

AS IT ONCE WAS

On taking up a new job keep your eyes and ears wide open and, until and unless you know something about it, your mouth tight shut.

Petrol System

A petrol line is led through the ship with deck connections for fuelling boats and aircraft. There is a connection from the L.P. Air Line to the tank and this petrol can be blown up into the line for fuelling purposes.

(Engineer Officer of the Watch)

The Senior is probably on the end of a direct phone, or sleeping at the top of the E.R. hatch; never mind shaking him. Always let him know any ups and downs in speed that are not purely station keeping; the alteration in revs. will have woken him and he will be waiting to hear from you to sleep again.

(Daywork)

If you've had a party it is permissible to miss the Senior's session at 'Turn to' time. But never miss the Commander (E)'s. Turn up in overalls, shaved and ready for anything. Don't put your overalls on over your pyjamas. They nearly always show at the wrong moment. Never go to sleep in your cabin in the forenoon.

*(Some Hints for Officers about to Go to Sea;
R.N.E.C., Keyham, 1944)*



The photograph opposite shows flag officers of the Engineering Branch gathered in H.M.S. *Illustrious* on 11th January 1984 to attend a dinner marking the retirement of Admiral Sir William Pillar.

Those attending were:

(back row, left to right)

Rear-Admiral E. Maclean
 Rear-Admiral M. F. Simpson
 Rear-Admiral A. A. Lockyer, M.V.O.
 Rear-Admiral M. A. Vallis
 Rear-Admiral R. G. Baylis, O.B.E.
 Rear-Admiral F. Bowen
 Rear-Admiral H. L. O. Thompson

(front row, left to right)

Rear-Admiral J. E. K. Croydon
 Rear-Admiral J. S. Grove, C.B.
 Admiral Sir William Pillar, G.B.E., K.C.B.
 Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson, K.C.B.
 Rear-Admiral G. G. W. Marsh, O.B.E.
 Rear-Admiral J. C. Warsop

Rear-Admiral J. Burgess, M.V.O. (inset) was unable to leave his post in Rosyth Dockyard. He sent the following message:

From: Managing Director. Rosyth

To: C of N (Personal)

There must always be one Engineer Officer on Watch during Dinner Nights and it's quite right that as the junior boy I've got the First! As I have only just gone below I'm deeply sorry not to be able to join you, and from the Branch's first MD to the First Gentleman of the Branch whom we honour tonight, I send my warmest good wishes.

I hope you all have a splendid evening, and please remind Thompson he's got the Middle!