



AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

between

**Wick Sea Cadet Corps, TS Campbell, Unit No 634
and**

The HMS Exmouth 1940 Association (founded 2001)

1) Commencement date

This Affiliation will commence upon signing on the 21st June 2014 and is intended to be a permanent link between the two parties detailed.

2) Affiliation aims and responsibilities

The main aim of this Affiliation is to further the memory of the loss of 190 men in the service of their country during the second World War when their ship, HMS Exmouth, was sunk by enemy action off the coast near Wick, Caithness on the 21st January 1940.

Since the Association was formed by the relatives of the crew in September 2001, it has taken great comfort in the fact that the Wick St Fergus Church of Scotland has been, and will continue to be, the spiritual home of both the ship and her crew, under the stewardship of the church's incumbent minister, the Reverend John Nugent BD (Hons) and his successors. It is here that the memorial plaque resides along with the White Ensign presented by the Royal Navy and the folder with the photographs of the crew.

Through this Affiliation, we wish to engage with the young people of Wick and the surrounding area, and with future generations, to keep the memory of the events that happened locally in 1940 very much alive and relevant.

To help facilitate this, the Association will present TS Campbell with:

- a) Scale models of HMS Exmouth and U22 that were built by the son* of one of the crew members lost on that fateful day.
- b) HMS Exmouth ship's plaque showing the crest and its motto 'Deo Adjuvante.' (*With God's help*).
- c) A copy of the book entitled 'Laugh and Sigh' written by Gordon French in memory of his shipmates.
- d) A framed copy of the letter sent by Coxswain Ernest Davies one week before the ship was lost to his school penfriend in which he details the daily routine of life on board HMS Exmouth.
- e) The Exmouth Memorial Trophy (see para 3)

**Son: Mr Leslie Darton, son of Stoker 1st class Leslie Darton*

3) The Exmouth Memorial Trophy

The Exmouth Memorial Trophy has been donated by the members of the Association to TS Campbell. The intention is that annually, on the Unit's drill night closest to the 21st January, it will be awarded to the cadet who, in the opinion of the Unit's Officers, has shown the most significant improvement over the previous twelve months.

The 'Exmouth Cadet', as he/she will be known, will hold this title for 12 months and the duties will include;

- a) Under the direction of Unit instructors to ensure they are conversant in the history of HMS Exmouth and the circumstances surrounding her loss. Also to ensure that the items as detailed in para 3 are kept safe and in a clean, tidy and sound condition.
- b) Wreath laying each November on Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the Association. In the event of an Association member being present, and making themselves known, the 'Exmouth Cadet' will accompany the relative whilst they are laying the wreath.
- c) To shadow the keeper of the Church's 'Exmouth' artefacts, currently Mr John Cormack, to learn their relevance to the memory of the ship and her crew, to enable them to brief the Cadets of TS Campbell of the full history of HMS Exmouth.
- d) To ensure that both the memorial Cherry Tree and accompanying plaque in the grounds of 'Exmouth House' in North Murchison Street, Wick, Caithness are kept in good order.

The year and name of the Exmouth Cadet is to be recorded (hand written) each year in the pages of the book 'Laugh and Sigh' written by James Gordon French ('Froggy'), ex-crew member of HMS Exmouth.

4) Contact details of TS Campbell and The HMS Exmouth 1940 Association

Wick Sea Cadet Corps:

PO Mark Cormack, Officer-in-Charge

The HMS Exmouth 1940 Association:

Chairman: David Ellis,

Secretary: Sue Eastwood,

Treasurer: Alex Morrison,

5) Outlays

The outlay for the two floral wreaths for the annual Remembrance Parade each November (see para 3 above) will continue to be funded by the Association for as long as such funds are available through its Members' donations. After which time TS Campbell will arrange for and meet the outlay for the wreaths from the Unit's funds.

Whilst no other outlays are envisaged, should the need arise for any reason, then an agreement will be reached between the two parties to this Affiliation before any expenditure is incurred.

6) Signatures

With the foregoing points agreed, the following signatories endorse this Affiliation for the good and benefit of both the parties.

Signed this day, 21st June 2014

On behalf of Wick Sea Cadet Corps, TS Campbell

PO Mark Cormack, Officer-in-Command

Witness, on behalf of Wick Sea Cadet Corps, TS Campbell

Miss Anne Dunnett, Lord-Lieutenant of Caithness & Honorary President

On behalf of The HMS Exmouth 1940 Association

*Mr David Ellis, Chairman
Grandson of Stoker 1st Class Leslie Darton*

Witness, on behalf of The HMS Exmouth 1940 Association

*Mrs Sue Eastwood, Secretary
Granddaughter of Able Seaman Walter Andrews*

‘Ready Aye Ready’

