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FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks!! I have received many letters, cards, e-mails, and phone calls, all with positive comments about the newsletter and the desire to see it continue. I really appreciate your enthusiasm. I checked with Dick Noble and he has gotten **NO** calls saying that it is a dumb idea. This leaves me to believe that we should continue the newsletter.

Not only have your positive comments helped maintain my motivation to produce the newsletter, your donations have helped keep alive the logistics of producing it.

– I would like to give a Special Thanks to: –

Paul Calahan, Mike Gann, Dave Hinkle, Mike Lintner, Dick Noble and Dorothy Williams,

I would also like to thank my wife, Susie. She is my proofer, production assistant, and biggest supporter.

Reunion, To Be or Not To Be: I have gotten some suggestions that we start thinking about a reunion again. Personally,

I would love to have a reunion. I attended a reunion for the USS Gurnard (SSN 662) about three years ago and I thought it was absolutely terrific. It was in Portland Oregon at a very nice hotel. It was coincident with the Submarine Veterans reunion so there were several events that were available to those who wanted to pack their schedules tightly. There were about 125 of us, counting spouses and about seven or eight crew members off the original Gurnard (SS 245). It ran from Friday afternoon through Sunday noon with a somewhat dressy sit-down dinner Saturday night. The dinner was preceded by a couple guest speakers and the tolling of the bell, and followed by lots of story telling. There were some Saturday daytime events scheduled, golf, tours, etc., but for the most part we gathered around in groups of familiar faces, telling old sea stories and laughing at ourselves for some of the dumb things we did when we were immortal. It was a rejuvenating, fun, and a heart-warming experience. I thoroughly enjoyed it, and so did my girlfriend. After being exposed to some of the stories, however, I am amazed to this day that she still married me.

So, the main question from this issue of the newsletter is do we want a reunion? And while thinking about that, consider a time and location. I have looked at the addresses in the roster and about 35% of the address I have are in the north east, 28% are in the south east, 18% are in the middle of the country, and 19% are scattered on the west coast. Not everybody is going to want to attend a reunion, however, so what will most likely dictate the location will be where the bulk of the people are from who want the reunion. To facilitate getting the info back to me, I have enclosed a self addressed post card questionnaire. If you would rather e-mail, write, or phone me, please do. But let's make a decision one way or the other. If it is yes, I will get the ball rolling. Of course, that's not to say that I won't be calling on some of you for help.

FROM THE CREW

Mike Gann has passed several items of memorabilia to me and I would like to pass them along to you guys. I have about four plaques, a bunch of decals, and several shoulder patches. The way I thought I would do this is by awarding those who contribute items to the newsletter. I will be sending something out to Mike Lintner who sent me a follow-up story on the incident that I mentioned in the last newsletter about Doc Moriarty sewing up Mike's forehead.

Mike Lintner: *"I couldn't help but remember that night when Doc was sewing me up. I was lying across a mess hall table and Doc was sitting on my stomach – straddling me like riding a horse. He had asked someone from back aft to help him, but with the first stitch, his would-be assistant passed out. Doc would put in a stitch, then stick the needle in my cheek – using it like a pin cushion – while he cut the thread and tied in the stitch. God! He was*

so drunk I just knew he was going to poke out my eye before he finished. By the time he was done, I was completely sober....and as I recall, restricted again. To this day, I don't like Puerto Rico, even though I can barely see the scar.

"And the memories start to flow...."

"Remember that time up north when Dick Noble uttered his famous transmission 'Conn, Sonar – I don't want anyone to get excited, but I think I hear a torpedo in the water'? I wouldn't have turned the dive over to Richover himself! Ten minutes of pure bedlam!"

ROSTER UPDATE

Bearing Change: I have a lot of changes to our roster. My initial intent was to use this section for updates, but since I have so many changes I thought it would be best to provide a new roster. The new roster is attached at the end of the newsletters

Lost Contact: The following people are no longer included in the roster. The newsletters to each of these shipmates were returned with no forwarding addresses.

Jim Adams	Phil Lau
Scott Atwater	Bill Neff
Mike Baker	Pat O'Brien
Percy Beard	Larry Page
Charles George	John Slaton
Gerry Gonzales	Don Thompson
Hubert Hopkins	

Taps: I am very saddened to say that we have lost some shipmates. For those of you who knew these fine sailors, my heartfelt sympathies go out to you.

Alex Johnson - Reported by Ron Eaton
John Sluski - Nan Sluski is on-line at irish1947@aol.com

Ron Curtis - This was heard through the grapevine by Paul Callahan, but not confirmed. The first newsletter to Ron

was returned with a change of address. I sent a newsletter to the new address and it was also returned, but no new address.

PROJECTS

Dick Noble has made a suggestion for a couple projects. One project would be to gather information on Haddo's 26-years of journeys through the world's oceans to build a Cruise Log. If we ever do have a reunion, this may be nice to pass out, or just fun reading anytime. The other project he suggested would be to profile a crew member's life in each issue. Needless to say, I need input from all of you to do any of these things. In fact, I need input from you to even keep this thing going and interesting for you. I feel like #5 in the movie *Short Circuit* "Input! Input! Ray needs input!" Let me know if you like these ideas, or if you have some ideas of your own?

CURRENT EVENTS

Submarine Birthday Ball - My wife and I attended the 99th Submarine Birthday Ball in San Diego on 10 April 1999. Since the submarine force is being phased out of San Diego there were only five boats in port for the event. Therefore, for the last three years, they have combined the Officer and Enlisted Ball into one. My first Ball was in 1960. Since then I have attended every one that I was in port for and have only missed two since I have retired. Over the years I have seen the Enlisted Balls become more and more civilized, but the fusion of Officers and Enlisted into one Ball has taken all the raw edges off the event. There are no more chants, like "Submarines Once", or "Any Sailor Who Can't Tap Dance", or "Rat Shit Bat Shit",,,, you know them all. I guess you don't need all that to have fun, however, because we had lots of fun. One thing to think about is that next year is the 100th birthday of the submarine force. That may

be a very good year to have a USS Haddo Reunion. The Submarine Birthday Ball Committee in San Diego is planning a big event for next year and I have heard that the Submarine Veterans are also planning something big for their reunions.

Blind Man's Bluff - So, have you read the book? I know some of the people mentioned in the book and found the book quite interesting. Even though I saw no inferences to the Haddo, you might be interested in the guidance offered by the Public Affairs Office involving release of "BLIND MAN'S BLUFF". *"The recent publication of a new book on submarine operations titled "Blind Man's Bluff" has prompted release of the following message containing public affairs guidance for responding to any questions that might be directed at U.S. Navy personnel. Since the book was compiled from unofficial sources, the media may attempt to contact submariners (active, reserve, retired) for comment. The official Navy policy is "No Comment". As the guidance states, we do not discuss submarine operations in the interest of national security"*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Haddo Patches: - I have had a request for Haddo patches. I don't have any, so I did a little research. The following is a web site for ship's patches, but the Haddo was not included in the list (www.bcpatch.com). There are a lot of submarines included in their list, so it may be of interest to some of you. I found a company here in Tucson and they can make a patch for about \$6 apiece with a minimum order of 50. If you are interested, let me know. If I get at least 50 responses, I will order them. I think \$6 will be sufficient to include shipping, but I will have to get an official quote first.

Quiz: Who was the last plankowner to leave the Haddo? Watch for the answer in the next issue.

Moving: Susie and I are moving back to San Diego. Her last day at Tucson's largest employer, Rathenon Missile Systems, will be on 1 July. My e-mail address will remain the same, but the Tucson address goes away. If you want to write to me, you can use my San Diego address:

3664 Arizona St.
San Diego, CA 92104
(619) 543-1387

Submarine Stuff: - If you're interested in what's going on in the submarine communities, here are some Web Sites that may be of interest to you.

SUBLANT

<http://www.norfolk.navy.mil/sublant/homepage.htm>

SUBPAC

<http://www.csp.navy.mil>

NAVAL SUBMARINE LEAGUE

<http://www.navalsubleague.com>

FEATURE ARTICLE

Miss Sea Manners,

by CAPT R. D. Raaz, USN

In March 1984 I was Commanding officer, USS HADDO (SSN 604). We were scheduled to make a 1500 arrival at the Royal Canadian Naval Base in Esquimalt, B.C. Fearing intrusion of fog, so prevalent in this part of the world, I had sprinted ahead to ensure an on-time arrival. The weather remained beautiful all day and I thus arrived several hours early. Taking advantage of a sunny spot, we coasted to a stop and watched the festivities of a local sailing regatta.

I became concerned when one of the smaller boats broke out of the pack and took dead aim at my bow. As the vessel closed, it became clear that the crew was a lone, white-haired lady, intent on a close inspection of our strange looking ship. From my vantage point atop the sail I watched her as she carefully circled the submarine at fairly close quarters, returning to a position close to my bow.

I feared she might be one of the local minority in that part of the world who protested the visit of nuclear powered submarines. Deliberately she cut into the wind, stopped her progress and raised a small hand-held megaphone to her lips. I prepared for the worst. I as in command of an awesome warship, with thousands of propulsion horsepower on call, armed to the teeth with weapons of unspeakable destructive power, yet cringed at the prospects of a confrontation with a lone grandmother.

My relief was palpable, when her words merely reflected the duties of one mariner to another: "*Can I offer you a tow?*" She obviously mistook my idleness for a casualty. I politely declined, advising her that I was merely awaiting an appointment with the local pilot. She waved and sailed off to rejoin her companions – with a great tale of the one that got away.

NEXT ISSUE - *HADDO Remembered.* An article by VADM Chester W. Nimitz, Jr. about his days aboard USS Haddo (SS 255).

INPUT – I can tell by the e-mail messages that I received (*see the Mail Sack*) that you guys have some stories that need to be told. Send me a story about your experiences aboard the USS Haddo for the next issue.

Got a quiz question? Drop me a line, my mail box is always open.

MAIL SACK

Jack Bentley

Just returned from a trip and opened the "newsletter". What a thrill to find it alive again!

I was a nuke ET1 in the 1965 to 1968 period with many fond memories of the Haddo and her crew. I maintain contact now with Dave Hottenstein (who still has the commissioning plaque), Ed Mox and Frank Wise. My fondest sea stories would involve John Viney, who I have lost contact with.

My phone number is 252-249-0909 and my e-mail address is k4imk@amsat.org. After Haddo, Martha and I returned to my hometown of Thomaston, GA, ran a commercial two-way radio company for 22 years, sold it, and went sailing. We now live ashore on Broad Creek just north of Oriental, NC, and welcome news and visits from old Haddo Friends.

Let me know about expenses for the newsletter and I'll be glad to do my part. I also would attend a reunion if that should ever happen. Hottenstein had talked about a reunion at the Sub Museum and he would donate the plaque to the museum. That was a while back and don't know if he still has that in mind.

Paul Callahan

Thanks for taking up the work. It should be fun to hear again of some of the old gang. FYI. I believe Ron Curtis died last year, but I can't confirm that. Jim Hay has moved, now lives in Williamsburg VA. Jim Traa lives in Georgia.

Bill Candy

Great job! I was saddened to have Mike give it up- but glad to learn you had taken it on! I have an idea to make it easier and cheaper: Get as many e:mail addresses as possible, and send those out that way.

Second, I think it is "Don" Koeppen; Bruce "Buggsy" Moran (your list Bruce Clary) is NOT living at A. "Glenn" Clary's house, (at least not when I was there last summer!) J. Sluski's e:mail is haddo@gte.net (how appropriate!) Capt'n Gerald Meunch had contacted Mike Gann, but not on our listing? Also the LAST CO of HADDO, Capt'n G D Larson, College of Naval Warfare (06-92), Naval War College, Newport, RI, 02581-5010 (last known address)

As I am 53+, it helps jog my memories to see rating/rank and years served on board. You might then arrange the list chronologically? For starters: I was ET(R)1 , Leading RO from 1968 to discharge via Naples/Rota/Newport RI in 1971. Qualified CPO, but never had enough time to accept it! I had the distinction, with "Glenn" Clary, my "portside", of running HADDO reactor plant solid at sea, for a week. Also involved in the physics startup after the LONG overhaul. I am a veteran of the "duct-tape" test dive and the non-fire in the engine room, with PPK everywhere, on a shakedown. And "Wingnut's" attempt to walk on water off Bermuda. And a darn good try it was, even if the nearby sharks did give him an incentive! Oh, and ask Cap'n Scales if he ever figured out WHO put the XO's door under his bunk? And about a certain "borrowed" truck to ferry the crew back to HADDO at St. Croix? What about Elkin's great crane race at the Fredrikstad pier? I think it would be interesting to learn what we have been doing since we left HADDO and service. For the last ten years, I've been at DOE Savannah River building nuclear bombs! (Or taking care of the waste that creates!). Also spent a year at Rocky Flats where the "pits" are fabricated. I HAS been interesting. For story material, ask John Frye or Bill Frantz for some Charleston overhaul stories. We were in for a LONG time.

Ken Dundon

Got the newsletter and thank you for taking it over. Very nicely done I must say also, I enjoyed the little stories about the gents you new.

Ronald Eaton

I regret to inform you that Alex Johnson passed away 6/14/98. He was a super sailor and is missed by all who knew him. I am sending his obit to you under separate cover to your AZ address. Great newsletter!

Bob Feher

Here I was, sitting, playing with my PC, my wife Sandy say's

"YOU GOT MAIL FROM SOMEONE NAMED RAY BUTTERS."

What a surprise to say the least. It's been 31 year's sense I heard that name. The only crew member that I kept contact with is Larry Crook, In 89 or 90, we went to the Commission crew reunion, in DC great time, but unfortunately not to many of the enlisted guy's were able to make it. I Settled down after being discharged near Woodbury NJ. (about 10 MI south of NYSY).

Tim France

Thanks for taking over the HADDO Newsletter! I, too, enjoyed the Mike Gann issues, and its good to hear more HADDO news.

I served in HADDO from February 1968 to June 1972 -- 4 years and 5 months, but who was counting. I missed you by just over a year, but I did recognize some of the crew members you profiled in Issue 18. I think my tour was probably the longest for a junior officer, but I know of other officers that had return tours, so more total time on board than I had.

Just to expand my address on the list: e-mail: RTFrance@aol.com Phone: (513) 858-2670. I retired from the Navy 5 years ago this summer as a Captain, after 5 submarines and several staff tours. My last tour was as the Chief of Staff of Naval Base Charleston, when it was the Navy's third largest base -- and now it is no more -- sign of the times.

I am presently working as a sub-contractor at a Department of Energy (DOE) remediation site -- Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP) -- here in Southwest Ohio. The FEMP was a uranium processing facility during the Cold War, and was shut down in 1989. I've been here 5 years, working with some other ex-Navy Nukes promoting Conduct of Operations - basically the same standards we had in submarines.

This is just an intro, so I'll write more later. Did want to provide you with another name for the "List": Larry Walkup is working as a RCT (Radiological Control Technician) here at Fernald. He was a Chief Corpsman in the Navy -- reported to HADDO about 2 months after I left, the summer of 1972. He was on the second Med Run that year! (I was on the first). His address is: P. O. Box 1790, Pahrump, NV 89041. I'll provide him with a photo copy of issue 18, but he would like to get future issues.

Again, thanks for taking up the task. I will try to get some "sea stories" up for the next edition. I have enjoyed reminiscing with Larry since we made the HADDO connection in the spring.

Mike Gann

Got your first Haddo Newsletter on Tuesday. All I can say is - WOW! You've done a magnificent job! Thanks very much for the much goo kind words about my efforts to start it and keep it going. I'll bet you'll get lots of feedback.

You know, I still have mixed feelings about giving up doing the Newsletter myself. I got a great deal of satisfaction out of the 8 years I did it - but my own satisfaction didn't matter all that much. I was all the former crewmember's satisfaction that was really important. The last few Editions I wrote, I could tell that the enthusiasm was waning. Fewer calls, letters, donations, etc. I could tell I was getting stale. I think a new Editor is just the ticket. You'll surely pump new life into it.

Some of the fondest, and some of the most miserable, memories of my life relate to my years aboard Haddo (1970 - 1974). The camaraderie of good friends - a few of which became life-long. The misery of long hours, and long deployments away from home and family.

Well, Ray, enough said, I guess. Congratulations on your "First Edition" - it's a winner! Good luck with it, and may it be as rewarding for you as it was for me.

Dick Gill

Really enjoyed the Haddo newsletter you did(Volume 2 issue 18)+ACE- I do have a recommendation regarding e mail addresses. In your next edition, recommend that you request the crew members to sent their e mail addresses in so they can correspond with each other+ACE- My is RBGILL+AEA-msn.com.

Robert Gould

I served on the Haddo from November 1968 to April 1970 as an ETR2. The captain was Lt.Cdr Gerald Meunch and the Executive officer was LT Massimino. The Haddo went into dry-dock about August 7, 1969 and had several months to remain there at Charleston, South Carolina for major overhauls after I was discharged from the Navy. From January 1969 to March of that year we had a long run to Murmansk, Russia. We had several short runs too. We left port when Neil Armstrong and the other two astronauts departed for the moon, and we returned two weeks later to learn that Armstrong made history. I learned about you

from the widow of John Sluski "Ski" who had an Internet page titled "Haddo- She served well. Ski's widow e-mailed me your address and said that you edited a newsmagazine about the Haddo. According to her, Ski served under Capt. Atkins about the year 1970.

Here is a short anecdote. When we went on a two-month "long run" the Electronics Technicians in Control obtained an electric fan to cool us in the 90 degree heat. The fan was allegedly to cool the electronic countermeasures equipment. It was in a dark corner and people accidentally stepped into its blades. I made a cartoon about the vicious fan and put it on the ECM equipment. Kashuba was an MM1 and he did not understand the cartoon. He stepped backwards into the fan and instantly understood.

We traveled from the Arctic ice cap to the Caribbean. When the circulation seawater pipe was encrusted in condensed frost, we knew that the seawater temperature was below 32 degrees, and we were not near the Equator.

I have a souvenir of the Haddo. During the extensive overhaul of 1969-70, some small pipes penetrating the hull were removed and new pipes were added. There were several disks of pressure hull that measured about four inches in diameter by nearly one and a half inches thick and I obtained one. I measured it today to verify its size. It was an interesting experience walking inside the ballast tanks while the civilian dry-dock workers "sand crabs" cut and welded modifications of the tanks. I stood "fire extinguisher" watches for a few weeks during the overhaul, standing near the civilian workers who had acetylene torches and welding equipment, and I had a small CO2 fire extinguisher

I am interested in the history of the Haddo. I learned somewhere that she went to the west after 1970, and after about thirty years of service, she was decommissioned in 1991. Some submarines have extensive web pages, like the SSN-603 Pollack, which relates the history plus the decommissioning ceremony and final crew. Do you have a history of the Haddo that you sell or can photocopy?

Bill Heffelmire

Hi Ray - Slip a Stator.

Glad to hear that you have taken over the 604 Newsletter. I was also pleased to see that your memory of me was picking shit out of the overhead. I retired off the Permit in 70 and worked another 22 years at the Torpedo Station Keyport WA. Still Married, 6 kids, 9 grandkids, and of sound mind at 68.

Dave Hinkle

Your Haddo Newsletter is the best such effort I have seen. You always do more than expected! I enjoyed the snippets on Haddoites. I hope others follow your lead.

Fred Holmes

What a pleasant surprise. I'm glad someone continued all that Mike Gann started back in 1990. I would think with this day of hi-tech computers we should be able to locate more of our Haddo bunch! There's not any - I don't think - in these W.N.C Mountains. Retirees like LT. Aldinger, Lt. Leon, W. K. Allen -EM, Boehme, Coons, Day, Graff, E. L. Jones (ret LCDR) - anyways - seems we should be able to roll out addresses. Have they a retired section in BUPERS. Seems Jolly would be an ideal source. Just a suggestion.

I served on board Haddo from 14 Feb 1962 - 14 Feb 1966. As you alluded to CAPT. Jack was the best - not only as a skipper but! As a Flag - he was COMBUBGRU FIVE - The Best!

I really enjoyed your update. There's lots of Haddo stories like the alligator we took to sea, etc! etc!

David "Country" Howk

I am an old Haddo Shipmate who is very grateful to receive your excellent newsletter. Thanks for keeping up the tradition that Mike Gann started. Keeps us in touch and we all share much of the same enthusiasm and memories.

I was a Commissaryman, reluctant at first, from 1969 to 1973 on board Haddo. The supply gang was pretty weak so I naturally leaned towards another gang of a bit more interest to me. I was fascinated by navigation so made friends with Carl Padgett. Then there was a guy, a tall thin fellow, who was a nuc named Brendle or Brennan, Jerry. He played excellent old country guitar - the Carter Family - so we had a few jam sessions as I was of the same "gender". So much in fact that I struck up a solid friendship with a couple of torpedomen who took my "young ass" under their wing when I got behind in quals or spent too long outside the gates in Charleston Navy Yard when the boat was just a shell in dry-dock. These guys were Charles T. Free from Florala, Alabama, and George SaSn-San-Sanford from Alabama? No, somewhere down south. Tennessee perhaps. A lot of southerners on board who loved country music that I entertained them and myself. So I got the name "Contry" from George and Charlie. And it stuck. To me the Haddo was home and brotherhood - family. I did a few foolish stupid tricks as all brothers sometimes

do, but mostly behaved honorably as I could.

To me the Haddo was a beautiful thing - almost alive there in the drydock at night with lanterns lit up all over at night and the light from welder arcs and torches nearby where I stood many fire watches. Books of answers in life and perspectives from Sub School were answered by friendly shipyard workers and enthusiastic shipmates who shared that dream. A lot of tall tales were flying around, laughter and grief as the puzzle pieces were interlocked in the mayhem and pleasure of a growing concern. How would she sail? Well, shakedown lived up to its name to me. I loved the shudder of the boat as she sped through the turns and arcs in the salty depths. Alright. I'm getting carried away here. Excuse me.

But I am a submariner at heart and you are too and a boatload of others. I have very close connections to Fritz Stevens, Pat Finnegan and Don Koeppen who are on your list. But a very good friend of mine, Don Collier who still to this day works on diesel engines in the Mystic Shipyard in Conneticut does not receive this fine present every few months and I've told him about it in our correspondence. So if you see fit here is his address - I will have to send it to you very soon - in mid thought it occurred to me that he is moving Christmas week to a new home 10 or 15 miles north of Mystic and I haven't got the address yet.

But here is a present for you. I haven't heard from these guys in a while but there is a publication "American Submariner" with a roster of old subs and submariners. James Rolle, Editor - American Submarines, US Submarine Veteran, 105 Sunview Drive, Milton, FL 32570-8269.

Jim Jamison

How are you after all these years? Jim was thrilled to find out from Fern, that you were still around and had an e-mail address. He won't have anything to do with my computer, but loves the fact I have found some of his old buddies. If you would like to e-mail him I will print it out for him. Can't wait to hear from you!!

John McMicheal

I was just informed by a former crew member that you are the new editor for the Haddo Newsletter. He also informed me that he had just received a newsletter and it had a complete "roster" of former crew members and my name was not among them.

I was the Chief of the Boat of Haddo from 1988 to 1990. I assumed the position of COB approximately three weeks after the preceding COB had been relieved for cause. I was the COB until the boat was decommissioned and transferred to Mare Island for the final stripping of usable parts. While there, I was offered the position of COB on another boat but there was no one to relieve me. A Master Chief Waddell volunteered to relieve me but he was not qualified to be the Chief of the Boat and did not have the necessary NEC. The COB detailer agreed to let him relieve me as the Senior Enlisted Advisor. I understand some have mistaken him as the decommissioning COB.

Dean Nyffeler

I only received two of Mike's newsletters but much appreciated them. I also enjoyed your first newsletter. I hadn't realized that the Haddo graduated to sea duty at about the same time I graduated from high school. I reported in late 1970 as an ETR2 of the NEC 3353 type as Charleston was finishing overhauling the Haddo. I remember that a 1" hole was found in the HY-80 before trials. I was sure there was no reason to shave when the odds were against us. After the first sea trial the rudder or the stern planes were found to be held on by 12 threads. I stayed on the Haddo until it went to Pascagoula for another refit. I decided I was not riding anything out of another shipyard and went to the Hunley in 1974.

I guess the story of our trip to St. Croix was covered by Captain Scales. It seems that a lot more could be said about what happened there. He could start with the two destroyers waived off by the pier owner until we tied up but maybe everything has been written that should be.

Gene Perry

I got your first news letter. THANKS! for keeping it going. I served on the Haddo from DEC 72 until AUG 74. One of my favorite memories was the step stool I found one watch at the base of the periscope stand. Someone didn't like me tip-towing around the control room.

Paul Shockley

First, let me tell you that I appreciate that you are continuing with the newsletter. I am sure that there are many like me who look forward to receiving some contact with our past. On several occasions I have seen the names of some of those I served with on Haddo. If I can be of some service to you in the future let me know, even

though I can't think of what that might be at this time. That said, there is something I ask of you. I have been unable to find a Haddo jacket patch. I have contacted several persons who make patches and they can't furnish Haddo, they say because they don't have a template for it. If you know of someone who does do them I would appreciate it if you would let me know. I don't know if you belong to any of the veterans submarine groups or not. I am a member of the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc. and Submarine Veterans of WWII (as an Associate). Currently, I am the Secretary of both of the local chapters here in south East Wisconsin. The Sub. Vets. WWII wear a colorful vest on which is displayed the boats they served on. The only boat patch I don't have is Haddo. I am looking forward to future communications with you. My computer is new to me and I will soon be hooked-up on the Internet. When I get better with this I'll let people know the address and get talk more with them.

Nancy Sluski

Hi Ray, I'm Nancy Sluski wife of John MMI. He served on the Haddo and the Daniel Webster. I still live on our farm (22 yrs) where we raised our four son's. Two serving in the U.S. Navy (J. Patrick & J. E. Jacob). The renegade son (J. Adam) served in the Army, much to his father's frustration. J. Luke resides in a Assisted Living Facility due to Kidney failure and the necessity of dialysis every other day. I'm an asst. special education teacher that specializes in adaptive education. That just means I have to figure out how my kids can be like the "normal" ones. My student's age group is 2.5 to 5. Basically I try to get them ready for Kindergarten, so they blend in despite their handicap. I'm learning to use John's Computer (his mistress) and continue answering his mail. Talking to his friends makes things easier. Now that's a lot of vowels.

Nan received the following e-mail from Greg Kristof who was apparently sending in the blind.

Is this the same guy who wrote "Ode to a green handled Valve?" Also the one who wore \$40.00 pants and \$30.00 shirts only to cover them up with a \$2.00 horse blanket? Drank George Dickles because it came with a leather carrying case and shoulder strap? If this is the same guy then this is Greg Kristof EM2 SS! Remember the wonderful group that shared that apt. in Charleston? I'll quit for and see if this gets through.

Nan's reply

John used to pick me up for a date wearing a blanket and a pair of moccasins, just to freak out my mom. She thought he didn't own a pair of shoes, and didn't want me to marry him. LOL 28 years later he was still wearing moc's but he traded the blanket for a sheep's skin one. He switched to Bushmills a long time ago and they still send him a birthday card. Maybe Greg will have some stories for your newsletter. Drop me a line anytime. NAN (John's wild Irish rose).

Ray Sphar

I enjoyed the "new" Newsletter very much. I certainly enjoyed my duty on Haddo - many fond memories of sea trials, commissioning, Puerto Rico, and of course, Ship Mates.

Walt Sullivan

The Newsletter was great; I had forgotten about the MONOB medal.

John Tittman obtained Captain Jack's uniform from Dorothy for a presentation this month in Tidewater. Perhaps you could get him to write the story for Issue 19.

Fern Wagner

It's been awhile and I was wondering your going to be in Reno in September? Hope to see you there.

Would you be so kind as to add Gary Semler to the Haddo Roster. He was part of the original crew but was transferred early on the then experimental Narwhal SSN 671. His home address is 143 Edgefield Drive, Summerville, SC. E-mail address is "asemler@wpmedia.com".

Dorothy Williams

How wonderful to receive the Haddo newsletter and find all those nice words about Jack. He loved every minute in submarines and I guess it showed. You might be interested to know that after retirement in 1983, he became very active in the community here (paying back, he said). He was active in Boy Scouts, president of the school board, president of the Maritime Museum in Astoria, Oregon, a vice-president (west) of the Undersea Museum in (near) Bremerton, on the board of the local museum, and very active in the Northwest Submarine League which he helped get started.

We were able to travel and had just returned from a trip to New Zealand when he was diagnosed with lung cancer and died 5 months later. He preferred to

be in the hospital at Ft. Lewis rather than here. I think that he felt more comfortable in a Service atmosphere. So most people remember him as he was - vigorous and full of fun.

Paul Wiltberger

Let me say it was a pleasure to get a newsletter. I also served on the commissioning crew and served on board from day one till my discharge in October 1966. Departed as IC1(SS). I well remember all the fun I had in Camden and our early voyages. Boy, did I pull some stunts.

Hope all is well. You can post my email address as part of mailing list.
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