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I'm including the two pages(as back-up) that I sent by email for inclusion in DIPPERS DIGEST #77. There is also a document of information on VIP, and another on Allied Veterans that can be used as a filler, if needed. Also enclosed are some newspaper articles you can use anytime in DIPPERS, together with a couple of cartoons about Divers. I always try to include the source newspaper's name and date on the article in question.

I believe we should include both "The Naval Prayer" and "The Naval Hymn" somewhere in the website on a file of your choosing, possibly on the opening page of the navydiver.ca website?

I think we could open a new file(or alternatively, include in a present file – maybe Document Library?) to allow more people to view some of the old-timers letters that give their point of view of some of the RCN's diving activities, such as Bert Drake's & Cotton Peter's correspondence. These two are currently in the docs.google.doc site, whereas it would be open to much more readers in the navydiver.ca site. It is my intention to go back through my old correspondence to bring out more of these letters, following which I shall send them along to you. I have typed up Bert Drake's handwritten letter(minus the last paragraph, which is irrelevant to the main gist of it all), so you can remove his 8 page written letter & preamble from me, and use the 2 page typed copy enclosed.

All the photographs I sent you are my own personal ones that I received from the oldtime Divers from WW2 and later. Once I received them(in small format usually), I sent them away to a special place in Winnipeg who enlarged them, paid out of my pocket for them, and then included in my personal albums. No CNDA monies were used for this purpose. The reason why I collected them was that I didn't want them to be lost over the years to antiquity. Now that we have an excellent way to exhibit them, I figure that it be best to keep them within the Association.

I was very pleased to see you included the poem "FAIR WINDS AND A FOLLOWING SEA" after the list of deceased Divers at the In Memorium file on the website. I believe it fits in very well there – Thanks.

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