - ONCE AGAIN - EACH HAS A SHORT TEST AT THE END; 8 AND 9 COVER TRANSMISSION INTERCEPT AND 'ODDBALL' NOISES. NO TEST THIS TIME BUT JUST ENOUGH TIME FOR A SHORT BREATHER BEFORE TAPE 10 WHICH IS A 'TEST' TAPE CONSISTING OF 10 EXAMPLES TO CHECK THAT ALL THE INFO IN THE PRECEDING TAPES HAS BEEN ABSORBED.

DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH, THEY ARE TRAINING TAPES AND ALL THE ANSWERS ARE IN THE BACK OF THE BOOK. THERE ARE ALSO FLOW DIAGRAMS IN THE BOOK TO HELP YOU IN THE CLASSIFICATION PROCESS BUT - FOR MORE DETAILED INFO ON PARTICULAR TARGETS - YOU NEED TO REFER TO (AND BECOME VERY FAMILIAR WITH) THE OTHER NEW BOOK JAAC PUB. NO 1A.

TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR NEWLY HONED (OR POSSIBLY NEW FOUND!) SKILLS, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO SEE THE CPO AND EITHER THIST HIS ARM OR PLY HIM WITH C.S. BURBLES UNTIL HE ORDERS A SET OF (YES, YOU'VE GUESSED IT) YET ANOTHER JAAC PUB, THIS TIME JAAC PUB 4 VOLS 1 AND 2 (SONAR CLASSIFICATION GUIDE). PERSONAL ADVICE IS - ONCE YOU'VE GOT HOLD OF ALL THESE BOOKS - KEEP THEM IN YOUR SAFE AS OPPOSED TO LETTING THEM GET LOCKED UP IN SOME DARK, FORSAKEN CORNER OF THE OPS ROOM WHERE THEY WILL BE FORGOTTEN ABOUT.

IN CASE YOU ARE WONDERING WHY I'M TELLING YOU ALL THIS, WELL, NOW FOR THE BAD NEWS. IN ADDITION TO THE TRAINING TAPES, JAAC ARE ALSO PRODUCING A TEST TAPE (AT THREE MONTHLY INTERVALS) THAT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL SONAR RATES FROM J/S(S) UP TO CPO(OPS)(S), JUST TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE COMPLETED. SQUADRON AND FOF STAFFS WILL BE KEEPING A CLOSE EYE ON INDIVIDUAL SHIPS. TO MAKE THINGS EASIER, A TRAINING CARD - BASED ON SIMILAR LINES TO THAT USED BY THE PASSIVE RATES - IS IN THE PIPELINE AND WILL - HOPEFULLY - BE ISSUED SHORTLY TO ALL SHIPS IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE SENIOR ASD ON EACH SHIP TO MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF HIS SONAR RATES. SO, AURAL ANALYSIS, WHICH HAS TAKEN A BACK SEAT FOR FAR TOO LONG, HAS - AGAIN - BECOME A VERY IMPORTANT CLASSIFICATION AID. ITS IMPORTANCE SHOULDN'T BE UNDERESTIMATED, ESPECIALLY IN 2050, SAGE AND SAFFRON FITTED SHIPS.

WHILST I'M ON THE SUBJECT OF SAGE AND SAFFRON, A QUICK PLUG. IF YOU'VE GOT IT THEN YOU KNOW ITS "BEES KNEES" IF YOU HAVEN'T - AND YOU'RE 184 FITTED - THEN SLAP IN FOR IT, IT NOT ONLY IMPROVES 184 DETECTION CAPABILITY BUT INCREASES YOUR PASSIVE CAPABILITY AND ENHANCES YOUR TRANSMISSION INTERCEPT PERFORMANCE QUITE DRAMATICALLY. FOR INFORMATION, ALL SONAR CAREER COURSES HAVE ACQUAINTS ON BOTH PIECES OF KIT AND A COMPREHENSIVE PJT IS RUN BY OUR RESIDENT INTERCEPT EXPERT PO SCOUSE "TRANNIES KING" RIMMER. THE SAGE PJT IS THREE DAYS AND

THE SAFFRON FIVE, BOTH MUST BE ORGANISED THROUGH THE TRAINING PLANNING OFFICE IN DRYAD (EXT 4320). HOWEVER, QUICK TRANSMISSION, STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSES MOUTH "PING .. BIP.. FM RAMP.." IF THE SHIP WONT RELEASE THEN FOR A WEEK THEN A FEW DAYS IS BETTER THAN NOTHING AT ALL "PING.. RIIIIIIIIIPPLE..".

RIGHT, NUFF SAID, IF ANYONE NEEDS ANYMORE INFORMATION THEN PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO RING ME UP ON 4568. (THATS THE SEA (S) COURSE OFFICE, BECAUSE WE ARE TEMPORARILY - I HOPE! - PHONELESS).

YOURS AYE
PAZ

THE HISTORY OF PORTLAND

PORTLAND HARBOUR AND IT'S BREAKWATER HAS FIRST CONSIDERED IN THE LATE 19TH CENTURY AS A POSSIBLE HAVEN TO SHIPS WISHING TO SHELTER FROM THE SEVERE SOUTH WESTERLY GALES, THUS AVOIDING THE NAVIGATIONAL DANGERS SURROUNDING THE BILL OF PORTLAND. THE NUMBER OF SHIPS LOST IN WEST BAY IS A TESTAMENT TO THE DANGERS OF WEST PORTLAND IN THE PREVAILING WINDS. THE ROADS TO THE EAST OFFERED PROTECTION FROM THESE WINDS.

A COMMISSION SET UP IN 1844 CHAIRED BY ADMIRAL SIR THOMAS BYRN MARTIN, GAVE THE DECISION TO BUILD A BREAKWATER TO THE EAST OF PORTLAND, BASED UPON FAVOURABLE EVIDENCE FROM ROYAL NAVAL SURVEYS, LOCAL SHIP OWNERS, EXPERIENCED SEAFARERS AND RESIDENTS. AT AN APPROXIMATE COST OF 500,000 POUNDS, PORTLAND HARBOUR AND BREAKWATER BILL HAS GIVEN THE ROYAL ASSENT, AND WORK BEGAN ON 1ST AUGUST 1847 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF JAMES HEADON RENDEL, CHIEF ENGINEER. LABOUR FOR THE WORKS WAS PROVIDED BY 1300 CONVICTS FROM THE VERNE PRISON, SPECIALLY BUILT FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE BREAKWATER WHICH WAS BUILT OF AN INFERIOR STONE, WAS TRANSPORTED BY SMALL RAILWAYS FROM THE QUARRIES SOME 300 FT ABOVE SEA LEVEL TO THE POINT WHERE THE BREAKWATER, JOINED THE SHORE. THE CONSTRUCTION WAS COMPLETED ON SATURDAY 3RD MARCH 1871, MEASURED NEARLY A MILE IN LENGTH, IS APPROXIMATELY 100 FT IN HEIGHT FROM THE SEA BED AND IS 300 FT THICK AT IT'S BASE. SURPRISINGLY ONLY 30 MEN DIED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD OF 24 YEARS AND OF THOSE ONLY 5 DIED FROM DROWNING.

A MONTH AFTER THE BREAKWATER'S CONSTRUCTION A FLEET STEAMED THROUGH IT'S SOUTHERN ENTRANCE. THE HARBOUR SOON BECAME A REFUGE TO MANY MERCHANT VESSELS AND MEN OF WAR. HOWEVER AT THIS TIME THERE WAS NO INTENTION OF CONSTRUCTING A NAVAL BASE AND THE FORTIFICATION TO PROTECT ANY FLEET HAS DISCARDED OHING TO THE SALIENT POSITION OF PORTLAND.

NEVERTHELESS PROTECTION IT DID GIVE AND SHIPS BEGAN REMAINING ON A MORE PERMANENT BASIS. IN 1862 A TRAINING SHIP THE BRITANNIA ARRIVED AS THE FIRST TRAINING SHIP FOR CADETS LATER IT WAS DECIDED TO MOVE THE SHIP TO DARTMOUTH WHERE IT'S NAME REMAINS AS THE ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE. A SUCCESSION OF SHIPS THEN FOLLOWED, HMS BOSCAWEN BEING THE FIRST. THUS PORTLAND BECAME A NAVAL TRAINING BASE FOR SAILORS AND CADETS. A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT WAS SHORTLY SET UP ON THE EASTERN SLOPES OF PORTLAND AND TOOK THE NAME OF BOSCAWEN. TEN YEARS LATER IT BECAME A GUNNERY TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT.

THE SHELTER OF PORTLAND HARBOUR PROVIDED EXCELLENT FACILITIES FOR NAVAL EXPERIMENTAL WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT. THE EFFECTS OF GUNFIRE ON A WARSHIP'S TURRET WAS CARRIED OUT IN 1872. EARLIER IN 1869 ROBERT WHITEHEAD BROUGHT TWO TORPEDOES TO ENGLAND AND DUE TO THEIR SUCCESSFUL TRIALS AT SHEERNESS, THE ADMIRALTY ADOPTED THE WHITEHEAD TORPEDO BUT WAS ONLY PREPARED TO BUY THEM IF THEY WERE BUILT IN BRITAIN AND NOT IN AUSTRIA WHERE THEY WERE FIRST DEVELOPED. AS A RESULT A FACTORY WAS BUILT AT HYKE REGIS TO MANUFACTURE THE WHITEHEAD TORPEDO AND A LONG PIER WAS CONSTRUCTED TO TEST THEM. IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE THREAT OF TORPEDO ATTACKS LATER FROM TORPEDO BOATS THAT THE HARBOUR WAS ENCLOSED WITH ADDITIONAL BREAKWATERS.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THESE BREAKWATERS IN 1906 TOOK SOME 16 YEARS TO COMPLETE AND A COALING PIER AT THE INNER BREAKWATER WAS CONSTRUCTED AT THE SAME TIME. THE HARBOUR WAS FURTHER DEVELOPED TO INCLUDE GUN BATTERIES AS A DEFENCE AGAINST ENEMY ATTACK. THE COMPLETED HARBOUR ALONG WITH ITS FORTIFICATIONS HAS NOW A BUSY NAVAL ANCHORAGE.

DURING BOTH WORLD WARS, PORTLAND PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN NAVAL WARFARE. AT THE OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR 1 THE HARBOUR WAS USED AS A WAR ANCHORAGE AND EXERCISE AREA. WITH THESE GROWING FORCES AND THE IMPORTANT OPERATIONAL WORK CARRIED OUT AT PORTLAND AN ADMIRAL OF FLAG RANK WAS APPOINTED; REAR ADMIRAL V H G BERNARD BEING THE FIRST TO BE IN COMMAND.

BETWEEN THE WARS FINANCIAL RESTRAINTS FORCED THE ROYAL NAVY TO ECONOMISE. (A STORY WE HAVE HEARD SO OFTEN IN RECENT TIMES), THE GRAND FLEET WAS ABOLISHED AND THE PORTLAND NAVAL BASE WAS FORCED TO PARTIALLY CLOSE DOWN, EXCEPT FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF ANTI SUBMARINE WORK. THE CONSIDERABLE HANDLING OF STORES FOR TRANSITTING SHIPS AND THE MAINTENANCE OF REFUELLING CRAFT AFLOAT. STRONG ARGUMENTS WERE PUT FORWARD FOR THE RETENTION OF PORTLAND BY THEIR LORDSHIPS NOTABLY ADMIRALS BEATTY AND DE ROEBUCK WHO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PORTLAND AS A NAVAL BASE. THEIR ARGUMENTS WERE NOT IN VAIN AND IN 1923 PORTLAND BECAME KNOWN AS HM NAVAL BASE, PORTLAND. THE ANTI SUBMARINE SCHOOL WAS BUILT AND HMS OSPREY WAS COMMISSIONED IN 1924. SUBMARINE AND ANTI SUBMARINE TRAINING BECAME ONE OF PORTLAND'S PRIMARY FUNCTIONS AS THE THREAT OF SUBMARINE ATTACKS IN ANY FUTURE WAR PRESENTED A SERIOUS PROBLEM TO SURFACE SHIPPING.

AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR PORTLAND

CONTINUED ITS FUNCTION AS A PRIMARY ANTI SUBMARINE TRAINING BASE, AND A BASE FOR THE CHANNEL FORCE. ONCE AGAIN IT CONTRIBUTED TO GREATLY TO THE WAR EFFORT, WORKING UP NEARLY COMMISSIONED SHIPS PRIOR TO THEIR DEPLOYMENT TO THE THEATRES OF WAR. PORTLAND ALSO BECAME AN OPERATIONAL BASE FOR COASTAL FORCES, COMPRISING LARGE FLOTILLAS OF MOTOR ANTI SUBMARINE BOATS, MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS AND MOTOR GUN BOATS. PRIOR TO A DAY A DECISION WAS MADE TO USE THE BASE AS A DEPARTURE PORT FOR THE INVASION FORCES.

AFTER THE WAR PORTLAND RETURNED TO ITS PEACETIME ROLE. THE ANTI SUBMARINE SCHOOL HAVING LEFT PORTLAND DURING THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN IN 1940 RETURNED FROM LARGS IN MARCH 1946.

PORTLAND'S POST WAR ROLE IN THE TRAINING OF ROYAL NAVAL PERSONNEL BEGAN WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PORTLAND TRAINING SQUADRON AND IN 1947 THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL TRIALS WERE CARRIED OUT IN REFUELLING SHIPS AT SEA UNDERWAY, BETWEEN THE BULAWAYO, A FLEET REPLENISHMENT SHIP AND THE BATTLESHIP, DUKE OF YORK, THE CRUISER SUPERB AND THE DESTROYER DUNKIRK; THE FIRST OF MANY THOUSANDS OF REFUELLINGS TO TAKE PLACE AT PORTLAND OVER THE NEXT 40 YEARS.

PERHAPS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS WITNESSED FROM PORTLAND IN THE IMMEDIATE POST WAR PERIOD WERE THOSE CONCERNED WITH THE FLEET AIR ARM AND HELICOPTERS. EXPERIMENTS TOOK PLACE IN 1946 TO SEE IF HELICOPTERS COULD LAND ON SMALL SHIPS. THIS WAS ACHIEVED BY USING A SIKORSKI R4B HOVERFLY AIRCRAFT WHICH LANDED ON A SPECIALLY FITTED WOODEN PLATFORM ABOARD THE FRIGATE HELMSDALE. IN THE SAME YEAR CAPTAIN R J SHAW ROYAL NAVY OF HMS OSPREY SUBMITTED A PAPER ENTITLED 'TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT OF ANTI SUBMARINE HELICOPTERS'. CAPTAIN SHAW BELIEVED THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT ATTRIBUTES OF HELICOPTERS WERE IN AN ANTI SUBMARINE ROLE. FLEET REQUIREMENTS WORK CONTINUED WITH HELICOPTERS DURING THE 1950'S, BUT IT WAS NOT UNTIL 1959 THAT RNAS PORTLAND WAS COMMISSIONED.

OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS A GREAT DEAL OF CHANGE HAS TAKEN PLACE AT PORTLAND. THE COALING PIER CRANES WERE DISMANTLED. EIGHT MULBERRY PIERS WERE BROUGHT TO PORTLAND AND PLACED TO THE WEST OF THE HARBOUR TO PROTECT IT FROM THE PREVAILING WESTERLIES. SIX OF THESE MULBERRIES WERE SENT TO HOLLAND IN 1953 TO COUNTER THE SEVERE FLOODING THAT HAD OCCURRED.

IN THE EARLY FIFTIES A NEW DEEP WATER JETTY TO THE WEST OF THE EXISTING BERTHS WAS CONSTRUCTED, AND WAS NAMED QUEENS PIER OR "Q" PIER. THE COALING PIER WAS PARTIALLY BUILT OVER, AND LAND RECLAIMED TO EXTEND THE HELICOPTER BASE.

LATER DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDE BUILDING OF A FLEET MAINTENANCE GROUP AT COALING PIER, NEW OFFICES FOR FLAG OFFICER SEA TRAINING AND ACCOMMODATION BUILDINGS FOR OFFICERS, WARRANT OFFICERS AND SENIOR RATINGS CLOSE TO THE AIR STATION. INDEED PORTLAND REMAINS AN IMPORTANT BASE FOR THE ROYAL NAVY TO TRAIN AND SUPPORT NOT ONLY RN SHIPS, BUT MANY NATO ALIGNED AND FOREIGN NAVIES IN MODERN WARFARE. INDEED ON ALMOST ANY DAY OF THE YEAR, SHIPS OF THE ROYAL NAVY, GERMAN, DUTCH AND BELGIAN NAVIES CAN BE SEEN WORKING UP UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE OF THE FLAG OFFICER SEA TRAINING AND HIS STAFF OF SOME 87 OFFICERS, 118 WARRANT OFFICERS AND SENIOR RATINGS, 15 JUNIOR RATINGS AND 9 CIVILIANS. METHODS OF TRAINING DEVISED AND DEVELOPED SINCE THE LATE 50'S, EARLY 60'S ARE EMPLOYED TO TRAIN AND TEST EACH SHIP AT THE BEGINNING AND AT REGULAR INTERVALS THROUGHOUT A SHIP'S COMMISSION. WEAPONS, EFFICIENCY, MACHINERY, TACTICS, ORGANISATION AND THE PERFORMANCE OF PERSONNEL ARE SUBJECT TO SCRUTINY BY FOST AND HIS STAFF.

TO ENABLE FOST STAFF TO ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF A SHIP'S TRAINING WHILST AT PORTLAND, THE SHIPS ARE INSPECTED ON THE FINAL DAY OF OPERATIONAL SEA TRAINING. COMPLEX THREATS ARE INTRODUCED TO PROVIDE A CONFLICT OF PRIORITIES AND EVERY MAN IN A SHIP'S COMPANY ARE INVOLVED. THE INSPECTIONS AND INDEED ALL EXERCISES ARE CONCLUDED WITH A HASHUP AND REPORTS ARE WRITTEN REFLECTING THE SHIP'S PERFORMANCE. THE FINAL INSPECTION DETERMINES THE SHIP'S OPERATIONAL READINESS TO JOIN THE FLEET.

DURING THE YEAR 1987 SOME 61 SHIPS WERE WORKED UP, THESE INCLUDED 36 RN SHIPS, 10 NATO AND FOREIGN SHIPS AND 15 ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARIES. IN THE SAME PERIOD 38 SHIPS UNDERWENT STAFF COVERED WEAPON TRAINING. SHIPS UNDERTAKING SYLLABUS TRAINING DUTIES TOTALLED 35 AND SOME 138 SHIPS CARRIED OUT VARIOUS FORMS OF TRIALS. DEPLOYMENT GROUPS AND SHIPS OF THE STANDING NAVAL FORCE ATLANTIC ALSO UNDERGO TRAINING IN THE PORTLAND AREAS FROM TIME TO TIME. THE PORTLAND EXERCISE AREAS STRETCH FROM ANVIL POINT IN THE EAST TO START POINT IN THE WEST AND COVER AN AREA OF SOME 2400 SQUARE MILES.

CPO (OPS) (S) PARRY
L/S (S) COURSE OFFICE
LEHIN BUILDING
HMS DRYAD

DEAR ED AND MEMBERS,

I AM WRITING THIS ARTICLE IN AN ATTEMPT TO REDRESS SOME OF THE MISCONCEPTIONS THAT HAVE LINGERED ON INTO THE 1980'S ABOUT LATTERDAY ASH.

DESPITE HAVING BEEN AROUND IN GENERAL SERVICE FOR NEARLY 12 YEARS, HE OF THE "PASSIVE PERSUASION" ARE STILL A MUCH MALIGNED SECTION OF THE SONAR BRANCH. NOW, I AM NOT SAYING THAT THIS ARTICLE WILL CHANGE ALL THAT OVERNIGHT BUT—HOPEFULLY—ONCE I'VE STATED SOME OF THE (OFTEN IGNORED) FACTS AND QUASHED A FEW MYTHS THAT SURROUND THE PASSIVE BRANCH AND PASSIVE OPS IN GENERAL, I WILL BE PART OF THE WAY TOWARD ENLIGHTENING THE LARGE MAJORITY OF THE ACTIVE BRANCH WHO SEEM TO THINK THAT THE WHOLE WORLD REVOLVES AROUND EXERCISES.

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT ABOUT THE ACTIVE/PASSIVE DIVIDE, NOR IS IT ABOUT ONE PERSON EXTOLLING THE VIRTUES OF THE PSD. IT IS ABOUT "REAL WORLD" OPS. OBVIOUSLY THE SCOPE (!) OF THE ARTICLE IS SEVERELY LIMITED DUE TO THE UNCLASSIFIED NATURE OF THIS MAGAZINE; HOWEVER, I AM SURE THAT IT WILL BE CONTENTIOUS ENOUGH TO UPSET A SMALL—NARROW MINDED—MINORITY. IN ALL HONESTY, IT IS THIS MINORITY THAT THE ARTICLE IS AIMED AT, AFTER ALL, THE TRUTH OFTEN HURTS.....

FACT: ASH IN THE 1980'S STILL REMAINS AN IMPRECISE ART, HOWEVER IT STILL HAS TO DEAL WITH A MODERN THREAT THAT IS FAR MORE POTENT THAN THE WEAPONS THAT WAS UNLEASHED WITH SUCH A DEVASTATING EFFECT DURING TWO WORLD WARS.

MYTH: ASDIC HAS THE ANSWER THEN AND MODERN ACTIVE SONARS REMAIN SO NOW.

FORGET PORTLAND AND SUBMARINES SAT IN LITTLE BOXES WAITING TO BE FOUND, I AM TALKING REAL WORLD. THE OLD ADAGE ABOUT ATTACK BEING THE BEST FORM OF DEFENCE WAS NEVER MORE TRUE, TO RELY ON ACTIVE SONAR IS VIRTUALLY ADMITTING DEFEAT STRAIGHT AWAY. TO FIGHT THE ASH BATTLE ON AN ACTION PLOT WITH IT'S NORMAL RANGE SCALE IS ABOUT A REALISTIC AS THE RP'S FIGHTING THE SURFACE BATTLE BY 'CLOSING THE RANGE AND ENGAGING WHEN YOU SEE THE WHITES OF THEIR EYES'.

SEA DENIAL IS THE AIM OF THE GAME, TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS HAVE CHANGED SINCE CAPTAIN WALKER'S DAY AND YET THE MAIN EMPHASIS REMAINS ON PROCEDURAL TRAINING.

PASSIVE SONAR (ONE OF THE MEANS OF SEA DENIAL) IS FAR MORE SENSITIVE AND EFFECTIVE THAN EVEN THE MOST TECHNICALLY ADVANCED ACTIVE SET. THE ADVENT OF VERY EFFECTIVE C3 FOR FFCH'S, HPA'S AND CARRIER BORNE AIRCRAFT RESULTS IN TODAY'S MOST ESSENTIAL FACTOR, A GREAT INCREASE IN REACH. THIS IN TURN MEANS THAT THE AREAS CAN AND NEED TO BE COVERED ARE QUITE LARGE, WHEN THIS IS COUPLED TO WITH AN OPPONENT THAT IS GEOGRAPHICALLY CONSTRAINED THEN THE POTENTIAL FOR SEA DENIAL IS TREMENDOUS, BUT YOU NEED TA FRIGATES.

TO REITERATE, FORGET SUBMARINES IN LITTLE BOXES, AN AREA OF 300-400 NM IS OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN TO THE COMMANDER OF A CARRIER BATTLE GROUP OR CONVOY; PASSIVE SONAR - WHEN COMBINED WITH EFFECTIVE USE OF HPA'S, HELOS, ETC IS THE ONLY WAY OF DEALING WITH THE SUBMARINE BEFORE IT HAS CHANCE TO LAUNCH ANY OF IT'S ASSORTED STAND OFF WEAPONS AT YOU. WITH THIS - MUCH PUBLICISED - LAYERED DEFENCE NON TAIL FITTED SHIPS ARE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR 'LAST DITCH' DEFENCE AS A PURELY DEFENSIVE SCREEN. DON'T FORGET WHAT I SAID EARLIER ABOUT THE BEST FORM OF DEFENCE BEING ATTACK, TO ATTACK AT IN THIS DAY AND AGE YOU MUST FIND THE TARGET AT LONG RANGE, NOT WHEN THE S/H IS ACTUALLY INSIDE THE SCREEN. IF IT'S INSIDE THE SCREEN THEN IT'S A CASE OF 'TOO LITTLE TOO LATE'.

FACT: THE R N HAS ENTERED THE TA FIELD WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH A MAJOR WARSHIP FITTING PROGRAMME CURRENTLY UNDERWAY. DESPITE ALL OF THIS HARDWARE THE PASSIVE SUB BRANCH IS RELYING ON AN EVER WHINING NUMBER OF VERY EXPERIENCED SENIOR RATES TO GET RESULTS. THE EMPHASIS WITH REGARD TO TRAINING HAS GOT TO CHANGE FOR ONE SIMPLE REASON- THE PSD FINDS SUBMARINES.

MYTH: THE PSD DOESN'T GO INTO THE OPS ROOM BECAUSE HE DOESN'T LIKE COMPUTERS.

FACT: TONED ARRAY PROCESSING IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF TECHNOLOGY, TO PUT IT INTO PERSPECTIVE, THE 2031 HAS MORE PROCESSING POWER THAN A TYPE 21 FRIGATE, NOW TELL ME THAT THE PSD DOESN'T LIKE COMPUTERS! THE REASON THAT MOST PSD DON'T GET HEAVILY INVOLVED IN ACTIVE OPS IS SIMPLY BECAUSE THAT ALL THE CASEX'S IN THE WORLD WILL NEVER BE MORE THAN A BIG ANTI CLIMAX AFTER HAVING DONE IT FOR REAL.

MYTH: THE 2031 ISN'T ANY GOOD NOW.

FACT: I WILL TREAT THAT REMARK WITH THE CONTEMPT IT DESERVES AND LET RESULTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

MYTH: THE A.S.W.S.C. IS GOING TO SEA BECAUSE THE CPO(COPS)(S)(PSD)"CAN'T HACK IT".

FACT: THE CPO(PSD)(AND THE PO(PSD)) IS AND WILL REMAIN THE MOST PROFESSIONAL SONARMAN THAT THE SURFACE FLOTILLA HAS, AT LEAST FOR THE NEAR FUTURE UNTIL THE ASWSC'S HAVE GOT SOME 'TAILNET' OPS. THE MAJORITY OF PSD'S ARE VERY SKILLED, KNOWLEDGEABLE, EXPERIENCED AND ARE VERY GOOD ANALYSTS. THEY COUNT AMONGST THEIR RANKS SOME OF THE BEST ACOUSTIC ANALYSTS IN ALL FOUR SERVICES (GENERAL, SUBMARINE, FAA AND RAF). THE ASWSC IS THE-TO MY MIND-LONG OVERDUE RESULT OF THE SONARMAN STUDY AND WILL-IN TIME-BE THE MOST PROFESSIONAL 'ALL ROUND SONARMAN'. I'D LIKE TO THINK THAT THE CO-ORDINATORS WITH AN "ACTIVE" BACKGROUND HAVE CHOSEN TO DO THE COURSE BECAUSE THEY ARE FAR SIGHTED ENOUGH TO SEE WHERE THE FUTURE LIES, BUT BACK TO MY ORIGINAL POINT-THEY ARE NOT GOING TO SEA DUE TO ANY SHORTCOMINGS ON THE PART OF PASSIVE CHIEFS.

HELL, THATS IT FOR NOW, I COULD HAVE GONE ON FOR LONGER BUT I BELIEVE I HAVE COVERED THE MORE IMPORTANT ISSUES, NO DOUBT A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH ONE OR TWO(?) COMMENTS, MY REPLY TO THAT IS "I'M ALWAYS WILLING TO LISTEN TO SOMEBODY ELSE'S POINT OF VIEW".

YOURS AYE

PAZ

BY ED: THANKS FOR YOUR COMMENTS PAZ, WHO IS GOING TO RESPOND TO THAT? ANY TAKERS !!!!!

SCHOOL OF MARITIME OPERATIONS

HMS DRYAD

SOUTHWICK FAREHAM

HAMPSHIRE

18TH OCTOBER 1988

DEAR MR KENNEDY,

JUDY AND I MUCH ENJOYED THE ASHI ASSOCIATION
DINNER ON FRIDAY, WHICH WAS VERY WELL ORGANISED WITH AN
EXCELLENT MEAL SERVED BY A HILLING AND CHEERFUL STAFF.
CPO MARTIN AND HIS WIFE WERE VERY GRACIOUS HOSTS WHO
WERE "DISCO-ING" WHEN HE LEFT SO I WOULD BE GRATEFUL,
IF YOU COULD PASS ON OUR THANKS TO THEM.

MY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AS CHAIRMAN AND YOUR DINNER
COMMITTEE FOR YOUR STERLING EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE
ASSOCIATION.

YOURS SINCERELY

JAKE BACKUS

(CAPTAIN SHOPS)

18 KILN ROAD
FAREHAM
15TH OCTOBER 88

DEAR PADDY,

MANY THANKS TO YOURSELF, MARYLIN AND THE
ASSOCIATION FROM MARY AND MYSELF FOR A REALLY SPLENDID
EVENING.

IT REALLY MEANT ALOT TO ME TO BE YOUR GUEST OF HONOUR
AND IT WAS A GREAT THRILL TO MEET ONCE AGAIN SO MANY OLD
FRIENDS.

IT WAS A GREAT OCCASION, WELL ORGANISED AND WELL RUN
AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT ON YOURSELF AND YOUR COMMITTEE.
PLEASE THANK THEM ALL FOR US.

NEEDLESS TO SAY I AM NURSING A SORE HEAD THIS MORNING
BUT IT WAS WORTH IT.

WE BOTH HAD A SMASHING TIME!! ONCE AGAIN "THANKS"

SINCERELY

JACK CALAM

SONAR DRAFTING OFFICER

P.S. MARY SAYS SHE WAS OVER THE MOON WITH THE FLOWERS
AND THE WAY YOU ALL RECOGNISED HER BIRTHDAY.
SHE'S STILL IN BED!!!

NO A THORNTON
PRI'S ASSOCIATION
SCHOOL OF MARITIME OPERATIONS
HMS DRYAD
SOUTHICK HANTS
TUESDAY OCTOBER 18TH.

DEAR PADDY,

ON BEHALF OF JOAN AND MYSELF VERY MANY THANKS
FOR INVITING US TO THE ASHI'S ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE

IT REALLY HAS A FABULOUS EVENING, WHICH
REFLECTED THE HARD WORK AND EFFORT PUT INTO IT BY YOUR
DINNER COMMITTEE.

FINALLY MANY THANKS TO CAROL AND TREVOR ENGLISH
FOR LOOKING AFTER US SO WELL. PLEASE PASS ON MY THANKS TO
ALL MEMBERS OF THE ASHI'S ASSOCIATION.

A. THORNTON
CHAIRMAN PRIA

29 HEDTON ROAD
PRESTHICK
AYRSHIRE

THE CHAIRMAN
ASHI ASSOCIATION
HMS DRYAD
SOUTHICK
HAMPSHIRE

17TH OCTOBER 1988

DEAR PADDY,

I AM WRITING TO THANK YOU FOR A SUPERB EVENING
WHICH BOTH MY WIFE AND I THOROUGHLY ENJOYED.

YOUR CHOICE OF "GUEST OF HONOUR" WAS A MASTERPIECE
AS JACKIE HAD EVERYONE ROLLING IN THE AISLES FROM BEGINNING
TO END.

PLEASE CONVEY OUR THANKS TO GARY AND HIS WIFE SUE
(OUR HOSTS FOR THE EVENING). OBVIOUSLY FUTURE CHAIRMAN
MATERIAL THERE.

ONCE AGAIN MANY THANKS,

YOURS FRATEERNALLY
MALCOLM CHADWICK
NO (SEAMAN)

RN & RM GUNNERY & MISSILE
INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION
HMS NELSON (EXCELLENT)
HAILE ISLAND
PORTSMOUTH
17TH OCTOBER 1988

PRESIDENT ASHI ASSOCIATION

DEAR PADDY,

MARYLIN AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU AND THE ASHI ASSOCIATION FOR THE BRILLIANT EVENING WE HAD AT THE ANNUAL REUNION DINNER ON FRIDAY. FULL MARKS MUST BE GIVEN TO YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR ORGANISING SUCH A SUCCESSFUL AND MEMORABLE EVENT, STAGED AT YOUR HOME GROUND NAMELY VERNON.

PLEASE CAN YOU PASS ON OUR SINCERE THANKS TO OUR HOSTS GREG AND LYN O'SULLIVAN AND ALL OTHER MEMBERS AT OUR TABLE, BOTH FOR THE DINNER AND THE EXCELLENT DISCO AFTERWARDS, FOR PROVIDING US WITH SO MUCH ENTERTAINMENT AND LAUGHTER. WE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THEIR AMUSING, GENEROUS AND FRIENDLY COMPANY.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER EVENTS WHICH INVOLVE BOTH OUR ASSOCIATIONS AND REMEMBER WE'RE ALWAYS, AS A BROTHER ASSOCIATION WILLING TO HELP OUT BY MAKING OUR FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO YOU. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING SOME OF YOU AT OUR CHRISTMAS BALL ON THE 10TH DECEMBER.

YOURS SINCERELY

DAVE SHIFT

PRESIDENT

13 HORTON ROAD
SOUTHWICK
FAREHAM
HANTS PO17 6EZ
2ND NOVEMBER 1988

DEAR CHAIRMAN,

ON BEHALF OF MY WIFE AND MYSELF MANY THANKS TO YOURSELF AND THE COMMITTEE FOR AN EXCELLENT EVENING ON THE NIGHT OF THE ANNUAL DINNER DANCE.

WE WERE BOTH SURPRISED AND DELIGHTED WITH THE GLASSES, THEY NOW HOLD PRIDE OF PLACE IN HENDY'S DISPLAY CABINET.

I HAVE ENJOYED MY TIME AS VICE CHAIRMAN AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH PAZ EVERY SUCCESS FOR HIS TERM OF OFFICE. REST ASSURED THAT MYSELF AND HENDY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE ASSOCIATION IN THE FUTURE.

YOURS AYE

RAY HARGOOD

MR & MRS D BEKKER
106 LOHER DRYTON LANE
DRAYTON
PORTSMOUTH PO6 2HE

26TH OCTOBER 1988

MR PRESIDENT & MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE,

PLEASE ACCEPT MY WIFE'S AND MY OWN THANKS FOR AN EVENING WELL DONE, I SPEAK OF THE ASHI'S DINNER & DANCE. IT WAS WITHOUT DOUBT THE BEST THAT I HAVE ATTENDED EVER, MY WIFE IS OF THE SAME OPINION.

ALSO THE DAY AT DRYAD WAS EXTREMELY WELL CONDUCTED AND ENLIGHTENING AND I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY THANKS TO CPO HALTON AND ALL THOSE OTHERS WHO'S NAMES I DON'T KNOW, WHO MADE IT ALSO A EXCEPTIONAL START TO THE DAY.

YOURS SINCERELY

DAVE BEKKER

MR G E LEAR EX CPO OPS (S)
314 DEYSBROOK LANE
LIVERPOOL
L12 6QP

FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER 1988

DEAR PADDY,

I AM WRITING TO SAY HOW MUCH I ENJOYED THE DINNER AND DANCE LAST FRIDAY, ITS WELL WORTH A TRIP DOWN ESPECIALLY AS IT TOOK PLACE IN GOOD OLD "VERNON".

IT WAS GREAT TO MEET SOME OLD TASI'S I WORKED WITH IN I.S IN THE 60'S AMONG WERE, DARBY ALLEN, ALAN QUARTERMAINE, REG MADGE AND GEOFF ASHTON, FOR ME THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENING WAS THE SPEECH BY OUR GUEST OF HONOUR, LT CDR JACK CALAM. I'VE NEVER LAUGHED SO MUCH IN ALL MY LIFE.

I MUST TRY TO GET DOWN EARLY NEXT YEAR TO HAVE A LOOK ROUND DRYAD. I SEND MY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MADE A WONDERFUL EVENING POSSIBLE. ALL MY BEST TO YOU AND TO YOUR GOOD LADY WIFE.

YOURS AYE

GERRY

39 ROHLANDS AVE

WATERLOOVILLE

HANTS

P07 7RT

21ST OCTOBER 1988

DEAR PADDY,

A BELATED THANK YOU FROM MY WIFE AND MYSELF
FOR THE EXCELLENT DINNER & DANCE HELD ON THE 14TH
OCTOBER IN OUR OLD HOME (VERNON).

THE FOOD AND THE WINE WERE SUPERB. IT WAS A
MOST ENJOYABLE EVENING FOR US BOTH. ESPECIALLY MEETING
OLD FRIENDS AND NEW ACQUAINTANCES.

YOURS SINCERELY

BILL AND EILEEN ALLEN

(DARBY EX TASI)

MR A QUARTERMAINE
37 SUSSEX DRIVE,
BANBURY
OX16 7UR

20TH OCTOBER 1988

DEAR PADDY

MANY THANKS FOR ALL THE ARRANGMENTS ON FRIDAY
14TH OCTOBER. I THINK ALL YOUR MEMBERS OF STAFF DID AN
EXCELLENT JOB IN THE VISIT TO DRYAD AM/PH. THE EQUIPMENT
WAS VERY INTERESTING. IT MADE YOU COMPARE THE SONARS
AND TINFISH OF 1969 TO YOUR PRESENT DAY SONARS. I TAKE IT
THAT DAILY WEAPON SYSTEM CHECKS ARE MUCH EASIER THESE DAYS.

THE DINNER WAS EXCELLENT BACK IN OLD VERNON PLUS
YOUR AFTER DINNER SPEAKER. IT WAS NICE TO SEE SOME NEW
FACES ALSO FROM WAY BACK.

WISH THE ASHI ASSOCIATION IN ALL THEIR ENDEAVORS
TO DRUM UP MORE CUSTOMERS (EX TASI'S) ETC.

ALL THE BEST

ALAN QUARTERMAINE EX CPO TASI

TEL. CHICHESTER 776703
HOME 0705 814292

330 SALISBURY ROAD
SOUTHSEA
HAMPSHIRE
PO4 9QY

DEAR CHAIRMAN,

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK-YOU FOR THE LOVELY
TIME MY GUEST AND I HAD AT THE DINNER ON FRIDAY 14TH
OCTOBER 1988.

IT IS A REAL "TEAM" EFFORT TO PUT TO-GETHER
SUCH A FUNCTION AND IT REALLY SHOWED ON THE NIGHT WELL
DONE ALL.

I HAVE TAKEN UP A NEW POSITION AT "TOZER HOUSE"
AS OFFICER-IN-CHARGE. IT IS A HOME, SOME SIX HOUSES, FOR
PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES, WE ARE VERY CLOSE TO THE
SHOPS IN CHICHESTER SO DO LOOK US UP SOMETIME, USE THE CAR
PARK IF YOU WISH.

I AM ALWAYS AVAILABLE ON THE ABOVE TELEPHONE
NUMBERS IF ANYONE REQUIRES HELP OR INFORMATION ON PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES.

ALL THE BEST

GEORGE MORRALEE

NO OPS (S) P HITCHCOCK

NO & SR'S HESS

HMS OSPREY

PORTLAND DORSET

17TH OCTOBER 1988

DEAR PADDY,

CONGRATULATIONS FOR CHAIRING BOTH A SUCCESSFUL,
AGH AND A SPLENDID DINNER. IT MUST HAVE BEEN HEARTENING
FOR YOU TO HAVE SUCH A HEALTHY ATTENDANCE FOR BOTH.

PLEASE PASS ON A BZ TO THE COMMITTEE WHO ONCE
AGAIN EXCELLED AND WORKED HARD TO PRODUCE SUCH A GREAT
DAY. LUCY AND I THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THE OCCASION AND ONCE
AGAIN IT WAS NICE TO BE AMONGST SO MANY FRIENDS.

YOURS AYE

PAUL

123, DRIFT ROAD,

CLANFIELD

PORTSMOUTH

HANTS. PO8 0PD

24.10.88

DEAR CHAIRMAN & ALL,

MY WIFE AND I ENJOYED OUR EVENING AT THE
THE DINNER IN HMS VERNON ON SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER.

AGAIN THE QUIZ EVENING AT THE GI'S CLUB WHALE ISLAND
WAS A MOST ENJOYABLE NIGHT.

I WAS PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ATTEND THE ASHI'S
AGM IN HMS DRYAD AND I HOPE MORE EX SERVING MEMBERS CAN
ATTEND.

THE TOUR AROUND THE SECTIONS OF INTEREST TO US WAS MUCH
ENJOYED. MYSELF I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR ESCORTS FOR AN
INTERESTING FILM AND TALK.

YOURS FAITHFULLY

E BENNETT EX CPO TASI

NO OPS (S) P HITCHCOCK
SHO (U) 3 TO FOST
HM NAVAL BASE
PORTLAND
DORSET
18.7.88

DEAR ALAN,

SORRY FOR NOT WRITING SOONER BUT THIS IS THE FIRST QUIET
PERIOD I HAVE HAD SINCE JOINING FOST, "HALL TO HALL"
CASEX'S WESTAX WITH GINGE FELL. ITS BEEN ALL TO MUCH FOR
ME SO I'M GOING TO HAVE TWO "DUFFS" AT LUNCH SO AS I CAN
REGAIN MY STRENGTH.

I HOPE IM NOT TOO LATE FOR THE 'MAG' BUT THE ENCLOSED IS
MY OUTGOING 'DIT' SO PLEASE CAN YOU PUT IT IN FOR THE
NEXT EDITION.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THIS COMING WEEKEND I'LL HAVE TO HAVE
3 DUFFS, BECAUSE ITS GOING TO BE A BIT OF A GRUELLER.

CHEERS ALAN
YOURS PAUL.

ASHI/TASI ASSOCIATION
LEHIN BUILDING
SHOPS
HMS DRYAD
FAREHAM

RONALD L HAMLET
AUSTIN HOUSE
CHIPPING PRESTON
LANCS PR3 20R
17TH JULY 1988

DEAR MR SECRETARY,

I HAVE NOTICED WITH GREAT INTEREST, THE DETAILS OF YOUR FORTHCOMING ANNUAL REUNION DINNER AND DANCE. (AND MAY I WISH YOU A SUCCESSFUL EVENING TOO!!) HOWEVER MY DEAR OLD BROTHER IN LAW IS AN EX TORPEDO GUNNERS MATE AND HAS ONCE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO DO A COURSE AT BRIGHTON DURING THE LAST WAR WHERE MY DAD WAS HIS INSTRUCTOR. A CHIEF T.G.M AT ROEDERN AND HASN'T HE FORTUNATE?

MY B-I-L IS ALWAYS ON AT ME AS AN EX CRS, ABOUT WHETHER THERE IS ANY ASSOCIATION FOR EX TORPEDO MEN AND I HAVE ALWAYS PLEADED IGNORANCE, DIFFICULT THOUGH THIS IS FOR AN OLD COMMUNICATOR, AS YOU WILL APPRECIATE. BUT SEEING YOUR NOTICE IN THE NAVY NEWS WITH REFERENCE TO ASHI'S AND TASI'S A GLIMMER OF HOPE HAS HIT ME THAT PERHAPS YOU MAY ACTUALLY KNOW DOWN THERE IN DRYAD AS TO WHETHER THERE DOES EXIST, PERHAPS, SOMEWHERE, AN ORGANISATION FOR OLD TORPEDO MEN WHO WOULD STILL LIKE TO NATTER ABOUT WHITEHEADS AND HIGH AND LOW POWER AND ALL THAT STUFF ONCE A YEAR.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY ORGANISATION I WOULD BE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL FOR ANY DETAILS YOU COULD SUPPLY ME FOR MY B-I-L HIS NAME IS FELIX MCLUSKEY. AND IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT IF YOU CAN HELP OR NOT I WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO BUY YOU A PINT SHOULD YOU EVER PASS "MERCURY" ON THE NIGHT OF OUR REUNION.

YOURS IN HOPE
RON HAMLET

'SHEET HONESTY'
CHAPEL ROAD,
BEIGHTON,
NORWICH,
NORFOLK NR13 3LE

ASHI'S ASSOCIATION,
LEHIN BUILDING,
SHOPS,
HMS DRYAD,
FAREHAM HANTS.

DEAR CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES,

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED CHEQUE TO COVER THE COST OF MY MEMBERSHIP AS VOTED IN AT YOUR RECENT MEETINGS, AND IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD NOTE THE CHANGE OF ADDRESS, YES, HE HAVE NOW RETIRED FROM THE GUEST HOUSE BUSINESS, AND LIVE IN THE COUNTRY ABOUT 12 MILES FROM ST. YARHOOTH WHERE I AM STILL WORKING AS AN AMBULANCER FOR THE NORFOLK AMBULANCE SERVICE.

ALTHOUGH NO LONGER IN THE HOLIDAY TRADE BOTH MYRA AND I WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING ANY EX MEMBERS OR MEMBERS WHO MAY BE PASSING THROUGH THE AREA.

AND NOW FOR THE APOLOGIES FOR MISSING THIS YEARS ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE, BUT WITH ONLY MOVING IN IN SEPTEMBER THINGS WERE A LITTLE TOO CLOSE TOGETHER, AND ONE CAN ONLY DO SO MUCH, I AM SURE THAT, AS USUAL EVERYONE HAD A SUPER EVENING, AND ALTHOUGH HE COULDN'T BE WITH YOU OUR THOUGHTS WERE WITH YOU IN VERNON, MUST ADMIT THAT I MISSED THE HANGOVER ON THE SATURDAY MORN..... STILL WE'LL BE THERE NEXT YEAR.....

ALTHOUGH A LITTLE EARLY - BEST WISHES TO ALL FOR THE NOT TOO DISTANT FESTIVE SEASON - AND CONGRATULATIONS ON A WELL LAID OUT AND SUPER SEAMASTER.

BEST WISHES TO ALL
JIM GREEN
EX CPO TASI

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 1985

DEAR MR CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS,

AN INCREDIBLY BELATED LETTER WITH A MOST SINCERE APOLOGY AND AN ACCOMPANYING CHEQUE FOR THE SUM OF TEN POUNDS (£10) CHEQUE NO 001208. (COULD BE INTERPRETED AS 'GUILT')

AFTER LEAVING THE SERVICE IN APRIL 87 I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL IN THE RASH AND ACOUSTIC CLADDING FIELD.

AT PRESENT INVOLVED IN A SPECIAL SURVEY OF ALL SURFACE SHIPS THAT ARE RASH CLAD. THIS IS TO BE FOLLOWED BY SURVEYS OF ALL SUBMARINES. CONSEQUENTLY I AM FORTUNATE IN THAT I STILL MEET 'OPPOS' FAIRLY FREQUENTLY.

I FULLY ENDORSE THE LOGICAL PROPOSAL REGARDING EX MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS.

THANKYOU FOR THE SEAMASTER - IT REALLY IS A POSITIVE LINK WITH THE BRANCH.
I AM TO SPEND MORE TIME IN THE PORTSMOUTH AREA AND THEREFORE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REESTABLISH OLD LINKS.

PLEASE CONVEY MY REGARDS AND BEST WISHES TO ALL.

YOURS AYE
NICK LEGG

NICK LEGG
6 DRAKES CLOSE
LOOSELEIGH
PLYMOUTH
DEVON PL6 5XL
(0752) 703471

CARLETON HOUSE HOTEL
17 ALEXANDRA ROAD,
SOUTHPORT,
MERSEYSIDE, PR5 0NB

DEAR ALL,

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED CHEQUE FOR MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR THIS YEAR AND LAST. SORRY FOR THE DELAY BUT I HAVE BEEN REALLY BUSY THIS LAST TWELVE MONTHS.

AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE ADDRESS WE HAVE NOW MOVED FROM THE SHOP IN COPNOR ROAD PORTSMOUTH. HE TOOK OVER THE HOTEL IN OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR. AT THE MOMENT HE ARE HAVING REFURBISHING DONE AND THE PLACE IS REALLY CHAOTIC SEEMS AS THOUGH HE HAVE BEEN BREATHING BRICK, DUST FOREVER.

I HAVE GOT A LICENSE FOR A BAR MOST IMPORTANT DON'T YOU THINK? WE HOPE TO BE FINISHING WITH ALL OUR WORK IN ABOUT 4 OR 5 WEEKS AND HOPE TO BE OPEN IN MAY.

HE WILL BE HAPPY TO GIVE A SPECIAL RATE TO ANY MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION IF THEY CARE TO GET IN TOUCH.

IN THE MEANTIME
REGARDS FROM
BUCK TAYLOR.

PO(S) R. J. AYLING D1203488,
HMS LONDON,
BFPO SHIPS
SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST 1988.

DEAR MR. TREASURER,

PLEASE FIND THE ENCLOSED SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1988 AND 1989. SORRY ABOUT THE LAPSE, MOST REMISS OF ME ALTHOUGH IN MITIGATION I MUST PLEAD THAT I COULD HAVE SWORN I PAID BRIAN WALSH BEFORE I LEFT DRYAD!

WOULD YOU PLEASE ALSO PASS THE CHEQUE FOR \$10 ON TO THE ASH'S CHARITY FUND, AND MY CONGRATULATIONS TO RAY. YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE TO WARN-OFF ANYBODY WHO IS DUE TO COME OUT TO ARMILLA THAT THE NEAREST THEY WILL GET TO TAS-ERY WILL BE 6-HOURLY XBT'S, APART FROM FLASHING UP THE 1092 DURING QUIET PERIODS. 2016 IS OTHERWISE OFF, AND 2031 CANNOT EVEN BE SEEN BEHIND THE CHARTS, TOTES, AND STATEBOARDS WHICH GO TO MAKE UP SHOME'S STAFF AND INTEL/BRIEFING ROOM WHICH IS WHAT THE SDR HAS NOW BECOME. AL FOHLER AND I "MAN-UP" IN HERE, NIGEL LINGER AND GEORGE PEARSON ARE HGD(V)'S, AND THE TROOPS ARE EMPLOYED AS NINE LOOKOUTS, AMMO RE-SUPPLY NUMBERS, ETC. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE - WE STILL HAVE SSRT (35 CENTIGRADE), SOUNDER, AND GOOD OLD GERTIE WITH WHICH HE SOMETIMES LISTEN OUT UNSUCCESSFULLY FOR THE UNBQUITOUS BOGHAMMERS WHEN ACCOMPANYING MERCHANT VESSELS.

OUR FIRST RUN ASHORE SINCE SAILING ON JULY 4TH (KARACHI EXCLUDED) IS HIGH: WE ARE DUE ALONGSIDE IN JEBEL ALI IN TWO HOURS TIME, I.E. AT 0530!

REGARDS TO ALL BACK THERE FROM ALL OUT HERE,

YOURS AYE,

ROB AYLING.

HARRANT OFFICERS

BACON N E	FOF 1
BLANCHE R R I	FOF 1
BRIERLEY P	RALEIGH
BROWN S H	CINCFLT
CAMBURN I R	DRYAD
DAVISON T	CINCFLT
FELL J I R	ROYAL ARTHUR
FOX T L	FOST (SEAGOING)
HARRISON P	DRYAD
HILEY D	CAPT PORT (PORTSMOUTH)
HARTLEY C	DRYAD
HITCHCOCK P	FOST (SEAGOING)
KENNEDY P J	DRYAD
NOBLE A	DRYAD
O'SULLIVAN G G	DRYAD
OHEN H	ACHILLES
PARK C D	DRYAD
PREECE H	CNSA (PORTLAND)
HAKEFORD A E	FLT ENG PORTSMOUTH

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ALLPORT T J
BAREFORD D J
BASS H H
BATES H R
BEECHEY C D
BETTS M A J
BRIERS C C
BROMLEY J W G
BROTHERHOOD D C
BUTLER J P
BEAN D
CAPEL T P
CARPENTER G
CHARINGTON L J
CHENNEL J
CHETHOOD J
CLIPSTONE P
COMLEY P
COSTELLO M A
CUNNINGHAM P E
DAVIS A M
DOOLER R
DREW R J
DUNCAN R
ENGLISH T
ENVY H
FELLS C T
FOSTER J
FOHLER A G
FRANKLIN H B
FLOWER B H
FURLONG P K
GILMORE A C
GLEAVE F H
GOLDING B F
GORRINGE J H
GRAHAM R
GREEN P J
HOOD D R W
HUDSON A S
HUNT R E
HUTCHINSON J H
KAY J C
KAY D B

AVENGER
ARGONAUT
DRYAD
CUMBERLAND
FOST (SEAGOING)
RALEIGH
BRAVE
DRYAD
INVINCIBLE
JAAC/SIRIUS
KENT
BEAVER
DNR OUTPORTS
EURYALUS
FLT ENG PORTSMOUTH
CCF
SIRIUS/SAAU II
BIRMINGHAM
RALEIGH
LONDON
FOF 3
DRYAD
SHEFFIELD
CAPT F P
DRYAD
DRYAD
YORK
DRYAD
LONDON
RALEIGH
DRYAD
ROYAL ARTHUR
ARETHUSA
NELSON (NBCD)
BOXER
DRYAD
CINCFLT (FOAS)
NELSON (GUNHARF)
FOST (SEAGOING)
RALEIGH
VICTORY
COVENTRY
COCHRANE
DASHER

KILROY J O
LAURIE I
LENTHALL P R F
LOVEDAY A D
MAHER P
MARSHALL D
MARSHALL K
MARTIN H J
McCREADY R C
HILEY H P
MOORE A
NEEDHAM S E
NEWELL R J
NIXON P H
OLDREY B H
PARRY G R
PATTINSON F R
PEARCE P M
PORDAGE T R
PROHSE B J
RHODES P
RIDDLES B A
RIGBY J H
ROBERTS T G
RODANAY R
RODGERS S P
SIMPSON A J
SMITH J A
TUCKER P
TUTTY P J
WALKER J L
WALSH B D
WATFORD P
WILLIAMS D P
WOODHAM G L
WRIGHT P J
WILDE J H A

CAMPBLETOWN
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BRAVE
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DRYAD
COLLINGHOOD

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ANTCLIFFE R A
ASTLEY A J
ATKINSON D
AYLING R J
BAILEY K P
BAKER P R
BAKER R F
BARNISTER H H
BENNETT A
BRAYFIELD D
BROWN A
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BROWN T G
BUCKERFIELD R P
BURLEY R E
BURTON R B
CALEY H A
CARBURN H
CANFIELD C J
CLARK H J
CLARKE H T
CLASPER J H
COLLINS H C
COTTIS A F
COMLEY H J
CRAIG R C
CROSBY R
DEAKIN H P
DUNSON H S
DOYLE G
DUNN B H
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EDWARDS K
ELLIOT P J
FINN T
FIRTH D J F
FORRESTER R J
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FROST S R

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HILL P D P
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