



The Semaphore Circular

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The Beating Heart of the RNA

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Chefs in HMS Dragon preparing for families day, which included RNA Shipmates telling the Ship's Company about the great things the RNA get up to.

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NCM	National Council Member
NC	National Council
AMC	Association Management Committee
FAC	Finance Administration Committee
NCh	National Chairman
NVCh	National Vice Chairman
NP	National President
DNP	Deputy National President
GS	General Secretary
DGS	Deputy General Secretary
AGS	Assistant General Secretary
CONA	Conference of Naval Associations
IMC	International Maritime Confederation
NSM	Naval Service Memorial

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Dear Shipmate,

Welcome to the September Circular, I hope you have been enjoying the warmer weather – I have just had my summer leave, including walking in the Lake District, which was a nice break after the buzz of the Annual Conference and the pleasure of writing the Conference minutes! We have had another successful Open Day with shipmates having a fun day out and two shipmates going to sea in HMS Dragon to explain the benefits of the RNA, at the invitation of the Ship's XO.

A good Circular this time I would draw your attention to a number of important articles please:

- The new Counselling Service is a very important new provision under the Aged Veterans programme, and we are one of the provider's lead partners (that is Blind Vets UK). This is open to all who are eligible and does not have to be related to service in the RN, PTSD. Shipmates may use it in cases of depression, divorce or separation, bereavement or even if you just want to chat to a counsellor. This is a free service for naval or marine veterans, with counselling normally costing over £40 a session, this is an offer of a basic package of 6 free sessions, extendable if required. Welfare Officers and Branch officials please take careful note.
- I appreciate that many shipmates may be away on holiday, but Admiral David Steel reminds us that we need to keep plugging away at the Jutland wood trees, which make a great commemorative item – living on into the future to commemorate a shipmate or someone else who may have made the ultimate sacrifice.



RNA sea time in HMS Dragon

And a few admin matters too please:

- A reminder that if you may be interested in a coach to Perth to let CONA Travel know. No routes or timings have been decided, we are fact-gathering at the moment, trying to judge demand. The National Council will be looking at this issue at their 10 September meeting; no funds have been committed, just practicality and outline costs being worked on. If you don't let CONA travel or Central Office know that you may be interested, then we can't include you in the plan.
- A brief reminder that subscriptions rise to £14 on 1 Jan 2017.
- We have not yet had formal approval of the Conference motions from the Privy Council, so there has been no change on the CoA arrangements yet.
- If you have indicated that you wish to parade at the Cenotaph this year, it is vital that you let us have your details. Tickets and joining details will be sent to Central Office in October and we will pass on as soon as we have them. Remember that a higher standard of dress and drill will be required this year.
- Please keep the applications for Project Semaphore coming in, for iPads for those not on-line. If you are not sure of eligibility give me a shout and we will sort it out.
- There is no Circular in October due to Andy's leave and Nigel is on leave last 2 weeks of September.
- The metal beret badges sold by Forever Jack are not approved for wear by the National Council and are not part of RNA rig. Forever Jack has not checked with the RNA to see if it is OK to market these items.
- Please let us know if you want to attend the Field of Remembrance event at Westminster Abbey.

So by the time of the next Circular we shall have a new National Chairman, with S/M Chris Dovey standing down at the 10 September meeting. I know that Conference gave Chris a well deserved standing ovation, but I'd like to add my thoughts as he hands the batten over.

Chris has been an outstanding NCh. I have seen for myself his sheer dedication, driving the length and breadth of the country to put himself in the firing line at Area and Branch meetings. Always polite, respectful and a great listener Chris is a passionate and devoted member of the RNA who believes in saying it as it is. The RNA is a great place for conspiracy theories, with 'HQ' accused of many dastardly plots. Chris has led the RNA and National Council to be an organisation of complete openness, transparency and honesty. It was his idea to champion the change of emphasis to a Central Office responsible for support and to emphasise the role of the National Council in making decisions – underlining the democratic accountability of all RNA activity. I reckon that I email him at least 10 times a day with a phone call twice a week to discuss issues and for him to give me guidance – he has had his hands on the tiller very firmly for 6 years.

I shall miss his wise advice, comradely arm around the shoulder when I need a hug, and massive commonsense. A big thank you to Gail too who has supported him throughout and is a much loved member of the team.

All the best from me and the Central Office (HQ) team

Paul



Recent Open Day

Daily Orders

1. ☆ Field of Remembrance - Wednesday 10 November 2015

Any Branches wishing to place a cross in the RNA Garden of Remembrance or want to attend the Field of Remembrance **please forward your details and ticket requirements to Nigel in Central office.**

Crosses can be placed in the plot on behalf of a Branch or individual. These can be purchased from Central Office and will be placed on the day by those representing the RNA. Crosses cost £5 each.

Shipmates attending are reminded to bring a form of ID with you, and that you need to be entered the garden gate by 1015 and muster at the RNA plot. The Chaplain of the Fleet will conduct a short memorial service and a potential visit from a VVIP. The National President and General Secretary will be in attendance and he can be contacted on his mobile – 07850 646755 (if required).



2. ☆ Slops/ Merchandise and Membership

Shipmates are advised that Nigel will be on leave between 19 Sept to 30 Sept so all routine requests for Slops/Membership will be dealt with on his return from these periods. If there is an **urgent** requirement please leave a message on the answer phone (02392 723747) and other members of staff will deal with it. Thank you for your forbearance.

3. ☆ Guess Where? An Establishment

This month can you name this establishment No hovering or looking on Google or Wiki!!

The answer will be in next month's edition.

Last month's answer!

RNAS Twat (HMS Tern) in Orkney. Built in 1941 its claim to fame sadly was as the site of the first Helicopter crash. Please open link for further information

<http://www.forgottenairfields.com/united-kingdom/scotland/orkney-and-shetland/twatt-s884.html>



4. ☆ Donations received for the Central Charities and the Charter Challenge

Central Charities Fund

Charities Trust	£4.44
Hospital Medical Care	£10.11
Andrew Chessum	£2.00

Naval Service Memorial Fund

No donations on this occasion

Other Donations

No donations on this occasion

'In memory of the late....'

Patricia Richardson	£250.00
Thomas Fradley	£45.00

Thank you very much for your continued support.

5. ☆ Darwin Post (Aussie Humour)

DARWIN POST (Last Tuesday), Woman saves herself in Crocodile attack using a small Walking Stick. This is a story of self-control and marksmanship by a brave, cool-headed woman with a walking stick against a fierce predator. Here is her story in her own words:

"While out walking along the edge of a creek just outside of our house in Darwin, with my soon to be ex-husband discussing our property settlement, Kids and other divorce issues, we were surprised by a huge 5 metre. Crocodile which suddenly emerged from the murky water and began charging at us very fast with its large jaws wide open.

The Croc must have been protecting her young and her home because she was extremely aggressive. However if I had not had my little \$5. Dollar reject shop walking stick with me, I would not be here today!

Just one Hard Wack to my estranged husband's knee cap was all it took....The' Croc got him easily and I was able to escape by just walking away at a brisk pace. The amount I saved in lawyer's fees was really incredible and I got the lot.

ps:- I luv that Croc



6. ☆ RN VC Series - Lieutenant Commander Ian Edward Fraser VC, DSC RD and Bar Royal Navy Reserve

Ian Fraser was born in Ealing, London, in 1920. He was the elder son of Sydney Fraser, a marine engineer. He attended the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, and the school ship HMS *Conway*.

After initially working on merchant ships and serving in the Royal Naval Reserve, he joined the Royal Navy at the start of the Second World War. After being awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for actions while serving in Submarines, he was placed in Command of a midget submarine during an attack in Singapore codenamed Operation Struggle. For his bravery in navigating the mined waters and successfully placing mines on a Japanese cruiser the *Takao*, Fraser was awarded the Victoria Cross.



On 31 July 1945 in the Straits of Johore, Singapore, Lieutenant Fraser, in command of an improved X-boat, HMS *XE-3*, attacked the Japanese heavy cruiser *Takao*, after making a long and hazardous journey through mined waters. Fraser slid the submarine under the *Takao*, which lay over a depression in the sea bed, and his diver Acting Leading Seaman James Joseph Magennis went out to fix the limpet mines to the bottom of the ship. The two side-charges then had to be released from *XE-3*, but the starboard charge stuck and Magennis climbed out again and after a nerve-wracking seven minutes released the charge. *XE-3* then made for home. Magennis was also awarded a Victoria Cross, and Fraser became a Lieutenant Commander. Sub-Lieutenant William James Lanyon Smith, RNZNVR, who was at the controls of



XE3 during the attack, received the Distinguished Service Order (DSO); Engine Room Artificer Third Class Charles Alfred Reed, who was at the wheel, received the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (CGM). HMS *XE1* was supposed to be attacking another Japanese vessel as part of the same operation, but actually ended up also placing its explosives under the same target. *XE1*'s C/O, Lieutenant John Elliott Smart RNVR, and Sub-Lieutenant Harold Edwin Harper, RNVR received the DSC; and ERA Fourth Class Henry James Fishleigh and Leading Seaman Walter Henry Arthur Pomeroy received the Distinguished Service Medal. ERA Fourth Class Albert Nairn, Acting Leading Stoker Jack Gordan Robinson, and Able Seaman Ernest Raymond Dee were Mentioned in Despatches for their part in bringing the two midget submarines from harbour to the point where the crews that took part in the attack took over.¹

After retiring from the Royal Navy, Fraser set up a commercial diving organisation after realising the ease of use of new frogman-type diving equipment. After serving in several honorary positions in Wirral, Fraser retired from the Royal Naval Reserve as a Lieutenant Commander in 1965. He died on 1 September 2008, in Wirral, Merseyside.

7. ☆ Paddy Joke (Once again very many apologies to all those on the Emerald Isle, but I couldn't leave this one out!)

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Paddy wants a job, but the foreman won't hire him until he passes a little maths test.

Here is your first question, the foreman said. "Without using numbers, represent the number 9."

"Without numbers?" Paddy says? "Dat's easy." And proceeds to draw three trees.

"What's this?" the boss asks.

"Have you no brain? Tree and tree plus tree makes 9" says Paddy..

"Fair enough," says the boss. "Here's your second question. Use the same rules, but this time the number is 99."

Paddy stares into space for a while, then picks up the picture that he has just drawn and makes a smudge on each tree.....

"Ere ye go."

The boss scratches his head and says, "How on earth do you get that to represent 99?"

"Each of them trees is dirty now. So, it's dirty tree, and dirty tree, plus dirty tree. Dat makes 99."

The boss is getting worried that he's going to actually have to hire Paddy, so he says, "All right, last question. Same rules again, but represent the number 100."

Paddy stares into space some more, then he picks up the

picture again and makes a little mark at the base of each tree and says, "Ere ye go. One hundred."



The boss looks at the attempt. "You must be nuts if you think that represents a hundred!"

Paddy leans forward and points to the marks at the base of each tree and whispers, "A little dog came along and pooped by each tree. So now you got dirty tree and a turd, dirty tree and a turd, and dirty tree and a turd, which makes ONE HUNDRED!"

8. ☆ Finance Corner

Dear Shipmates

They are still 8 Branches who have not submitted their accounts to Central Office for 2014. Can I please ask for a copy to be returned to Central office **ASAP**. I have informed your Area NCM that you have still not submitted your accounts, so they might offer what assistance is required or you can ring Rita or me.

They are:

Area 2 - RNA Isle of Sheppey,

Area 6 - RNA High Wycombe,

Area 8 - RNA B'ham Cotteridge, RNA Bloxwich

Area 10 - RNA Kendal, RNA Birkenhead(under investigation by Area Committee)



Year End Returns 2015

Please note the Year End Returns as per the Rules & Bye-Laws Page 40 B19, (c) should have been returned to Central Office by the **30 April 2016**

Approx 33 Branches and Areas still haven't sent their 2015 Year End Returns to Central Office. If you require assistance or guidance in completing the form, please ring me or Rita and we'll be more than happy to assist you.

Pooled Fares

Pooled Fares figures have now been authorised and will reflect in next Termly Accounts, below are the breakdown of the costings:

Reading 2016 Conference

70 Delegates of 287 branches attended the Conference

Total claims amounted to £4,714.86

Divide £4,714.86 by 287 = £16.43 which is the average cost for a medium branch

Large Branches pay a 1/3 extra

Small Branches pay a 1/3 less

Moving on from work issues,

I have register with the Alzheimer's Society to take part in the 10 km Portsmouth Memory Walk on the 24 September 2016.

I lost my dear loving brother last year via Dementia at the age of 47 – his was triggered by a cycling accident 5 years ago, my brother was the cyclist and a motorist pulled out in front of him, even though he was wearing fluorescent clothing, throwing him over the car and landing on the road surface, yes, he was wearing a cycling helmet. Neurologists informed him of the start of Dementia, via the impact of his head banging onto the road surface.

A Shipmate from a Branch rang me the other day and they mentioned a Shipmate had Crossed the Bar after suffering Dementia. I mentioned that I have registered with the Alzheimer's Society to take part in the Portsmouth Memory Walk and they mentioned they would like to give a donation.

So I thought, for all your Shipmates, loved ones (past & present) who have/had Dementia and you would like to sponsor me in my walk so we can help the society to support people living with Dementia in your community, as well as funding vital research. Please feel free to fill out the complete form and making your cheque payable to Alzheimer's Society.

Post to me at RNA, Semaphore Tower, HM Naval Base, Portsmouth, PO1 3LT

Title	First Name / Initials	Surname	Home address (can only claim Gift Aid if you supply your house number & postcode)	Postcode	Sponsor Amount	Date Paid	Gift Aid (✓)

Thank you for your support.

Yours Aye
Michelle

9. ☆ Whale Island Heritage Weekend



Shipmates I am sure will be very interested to know that over the weekend Saturday 10th September and Sunday 11th September 2016 that HMS Excellent Whale Island is open to the public (for free).

During the weekend the GI's Association 'Man up' and volunteer to show / 'March' visitors around the sites of Whale Island including the State Gun Carriage, Field Gun Display Room, the brilliant Excellent museum in the Wells Room and of course the Rose garden which has been ~~manured~~ sorry manicured by one-up French(Roy) De La Haye.

The GI's Clubhouse will be open (free ear defenders on request) for a cheap as chips pint and other refreshments for a donation!

So come along and enjoy this rare opportunity. If you require further details please contact Frenchy on 01252 310767 or e-mail

frenchy.delahaye@ntlworld.com

10. ☆ Vernon Heritage Conference.

For information Shipmates may be interested in the Vernon Heritage Conference being held in Gunwharf Quays, the old HMS VERNON Mine Warfare training site in Portsmouth, UK on 23rd September 2016, see attached flyer, in aid of Project VERNON and Royal Naval and Royal Marine Charity.

Project Vernon is the campaign name of the charity committed to designing, constructing and installing a monument in the Gunwharf Quays site previously occupied by HMS Vernon, in Portsmouth: home to a range of specialist warfare organisations over several centuries.

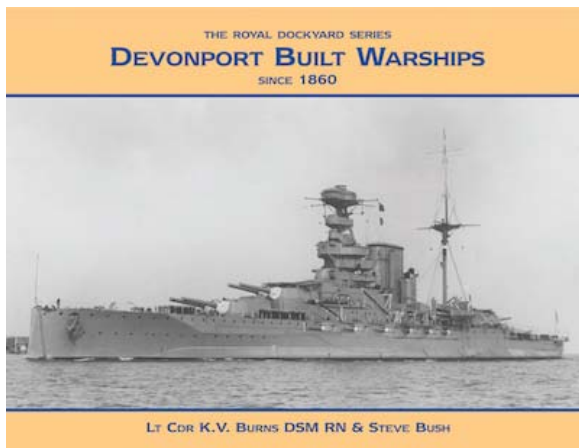


11. ☆ Book Reviews

All the books mentioned below are available from 'NavyBooks', the new brand name for what was 'Maritime Books', at www.navybooks.com.

RNA members can obtain a 5% on-line discount on all books (except *Bargain & Bin End* categories) using Code 'RNA 101' when at the Checkout Cart.

THE ROYAL DOCKYARD SERIES: DEVONPORT BUILT WARSHIPS Burns & Bush £25.00



When this book landed on my doorstep I was immediately thrust back into the past. I remember eagerly waiting for the delivery of the same book in 1981. Back then I was only in my second year at Secondary School and none of the other kids shared my passion for warships. This book and another on Chatham Built Warships (I lived in nearby Maidstone at the time), were extremely well thumbed for all the information they contained on the various ships that had been constructed at the yards.

1981 is a long, long way back now and it is timely that NavyBooks have decided to revisit some of the best books from their past catalogue. I hasten to add that they have not taken the easy way and just reprinted the book as many other publishers might chose to do so. NavyBooks have decided to add a makeover to the book and taking it from the original A5 paperback format to a large hard back format instead. This alone has created a brand new feel. Each ship, where images can be found, has a whole page set aside for the photograph with the details alongside. A large number of the ships that appeared towards the end of the original 1981 book were still in service with the Royal Navy at the time of publication but have now been deleted, sold abroad or expended as targets as was the case with the frigate SALISBURY. This book has been fully updated and expanded.

I wholeheartedly recommend this new version and my copy sits alongside the original, if somewhat threadbare, well thumbed volume on my bookshelf.

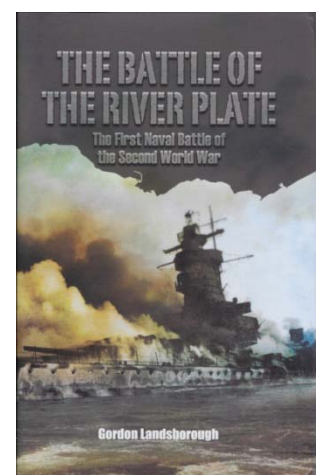
THE BATTLE OF THE RIVER PLATE

Gordon Landsborough

£19.99

If your idea of the Battle of the River Plate is based on Peter Finch's portrayal of Captain Karls Langsdorf, commander of ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE in the classic movie then this book has plenty to offer. The battle was the first major naval confrontation between the Royal Navy and the German fleet of World War Two. It has subsequently been portrayed as a David versus Goliath struggle between three minnows and a German titan of the oceans. How much of this story is hype based on wartime propaganda is where this book comes in. A reprint of a 1956 original, Frontline Books have created something rather special.

ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE had been designed to out gun anything smaller and to be able to outrun anything larger and after sinking 50,089 tons of Allied shipping in the opening stages of World War Two she came face to face with three cruisers AJAX, EXETER and ACHILLES off the mouth of the River Plate on 13 December 1939.



Through great skill, imagination and seamanship Admiral Henry Harwood succeeded in pummelling the German pocket battleship, but not without significant loss, with EXETER out of action and AJAX's aft gun turret put out of commission. As is now well known ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE sailed out of Montevideo but only to anchor in the estuary and then blow herself apart or as Commodore Harwood's report stated, "it was now dark, and she was ablaze from end to end, flames reaching almost as high as the top of her control tower, a magnificent and most cheering sight."

This reprint of the original is a welcome addition to my bookcase.

BRITISH WARSHIP RECOGNITION: THE PERKINS IDENTIFICATION ALBUMS
Vol 1: Capital Ships 1895-1939 *Richard Perkins* £50.00



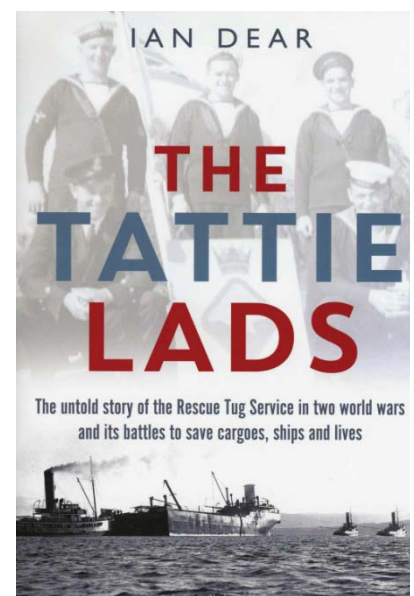
Richard Perkins collected over 11,000 British warship photographs and, in order to recognise individual ships at different stages of their careers, he also created over 5,000 superbly detailed profile recognition drawings covering the period from 1895 to 1939. Subsequent security constraints stopped him from continuing and this book covers ships from the Majestic class of 1895 to Rodney and Nelson after 1927. King George V class ships were not included as the first was not completed until 1940. The result was an invaluable resource which was donated to the National Maritime Museum in 1967 when Perkins retired and moved into a smaller house which had insufficient space for its continued storage. He died in 1985.

The original drawings were on loose sheets which were bound into books by the museum and this volume contains all the battleships and battlecruisers. Further volumes are in preparation, cruisers and aircraft-carrying ships are due next, which are to contain the remaining warship types. As well as a recognition guide, Volume 1 is an attractive work of art. The subject ships are arranged by type and class with individual ships' alterations and modified features colour-coded and described in notes. Separate drawings show ships at different stages of their careers allowing readers to follow gradual changes in their appearance.

The Perkins Collection has provided staff at the NMM with an unrivalled source of information and it has to be considered the most thorough and comprehensive work of its kind ever created by a single individual. To create a facsimile of it, the museum's experts photographed the drawings digitally to a very high resolution and worked closely with Seaforth Publishing to produce exact replicas of the original drawings with regard to colour quality, page size and arrangement. Undeniably large at 16 by 12 inches and with a UK recommended price tag of £50.00 it is not cheap but many of its 175 pages contain two, three or even four ship drawings and there are a wealth of detail drawings and notes giving everyone access to the collection without having to travel to Woolwich to see the original in the NMM's archive in the 'Brass Foundry'. I thoroughly recommend it to anyone with an interest in the British warships of this period

THE TATTIE LADS *Ian Dear* £25.00

This is the story of the Rescue Tug Service (RTS) in the two world wars, and its battle to save cargoes, ships and lives. Surprisingly, given the remarkable story which unfolds in these pages, no mention is made of this force in any of the official



histories of the war at sea, and the author's aim is "to rectify this injustice".

The RTS began in a small way, first based at Falmouth and the Scilly Islands at the same time as convoys were introduced in World War One. Lieutenant Evelyn Martin RNVR was the driving force in its development, and continued his work throughout the next world war. The bare figures are that in 1941 the RTS strength was 54 officers and 318 ratings, and by 1944 it had grown to 604 officers and 1602 ratings, who provided crews for 85 rescue tugs throughout the world. By VJ day, with the loss of 20 tugs, the RTS had saved nearly three million tons of merchant shipping and 254 RN and allied warships.

The common factors in the many detailed accounts of rescues are the battles against the elements as much as the enemy, long and arduous tows using massive 18 inch manila or five inch steel towlines, superb seamanship and a heroic determination to bring the casualty to safe haven come what may. These are all summed up in the final chapter, which describes the tow of RFA WAVE KING by HMRT LARIAT through a typhoon enroute from Okinawa to Hong Kong in September 1945 – truly hair-raising!

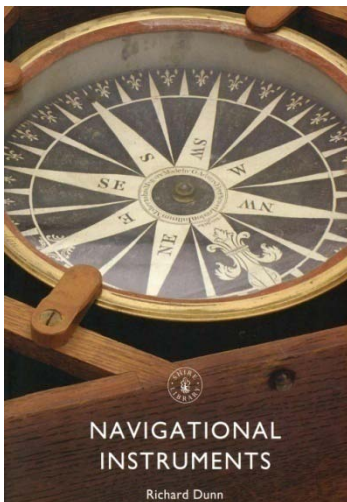
Whilst the tugs flew the White Ensign, the crews were generally of Merchant Navy background and from a disciplinary and administrative viewpoint were often a law unto themselves. The author suggests that this may be why the RTS has been written out of history, and notes that one tug had the motto Filius Nullius (belonging to no one; orphan). He has certainly succeeded in putting the record straight with this well recommended account.

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NAVIGATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

Richard Dunn

£8.99



This small volume (only 80 pages in length) is the latest publication in the Shire Library series and it attempts to tell the story of navigational instruments from the earliest times up to the present day. The author is ideally suited to produce such a work, as he is Curator of the History of Navigation at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

The book contains scores of beautiful colour illustrations, which, although extremely useful, reduce the amount of space for text even further. So, as you can imagine there is not a lot of scope for lengthy and detailed explanations of the instruments described. However, despite this, the author is to be congratulated for producing such a fascinating, if concise, volume.

From the 16th century onwards, as seafarers attempted longer and longer voyages in search of new lands and, perhaps more importantly, profits, the tools of navigation gradually became more sophisticated. This step-by-step process of improvements in technology is fully described.

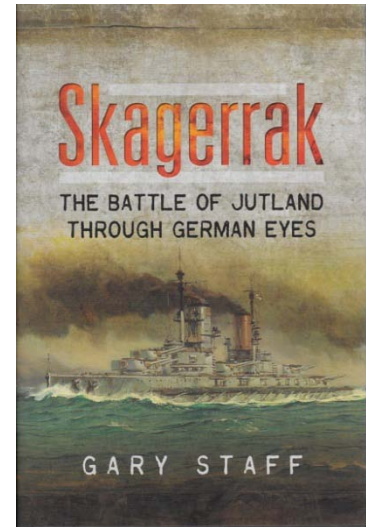
The book also examines how the solving of the infamous longitude problem, the impact of electrical power upon navigation, the development of satellite positioning and other advances have only been achieved through the successful coming together of seafarers, artisans and scientists.

For those inspired to look into this topic in more depth there is a lengthy Further Reading list. There is also a list of Places to Visit and a comprehensive Index. As an introduction to the topic this reasonably priced volume is strongly recommended.

PJS

This account of Jutland from a German viewpoint – or Skaggerak as they call it - adds a new perspective to the growing pile of books in this Jutland centenary year. Scheer, “aggressive and pugnacious”, took command of the High Seas Fleet in January 1916. The German fleet offensive in 1916 commenced with more raids and bombardment on the UK East coast, advance U-boat deployments in May and growing awareness of the need to disguise their fleet movements by wireless deception.

Scheer’s aim was to entice the British Grand Fleet out, and attack with the High Seas Fleet backed up by U-boats and minefields. Descriptions of the various phases of the Skaggerak battle are accompanied by precise diagrams of deployments and fire distribution, along with graphic eye witness accounts and photographs. The Germans not surprisingly saw the opening actions as highly successful with 2 British battlecruisers and several destroyers sunk for the loss of 2 German destroyers. Similarly, the early phases of the main Fleet action saw German successes. The turn away in the early evening is seen as Scheer retaining the initiative and able to dictate the tone of the next stages with destroyer and torpedo attacks.



Scheer was critical of the British tactics as the numerically superior Jellicoe avoided Fleet action as night fell, and by the next morning Scheer had escaped. The immediate German assessment was that Scheer had successfully engaged a superior force, although Scheer himself accepted that it was unlikely to “compel England to make peace”.

The over-riding German view is that Scheer was more tactically aware than the more cautious Jellicoe and yet nothing can detract from the view that Jellicoe had the most to lose and retained the strategic upper hand. As to the subsequent “bottling up” of the High Seas Fleet, the argument is that Scheer had always wanted to use unrestricted U-boat action as an economic weapon. Of the main players, both Scheer and Hipper showed “great resolve and courage”, Jellicoe’s caution cost him battlefield success and Beatty delivered the High Seas Fleet to Jellicoe. Jutland will always be fertile ground for debate and this book is a detailed and worthy contributor. Highly recommended.

PCW-M

12. ☆ Tax –Free Pension - CLARIFICATION



Shipmates may be interested to know that if they have been awarded any of the medals below they are entitled to a tax free annuity pension. Please see the link;

£2129 - Victoria Cross and George Cross

£9.10 annually or £9.12 (in leap year) - Albert Medal, Edward Medal, Military Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Distinguished Conduct Medal, Conspicuous Gallantry Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Military Medal, Distinguished

Flying Medal.

JSP 764 Part 7 Chapter 1 and 2 refers. The annuity BUT NOT YOUR PENSION is tax free.

13. ☆ Woodland Trust (Jutland Wood)

Please see below an article below written by Vice Admiral Sir David Steel KBE DL, former Second Sea Lord who is now an Ambassador for Woodland Trust.

Those who attended, or watched on the news, the Orkney commemoration for the centenary of the Battle of Jutland could not fail to be moved by the occasion. Similarly, I know of many people who have been touched by the wonderful exhibition, '36 Hours', displayed at the National Museum of the Royal Navy, revealing the brutality of the battle which claimed the lives of 6,097 Royal Navy officers and ratings in such a short period of time.

The Woodland Trust with the Royal Naval Association is to deliver a lasting tribute to all those British sailors who died in the battle with the creation of Jutland Wood, an eight-acre site at the Trust's First World War Centenary Wood in Langley Vale, Surrey . Eight acres of this glorious site will be used to create a wood of four groves containing a tree for each of the fallen and a semi mature oak to represent each ship sunk.

I know it's something many of you already know about as a number of branches and individual members have kindly dedicated trees to honour our men. Market Drayton branch took the time to write to the Woodland Trust to say thank you after the trust allocated them an appropriate Serviceman to dedicate a tree to. In a fitting tribute the branch reported that they toasted the memory and sacrifice of their shipmate, Valentine Cooper, with a tot of rum.

As the Trust's ambassador for this poignant memorial, my heartfelt thanks go out to those of you who have contributed already, especially the National Council which has generously sponsored two specimen oaks in the avenue of 14 trees. The campaign has got off to a good start with more than 180 dedications so far, but there's a long way to go if we are to reach our target of dedicating every tree.

Planting will start in 2017 and the wood will be officially opened on 31st May 2018. If you would like to join me in helping create this living tribute and honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice, you can find out more at www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/jutland or ask your branch for a leaflet. I know that you already contribute so much to other good causes but please consider dedicating a tree for the Jutland Wood, a dedication which future generations can enjoy while remembering those who did not return.



**WOODLAND
TRUST**

14. ☆ Very Blonde Joke, because we haven't had one for a few months.

**** (Warning Non- PC content featuring WRNS!) (Girl readers - NCM 7 bet I wouldn't put this in....)**

Three Wrens all worked in the same office with the same female Chief. Each day, they noticed the Chief Wren left work early. One day the Wrens decided that, when the Chief left, they would leave right behind her. After all, she never called or came back to work, so how would she know they went home early?



The brunette was thrilled to be home early. She did a little gardening, spent playtime with her son, and went to bed early.

The redhead was elated to be able to get in a quick workout at the spa before meeting a dinner date.

The blonde was happy to get home early and surprise her husband, but when she got to her bedroom, she heard a muffled noise from inside. Slowly and quietly, she cracked open the door and was mortified to see her husband fooling around with her Chief Wren ! Gently, she closed the door and crept out of her house.

The next day, at their Stand Easy the brunette and redhead planned to leave early again, and they asked the blonde if she was going to go

with them.

“No way!” the blonde exclaimed. “I almost got caught yesterday!”

15. Update of RNA & Naval Associations Deployment to Ireland on the MV Marco Polo (Renamed HMS Marco Polo) - ‘Mini Cruise’ 29 Sep -02 October 2107

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Just a quick update on the Naval Associations Irish Sea Deployment on HMS Marco Polo ‘Mini- Cruise’. The ship is under sailing orders from Liverpool at 1900 on Friday 29th September 2017, full details are available below.

The cruise is currently exclusively booked for RNA and CONA shipmates which can only continue for a limited period Shipmates who would like to attend are required to place a deposit of £100. However, to encourage more Shipmates to

book early and ensure the exclusivity the RNA have successfully negotiated with CONA Holiday Service to reduce the deposit so it can be paid in two sums of £50, one now and the other by 31st January.

The full programme of events for the cruise is still being constructed however just confirmed on the entertainment front is the unashamedly famous *Shep Woolley and the Shanty Men*.

Come along and get the feel of the sea under your feet and have a ‘stonkingly’ great time. The drinks package alone is worth it! Look;

Why not add a ‘*Drinks Inclusive Package*’ at a supplement of £15 per person per night*. This includes: House wine, draught beer and soft drinks by the glass during meal hours in the restaurants: Draught beer, house wines, cocktails and other alcoholic drinks by the glass from all bars during opening hours (excluding premium brands): Soft drinks and juices by the glass from all bars during opening hours.

* *The drinks package is only available if all occupants of the cabin book it in advance for the 3 night duration. (Exclusions apply).*

So Shipmates what are you waiting for please book up as early as you possibly can so that the cruise remains as a 'naval deployment'. Full details of the cruise and the booking form can be found at the rear of this Semaphore Circular.

So why not come along and swing that lantern.....

16. ☆ Aged Veterans Counselling Service

Aged Veterans have recently launched a counselling service which Welfare Officers in particular will be very interested. Please see details below and in flyer at the rear of the Circular

- Any Veteran born before 1 January 1950,
- A family relative of a Veteran, born before 01 Jan 50 who requires support on an issue connected to the Veterans personal circumstances.
- A carer of a Veteran (born before 01 Jan 50) who requires support on an issue connected to the Veterans personal circumstances.



Whatever our circumstances, background or role in life, we all face problems from time to time – whether personal, family, emotional or practical. Talking about what is worrying us, and sharing our troubles with a sympathetic and friendly person can help us feel better. A counsellor is a professionally trained individual who will take the time to listen, to understand and help with any situation faced by a veteran. The aim of counselling is to help veterans find their own answer or solution to whatever is worrying them
What issues can we help with lots but the common topics

are;

Loneliness - Many of us can feel lonely from time to time. Family may live a long way away, and old friends may have passed away. Talking about our sense of loss can help us feel better.

Depression - Depression can affect anyone at anytime. Churchill famously suffered from his "Black Dog". Counselling can help us to overcome depression and can give us strategies to cope when we feel down.

Bereavement - Coping with the loss of loved ones and close friends is never easy. We can help you move beyond a sense of emptiness after losing someone close.

Anxiety - Feeling scared, unsure and nervous are all common problems. Counselling can help us regain our self-confidence, and equip us to face our anxieties.

Relationships - Relationships need to be maintained and nurtured.

Counselling can help us to improve relationships with our partner, colleagues, family and friends.

Please feel free to contact us and see if we can help at;

0300 0120247 (A local rate 24/7 helpline)
enquiries@agedveteranscounselling.org.uk

or our website www.agedveteranscounselling.org.uk

17. ☆ Shep Woolley – New Album *Sailors on a Train*

Shep's new album *Sailors on a Train* is available on special offer at £10 (inc P&P) until the end of August. Please send order and cheques, made payable to J Woolley, to 7 Livingstone Road Southsea PO5 1RS.

Please see below a comprehensive description of the album and all its tracks.

THE TRAIN SET

- LIVE AT THE KINGS THEATRE
- Including WALKING BACK TO BLUEBERRY HILL
- LIKE A TRAIN
- STOLEN MY HEART AWAY (Golden Arrow)
- UNION STREET (Poem) Music Edward Blakely. The Rosetta suite
- DOWN THE SOLENT.
- ELLISFIELD VILLAGE HALL WAITING FOR THE CHIPS
Including LAUNDROLOVERETTE. Recorded & engineered by Colin Pearce
- BOUND FOR SUNNY SHOTLEY
- FAITH HOPE & CHARITY (Poem) Music Bridies Waltz Happy Cats CD
- CASEY'S LAST RIDE
- ON THE ROAD TO CHAGUARAMAS
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- 16. STARING COMPETITION

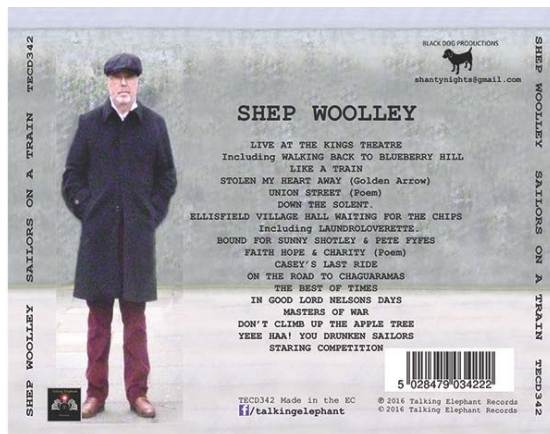
LIVE FROM THE KINGS THEATRE SOUTHSEA

A little piece of lively chat & song from 2015 stage show produced to support The Portsmouth Rocky Hospital Charity. Those poor old Yorkies often get it in the neck from me. The real reason for the story is the Yorkshire accent and change on words – Wain't for won't, it's is dedicated to my hero Derek Brimstone (*He did it first - in a London accent*)

WALKING BACK TO BLUEBERRY HILL

Written by Billy Mitchell; Good pal and once fifty percent of the great folk comedy act Maxie & Mitch in the 70' & 80's Together we travelled many a mile and shared many a stage, had lots of laughs, and some beach towing He's getting smaller and I'm becoming a fat man – so it aint over yet.....

LIKE A TRAIN



I wrote this for James Birmingham (*Arnold Gutbucket*) He was doing a project about trains and asked if I had anything I could put his way. We recorded the first version but at that time it was just a rag tag of ideas slung together and it would have taken more work and time than he had allotted to get it sorted.

I hope he likes this version – 13 years later.

STOLEN MY HEART AWAY

This is a lovely song written by Middlesbrough pal & great ragtime guitarist Eddie Walker.

I only hope he thinks I've done it justice.

UNION STREET.

I had been gigging in Plymouth, the lads had all gone back to the digs, and I thought – 'I'm going to walk down Union Street.' When I was a little sailor with little money, I often walked the same walk on my way back to the Dockyard, in those days the whole street jumped with life, it wasn't what my mother would have appreciated and I never wrote home about it. It was low, vibrant, loud and exciting like an unravelled out of control ball of string. Now in 2015 it was dark, quiet, sad and boarded up. The sounds of today were "Have you got a pound mate." I walked back to the B&B and went to sleep feeling sad.

The music is "Bridies Waltz" from the Happy Cats CD "Follow The Moon. Thanks Marty Craggs for the loan.

DOWN THE SOLENT

This is a parody of the sailor's song Rio Grande. It's actually a parody of a parody taken from a song issued on the Forest Tracks record label "*Hampshire A Musical Portrait*" label in the nineteen seventies. I lost LP long ago I believe it has been reissued on CD .was written by Southampton folk singer Gutta Percha. I liked the song a great deal and played it a lot on my Radio Victory Show. The words have been juggled to fit a Royal Naval expedition from Portsmouth Dockyard to ... Portsmouth Dockyard. The line '*Seagulls Flit*' from the original version was too good to leave on the shelf so here it is again. I hope that Gutta Percha fans and Southampton Folkies think I've done it justice.

I hope all proper sailors get the joke.

ELLISFIELD VILLAGE HALL & LOVER LAUNDERETTE

Recorded at Ellisfield Village Hall. During a '*Hog the Limelight*' Concert. The crowd were a friendly bunch so Colin Pearce decided to try out the recording machine. Although they (*The Crowd*) didn't actually get 'all' the words right in the chorus of John Kirkpatrick's lovely song, what they lost in accuracy they made up with much verve and vigour & we had a good time.

BOUND FOR SUNNY SHOTLEY

This take on the traditional sea song Paddy Lay Back fits the story of my first day in the Royal Navy as a Nozzer at HMS Ganges. The chorus is great for singing and the story line is fairly accurate, even the door-less toilets.

FAITH HOPE & CHARITY

Looking out towards Harwich from the old HMS Ganges site at Shotley Gate in Suffolk there are a flight of three steep steps. Their names are Faith Hope and Charity, Who named them?

Goodness knows someone in the dark deep nineteen hundreds I'll wager. No doubt someone will provide an answer.

All of those who passed through Ganges gates knew them not only the entrance to the foreshore and the boats training area, but also as an instrument of torture. Boys who were under

punishment were made to double march up and down these dreaded steps time after time – Up and Down! Up and Down!

There are many poems and rhymes about the steps. This is a Scary tale – I made it up – but at sometime in the future no doubt someone will repeat it as true..... *“I knew that sailor and I remember that night”* Boo!

CASEY'S LAST RIDE.

I first recorded this song in 1973. It appeared on my LP Pipe Down. Joe Parker who played the bass had a slip of a finger on the first take so we re-recorded it after the show. Sad to say it was the original with the *'Misstuck'* that made the Vinyl. It's taken 43 years to put it right. – Thank you Steve Hampton.

ON THE ROAD TO CHAGUARAMAS

I wrote this song around about 1970 and it stayed in the bottom of my kit bag till now. Back in those wonderful sun drenched days HMS Mohawk sailed the Caribbean I saw myself as a Calypso singer, and I strummed my guitar and sang on every Island. During the Trinidad visits the ship was based at Chaguaramas ship yard. My musical times ashore were often spent in the Bergerac Hotel at Diego Martin, singing with the band, drinking too much Mount Gay Rum and Carib Beer. The nights were long, the music was great and I got to visit the famous Miramar Lounge to see the Mighty Sparrow sing. The memories are all good. The song is for Jumper Collins who found love in the Caribbean, Joe Everett and his *'Faithfull Moothie'* Lovely George Torr & Large Clive Wilson who often carried me back to the ship.

THE BEST OF TIMES

I suppose there comes a time when good friends go their separate ways. Phil & Don, Lennon & McCartney, Eric & Ernie. I'm sure lots of folk have similar experiences. One person's good fortune becomes another's envy and desire and its worse when the weapons are wrapped in smiles. I once heard someone say “Is that a friendly comment that I feel sticking out of my back?”

IN GOOD LORD NELSON'S DAYS

This was written for the 2010 Trafalgar remembrance concert at The Square Tower in Old Portsmouth. The response from the audience was good and so the *'Ansome Cabin Buoys* have kept in *'In the Act.'*

MASTERS OF WAR.

Bob Dylan's protesting best. I first heard it sang by Chas Weck in folk club in Singapore in 1966. It made my hair (I had hair then) stand on end. It's dedicated to all arms dealers, war starters and Daily Mail readers and the vile Tony Blair who I hope that one day his children deny his name.

DON'T CLIMB UP THE APPLE TREE.

Wrote as a Rock & Roll song for the SAILORS ON STAGE SODS OPERA in 2014. The Sailors Rocked – The Crowd shouted “MORE!” That snuff for me so here it is.

It's for Chris McDermott & Taff Evans who both sailed the high seas with me on HMS Blake. Good Pompey Field Gunners and True *Snakeys*, they both boogied when it came off the drawing board.

YIPPEE HI HO! YOU DRUNKEN SAILORS

Every HMS WARRIOR Shanty night rocks to this version of this old traditional Sea Shanty. It screams out for *'A bit of Attitude.'* So that's what its got. The crowd often sing themselves hoarse.

I have no idea what Uffa Fox or Roy Rogers would make of it.

THE STARING COMPETITON – Whatever!

18. ☆ Marriage Defaulters. (*Ladies this sexist ditty was provided by Kentish Man or was it Man Of Kent... S/M Mick Cox, but it definitely sounds plausible!*)

Ron Chester, 89 years of age, was stopped by the police around 02.00 and was asked where he was going at that time of night.

Ron replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as cigar smoking and staying out late."

The officer asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?" Ron replied, "That would be my wife."

The officer replied .. You have a great night sir .. and I really really do understand



RNA Longcast

2016	
03 Sep	Merchant Navy Day – Fly the Red Ensign
10 Sep	National Council Meeting
7 Oct	HQ Open Day
21 Oct	Dublin Branch Trafalgar Night Dinner at the Royal Irish Yacht Club Dun Laoghaire - (Deputy National President Guest of Honour)
21 Oct	Inverness Branch Trafalgar Night Dinner – GS is GoH
22 Oct	Lee on the Solent & Stubbington Trafalgar Dinner – (DNP GofH)
5 Nov	Area 5 Quarterly Meeting - Harwich
6 Nov	Banbridge Remembrance Parade
10 Nov	Field of Remembrance – Westminster Abbey
12 Nov	NS at Albert Hall
13 Nov	Remembrance Sunday – NVCh and GS at Cenotaph
18 Nov	FAC Meeting
19 Nov	AMC Meeting
10 Dec	National Council Meeting
23 –3 Jan 17	HQ Closed for Christmas
2017	
09 Feb	Independent Examination
10 Feb	Motions Deadline
17 Feb	SOC
17 Feb	FAC
18 Feb	AMC
11 March	National Council Meeting
02-04 Jun	RNA Conference – Perth
02 Jun	AMC /FAC / National Council Meeting/SOC
03 Jun	SOC (Wash up)
24 Jun	National Armed Forces Day - Liverpool
June	Possible arrival of HMS Queen Elizabeth in Portsmouth (V flexible date)
27 Jul	Mid-year Budget Review
25 Aug	FAC
26 Aug	AMC
09 Sep	National Council Meeting
10 Sep	Biennial Parade
29 Sep - 02 Oct	CONA Cruise (Liverpool –Dublin- Bristol)
21 Oct	RNA Chard -30 year Commissioning Anniversary and Trafalgar Night Dinner
17 Nov	FAC
18 Nov	AMC
09 Dec	National Council Meeting

D'ye hear there'.....

News from around the Areas and Branches

RNA Swaffham Branch

Several Shipmates from Swaffham attended RAF Marham's Family Day after being invited by a Petty Officer where a growing number of RN personnel are being based. They are preparing the way for the arrival of the RN F-35B Lightning II aircraft which will see service in 809 NAS and the Queen Elizabeth Carriers.

On a very sad note the branch announced the Shipmate Beryl Wright has crossed the bar aged 85. S/M Beryl served in the in the WRNS from 1948-1952 as a Supply Wren. She and her ate husband Keith were founder members of the branch, he was Chairman and Beryl was the Secretary. She was awarded Life membership in 2013in recognition of her hard work. She will be remembered for her fiendishly clever and provoking quizzes at branch meetings.

Finally Shipmate Desmond Pratt, aged 90, has been awarded the Legion D'Honneur for his part in the D Day landings. He was presented with the medal by Branch Chairman Ernie Heritage at the July meeting as shown in the picture opposite



RNA Spalding Branch



At a recent Veterans event Spalding Chairman and NCM 9 S/M Keith Crawford and lovely wife Yvonne were involved in a 'cook off' against the Royal Lincolns Association. (Did Keith's Beans on Toast carry the day I hear you say!!) Sadly the task was to cook a WW2 meal in 30 minutes using the top of a cooker. With Yvonne as 'Head Chef' and Keith peeling the spuds they knocked up a stonking Corned Beef Hash. Unfortunately their 'percy pogo' opponents took it a bit more seriously and Keith and Yvonne came in a close second.

The sponsors Tulip Radio didn't know what they had let themselves in for!

Area 2

Area 2 is having quite a busy Summer reports Shipmate Mick Cox.

It started with the Jutland 100 celebrations at the Chatham Naval memorial accompanied by the Royal Marine band from CTC Lympstone. This was followed by Armed Forces Day which was also held on the Great lines. Maidstone branch held a very successful Sea Sunday, and then the Area decided to test their sea legs aboard the MV Pocahontas travelling from Gravesend to Greenwich where some Shipmates went ashore to try out the local hostleries, others who still had not found their legs continued via the Pool of London to more exotic parts. There are still more events planned for what's left of the Summer the next being a soiree at the railway club Ashford (Kent) on Saturday 13th August.



The photo above was taken at the Chatham Branch Armed Forces Day Stand it shows S/M Stan Hoare age 91, with a tot of rum and his Pembroke House carer, Miss Lara Grant. 'What else can make an old Matelot happy?'

RNA Bury Branch



The current youngest member of Bury branch and Standard Bearer is Shipmate Gareth Staple-Jones. He has previously spent five years with Bury Sea Cadets TS Scorpion, and won two National and five consecutive NW Regional sailing regattas during this time. S/M Gareth is now studying at Salford University where he is a member of the University Royal Naval Unit (URNU) attached to HMS Biter, an Archer class P2000 patrol and training vessel based at HMS Eaglet, Liverpool. Recently promoted to Midshipman from Officer Cadet, Gareth has carried out various deployments which took him to the Orkney Islands for the Jutland Commemorations then on to the Baltic. He is now off to the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington USA to study for his 2nd year of University. He will be working alongside US Navy and Marine Corps officer cadets

and will get the opportunity to work out of the largest naval base in the world, Norfolk Virginia. Gareth will then return home for his final year of studies before entering Dartmouth to train as a Warfare Office (Submarines). He has received backing from Rear Admiral John Clink, (Flag Officer Sea Training) and the CO of BRNC Captain Robert Bellfield who has expressed his best wishes to Gareth. Gareth will be missed by his Shipmates at Bury RNA who all wish him fair winds and calm seas and look forward to his return at the end of next year.

RNA Huntingdon & District Branch

On the 20th June 2016, Huntingdon & District Branch celebrated their 35th year anniversary since commissioning. To mark this occasion, shipmate Pete Aston sourced some slate coasters which could be engraved with the RNA Crest, Branch name and date of our formation. Coasters were distributed to former, current, and



serving members of the Branch, including S/M Claire Aston's father, Barry Limbrick who has supported the Branch with his artwork and carpentry (producing a wooden stand for the Branch Standard).

Serving RN members of the Branch took photographs with their coasters, which are being used onboard ships and shore establishments. S/M Pete Aston also visited Cromwell Care Home to present S/M Jim McKay with his coaster.



Although a quiet month for RNA activities, three members of the Branch, shipmates Pete Aston, Karl Webb and Debbie Brooker, have been taking part in the 22 Day Push-up challenge to raise awareness for PTSD, this involves recording yourself doing 22 press-ups for 22 days in a row, not an easy task if you have not kept up the fitness levels expected whilst serving in the RN.



The photographs show the Branch coaster, Mr Barry Limbrick, shipmate Jim McKay, and serving shipmate, Marie Roffey with their coasters, and finally, shipmate Karl Webb as he prepares to complete the 22nd day of the 22-day challenge (with Pusser's rum as a reward on completion).



RNA Llanelli and Carmarthen Branches

Shipmate Dennis Morgan very kindly forwarded the article below which I am sure Shipmates will find very interesting.

A combined group of RNA Shipmates from, Llanelli and Carmarthen plus the Gurkha-Nepalese-Veterans of Llanelli took a trip to France to honour the servicemen of the First World War. The Royal Navy had the Naval Brigade. The town of Llanelli lost men serving with Royal Navy



Division's, Hawke, Nelson, and Anson. The group visited Thiepval, Neuve-Chapelle, Arras, Ypres, and Memetz wood. The group were proud to be there. Shipmate Dennis had the Honour of playing the Last post at Thiepval, and Neuve-Chapelle. In Ypres the group laid wreaths at the Menin Gate, where the service by the Not forgotten Association was first class.

The trip was organised by S/M Bob Stock, Llanelli Branch Hon Sec. It was primarily set up to take the Gurkha Members as none had visited the combined memorial for the British Indian Army. They had their families with them, so who all achieved a lifelong ambition for them.

S/M Dennis first played the bugle as a Boy Sailor at HMS Ganges in 1967 when he joined aged 15 & 1/2 years old. He was trained by SGT Black, Royal Marines. Sadly he gave it up when he was 19 years old. Dennis started playing again when he attended a funeral service and realised how much families were charged for this service. He picked up the bugle again at age 63 and started to practice. He has now played for many ex servicemen's final journey all for free. So this time at 65 years old at the Somme it meant much more to him. Dennis used his Grandfather's Bugle, who served in the Naval Brigade, from the First World War. It was nice to honour ex servicemen that paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom we all enjoy today.



RNA Rayleigh Branch



Shipmates should be aware that S/M Iain Hendry has stepped down as Social Secretary, and been replaced by S/M Audrey Blomfield .

During the recent Essex Armed Forces Day "Britain's Got Talent" star Stacey Solomon dropped in to see shipmates at RNA Basildon Branch's marquee at the Orsett Showground back in June, and joined S/M Gary Daisley for a cheeky selfie as you can see in the photo.

Finally Facebook news- The branch currently has 191 followers with people joining all the time. For information there are currently 66 RNA Branches using

Fb, including Central Office. New Branches are Basildon and Brentwood.

CROSSED THE BAR – Celebrating a life well lived

Clarence ‘Clarry’ Foxley– Peterborough Branch

Clarry Foxley crossed the bar on 2nd July 2016 at aged 92. He had been a member of Peterborough branch for a number of years.

He volunteered for the RN in January 1943 joining as an Ordinance Artificer. He saw service in a number of shore establishments before being drafted to Calcutta dockyard in late 1943 when he joined a landing craft and saw action along the Arakan coast of Burma when his landing craft put ashore raiding parties from 44 Royal Marines. He was also involved in the landings at Ramree Island which commenced in January 1945 and established a combined bridgehead for the subsequent invasion of the Burmese mainland. He was demobbed in the rank of CPO in September 1946.



Still with much pride in his RN service he joined the RNVR in 1950 and worked full time for a further two years serving in HMS Cleopatra and then remained on the Reserve list until 1955.

He was awarded the Burma Star a medal for which he was particularly proud. Older members of the branch remember him with much affection and he will be much missed by all the Shipmates.

Thomas ‘Tommy’ Turner – Shrewsbury Branch

Tommy Turner crossed the bar aged 90 on 8th August 2016. He was a painter and decorator and part time ARP before joining the Navy in 1944. He trained at HMS Collingwood and Excellent before being drafted as a Gunner before joining HMS Berwick in which he served from 1944 until 1947. S/m Tommy was involved in the Atlantic Convoys and Norwegian Fjords before sailing for the warmer climes of Ceylon and Australia.

He left the RN in 1947 and rejoined his Fathers painting and decorating firm in Shrewsbury retiring at age 75. Tommy never married but was a very good ballroom dancer, winning lots of medals. The branch will miss him.



Ronald Leslie Kings – Shrewsbury Branch

Shipmate Ron crossed the bar on 1st April 2016 aged 88. Ron left school aged 15 and joined the RN in 1944 serving as a 'stoker' in HMS Offa, a time of which he was incredibly proud.

After the war Ron started working at MOD Donnington where he went to be a skilled fitter. He worked there for many years before transferring to Rolls Royce Shrewsbury in 1968, where he was employed as a skilled diesel fitter and trainer of many apprentices. He retired from work at age 63 and had a long and active retirement.

On leaving the service he met Marjorie whom he was happily married to for 49 years. They had 4 children June, Susan, Shirley and Ronald. Marj died in 1999 and Ron was devastated but was comforted and helped by the comradeship found in the branch. He loved his meetings and socials and would never miss a meeting unless something very important came up. He will be very much missed in Shrewsbury branch.

Stanley Curtis – Shrewsbury Branch

It is with great sadness that the branch announces that Shipmate Stan Curtis has crossed the bar, aged 98. Stan joined the RN as a 17 year old on Trafalgar Day 1935. He was eventually drafted to HMS Hermes joining on 1st January 1939 where he served until the ship sunk when it was attacked by 85 Japanese aircraft of Ceylon on 9th April 1942. Stan was at his action station working as gun crew on P1 5.5"gun after abandoning ship he was eventually rescued by a Hospital Ship. Over 300 men were lost during the action which lasted for 30 minutes.

S/M Stan was one of the most respected and entertaining members of the Shrewsbury branch. He will be greatly missed by his Family and all his fellow Shipmates.



Richard Stanley Trevor Percival – HQ Role

Shipmate Trevor sadly crossed the bar on 12th December 2015, aged 75. He served in the RN for 9 years and a further 4 years in the Merchant Navy. He served in HMS Bulwark 1960-62 and HMS Maryton 1963-65 as an Able Seaman.

He left the RN to get married to Jean whom he had 3 Daughters with and was a Grandad 3 times over. Jean said " he learned a lot during his time with the Navy because he could 'turn his hand' to anything. He thoroughly enjoyed his time in the RNA particularly ceremonial and attending meetings.

He will be greatly missed by his family and shipmates.



Edgar Pybus – Darlington Branch

Shipmate Edgar very sadly slipped his Painter on 14th July 2016 aged 95. He served in the Royal Navy from 1942 joining at HMS Ganges and served until the end of the Second World War. Edgar was a Yorkshire Lad born and brought up in Whitby.

Serving in a number of Ships his time on board HMS Manxman was cherished the most. A Gunnery Rating Edgar's Duties were on the Oerlikon Anti Aircraft Guns. HMS Manxman was an Abdiel Class Fast Minelayer and she saw action on the Far East Station, and was involved in the Relief of Malta.

Edgar was married to the (Late) Audrey and had two sons Keith and Gordon. Keith followed in his Father steps joining HMS Ganges 20 years after his Dad. On moving to Darlington in 1958 both subsequently joined the Royal Navy Association. Dad was one of the Founder Members, and was in his time Chairman, Vice Chairman and President. He later became a Life Member.

May he Rest in Peace.

George Lowe – Rayleigh Branch

It is with deep regret that Rayleigh Branch announces that shipmate George Lowe crossed the bar on Monday 20th June 2016. George joined the Royal Navy in 1961 and served 7 years before transferring 22 SAS for a further 9 years.



His service history was very distinguished, but as you can imagine, very secret. George had been an active member of Rayleigh Branch, having served as Membership Secretary, Welfare Officer and Vice-Chairman during his time with us. George was an inspiration to us all, and will be sadly missed.



RNA Members Benefits

UK Holiday Group /CONA Holiday Service

- Variety of special deals for both Groups and Individual. 1% of turnover thorough CONA Holiday Service is returned to the RNA. <http://www.royal-naval-association.co.uk/news/323/members-holidays-service>

Coleman/Ansvar Insurance

Discounted Branch and House hold Insurance - 01323 744149

<http://www.thecolemangroup.co.uk/coleman-insurance-brokers/organisation-specific/cona>

Funeral Service

- Significant discount form Veterans UK www.veteranfunerals.co.uk Tel 07889 009393

Portsmouth Historic Dockyard



- RNA member entry just £10 plus four guest at £10 each provides access to the all attractions including the Submarine Museum, RM Museum and Explosion!.

Legal Services



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HMS Swiftsure – 3 September 2016

HMS/m Swiftsure (Swiftsure 86 + 30): First reunion to be held September 3 at The Weston Mill Social Club, Plymouth. £5.00 per person. Buffet included. All who served onboard including partners welcome. For further information contact antonybadman@hotmail.co.uk

HMS Gambia Association – 16 September 2016

AGM and reunion at Tillington Hall, Stafford from September 16 to 19. Contact Shirley Winn of IOW Tours at enquiries@iowtours.com or tel: 01983 40516 or John Andrews at babsjo2@hotmail.co.uk

HMS Tiger Association (C20) – 23 September 2016

Reunion will take place at the Heronston Hotel, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan from September 23 to 26. Further information can be obtained from Dennis Andrew at dax2brid@hotmail.co.uk

HMS Ocean Association – 23 September 2016

Reunion from September 23 to 26 at the Aztec Hotel, Bristol. Open to all who served in HMS Ocean (R68) or HMS Ocean (L12), and their guests. Programme includes a gala dinner, and a visit to the Fleet Air Arm Museum. Full details from Malcolm Clarke, malcmobile@gmail.com or Isle of Wight Tours at shirley.winn@iowtours.com or telephone 01983405446.

HMS Crane Association – 23-25 September 2016

HMS Crane Association U23/F123 (1942-62): Reunion and AGM at the Doubtree by Hilton Hotel, formerly the Gateway Hotel, Nottingham from September 23 to 25. All ex-Cranes and friends welcome. Details from Joe Smith at cranebird@btinternet.com

HMS Bristol Association – 24 September 2016

HMS Bristol Association's planned reunion is to be held at the RNGL's Association, Whale Island, Portsmouth, on Saturday 24th September 2016. It is hoped that members and their Guests will have the opportunity to go onboard HMS Bristol for a tour around during the afternoon, before retiring to the RNGL's Mess to partake of some refreshment and victuals. Shep Woolley has been booked to entertain us thus rounding off the evening with his usual Maritime repertoire and possibly a joke or two.

Further details are as yet not forthcoming at present as the Association's Committee are still finalising the event and specific details will be published shortly.

HMS Arethusa Social Weekend – 30 September 2016

HMS Arethusa: Social weekend at the Savoy Hotel, Skegness from September 30 to October 3. For further information contact Isle of Wight Tours at enquiries@iowtours.com or tel: 01983 405116.

Regulating Branch & RN Police Association – 30 September/ 03 October 2016

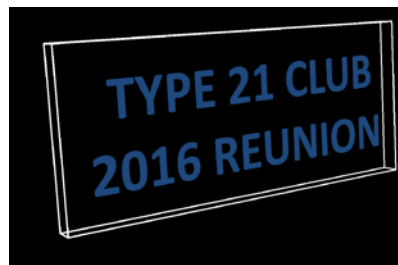


The Regulating Branch and Royal Navy Police Association was founded in 1993 as a non profit organisation for the benefit of all Regulators whether currently serving or have served in the Royal Navy to keep in touch, renew friendships and to occasionally meet at social functions. We have an active membership of 200 on our books with a high retention rate but, like all voluntary organisations, we are always anxious to recruit more people to our membership.

The prime focus is in preserving the rich history of the Branch primarily through the maintenance and administration of our museum which is located in Southwick Park, Portsmouth (HMS DRYAD as was).

The Association has benefitted from members from all parts of the UK, USA, Canada, Australia and mainland Europe and there is the opportunity to meet old friends at our reunion and AGM which, this year, will be held at the Aztec Hotel, Bristol during the weekend 30 September and 3 October 2016.

I would encourage all ex-Regulators to learn more about the Regulating Branch and Royal Navy Police Association by browsing our comprehensive website and perhaps you will be further convinced of the value of our efforts so that you will decide to join us and assist in meeting our goals. <http://www.rba93.com> or contact David Lodrick david.lodrick@ntlworld.com



HMS Vanguard Veterans - 30 September 2016

Battleship HMS Vanguard: Reunion from 30 September to 2 October at the White House Hotel, Worcester, tel: 0904 1619222.

Full details can be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs C Harris at sandc.harris@btinternet.com

HMS Eagle Association – 07-09 October 2016

HMS Eagle - Commissions 1952-72: 'Friends of HMS Eagle', are holding a 44th Anniversary 'Nautical Experience' Weekend Reunion at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Bristol, from October 7 to 9. After the very successful last 9 Reunions held around the UK – All 'Eaglets' plus wives/partners & guests are very welcome to celebrate the 44 years since the 'Mighty E' decommissioned in Portsmouth in 1972.

There will be a 'Meet & Greet' on the Friday evening in the 'Park Suite', followed on the Saturday

with various Tours from the Hotel, including visits to Brunel's 'SS Great Britain, 'Harbourside' boat and railway trips' plus Heritage Museums. The evening is taken up with a very Nautical Gala Dinner and traditional 'Up Spirits' enactment, followed by dancing and entertainment in the 'Ballroom', which includes the local Sea Cadet Unit, 'Bristol Adventure' performing 'Colours' & 'Ceremonial Sunset'. (All Commissions 1952-1972 are very welcome. Hotel accommodation at very good rates.

For details, please contact Main Organizer, Danny du Feu (Ex-L/Sea(Boats) Email: ddf.photography@gmail.com or Events Sec. Bill Melvin (Ex-L/PTI) Email: bill.melvin2@btinternet.com. See you there!

HMS Lowestoft Association – 7-9 October 2016

The 6th annual reunion of the HMS Lowestoft Association will take place at the Aztec Hotel, Almondsbury, Bristol BS32 4TS from October 7th to 9th 2016. All ex-Lowie's 1961-1985 and guests are welcome. For booking & more info contact IOW Tours on 01983 405116 or email enquiries@iowtours.com or email: ian@hmslowestoft.co.uk or visit <http://www.hmslowestoft.co.uk>

HMS Tartar Association – 07 October 2016

Annual reunion at the Royal Beach Hotel, Southsea from October 7 to 10. All ex-Tartar's and wives are welcome, come and meet up with old shipmates. Bookings to be arranged by IOW Tours on 01983 405116. Contact linpowe@btinternet.com for further information.

HMS St Vincent Association - 07/10 October 2016

The annual reunion will be in the Royal Beach Hotel Southsea over the weekend 7/10 October with the AGM on Saturday in St Vincent, transport is included. For further details and for booking contact IOW Tours on 01983 405116 or email enquiries@iowtours.com or ring Soapy Watson on 07786 565485 or **01329 310078**

Type 21 Club - 08 October 2016

The Type 21 Club annual reunion will take place in the Crwon Hill British legion Club on Saturday 08 October between 1930 -2235. The capacity is 200 so please make sure you book up early to guarantee your place. Sign up and pay at www.type21club.org

HMS Cheviot Association - 14 October 2016

HMS Cheviot: Reunion will take place at the Inglewood Hotel, Torquay, Devon on October 14 to 17. Contact Vic Denham at vic742008@hotmail.co.uk for more details.

RN Writers Association - 14 October 2016

The World's Oldest Military Association. The 129th RNWA Reunion Dinner takes place at the Union Jack Club, London on October 14. Serving and ex-serving Writers and serving Logisticians (Personnel) and guests welcome.

For further information, see the website www.rnwa.co.uk for full details and a booking form or contact: RNWA Secretary Les Heyhoe at les@heyhoe.com

Ton Class Association – 14/16 October 2016

The Ton Class Association will be holding their Annual reunion over the weekend Fri 14-16 October 2016 in the Toorak Hotel, Torquay.

For further details please contact the Hon Secretary Peter Down at peter.avoca@talktalk.net or TCA website www.tca2000.co.uk

HMS Resolution Association – 16 October 2016

The HMS Resolution Association are holding their annual reunion at Barrow this year to mark the 50th anniversary of the launch of HMS Resolution. The reunion dates are from October 16 to 18. The reunion includes a visit to the launching slipway, courtesy of BAE Systems.

Contact the secretary at mwil896215@aol.com or find the full information on the association and reunion on our website <http://www.hmsresolution.org.uk>

Bay Class Frigates Association – 17 October 2016

Reunion at Royal Beach Hotel, Southsea from October 17 to 19, 2016. All ex-Bay Class men and guests welcome. Contact Doug Turk at doug.turk@ntlworld.com for details.

HMS Llandaff Association - 14-17 October 2016

HMS LLANDAFF (16th) REUNION to be held at The Afton Hotel, Eastbourne. All Ex Plumduffs are welcome, for booking forms and details please contact Slinger Wood at kevin.wood@blueyonder.co.uk or 07961124459. Booking forms can also be downloaded from the web site www.hmsllandaff.co.uk

HMS Glamorgan 1st Commission 50th Anniversary – 14/15 October 2016

HMS Glamorgan 1st Commission 50th Anniversary celebrations will take place over the weekend of 14/15 October 2016 in the RNA Leamington Spa Club, Riverside Walk, Adelaide Road, Leamington Spa CV32 5AH. Further details are available from the HMS Glamorgan Facebook Page

Survey Ships Association - 28-31 October 2016

The Survey Ships Association will be holding its twenty-second reunion at the Aztec Hotel, Bristol on the w/e of 28th – 31st October. For information on membership and reunion please send a SAE to: The Secretary SSA, 17 Eliza Mackenzie Court, Lindisfarne Close, Cosham, Portsmouth, PO6 2SB, e-mail: secretary@surveyships.org.uk, or telephone 023 9232 4795.

Operation Musketeer - 5 November 2016

Did you serve at Suez? Were you involved on the Ports Said Landing on November 5 & 6, 1956. To commemorate the 60th Anniversary I am attempting to organise a reunion of RM, Para's, RAF, RN, and Fleet Air Arm personnel who took part, most of whom will be over 80 now, so numbers are reducing. The reunion will take place in Stafford over the weekend of November 5/6 and will include a visit to the Arboretum. For more details contact G C Polli ex SNCO RM at gcpolli@gmail.com

HMS RELENTLESS Association - 25/27 November 2016

The annual reunion of the HMS Relentless Association will take place at the Aztec Hotel & Spa, Almondsbury, Bristol BS32 4TS from November 25th to 27th 2016. All ex-Rusty Rs 1942-1968 and guests are welcome.

For booking and more information contact IOW Tours Ltd on 01983 405116 or email enquiries@iowtours.com Alternatively, contact the Association Secretary on 02392 599640 or email secretary@hmsrelentless.co.uk

Loch Class Frigates Association - 30 March 2016

Annual Reunion takes place at the Royal Clifton Hotel, Southport PR8 1RB from March 30 to April 3 2017.

Two and Three day packages available. Reservations: 01704 533771 quote "372601", or email: sales@royalclifton.co.uk

All members welcome. Membership is open to all who served on any of the Loch Class ships or their variants (Bay Class, Admirals Yachts, survey ships and repair ships). Some of these types of ships have their own 'Associations' but you can always join both.

For details please contact Andrew Nunn Hon. Sec. LCFA at andrew.nunn@blueyonder.co.uk

HMS Newfoundland & HMS Kenya - 31 March 2017

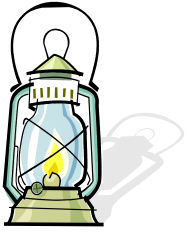
Veteran's annual get together will be held from 31 March to 3 April at the 4* Sketchley Grange Hotel, Burbage, Leicestershire. Reunion includes 3 nights half board accommodation, Gala Night Saturday night. Saturday coach tour to Nottingham and River Trent Cruise including a cream tea and sandwiches. Sunday coach tour to Leicester (King Richard III) and Foxton Locks. Also three night's entertainment.

If you served on any of the Fiji/Uganda class cruisers, aka the Colony Class, you and your family members are welcome to join us. There is no official business, just a weekend of meeting friends and lamp swinging so come and join us. Also available for 2 nights. Contact Isle of Wight Tours, tel 01983 405116 or Alan Waite at alan04@live.co.uk

HMS Iveston (Jan –May 1991) - Reunion

There will be a 26 year reunion for the Ship's Company involved in this memorable five month deployment to be held in the Portsmouth area on 1 July 2017 for all those wanting to attend. We recently held a 25 year reunion where 40% of the crew attended and we would like more to attend the next one.

Anyone who served on the Iveston during this deployment who wants more information, or if you know of someone who served onboard during this period, please contact Shaun at shaunmckeever@yahoo.com



Swinging the Lamp - September 2016

Date	Year	Entry
1st	1836	Rum withdrawn from accompanying women and children who became entitled to tea and sugar in lieu.
2nd	1944	Glen Avon, a paddle steamer hired in First World War and again in Second World War, foundered in a storm in Seine Bay.
3rd	1814	Four boats, under Lt Miller Worsley, cut out the American schooner Tigress in the Detour Passage, Lake Huron. Troops: Royal Artillery, Royal Newfoundland Fencible Infantry.
4th	1937	Destroyer Hostile attacked by Spanish submarine. Lost contact after nine hours but 'patrols have proved the Asdic apparatus to be generally reliable'.
5th	1979	Funeral of Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma in Westminster Abbey. Interred later that day in Romsey Abbey.
6th	1945	The light fleet carrier Glory with two sloops arrived at Rabaul, New Britain, Solomon Islands and Gen. B.A.H. Sturdee of the Australian Army received on board the surrender of 140,000 Japanese troops in the Bismarck Archipelago, the Solomons and New Guinea.
7th	1870	Captain capsized and sank off Finisterre. First and last British warship to combine turret guns with full sailing rig. Some later vessels had masts and spars but were brigs. 'The only British armoured vessel ever lost through inability to outlive a gale in the open' – Ballard. Four hundred and seventy officers and men lost, including her designer, Capt Cowper Coles.
8th	1943	Italy surrendered after three years and three months of hostilities and most of her fleet passed into Allied control.
9th	1997	Mne E. Ette of RMR Bristol became first Royal Marine to swim the English Channel.
10th	1918	Ophelia sank UB-83 off Pentland Firth.
11th	1994	Brazen, Type 22 frigate, grounded in Canales Petigonicos on the Chilean coast for four days. CO, NO and OOW court-martialled 17 February 1995. First court martial of a female OOW. Her plea of Guilty to a charge of negligence was not accepted by the Court; no further evidence was offered by the Crown and she was acquitted. CO dismissed his ship but promoted 30 June 2002.
12th	1942	Laconia, troop transport, carrying 2,732 souls, including 1,800 Italian POWs and many women and children, torpedoed and sunk by U-156 N.E. of Ascension. Korvettenkapitan Hartenstein broadcast location of survivors but rescue operation finally aborted when US Liberator attacked. Donitz issued punitive Laconia Order forbidding future humanitarian attempts.
13th	1914	E9, Lt-Cdr Max Horton, sank German cruiser Hela S.W. of

		Heligoland. DSO. First RN submarine commander to sink an enemy warship. Returned to Harwich flying Jolly Roger and so established traditional signal for a successful patrol.
14th	1805	Vice-Admiral Viscount Nelson embarked in Victory at Portsmouth for the last time, having by his own reckoning been absent from her for only twenty-five days 'from dinner to dinner' since 18 March 1803. The ship sailed next morning.
15th	1966	Helicopter support ship RFA Engadine named at Henry Robb Yard at Leith but launched next day because of bad weather.
16th	1919	Monitors M 25 and M 27 blown up in Dvina River, northern Russia, to prevent their capture as they could not cross the bar. End of second Archangel River Expeditionary Force.
17th	1939	Courageous sunk by U-29 in the S.W. Approaches (50.10N, 14.50W), the first major warship and the first of five fleet carriers Lost in the Second World War. Optimistic patrolling without adequate intelligence or escort in waters of known U-boat activity proved as wasteful as it was dangerous. Five hundred and fourteen men lost.
18th	1955	The islet of Rockall, 290 miles W. of Scotland, formally annexed for the United Kingdom by the surveying ship Vidal, Cdr Richard Connell RN.
19th	1914	Royal Marines landed at Dunkirk
20th	1725	Antigua Dockyard opened. In use until 1889.
21st	1954	Bahrain government asked the SNO Persian Gulf to find a mate of the same species as the miniature Socotran bull presented to Bahrain earlier in the year by sloop Wild Goose which was 'lonely and did not fraternise'. The Admiralty ordered the surveying ship Dalrymple on passage from Zanzibar to the Gulf to call at Socotra to find a mate for the Bull This was done but a few years later the cow died which left the bull 'morose and disgruntled'. Their Lordships, not to be defeated, sent the frigate Loch Fada to Socotra in 1958 which delivered 'two beautiful heifers' to Bahrain 'where the bull was pleased to see them'.
22nd	2001	Operations against Taliban regime in Afghanistan. Two Royal Navy SSNs fired TLAMs against shore targets. Support for land forces provided by Illustrious, Cornwall and Southampton. Operation Veritas.
23rd	1940	Abortive attack on Dakar. Operation Menace. Ceased at midnight 25th/26th.
24th	1926	HMS Oberon, the first British operational submarine to be given a name rather than a number (stand fast the early experiment). The boat was christened the day before by Mrs Beaty-Pownall, wife of the Admiral Superintendent, but because of the rising tide, the last two blocks could not be removed without risk to the workmen. The public was excluded from the launching of the 'super submarine' next day owing to 'the confidential nature of the construction'.
25th	1761	Dr Cuthbert of the Royal College of Surgeons appointed to analyse water at Weovil or Weevil Yard. Ships' cisterns were lead-lined to protect the wood, which was unfortunate for those who drank the contents.
26th	1958	Flag Officer Sea Training appointed to take charge of sea training, including the working up of cruisers, destroyers and frigates in

		home waters. Also in command of Portland Naval Base. First FOST was Rear-Admiral W.G. Crawford.
27th	1943	British attack on German convoy from Le Havre to Dunkirk. MTBs 202, 204 and 231 sank German escort vessel Jungingen (ex- M-534, ex-M-134) which had first been sunk in 1940 by RAF.
28th	1969	First RM deployment to Northern Ireland, 41 Cdo RM on Spearhead duties.
29th	1959	A junior rating from the frigate Leopard sentenced at Cape Town to be whipped 'for contravening the Immorality Act with a Coloured woman'. Sentence suspended because he had been in contact with poliomyelitis on board.
30th	1890	Abolition of the blue shirt, with its attached collar, which made a blue jacket synonymous with a British seaman.

2017 Diaries

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