

**H.M.S. BULWARK**

1957-1958

" Home-keeping youth have over homely wits  
 . . . . I rather would entreat thy company  
 To see the wonders of the world abroad,  
 Than, living dully sluggardiz'd at home  
 Wear out thy youth with shapeless idleness."

TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA I. (i)



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Captain P. D. GICK, O.B.E., D.S.C.\*, R.N.

# Captain's Letter

CAPTAIN P. D. GICK, O.B.E., D.S.C. \*, R.N.

AT THE END OF A COMMISSION—and I can look back on many—I try to forget my feeling of sadness that the team I have known must soon disperse. I try, instead, to remember only the splendid times we have had together. This book will help me, and I hope you, to do that.

We have played our part in many important exercises. We have been to strange and interesting places. We have brought help more than once to those who needed it. Far more important, though, in these troubled times, we have made friends wherever we have been.

It is hard for us to judge the success of this commission, but one thing we do know: in years to come the name *Bulwark* will bring happy memories to thousands of people all over the world. If we are remembered for nothing else we can look back with pride to that.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. D. Gick', with a horizontal line underneath.



THE FIRST LORD' ON THE PILOTAGE POSITION

# Letter from the First Lord

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE EARL OF SELKIRK, O.B.E., A.F.C.

MY VISIT TO BULWARK was of special interest to me because this was the first time on which I had the opportunity of seeing a carrier working operationally. It enabled me to see something of many different departments of the ship and to sense the fine spirit by which alone a ship can be efficient.

The precision and efficiency which was displayed by all those who used the flight deck, be it the pilots who took off and landed, the aircraft handlers or the catapult and mirror sight operators, has no parallel elsewhere. The combination of team work which is controlled by "Flyco" and the bridge is a supreme example of what can be achieved by human intelligence, modern equipment, and a high degree of training. The result is a ship which is not only a highly efficient and potent weapon of war, capable of performing a very wide variety of tasks, but a ship also able to make a very significant contribution towards maintaining the good name of the Royal Navy and indeed that of Great Britain wherever you may go. The value of this latter aspect was clear to me by the most flattering remarks which I heard expressed about *Bulwark* from many people whom I met in Bermuda.

I wish you all every success in the future, and I am confident that the name *Bulwark* will always stand for what is best in the Royal Navy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Selkirk', written in a cursive style.



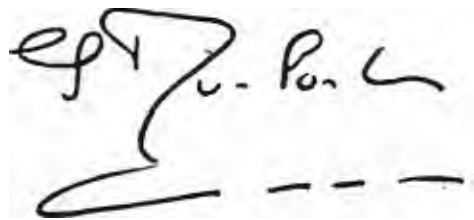
# Letter from Vice-Admiral L. G. Durlacher

C.B., O.B.E., D.S.C.\*

I AM GRATEFUL for the invitation to write a few words for your magazine. It has been my good fortune that *Bulwark* has been in company with me during the whole of her short stay on the Far East station, and I have been proud to fly my flag in her for a considerable portion of this time.

You are now starting on the home leg of your commission, and by the time you reach England you will probably have seen more of the world than do most people during their whole service in the Navy. I am quite certain that wherever *Bulwark* goes she will leave the same happy memories as she has done on the Far East station.

The best of good fortune to you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. G. Durlacher'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L' and 'G'. Below the signature is a horizontal line with three short dashes at the end.



**H.M.S.**  
***Bulwark***

**Second  
Commission**

Marching from R.N. Barracks



Commissioning