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Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2003

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**RE: GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL – OPERATION ROCHESTER**

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Yours sincerely,

Bernard Page

Copy:  
DI Niven

*NB  
See Note<sup>s</sup> to  
Sam (my daughter)  
(attached)*

Sam I intend to write a brief letter to the senior officer, confirming and reminding him of a suggestion I made to him last night. Ann Alexander had already put this suggestion to one of his team, and they appeared interested.

The problem, as I see it is that they are being forced to have very high profile academics/Professor's on each area of expertise, to ensure that opinions are of the best and can not be challenged at a later date. The problem is that they do not have a "basic". ground level overall assessment of a case from someone who's "done the job".

They are aware of that, but it needs prompting.

I have used words that they understand... Nigel used for example... "ground floor".

Please amend as you think fit..

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