



THE NOT FORGOTTEN ASSOCIATION

From Comradeship To Challenge™

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Entertainment and recreation for wounded and injured service personnel and veterans

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"DEAR SHIPMATE, ALTHOUGH I AM A PONGO I AM ALSO A PROUD SON AND FATHER OF MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR SERVICE, SO KNOW MY PLACE."
Dear Shipmate, (although I am a Pongo I am also a proud son and father of members of the Senior Service - so know my place.)

We have just received your kind letter enclosing another wonderful donation of £50, on behalf of the Portland Branch Royal Naval Association. This is a super sum, for which we are hugely grateful and will help us raise some cheer, and fun, amongst those who have served their country and now suffer – thank you

As you know, wounded and injured service men and women, and veterans with disabilities, are at the heart of everything we do. Your support allows us to make a difference, helping those who have worn their nation's uniform and are now isolated, lonely or vulnerable. It is 100 years ago this year that Marta Cunningham, our Founder, first visited a War Office hospital in Chelsea. She found thousands of young men languishing in the wards and wrote "Could these wasted, listless men be the once adored youngsters, who, but a few years, nay months ago, went so dashingly, with a swing and a song to the Nation's rescue. Alas and this was their reward, suffering, silence and loneliness." She set up The Not Forgotten and in the first year entertained some 10,000 individuals. She then declared "... as long as there are sufferers so long will The Not Forgotten be needed" and we are; as busy as ever and it is only with the philanthropy of individuals and groups such as you and your shipmates that we can still help over 10,000 people a year.

Your donation will make a difference and markedly improve the lives of those who deserve the support and gratitude of a nation. It will allow us to deliver events, which will boost their morale, restore confidence, and improve physical and mental health thereby helping to address the causes of isolation and loneliness. We consider it a huge privilege to be supporting so many; your gift allows us to do this and directly helps to enrich the lives of injured service personnel – we, and they, are in your debt.

I should be grateful if you could thank the Committee and Members for their wonderful generosity. I enclose a copy of our Newsletter to add a little colour to our story and the activities you do kindly support. Thank you.

We look forward to hosting more members of Not Area RNA at future events - it makes a party having the Dark Blue Fraternity there...

Yours sincerely

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