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HMS BELFAST - 21st ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION - OCTOBER 13th 1973

Arrangements are well advanced for this our first convention afloat and this seems an appropriate time to provide some advanced information.

Admission to the Convention

The general public has to pay an admission charge of 30p to HMS Belfast, a charge which will not, of course, face FPHS members visiting the convention. Arrangements have been made for our members to board the ship by showing their 1973/74 programme card. This will be sent to you well in advance of the event. If any overseas members have any difficulty with this arrangement, i.e. if he arrives in England without his card, if he writes or telephones the secretary as soon as he arrives in this country a copy will be forwarded to his hotel.

Where is HMS Belfast?

is moored in the Thames on the opposite bank to the Tower of London. The Belfast Trust will be making brochures available which give details of travel arrangements. We hope to send one of these out with each programme.

How long will the convention last?

from 11.00a.m. until 5.30p.m. It is appreciated that family and other commitments will prevent some members from attending for the whole time, so we look forward to meeting you whenever you can drop in.

Refreshments

A buffet will be available in the ante room and members taking advantage of this facility will be asked to contribute £1 to the cost (drinks extra) Since the caterers will require a firm booking from us well in advance of the date you are requested to complete the attaches sheet and return it to Keith Trimmer.

Displays

It is hoped to keep the event very informal so that members can meet friends and make contact with those who share a common interest. With this in mind it has been decided to keep displays as a background to the event and not make them the focal point of the meeting. At any one time there will probably be about 200 sheets of material on display in the wardroom and these will be changed from time to time during the course of the day.

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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

G.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

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members;

- 445 Hurst R.E. "Caldy", 7 Queensway, Gerrards Cross, Bucks
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- 446 Read G. 10 Cronin Place, Beach Haven, Auckland 10 New Zealand.
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Deceased

J.F.Dawes

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K.Griffith	69A Portobello Road, London W11

HELP REQUESTED - Member L.Harlow asks if any member can give the exact locations of the following British FPO's in WWII 11 (12/39) 12 (12/39) 17 (12/39) 21(12/39) 30 (10/39) 38 (12/39) 38 (2/40) 39 (10/39) 41 (11/39) 43 (6/45) 48 (12/39) 52(3/42) 55(3/40) 57 (12/39) 68 (1/40) 86 (4/40) 97 (6/40) 110 (7/43) 148 (11/44) 230 (2/41) 386 (8/43) 532 (8/42) 669 (9/44)

Please send any information via Alan Brown.

H.M.S.BELFAST COVERS

Mike Heaton has a few signed H.M.S.BELFAST covers signed by;

Rear Admiral Morgan Giles, D.S.O., O.B.E., G.M., M.P.

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

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