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Foreword



The **DARING** and I arrived in Malta almost the same day in May 1952 and so I have had her under my command out here for well over 2 years. As I told you all when I first came on board, I have a particular interest in the **DARING**, since I commanded the previous **DARING** in the Mediterranean 20 years ago. Now that your time in the Mediterranean is drawing to a close and you are going home I am particularly glad to have this opportunity of sending a farewell message to you all.

During the early months of the commission you had to overcome the many "teething troubles" which always arise in a "first of class" commissioning for service on a foreign station. I was much impressed by the way you surmounted all your anxieties and difficulties. The fact that you have overcome these early troubles, and have indeed achieved the highest degree of efficiency in gunnery, was shown to the whole fleet when the **DARING** won the Fleet Anti-Aircraft Trophy, which I had the pleasure of presenting to you on the 30th May this year.

During your time in this fleet the **DARING** has been involved in almost all the events of importance which have occurred. You have done your turn in the Canal Zone during the period of our strained relations with Egypt; you have played your part in allied exercises organized by my Allied Forces Headquarters in Malta; but foremost of all was your service in the disastrous Greek earthquakes. There you made a name for yourselves which will long be remembered; not only in the Mediterranean Fleet, but chiefly by the Greeks who benefitted so much from all that you did for them.

You are now returning to the United Kingdom after a full commission in the Mediterranean Fleet, having established the **DARING** as a very useful class of ship which have successfully taken the part of both a cruiser and a destroyer. The enthusiasm and efficiency with which you have tackled everything that has come along have been fine examples of the good spirit which means so much to the Royal Navy.

As Commander-in-Chief I should like to thank you on behalf of the rest of the fleet for the way you have accomplished all your tasks and I wish you every success for the remainder of your commission in the Home Fleet.

Commander-in-Chief

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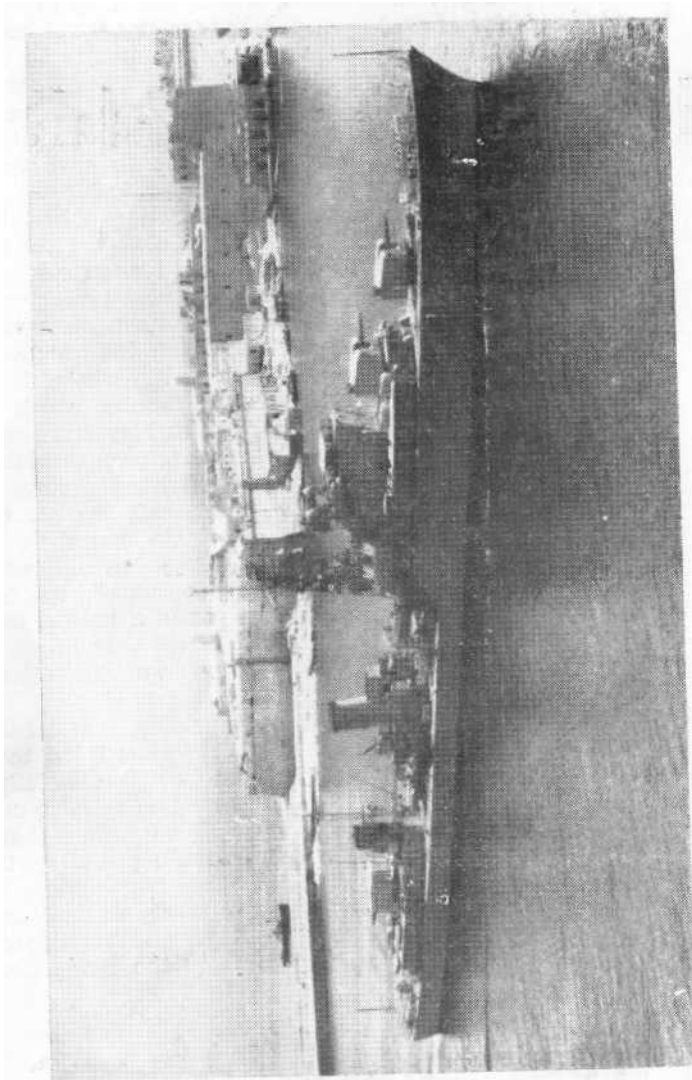
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Sub Editorial

Upon poking me nose out of the 'Beef Screen' today what do I find? - Me - Editors snaked off on leave and dumped all the M.S. of this book into me lap!

I perceive on looking thro' it, that I'm bowed down under the grandiloquent title of "Sub-Editor!!"

Promotion indeed; - Big Snag though, - who ever heard of a book with a 'Sub-Editorial?' - Listen bud, it may not be ethics, but I'm putting my spoke in come hell or high water.

Stand by for the first 'Sub-Editorial ever known', 'Butch Keen' speaking. Gad!, sacrilege!, perjury! just found the M.S. submitted by an 'orrible Chatham cockroach, - on his impression of a 'Guzz ship'. The rudely ingrate, after loafing round our sick bay for days, scuppering all our best Castor oil, pills and enemas, to stab us in the back like this' I think I'll nip forward, tear his leg off an' beat his head in with the sticky end of it'.

Or does he draw his tot?. Outside my caboosh, Jock Wemyss is rending apart the silent air of "Senglea creek" with his 'Chest piano', but the Tango he's playing, takes me back to what undoubtedly was the happiest time of the Comish - yes, - you're right, that big (beautiful, lump of rock sticking out of Spain, 'GIBRALTAR' (ON VISTA HERMOSA). Oh Boy' that wonderful three months of the re-fit period, routine easy, weather fine, no more ships in, the kind of thing that only happens once in a matelots lifetime. The "Winter Gardens", Tocadero, Cafe Suizo, the U.V.', - The pints of English beer on draught at the 'Garrison'. and of course two minutes silence for that Mecca of the Matelot, ESPANA'.

Remember? - the frantic dash off the ship, panting round to the changing room, a whirling melee of civvies, to emerge in seconds, as only a Matelot can, resplendent in civilian clothes, hair brylcreamed and brushed, shoes cleaned, shirts of every hue and style, pressed and starched, - Individuals again!, back to the road, past the football field, up the steps "Taxi !!!" to the border me boy and step on

it", - past the British side with an airy wave of the four visit visas, dead easy, over the bumpy stretch of 'No mans land', the familiar butterfly feeling in the stomach, "Wonder if the cops got a weed on today, sent poor 'ole Nobby back yestiddy, said 'is photo in 'is paybook didn't look like im, tore 'is visa up too, 'e did, lousy basket.

'Blimey he's took em, - stamped 'em, (deep breath) -"Give em us back', - ere towns, 'ave a woodbine, take two, (you've got a big mouth!!) Every ones thro' we start the evening festivities.

After laying the Spanish dust with copious draughts of 'Malaga' you suddenly find to your astonishment that your legs, without conscious violation straighten up and propel you out of the door, turning right all the time, the distant tempo of the 'Mambo' drums sets the blood racing.

'Hallo, wheres Nobby gone?', and Scouse?". You are on your own. You titter into a bar and sigh moodily into your cognac, the sigh is echoed, you turn your head and gaze into the black eyes, like bottomless pools of mystery. "Que ex a ser?" you ask. The answer lies in those big eyes. Move over Scouse and Nobby, I'm coming alongside.

Where else could this happen but in Spain?. ?.

Or are we dreaming.

B. T. KEEN.

List of Officers who have served in H.M.S. Daring since she Commissioned

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Commander J.L. RATHBONE, D.S.C.
Captain P.D. GICK, O.B.E., D.S.C.
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Lieutenant Commander M.W.B. KERR, D.S.C.

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A.M.I. Mech.E.
Commander (E) G.M. FLETCHER, A.M.I. Mech.E.,

Electrical Officers

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Lieutenant Commander (L) E. MASSEY, B.Se.

Supply Officers

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Lieutenant Commander (S) R.C. QUINTON.
Sub-Lieutenant (S) C.L.A. LEAKEY, R.N.V.R.

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Lieutenant Commander (G) E.F. ARCHDALE, D.S.C.
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Lieutenant (G) I.R. SYMONDS-TAYLER.

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D.S.C.
Lieutenant (T.A.S.) P.D. DUNN.

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Lieutenant L.R. DUNSTAN.
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R.N.V.R.
Temporary Midshipman A.S.R. VILLAR, R.N.V.R.
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Lieutenant (E) B.F.L. DAVIES.

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Ch.B., R.N.V.R.
Surgeon Lieutenant P.D. BENNETT, M.B., B.S.,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
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LAND, M.B., Ch.B., R.N.V.R.

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Constructor Lieutenant N.G. ELDRIDGE.

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Commissioned Gunner (G) E.O. LYDON.
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Commissioned Gunner (T.A.S.) D.O.J. TAYLOR.

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Senior Commissioned Engineer J.H.R. GALE.
Lieutenant (E) S.K. SHARROCK.

Second Electrical Officer,

C.E.O. (L) R.C. BUTCHER.
C.E.O. (L) H.F. PINHORNE.

THE SHIPS COMPANY H.M.S. DARING. 1952-1954.

The following lists are the names of the men who have served in the ship since she first carried a crew, list (a) The men serving at the time of going to press, and (b) those who left the ship before this. All lists are in alphabetical order by departments.

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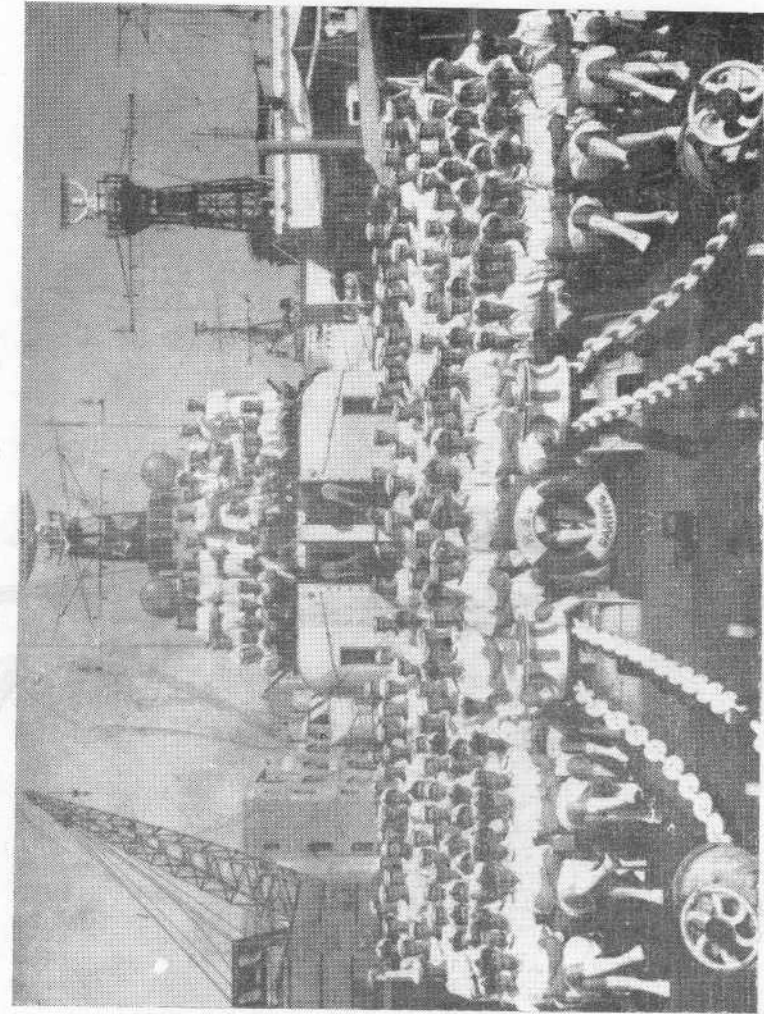
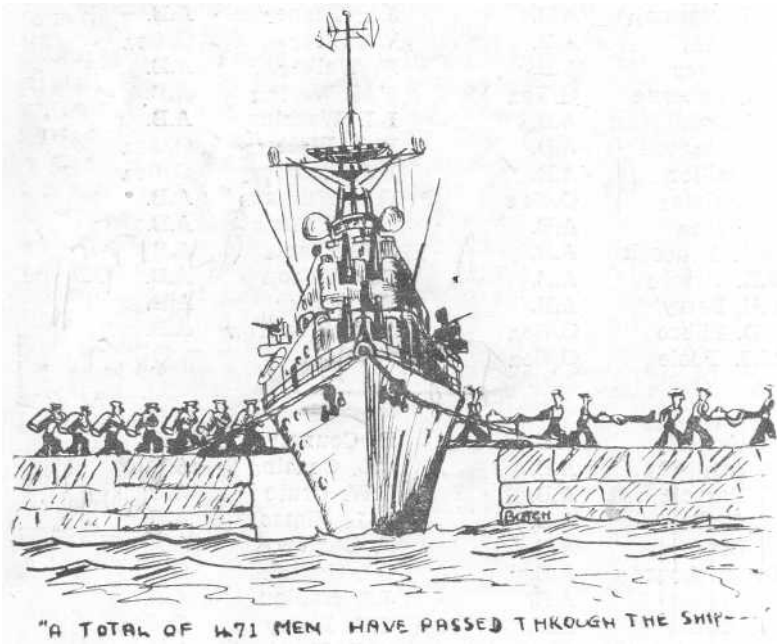
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B.E. Coburn	A.B.	D.J. Jones	O/Sea
J. Collinson	O/Sea	W.I. Jones	A.B.
J.J. Croft	A.B.	F.J. Joy	A.B.
L. Cromwell	A.B.	B.T. Keen	A.B.
J.F. Cross	O/Sea	D.B. Kernoghan	A.B.
M.E. Dalton	A.B.	T.V. Laing	A.B.
J. Devlin	A.B.	D.B. Lally	A.B.

A. Langley	A.B.	W.J. Pritchard	A.B.
P.W. Langley	A.B.	M.E. Ralls	Boy
T.J. Lauder	A.B.	J.A. Ried	O/Sea
G.E. Lear	A.B.	C.E. Robins	A.B.
R.S. Lee	A.B.	E. Rogers	O/Sea
L.W. Lees	A.B.	J. Saxon	A.B.
D.H. Longley	A.B.	R.G. Scaplehorn	O/Sea
D.L. Loveridge	A.B.	K. Sheppard	A.B.
G. Lowerson	A.B.	T. Simpson	A.B.
J.V. Lucas	A.B.	C. Smith	A.B.
D. McCafferty	A.B.	P.T. Spindles	Boy
J. McConnell	A.B.	R.F. Standford	A.B.
T. McGauhey	O/Sea	G. Stevens	O/Sea
M. McNoon	A.B.	K.B. Stoodley	A.B.
A.J. Milligan	O/Sea	J.D. Sunderland	O/Sea
O.M. Moore	A.B.	R.J. Sussex	A.B.
J. Morgan	A.B.	G.J. Sutton	A.B.
J.N. Murphy	A.B.	M.J. Tancott	O/Sea
N.J. Niell	A.B.	D.J. Tapp	A.B.
S. Nelson	Boy	K. Thompson	A.B.
F.H. Norman	A.B.	J.L. Turner	A.B.
D. Oates	A.B.	W. Tyrer	O/Sea
M. Oliver	A.B.	R. Walker	A.B.
J.B. Osborne	O/Sea	F.M. Waiton	A.B.
P.J. O'Sullivan	A.B.	L.I. Watkins	A.B.
B. Ovington	A.B.	W.J. Watters	O/Sea
P. Pallier	A.B.	B.J. Whatley	O/Sea
R. Palmer	O/Sea	D.P. Williams	A.B.
R. Paton	A.B.	G. Williams	A.B.
M.J. Peacock,	A.B.	J. Williams	A.B.
F.R. Pearce	A.B.	S.D. Wilson	A.B.
P.E. Perry	A.B.	W. Winter	A.B.
P.D. Pilbro	O/Sea	A.W. Woodrow	A.B.
M.S. Poole	O/Sea		

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R. Ackerly	A.B.	R. Council	A.B.
B. Ash	A.B.	C.L. Cousins	A.B.
E. Barrett	A.B.	C.W. Crute	A.B.
N. Bishop	A.B.	W.L. Elmes	A.B.
C. Boers	A.B.	F. Garrity	A.B.
D. Brisbourne	A.B.	C.I. Goble	O/Sea
F. Brooks	A.B.	J.J. Hanlon	A.B.
W. Burns	A.B.	T.R. Harry	O/Sea
W. Chapman	A.B.	W.G. Herrington	A.B.

R. Hudson	A.B.	G.E. Reeve	A.B.
A. Jones	A.B.	E. Rowlands	A.B.
W.I. Jones	A.B.	D.A. Sharp	A.B.
P. Lees	A.B.	E.B. Shepherd	A.B.
G. McFarlane	A.B.	D.V. Smith	A.B.
D. Mann	A.B.	J.C. Sommerville	A.B.
J.D. Mead	A.B.	J.L. Spinetto	A.B.
W.T. Morris	A.B.	G.T. Spowell	A.B.
K. Morrison	A.B.	J.E. Stockley	A.B.
H. Murphy	A.B.	J.A. Tombleson	A.B.
A.S. Nolan	A.B.	K.V. Tudor	A.B.
J.G. Nottingham	A.B.	E. Unwin	A.B.
D. Palmer	A.B.	J.A. Vosper	A.B.
R.F. Pogue	A.B.	R. Webster	A.B.
H. Quilliam	A.B.	R.W. Weightman	A.B.
D.J. Realey	A.B.	E.E. Williams	A.B.
G.R. Reed	A.B.		



Ship's Company H.M.S. Daring, July 1954.

"The Commission"

Thinking back to the day when we first joined the Daring, the very first glimpse of her lying alongside the wall at Swan Hunters yard, I think the most common thought was "What the hell have the Navy done to the silhouette of the modern ships". A bent funnel, an after funnel the likes of which most of us had never seen, and the general outline of her, (which in the near future was to earn her the title of "Ugly Duckling",) was something most of us had never expected.

However as is the way of the matelot, all were soon on their way to the respective messdecks to again behold another reformation, the rush to find each persons locker over, down we sit at the mess table to study our new shipmates, and over a cigarette new friendships are struck up. A few moments later an ash tray is required, and someone who has stood by the ship just puts his hand under the table and behold there appears one shiny ash tray, to the comment "Things is certainly looking up, Jan boy."

A few days later, the final trials are completed, not too successfully at first, and the ship sails out of her Wallsend lair, en route Devonport. A few days in Guzz, and then Pompey and Portland, for further trials, prior to our sailing for the Med. This completed, back to Guzz for a short leave, and on the 7th of May we sailed for Gib., and then on to Malta.

The arrival of Daring in Malta, caused some consternation amongst the old sailors, one of whom even went so far as to state that she wouldn't last more than one Med. storm, this was also quoted by the local paper the Times of Malta.

It was soon found that a defect in the 4.5 gun was going to hold us up unless some remedy was found, so a team of experts come to our rescue, and provided the necessary remedy. From this time forward things went smoothly, although since the accident which had cost the lives of O.A. Murphy and Mr. Rossitter, many were very wary of ammunition, of any nature.

The C-in-C Med. was very worried at this stage about a rumour that Daring was becoming an unhappy ship, and the death of Cdr. St. Clair Ford in August started some off on the path to thinking that Daring was a bit of a "jonus". To counteract this C-in-C Med. decided to make history repeat itself, and arranged for Capt. Gick to join the ship whilst at

the French Riviera, to assume command on arrival at Naples, as he himself had done at the time of the old Daring.

This definitely was successful, and things certainly began to take shape and Daring slowly took on the appearance of an efficient warship. Many soon changed their minds about the jonas thoughts, and began to take an interest in things. December saw our first "Winged Target" come sailing down to earth, and two shoots later saw the same again, things were certainly looking up.

The battle of wits over, a trip to the Canal Zone saw the remarkable change in the Ships Company in the way that both work and play were carried out. This teamwork was required, in the three emergencies that fell to the lot of Daring. The first of these three was the collision in the Gib. straits between the S.S. Culrain and a small Spanish ship the S.S. Duero, in three minutes flat Daring had left the detached mole and was proceeding through the breakwater, in dense fog, to the rescue. The second and by far the largest of the three was the Earthquake relief of the Ionian Islands, which in both loading and unloading of stores was carried out in a very teamlike manner. The third was again earthquake relief but on a much smaller scale, namely the transport of tents to the earthquake stricken areas at Paphos in Cyprus.

Sport met with some success during the commission, but although we were not lacking in putting out teams for all sports, they never managed anything spectacular.

The A.A. Trophy shoot on December 16th 1953 was a bit too good for the opposition and the trophy for that year resided in Daring. On the whole the Gunnery was good during the latter part of the commission, and many signals of a complimentary nature were received.

On the T.A.S. side it can be said that we were also pretty well on the ball, with many "Kills" to our credit during the many A/S exercises carried out. Also that amongst all the Torpedoes fired we never lost one, although we went very near it during the firing of all the for'd set in June 1954, when one was recovered minus a blowing head.

On the whole I think it can be said that it was a successful commission but as always there is the old, old saying. "Theres no place like HOME".

AN ODE TO CAPTAIN GICK.

One of the best, was old Percy Gick.
Just one word to Louis, and that did the trick.

When he first came on board, he seemed quite astounded,
To find he'd been given "Temporarily Grounded",

But that didn't stop him, and he soon went to town,
Seeing if "Daring" would sail upside down.

He had one speciality, called a 'Gick Turn' ,
And for the rudders to break, we often would yearn.

The pipe 'hands to dinner', and Then 'Starboard plenty',
Would have the flats fall, and the sea nearly empty.

And down the canal, the time before last,
He was fined a few quid, for going too fast.

When we were in Harbour, in Port Said '53,
He took up a Mosquito, and went for a spree.

He came down upon us, in one mighty dive,
And I heard people gasp, "God! Is he still alive?"

When he got tired, he found a new prank,
Dashing around Egypt in a Centurion Tank'.

And in his land-rover, mostly used by McNoon,
He contemplated wings, and a trip to the moon.

While we were down the Suez, there was a sods opera,
And the life of the party, he was good and proper.

He tried every sport, including some sailing,
And if the boat sprang a leak, he wouldn't mind baling.

How the skates got away with a few days elevens,
Was reputed to be "A gift from the heavens",

He couldn't work miracles, but he tried very hard,
And if he could, he would, have got us back to South Yard.

He was all for the 'natives', being a 'native' himself,
But he never left the 'non-natives', up on the shelf,

When he finally left us, we were at Louis mercy,
For there never would be, another like 'PERCY'.

When he finally left us, it made us quite sad.
For we heartily agree, that he was quite a lad.

Children who have been Baptized in H.M.S. Daring

5 April 1953 Adrian Maurice Roderick HEAD

5 July 1953 Leslie Joseph WARNE

22 November 1953 Maureen Elizabeth WALTON

22 November 1953 Peter John Brailey OSGOOD

7 February 1954 Frances MARTIN

28 February 1954 Robert Michael LATHAM

30 May 1954 Andrew James NORSWORTHY

11 July 1954 Jonathon Charles Martin SAVILL

25 July 1954 Neil HAWKINS

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

Here we give you a brief month by month account, of the activities of the ship since commissioning in early 1952.

January 1952

- 1st. - 28th. Hands standing by the ship at Wallsend stored and generally made the ship habitable.
29th. 1400. Ships Company embarked.
30th. - 31st. In harbour, settling down of the Ships Co.

February 1952

- 2nd. 0800. Ship proceeded to sea for final acceptance trials.
1600. White Ensign run up to show that the ship was in commission.
3rd. Commissioning Service on board.
4th - 5th. Radar and STAAG trials.
6th - 7th. 4.5 Contractors trials.
10th. 4.5 Acceptance Trials, this completed the trials.
12th. 0800. Ship left Wallsend en-route Rosyth.
1500. Arrived Rosyth and fuelled.
2000. Sailed for Devonport.
15th. 0800 Arrived Devonport.

March 1952

- 4th. Sailed for Portsmouth. 1700.
5th. 0500. Arrived Portsmouth.
8th. Final tuning of the Fire Control System.
12th. Visit of Director General Naval Stores.
17th. Overall Gunnery Control Trials.
26th. Final Gunnery and Fire Control Trials.
27th. - 28th. Final Sea Gunnery Trials.
31st. 0800. Sailed for Portland - 1300. Arrived Portland, Torpedo Discharge trials.

April 1952

- 1st. Embarked 10 Torpedoes.
2nd. Torpedo Firing Trials.
7th. A/S. Squid Calibration.
9th. 1500. Sailed for Devonport - Arrived 2030.
12th. - 30th. Leave, 10 days each watch (seasonal).

May 1952

- 1st. - 5th. Completing seasonal leave.
Inspection by C-in-C Plymouth, V. Admiral Mansergh. 1430. Sailed for Gibraltar.
9th. 1800. Arrived Gibraltar.
13th. 0900. Sailed for Malta.
16th. 1700. Arrived Malta, Berthed in Lazaretto Creek.
23rd. Inspection by F.O.F. Mediterranean, Rear Admiral Parham.
Visit by C-in-C Mediterranean Admiral the Earl Mountbatten.

June 1952

- 3rd. - 4th. At sea exercises.
17th. - 18th. At sea exercises.
19th. 0800. Sailed with Fleet on 2 days exercises.
1700. Accident on starboard STAAG, resulting in the deaths of Mr. G.W. Rossitter, Sen, Commissioned Gunner and O.A. 2 W.P. Murphy. 2350. Arrived off Grand Harbour with bodies.
21st. Funeral of the above persons.
24th. - 26th. At sea exercises.

July 1952

- 3rd. Sailed for Syracuse.
4th. 1700. Arrived at Syracuse.
7th. Sailed for Malta.
8th. 1300. Arrived Malta.
10th. - 11th. At sea exercises.
13th. Sailed for Navarin, crash boat for H.M.C.S. Magnificent.
14th. Arrived Navarin.
15th. 0830. Sailed for Malta.
16th. 0830. Arrived Malta.
22nd. - 24th. At sea exercises.
29th. Ship docked in Malta.

August 1952

- 12th. Ship undocked.
14th. At sea. 4.5 firings X Turret.
18th. A. M. Commander ST. CLAIR FORD, D.S.C., R.N. Officer Commanding "DARING" collapsed and died.

- 20th. Funeral of the above person.
- 26th. 1000. Sailed for Tripoli. 1900. Arrived Tripoli.
- 27th. Embarked Bullion.
- 28th. 0600. Sailed for Malta, I830. Arrived Malta.

September 1952

- 2nd. At sea exercises.
- 5th. Sailed for 2nd Summer Cruise enroute Toulon.
- 8th. 0800. Arrived Toulon.



Gracie Fields

- 12th. 2100. Sailed for Golfe Juan.
- 13th. Arrived Golfe Juan. 0800.
- 20th. 2100. Sailed for Naples.
- 22nd. Arrived Naples. - Visit by Gracie Fields.
- 20th. Sailed for Aranchi Bay.
- 27th. Arrived Aranchi Bay.
- 29th. Day and night Bombardment.
- 30th. Sailed for Gibraltar.

October 1952

- 2nd. 0800. Arrived Gibraltar.
- 6th. 0730. Sailed for Malta, crash boat for Theseus.
- 9th. 1000. Arrived Malta, 1600. Left Malta enroute for Port Said with "GLORY".
- 12th. Arrived Port Said 1700.
- 13th. Sailed for Port Tewfik 0200. - 1900. Arrived Port Tewfik.
- 2000. Sailed for Port Sudan.
- 15th. A.M. Gave "Glory" a send off to the Far East, 1800. Arrived Port Sudan.
- 18th. Sailed for Port Suez.
- 1200. Arrived Port Suez, relieved H.M.S. Plucky as T.F. 52.
- 27th. At sea exercises for Army Guests.
- 29th. Sailed for Fayid. 0800. - 1100. Arrived FAYID.
- 30th. 2345 Sailed for Port Said.
- 0730. Arrived Port Said. - 1400. Sailed for Malta.

November 1952

- 3rd. 1000. Arrived Malta.
- 18th. - 21st. At sea exercises - Heeling Trials and Firings.
- 24th. - 28th. At sea exercises.

December 1952

- 1st - 5th. At sea exercises.
- 8th - 10th. At sea exercises.
- 11th. At sea A.A. Practice shoots - Shot down "Winged Target".
- 29th. - 31st. At sea exercises.

January 1953

- 4th. Divisions inspected by F.O.2 Vice Admiral W.W. Davis C. B., D.S.O. and Bar.