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DON'T FORGET THE DIVER

While all the immaculate warships of the Review Fleet were arrayed in faultless lines at Spithead early this morning a lonely waif of the sea surfaced in the South Western Approaches to the English Channel.

She was Her Majesty's Submarine ANDREW (Lieut-Commander W.D.S. Scott, R.N.) who, since January last, has been operating with the Royal Canadian Navy and, at the end of May, was working out of Bermuda.

It was decided that in order to gain experience she should make the return passage to England using her snort, and at two o'clock this morning she completed her 2,500 mile journey under water and surfaced. She spends the rest of to-day at Portland and tomorrow at 9 p.m. will berth in H.M.S. DOLPHIN at Portsmouth.

For most of the passage it was possible to issue night news bulletins to the submarine so that they were kept in touch with Coronation news, the conquest of Everest and the cricket scores.

Lieut-Commander Scott joined submarines in 1941. Since the war he has been a Flag Lieutenant to Admiral Sir Patrick Brind when he was Commander-in-Chief, Far East, and has also been Senior Officer of XE craft midget submarines. His home is in London. The remainder of the officer complement of the ANDREW is -

Lieutenant H.M. Woolrych, G.M. R.N. of Netley Abbey, Hants.
Lieutenant M.H.H. Friend, R.N.V.R. of Coulsdon, Surrey.
Lieutenant G.P. McMullen, R.N. of Shaftesbury, Dorset.
Lieutenant (E) D.V. Randall, R.N. of Ramsbury, Wilts., and
Midshipman (Temp) G.W.M. Orr, R.N.V.R. of Palmont,
Stirlingshire.

Lieutenant Friend joined the Navy as a rating during the war, was promoted to commissioned rank and was demobilised in 1946. He volunteered for and was recalled to Naval Service in 1952.

Midshipman G.W.M. Orr is undergoing his National Service training in the Royal Navy.

NOTE TO EDITORS AND ART EDITORS. Reporters and photographers wishing to see "ANDREW" at Portland up to noon tomorrow or to witness her arrival at Gosport should communicate with the Chief of Naval Information, Admiralty, Whitehall 9000, Ext. 1125. In view of the short notice passes will not be issued but the names of press representatives will be signalled to Portsmouth to clear their passage to the Naval establishment.

Admiralty, S.W.1.
15th June, 1953.