HARRIERS IN ACTION

ONE of HMS Invincible's new FA2 Sea Harriers returns to "mother" during the carrier's latest operations in the Adriatic (see centre pages).

The aircraft were in action almost as soon as Invincible arrived on station, two of them coming under fire from hand-held surface-to-air missiles while on a United Nations mission over Bihac in Bosnia.

The Harriers took evasive action, continued their patrol and returned safely to Invincible.

Picture: CPO(PHOT) Stuart Antrobus

Standby task for RN off Haiti

TWO Royal Navy warships and a fleet tanker have been standing by in support of the US-led operation to restore democracy to Haiti.

Current West Indies guardship HMS Broadsword is in the area supported by the tanker RFA Oakleaf.

The standby WIGS ship HMS Lancaster was also retained in the area while landings took place, though as Navy News was going to press she was due to return to Devonport on October 4 — eight days later than originally planned.

Lancaster has been relieved on station by HMS Norfolk.

Chile to repair Brazen

HMS BRAZEN is undergoing repairs in southern Chile after running aground in the Strait of Magellan last month.

The Type 22 frigate was stranded on a rock for four days before being refloated with the aid of a tug from the Chilean navy. Brazen, which was fulfilling duties as South Atlantic guardship, was taken to Talcahuano.

A thorough inspection of the ship's bow area has been carried out by engineers from Chile and the Royal Navy. No date has yet been set for her return.

BAND PLAYS ON AFTER TRAGEDY

JUST TWO days after being injured and shocked in a coach crash, the Band of the Royal Marines Plymouth were playing again to donate their performance fee to the family of their comrade who was killed in the accident.

Musician Barry Jon Holland (27) died on September 18 when the double-deck coach carrying 46 members of the band plunged off the M5 near Bristol. Ten bandsmen were seriously hurt while all the rest received minor injuries. Among the survivors was Barry's brother Terry who was sitting beside him when the crash happened.

As Navy News went to press, six musicians were still recovering in hospital — four at Derriford Hospital, Plymouth and two at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol. The condition of all six was described as satisfactory.

Trust fund

On September 20, just 48 hours after the accident, the Band of the Royal Marines Plymouth were playing again to donate their performance fee to raise money for the city's Lions Club. They donated their performance fee to start a trust fund for Barry Holland's widow and two children.

Conductor at the concert was Capt John Perkins RM, the Band's Director of Music, who was one of those involved in the accident.

The funeral service for Musician Holland, who played cornet and violin, was held with full military honours at HMS Raleigh on September 20.

He was interred three days later at the cemetery at RN Hospital Haslar, Gosport.

Paying tribute to him, Cdr Graham Johnson, the executive officer of Raleigh — where the band is based — said Barry was likeable and "respected by both his peers and superiors as a person and as an accomplished musician."

To Flag Officer Plymouth, Vice Admiral Sir Roy Newman, news of the accident brought a sense of "real personal loss... My deepest sympathies go out to all those involved and their families. I know the people of Plymouth will in particular wish to..."

INSIDE THIS MONTH

DRESSED in whites, the ship's company of HMS Ark Royal line up to mark in graphic terms the completion the carrier's second tour of duty in the Adriatic. See round-up feature in centre pages.
Quorn's tribute to lost warship

MEMBERS of the ship's company of HMS Quorn joined wartime Quorns in a 50th anniversary commemoration of the sinking of the Hunt-class destroyer.

Although the present Quorn, a Hunt-class minelayer, was built for fishery protection duties, a man dedicated to her, Cdr Nigel Moore RN, took the time to travel to the village of Quorn in Leicestershire, to ratify the focus of the event.

The wartime Quorn was unveiled at the village church, a commemoration by a Sea Cadet Corps, Tovenstone, following the event. The ceremony was attended by Lord Provost during the reception on board for the ship's company, and some of the British team members attended at a cocktail party on board.

HMS Lancaster fires a 21-gun salute as she enters Esquimalt, British Columbia.

SCOTS SHIP SAYS ADIEU

HMS Edinburgh has paid her last visit to the City of Edinburgh before the ship transfers her base port from nearby Rosyth to Portsmouth.

The Lord and Lady Provosts of Edinburgh joined the Type 42 destroyer for the short trip down the Forth to the music of a piper provided by the ship's affiliated regiment, 1st Royal Scots.

On arrival at Leith, Lord Provost, Mr Irons and the ship's commanding officer, Cdr Nigel Overington, inspected a guard of honour formed by the High Constables of Leith.

Also present were members of the Leonard Cheshire Foundation, the ship's adopted charity, which benefited by £500 from the proceeds of an 'It's a Knockout' competition held on board.

A close affiliation with Edinburgh Crystal was strengthened through a golf competition between the glassmakers and a team from the ship led by the CO who is current secretary of the RN Golf Association. Members of the ship's company were also invited to tour the glass factory at Penicuik, and gifts of Edinburgh Crystal glass were presented to the CO by the Lord Provost during a reception for the ship's company at the City Chambers.

Other events included sporting fixtures arranged with the Army, RAF, police and Rotary Club, and a reception on board for members of the 1st Royal Scots.

Soon after the six-day visit the Edinburgh entered Rosyth Royal Dockyard for a major refit. Although her base port is now Portsmouth, she is not expected to arrive there until 1996.

Franklin graves found in Arctic

FOUR graves of British sailors from the ill-fated Franklin expedition of 1845 have been found on a remote and bleak island in the Canadian Arctic.

The bodies were buried by an American explorer who discovered them on King William Island in 1879.

The recent find was made by amateur historian Barry Ranford from Columbia, where her visit was made earlier. The graves lie on the north-east shore of the island 50 miles from where the ships of the expedition became trapped in ice and abandoned after their crews endured a two-year fight for survival.

All 122 members of the Royal Navy expedition perished, including its leader, Capt Sir John Franklin, who was attempting to find the Northwest Passage to the Pacific.

Mr Ranford is reported to have made earlier discoveries of human bones with blade marks suggesting that in desperation members of the expedition ate the flesh of their dead comrades.

Last year Lt Ernie Coleman, an RN recruiting officer, was a member of an expedition which discovered the remains of what is thought to be one of Captain Sir John Franklin's ships, the Erebus.

An 1859 expedition discovered a single piece of paper on King William Island which indicated that Franklin and his men attempted the 1,000-mile journey to the Hudson Bay Company post.

Haiti task delays Lancaster return

HMS Lancaster's return from an eight-month deployment was delayed until October 4 by her participation in a US-led operation to restore democracy to Haiti.

Lancaster, which had been carrying out duties as West Indies standby guardship, had been due to return to her base port of Devonport on September 26, but was diverted to take part in the Haitian operation after visiting Canada for the opening of the Commonwealth Games.

She left Haitian waters after the peaceful landings made by American forces on September 19. She was re-fitted off Weymouth by her sister-ship, HMS Norfolk.

In Canada, Lancaster was deployed to Victoria, British Columbia, where her visit was timed to coincide with the arrival of the Queen to open the Commonwealth Games.

Seaplane

Her Majesty met some members of the ship's company when she arrived at Victoria Airport, later flying past the ship in a Canadian Forces seaplane.

Fifty members of the ship's company watched the opening ceremony, and some of the British team members attended a cocktail party on board.

Before transiting the Panama Canal, Lancaster conducted exercises with US Navy warships.

End of HK contract

CONFLICTS in which British forces have fought during the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Gulf War are among the Cold War, the Vietnam War and the Gulf War are among the topics which will be covered by the museum's new display planned to open at the Imperial War Museum in 1996.

The permanent exhibition entitled "War in Peace" will tell the story of how British involvement in conflicts from the Korean War to Bosnia, but will also focus on topics such as the Cold War, National Service and peacekeeping and anti-terrorist operations.

The museum has extensive collections from the period, but is still seeking material for display and to add to archives. Anyone willing to donate material is asked to contact Laurie Molitor at the museum's research and information office, tel. 071-416 5335.

Applications are invited for a grant from the Imperial War Museum which will cost £175 per week. The balance will be paid by the SF/FAF.

HOLIDAY OFFER

SUBSIDISED holidays in a French gite or a cottage on Exmoor are available next year, with a 20 per cent discount of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Fees and Amenities Funds, HFAF.

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**Sharp eyes in Argus save family**

RFA ARGUS saved the lives of a family of three adrift for hours in a liferaft after watching helplessly in the dark as their catamaran sank. An alert watchman on theArgus saw two red flares go off in the early morning, 20 miles south west of the Lizard.

Second Officer Charlie Carr alerted the commanding officer, Capt. Nick Johnson, who switched course and increased speed. In 20 minutes the ship’s last persons, an elderly woman and her two children, were examined by Surgeon Lt. Col. Mark Stenton and found to be none the worse for their ordeal. They were in good spirits considering what had happened.

Capt. Johnson said it seemed unlikely that the Catena could be salvaged. It was not known what had caused her to hole as the family returned from a holiday in Britain to their home in Milford Haven.

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**Festival date set**

**THE 1995 Mountbatten Festival of Music, featuring the Massed Bands, Corps of Drums and Fanfare Trumpets of the Royal Marines, will be held at the Royal Albert Hall on February 15-17 at 7.30pm.**

Tickets from £5-£19 available only from the Royal Marines Concert Office, HMS Excellent, Whale Island, Portsmouth PO2 8ER (send sae for an application form, Tel: 0755 5475205 for details.

**Solo double at Arnhem drop**

MEMBERS of 707 Naval Air Squadron laid a wreath on the sole RN grave in Arnhem Military Cemetery last month as part of the 50th anniversary commemoration of the landings.

Southampton salutes Dover

HMS Southampton and the Dutch minesweeper HNLMS Alkmaar provided a fitting maritime backdrop to “Frontline Britain ’94”, the 50th anniversary commemorations marking the end of the shelling of Dover.

A contingent from the Type 42 destroyer led a parade of servicemen and veterans from the USA, Canada, France, Belgium, Holland and the Czech Republic to Dover’s sea front where a service of dedication and the unveiling of a memorial took place.

Competition winners

**NAVY News China Fleet Club holiday competition winners:**

Drafty

THE ADVANCEMENT and Promotion article printed in November 1993 ended with the hope that 1994 would allow a return to a more stable and regular flow of promotions, advancements and 2OE. Well, where do we stand one year down the line?

It is perhaps timely to remind everyone that the Authorised Numbers issued by the Director of Naval Manning are the authority for CND to advance or promote individuals.

We only advance and promote to Requirement — therefore both are demand led. If a vacancy does not exist because the number in the Navy at that level equals or exceeds the requirement for such personnel then advancement or promotion simply does not happen. As the newly-appointed DI...

Get educated!

Those who were advanced to Leading Wren under WRNS regulations prior to December 31, 1992, should also ensure they have NAMET before they come into the advancement for ad-

vancement to Petty Officer. Whether or not you have NAMET for advancement, whether it be to Leading Rate in any branch is NAMET 5:5.

The other area of business handled by the Advancement/ Promotions office is Redundancy. The second year running the Second Open Redundancy Boards were cancelled. This might come as a surprise to many but the use of 2OE quotas is governed by the criteria that award of 2OE should not significantly delay advancement of others in the branch.

The annual Six Selections, 1993, was 54 names were announced including a non-sea volunteer rating — but when she declined promotion the reserve called forward was the first sea-going female ever to be selected for promotion to War-

rant Officer and for 2OE. We have since signalled an additional six selections.

Frustrating!

Once the Selection Boards were underway. Recovering from an avalanche of C2641s, it soon became apparent that many highly recommended candidates for promotion were not putting themselves into the promotion by failing to be qualified educationally for Warrant Officer — this is a well known cry from the Promotion Office but we make no apologies for stressing this fact again.

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We have now almost come full circle and as this article reaches its readers the CPO Selection Boards will again be in full swing.

This is the second year of combined male and female seamen being considered on competition with each other, while the non-sea-goers compete amongst themselves.

To reach this point your Divisional Offices, ME and Promotions Office, have sweated much effort in drawing up the Selection Board's atten-

tion. Admiral Sir Desmond

King...
FORT VICTORIA'S A
ONE-STOP WONDER

FIRST of a new class of multi-purpose, "one-stop" replenishment ships for the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Service is RFA Fort Victoria.

The concept behind the vessel was endorsed by the Admiralty Board in May 1980 and Fort Victoria was ordered from Harland and Wolff, Belfast, in April 1986. Laid down in September 1988, she was constructed using modular techniques and assembled in a dry dock.

On May 4, 1990 she was "handed out" to the Duke of York, who named her in Belfast in 1990, travelled to Portsmouth in June this year for the ship's service of dedication.

Like all Royal Fleet Auxiliaries, Fort Victoria is a registered British merchant ship designed to meet the requirements of the Ministry of Defence (Navy) and comply with current international merchant ship standards.

**Ammunition**

Her role is to support fleet units at sea by under way replenishment of fuel, dry and refrigerated stores, ammunition, missiles and general stores, such as spare parts.

Providing this support to the Royal Navy is a challenging task requiring technical proficiency and very high standards of seamanship.

Auxiliary oil replenishment ship Fort Victoria is fitted with five replenishment-at-sea (RAS) stations - two for port, two dual-purpose starboard and one fuelling astern. The dual-purpose stations are fitted with new, high-performance rigs.

**Jackstay**

Designed by NEI-Clarke Chapman, these enable the transfer of fuel and stores to be carried out independently from a single station, using the jackstay system. All RAS stations are contained inside room middens and Fort Victoria can replenish a ship on each beam simultaneously.

During a liquid transfer the fuel hoses hang on several reels astern. The dual-purpose stations are fitted with new, high-performance rigs.

**Protection**

Both ship and cargo are protected by a variety of modern fire protection systems. Fort Victoria has gas-tight cabins and a high level of protection against nuclear, biological and chemical attack.

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Letters

Back where we started—or is he?

I JOINED the Navy in 1983 as a Naval Airman Aircraft Handler and was told time and again: “You work hard, lad, and you will be a killock in four years.”

I did work hard and passed my PPR and LA(A) course as soon as I could, but I soon realised that promotion due to lack of promotion and the number of points needed I would never see my rate as LA(A).

That gave me a choice—either leave the Navy or change branch. After much thought I changed to Radio Operator specialising in Submarine Promotion at this time (June 1989) was steady.

Going back into training again after six years at the Fleet was very difficult, but I was determined again promotion and began the long process of ROSM course, common equipment and SM training at HMRD Devonport.

I was posted to HMS Tybalt in October 1991, but even then further advancement to FPOA was slow, and I continued to remain as the top position on the FPOA roster having a basic list of the November 1990. However, the decision to change branches was the author’s choice.

I should be aware, however, that the current length of the OPs and WE advancement rosters has not been caused solely by the introduction of Waroom branching. In fact, the general contraction of the Service and very low PPR rates have been the major contributors to the lengthening of the rosters and, as such, have slowed promotion in some cases ended advancement prospects.

The effect of WP implementation by comparison is a minor contributor but, because it is new and highly visible, it is an easy target for those who wish to draw adverse comments.

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FROM RUSSIA WITH BRONZE

The Royal Navy's helicopter team, based at RN air station Culdrose, have returned from the world championships in Moscow with bronze medals.

Pilots Lts Bob Hubble and Graham Strutt and aircrewmen CPOs Roy Eggleston and Kev Waller, flying two Gazelles from 705 Squadron, achieved a creditable third place behind the USA in second and the Russians in first.

Culdrose's aviators had the honour of flying the first RN helicopters into Russia and with support from civilian engineers Keith Arnold and Alan Higgs the transit flight took four days, passing through six countries (see page 2).

Marlborough leads new squadron

A CELEBRATION lunch held on board HMS Marlborough marked the formation of a new Fourth Frigate Squadron.

Guests at the celebrations at Devonport naval base included Flag Officer Surface Flotilla, Vice Admiral Mike Boyce, Captain of the Sixth Frigate Squadron, Capt James Perowne, Captain of the new squadron, Capt Gavin Lane, and Captain of the old squadron, Capt Christopher Beagley.

The new formation will include HM ships Marlborough (lead ship), Lancaster, Iron Duke, Westminster, Richmond and Grafton as well as any new Type 23s presently being tendered for.

The move to the new base in Portsmouth will take place over the coming months with HMS Richmond arriving first after she is accepted into service in December.

Newcastle hits the headlines

L S ANTHONY Jefferies (right) and mess-mate AB Clayton Pattila read all about themselves in the local Sunday paper, Jyllands Posten, during HMS Newcastle's visit to the Danish port of Aarhus.

After her short break alongside, which gave the ship's company the opportunity to attend the annual Aarhus music festival, HMS Newcastle sailed to take part in the NATO exercise Bright Horizon in the Skagerrak and Kattegat sea areas.

Conducted by the Admiral of the Danish Fleet, Rear Admiral Borck, the 30 warships, submarines and support vessels from Denmark, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Norway, UK and USA exercised in shallow seas and confined waters under varying threat conditions.

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Liberation is remembered at Antwerp

The city of Antwerp provided the backdrop for the 50th anniversary celebrations of the liberation of Belgium with HM ships Monmouth, Atherstone, Cottesmore, Hurworth and Brecon joining in the commemorations alongside naval vessels from Belgium, the Netherlands, France and Russia.

Thousands of veterans were present during the commemorations and attended military parades, memorial services and wreath-laying ceremonies. The Prime Minister of Belgium, Mr Jean Luc Dehaene, also presented each veteran with a commemorative testimonial voicing the gratitude of the Belgian people to all who took part in the liberation of their country.

"We remember with deep sorrow those who died and those who were wounded. We are indebted to their bravery," he declared, "Out of their sacrifice comes our freedom."

Vacancy arises for engine-room duty

The hunt is on for a replacement for CERA Ron Stickland who retired last month after seven years guiding visitors around HMS Warrior's engine room.

Anyone interested in naval engineering and who would like to take over from Ron in "keeping watch" one day per week should contact John Warsop, Hon Engineering Adviser, or Michael Hodgkins, The Engineer, at HMS Warrior, Victory Gate, HM Naval Base, Portsmouth PO1 3QX (tel. 0705 811368).

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Deathslide RECORD BREAKERS

About to take the plunge... LCpl Pete Baldwin and Stu Leggett smile bravely for the camera before launching themselves on a 5,000ft, 30-second "Deathslide" rope descent of Mount Gibraltar (above). Stu Leggett is president of the Canadian School of Rescue Training whose members formed the non-RM element of the expedition.

PICTURES BY LA(PHOT) STEVE LEWIS

A TEAM of Royal Marines and Canadian rescue specialists have braved a sheer, 3,000ft rock face, extreme weather and grizzly bears to set up a world distance record for a "Deathslide" descent.

Funded by the BBC1 programme "Record Breakers", the 15-man team set up a 7,000ft rope from the summit of Mount Gibraltar in the Canadian Rockies.

Only two members of the team were able to complete the daring 100mpm descent to the valley 3,000ft below — but that was enough to break the record, with Olympic athlete and TV presenter Kriss Akabusi present to adjudicate.

The two Deathsliders — LCpl Pete Baldwin of 42 Commando and Canadian Stu Leggett — will enter the Guinness Book of Records for a descent using more than 5,000ft of rope. (The previous record — a mere 17,128ft from a height of 416ft — was also achieved by Royal Marines).

Other British members of the team in Canada were MNCs Norm Bate and Tommo Toms of the Air Defence Troop; CSgt Jed Stone, an instructor with the RN School of Leadership and Management; CSgt Dieter Loraine of HQRM and LA(PHOT) Steve Lewis.

It had been planned for all the Marines to descend but problems with the Deathslide braking system and the eventual lack of helicopter cover prevented descent by more than two.

The team spent 12 days setting up the event during which they were subjected to such bad weather conditions that the attempt was delayed four days.

Their top camp at an altitude of 8,000ft experienced up to eight inches of snow, while base camp personnel faced the ever-present threat posed by a 8ft tall grizzly bear with which Norm Bate survived a late-night encounter.

To reach Mt Gibraltar, 70 kilometres south-west of Calgary, the party had to yomp with their equipment through rugged terrain while the immensely heavy rope was flown in by helicopter.

Jed Stone led half the team for a six-day task to prepare anchor points at the summit before loads were sent down to test the braking systems. When Baldwin and Leggett made their descent, the angle of the rope was so acute that for the first 1,500ft they were in virtual free fall, taking only 30 seconds to reach the bottom.

The BBC's spectacular film of the feat will be featured in a special "Record Breakers" programme at Christmas.

Olympic star Kriss Akabusi, a former Army PTI, muscles in on some of the camp chores, helped by CSgt Dieter Loraine.

Marines in rope-drop spectacular

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When sky diving palls try this . . .

NOT CONTENT with going down in the world, naval diver Ginge Fullen has taken up mountain climbing.

Pictured (right) on an expedition to Mount Kozhenevsky in the Pamir range of Central Asia, LS(D) Fullen was looking for more varied adventure than his previous sport — parachuting — could offer him. He swopped descents for ascents after making 200 parachute jumps.

At 7,105m, Mount Kozhenevsky was Ginge’s highest mountain to date. He has also scaled Kilimanjaro and North America’s highest peak, Mount McKinley (6,194m) in Alaska.

Relatively few Britons have climbed Kozhenevsky in the past, because of its location in the former Soviet republic of Tajikistan and its height. But in the expedition in which Ginge took part, eight of the nine climbers reached the summit.

All the other climbers were civilians and three of them — two Russians and an Englishman — were veterans of Mount Everest. One of the greatest hazards faced by the party was avalanches, which occurred every few hours. The height also meant the climbers had to acclimatise to the thin air.

THUMBS UP FOR CONTENDERS?

NEW chairman of Helston Round Table, CPO Mick Barnard, receives his chain of office from the retiring incumbent, Mr Andrew Ferrie.

It is the first time in the 38-year history of the branch that the post has been held by a Serviceman from RN air station Culdrose.

Mick, whose wife Gayneth is vice-chairman of the local Ladies Circle, works at the Merin Engineering Co-ordinating Office. What little time that his family and his Round Table duties leave over he devotes to studying; he is now in his final year of an Open University mathematics degree.

Filling a post in Australia

OFF TO Australia on a six-month exchange is POWDSA Elaine Lewis (Drake), who is to take over the administration of the dental department at HMAS Albatross, the Royal Australian Navy’s only air station.

With 1,400 patients to keep busy, Elaine won’t have time to feel homesick. Anything but, in fact. Her boyfriend, whom she met when he was “over here” on a similar exchange visit, is a RAN Warrant Officer serving in HMAS Harman in Canberra.

Elaine plans to move to Australia next year when she leaves the Royal Navy, and free time during the exchange should allow her to get to know the vast island-continent a little better.

All being well she will visit the Great Barrier Reef and the West Coast.
A trio of award winners

HAND IT TO GLOVER

Matt puts gloss on deployment

REAR Admiral Mike Gretto, Commander UK Task Group, presents LTP Matty Hodgkinson with a crystal decanter to mark his outstanding contribution to HMS Active’s West Indies deployment 1993-94.

DEPUTY DIRECTORSHIP

LT CDR David Harris RN (retd) has been appointed deputy director of HMS Belfast in London. A former CO or HMS Victory, he has more recently been general manager of the top heritage attraction “Flagship Portsmouth”.

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Cheers! Flight deck personnel and gun crews have reason to toast PCMA Paul Richardson, whose award-winning idea means it should be easier for them to get a drink (of water) during chemical or gas attack exercises and emergencies.

During such scenarios the upper deck crew are isolated from the ship’s gas-tight citadel. The line of water allocated to each just isn’t long enough to allow sustained work by men and women working in chemical protection suits in hot atmospheres, and re-supply is only possible after rigorous routines to transfer from a contaminated to a clean atmosphere.

Now Paul (RNH Haslar) has designed a two-gallon water tank with air filters and straw holes, which can be wall-mounted at mouth-level. The tank can be rigged on a ship’s workshop by making slight modifications to existing equipment.

Future ship designs will incorporate Paul’s innovation, which has already earned him £100 from the Herbert Lott Inventions Trust Fund.
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FASLANE GENEROSITY GAINS RENOWN.

MRS. JUDITH SANDERS, WIFE OF REAR ADMIRAL JEREMY SANDERS, COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES IN BAHRAIN, PRESENTED A CHEQUE FOR £3,800 TO THE KING GEORGE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL. THE MONEY WAS RAISED AT A DERBY DAY HELD IN THE MOUNT GARDENS AND WAS SUPPORTED BY CROWDS OF WILLING PUNTHERS WHO GAVE HALF THEIR WINNINGS IN EACH RACE TO THE FUND. A RAFFLE, AN AUCTION AND A SALE OF FOOD AND DRINK ALSO HELPED TO SALES OFF.

IN HER CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE DISABLED, THE PRINCESS ROYAL VISITED THE CHINA FLEET COUNTRY CLUB, SALTBURN TO RECEIVE A DONATION TO THE FUND.

DEVONPORT MANAGEMENT LTD SPONSORED A FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE CREST DUNLOP, OVER £40.000 WAS RAISED.

HMS BIRMINGHAM OFFERED A PRIZE OF A DAY AT SEA FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR GIRS WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL, SOULBY. DONALD AND KRISTA PUGA AND THEIR CHILDREN KERIAN (10) AND CAYDEN (16) SPENT AN EXCITING DAY ON BOARD THE TYPE 42 DESTROYER AND HELPED RAISE £4,900 WHICH WILL PAY FOR MAJOR BUILDING AND EXTENSION WORK AT THE SCHOOL.

AS PART OF THEIR HOLIDAY AT THE WINGED FELLOWSHIP TRUST HOLIDAY CENTRE, AT NELBOY WATERFRONT, A GROUP OF REVIEW 110 CHILDREN TOOK A SPECIAL VISIT TO HMS COLLINGWOOD.

HMS BARDIANA HOSTED A CHARITY EVENT FOR THE RN MOTOR SPORT ASSOCIATION DURING WHICH MANN COOPER AND MAESTRO DATAN'S 340s AND LOTUS ESPRIT HUSTED BEASSES FOR HONOURS AND CHALLENGE AEROSPACE TRACK OF THE FASHIAN AND DURHAM SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE DISABLED.

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Search begins for explosives in lost barges

NAVY DIVERS have embarked on a lengthy operation to locate and detonate what may turn out to be up to 30 tonnes of Second World War explosives which may be lying on the bottom of the River Tamar.

Biter's racy emblem

HMS BITER, training vessel of the RN, has acquired a new house flag — an Alfa Romeo team emblem.

New plan to save Mary Rose

The decades-long operation to preserve Henry VIII's warship Mary Rose is about to enter a new phase.

Pay chairman visits Bosnia

CHAIRMAN of the Armed Forces Pay Review Board, Air Chief Marshal Sir Roger Palm, visited 845 Naval Air Squadron during this tour of British forces in former Yugoslavia.

Middleton is top gun

THE Small Ships Gunnery Trophy is accepted by AB Scouse Lee on behalf of HMS Middleton's gun crew. It was presented on board the ship by Captain Fishery Protection, Capt Chris Morrison. On the right is the ship's company officer, SLT Steve Emerson.
EXCHANGES of information on nuclear power are to take place between the Ministry of Defence and the civilian nuclear industry.

An arrangement has been agreed between MOD and Nuclear Electric plc who maintain common interests concerning operational, safety, regulatory and technical matters.

Exchange of experience of light water reactors is seen as being of particular value.

The exchanges must be used for investigations of those aspects which will not prejudice Britain's obligations under the terms of the 1958 Anglo-US Mutual Defence Agreement.

Where MOD or Nuclear Electric consider that a particular matter represents significant intellectual property, the exchange will be made in the context of a formal contract.

DCI RN 152/94

Prize from 1812 war

TOP winner of the 1993 Naval History Prize is Lt Cdr Philip Shaw with an essay on the Royal Navy's performance in the War of 1812. He receives £200.

Runner-up was Lt Cdr James Humphreys (RN Naval Base Portsmouth). It has been decided by the panel that RNSETT no longer be based in Portsmouth where the award ceremony was to be held next year.

The 1994 prize is an essay on the Royal Navy's contribution to the Caribbean trade.

DCI RN 153/94

Weymouth closure

The Torpedo Trials Group at Weymouth will close on March 31. The group's responsibilities will be transferred to the Director General Unmanned Weapons Trials and Acceptance Centre (CWTA) at CWTA (Portsmouth). The group will cease to exist as a separate body.

DCI RN 154/94

New career boost for management accountants

MANAGEMENT accountancy is to become a new sub-specialisation of qualified officers. The arrangement is to be introduced in order to increase the visibility of management accountancy as a specialist career option and will be of particular interest to WE officers.

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Squash contest

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NAFFI TAKES OVER MESSING CONTRACT

NAFFI has taken over the provision of public funded messing. The contract awarded by the Ministry of Defence is worth £100m over the next three years and will cover the supply of food and drink to UK Forces' kitchens and cook-houses around the world.

Navy News, 14 October 1994

High-speed end of polishing pain

TIME and effort being spent on cleaning and polishing line-up-type coverings on ships' decks is being reduced — thanks to the introduction of special machines.

DCI RN 170/94

Charity re-vamp

The Charity Commissioners have approved an order enabling the scheme for the general regulation of the RN and RM Sports Fund and the Carnegie Initiative Awards Fund. Copies can be obtained by writing to The Charity Commission, Woodfield House, Tamworth, Staffs, B77 2BA, or may be seen at Room 61, Old Naval Academy, HM Naval Base Portsmouth ext. 23741.

DCI RN 164/94

Navy mass

The ANNUAL Naval Mass will be held at St John's Catholic Cathedral, Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth, on Sunday 13 December.

DCI RN Announcement 26 Aug 93

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A fleet of 51 vehicles is serving 920 points throughout the UK, from Monday to Saturday. Fresh, frozen and baked products are delivered three days a week, with dry goods on the other four.

A total of 200 points are served by a fleet of 26 vehicles.

A telephone system linked to the central warehouse storage system, means that goods can be supplied within 24 hours of order.

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Royal launch for Legion's new college

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The remainder is being put out of TRBL resources and through an appeal fund which remains open. Plans are in hand to expand the facility further by providing a 40-bedroom hostel offering high-standard accommodation and conference facilities for students and local business.

Training has been provided by TRBL at Ellesmere Port, Chester, for the past ten years, and the new college at Tidworth is designed to complement and expand the facility.

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Among those who met the Queen on her visit was the Legion's president, Vice Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton. After unveiling a plaque, Her Majesty toured the college to meet students and observe courses under way— including those on information technology, computing, business administration and business administration.

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Five-year-old Natasha Williams says it with flowers as the Queen arrives to open The Royal British Legion Training College at Tidworth, Wiltshire. Natasha is the daughter of a member of staff at the college.

Making dreams come true...

NEW COURSES on managing a career change are taking place in four South Coast establishments. Briefings under the title “Take Charge of Your Civilian Life” have been constructed by management consultant David Plaiter and motivational training specialist Marina Webster.

The briefings were requested by the Royal British Legion Information Officer at HMS Nelson, Capt Cyril Lewis, who felt that there was a need among Service leavers for guidance on managing their transition to civilian life which was currently provided under the Knowledge and Tax Training program.

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Project given encore

THE partnership between the Armed Forces and Local Enterprise Trains and Enterprise Council has resulted in a resettlement programme in the county for the second year running.

While repeating some of the successful briefings from the first year, new seminars will be developed.

The programme is open to all Service leavers, especially those considering resettling in Lincolnshire.

For information on the 1994/95 programme contact one of the following: Major J.O.M. Hackett on 0562 537816; Sam L.D. Kenney Grant on 0556 342581, or Major A. W. Silcox-Cowley on 0507 639720.

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Making dreams come true...
Stricken bands strike up support

WHEN tragedy strikes a group of musicians the sadness that faces them in its wake is of that special kind reserved for people who work to provide pleasure for others.

In the case of military bands there is another side to it. We are reminded of the bravery of people trained to uphold the morale of their comrades — from the deck — a morale-boosting eccentricity that seemed to belong to another era but whose message of reassurance was unmistakable.

In spite of everything, the band plays on — and the Band of the Royal Marines Plymouth did just that a mere two days after one of them was killed and all the rest injured — ten seriously — in a coach crash five years almost to the day after the IRA bombing of the RM School of Music at Deal.

Recent defence cuts mean there are now 20 per cent fewer Royal Marines musicians left to perform a function that to many is as vital as eating or breathing. The Band Service as a whole is actually just under 20 per cent of its strength in 1960, when its retiring Principal Director of Music, Lt Col John Ware, first arrived at Depot RM, Deal.

High standard

Unfortunately the gap is being partly filled by the Royal Navy’s 13 Volunteer Bands — though some of these have suffered too, as a result of civilian redundancies.

These units, supported by non-Service musicians some of whom have given over 20 years to their particular bands, are taking on more and more of the engagements formerly covered by the Royal Marines — and doing so to a high standard of performance under the guidance of HMS personnel.

HMS Ark Royal’s band was singled out for particular praise by her commanding officer when the ship returned from the Adriatic last month (see page 18). Sadly it is mostly only the bands in the carriers that have the chance of foreign travel these days.

It seems likely, though, that these dedicated partners will earn an increased share of the limelight in the years to come. We shall hear more of them — and they will continue to improve with the hearing.

Two bands will perform at this year’s Royal Naval Volunteer Band Festival at HMS Daedalus, Lee-on-the-Solent, Hants on October 8. Tel: HMS Daedalus ext 4277 for tickets.

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Most of the information needed for production of the cards is already held by the Naval Manpower Information System. However, the digital images and signatures will need to be “captured” and stored on a database in Catterick, G postcode where all the new RN cards will be produced.

Cards may be obtained either by attendance at one of the “capture” points at all major establishments or during a visit to smaller or more isolated units by members of the Naval Identity Card Project Team.

Those who are unable to obtain the card at establishments or through project team visits should complete form S.1511A “Application for Issue or Re-issue of Naval Identity Card S.1511” and send to the head of the National Command and Control Centre that will become the new Joint Services Operations Centre announced in the Defence Cost Studies review.

Dependants

After the initial issue, 13 permanent sites, including new entry establishments, will be thrown open data capture for all further issues or re-issues. A programme for the issue of the new cards to Reservists and naval dependants is to be announced.

Further information on the new cards will appear soon in DCOs and temporary memorandums.

A NEW identity card which can carry encoded personal data is to be issued to all three Armed Services.

Collection of data and card production starts on November 1 for all serving Royal Navy and Royal Fleet Auxiliary personnel. Basic design is common to all three services and Ministry of Defence headquarters.

The card has been designed in such a way that it is difficult to copy or alter while permitting recognition visually and via a card reader in any MOD environment.

On the reverse the card has a magnetic strip containing a unique and unalterable “watermark” number. Its capability of carrying encoded data could enable the card to be used as a key for restricted access, reporting of movements and debiting of pay accounts for such things as cash
Embargo warships make arms finds

FINDS OF ARMS caches in some of the merchant ships stopped and searched in the Adriatic have been reported to Navy News in a despatch from the Type 42 destroyer HMS Nottingham.

Nottingham, a member of the multi-national naval group enforcing UN sanctions against the former Yugoslavia, has herself challenged well over 300 vessels since she joined Operation Sharp Guard in May. So far she has boarded 30 ships and diverted eight to Italian ports.

She says that the recent finds of arms demonstrate that the situation ashore would be much worse without Sharp Guard in which warships from the USA, Italy, Germany, France, Spain, the Netherlands, Denmark, Greece, Turkey, Canada and Belgium are also taking part.

Nottingham is a member of Standing Naval Force Atlantic, and has spent 92 days at sea. Seventy days have been spent on patrol. 50 of these in defence watches in a sea area close to the Yugoslav coastline and within range of shore-based missiles. She is due to return home next month.

The boarders are armed sailors and Royal Marines. In most cases the crews are friendly and keen to be helpful, but the Sharp Guard emphasis remains on polite but firm control and a detailed inspection to maintain the integrity of UN sanctions.

More Adriatic news in centre pages.
The Italians called her the ‘Martini Carrier’ — not because of her people’s drinking habits, but in tribute to her ability to stay with the action ‘anytime, any place, anyhow.’

Back in Portsmouth last month, HMS Ark Royal had spent seven months in the Adriatic, ever ready to protect British troops on the ground and get them out of harm’s way if required. Early in the year the airfields around the coast in this region are often shrouded in fog — but the Ark was her new nickname by doing areas of poor visibility to get her aircraft airborne over Bosnia while land-based aircraft were hemmed in.

Her commanding officer, Captain Terry Loughran told Navy News: “I am delighted to report that the ship and her aircraft have been able to do so much to demonstrate the effectiveness and inherent flexibility of carrier aviation. The Sea Harriers have established an enviable reputation as versatile multi-role aircraft.”

Just being there was often enough — British Army personnel who have visited the Ark reported that Sea Harriers had only to arrive on the scene for the noise to bring an end to any fighting.

One of the more dramatic incidents of the deployment occurred in April when Lt Nick Richardson of 801 Squadron was shot down while flying in support of UN troops being stationed in the besieged Muslim enclave of Gorazda.

In order to avoid collateral damage, he made three passes over the target, attracting fire as he did so, he was subsequently hit by a missile and forced to eject, but was picked up by friendly forces and made it safely back to the ship.

This was the first NATO aircraft to be lost in combat.

Flexibility

Sea Harriers have provided continuous air defence, strike and reconnaissance in support of UN objectives, flying nearly 650 missions over Bosnia.

Meanwhile the Ark’s Sea King helicopters of 849 Naval Air Squadrons have also played a major role as SAR support for ships of all nations enforcing the arms embargo against the former Yugoslavia and economic sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro.

The squadron flew an outstanding 1,893 hours last year, was constructed to support of UN troops being stationed in the besieged Muslim enclave of Gorazda.

In the Adriatic theatre where the ship’s mail was able to do so much, the nations enforcing the UN embargo against the former Yugoslavia and economic sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro have provided support to ships of all nations.

The Canal is 6.4 km long, eight metres deep and only 25 metres wide. With sides rising to a dizzying 87 metres, a cautious passage is necessary.

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Later in the month 820 Squadron’s Sea Harriers to tone up fighter evasion techniques — proving once again that it is technique, not speed that counts.

820 Sqn is now preparing for re-embarkation in HMS Arat for Operation Dynamic Impact in May, which was started by the Emperor in June, but went uncompleted until after work was resumed by a French company in 1872. The Ark was the only British carrier to take part and finally completed in 1893.

A. Edwards.

The canal, which celebrated its centenary last year, was constructed to shorten the passage between the Gulf of Corinth and the Saronic Gulf, taking 320km off the voyage between Piraeus and Boudiea.

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Later in the month 820 Squadron’s Sea Harriers to tone up fighter evasion techniques — proving once again that it is technique, not speed that counts.

820 Sqn is now preparing for re-embarkation in HMS Arat for Operation Dynamic Impact in May, which was started by the Emperor in 1867, but went uncompleted until after work was resumed by a French company in 1872. The firm went bankrupt seven years later and the Greeks took over the project and finally completed it in 1893.

A. Edwards.

The canal, which celebrated its centenary last year, was constructed to shorten the passage between the Gulf of Corinth and the Saronic Gulf, taking 320km off the voyage between Piraeus and Boudiea.

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Showing their bridge work

AN 845 Squadron Sea King took these dramatic pictures of the Royal Engineers' demolition of 'Tito's Bridge' in the war-torn city of Mostar.

The helicopter had flown in a party of United Nations VIPs to witness the event and was stationed to evacuate casualties in case of an accident.

Built in 1936, the original bridge was destroyed in the early stages of the war in the former Yugoslavia. No sooner was a replacement Bailey bridge installed by the Royal Engineers than fighting erupted between Bosnian Muslims and Croats. It was pounded by artillery and tank shells until finally rendered unusable for vehicles.

The explosion shook the city as 100 tons of plastic explosive cut it into seven parts to allow for easier disposal. Later, a new bridge was being built by British and Spanish engineers to allow traffic to flow in both directions - reuniting friends and families separated by over two years of conflict.

Baby boomer

HMS Nottingham returns to Portsmouth next month after six months in the Adriatic - to find (to date) eight new babies waiting to meet Dad for the first time.

Brilliant edge to Sharp Guard

HMS BRILLIANT is keeping busy playing a full part in Operation Sharp Guard, challenging and boarding merchant vessels in the Adriatic.

She is one of 21 warships from 12 nations in a United Nations naval blockade enforcing trade sanctions against Serbia and an arms embargo against all the countries of the former Yugoslavia.

More than 27,000 ships entering the Straits of Otranto have been challenged since June last year, as a result of the co-ordinated efforts of the warships operating under NATO and the Western European Union.

More than 2,600 of them have been halted and inspected, or diverted to an Italian port for further searches.

Boardings are accomplished either by fast roping from Brilliant's Lynx helicopters or to the decks of merchant ships, or by boat.

Since the UN strengthened the embargo against Serbia and Montenegro in April, no ship has been able to break the embargo - but six have been caught trying to.

Another aspect of Sharp Guard in which Brilliant has participated is in the 'Ring of Steel' close to the Serbia-Montenegro coast. Their mission is to stop any ships which evade the southern group.

Brilliant's Commanding Officer, Captain Simon Rapp, said: "I am confident there have been no major transgressions of the blockade."

From left to right above main picture:

- Commodore Alastair Ross (now relieved as Commander Standing Naval Force Mediterranean) watches from the bridge of his flagship HNLMS Piet Heyn.

- The "second stick" search party sets out from HMS Brilliant after the suspect vessel has been secured.

Harriers under fire

HMS Invincible, which received HMS Ark Royal in the Adriatic last month, was in action from the moment she arrived.

Two of the embarked new F2/2000 Harriers were on a UK operational mission over Bosnia when they came under fire from a hand-held surface-to-air missile launcher.

They took evasive action and were able to continue with their patrol, returning safely to the ship.

It is not known which of the warning locations was responsible for the attack.

In April a Harrier of 801 Naval Air Squadron was shot down over Gutar in the former Yugoslavia. No ship has ever been able to break the embargo - but six have been secured. The pilot ejected and was taken prisoner by the warring factions was later found to have been a SA-7.
Deeds, not words shall speak me

FOR NEARLY 20 years Alistair MacLean had few peers as a popular thriller writer. His first book — arguably his best — was "HMS Ulysses", written much in the vein of Monsarrat's "The Cruel Sea". He returned to maritime matters in a few non-fiction efforts, notably producing a sumptuously illustrated study of "The Spanish Armada" — and a short biography of Captain Cook, which he took pains to describe as "no biography at all", arguing that despite the number of stories about Cook himself left behind, minutely detailing his day-to-day activities over many years, he revealed next to nothing of his own character.

Definitive

He judged, therefore, that "a good and true and definitive biography of a man about whom we should like to know so much" was never likely to appear.

It has to be said that Richard Hough's Captain James Cook ( Hodder & Stoughton £20) largely bears out his prediction. As MacLean noted, "... we are told of the occasion when Mrs Cook (who outlived him by 56 years) welcomed her husband home with tearful affection ... this is very likely, but there is nothing on record to justify such an assertion. She may, for all we know, have hit him over the head with a two-by-four ..."

Down-fiver

And like Mr Hugh W.: though less radically — has to fall back on conjectures, as in such cases as: "There is no surviving record on Cook's domestic life during these active weeks, it would be odd and uncharacteristic if he did not take a boat downriver to Deptford to show Elizabeth and the children the bark Endeavour moored in the dockyard with man putting the finishing touches to the work."

As in MacLean, admit- tedly much slighter work — and as Dr J. C. Beagle- hole's definitive four-volume "The Journals of Captain James Cook" (Cambridge University Press 1974), the present author lets the deeds speak for man. But what deeds they were.

What to believe

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That the imagination of MacLean — or G. S. Flanders of Monsarrat or Douglas Reeman for that matter — could conceive.

A BOOK TO TREASURE!

Wrecked on the Welsh coast — the Royal Charter, with (inset) sovereigns, later recovered, struck by the Sydney Mint established during the Australian Gold Rush of the 1860s.

ON THE night of October 24, 1859 a hurricane struck a steam clipper loaded with Australian gold. Only 41 of 307 passengers and crew survived after she was driven on to the Welsh coast and broken in two.

An understandable complaint of the becalmed relatives was that the authorities concentrated on the salvage of the gold rather than on recovering missing bodies — but certainly the survivors and pirates of the past would have been in no doubt that the doubloons should have come first.

In The Atlas of Shipwreck and Treasure (Dent £3.50) Nigel Pickford presents a sumptuously illustrated catalogue of more than 1,400 wrecks spread around the world, some of them dating from Classical times.

Fine wine

Gold loses little of its lustre even after centuries of immersion and like fine wine even improves with age — or at least in value.

Just because they were shoe-shaped, rather than conventionally brick-shaped, some in-...
Patrols fated to be their last

IN WORLD WAR II United States submarine operations accounted for almost two-thirds of the total losses of the Japanese merchant marine and one third of the sinkings of the Imperial Japanese Navy.

For some nine months after the attack on Pearl Harbour it fell to three units to mix it up with the enemy. There were 51 USS boats in the Pacific, including 12 of the old 'S' class.

Politicians

Japan, as an island nation, depended on the traffic of oil, rubber, coal and rice from the west. Many of her exports, she was not expected to subdue a never-ending procession of claim jumpers, arrogance, crooked sheriffs and bad habits of every persuasion.

The.convolved.plot, with its surprising twists and unexpected turns, finds room for a foxy Jodie Foster. To quote a plucky James Coburn and guest appearances by the stars of prime-time television western stars, all these days sitting not so much tall in the saddle. Like his leading character, the film is amusing, well-acted and has any number of turns up its sleeve.
Calling Old Shipmates

Fifty Years On

A look back at the wartime operations of the Royal Navy half a century from now.

Although the hard graft of convoy continued, this was the best month of the war for merchant shipping losses. Only four ships totaling 11,000 tons were sunk worldwide. On the other hand, 13 U-boats were sunk, not all listed here. First sink by RLM bombing and four in a raid on Bergen. The Fleet Air Arm were active from Norway to the Mediterraean. Frequent mention of Canadian ships have dominated the news for the last month. The Royal Canadian Navy played a large part in the North Sea War, particularly in the North Atlantic.

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Sitting-room at Victory

A MEMORIAL to all those who served in the oldest branch of the Royal Navy, the Shipwright and Artisans, will not be far from the oldest ship in service, HMS Victory. Victory's First Lieutenant, Lt. John Haynes, accepted the fitting-long seat from J. Brimblecombe, D.C. Copland and B. Sheppard, the three members of the Shipwright Artificers Association, who built the wooden bench. It will be sold permanently to the Victory Association for the use and pleasure of visitors to the ship and the adjacent museum.
**Rum battle for uckers trophy**

UCKERS, the game popular with generations of sailors, has shipmates of No. 10 Area firmly in its grip. Whether it’s the fans of the game or its naval connection, uckers is big news up North.

Excitement ran high, according to Shipmate Nobby Clarke and Brian Langdon.

The Runcorn supporters arrived in high spirits, and like Brazilian soccer groups brought their musical instruments. Each, 60 minutes in, was a hitch, however, before start of the 12th round, and Jim, the man, was out in a shocker.

The visitors were accused of using a ‘cheater’ or ‘shrimp’ player from another area. This shipmate had missed the official tournament, but the message was not getting across. As the fans were in the midst of a free meetup, it was the game that should go ahead with the leatherback having to play.

The game was fought out on a 4-0 title, and given the uckers of Harry, the winner had a difficult time to understand.

Restless

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**Shipshape taxi is a winner**

**IN BRIEF**

**DARLINGTON**

Branch gave a warm welcome to the town, the Sea Cadet unit TS Victoria which is affiliated already exist with RFA Fort Beccles.

In doing so, he represents the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, which strengthens the ties which MEMBERS of Southend-on-Sea branch sponsor one of the taxis which take under-priviledged children on an annual outing to the sea — and you were decided to decorate it themselves to win second place in the ‘Best-dressed Taxi’ contest.

The branch spent three days with the Army, RAF and ex-Service War Veterans bar one, blew up flashing lights and a “Shipmate song.”

**Becles**

There was an impressive turn-out of more than 150 shipmates, with representatives of the Navy, RAF and ex-Service taking part in the ‘Death mars parade’.

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**Bournemouth**

For the best-dressed taxi.

**Branch News**

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**Death mars parade**

**DEDICATION of the new Llandudno standard was made at the official ceremony today of the ship.**

**Peterborough**

Members of Peterborough branch spent the days with their caravan and tombola stall at the East of England Show. Their stall had one shipmate, who tried to sell postcards, and figures which he attempted to dispense by calling out.

**TRIBUTE to a pioneer**

If the Association is in a healthy state today, it is largely due to people like Shipmate Stuart, who pioneered the way and who crossed the bar recently.

To say Tom gave long and loyal service is an understatement. The Association was his life. A much loved shipmate, he was a great friend of all the shipmates of 7 Area and of the Cardiff branch.

**Aberdeen**

Members of the RNA took part in a parade of 500 veterans held by the Burmah Star Association to commemorate the 45th anniversary of VJ-Day.

The parade was held for more than 400 veterans and they were introduced together.

The songsters, as they call themselves, for the best-dressed taxi.

**South Ontario**

To mark the branch’s 45th anniversary, a re-dedication of the branch standard was made at the official ceremony in Cheltenham.

**Llanelli**

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ROYAL Navy marksmen and women excelled at the Joint Services Small Arms Meeting at Bratby. For the first time in 13 years a team of 12 Navy shots bested the crack Royal Marines team to win the Aldershot Cup.

Team captain, CPO Alan Ball, achieved the top score for the Navy, repeating his success of 1981. The last time the RN won this event. The team also included Lt Sally Roots and PO Gary Lancefield, along with CPO Ball, were selected to shoot for Great Britain in the International Service rifle match which GB won convincingly.

**Record scores**

RN teams competed well in all Inter-Service events, with record scores in the rifle and pistol matches, which lost narrowly to the Army and RAF respectively. Newtonian, UK Simon Foryan, AEM Bill Cousins and PO Tim Gabbard won their RN colours, with Simon Foryan taking the Bouston Cup and RN Tyr Championship by a significant margin.

Naval Air Command once again dominated the inter-service events, led for the first time in the history of Navy shooting by a woman — Sally Roots.

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Individual honours were shared, with CPO Ball once more winning the Service Rifle and Service Pistol events pushed hard by PO Gary Lancefield in rifle and Lt Cdr Ian Davis in pistol.

Gary Lancefield turned the tables on the Air Rifle team, which had won at Bratby and Ascot, with 300 to 1,000 yards shooting from FIBUA, simulated building and release applied.

Brian O'Keeffe won the national events, where Lt Cdr Mike Martin (Daedalus) and AEM Kev Smallwood also finished in the top ten places.

**Pushed**

AEM Kev Smallwood also gained ten places.

RN success continued into the national event, where Lt Cdr Mike Martin, followed by the snap competition at 500 yards and a team comprising PO Tim Amy, PO Dave Walker, PO Dave Waddell, CPO Ty and AEM Fred Treadwell won the international shooting, facing the teams from Canada, Oman, France and the USA.

Variable winds, thunderstorms and showers provided some real problems for competitors in this year's Royal Navy Target Rifle Club (RNTRC) Championships, held in conjunction with the City Rifle Club at Bisley.

One of the 22 competitors fired a total of 61 rounds at ranges from 300 to 1,000 yards to coast for a potential maximum score of 45.

The Short Range Championship (300, 500, 600 yards) was won by Jerry Tuck (240 ex 255) with PO Cuddy in second place and AEM Andy Wakefield (Illustrious) in third.

The five-man team event, a four-hour contest at the Point of Ayr, saw all the RN anglers returning fish to the scales and the team finishing in eighth position.

In all the week's haul was 275 tope, 909 dogfish and 46 whiting and 26 assorted fish, but strict conservation rules of catch and release applied.

Meanwhile, down at HMS Dryad's angling lake, the sixth Navy Air Command Charity Shield Competition was taking place and the 72 competitors reeling in over 1,000lbs of carp.

The continued enthusiasm of NAC anglers and their guests means the competition has now raised £18,200 for the NSPCC. This year a cheque for £4,124 was handed to Mrs Sarah O'Connor of the charity by Rear Admiral Ian Garnett, Flag Officer Naval Aviation.

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While returning from Falkland Island duties, HMS Newcastle held her own version of the field gun competition.

Organised by LPT Lee St John, the event was marred by the shipwright and butter's parties, the event had all the thrill of the real thing — first swings, chum and "flying angels" included. After two runs the winners were decided on aggregate times. It was a close-fought contest but victory went to the 3N stokers.

**STOKERS CARRY OFF FIELD GUN HONOURS**

**Sport**

**IMPRESSIONSHAULS OF FISH AND FUNDS BY ANGLERS**

FIVE Royal Navy anglers were among the 200 competitors taking part in this year's Ramsay Angling Week on the Isle of Man.

Rear Admiral Ian Garnett, Flag Officer Naval Aviation, at his first attempt.

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BATTLEAXE PUTS THE FLAGS OUT

A HECTIC but enjoyable programme lay ahead of the Battleaxe when, for the third time, she was guardian for the 150th Royal Dartmouth Regatta. Other visiting ships included the Belgian BNS Dufour and the Argentine sail training ship Ara Libertad. Much interest was generated by Ara Libertad which was the first Argentinean ship to visit a British port since the Falklands War.

Principal guest at the regatta was Lt Cdr The Duke of York who attended many of the races and presented the awards.

Mombasa break for Cornwall

WHEN CORNWALL TOOK TIME OFF FROM ARMILLA PATROL FOR A TWO-WEEK SELF MAINTENANCE PERIOD IN MOMBASA LOCAL CHILDREN WERE INVITED TO ATTEND A PARTY ON BOARD. THE CHILDREN (PICTURED RIGHT) WERE GIVEN A TOUR OF THE SHIP AND WERE ENTERTAINED TO TEA AND PARTY GAMES BY THE SHIP'S COMPANY.

While alongside in Mombasa a team of four officers and 13 ratings took the opportunity to travel to Nairobi to climb Mount Kenya. On arrival at Chepareria, a small village at the base of the mountain, they met up with guides and porters and made their first ascent to Camp Kenya.

After a second night under canvas at Roadhead Camp the team set off for Mintos Hat and then on to Point Lenana where altitude sickness began to take its toll. Only nine members were able to continue the ascent and negotiated 800m through snow finally to reach the summit.

Looking pleased with their efforts are Debbie Macoy (left) and HMS Cornwall's only Wren Gunner, Lynn Smith, who were members of the guard for ceremonial sunset at Mombasa during the ship's cocktail party.

The 12 Wren Junior Rates who formed the guard had done very little drill before but put in a lot of hard training and performed to a very high standard on the night.

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Service with a smile

FATHER David Lacy, Roman Catholic chaplain at HMS Neptune, celebrated Mass at the Clyde Submarine Base with two Most Rev Maurice Courre de Murville, Archbishop of Birmingham.

The Archbishop was on a personal visit to learn more about naval chaplany and, after meeting the base commander, Commodore Brian Perarno, he toured HMS Renown and was introduced to many naval families.

Pictured at the base are: left, Gerry McNichol, Fr Raymond Corbett, Gareth McNichol, wife Rhian, Frances McNichol holding Jo McNichol, CPO Andy Heraden, Archbishop of Birmingham holding Elizabeth McNichol.

Bearing up at Faslane

DESPITE a good old Scottish dawn prayer service were not dampened at the annual Theodoric bears picnic at the Clyde Submarine Base.

Instead of heading for the woods from the Royal Naval Wives’ Association took their toddlers to the Dremfont Centre where, under the watchful eye of FOWREN Poppy Roadhouse, they took part in games before tucking into a feast of cakes and ice cream.

Community life in Portsmouth

WITH THE establishment of the Second Sea Lord’s headquarters in Portsmouth and the subsequent arrival of around 500 naval personnel and their families, community workers are keen to publicise current facilities and activities on offer to those who have relocated to the area.

Naval playgroups are located in Gosport (Hardway), Rowner, Fareham (Peak Lane), Drayton, Hilsea, Phoenix and Eastney. There are ten in all throughout the area catering for children from six months to school age. Details on the playgroups are available from Mrs Carole Eley, playgroup co-ordinator on Gosport 0705 361913 during office hours.

Resident hairdressers of the Help and Information Volunteer Exchange (HIVE) are based at Rowner, Gosport, and Hilsea, Portsmouth. Details about HIVEs and their activities can be obtained from Hilary Benetti at Portsmouth (0705 655611) and Barbara Cass or Sue Barnard at Gosport (0705 527708).

Two community houses, one at Peak Lane, Fareham, and the other at Browning Avenue, Paulsgrove, also provide a place for naval wives and mums to meet for a chat.

The three community centres, based at Eastney, Hilsea and Rowner are open to all Service personnel and their families. The centres each have a variety of activities for children and young people, with many day and evening activities. Weekly activity programmes are always on display at the centres and further information is available on 0705 527424 (Eastney), 0705 696122 (Hilsea) and 0705 734174 (Rowner).

If you have any queries about naval community activities in the Portsmouth area contact June Roach on 0765 329925.

Pension increase

BRITISH widows of Second World War New Zealand Servicesmen will have their pensions increased from this month.

The New Zealand War Widows Pension will rise from almost £40 a week to about £140 for those aged over 70.

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RN rugby kicks off in France

DEPUTY Commandant CTCRM Lympstone, Lt Col Roger Williams has become the first Royal Marine to chair the Royal Navy Rugby Union. The election of this stalwart of the Corps, and the plethora of players for the representative side provided the season nerves in missing four leading players were missing, but the Americans, all riding horses supplied by the Naval Riding Centre, were up to standard.

 Attendance figures were pleasing last season, particularly for the Twickenham fixtures — but more support at Navy matches would be very welcome. lime will arrange a fixture for the first time of the match, which was opened by the Princess Royal, president of the Royal Marine Games. The home country emerged as overall champions, but the Americans, all riding horses supplied by the Naval Riding Centre, were up to standard.

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 The Canadians will play the first match on the England leg of their tour against CS at the Military Academy Sandhurst, followed by Plymouth on December 3, evening kick-off.

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 Three Peaks record blasted

 TWO Royal Marines were among the four-man crew to knock 45 minutes off the record for the arduous Geler Three Peaks Race, an event which combines sailing and running up mountains.

 This was the last match this season for Navy captain Steve Jones, who has been drafted to the Falklands. He is to be commended for his outstanding contribution to Navy rugby and particularly for his fine captaincy last season.

 At the start of the last rugby year Leprechaun purchased sponsors for the RNRU and again it is very important to stress that without their much appreciated support the organisation and support for matches just would not happen.

 Commodore Doug Lewis and the RNRU executive committee, therefore, extremely grateful to Leprechaun (Navy Knockout Cup), Courage International (Inter-Ship Competition), Gursters' Paddies (Sponsorship fixtures) LORAL AND PLYMOUTH (Rockets, Sun) and Willis Com for their sponsorship of the three Inter-Service matches.

 Kit sponsor

 This season, too, there is a very special thank you and welcome to Naval Financial Services, who have agreed with Cdre Lewis (RNRU chairman of marketing and finance) to be the next RN representative side kit sponsor for the next three years.

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AN OUTSTANDING display of golfing prowess under pressure earned the Royal Navy ladies golf team the 1994 Inter-Service Championship, writes Lt Cdr Jim Danks.

They held the RAF to a draw on the first day then crushed them 2 and 1 in the second, to win the title. The Navy then went on to win the next edition.

Their non-representative player, Lt Cdr Glynis Smith, won four of his five matches and looks an exciting prospect.

This event was the final selection process for the Inter-Service Championships, and the team was finally selected at the beginning of the season, after the performances reflected the future. She finished up six minutes ahead of the second-placed lady. In the team event the RN won first place, after a hand injury for the next edition.

Ladies take golf title

The Navy team played excellently this season with an all-round determination which so nearly brought the Inter-Service title for the first time since 1982, writes Lt Cdr Jim Danks.

Lt Piers Moore was an inspirational captain, he richly deserved the Francis Drake Man of the Tournament award. His 2 and 1 against HMS Daedalus, and his 2 and 1 against the RAF and 24 and 4 for the Army against the RAF and 24 for the Navy against the RAF, all earned him the title of the Future's most promising player of the future. His future is looking bright, thanks to the hard work of players and coaches and thanks to those who have made players available.

Carelessness

But despite the two fine performances in the Inter-Services it is tempting to misquote Oscar Wilde and say "To lose one game may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose with looks like carelessness." In a repeat of the rained-off 1986 final, the RFA won the title at theLint's Stadium in the Navy's National Knockout Final against HMS Daedalus. Pte Paul Barsby and AEM John Mann bowled superbly, AEM Steve Shorty with AEM John Mann bowling splendidly and AEM Steve Shorty with AEM John Mann bowling splendidly. The game was abandoned.

The men of Naval Air, admirably led by Coach WOPT Tommy Hobson RM, the team played excellently this season with a hand injury for the next edition. They lost seven and drew one, and three games were abandoned. Meanwhile, United Services Portsmouth 1st XI won the 1994 British Gas Southern League title, having been runners-up in 1993 and finishing third that year.

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Monmouth bursts onto the scene

AN EXPLOSION of colour lights up HMS Monmouth during a flash display at the end of the city of Aalborg’s tattoo. HMS Monmouth, along with other ships Atherstone, Colchester, Dunoon and Bres- on, were part of a naval contingent taking part in celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Aalborg (see page 8).

SIGHT AND SOUND

THE QE2 will take centre stage during a music and fireworks display in Plymouth Sound next year to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe. After the display in Plymouth Sound during a music and fireworks display in a Royal Navy vessel.

Frigate joins Dukerines

HMS Northumberland, the sixth Type 23 Dukerine Frigate commissioned at Devonport last month

Built by Swan Hunter on the Tyne and launched in April 1992, the ship was accepted into the service in May this year. Guests at the commissioning included the ship’s sponsor, Lady Anne Kerr, wife of Admiral Sir John Kerr, former Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, and Flag Officer Plymouth, Vice Admiral Sir Roy Freeman. The ceremony was attended by members of Northumber-
land’s local community, including the ship’s commanding officer, Commander Michael Johnson, Lady Judd, HMS Avenger’s sponsor, and the mayor and mayoress of Barnet.

Last Type 21s sail for Pakistan

LAST MONTH saw the successful conclusion to the transfer of the last two Devonport-based Type 21 frigates to the Pakistani Navy. HMS ships Active and Avenger were handed over to their new owners after decommissioning at Devonport and were renamed PNS Shah Jahan and Tippa Sultan.

Guests at the ceremony included Flag Officer Plymouth, Vice Admiral Sir Roy New-
am, who delivered the decommissioning address, the naval base commander, Commodore Michael Johnson, Lady Judd, HMS Avenger’s sponsor, and the mayor and mayoress of Barnet, HMS Active’s affianced couple.

After the lowering of the White Ensign, the Pakistani navy raised its own and then assumed control of the Frigate Protection Ship, which was standing on normal duties back into service in the Mediterranean.

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Fishery squadron ends tuna patrols

THE END of the tuna season in the Bay of Biscay has seen the return of the last fishing boat to Newlyn, Cornwall, bringing to a close the Fishery Protection Squadron’s patrols to the area for this year.

At the height of the so-called “tuna war” the Fishery Protection Squadron’s patrols to the area for this year.

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Band plays on

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associate themselves with these sentiments.

Musician Holland had been a member of the RM Band Service for nine years, joining the Plymouth band two years ago. He lived in Cornwall.

The accident happened at about 4.30pm on Sunday, September 15 when the coach was returning from London. The band had been playing at a parade at the Cramph, Westminster, to mark the 50th anniversary of the Royal Naval Association.

In recognition of the affec-

tion and regard they have for the RM bands, the RMA imme-

diately set up an appeal fund which they will be handed over to Capt Perkins for dis-

bursement by Christmas. Within

in a week of the appeal pay-

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Patrols continued during the whole of August and most of September with the squadron ensuring that British ships were not harassed by other vessels and that EC fishery legislation was being enforced.

They also conducted a tradi-

tion of helping the fisher-

men, in one case restoring power to a boat that had sus-

An explosion of colour lights up HMS Monmouth during a flash display at the end of the city of Aalborg’s tattoo. HMS Monmouth, along with other ships Atherstone, Colchester, Dunoon and Bres- on, were part of a naval contingent taking part in celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Aalborg (see page 8).