

# Richard Ince

(Researched By Brian Saunders)

Richard Stanley Racine Ince B.Sc. was born to Stanley Ince and Hilda Ince (née Larter) on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 1925 in Hackney, London.

He joined the Royal Navy (HMS St. George - Eastney) as a Radio Mechanic 2<sup>nd</sup> Class on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 1946 and was drafted to HMS Collingwood on 27<sup>th</sup> March in the same year later obtaining the rating of Radio Mechanic 1<sup>st</sup> Class on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 1946.

He was promoted to Officer Rank **Instructor Sub-Lieutenant** for short service (7 years service + 5 years on reserve) on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 1947.

Then his postings were as follow:-

(\* denotes Training or Shore Establishments)

15 January, 1947 HMS Victory \* - Portsmouth

30 January, 1947 HMS Vernon \*- Portsmouth

8 March, 1947 HMS Collingwood \* - Fareham

**8 January, 1948 Promoted to Instructor Lieutenant**

28 January, 1949 HMS Theseus - Home Fleet

29 January, 1949 Transferred to Permanent List

19 July, 1950 Admitted to Royal Naval Hospital Haslar, Gosport (reason unknown)

21 August, 1950 HMS Pembroke \* - Chatham

3 Sept, 1950 Discharged from R.N.H. Haslar fit for service

8 Sept, 1950 HMS Pembroke\*- Chatham

18 April, 1951 HMS President\* - London

12 July, 1951 HMS Defiance\* - Saltash

**8 August, 1953 Married Jessica Bagshaw**

8 December, 1953 HMS Superb

A popular and down to earth officer, he was the Instructor Lieutenant on board HMS Superb between 1953 and 1955.

He produced and directed the ship's concert shows during that cruise. The players came from all parts of the ship's company and entertained the public as far afield as Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands to San Francisco in California the Princess Theatre, Bermuda and many places in between.

Richard appeared on stage during these shows and gave an excellent rendering of Victor Borg's "Phonetic Punctuation"

He was the author, for the most part, of the end-of-cruise booklet which is re-printed on the website.

Although unconfirmed, he is believed by family members to have been recommended for promotion to Lieutenant-Commander towards the end of this commission.

At the end of this cruise and returning to the UK on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1955 Richard on leave, possibly on the way to South Hackney, London to visit his parents in Wanstead, E.11 was believed to have been involved in a road accident on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, and died in the Royal Waterloo Hospital, Lambeth.

He was survived by his wife Jessica (née Bagshaw) of Bosham, East Sussex.

HMS SUPERB CRUISE