





### Our New Packet Secretary

The previous issue of this bulletin announced the impending resignation of Mr. Sedgley from the post of Packet Secretary and our search for a suitable successor. At that time we all expected the search to be a long and difficult one and we were resigned to a long break in the circulation of packets.

Fortunately, as so often happens in these circumstances, a suitable volunteer was quickly found amongst the London Members and normal service will be resumed in the not too distant future. We are happy to report that Michael Booker (our Colditz specialist) has volunteered to take over the running of the packet and one could not ask for a better choice. Michael is giving himself until the autumn to decide how he is going to run the packet which will give 'Sedge' time to complete the circulation of existing boxes. Contributions to the packet can now be sent to M. Booker at 50 Edgehill Road, Mitcham, Surrey.

### Back Numbers of Bulletins

'Sedge' remains part of our team in this area of our activities and will be happy to supply back copies at 0-20p a copy so long as stock lasts. Please contact him if you are in need of this service at:-

A.T.Sedgley, 86E Wickham Road, Brockley, London SE4 1L5

### U.M.S. BELFAST : Convention Saturday October 13th 1973

Since this will be the last bulletin to be published before this event takes place some last minute reminders are in order!

#### Admittance Tickets

With this bulletin you will receive a copy of our programme for the years meetings. The presentation of this at the HMS Belfast ticket booth will gain you free admittance on the day of our convention. We also attach a leaflet which tells you how to get to the ship, this has been kindly supplied by the HMS Belfast Trust.

#### Buffet Lunch

One suspects that many members have forgotten to book their buffet with Keith Tranmer, at a cost of £1.00. Unfortunately the numbers we can accommodate is limited by the space available and once the quota has been filled we can accept no further bookings. Since there are no other refreshment facilities aboard or close by early booking is advised.

#### Commemorative Cover

A special commemorative cover is being produced by our cover secretary, Mike Heaton, for this event. The cover will show the Belfast and a special commemorative postmark, a preliminary design for which is shown on page one. The cover can be ordered from Mike Heaton at a special price to members of 20p ( post free in U.K.)

#### Auction

An auction is being planned for the afternoon.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In order to allow the officers to devote as much time as possible to the arrangements for the convention this years AGM has been put back to the November meeting. We hope this has caused no inconvenience to members wishing to attend.

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## MEMBERSHIP LIST

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Please send any information via Alan Brown.

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or Rear Admiral P.R.C. Higham, C.B.

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