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FIRST SEA LORD PRESENTS BATTLE HONOURS TO  
FALKLANDS MERCHANT SHIP COMPANIES

The following is a News Release received from the General Council of British Shipping:

The First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, presented Battle Honours to the Owners of the 37 merchant ships involved in the active phase of the Falklands Campaign at a reception on 9th July at the General Council of British Shipping in London. Fifty-four ships were taken up from trade during the campaign and the G.C.B.S. President, Mr. Bill Menzies-Wilson, said time passed and memories tended to fade, sometimes too quickly, but they could all be proud of the devotion, co-operation and professionalism displayed by everyone connected with British Merchant Shipping at that time. Once again, the Royal Navy and Merchant Navy had shown their ability to work together, both recognising that the sea took no heed of rank or calling and that only the highest professionalism was good enough.

The President, however, warned about the defence consequences of a shrinking merchant fleet. He said:-

"The figures are on the record:

	<u>Ships</u>	<u>DWT</u>
1982	868	25M
Now	700	20M
1986 (estimate)	400	10-12M

We have lost 40 ships of 1.1M DWT in the first few months of 1984".

Mr. Menzies-Wilson stressed the £1Bn. a year net contribution of U.K. ships to the balance of payments and said: "But the Budget has clobbered us - loss of tax advantage, both to companies and seafarers. If it went through, we would be the only major Western maritime nation with no specific support. We have made our views very clear and hope for changes in the Report Stage of the Finance Bill this week. The Secretary of State for Transport has asked us what we do need and want and we are happy to have put together a very workable programme and hope to talk about it shortly".

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SHIP AND SHORE NEWS

**MARRIAGES:** Congratulations and best wishes for the future to Fourth Engineer **A.J.F. Tuck** on his marriage to **Hilary** on 22nd June.

**OBITUARY:** Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Mr. Robert Lewis**, Accounts Department, Head Office, on the passing of his mother-in-law recently.

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NEWS OF RETIRED STAFF:

We have heard from **Mrs. Ivy Rolfe** (Widow of **Mr. Harold Rolfe**, late Director London Office). She sends her regards to those whom she knows and who knew her husband.

**Captain Picton Davies** has been out and about again - this time on a Rhine cruise. He went on many interesting coach tours from several "ports of call" along the Rhine, including an excursion to Interlaken, Lucerne and Berne. He sends regard to all his R.S.L. friends.

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NEWS OF EX STAFF:

**Mr. R.T. Alford**, formerly Chief Officer with us, informs us he is now working as a Cargo Superintendent for NORUK Cargo Services, based at Queen Alexandra Dock, Cardiff. He would be more than pleased to meet any of his former colleagues whenever they are in the area.

**Mr. Jonathan Hewson**, former Chief Engineer, has written to say he is now in the employ of Bureau Veritas at Dubai. He sends his regards to all the people with whom he worked and who made his years of employment with Reardon Smith so memorable. If any of the Company's ships call into the United Arab Emirates, he might well make contact.

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IT'S COMPETITION TIME!

Earlier in the year, Radio Officer **J.R. Mathews** sent in a competition, which is attached to the Newsletter this month. It is understood this had been "tried out" on the ship on which he was then serving. As it is nearly the "silly season", we thought it was time to put a bit of fun into the Newsletter, so - GOOD LUCK, EVERYONE. We would be interested to know, from both ships and shore, who "got it right". The answer will be included next month. Devonshire House staff are NOT allowed to use the computer!.

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THANKS

Grateful thanks to all those who have sent in contributions for the Newsletter. These will be used in due course, in order to provide as much variation as possible.

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ATTACHMENT TO NEWSLETTER

MERCHANT NAVY DISCIPLINE ORGANISATION: Latest summary is attached.

## SHIPS POSITIONS

As at 23rd July, 1984

m.v. "EASTERN VALLEY" This vessel presently operating under Time Charter account British Steel Corporation, arrived Port Kelang 2038 5th July and after discharging 3089MT Steel Beams sailed 1830 7th July, Arrived Singapore 1600 8th July and anchored the Western Anchorage 1800 same day. Vessel sailed Singapore 2318 11th July after discharging 10203MT Sections and Angles. Vessel then arrived Hong Kong 1210 16th July and berthed at the A 21 Buoy 1412 the 16th and sailed 1815 the 17th after discharging 993T Steel Products. Vessel arrived Busan 0943 21st July and berthed Pier 7 (Berth 72) 11.30 21st. Commenced discharge 1300 21st and is expected to complete and redeliver from B.S.C. Time Charter pm 24th. After which vessel's next business has now been arranged under Time Charter, account Tokai, delivery arrival Pilot Station safe port in Charterers option South Japan, present intention being Wakayama, laydays cancelling 0001 24th/2400 30th July for one U.S. North Pacific round voyage, with redelivery dropping outward harbour pilot safe port Japan (Shiogama/Kanmon Range).

m.v. "NORTHERN VALLEY" This vessel sailed Hamburg 2310 5th July with a cargo of 22548.45MT Bagged Barley, plus 1020 Empty Bags for discharge Jeddah. Arrived Port Said 1110 16th July and after transiting the Canal sailed Suez 1634 the 17th July. Vessel arrived Jeddah 1300 the 19th and berthed 1400 same day. Vessel commenced discharge 1900 19th July and discharged 829MT Cargo to am 20th July. We are presently looking for her completion and sailing date Jeddah about 30th July, after which no future employment has yet been arranged.

m.v. "TACOMA CITY" This vessel sailed Hsinkang 1521 15th July and redelivered from Grant Trading Time Charter dropping outward pilot Hsinkang 1656 same day. Vessel is presently proceeding towards Manila in the Philippines, where she is due to arrive 0600 21st July. Vessel will deliver under Time Charter, account Norbulk 0001 23rd July and berth early am same day. Vessel is expected to load a cargo of Lumber in Manila, sailing 24th July for Bislig 26/27th July, Davao 28/29th July, Pomalaa 1/4th August, Taboneo 7/9th, Telok Ayer 10/12th, Tanjong Mani 13/14th, Kota Kinabalu 15/18th, Singapore 22/24th, Langsa 25/27th, Port Kelang 27/31st, and finally Penang, arriving 1st September and after completion of loading will sail the 3rd. Vessel calls Jeddah en route to the Continent for bunkers and is due to arrive 16th September and sail same day, after which vessel arrives Suez 18th September and after transiting the Suez Canal will sail Port Said the 19th for her first port of discharge, being Rotterdam, arriving 29th September and sailing 4th October for Antwerp 5/6th October and finally Cardiff, where she is due to arrive 8th October and complete and redeliver around the 13th October.

m.v. "WESTERN VALLEY" This vessel presently operating under Time Charter, account Island View Shipping, sailed Saldanha Bay 0733 27th June with a cargo of 26160.5MT Ores/Concentrates for discharge Antwerp and Rotterdam. Vessel anchored Flushing Roads 0810 19th July to await berth. Vessel is due to berth Antwerp (Kanaalok B 1 - No.514) 1800 20th July and after discharging will sail Antwerp 2200 21st July for Rotterdam, where she is due to arrive 22nd July. Vessel is expected to take 2/2.5 days discharge and redeliver from Time Charter around the 25th. Vessel then proceeds to Hamburg to deliver under Time Charter account British Steel Corporation on arrival Elbe No.1 26th July. Vessel is expected to load a cargo of 26144MT Steel Products in Hamburg and Middlesbrough and after loading Hamburg portion will sail about 30th July, arriving Middlesbrough 31st and sailing 8th August. Vessel will then arrive Port Said around the 18th August and after transiting the Suez Canal will sail Suez 19th August. Vessel then proceeds to her first port of discharge, being Port Kelang, where she is due to arrive 3rd September to discharge 1100MT = 40 ft Beams, sailing the 5th for Singapore, arriving the 6th to discharge 8866MT Beams, Sections etc., sailing 9th for discharge Muara Port, arriving the 10th and after discharging 1078MT = 40 ft Beams will sail 11th for final port of discharge being Hong Kong, where she is due to arrive the 15th to discharge 15000MT Reinforcing Bars and 100MT Rectangular Tubes and will complete and redeliver around the 20th September.

m.v. "SKEENA" This vessel completed and sailed final discharge port, Osaka, 1620 19th July for Kobe for drydocking. vessel entered Mitsubishi Shipyard in Kobe 1830 19th July and drydocked 1911 the same day. Vessel is presently expected to undock around 31st July/1st August and after sea trials will proceed to Toyohashi. Charterers N.Y.K. indicate that vessel will load 3900 Vehicles in Tokohashi only through 3/5th August but at present discharge ports are unknown but it could possibly be the U.S. West Coast, where she would arrive around the 20th August. We are still awaiting itinerary.

m.v. "AMPARO" This vessel, presently under MEX BRAZIL Service arrived Vera Cruz 0900 14th June and berthed 0730 21st June. Vessel then commenced loading her cargo of Bagged Beans and Containers and had loaded 10500MT Bagged Beans to am 7th July. Vessel then shifted to anchorage on the 7th July due to Shippers letter credit problems. Vessel then reberthed Vera Cruz 1230 19th July to replenish fresh water and diesel oil and also to load the last remaining 500MT Bagged Beans. Vessel sailed Vera Cruz 20th July and is presently proceeding towards discharge port, Santos, at around 12.5 knots. Vessel will arrive Santos around 5/6th August, but we have received no discharge prospects as yet. After completion of discharge at Santos vessel will load Kodak cargo Brazil for discharge Mexico but no itinerary has been received for this business.

m.v. "BIBI" This vessel presently operating under Voyage 23 Eastbound, sailed Yokohama 14th July and is presently proceeding towards Lazaro Cardenas, where she is due to arrive am 28th July and after completion of cargo operations sail the 31st for Manzanillo where she arrives 1st August and sail the 3rd. Vessel then proceeds under Voyage 23 Westbound, arriving Salina Cruz 4th August and sailing 6th for Guaymas 9/12th, and finally Long Beach where she is due to arrive 15th and sail 16th. Vessel then proceeds to Keelung, where she is due to arrive 30th August and sail 1st September for Busan 3/4th September, Onsan 5/6th September and finally Osaka, where she is due to arrive 7th and sail 8th September. We are awaiting further itinerary from T.M.M.

m.v. "LACANDON" This vessel sailed Lake Charles 0054 10th July with a cargo of 23002MT Petcoke for discharge Gela in Sicily. Vessel is presently proceeding towards Gela and is due to arrive around 1200 26th July and after completion of discharge operations, will sail around the 7th August. We have received no further itinerary from T.M.M.

m.v. "OLMECA" This vessel arrived Rio Grande 1005 12th July and berthed 1008 13th. Vessel loaded 7000MT Soya Beans to am 16th July and sailed 0808 same day. Vessel anchored Sea Anchorage 0935 16th July due to berth congestion. Reberthed Rio Grande 1455 20th July and resumed loading. Vessel completed loading 1010 21st July and sailed Rio Grande 1000 22nd July with a cargo of 22000MT Soya Beans for discharge Mazatlan. Sailing was delayed due to adverse weather and pilotage being suspended. Vessel is presently proceeding towards the Panama Canal and is due to arrive Cristobal the 5th August and after transiting will sail Balboa the 6th. Vessel then proceeds towards discharge port, Mazatlan, calling at Salina Cruz en route for bunkers. We expect vessel to arrive Mazatlan around 14/15th August, but no discharge prospects have yet been advised. Vessel's next business is to load Copper Concentrates in Guaymas for discharge Hamburg and no itinerary has yet been received for this business.

m.v. "SILVIA SOFIA" This vessel, presently operating under Voyage 19 Westbound, sailed Guaymas 1616 20th July and is due to arrive Long Beach 0830 23rd and after completion of cargo operations will sail 24th. Vessel then proceeds towards Japan, arriving Yokohama 5th August, sailing the 6th for Osaka 7/8th and finally Hibi 9/11th. Vessel then proceeds under Voyage 20 Eastbound, arriving Yokohama the 13th, sailing the 15th for Millport 16/18th, Shimizu 19/22nd. Vessel then proceeds towards Mexico, arriving Manzanillo 8th September, sailing 11th for Lazero Cardenas 12/14th, and finally Salina Cruz, arriving 15th and sailing 16th September. No future itinerary has yet been received.

m.v. "YAQUI" This vessel sailed Mazatlan 1800 11th July and arrived Guaymas 1730 13th July. Vessel sailed Guaymas 1200 17th July with a cargo of Copper Concentrates for discharge Hamburg. Anchored Manzanillo 19th July and is expected to sail noon 23rd after which vessel proceeds to the Panama Canal arriving Balboa 29th July and after transiting will sail 30th July and proceeds towards discharge port. Vessel is presently expected to arrive Hamburg around 14th August and complete discharge of her Copper Concentrate and sail the 17th August. No further itinerary has yet been received from T.M.M.

**ALL AT SEA.....**

EASTERN VALLEY	<p>Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering</p>	<p>P. Baverstock D. Toon, K. Jones, J. Townsend R. Masters D. Archbold, N. Nesbitt M. Owens, C. Jones E. M. Bennington L. Rodrigues</p>	AMPARO	<p>Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering Cadets</p>	<p>J. Porteous J. Stewart, J. Pagler, S. Broderick M. Savory W. Powell, J. Fooks, M. McIundie C. Broughton M. Burns C. Harry J. Greenspan, P. Davies</p>
WESTERN VALLEY	<p>Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering</p>	<p>J. J. Birrell T. Jowett, P. Coles, G. Provis R. Chugg D. Amey, R. Thomas, C. Lee M. Hopewell. F. Brown D. Dias.</p>	BIBI	<p>Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering Cadets</p>	<p>J. Pearsall, B. Dunk, A. Morris, D. Littler. B. Everett R. Chambers, P. H. Evans, R. Stead J. Davies, I. Morgan. D. Grant L. Slawinski D. Hilton, M. Worsnop, R. Williamson.</p>
NORTHERN VALLEY	<p>Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering Cadets</p>	<p>W. D. Jones I. Stutt, N. Jerrum, R. A. Hall. R. Hogg R. Trigg, J. Hocking, R. Deschamps, P. Heyman K. Hampton P. Gallie, S. Thomas</p>	SILVIA SOFIA	<p>Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering Officer Cadet</p>	<p>M. Bellamy T. Haxell, M. Frazer, M. Cox C. Macey K. Morgan, T. Graham-Russell, I. Epton, S. Rawlings, D. A. Williams. K. Bean L. Haywood T. Short</p>
TACOMA CITY	<p>Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering</p>	<p>J. Lee W. Wood, P. Bullard, J. Coleman V. Cullen L. Williamson, R. Bell, G. Ashton A. Salter J. Fernandez R. Peach</p>	OLMECA	<p>Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering</p>	<p>P. Boroughs E. Walmsley, P. Codd, P. Vaughan P. Denchy J. Scott, R. Rees, A. Brandram-Jones, M. Holman B. Batoy D. Fernandes</p>
M.V. "SKEENA"	Ships Company:-	<p>Captain R. Stuart, R. Baker, A. Williamson, A. Prosser D. Thomson, G. Hughes, C. Burton, P. Price, J. Akhurst, K. Baines, J. Grainger, A. Gouldie, P. Tate, M. Bowen F. George, D. Long, S. Hurrell, J. Richards, R. Wilkins S. Seagraves, G. Moore, M. Conlin, S. Hird, P. Mules, K. Shire, B. Williams, A. Trabert, D. Lineham.</p>	YAQUI	<p>Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering</p>	<p>M. Slayman A. Field, M. Sealley, S. Brown. B. Carter B. Draper, W. Bruce, K. Warner P. Cocker J. Atkinson E. Dias</p>
LACANDON	<p>Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering</p>	<p>K. Milburn D. Aubrey, P. Roberts, D. B. Williams P. Hodge H. Fletcher, D. Roberts A. Keast, D. Aldus D. Osborne O. Rebello</p>	LACANDON	<p>Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering</p>	<p>K. Milburn D. Aubrey, P. Roberts, D. B. Williams P. Hodge H. Fletcher, D. Roberts A. Keast, D. Aldus D. Osborne O. Rebello</p>

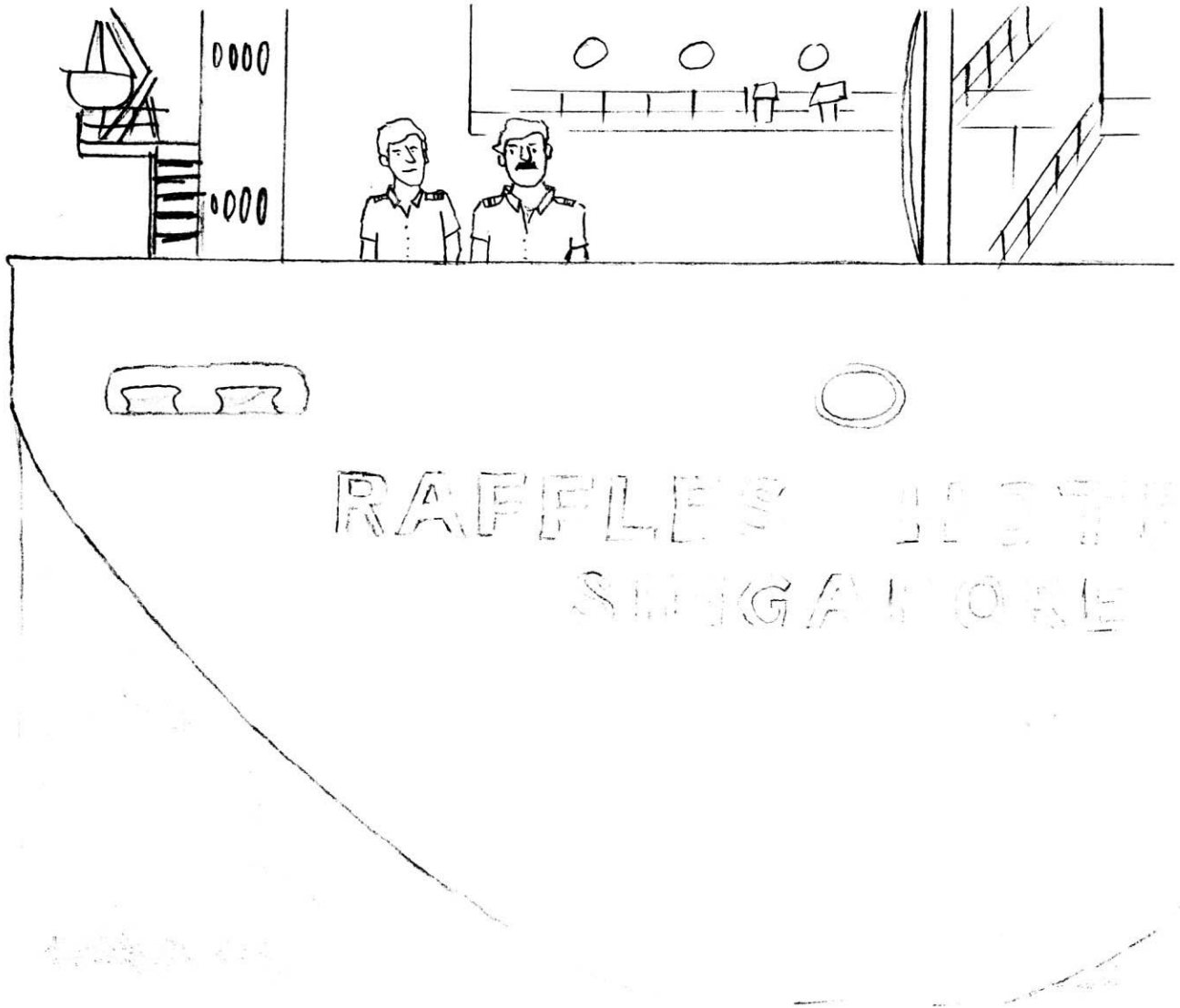
The disposition lists were correct at the time of printing.

POT POURRI

PUZZLE CORNER

Answer to Brain Teaser:

Simply lay one plank across a corner of the moat and lay the other from that plank to the castle.



"I HEARD THEY COULDN'T THINK OF ANOTHER NAME".

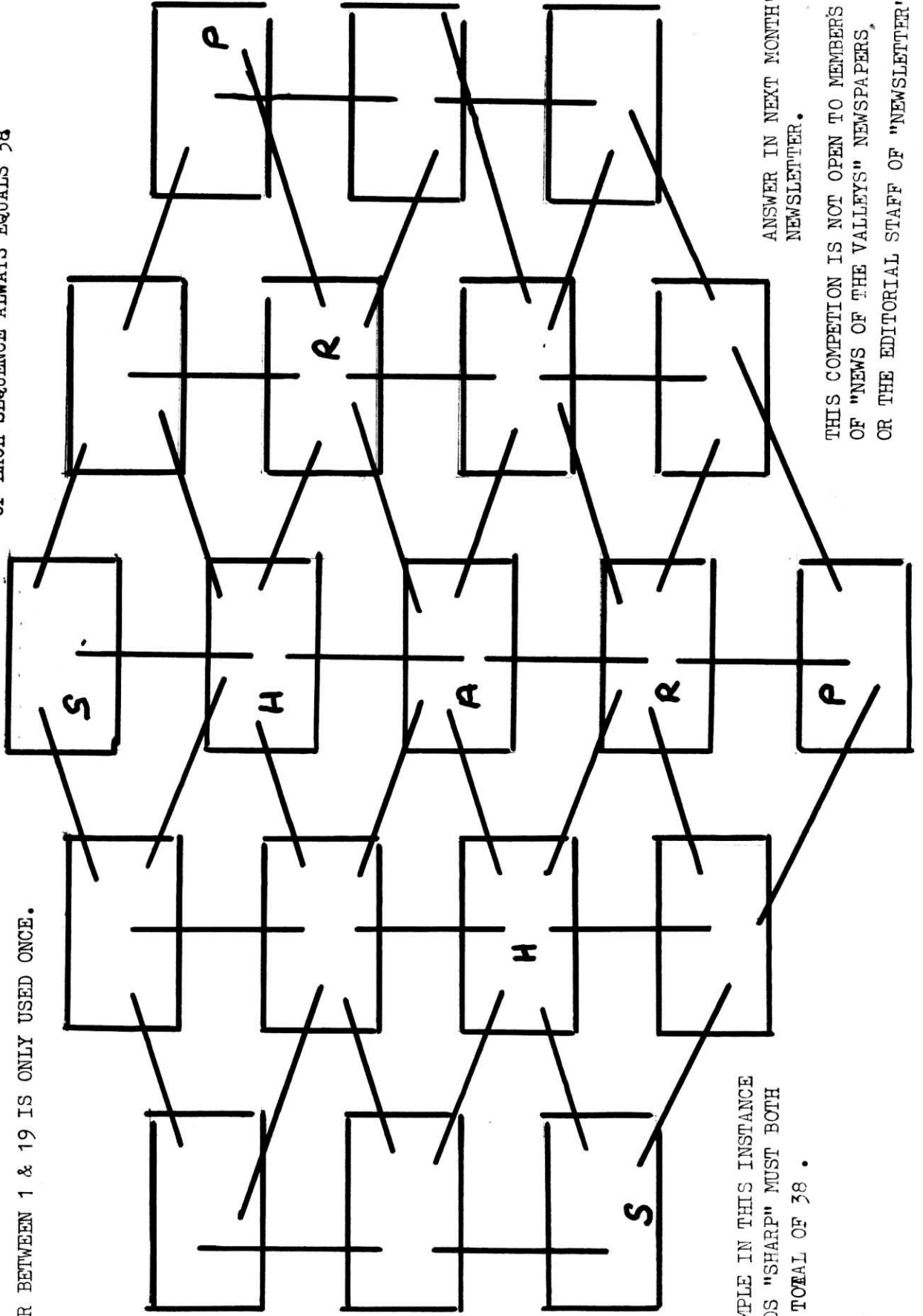
(Thanks to "Jolly Jack Tar", who sent in this cartoon some months ago).

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH.....

Some women are like angels - for they are for ever harping.

WITH THE NUMBERS 1 TO 19 INCLUSIVE, JOIN UP THE BOXES  
IN THE VERTICAL AND DIAGONAL LAYOUTS SO THAT THE TOTAL  
OF EACH SEQUENCE ALWAYS EQUALS 38

EACH NUMBER BETWEEN 1 & 19 IS ONLY USED ONCE.



J.R.M.  
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FOR EXAMPLE IN THIS INSTANCE  
THE WORDS "SHARP" MUST BOTH  
EQUAL A TOTAL OF 38.

ANSWER IN NEXT MONTH'S  
NEWSLETTER.

THIS COMPETITION IS NOT OPEN TO MEMBERS  
OF "NEWS OF THE VALLEYS" NEWSPAPERS,  
OR THE EDITORIAL STAFF OF "NEWSLETTER"



## SPORTS PAGE

On - off - maybe - ON?

The avid sports fan who has read this journal from cover to cover will not have failed to appreciate that that headline represents the run up to the 1984 Gower Cup, which was not played in 1983.

This year has run true to form up to date, but now we hope the "annual" cricket match between London and Cardiff will be played on September 7th at Wokingham.

This date at least helps the hard pressed local coach operators, who have had a long hard summer ferrying pickets as far afield as Yorkshire. It is to be hoped that the coal strike will be settled by September, so that the Cardiff team will not be stopped outside Wokingham and turned back, having been mistaken for pickets heading for the Kent coalfield.

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RESULTS: (since last reported):-

v ARTHUR YOUNG	lost by 5-wickets
RS.	90 for 5 (B.Nicholls 29)
A.Young	93 for 5 (D.Oakes 2-8)
v CITY HOUSING	won by 63 runs
RS.	106 for 5 (D.Phillips 51 not out)
Housing	43 (R.Corsi 3-1)
v CARDIFF ROYAL INFIRMARY	lost by 31 runs
RS.	99 for 7 (P.Davies 41)
C.R.I.	130 for 8 (R.Corsi 4-17)
v SHARPE & FISHER	lost by 8-wickets
RS.	87 (J.Reardon Smith 19)
S.&F.	88 for 2 (M.Davies 1-2)
v PETERSTON	lost by 9-wickets
RS.	61 (M.Davies 19)
Peterston	63 for 1 (M.Davies 1-20)
v TOUCHE ROSS	lost by 9 runs
RS.	87 (D.Phillips 26)
Touche Ross	96 for 8 (J.Reardon Smith 3-6)
v R.I.C.S.	lost by 13 runs
RS.	98 (D.Oakes 27)
R.I.C.S.	111 for 7 (G.Johnson 2-13)

So a season which started with such promise has slumped, despite several impressive performances by individuals.