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HEADQUARTERS,  
No. 3 GROUP,  
ROYAL AIR FORCE,  
MILDENHALL,  
BURY ST. EDMUNDS,  
SUFFOLK.

3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1940.

I wish to convey to you my warm appreciation of the services which you rendered to the crew of Wellington aircraft N.2983 when it was forced to land in the North Sea on 18th December, 1939.

I have been informed that you picked up the crew and that you and your men provided them with dry clothes (using some of the jackets and sweaters which you and they were wearing), food and hot drinks and cigarettes.

The action taken by yourself and your crew, and your efforts to make the airmen comfortable have earned the gratitude of all officers and airmen in this Group, and a notification has been forwarded to the Air Ministry.

A previous letter, written to you at the beginning of January and addressed to you in the Grimsby Trawler "MERILLUS", has been returned through the "Dead Letter Office" to the correct address.

Yours faithfully,

*J. A. Baldwin*

Air Vice-Marshal,  
Commanding No. 3 Group.

Mr. F.D. Sinclair,  
"Edholme",  
Glebe Road,  
Scarthoe,  
Grimsby.

NEWHAVEN

By the Commissioners for executing  
the Office of Lord High Admiral of the  
United Kingdom, &c.

To Mr Frederick David Sinclair  
hereby appointed a Temporary Skipper  
in the Royal Naval Reserve

By Virtue of the Power and  
Authority to us given, We do hereby constitute and appoint you a  
Temporary Skipper in the  
Royal Naval Reserve. Authorizing and Requiring you to  
observe and execute the King's Regulations and Admiralty  
Instructions for the Government of His Majesty's Naval Service  
and all such Orders and Instructions as you shall from time to  
time receive from Us or from your Superior Officers.

Given under our hands this fifth  
day of March, 1943.

By Command of their Lordships.  
J. Sidney Barnes

Whitworth

C. E. Kennedy

With Seniority of  
30<sup>th</sup> January 1940 }