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	Inocente R. Garcia Fonseca	In charge, supply, boats

EX-CADETS (NON GRADUATES)

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		Age					
l.	Higinio Diaz Ane	37				*	
	Ricardo Lorie Valls	35					
	Lazaro A scencio Suarez.	37	*				
	Laureano F. Gutierrez Falla	34					
	Rafael Ribas Echavarria .	32					
	Eduardo Gutierrez Falla .	30					
	Rafael Candia Cervera	22					
	Juan Tamayo Cardonis	24					
	Pedro Salas Mendoza	24	,				
	Salvador Aldere Guia Orse	31					
77.	Luis Barcena Serrano	36					
12.	Rafael Cuza Diaz	33					
12	Eduardo Martinez Muñoa	29					
	Jose M. Santiesteban Pavon	25					
15	Jorge de Moya Fernandez	20					
a	Mascaro	30					
16	Mario Gutierrez Mir	25					
	Tono A Ton Mahan	29					
	Blas G. Pascual Salvador	28 28					
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24	Mascaro Fernando Ojeda Alvarez	27 27					
	Osvaldo Jordan Mendez	32					
	Mariano Regalado Acosta.	36					
27	Ramon Corona Villar	39					
	Roberto B. Martinez Guzman	32					
29	Onelio Garcia Derizana	లన 35					
	Jaime Gomez Veras	32					o
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36.	Alberto Ramos Vega	. 26 . 26					
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38.	Emilio A. Cosio Romeu.	ಸರ 36		•			
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			<u>Age</u>
1.	Jorge Sonville Lezama		23
2.	Carlos Hernandez Sanchez	₽.	23
3.	Humberto J. Solis Jurado		26
4.	Carlos Lopez Ona Nazabal	•	32
5.	Jose J. Basulto Leon	•	22
6.	Pedro S. Rios Gutierrez	•	.39
7.	Gregorio Aguado Lopez	•	33
8.	Nelio Lugo Lopez	•	31
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.0.	Adalberto Fernandez Perez	•	40
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