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Greetings to all Shipmates

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Here we go with another helping of dits from "The Nest" which we hope will keep you up to speed with what is happening in the world of the RNPSA.

Things are progressing slowly at the Nest with a few visitors and members still finding time to visit us. The saga of the blocked down pipe, as reported in the last Newsletter, has been resolved – just. The combined efforts and resources of the local Council could not rectify the problem but they allowed us a very minimal sum to get the job done ourselves. Our good friends at the café next door put us on to their "handyman" who came down and did the job in less than an hour and also replaced a broken window, all within the sum allowed by the council, all we have to do now is wait for the internal wall to dry out and then we can redecorate. It really makes you wonder what is happening! You may also have seen in the press that our main County Council, Suffolk County Council, have just employed a new Chief Executive at a salary of £225,000 a year, more than the Prime Minister gets – I am definitely in the wrong job!!

#### From the Secretary, John Dunn

Well folks here we go again with the good and the bad. Unfortunately I am afraid that there is more bad than good. We have an extra long Obituary List this time as we have been trying to contact members who had not paid Subs over the last few years and a large number are no longer with us. Things are still jogging along at HQ and we are still getting the odd Sparrow coming in and joining the Association.

We are very sorry to hear that two more Branches have had to close due to lack of members as so many have crossed the bar. The Branches are Fleetwood and North London. At the moment we believe the Branch Standard will be paraded at this years Reunion and then handed to the President for safe keeping in the Museum. But we are waiting for this to be confirmed by ex-branch Secretaries and the Standard Bearers.

The Annual reunion will be held this year from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September to Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> October. As we are not getting the numbers we used to get we have had to curtail some of the activities we used to have. We have had to cut out the Tuesday night at the Beaconsfield Club as last year (2007) it cost £40 to hire the room and £50 for the DJ and there was a total of 7 people there.

The arrangements for 2008 are the Beaconsfield Club on Wednesday and Thursday the 1st and 2nd October and Leo Whisstock will provide the music. On the Friday night we will be at the Ocean Room as usual and the music will be provided by our old friends K-SYL-R from 1930 to 2300 hrs and they will also provide the music for the Reunion Dinner Dance on Saturday the 4th October until the finale at 2330 and the hall should be cleared by 2345 for those who have to book transport. We have to keep all arrangements under review as costs are changing so much. To give an instance on the Friday night at the Ocean Room, 2006 the hire of the room was £200, 2007 it was £300 and for 2008 it is £450. So the time is not too far distant when we have to look for cheaper venues. This year the charge at the Ocean Room on Friday evening will have to be £3 at the door with the raffle we hope to cover the cost. The Dinner Dance on Saturday the 4th October will this year be £23.50 per person. The menu will be Cream of Vegetable Soup or Fruit Juice, Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding and seasonal veg. Any member wishing to have vegetarian meal please indicate on their booking form. Sherry Trifle, Cheese Board, Coffee or Tea. We are sorry to have to say that it is now the company's policy NOT to supply water at the tables. Bottled water is available but last year it was £2.50 per bottle, so be warned. The times for the Saturday are as follows: Muster at the Main Gate at Belle Vue Park at 1045 to march to the Memorial for the Service of Remembrance at 11.00 am. After the service, the parade will reform at the main gate of Belle Vue Park for the march to the Sparrow Nest for the march past and salute to be taken by the President Cdr G Titmus R N.

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will take place at the Trinity Methodist Church on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> October and will commence at 1.30 pm. All matters for the meeting must be in by the end of August as the Agenda has to be

compiled and printed. Members who wish to be elected to the National Committee please submit their names to Headquarters as requested for the AGM. We would like to see as many members at the AGM as possible but please note we do start sharp at 1.30. For those who do not know, the Trinity Methodist Church is situated on the main road just above the Museum opposite the lighthouse and is a modern looking building. Vehicle access is at the rear via Park Road.

### Guest of Honour

This year our Guest of Honour at both the service and the dinner will be Commander Liz Spencer RN who is the Chief of Staff to the Naval Regional Commander – Eastern England based at HMS President in London. Cdr. Spencer will be accompanied by her husband Captain G Spencer of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary.

## Chairman's notes, John Street

Greetings to all out there! Recently the National Treasurer's review revealed a somewhat disturbing situation, according to records approximately ½ of the membership was in arrears – some over quite a period! The computer was programmed and turned out 541 letters re subscription arrears – most of which were dispatched, but it was realised that a number were branch members, for whom we had not received updates so records were out of date. We apologised, in advance, to those members who paid into local Branches and asked that they notify us which Branch. There was a dire need to send out such a letter in the interests of economy (waste newsletters, postage etc.) and solvency (we did not wish to increase subscriptions unless absolutely necessary!), it evoked a fair response with really only one letter of criticism – the data base is now working much better. Thanks to all of you who replied – one side effect was the restoration of the Treasurer's smile! Updated lists from Branch Secretaries or Treaurers would really put the icing on the cake!!

Mutatis Mutandis!!! (don't ask me, I only type what I am given! - Ed.)

## Membership Renewals - a repeat reminder

Following on from the previous item, if you know of anyone who has not received their Newsletter this time it is for this reason but it is not too late to pay up and look happy! The membership rate for this year is £8 and our Treasurer will be overjoyed to receive renewals. This next part is VERY IMPORTANT. Since the changes to the postal system, we have had to collect some member's subscriptions and books from the Post Office and pay an extra £1.06 because they were too thick for the 5mm slot and therefore the ordinary postage did not cover it. We cannot sustain these extra costs. SUGGESTION. When sending in your subs, please remove the plastic cover and open up the insert and lay it flat, then enclose your stamped addressed envelope (6½" x 4½") laid flat. Send to HQ in a (7½" x 5") envelope, or in new money, (190mm x 127mm).

#### Branch and member information

Following on from the above item, this is a well rehearsed request but nevertheless one that seems to fall by the wayside in a lot of cases. Can you please inform the Secretary at "The Nest" of any changes to your address etc. Each time we do a mailing run we get a lot returned by the Post Office marked "Not at this address". Can we again also remind all Branch Secretaries to keep HQ up to date on their membership records in all classes of membership such as Life, Associate and Widows. Unfortunately two more of our branches have wound up, these are North London and Fleetwood and we wish all those who were associated with the branches all the best for the future and hope that we still see them at our reunions and at the same time thank all those who ran the branches for helping to keep the RNPS in the public eye.

#### HMS Cocker

I knew you would not let me down. Last time I reported that I had not heard any further information on the HMS Cocker saga from Newsletter 62. My good friend Nick Clark contacted me with the following copy of an official report on the incident.

Subject:- Loss of H.M.S'. "Cocker" by Enemy Action on 4th June 1942. From: Commanding Officer H.M.S. "Cocker"

To: Captain Local Patrols, Alexandria. Copy to S.N O.I.S.Date: 7th June 1942

On 4th June 1942 while on Escort duty from Tobruk to Alexandria with convoy "Sapper", in position 32-06' N. 24-12' E.

At 0105 Hs. While zigzagging on the Port beam of "Katie Moller" as ordered by "Gloxinia", H.M.S. "Cocker" was struck by torpedo from U Boat on the Port side below the Bridge. A second explosion followed almost immediately, presumably the magazine.

The ship sank in two or three minutes after being struck.

The Officer of the Watch between 0000 Hs. and 0400 Hs. was Lieutenant M.Galiup, R.N.V.R. I left the Bridge at 0015, after making out the Night Order Book and leaving verbal instructions concerning disposition of Convoy, going down to my Cabin.

The force of the explosion must have rendered me temporarily unconscious as I "came to" in a dazed condition to see the Signalman and Telegraphist climbing through the starboard porthole in my cabin, needless to say I followed them.

On reaching the Signal Bridge I observed that the vessel was laying on her Port beam with everything forward of

the bridge disintegrated, and on fire between the Funnel and Engine room. As I could find no one in sight left on the vessel, and her stem in the air prior to her final plunge, I dived over the side. In the water, which was thick with oil from the burst Fuel tanks; I heard L/S Stewart calling out that he had a Carley Float, the Signalman, Telegraphist and myself swan towards and hung on to it.

Coxswain Male next joined our party around the float and hearing calls appealing for assistance he promptly swan towards the callers and assisted, in turn, four men to the float. Meantime two other members of the Crew joined us making eleven in all around the float.

"Gloxinia" was seen steaming towards us and when within hailing distance she fired two single Depth Charges from the Throwers which caused two men around the float injuries.

Sometime later "Gloxinia" passed near us again and although we all "Yelled" to them and they were heard to reply, "We are coming back," no effort was made to render assistance to "Cocker" survivors.

Later "Gloxinia" and "Katle Moller" were observed heading Westward, again passing quite close to us but we called for assistance again without reply.

Two other survivors joined us around the float before daylight now making thirteen.

When dawn broke Engineman Brunton was seen on another raft a short distance away, and the Coxswain with the L/S. swam towards it and towed it towards the Carley float, we secured the two together and endeavoured to paddle shorewards. Lieutenant Bloor R.N.V.R. and A.B. Yeoell were observed on another raft a little closer inshore, no one else could be seen in the vicinity M.L. 1048 and an M.T.B. picked us up at 0645. Hs. And were taken to Tobrouk where the injured were medically treated and food and clothing provided for all. Total survivors from H.M.S. "Cocker" were found to be sixteen out of a compliment of thirty-one.

#### Recommendations.

Coxswain Male for the fine example shewn and complete disregard of personal safety in assisting his shipmates to the safety around the Carley float. Leading Seaman Stewart in assisting the Coxswain in the above work. All survivors of H.M.S. "Cocker" behaved in a most exemplary manner and in particular S/D J. Trubshaw, who though seriously injured was cheerful and uncomplaining, also Engineman Brunton for his unfailing cheerfulness and untiring energy.

#### Remarks

May I suggest in the event of an Escort Vessel being unable to rescue survivors, she should at least release Cariey Float or Raft with a calcium Flare attached.

Lieutenant R.N.V.R.

#### National Memorial Arboretum

We have had a reasonable response to our request for donations, but not the amount that we originally had hoped for but never the less we are now at the point where we will be going to meet the Arboretum people to finalise things. Midlands Branch Standard Bearer, Arthur Young has done a sponsored 12 mile walk in aid of the project which has greatly helped the funds.

## Welfare

We have been able to advise on grants that are available and of other bodies that offer both actual and financial help to ex-service men and women. Bonnie Whisstock is just a phone call or letter away and can offer help in starting the ball rolling. The various funds that are out there are not just there to help out with a few pounds. If, for example, a disability means that alterations have to be made to your house then this is something that some of the charities can assist with.

There is no shame in asking for help and your details and circumstances are strictly confidential and go no further than the case worker dealing with your case.

Bonnie's contact details are - Mrs Bonnie Whisstock, 133 Corton Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR32 4PR. Tel. 01502 584555 or via e-mail at bonnie@theharbour.fsbusiness.co.uk

## Plaque dedication

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June there is a service of dedication at the Boston Memorial Gardens in Central Park, Boston, Lincolnshire. A number of memorial plaques (24) have been commissioned representing various Associations and events including one for the RNPSA which has been funded by one of our members. The service will take place at 3pm with standards forming up at 2.20pm at the Bargate entrance to Central Park. Our National Standard will be in attendance as will a small group from Headquarters but if anyone more local would like to attend they would be pleased to see you. If you could contact them beforehand it would be appreciated. The details are:- Capt. Pat Bryan AICH MNA RNR, Bank House, Church Walk, Holbeach, Lincolnshire PE12 7DT Tel. 01406 424727.

## Museum visits

For information, the Museum and office are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings until about 11.30 (ish). What we do recommend is that if you are travelling some distance that you telephone a few days beforehand to either the office on 01502 586250 or my home on 01502 584555 and we can arrange, if necessary, to open up for you at a suitable time. When you do arrive at the top room of the Museum please turn to your right and wave!! as you will be on CCTV. This new "toy" help us when we are busy in the office as we can see when someone comes in and we can then go out to them and offer them assistance and our extensive wealth of knowledge.

Silver Badge

I have recently come across a copy of an original AFO (Admiralty Fleet Order) concerning the Silver Badge and thought it may be of interest, especially to the Associate members or family members of men who had a Silver Badge.

AFO 903-Silver Badge for Officers and Men Serving in Auxiliary A/S and M/S Vessels (N. 11503/42 - 43.1945.)

His Majesty the King has approved the institution of a silver badge for award to all officers and men of the Royal Naval Patrol Service including R.N., and R.N. pensioners R.F.R. R.N.R.R.N.V.R., and R.N.V.(W).R. personnel, and those who have enlisted for hostilities only since the outbreak of war, employed in minesweeping and anti-submarine craft at home or abroad manned from the Patrol Service Central Depot, Lowestoft.

- 2. The badge is of silver, with four small eyelets attached to the corners through which the badge may be sewn to the arm of a uniform coat or jumper, or to the lapel of a plain clothes coat after the war. The badge is to be worn in uniform by officers on the left arm immediately above the circle in the uppermost row of distinction lace, and by ratings midway between the cuff and elbow of the left sleeve. The price of this badge for replacement purposes is 6d; re-issues of badges will be made on payment of 6d. in cash, the money being taken on charge by the Base Accounting Officer. When forwarding applications for such replacement, accounting bases are to confirm that payment of the charge of 6d, has been made.
- 3. The badge is only to be worn by serving personnel who are actually employed in minesweeping and anti-submarine craft at home and abroad manned from the Patrol Service Central Depot, Lowestoft. Officers and men awarded the badge, and who are subsequently appointed for duties outside those mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Order, may retain but not wear the badge. Officers and men invalided from service or placed on the retired list may wear the badge with civilian clothes during hostilities.
- 4. Officers and men detailed in paragraph 1 will be eligable for this badge after six months'(182 days') service in auxiliary craft which are employed in minesweeping and hunting submarines in home or foreign waters. In special circumstances (e.g., meritorious service in the face of special danger or difficulty not sufficiently deserving of recognition otherwise), the badge may be awarded after a shorter period. In all cases the badge will be distributed for issue to officers and men by the Commodore, Patrol Service Central Depot, Lowestoft.
- Allied officers and ratings serving at home or abroad in M/S and A/S vessels of a type normally manned by the R.N.Patrol Service, may be awarded the badge under the conditions laid down in this Order.
- 6. Personnel of all kinds employed in other vessels of the Fleet will not be included in this award, nor will T.124 personnel wherever serving, but the T.124 officer or man who subsiquently transfer to the Royal Naval Patrol Service will be allowed to count any time spent in auxiliary minesweepers and anti-submarine vessels employed in home waters towards the qualifying period. (this does not include service in "Lookout" trawlers and drifters.)
- 7. Requests for the award of the badge are to be made to the Commodore, Patrol Service Central Depot, Lowestoft, as and when officers and ratings become due.
  In the case of applications for officers and ratings who can count qualifying service under paragraph 6 above, the following information is to be forwarded:
- (i) Date of commencement of T.124 agreement.
- (ii) Vessel in which T.124 service was performed.
- (iii) Date of termination of actual service under T.124 agreement, or of the agreement itself, whichever is the earlier.
- 8. Notations of the award of this badge are to be made on page 2 of the Service Certificate of ratings, and in the "Remarks" column of the ledger for both officers and ratings, in the following form: "Silver A/S = M/S Badge Awarded."
- 9. Many applications for badges are at present made direct to the Commodore, Patrol Service Central Depot, Lowestoft, by individual officers and ratings. This practice, which involves considerable unnecessary labour and paper in verifying eligibility, etc., is to be discontinued, all applications being made through accounting bases.

(A.F.Os. 1512/40, 2654/40, 2913/41 - not in annual volume - 4261/42 and 4977/42 are cancelled.)

\* 8235. - A/S-M/S Badge

(N. 27534/45. - 2 May 1946.)

The silver A/S - M/S badge, which is now awarded only to officers and men serving in operational minesweepers actually engaged in sweeping, will cease to be awarded on the 1st June, 1946.

(A.F.O. 903/43.)

This AFO obviously refers to the later issue of the Silver Badge as it refers to the four small eyelets used for sewing on to the sleeve rather than the earlier one with the pin at the back.

#### Curator

The work that Alf, Mike and their helpers are doing in the museum is moving along nicely and the present work is to copy and log all the photographs – this goes into thousands but it will mean that we should be able to preserve the originals and display copies.

## Lowestoft Sea Cadet Corps

The RNPSA at Headquarters, like many of our branches and members actively support the Sea Cadets and we at Lowestoft regularly go along to our two local units at Lowestoft and Beccles. The Lowestoft unit has, for a long time, been known as TS Europa and at a recent awards night I managed to get a picture of their gangway lifebelt which as you can see proudly bears our crest. The Beccles unit is known as TS Brave in recognition of HMS Brave, the World War 2 Algerine Class mine sweeper's affiliation with the town of Beccles which was later continued by the type 22 frigate of the same name. Keeping the RNPSA connection even further, the President of the Beccles Sea Cadet is our Curator Alf Muffett



#### Web sites

Don't forget, if you have access to a computer, to keep checking the 2 web sites connected to our Association which are: <a href="www.rnps.lowestoft.org.uk">www.rnps.lowestoft.org.uk</a> run by Mike Sims and <a href="www.harry-tates.org.uk">www.harry-tates.org.uk</a> run by Nick Clark. Both offer a wealth of information. There are also plenty of other sites where you can search for old oppos or look for things to do with the war and the Royal Navy. Nick is looking for anyone who can supply a story for his "Veterans Stories" section. Take a look at some of the photos, how did they get their hats to stay on "flat aback"?

If you have any items for inclusion in the next Newsletter or comments on this one, please send them to me at , Leo Whisstock, 133 Corton Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR32 4PR. Tel. 01502 584555 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:rnpsa@theharbour.fsbusiness.co.uk">rnpsa@theharbour.fsbusiness.co.uk</a>

Yours Aye, The Duty Watch

## Shipmates Corner

If you do not have access to e-mail or you have information on any of the following enquiries that do not have contact details, then you can pass the information to me (Leo) at the address above or to Nick Clark, 174 Manton Crescent, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 2GA Tel: 07841 107641 <a href="mailto:info@rnpatrolservice.org.uk">info@rnpatrolservice.org.uk</a> Please note this is a new address and telephone No. for Nick.

I would like to hear from anyone who was with the trawlers of the 16th A/S striking force (Aston Villa, Angle, Arab, Gaul) in Scotland or Norway. Also anyone who served on trawlers Angle, Hildasay or the drifter Fair Weather. Are there photographs of any of these out there? Kim Sinclair 01420 83074 <a href="mailto:kim.fiona@tiscali.co.uk">kim.fiona@tiscali.co.uk</a>

I am trying to piece together the WWII service record of my father and the sortees that were carried out bythe minesweeper MMS 1036 during the 1940's. If you have any information on the present whereabouts of other former members of the crew of MMS 1036 who might be willing to share their wartime experiences or who might have knowledge of 1036's history, I should be extremely grateful.

Gerald Mott gmott@boo.net

HM Trawlers Fleming, Barberis, and Corena were involved in an air attack by German aircraft in the Thames estuary on 24th July 1940. The Barberis opened fire on the aircraft and scored a direct hit on one which exploded and damaged a second one, during this attack the Flemming was sunk, the Corena picked up survivors of the Fleming. My wife's father (who she never saw) was Stoker 2nd Class 19 year old William.F.A.Drayton LX/KX 108062 who was MPK with the sinking of Fleming. It may be too late now but we are looking for any information about Billy, the incident and perhaps photographs of the trawler Fleming. Martin and Ann

Looking for anyone who knew my dad who died on 12th July 1942 on the **HMS Holly**. He was on board the **HMS Lowestoft** when it was in collision with the **Leopard** on 11th July 1942 and was the only casualty and was, I think, taken on board the Holly where he died of his injuries. The Lowestoft was then taken in tow to Gibraltar. He served on various ships and land based establishments. If anyone has any info. or knows anyone who served on these ships I would love to hear from them. My dad came from Aberdeen

Like others I am seeking information on my dad's naval history. James Fox Grainger JX 210821 Even though I have dads service, it is difficult to know, when he was where. Dad was known as Lofty or Scal, tall good looking guy. Does anyone have any info or pics to share, a pic of dad or the Shika would be amazing. Good luck to all searchers. What I find really frustrating at Kew is they say 'oh these little ships' the navy didnt keep all the records. Where would we have been today without these brave men and their 'little ships' Olwyn

Could anyone help me with some info on my uncle, sadly he passed away last week and in his belongings were his demob papers and medals as he never spoke about the war I would like to know more. His name was **Albert Arthur Thatcher**, any information would be great. Nigel

My late father Ronnie Gibson, I don't know much about my dad's service but know he was RNPS based at Lowestoft in May 41 and June 44. He was on the trawler 'Evelyn Rose' in Dec 43. He went to Ceylon (HMS Lanka) in July 44. He was an Ordinary Signalman on release. Any info gratefully received.

My Great Grandfather served on Trawlers turned Minesweepers during the war. His last name was **Beeson** and he was skipper on the 'Fidget' at the time of Dunkirk and rescued soldiers from the SS Soctia after she was struck. He was also on the 'Morgan Jones', operating in the North Atlantic. Also another bit of information, before named 'Fidget', his ship was named Formidable, but was forced to change that name after the carrier of the same name was commissioned. I am trying to research his career whilst in the RNR during WW2 and any Information would be greatly appreciated.

I am looking for information about crews or their relatives/descendants who were on any of the following ships, for a forthcoming BBC documentary about the River Thames: HMS ASH — Fishing trawler/Minesweeper 'Tree-class'; sunk by mine June 5th 1941. HMS AISHA — Steel yacht used as harbour defence patrol craft; sunk by mine 11th October 1940. HMS AMETHYST (AKA Phyllis Rosalie) - steel trawler used as anti-sub ship; sunk by 24th November 1940. SS LETCHWORTH — a commercial cargo vessel (collier) sunk by aerial bombing 1st November 1940 during a trip from Blythe to London. I would very much appreciate any help from anyone out there who may have recollections, however vague, of any of these ships. Kate Edwards, Assistant Producer, Touch Productions.

Did you serve on **Rescue Tugs** during the war? and in particular **Assurance Class** tugs. I have acquired a fairly detailed 3' 6" long model and although the workmanship is pretty good, the paint job is all wrong. The upper work such as the bridge etc. is all in Admiralty grey but the hull is in black with red lead below the waterline. I have a few photographs of these tugs taken during the war and some show the hull a darker grey than the superstructure and some show the same colour also some show a pennant number on the hull and some not. The deck has been painted in red lead – was it a steel deck or wooden and what colour was it? Any help would be appreciated, please contact Leo Whisstock



Keep the odds and ends coming, they all make interesting reading – I already have a couple of items for the next Newsletter as space was tight in this one.

# Obituary for Spring 2008

| S/M M Ball        | Birmingham   | W Midlands     | S/M K Kitchen      | Beverley          | Yorkshire       |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| S/M C Bateman     | Bressingham  | Norfolk        | S/M J Lawford      | Southend          | Essex           |
| S/M A Besford     | Lowestoft    | Suffolk        | S/M J Lees         | Oldham            | Lancashire      |
| S/M K Bloss       | Crewe        | Cheshire       | S/M P McTierney    | Worthing          | West Sussex     |
| S/M B Branch      | Brandon      | Suffolk        | S/M S Middleton    | Rugeley           | Staffordshire   |
| S/M S Burgin      | Leicester    | Leicestershire | S/M C Oldman       | Fleetwood         | Lancashire      |
| S/M J Darlison    | Rayleigh     | Essex          | S/M J Orchard      | Bristol           | Avon            |
| S/M F Davis       | Eccles       | Manchester     | S/M J Patience     | Thorpe Bay        | Essex           |
| S/M H Duncan      | Tilehurst    | Berkshire      | S/M F Plumridge    | Banbury           | Oxon            |
| S/M J Fisk        | Boreham Wood | Hertfordshire  | S/M F Powell       | Woodham Ferrers   | Essex           |
| S/M E Frost       | Southend     | Essex          | S/M Mrs. N Preston | Brentwood         | Essex           |
| S/M W Gerrie      | Invergordon  | Ross-shire     | S/M D Ross         | Aberdeen          | Scotland        |
| S/M G Giles       | Grimsby      | Lincolnshire   | S/M G Sacres       | Gander            | Newfoundland    |
| S/M J Gillespe    | Elderslie    | Johnson        | S/M D Scofield     | Clitheroe         | Lancashire      |
| S/M Mrs J Goodall | St Margarets | Kent           | S/M A Simmons      | Worsley           | Manchester      |
| S/M S Hampson     | Lancaster    | Lancaster      | S/M J Simpson      | Middleton         | Manchester      |
| S/M E Harwood     | Darwen       | Lancashire     | S/M J Smith        | Southend          | Essex           |
| S/M S Hazelton    | Boston       | Lincolnshire   | S/M R Smith        | Hertford          | Hertfordshire   |
| S/M G Hepworth    | Whitby       | Yorkshire      | S/M W Thrower      | Lowestoft         | Suffolk         |
| S/M H Hope        | Loughborough | Leicestershire | S/M A Troughton    | Churchdown        | Gloucestershire |
| S/M L Jones       | Mablethorpe  | Lincolnshire   | S/M F Williams     | Chester Le Street | Durham          |
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