



*What's all the fuss!!*

and dedication you have all demonstrated in the ARK ROYAL, Ship's Company and Squadrons alike, are carried forward into this new era so maintaining the high standards expected of us. To remind the Fleet and future generations of these high standards, it is intended that CAH 03 shall be named ARK ROYAL. Well done and good luck to you all."

On Sunday 3rd December the Ship's Company had their Christmas Dinner and during the afternoon while in Mounts Bay, 824 Squadron and the SAR Flight completed a shuttle service to Culdrose of men and stores. The SAR Flight returned on board and departed from the flight deck for the last time once the ship was safely secured alongside in Devonport. That evening we were told that our Commanding Officer, Captain E R Anson is to be the next Flag Officer Naval Air Command in June 1979 and will be confirmed as a Rear Admiral on 7th January 1980.

Over night Ark remained in the English Channel and before dawn on Monday 4th December we were heading for Plymouth Breakwater with the knowledge that for once the weather would not prevent us going up harbour. Once inside the ship's company manned the ships' side for Procedure Alpha and as dawn broke the tugs arrived to



escort us to our berth. As usual the manoeuvring care and precision were much in evidence as the mighty Ark moved up the Hamoaze with her 450 ft Paying Off Pennant fluttering in the light breeze. The various vantage points were lined with spectators and on several occasions we broke with naval tradition and the order came to wave back to the waving crowds. Many signals were received welcoming us home and the ships on the dockyard outer walls manned their sides as we passed followed by an increasing number of tiny ships and tugs.

As HMS ARK ROYAL approached her berth, thousands of wives, children and sweethearts were patiently waiting to be re-united with their menfolk at the end of this deployment. At 0850 the order to ring off was given by Captain Anson and back came the reply "Engines Rung Off for the last time, Sir".

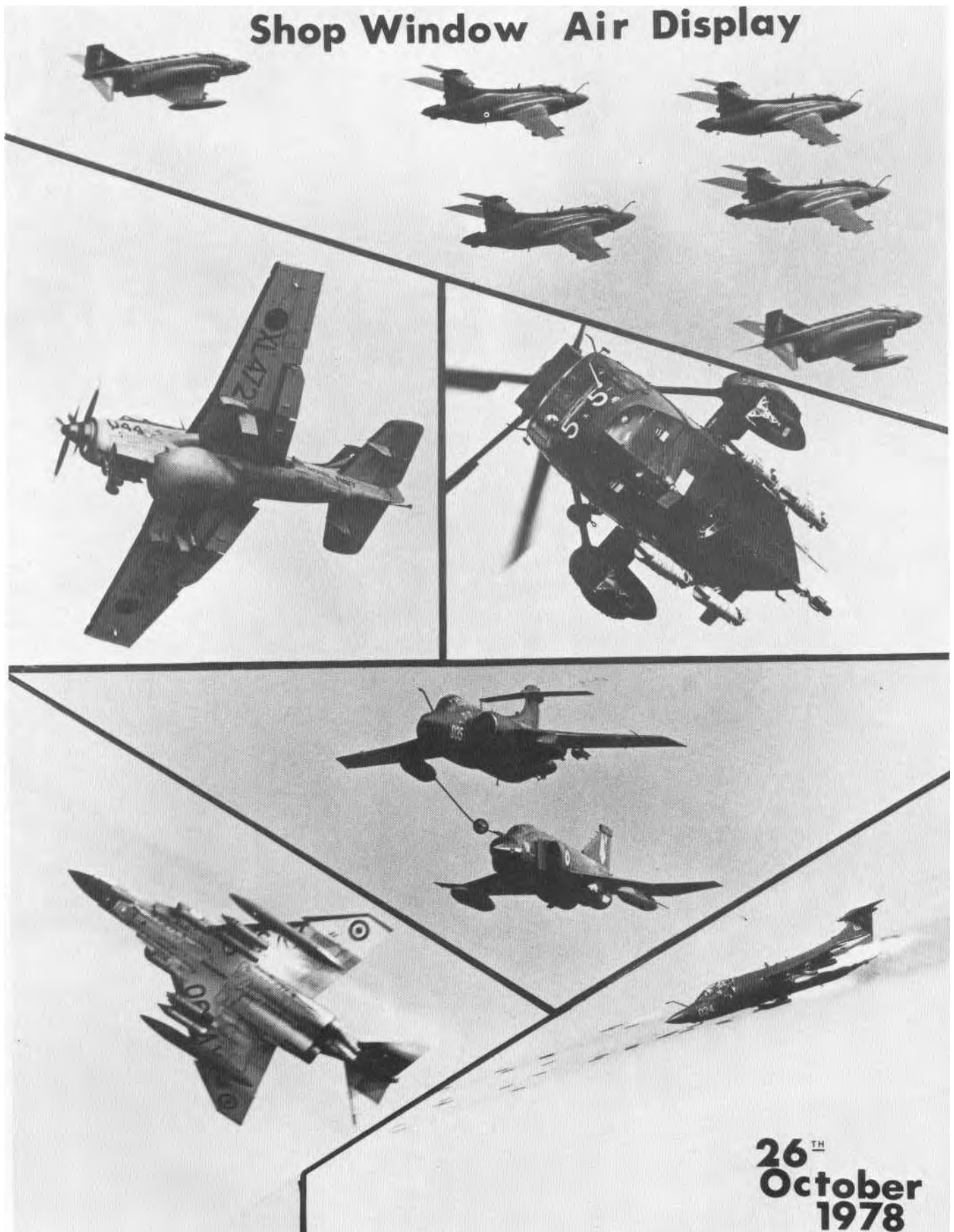








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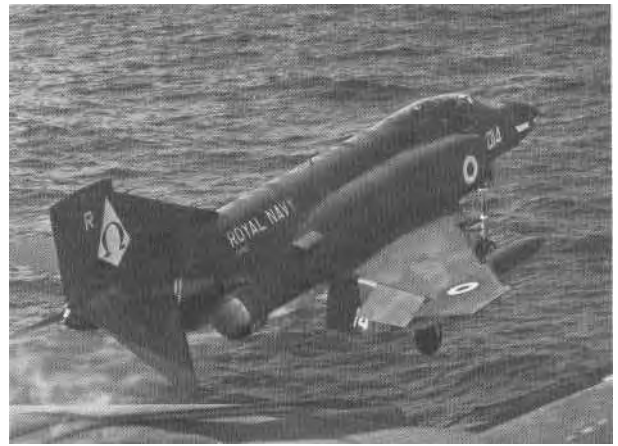
*After a recovery.*



*The SAR Flight.*

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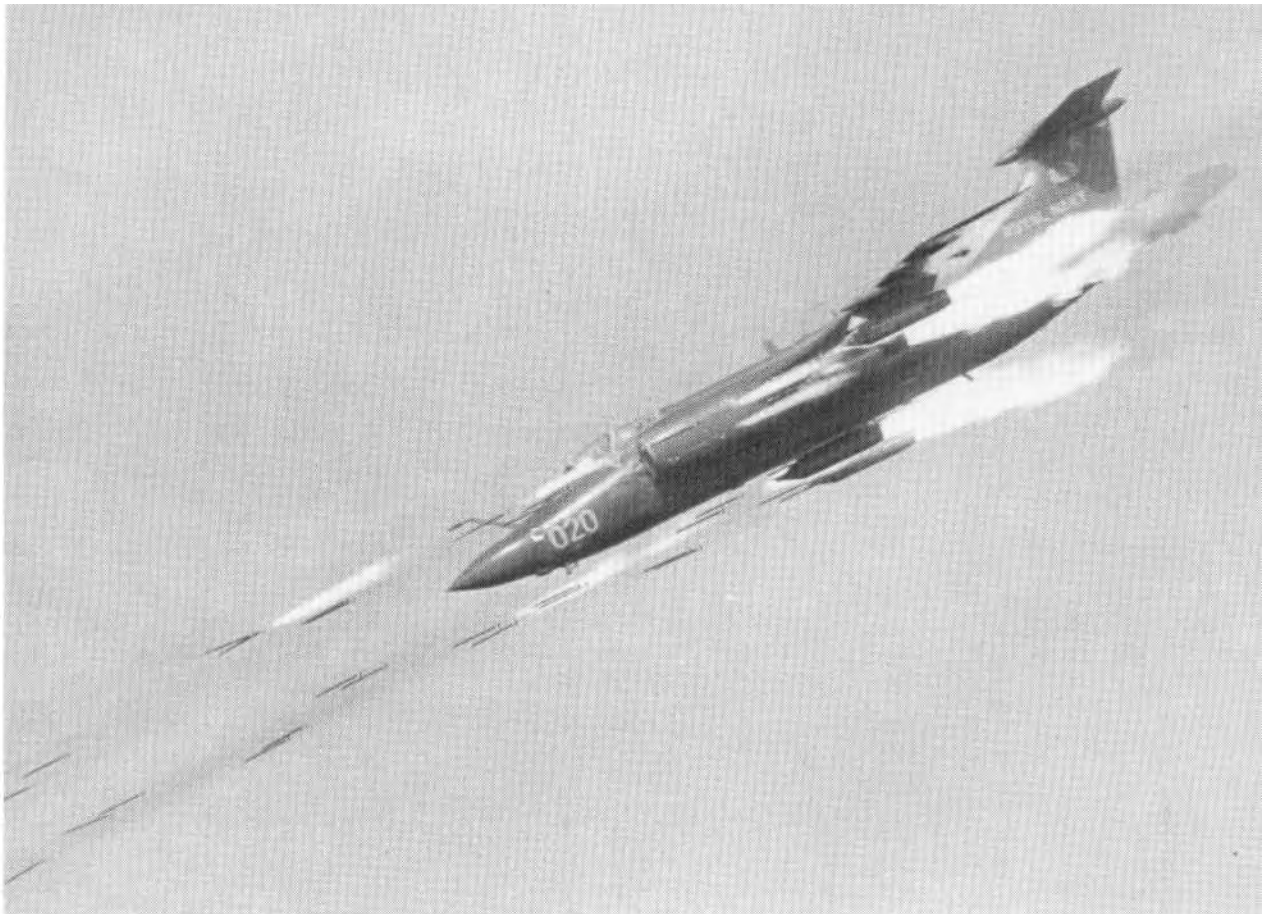
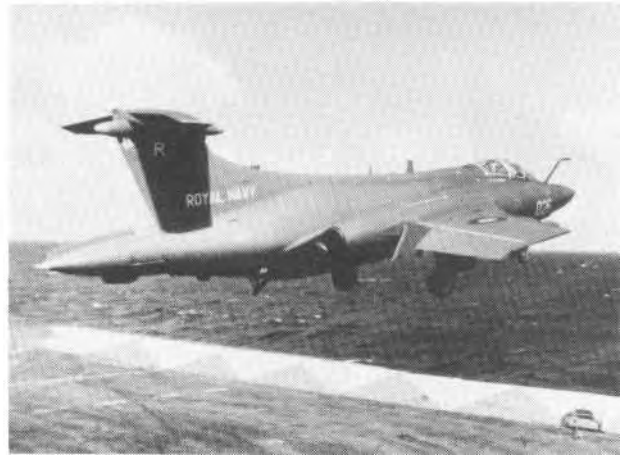






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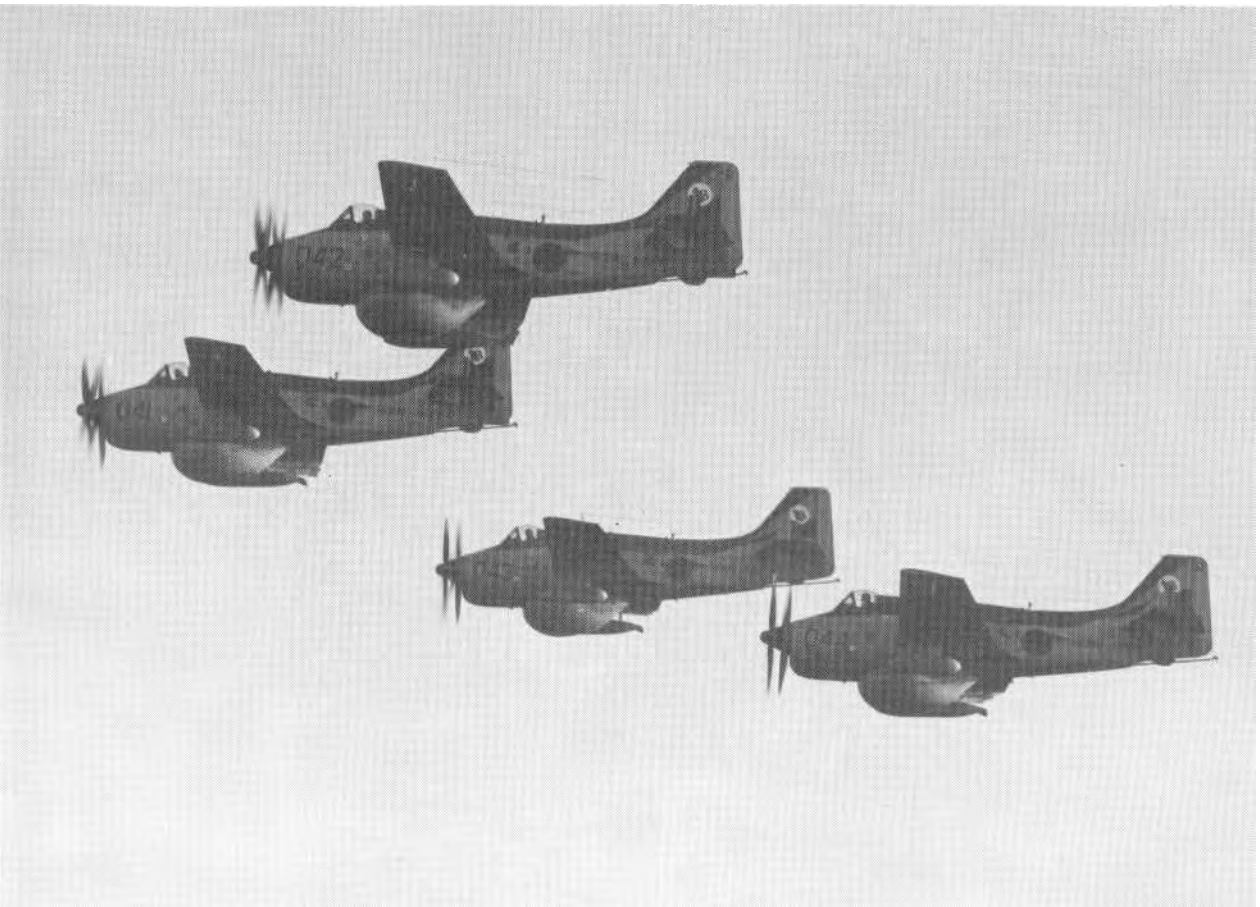






# 849 SQUADRON





# 824 SQUADRON







# CAPTAIN, OFFICERS AND MEN OF HMS ARK ROYAL LAST COMMISSION

Commanding Officer

Captain E R Anson

Executive Officer

Commander J L Weatherall



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

LT CDR M J Woodward  
LT CDR D J Codd  
LT CDR B A Davies  
LT CDR W H J Allen  
LT CDR N J Tobin  
LT CDR M A James  
LT CDR P M Cunningham  
LT CDR P J Melson  
LT CDR A Craig

LT P J Elliott  
LT G Bateman  
LT J E Dixon  
LT I Roberts  
LT T Pratt  
LT J Tarbet  
LT D G Snelson  
LT A E G Mecham  
LT P B Ferris

LT S M Walker  
LT S M McClelland  
LT R A Craddock  
LT S L Sheppard  
FLT LT G W Dinmore  
LT T J Stoneman  
SUB LT C R Graham  
SUB LT D G Harbun  
SUB LT C L Larnbshead

## SEAMAN

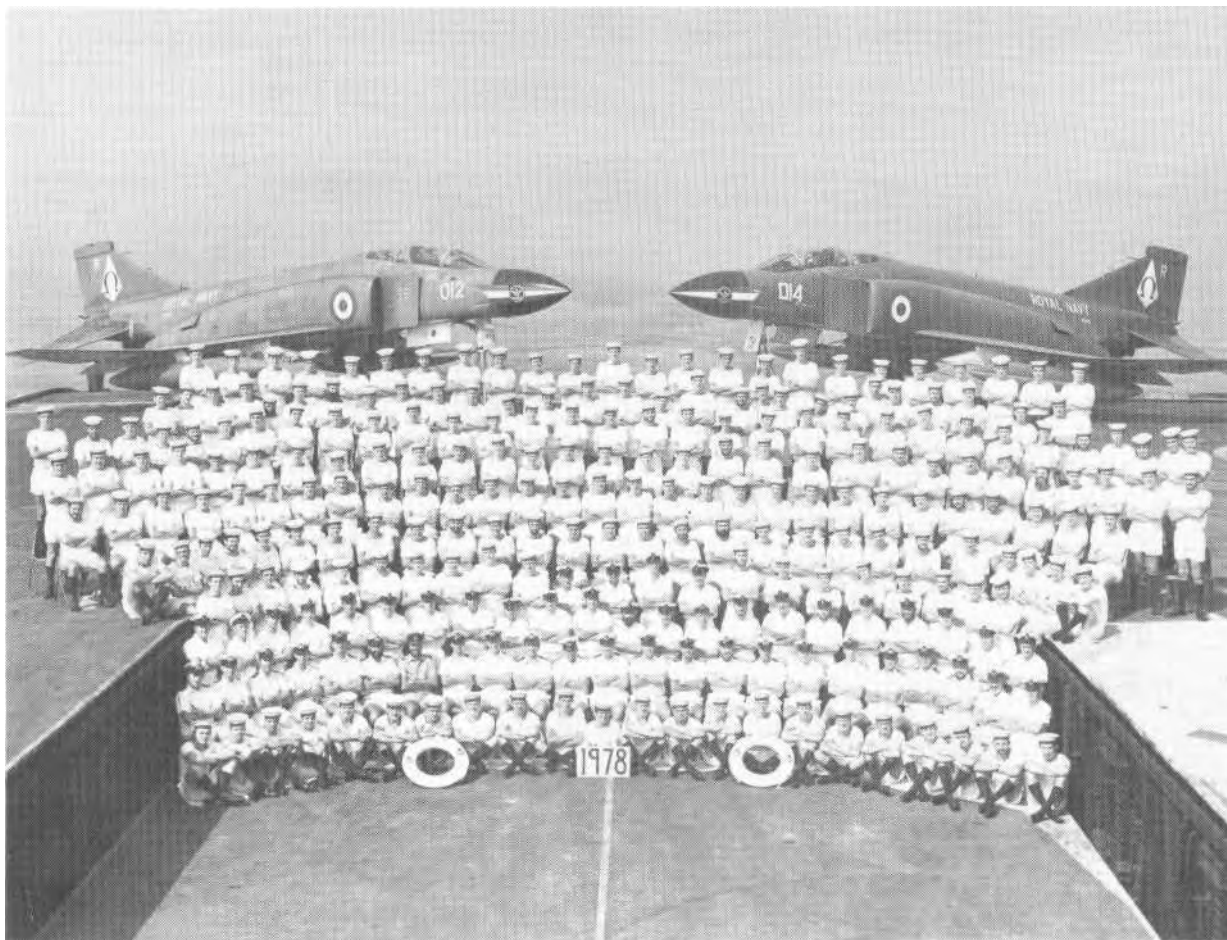
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AB(R) A Swinfield  
AB(M) M Hoe  
AB(R) K M Radbourn  
AB(R) D A Ward

CPO(Ops)(S) G E Dalley  
CPO(Sea) L Maidment  
PO(MW) R Grant  
PO(MW) A Reynolds  
LS(M) C F Moralee  
LS(M) I L Parker  
LS(M) M A Smith  
AB(S) R C Chiswell  
AB(M) J E Davis  
AB(R) D R Goldie  
AB(M) S J Green  
AB(S) A Gribble  
AB(S) J A Macklin  
AB(R) R C Smith  
AB(S) N B Sadler  
AB(M) A Stevenson

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LS(R) D Benassi  
LS(M) J Ison  
LS(S) K Yeomans  
AB(S) P Ashton  
AB(S) G Belcher  
AB(S) K Chamberlain  
AB(R) P Commander  
AB(R) J Crawford  
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JS(EW) M Gallagher  
JS(EW) P Teague

PO(R) D Evans  
PO(R) P Short  
LS(UW) R Dowdle  
LALS(M) L Fairbairn  
LS(R) K French  
LS(S) T Pordage  
LS(MW) A Stoutjesdyk  
AB(R) J Ambler  
AB(M) S Barwick  
AB(M) D Beck  
AB(M) T Clemson-Banks  
AB(EW) M Francis



AB(MW) A Fedorus  
 AB(M) J Carder  
 AB(R) I Gridley  
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 S(M) T Tomlinson  
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 JS(EW) G Webster

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 PO(M) T Phillips  
 PO(M) D Newton  
 AB(S) K Hodgson  
 S(M) C Meadway  
 AB(M) M Scarborough  
 S(M) M Wallis

PO(Sea) P Tiller  
 PO(S) B Knowles

PO(R) S Robinson  
 PO(Sea) D Craig

LS(M) M Brotherhood  
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 LS(R) D Hicks  
 LS(MW) W Moran  
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 S(R) P Gibbons  
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 S(R) K Stewert  
 S(R) R Wright  
 S(M) R Young  
 S(M) K Bunker  
 S(M) C Harrison

**PO(Sea) R Gilmore**  
 PO(Sea) D Kirkman  
 LS(MW) S Perry  
 ALS(M) M Quinn  
 AB(M) K Collins  
 AB(M) P Driver  
 AB(M) S Fairlamb  
 AB(M) D Miller  
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 AB(M) G Peck  
 AB(M) G Shrimpton  
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