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From: The Chief Superintendent

Our ref. GEN/JMB/MR

Your ref.

30th May 1986

Dear Sir

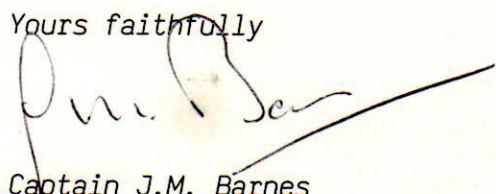
I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 19th May 1986 addressed to the Swansea Depot concerning the 18 foot ship's boat sold out of the Service in 1978.

Our records fail to show the history of these boats but from the photographs supplied with your letter I can identify the boat as an ex lightvessel lifeboat which because of it being sold out of service in 1978 was probably built approximately 20 years earlier, i.e. about 1958; many of these boats were built by Robsons Ltd. - boatbuilders in South Shields.

We no longer have wooden boats onboard lightvessels as they have all been replaced by GRP. As these newer boats are built in a mould, the thwarts and associated equipment are an integral part of each boat. As spares for the original boats have since been disposed of, I regret that I am unable to help you in tracing any spare equipment. The use of a mast and lug sail for lifeboats was also dispensed with approximately 20 years ago and no spares of this equipment are currently available.

I am sorry I cannot be of any help but assure you of any assistance I can give in the future.

Yours faithfully


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