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Alex Oswald
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Dear Alex

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself as the new Commanding Officer of HMS Portland and I am especially honoured to be assuming Command of this particular ship, given her fine history along with your, cherished and welcoming bond of friendship.

Currently the ship is in the final stages of a substantial regeneration package and regenerates for Anti-Submarine Warfare operations. With a broad range of systems and capability upgrades, HMS PORTLAND will be the most advanced Frigate in the Royal Navy.

Having reached the substantial milestone of Ready for Sea Date late March we are now ready to undertake a comprehensive set of trials and training packages. This will culminate in Operational Sea training in late Autumn 21. This is an intensive period for both the ship and the Ship's Company, which is designed to prepare us for out tasking and front line operations, this time in the North Atlantic.

I'm most grateful for the continued support that you have given PORTLAND over the years. In the meantime, I am very pleased to introduce to you to Lt Elliott Lale RN, my Officer of the Watch, as your Bond of Friendship Officer. Please liaise with him in the first instance in any future correspondence. I extend to you my very warmest regards and assure you that I shall keep you updated with HMS PORTLAND's progress over the coming months. As soon as our programme allows, I look forward to inviting you and Portland RNA onboard.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T R Leeder".

T R Leeder
Commanding Officer
HMS PORTLAND

