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I passed for Master in July 1958 and was enticed to remain in the Cardiff College to study for Extra Master. Whilst there I was informed that 'Extra's' in the near future would be replaced with Maritime Degrees. Further, educational grants would be available for a degree course but not for 'Extra'. I was advised not to return to sea otherwise I might miss the course. The Cardiff College further advised me to try an entrance exam. set by London University to study for a Maritime Lecturer Certificate 1960-61. Whilst on this course in 1961 a 'Flu' epidemic hit London and struck the staff of HMS Worcester. In Jan 1961 I was requested to help out on the Worcester for a term as a Maths/Science/Navigation teacher. This I did and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I successfully completed the course in May 1961 and returned to sea serving as Chief Officer of the M.V. Amarna - P&O Group. In the meantime the Director of Studies Worcester- had met with TEW Browne Head of H.M.S. Conway and recommended me for the vacant post at Conway. The 'Amarna' was in L'pool and I was able to travel to Llanfair PG for an interview -successful- and return to sea until the September when I joined the 'Conway'. This was not a happy experience for Browne had not informed Hewitt I was a Master Mariner appointed to the Academic Staff to teach Maths/Science/Nav. Hewitt immediately sent for me and told me I was to be transferred to the Naval Staff. This I refused to do as my heart was set on these subjects to study towards a future degree course. The accommodation in Plas Newydd I was promised at the interview changed and I was shown to a room overlooking the yard near the 'galley' to the rear of the building. This room I was informed had previously been occupied by the 'Chief Cadet Capt.' It was a small room that gave access to Browne's apartment and a means whereby he could use it as an access at anytime! He would knock on the door and say, 'Excuse me Mr. Rooney I need to go to my quarters! This could take place throughout the day and evening, this I stopped immediately. Eventually after heated discussions with the Capt. and Head I was transferred to a room at the 'Hutted Block' next to Paul Kingsford where I remained until I left in Dec. 1962. Not a great start but I found the 'Cadets' were excellent. Jan. 1963 appointed Lecturer at newly completed Riversdale College, L'pool.. Once again teaching cadets from Worcester & Conway, some having been taught by me at previous venues? The cadets were in the employ of Alfred Holt & Elder Dempster. I was requested to form a rugby side and this proved very successful during my two years at this college. I left for the Maritime Studies Dept. Cardiff Dec. 1964

I met Anne in May 1965 and we were married on Dec. 28th. 1965. Much to my surprise I was recommended for the Degree course, Maritime Commercial Law, 1973-76 and graduated in 1976

Geof Greenland and I really didn't fit in with the 'much' older academic staff who used to drift off to their club on the banks of the Straits, aptly named 'The Moorings'

During my short sojourn on the 'Worcester' I assisted with the First XV and on joining 'Conway' I wasn't allowed near any of the rugby sides except that I was given about 26 assorted cadets aptly named 'The Group' of which I have a memorable photograph. I gathered these were cadets who did not play hockey/run and so were bundled together to work off their excess energy. We just split up into two teams and played a very riotous game of 'touch rugby'. R.Feasey was allocated to assist me!!!

Eventually Ken Bayliss offered me the coach of the Second XV and these photographs were taken when being taken in school

Jan. 1963 I began lecturing at Riversdale College, L'pool to A.H. and Elder Dempster cadets, both engineering and deck. Len Houlder was the bursar, sadly since passed away.

I was asked by the Principal, Mr. Kidman, to form a rugby team of cadets from both Halls of Residence, Engineers & Deck. This I was able to do with a programme of 'away' matches – no college pitch ! We had some excellent days/evenings at local rugby clubs/Universities. I had a contact with the BBC Rugby Club and we set off for London to play the BBC and then to attend the England French match at Twickenham. Hence the photograph.

Overleaf are the photographs I took of Mr. & Mrs. Tapp, Catering Managers.

I think they were having to operate on a 'tight' budget, however, they were very good to 'Greenland and myself for additional food supplement!

Bering honest, Greenland and myself were not happy with the 'Conway' staff environment and soon began looking for 'Pastures new'. Greenland was engaged to Lyn living in York and I would drive him to L'pool on occasions to travel to York