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Shipmates Ladies and Gentlemen,

First off I would like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and most of all Good Health. The years are catching up with us all now. The youngest being 70 and the oldest 90 or more, so keep on taking the medicine, a tot a day does wonders.

We visited Cornwall at the invitation of T.S. "HOOD" and a very good time was had by all. The R.N.A. at St Austell invited us to their Trafalgar night dinner which was a great success for me as I won a bottle of Gin in the raffle. We send our thanks to all concerned with all those arrangements. We also attended T.S. "HOOD" for Evening Quarters and again for Divisions. Commander I. Browne inspected the Cadets, gave a speech and presented certificates to some of the Cadets. Well done Ian.

It is a nice thought to know that these young lads and lasses are keeping the name of our Great Ship alive and to know that when we have all crossed the bar the name will live on.

Nobby and our young Standard Bearer have had a very busy time showing our Standard around the country. I've noticed that he seems to be getting shorter, I hope the Standard isn't weighing him down too much. Our young Treasurer has bought himself a computer, he's getting very modern these days, he is driving poor old Gladys his wife round the bend as he tries to learn how to use the thing.

I have received a letter from Commander Ian Browne asking if any old salts out there remembers Rory O'Connors Ten Commandments he laid down, for the running of the "HOOD" during his time in command. The reason for this request is that Captain Sir Edward Archdale Bt. is writing a book on this subject, and would be very pleased to receive any information regarding the Ten Commandments. If any one can oblige please write direct to him at 19, DERMOTT ROAD, COMBER, COUNTY DOWN IRELAND. BT23S. L. G.

I have also had a letter from Vice Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly K.B.E. C.B. saying 'You may or may not have come across THE MAN AROUND THE ENGINE which I published in 1990. Kenneth Mason the publisher has given way to his son who is having a clear out. SO the Institute of Marine Engineers and I have bought the residue at a discount. The book originally cost £14=95, but if anyone wants a copy I would let them have it for £7=50 Post paid'. This book is not all about engines, its a very interesting book, (Nobby said so). Should you be interested and love to have one, and I'm sure he would sign

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it for you, please write to Vice Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly K. B. E. C. B.
Garlands House, St Tudy, Bodmin. Cornwall. PL30 3NN.

Also Ted Briggs M. B. E. Survivor of "HOOD" has only Forty of his books left
FLAGSHIP HOOD another very interesting read at the knock down price of
£7=95 Please write direct to him at 10 LAMBOURN CLOSE FAREHAM HANTS. and
I'm sure he will sign it for you.

Our reunion will take place on Saturday 28th May 1994 at the Royal Sailors
Home Club. Queens Street, Portsmouth. 1800hrs for 1900hrs (Book early if
staying there) Closing date for tickets will be 1st May 1994 (NO LATER)
Application form enclosed. Please make an effort to attend and meet your
old shipmates they would love to see you and swing the lamp while having a
pint or perhaps a tot.

The Church service will take place on Sunday 29th May 1994 at 1100hrs in
St Georges Church which is situated opposite H. M. S. VERNON. Our padre Rev
Ron Paterson will conduct the service. T. S. Tenacity will lead the parade
from the Club to the Church and back again, so don't forget to get your
marching boots on and march along with them. No excused boots will be
excepted. The A. G. M. will take place at 1000hrs in the board room at the
Home Club.

The Church Service at BOLDRE will take place on 22nd May 1994 at 1030hrs.

We have lost quite a few of our shipmates this year, and myself and the
committee send our deepest sympathy to their next of kin and relatives.

My thanks to all the committee for helping, also to Lt Ayling for his help,
and to Mrs Gladys Clark for allowing us to use her home and provide
refreshments for our committee meetings.

Now we get down to the money side of all this.
Firstly, the cost for the Dinner ticket is £18=75 each but we are able to
subsidise this by £2=75p making the cost of the ticket £16=00 each which
makes it a little easier for all.

This will be the last NEWS LETTER you will receive if you do not keep
sending your subscriptions each MAY as we have to have cash to keep going.
There are a lot who have not paid up since 1991, so if that is you come on
shipmates send your back subscriptions to Nobby your hard working treasurer
This NEWS LETTER is going out to every body this time, so if you don't get
another you will know why. Please send your subscription card each time you
send your subscription and a SAE. Thankyou. Sorry about this last paragraph
but it has to be done.

If you would like to bring something for the Raffle it would be most
welcome. Thanks again.

Sincerely your Shipmate and Chairman,

J. R. WILLIAMS OR BUNGY OR JUST JR.

STOP PRESS. On the 13th Nov we had a very enjoyable gettogether
21 attended, and after all bills were paid we made £18=00 profit.