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On the sad occasion of the death of our patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Central Office would like to thank the many expressions of grief and condolence which have been received at this moving time.

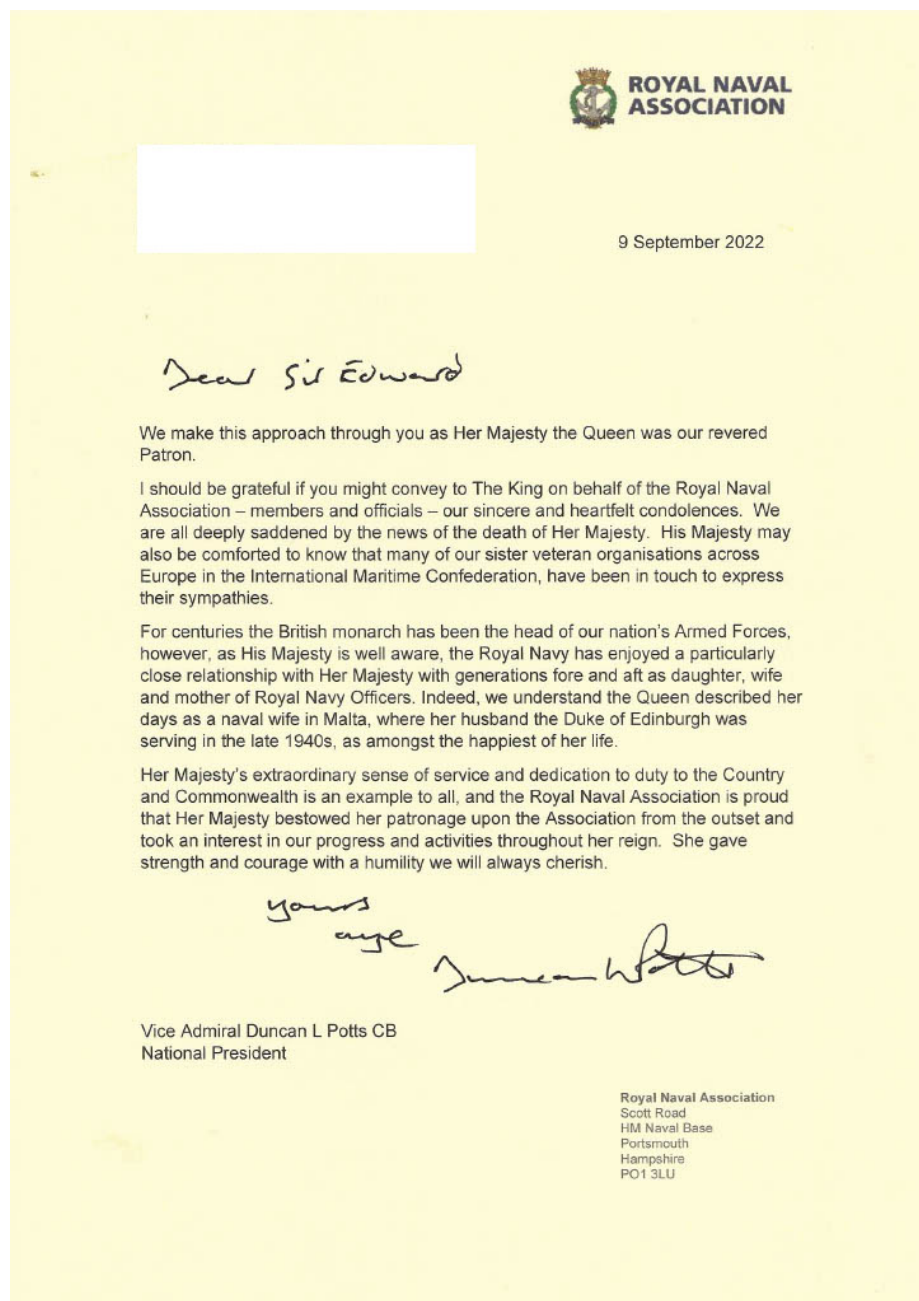
Shipmates would also wish to know that messages of condolence have been received from many of our sister organisations in Europe whom we maintain

contact through the International Maritime Confederation.

On all of our behalf, the National President has written to His Majesty The King to express our joint sorrow; his letter is attached. This is a message from the whole Association and we would request that letters from the Area and Branches are not sent but, instead, Shipmates take the opportunity to sign books of condolence which will appear at locations around the country.

Shipmates will be interested to know that the RNA National Standard will be paraded by the Cenotaph during the funeral procession along with the other Service standards.

*RIP Your Majesty – Long Live the King
The baton passes on, the memories remain.*



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Dear Sir Edward

We make this approach through you as Her Majesty the Queen was our revered Patron

I should be grateful if you might convey to The King on behalf of the Royal Naval Association - members and officials - our sincere and heartfelt condolences. We are all deeply saddened by the news of the death of Her Majesty. His Majesty may also be comforted to know that many of our sister veteran organisations across Europe in the International Maritime Confederation, have been in touch to express their sympathies.

For centuries the British monarch has been the head of our nation's Armed Forces, however, as His Majesty is well aware, the Royal Navy has enjoyed a particularly close relationship with Her Majesty with generations fore and aft as daughter, wife and mother of Royal Navy Officers. Indeed, we understand the Queen describes her days as a naval wife in Malta, where her husband the Duke of Edinburgh was serving in the late 1940s, as amongst the happiest in her life.

Her Majesty's extraordinary sense of service and dedication to duty to the Country and Commonwealth is an example to us all, and the Royal Naval Association is proud the Her Majesty bestowed her patronage upon the Association from the outset and took an interest in our progress and activities throughout her reign. She gave strength and courage with a humility we will also cherish

Yours Aye

Vice Admiral Duncan L Potts CB

National President