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Ahoy There Shipmates, Ladies and Gentlemen!!

Here we are again with Christmas on its way . Thankyou for all those letters and good wishes . We have had a very busy year attending many gatherings and Young Dennis with his Chauffeur Nobby. Trafalgar Day Service at Waterlooville, Mountbatten Memorial Service at Romsey Abbey, and Armistice Day Service held at Southsea front Memorial, where it was very cold and windy. We are doing our best to keep the name of "THE MIGHTY HOOD" in the forefront.

As I referred to in my last News letter, the shields that Mr Warrant donated for the two best "HOOD" Cadets of the year at T.S.HOOD ST AUSTELL and T.S.HOOD COBOCONK, CANADA have now been completed. Many thanks to Mr Warrant the son of Commander Warrant the navigator of "HOOD" who sadly lost his life in our ship. Also thanks to Mrs Jeffs who donated £100.00 pounds towards the Shields in memory of her Brother C.P.O. Surrey who was lost in "HOOD". This will go towards paying for the Achievement Award Certificates. It is hoped that when we depart and join our shipmates the name "HOOD" will live on and be remembered.

Our shipmates Albert Burton and his Winger Fred Carrington, between them made a very good job of making these Shields. . Great praise must go to them both. Fred is now Alberts Chauffeur and they will be going to CORNWALL where Albert and Commander Browne will be presenting the Shield to T.S.HOOD when they have evening divisions on Friday 2nd of December 1994.

Shipmate George Donnelly who lives near Toronto, will be going to present the Shield to T.S.HOOD COBOCONK. Which he said was a great honour to him.

Our local get together was a great success, and was attended by 27 members. Our Vice Chairman Tom Hooper did his usual duty with the raffle, which raised £34.00 . Sadly to say I did not win, Thankyou Tom. I'm expecting to win the National lottery as it's only a Fourteen Million to one chance of winning.

We have some members who are not too well. Our President Bob Tilburn had a heart attack awhile ago, but is now on his way to recovery. Our Parade Master Roy Dumbleton has had a brain haemorrhage, and is as well as can be expected. Albert is not all that well either. Also Sandy Powell in Dorset. A speedy recovery to all those members who are sick.

At our last A.G.M. it was agreed that a coach be laid on for the Church Service at Boldre. This has been arranged. When you receive your application form for tickets for the reunion dinner please state if you want to travel on the coach and number. the fare is £3.00 per person. the coach will leave the Club at 0900hrs on 28th May. the service begins at 1030hrs.

With the great care that our Treasurer has taken with our funds we able to subsidise the price of the Reunion tickets by £2.00 the price this year is now £17.50 per person. On looking back to 1992 the price of a ticket was £17.50. I do hope as many of you as possible will attend the Reunion so as to swing the lamp again. Many thanks to the committee for all their help during the year. Also thanks to Mrs Gladys Clark, and shipmate Ayling for their help. P.T.O.

**DON'T FORGET THESE TIMES AND DATES**

A.G.M. 27th May 1995 1700hrs in the Boardroom R.S.H.C.

Reunion Dinner 27th May 1995 1800hrs for 1900hrs R.S.H.C.

Board the coach for BOLDRE at 0900hrs 28th May 1995 outside R.S.H.C.

Don't forget to book early if you want to stay at the R.S.H.C.

The address is ROYAL SAILORS HOME CLUB. QUEENS STREET PORTSMOUTH HANTS.

The Treasurer say's Don'T forget you subs are due for 1995 by the 1st of May.

If you don't you will be saying 'Why havn't I had a NEWS LETTER'

Thank you all who have paid up, and especially those who send donations and SAE'S

Best wishes from NOBBY

Thank you all and God bless you.

Your Chairman J.R.Williams.

**NELSON'S PRAYER.**

**MAY THE GREAT GOD,WHOM I WORSHIP,GRANT TO MY COUNTRY,**

**AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF EUROPE IN GENERAL,**

**A GREAT AND GLORIOUS VICTORY;**

**AND MAY NO MISCONDUCT IN ANYONE TARNISH IT;**

**AND MAY HUMANITY AFTER VICTORY BE THE PRODOMIANT**

**FEATURE IN THE BRITISH FLEET.**

**FOR MYSELF INDIVIDUALLY**

**I COMMIT MY LIFE TO HIM THAT MADE ME,**

**AND MAY HIS BLESSING ALIGHT ON MY ENDEAVOURS**

**FOR SERVING MY COUNTRY FAITHFULLY.**

**TO HIM I RESIGN MYSELF AND THE JUST CAUSE**

**WHICH IT IS ENTRUSTED TO ME TO DEFEND.AMEN.AMEN.AMEN.**

**(WRITTEN ON THE MORNING OF THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR)**