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Foreword

by the

CAPTAIN THE HONOURABLE D. P. SEELY, Royal Navy

AJAX is to be the leader of the 24th Escort Squadron on the Far East Station. She is a fine new ship and the name has a great tradition. Our immediate predecessor, the cruiser *AJAX*, had a special reputation as a happy ship.

We have to make the ship and her aircraft a first class fighting unit. We have also to show the world what a really good warship is like. In doing this, I hope we shall all enjoy ourselves to the full. The key to this is good teamwork throughout the ship. Every individual, as part of a team, has an important part to play in making *AJAX* a ship to be proud of and to enjoy.

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The purpose of this pamphlet is to aid you in settling quickly into your ship by explaining very briefly the ship's layout, facilities and amenities, and some general rules extracted from the Ship's Standing Orders.

SHIP'S STANDING ORDERS (S.S.O.s)

The Ship's Standing Orders contain detailed instructions about the routine and working of the ship, and a complete understanding of these instructions, which affect you, is necessary before you can contribute effectively toward attaining a high standard of efficiency and comfort in *AJAX*.

Every member of the Ship's Company is to read S.S.O.s within one week of joining.

DAILY ROUTINES

The ship's daily routines are contained in S.S.O.s. Copies will be posted on main notice boards. For the first two weeks of the commission the majority of routine pipes will be broadcast to enable everyone to become familiar with the routines. Thereafter, routine pipes will not be made.

DAILY ORDERS

Daily Orders are printed to bring non-routine events to the notice of the Ship's Company. Make sure you read them each day and keep abreast with events.

PROCEDURE IN EMERGENCY

The procedures to be carried out in the event of any emergency are contained in full in S.S.O.s.

The main rule to be obeyed by any individual is, if you are unable to take immediate action to remedy or alleviate the situation, ensure that the O.O.W. or O.O.D. is aware of what is happening.

FIRE

If you see, smell or suspect fire at any time, prompt action by you will prevent what may be a grave situation from worsening.

1. Try to put it out;
2. Shout about it;
3. See that the O.O.W. is informed (or the Q.M. in harbour).

LAUNDRY

A laundry routine will be promulgated, giving all in the ship a once weekly service. A weekly charge of 1 /- will be made to all who use the laundry facilities.

A drying room is situated on 01 deck, forward of the funnel, for ratings to dry personal washing.

TELEPHONE

A small automatic dialling system is installed in *AJAX*. Telephone directories are not to be removed from the vicinity of the telephone for which they were provided. Private calls may not be made from on board.

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND VOLTAGE

The ship's voltage is 440 V., A.C. - this is lethal. Do not interfere with the equipment unless it is your job to do so.

A number of sockets are installed in the messdecks and living spaces for electric razors, etc. Before using any private electrical equipment on board, owners must have the equipment vetted by the Electrical Department.

ACCOMMODATION

Your locker and bunk number and mess are shown on the inner cover of this pamphlet. It will add greatly to the habitability of your mess if you:

1. Always keep your bunk stowed when not in use.
2. Keep your kit and personal belongings in your locker at all times.

DINING HALLS

The staffing of the dining halls is a communal duty undertaken by all departments. All messtraps are provided in the dining hall - take care of them.

Do not take food out of the dining hall.

MEAL TIMES

<i>Ship's Company</i>		<i>W/K's only</i>	
Breakfast	0650-0745	Morning Watch	0800-0830
Dinner	1150-1245	Afternoon	1130
High Tea	1730-1830		
Ninoklokers	2045-2115		

It is hoped that it will not prove necessary to regiment the times at which individual messes use the dining halls. You can help by avoiding 'rush hours' at the servery.

Do not wear overalls or dirty No. 8's in the dining hall.

AMENITIES AND ENTERTAINMENTS

Canteen. The NAAFI canteen opening hours will be posted adjacent to the Canteen.

S.R.E. The S.R.E. will be run by volunteers from the Ship's Company. There will be a choice of two programmes available, when reception conditions permit.

Tombola. A committee will be appointed from volunteers, by the Welfare Committee.

Library. The Ship's Company library will be housed in the main dining hall. Times of library opening will be promulgated.

Cinema. The main dining hall is equipped for cinema shows.

RECREATION

Sport. Whenever possible a full inter-divisional sports programme will be arranged, and the usual ship's representative teams will be formed when the talent available has been assessed. If you are keen on any particular sport, let your Divisional Petty Officer or the P.T.I. know.

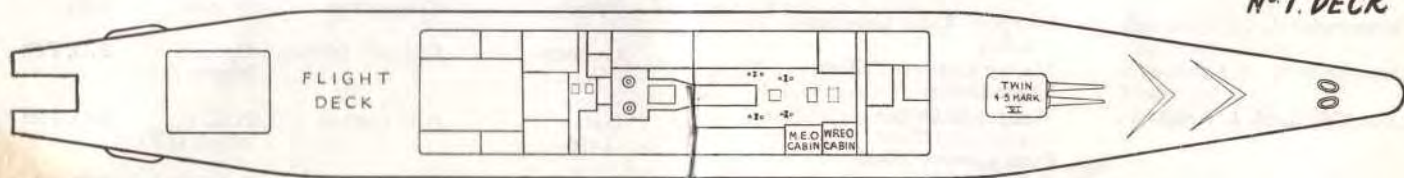
Sailing. The ship's motor whaler and dinghy will be available for sailing.

DIVISIONAL ORGANIZATION

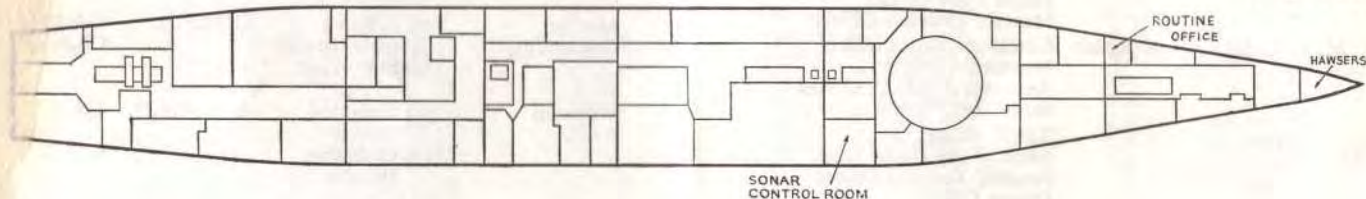
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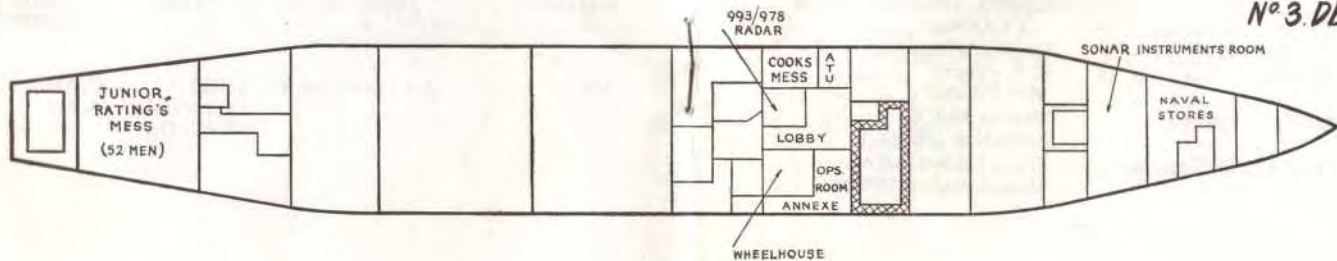
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