

January 28th. 1944.

TO ALL OFFICERS AND MEN OF SHIP'S COMPANY.

Instead of making you another speech when there is so much to clear up, I take this opportunity of saying how proud I feel at the way every Man on the Ship behaved durring the whole of the recent period at the Port of ANZIO.

One and all you behaved magnificently and by sticking in, every Man pulling his weight without exception, you prevented what was a serious mishap, followed by fire, from becoming unmanageable.

We must all greive for our Ship-mate who was killed at his Post of Duty and for all those others who were wounded, or seriously wounded at theirs.

I know that, wherever our Job lies in the future, I can rely on you all to act as you have done now-- in the best traditions of the Navy in which we serve.

I thank you all, Officers and Men, for your loyal co-operation.

(signed) J. V. Machin, Lt. Cmdr. R.N.R.