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Back: CK (S) BLACKSTONE, CK SMITH, CK MANDERS, L/CK GARDNER, POCK TRETHEWEY, L/CK LOCKWOOD, L/CK WILSON, L/CK TALLACK, CK CAHILL, CK WHITE; *Ist:* CK (S) RUMLEY, CK PARSONS, CK WILLIAMS, CK SPENCER, CK SMITH J, CK HOLMES, CK HUGHES, CK ARMITAGE, CK MURRAY CK WISON; *2nd:* L/CK (S) CURRY, L/CK COLBURN, L/CK PALFREY, POCK HAMILTON, CPOCK BICKERTON, POCK ROBERTS, POCK HAMMOND, L/CK STONE, L/CK WILD, L/CK DIACK; *Bottom:* CK (S) TAYLOR, CK WEBB, CK GRAY, CK DRAYTON, CK BEVANS, CK BUTT, CK MILLS.

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Back: L/CK (S) BAILEY, L/CK POWELLS, POCK MATTHEWS, L/CK PATTERSON, L/CK SMITH, L/CK BANTICK, LICK SEARLE, L/CK UPTON, L/CK BENNET; *Ist* CK (S) TAYLOR, CK JONES, CK REVERT, CK CARPENTER, CK DOBSON, CK BROWN, CK PHILLIPS, CK WEBBER, CK EDWARDS, CK TAYLOR D.R. *2nd:* CK (S) HALE, POCK WATSON, POCK HOUGH, CPOCK WILLIAMS, CPOCK TAYLOR G, POCK LEACH, CK COATES, CK McCLAUGHLIN, CK LEES; *Bottom:* CK (S) WALTER, CK OLIVER, CK SPROSTON, CK WARNE, CK MARCHANT, CK CLARKE.

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Back: CK (O) SHAW, CK RITCHENS, L/CK MULHOLLAND, L/CK AVERY, CK McINTOSH, CK McCRINDLE, L/CK RITSON; *Centre:* L/CK (O) WARD, CK AKERMAN, CK GARNER, CK McWILLIAMS, CK MERCER, CK WHYTE, CK AUSTIN, CK WALKER, L/CK CLEMSON; *Bottom:* L/CK LANE, L/CK HARRISON, POCK SUTCH, POCK BENNETT, CPO CK HOLLAND, POCK JEANS, POCK THOMAS, CK FISHER, CK WINSTANLEY, CK WHITESIDE.

We get this food in, and then we cook it. The ship's company owe a great deal to the efforts of Chief Cook Bikerton, Chief Cook McGowen and all the cooks who have kept the galleys going 24 hours a day throughout the commission. If when reading this, you think of some occasion when the steak was tough, or the prawns ran out, or any other little thing that was not entirely to your satisfaction, just think of the enormous task facing the cooks in a ship of this size. In the course of the commission the galleys have served well over five million meals, which works out at more than a hundred thousand per chef.



In the bakery Chief Cook Taylor and his staff have baked well over 250 tons of bread and nearly 3 million rolls. They have kept up supplies not only for EAGLE but for all the escorts who have worked with us and proved grateful customers. Put on end the loaves they've baked would stretch from Plymouth to Exeter.

The wardroom staff too have had a very busy time providing 'hotel' services for some 250 officers. Demands have ranged from high pressure social life in harbour, to meals and snacks round the clock when flying is in progress. On top of all this, they have coped admirably with a succession of visiting journalists, scientists, members of parliament and other V.I.P.'s. When duty called, they buckled to and took turns to shake Charlie Squires in the mornings. Jobs were changed round regularly, but the names of Petty Officer Woodhead of the bar, and O'Brian of the ACRB, spring to mind among many others. Not in the public eye, but worthy of mention, are the men in the pantry who struggled with the useless and inefficient mashing up machine.

Last, but by no means least are the Writers. Pay for the men and letters for the Captain assume massive proportions in a ship of "EAGLE's" size. Chief Writer Crilley has accepted £35,000 in the Post Office in POSB deposits. Cash payments, excluding allotments, income tax and so on, amounted to over two million pounds. In the Captain's Office Chief Writer McEwen and his men have dealt with over 22,000 letters addressed to the Captain, as well as a multitude of requests and alterations, punishment warrants and other problems that comes their way.

The department has had a good record for sport, and has fielded a large number of teams so as to give as many as possible a go. During the first leg the 5J3 mess football team led the field, taking on all comers. In the second leg, no less than three soccer, two hockey teams and one rugger team were raised. We won the ship's tug of war competition and were selected to pull against the Ark Royal. It was sad that we were seen off, but we were pitted against a very heavy team, that had trained for weeks on Tiger. At the time of going to press, all the teams are doing well in the divisional league, and only time will tell whether we can scoop the pool.

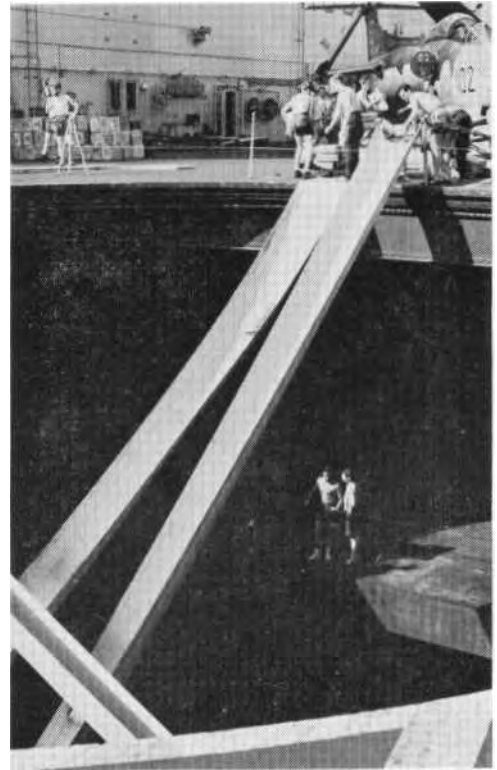


Back: STDS SHARPE, MARGERRISON, JONES RC BARLOW, SNELL; *Centre:* L/STD TYRELL, STDS JACKSON, HENDERSON, JEFFERSON, MILES, GOULDING; *Front:* L/STDS SMITH, LAW, PO STD JARVIE, CPO STD ANDERSON, STDS, McCULLUM, O'DONNELL, RITCHIE.

Back: STDS COOK, SHIRES, HIRONS, BADDERLY, L/STD MORRISON, STDS, PHILLIPS, DURRANT, McWILLIAMS; *Centre:* STDS LLOYD, SLEEMAN, HOGG, L/STD HARDY, L/STD WHITEFORD, STDS WARREN, TOMLIN, McGUFFIE, THORNHILL; *Front:* STD KELLY, L/STD WINDSOR, L/STD HARRINGTON, PO STD FRASER, CPO STD ROBINS, PO STD LINDFIELD, PO STD WOODHEAD, L/STD, MOORE STD BYIERS, L/STD MADDEN.



Not both at once !



Mind the PMO



I'm a puff puff

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Figures

<i>Liquid:</i>	200,000	tons of FFO
	7,000	tons of Diesel
<i>Solid:</i>	4,000	tons of Stores
<i>at:</i>	1	ton per minute
	77	loads per hour
<i>Consumption:</i>	2½	tons of beer
		per day



I'll be mother !



Weapon Supply Party

WEAPON supply involves the supply of all types of weapons, completely assembled and ready for use. It may be for an aircraft on deck, a Seacat mounting or a 4.5 inch gun turret.

Before EAGLE's present commission this job was carried out by two different parties, the Air Gunners Party and the Ship Gunners Party plus various ratings detailed from other parts of ship. Here the two parties have amalgamated and are known simply as the WSP, the Weapon Supply Party.

At short notice this party can supply either a guided weapon or a conventional weapon. With a few special exceptions seamen and naval airmen work together side by side. You get naval airmen handling 4.5 ammunition and seamen moving aircraft weapons.

From the amalgamation come a number of advantages. In an emergency a large body of men is available to tackle the job and no other departmental assistance is required for the whole process of weapon supply.

Other commitments of the WSP are manning the saluting guns and forming gun line throwing teams for all replenishments at sea. In harbour they man a ships' boat and last but not least they have the job of keeping immaculate the fifty-five weapon magazines and stores a busy task to fill the time when there is no armament programme.

Working as a combined Weapon Supply Party instead of separately has been a great success. It could be a sign of things to come in other carriers.

Air Ordnance



Back: NAM (0) BROOKSBANK, LAM (0) BRAY, NAM (0) MILTOM, NAM (0) WISE, NAM (0) DENHAM, NAM (0) BURGESS, NAM (0) MOULSON, NAM (0) BRAIN, NAM (0) DINNER, LAM (0) BODYCOTE, NAM (0) HELLER, NAM (0) McDERMOTT; *Second:* NAM (0) LETTS, NAM (0) LANGLEY, LAM (0) TITLEY, NAM (0) WYATT, LAM (0) JONES, LAM (0) HAYES, NAM (0) BROCKER, LAM (0) KNIGHT, NAM (0) PYETT, NAM (0) WALMSLEY, NAM (0) METCALFE, NAM (0) HETHERINGTON; *Third:* NAM (0) HACKWORTHY, LAM (0) HIRST, POAF (0) BRACKEN, POAF (0) KELLY, AM2 (0) SMITH, CAF (0) DENNIS, CAA (0) CAPLE, LT SILVERTHORNE, AA1 (0) ELGER, CAF (0) GOODE, AM2 (0) PEACOCK, POAF (0) ELLIS, POAF (0) DUFFETT, NAM (0) WHITWORTH, NAM (0) CROSBY; *Front:* NAM (0) TURNER, NAM (0) MADDEN, NAM (0) WYNESS, NAM (0) NICKSON, NAM (0) MELLOR, NAM (0) EVANS, NAM (0) COOKE, NAM (0) BREALEY, NAM (0) LAWSON.

REGULATING BRANCH

AS I stepped into the Regulating Office at ten past six on a cheerless morning I was met by the genial, smiling, silver haired Master at Arms So might start a newspaper story if any of our various journalistic visitors had ever ventured forth at such an hour.

Master at Arms Mackenzie has now held sway in the Regulating Office since July 1965 when his predecessor Master at Arms Bray, retired with a well earned B. E. M. and his considerable tombola winnings. The "Master" presides quietly and competently over what is a nerve centre of the ship as witness the constant stream of visitors who pass through in search of daily orders, tombola tickets, distance run



entries, SSAFA Derby sweep tickets etc., etc., etc. To assist him in this task, and with the more mundane activities of discipline, drafting, baggage, mail and leave, are a team of experts who claim to have worn down three Divisional Officers and to be working on their fourth. Its a sporting team - hardly surprising when a PTI shares their mess - and in addition to the more usual sporting interests produces a better than average darts team. The oldest inhabitant, (like the Master at Arms a boxing judge,) is R.P.O. Wilson, whose solo efforts on joining in July 1963 did much to lay the foundations of the organisation. The next oldest is RPO. Gumbleton, one of the well known West Country twins, a soccer referee and a lively supporter of the Rugby

Team. He with RPO. Humhreys, makes up a pair of genial recording angels listing the erring ways of offenders in the S.241.

For those whose fortunes lie elsewhere than in EAGLE, the Drafting Office provides a magic carpet service second to none. There are many who have cause to thank RPO Cheyne and LPM Pettinger (now beardless) for their efficient help when swept away on compassionate leave half around the world. Less spectacular, but none the less necessary for all that, is the job of LPM. Westlake the baggage expert. To complete the team we have the man who, as the day of return to U.K. comes closer, becomes the friend of all LPM. Roberts of the leave section.

Only 9? - surely we've forgotten someone? Ah, here they come like two lost Fathers Christmas with bulging sacks over their shoulders the posties. They also answer to the names of LPM. Bardsley and Worland and the former is sometimes seen disguised as a hockey player ashore, or as a deck hockey referee on the Flight Deck.

That then is the cast, but what of the play? Once again our mythical reporter journalist might report, "as I left the office I took with me the lasting impression of efficiency tempered with good humour and discipline tempered with good sense, where even the lowliest offender need feel no fear and where the unfortunate can expect a word of comfort and advice." A bit flowery our journalist but I can't help thinking he's right.

Rear: RPO D WILSON, RPO D HUMPHRIES, LPM J WORLAND, PO.PTI C GLOVER, LPM D BARDLSEY, LPM J CHEYNE, LPM J PETTINGER;
Front: CDR EBERLE, MAA BRAY, CAPT EMPSON, RPO J GUMBLETON, LT CDR HARLAND.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT



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Mess ?
or
Solving
the
recruiting
problem*

D OCS may come and Docs may go, but some go on for ever" to completely misquote a well known saying, and thus it was with us. The "Boss" alias Surgeon Commander Alan Mackie D.S.C., has remained with us throughout the commission, and at the time of writing looks as if he may go on for his hat trick! Not so the junior medical staff for they have changed as rapidly and frequently as the ship's programme. Doctors Bond and Cole were replaced by Doctors Jackson and Revell who joined us at the beginning of the second leg and look as though they will leave before the end of the commission in August, while the first seagoing Wardmaster in the Carrier Squadron, Wardmaster Lieutenant Harbour 'Our Henry' was relieved by the 'The Golden Boy' John Lyons.

The sick berth staff have likewise changed but not to such an extent, and we end the commission as we began with two Chiefs (or Medical Technicians as they have recently been re-christened). Med Tech 1 Bailey joined us as a Petty Officer and Med Tech 1 I. Smith has remained throughout the commission and has promised us a ride in the Jaguar which he is reputedly buying with the profits of the phot firm! Chief Bilsby left us at the end of the first leg for the delights of Haslar. POMA Huges moved from the Dental Surgery at the same time to the stores side of the Sick Bay for the second innings. Others who have been with us for all or most of the way are LMA Windsor, MA's Royle, Harrop and Bloor and our new LMA 'Whishere' Graham. Joiners in Singapore were LMA Edmonds and the 'Haggis Wafflers' MA's Gardner and Peddie - Wee and Big Jock! LMA Collinson arrived from the bush in Mombasa.

The work of the Sick Bay is inevitably routine relieved by the occasional excitement, and ours proved no exceptions. We have used a record number of syringes, prescribed a record number of codeines and have seen a record number of patients in line with the



Jabaway Cake 1000



Next please

There was a buzz going around that the P.M.O. was going to take up the post of P.M.O. in the Sultan of Johore's riding stables but the job seems to have fallen through - he still has his riding boots to prove it. Dr Jackson has been busy for most of the commission in the Judo school where he produces his own patients. Dr Revell is studying for his L.R.A.M. in the S.R.E. compartment and his MO Show on the S.R.E. has proved most popular. Bill Bailey had to buy spectacles because of the added strain of looking down the microscope. POMA Hughes went on a Survival exercise in Singapore but our bribe to the Army was insufficient and he found his way back. LMA Windsor found his way up to the Flight Deck later on in the commission where he was seen at all times except during Flight Deck P.T.

We exchanged all our paludrine for tranquilisers because of our prolonged stay at sea. and have been running an enlightened course on anatomy in preparation for our return to a shore base which was hoped for sometime before the end of the second leg. The Wardmaster is still collecting volunteers to accompany him on the next commission.

other records that have been mentioned elsewhere in this book! The surgical team have kept their knives sharp and gases flowing steadily, if not infrequently throughout the commission. They have dealt with three cases of perforated ulcers, one a Chinese merchant seaman transferred to us, and the others, two young members of the ships company. Appendicitis is usually the most common emergency, but to date we have had few of these to record, unlike other carriers, Could it be that ulcers are peculiar to Eagle!

On the few occasion's that our "magnificent men" had to leave their flying machines at the rush, the sick bay drill has been speedily brought into action - everyone to his appointed post, the P.M.O. at the door with a bottle of brandy to resuscitate the unfortunate victim if necessary (it is rumoured on a "one for you, two for me" prescription). M.T.1. SMITH with a viciously large pair of scissors, a steaming hot bath and twenty or so spectators to complete the scene. The patient would arrive via the lift and if standing is given a tot of brandy (see above), his flying suit is cut off with the skill of a Chinese Tailor and he is plunged into a hot bath - thank goodness for modern medicine!

Back: LMA EDMONDS, LMA WINDSOR, POMA DIXON, M.T.1. SMITH, M.T.1. BAILEY POMA HUGHES, LMA ROBSON, LMA COLLINSON; *Centre:* WARD/SUB LT. LYONS, SURG. LIEUT. CLR JACKSON, SURG. CDR. MACKIE (PMO) SURG. CDR (D) ROGERS. SURG. LIEUT. CDR. REVELL, SURG. LIEUT. (D) EDWARDS; *Front:* MA HARROP, MA PEDDIE, MA ROYLE, MA GARDINER, MA BLOOR, LMA GRAHAM.



Gunnery Division



WHO or what on earth are the Gunnery Division? They consist of a floating population of about forty gunnery rates out of a total of about one hundred and sixty on board. The remainder are spread around the other divisions of the ship.

The 'forty' from the Quarterdeck, Part of Ship, hands are usually lost from view aft of the 'Officer Country' signs. Quarterdecks may not be as good as they used to be but even Petty Officer Mullen doesn't think it looks too bad.

"Flipping Charwomen", you say. Not a bit of it. Who helps secure the ship in harbour so that you can go ashore

for your well earned 'run'? Often not as easy as it sounds. Ask that intrepid buoy jumper 'Donny' Donnison what he has to say about the stern pennants in Mombasa. Another two unenviable jobs done by the Quarterdeckmen are Lifebuoy Sentries and Lookouts but 'Dave' Pemberton twice earned congratulation by the Captain for his part in saving life.

The other side of a gunnery rating's life has not lived up to a conversation heard on the quarterdeck, "Yes, quiet numbers and no gunnery. just flying and sunbathing and all the good runs ashore". The only time we did have a quiet spell on the guns was when they fired all those Seacats. Rhodes hit a target with his first shot and some of the others only missed by a few feet. And the poor old I.S. Platoon. They mustered and re-equipped themselves so often I would have thought they had time to grow out of their last lot of webbing. What with all that and Mids and Seaman Gunner's Starring courses its no wonder Smithy wants to go back to CONDOR! It didn't even stop at Hong Kong. 'I.S. Platoon ashore'. Playing like Pongoes. Still the view of Hong Kong from the rooftops of Wanchai - marvellous - out of this world.

Do you remember what you said when Gregs left? "His relief has just finished his long course and will be so fed up with gunnery that we won't hear a bang out of him". Then what happened? He even got Harry Templeman out of the Commander's Office and no sooner had we sailed than-'BANG'. And we banged all the way to Malta. Then there was that mad dash to Aden. There we had R.A.F. Hunters as well as our own and the H.R.L. teacher in the GDR producing even more targets. Still it was Jock Mullen who was first to see that Hunter on Radar at 50 feet, range 25 miles, not ADA or the Gannet.



Top: AB TAYLOR, AB WEBSTER, AB BLAKE, AB WHEELER, AB ANDERSON, AB HAVERLEY, AB LOCK OS SOUTHERN, All MILES, AB DONNISON, AB HOPKINS; *Second:* AB PEMBERTON, OS DIMENY, AB POWER, AB ALLEN, AB LONG, LS STUBBS, OS CAMPBELL, AB MAY AB JAYS, LS ASHTON; *Third:* OS SIMMONDS, AB BARNETT, AB JOHNSON, OS THOMSON, AB ARUNDEL, OS CRASK, OS EDWARDS, OS DRABBLE, OS HAINESBOROUGH; *Fourth:* AB LODER, LS MATHEWS, AB BALCHIN, AB SALT, AB GARDNER, AB WILSON, AB PESKETT; *Bottom:* POGI TEMPLEMAN, PO MULLEN, LT MORTLOCK, LT CDR CRAWFORD, S LT GREENSLADE, POGI SMITH.

Tas Division



At the beginning of the commission we had more Chiefs and Leading Braves than Indians, with a Chief T.A.S.I., two Petty Officers and four Leading Seamen to watch four Able and one Ordinary Seamen do all the work. However, first Chief Petty Officer Smerdon left us at the end of November, 1964, at the end of the trials period, and just before we sailed for the Far East (!?), leaving Petty Officer West in charge of the division. Next to go was Leading Seaman Cummings, on his way to the big world outside, in May, 1965. In August Leading Seaman Wilcox returned to Vernon and in October Petty Officer Shaw left for home, also on his way outside. Then in January, 1966, Petty Officer West left to make his fortune in milking machines, and Leading Seaman Cass took the weight until Petty Officer Roberts joined us in April. The others of

the division, mostly of the original team, who have now left, are Able Seamen Barton, Chambers and Wilson, Ordinary Seaman Robinson and Junior Seaman Heffernan.

It would appear that EAGLE has developed an allergy to submarines, and vice versa. Time and time again we have been about to do battle with our foe when either the submarine has been taken ill or we have rushed off in the opposite direction to sort out the latest political crisis. Nevertheless, on the few occasions when we have had some response to our mighty ping, we have earned recognition as "the best A/S frigate in the business". The view through their periscopes of EAGLE engaged in a close A/S action must have been a memorable one for the submarine C.O.'s who saw it. The submarines we have managed to exercise with have included two American, one of which was a nuclear, and one Italian.

There has also been a sad lack of opportunities for the demolition teams to nip ashore and make big bangs, but we did have one great party at Subic Bay in the Philippines in February, 1965. The only big mistake made on this occasion was to leave Lieutenant Commander Dean and Leading Seaman Henderson in charge of the beer. However, to finish up with, all the left over explosives were used up in one final big, beautiful bang which nearly sank the T.A.S. launch in a shower of falling debris and put the beer guardians completely out of their stride.

In spite of the frustrations of the many exercises that never were we have managed to survive more or less intact.

Standing: AB BRADY, AB WOOD, AB PHILLIPS, JS CANHAM OS TAYLOR, OS YOUNG, AB JEFFERSON, AB FORDER; *Sitting:* AB STANDLEY LS HENDERSON, PO ROBERTS, LT CDR NICOLLS, LS CASS OS PARKER, AB JOHNSON.

After Mombasa we cracked off with R.O.F.X's and A.A.T.O.F. shoots. Derby Allen thought he could win by dropping his shells down the empty cylinder compartment, instead of firing them. About the same time I found out what a CLAPEX was; I knew where every aircraft was within 50 miles.

We lost our old guns at Aden. He went to Admiralty for a rest cure. "The new Guns is a Fly Boy," you said. It was a work up all over again!

You and your buzzes, going to Aussie and then Hong Kong. Still the rest at Silversands was quite good and I got brown again.

On the way to Aden the I.S. Platoon was mustered again. 'Webber' Jefferies had only just stowed the equipment from the last time. Still this time we did land at Aden. Remember that Arab terrorist who was shot in the dark? I reckon I should have got a medal for that. Not for being in the trouble spots of Aden but for laying next to Whacker when he fired his Bren. It was GDX's, GDFX's ROFX's and musical PT. all the way back to Singapore. TERROR made quite a song and dance about doing I.S. the Navy way. I didn't see any difference myself except for the language. Soldiers must be gentlemen. I was glad too that we did all the Seacat tracking, firing and recording with the Gannet before we left harbour. We would never have fired 15 missiles and scored three direct hits on the PTA if we hadn't. Not bad considering Wilkinson. Taylor and Howey had never fired them before.

We have already fired 700 shells and 15 missiles this leg. I reckon that by the time we reach Devonport we will be due for a barrel change. Look out, here comes 'Nelson'. "Cut the cackle, WORK! WORK! WORK!"

Deck Division



5th: AB WHITE, AB MAXWELL, AB PLANT, AB ADAMSON, L/S BLAKE , ORD WALLACE, AB PHILLIPS, AB FAIRBROTHER, AB NORBURN, *4th:* AB MASON, AB GALZIN, AB TEMPLETON, ORD PENNOCK, ORD SULSTON, ORD HAGUE, ORD TUNE, ORD NORRIS; *3rd:* PO TOWNSON, AB KEEGAN, L/S CUMMING, AB HILLS, ORD EVANS, JS COLLINS, AB CRONIN, AB BENNETT, AB ANDERTON, AB TURNER, PO MEEK; *2nd:* PO KNILL, AB SIMPSON, AB FAWLEY, ORD WEST (AD), LS BORG, AB MANGEOLLES, LS RUSBATCH, ORD WEST (AL), AB HEMMING, PO PEACOCK; *1st:* CH SAILMAKER HUGGETT, S/LT LAVERY, LT RECORD, LT CMDR WOOD, LT McLAREN, S/LT CANTER, CPO RICHARDSON.

... BLESS EM ALL, THE LONG AND THE SHORT...



CDR M MORRAY



CDR D. T. SMITH



CDR C.E. PRICE AFC



CDR AF BROWN



CDR AMJ CUMMING



CDR AA MURPHY



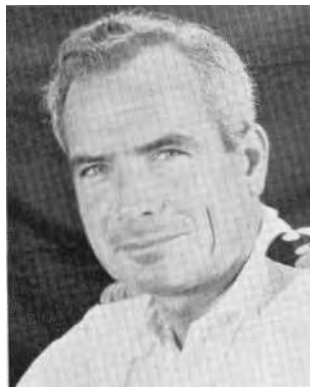
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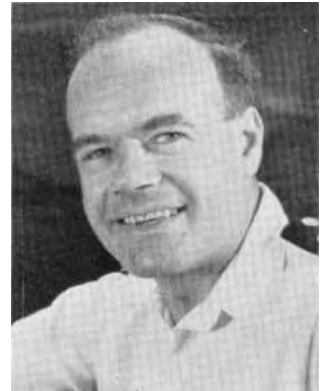
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INSTR CDR RH McINTOSH



SURG CDR WAN MACKIE



SURG CDR DBF ROGERS

Friday



This bell is a gift from St Pauls Church, Yealverton to St Pauls Church, Beau fort in Sabah

Missouri



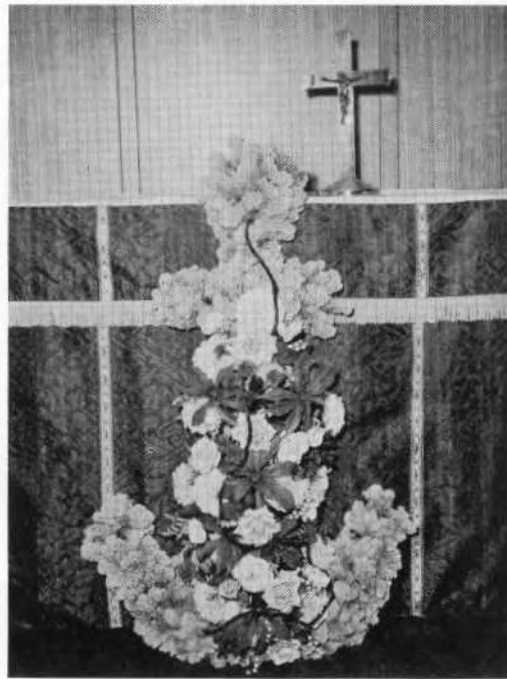
Saturday

" What a Giggall "

Sunday

On the quarter deck





<i>Lieutenant A.P. Rayment,</i>	Royal Navy
<i>Sub. Lieutenant R. Matthews,</i>	Royal Navy
<i>Acting Sub. Lieutenant D. F. Clay</i>	Royal Navy
<i>Leading Electrical Mechanic N.K. Little.</i>	

In Memoriam



Homeward Bound
August 1966