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President, Vice President, Vice Chairman Hon Vice Chairman,
Shipmates, Ladies & Gentlemen,

First of all I must thank all those who attended the Reunion for giving me as Guest of Honour a great evening. I think every one enjoyed themselves, the food was good and plenty of it. Thanks goes to Jack Moulden for bringing our Hon Vice Chairman Tom Hooper and attending to all his wants, also for running the raffle, and auction. Thanks to Ted Briggs for presenting me with my Mercedes and presenting the painting to T. S. Tenacity, also for the help he has given me over the years. Our Padre The Rev Ron Paterson M. B. E. who arranged our Church service at ST Georges Church, You did a wonderful job Ron as usual, Thank you Ron, also for the work you do for us over the years. Next our Parade Master Lt Roy Dumbleton. A very smart turn out, thank you Roy. What can we say about the Guard of Honour? Those Lasses and Lads of S. C. C. Sultan were a very smart turn out. My thanks go to their Commanding Officer, and all those who spend so much time training them. While on this subject I must thank S. M. McConnell who at very short notice put me in touch with the Commanding Officer of the guard S. C. C. Sultan. We must not forget also to thank T. S. Tenacity for the very good turn out of the Lasses and Lads who tried very hard to keep us in step with their marching band. Also thanks to their Commanding Officers for a good job done. Thanks also to S. M. McConnell for raising money for the Association. Thanks to Mrs Kiddle for laying the wreath in Honour of our lost shipmates. Also thanks to Miss Warrant for Presenting the Roll of Honour. Our President Ted Briggs attended our last committee meeting and put forward a motion that we do need a back up for the committee. This was approved and put into motion. We do need a back up for our treasurer and myself. It was agreed to ask Mr Peter Heys to become Vice Chairman, This was done, and Peter has agreed. Tom Hooper who sustained a stroke was elected as Hon Vice Chairman. Thank you Tom for accepting this. Thanks to Rob White and his wife for attending our Reunion. Rob was most helpful for showing the video of the trip to the Denmark Straits and the service over the spot "HOOD" went down. For members who don't know there is a Diesel Engine named "HOOD" Number 50031 which was bought by Mr Peter Heys, and it is on an eight week contract from 13th June 1998 running between Rhydney and Cardiff. The times are 07.41hrs out, and 17.04hrs back to Rymney. Monday to Friday. Just in case any one is interested. You never know. Our next Reunion will take place on the 22nd of MAY 1999. After a lot of haggling about the price which is £20=50 we got something out of it. That is with regards to the price of accomodation at the Home Club providing you state when booking your accomodation you say that it is for the "HOOD" Reunion. A double will be £40 instead of £47 and a single £20 instead of £27 That includes breakfast.. So PLEASE BOOK early. After attacking the treasurer the committee decided to subsidise the £20 50 by £2 50 making it the same as last time £18 00. This



includes WINE. More about the Reunion will follow in the next News Letter. Nobby said that there are a lot of you who havn't paid their sub's for 1997 and 1998 yet. So come on shipmates please pay up, and don't forget to send your membership card and a SAE, you won't get a reply if you Don't. Subs are still only £3 00. Due by the 1st of MAY each year. Please make cheques out to H. M. S. HOOD ASSOCIATION. Thanks to all our shipmates that pay up on time.

God bless you all and those in sickness may you soon recover. Thank you committee for the work you do, and to Mrs Clark for allowing us to use her home for committee meetings and for providing us with sustenance.

Your Chairman

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