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The first of the 3 RNA LIBOR buses is almost complete with just certification and registration to come. We'll be running a naming competition at Conference – get your idea to Andy immediately to stand a chance of a bottle of Pussers's!

By the Way the Registration is



This edition is the on-line version of the Semaphore Circular, unless you have registered with Central Office, it will only be available on the RNA website in the 'Members Area' under 'downloads' at www.royal-naval-association.co.uk and will be emailed to the branch contact, usually the Hon Sec.

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Glossary of terms

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

Throughout ☆ indicates a new or substantially changed entry

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Dear Shipmate,

Welcome from a warm and sunny Portsmouth. I write this as we observe a minute's silence for the events in Manchester this week. A sobering reminder of the changing threats we face in our land. The heightened security state has seen armed soldiers guarding the dockyard entrance gates and a more visible presence. Please take all precautions in public places.

We also face a General Election on 8 June. The RNA is not a party political organisation but we are allowed by the Charter to be passionate advocates for the Royal Navy. Therefore do press your election candidates on their plans for the Royal Navy and press for at least 2% for the Defence budget.

We had a great Open Day on 12 May with Christchurch, Edinburgh, St Neots and HQ roll members. The highlight was the return from a 9 month deployment of HMS DARING, with Shipmates allowed to join families on the jetty. I did notice that several (including our NCh) took advantage of the subsidised bar to buy a pint!



After lots of planning and preparation our first LIBOR bus is nearly ready. Sarah Clewes and I visited Stanford Coachbuilders yesterday to inspect our first bus and to get some pictures for Conference. I am absolutely delighted with the quality of finish, the ease of operation of the wheelchair lift and the crisp RNA logo. There are a number of tests to be done and registration before delivery, but we plan to have all 3 at the Biennial Parade in September. We have secured some great registration numbers SM17RNA (Shipmate 17), SM10RNA and RN10RNA. We will have a naming competition at Conference, if you'd like to put in a bid then email andy@royalnavalassoc.com bottle of Pussers for the winner and by 31 May latest. The buses will be based in Salford (with Alan McGrath), Central Office and Liskeard Branch (under the supervision of 4 Area). Booking and other details shortly.

Project Semaphore bounds on apace with iPads now delivered to the Royal Star and Garter home at Surbiton for naval veterans and training in Holyhead (picture opposite). Please please contact us if you have a naval veteran who does not have regular personal access to the internet.



Preparations are now all but complete for our Conference at the Station Hotel in Perth. It is a great venue and the City will be making us feel very welcome. We shall be parading through the city centre to St John's Kirk. I greatly look forward to meeting lots of old friends there.



Finally the dredging in Portsmouth Harbour, new electrical sub-station and new Princess Royal Jetty are all complete and CO staff enjoyed a tour of the facilities (in torrential rain). They are very impressive arrangements and now under strict security.

*Kindest regards from the Central Office
team*

Paul

1. ★ Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day – 3 September 2017

Seafarers UK have launched a 'Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day' campaign which Branches and Shipmates may wish to participate in on 3 September.

With the support of the Merchant Navy Association and the Federation of Merchant Marines, Seafarers UK is promoting the campaign to 11,500 local councils this year. But it's not just councils that they want to take part. Any association or organisation that wishes to get involved will be welcomed – the more the merrier!



As Merchant Navy Day this year falls on a Sunday, the day of the MNA's National Service at Tower Hill, they are encouraging local civic flag hoisting ceremonies and events to be held on the preceding Friday, with Red Ensigns flying over the whole weekend.

For further information please contact Nick Harvey, Seafarers Campaigns Manager, on 020 7932 5969 or nick.harvey@seafarers-uk.org or follow the links below;

<http://www.merchantnavyfund.org/merchant-navy-day>

<http://www.merchantnavyfund.org/dl/MerchantNavyDay2017Flyer.pdf>

2. ★ RNVC Series - Commander Donald Cameron VC Royal Navy

Commander Donald Cameron Royal Navy was awarded the Victoria Cross for his role in an action involving HM Midget Submarine X6 in Kaafjord Norway on the 22 September 1943. Born in Carlisle South Lanarkshire Scotland on March 1916 Commander Donald is amazingly one of three VC winners from the town of Carlisle. He 27 years old and a Lt the RNR during the Second World War having served in the Merchant Navy since the age of 17.



On 22 September 1943 at Kåfjord on the Altafjord, North Norway, Lieutenant Cameron, Commanding Midget Submarine X.6, and another Lt, Basil Place Commanding Midget Submarine X.7, carried out a most daring and successful attack on the German Battleship *Tirpitz*. The miniature submarines had to travel at least 1,000 miles from base, negotiate a minefield, dodge nets, gun defenses and enemy listening posts. Having eluded all these hazards they finally placed the charges underneath the ship where they went off an hour later, doing so much damage that the *Tirpitz* was out of action for months.

The citation below explains in detailed how courageous both Lts were.

ADMIRALTY. Whitehall. 22nd February, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the VICTORIA CROSS for valour to:

Lieutenant Basil Charles Godfrey Place, D.S.C., Royal Navy.

Lieutenant Donald Cameron, R.N.R.

Lieutenants Place and Cameron were the Commanding Officers of two of His Majesty's Midget Submarines X 7 and X 6 which on 22nd September 1943 carried out a most daring and successful attack on the German Battleship Tirpitz, moored in the protected anchorage of Kaafiord, North Norway.



To reach the anchorage necessitated the penetration of an enemy minefield and a passage of fifty miles up the fiord, known to be vigilantly patrolled by the enemy and to be guarded by nets, gun defenses and listening posts, this after a passage of at least a thousand miles from base.

Having successfully eluded all these hazards and entered the fleet anchorage, Lieutenants Place and Cameron, with a complete disregard for danger, worked their small craft past the close anti-submarine and torpedo nets surrounding the Tirpitz, and from a position inside these nets, carried out a cool and determined attack.

Whilst they were still inside the nets a fierce enemy counter attack by guns and depth charges developed which made their withdrawal impossible. Lieutenants Place and Cameron therefore scuttled their craft to prevent them falling into the hands of the enemy. Before doing so they took every measure to ensure the safety of their crews, the majority of whom, together with themselves, were subsequently taken prisoner.

In the course of the operation these very small craft pressed home their attack to the full, in doing so accepting all the dangers inherent in such vessels and facing every possible hazard which ingenuity could devise for the protection in harbour of vitally important Capital Ships.

The courage, endurance and utter contempt for danger in the immediate face of the enemy shown by Lieutenants Place and Cameron during this determined and successful attack were supreme



Promoted to Commander in 1955, he was in charge of HMS *Dolphin*, the submarine base at Fort Blockhouse. Donald Cameron married WRNS's member Eve Kilpatrick in 1940 and they had four children. Sadly his health deteriorated in the last years of his life and he was eventually admitted to Royal Hospital Haslar, Portsmouth, where he died on 10 April 1961. His remains were cremated at Portchester and buried at sea from submarine HMS *Thule* on 13 April 1961.

3. ★ Donations received for the Central Charities

Central Charities

RNA - Area 1	£102.00
RNA – Riyadh	£5,000.00
RNA – Rosyth	£100.00
RNA – Whitstable	£100.00

In memory of the late

George Edwin Williams	£10.00
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Charter Challenge

Hospital & Medical Care Association	£16.05
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4. RNA and Naval Associations Biennial Parade – 10 September 2017

The RNA / Naval Associations Biennial Parade will be held at Whitehall on Sunday 10 September 2017. The Second Sea Lord, Vice Admiral Jonathon Woodcock OBE has confirmed as the Guest of Honour and the VIP party will include the Minister for the Armed Forces, Rt Hon Mike Penning MP, Flick Drummond MP, (Portsmouth South), Captain Andy Jordan ADC Royal Navy, Commanding Officer HMS Collingwood and Mrs Gillian Molyneux and her daughter Bethany, Mrs Molyneux is the widow of Lt Cdr Dean Molyneux who was killed whilst serving in HMS Astute.

It is envisaged that that over 500 personnel both Veterans and Serving will be on parade. As well as representatives from the many naval associations, including from Belgium and the Republic of Ireland. Trainees from HMS Sultan and HMS Collingwood will parade, as will members of the Sea Cadet Corps. Music will be provided by the volunteer band from HMS COLLINGWOOD.

The programme for the day is as follows;

- 0900 RNA Central Office staff on site, meet with Met senior officer.
- 0910 Set security points
- 0915 Civil Service Club opens for coffee and toilets (80 metres from Coach parking)
- 0930 Parking for coaches and minibuses in Whitehall Place (pass required from Central Office) All coaches + Cars to be clear of Whitehall Place by 1300.
- 0945 All Vehicles to be parked,
- 0950 Whitehall Place and South Whitehall closes.
- 1010 **Standard bearers brief by NCA**
- 1025 Parade musters and is briefed by Parade Commander.
- 1040 Parade steps off, from Whitehall Place
- 1055 2SL, Min (AF), Flick Drummond MP, Capt Jordan, Mrs and Miss Molyneux +, VIPs join the parade
- 1100 Service starts, 2 minute silence
- 1102 Service at Cenotaph led by the Chaplain of the Fleet
- 1127 Parade steps off, review by 2SL



- 1140 Parade addressed by NP/2SL
- 1146 Issue of Standard Bearers 'Tots' outside Civil Service Club
- 1147 Bar opens in Civil Service Club – 2SL and VIPs meets Shipmates
- 1200 Sandwiches and Chips served at no cost to participants
- 1200 Parking restrictions restored in Whitehall Place

Dress Will be uniform for those serving and RNA / Association rig with medals or equivalent for everyone else, polished shoes. Berets for standard bearers and optional for marchers. Standards should wear the NSM pennant (if entitled).

Briefs Standard bearers should note the early brief for them at 1010 in Whitehall place by the National Ceremonial Advisor.

Security. **Very Important - Everyone attending should ensure they carry photo ID and their RNA membership card.**

Band The band will be the HMS Collingwood Volunteer Band

Wreaths. Any branch, Area or individual may lay a wreath during the ceremony, please let Nigel know if you would like to.

Mobility. The march is of the order of 450 metres there and 450 back with just over an hour on our feet. Those with mobility issues should make their way to the front of the FCO where an area will be reserved

** Parking Details will be advertised once confirmed with Met Police.

5. ★ FINANCE CORNER

Dear Shipmates,

Sadly Michelle is incredibly busy currently preparing the quarterly accounts and tying up all the loose ends for Conference consequently there is nothing to report in this month's Finance Corner. However Michelle says she really looking forward to meeting Shipmates that are attending Conference and a dance with a Sailor!

Finally it goes without saying; please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office if you need any advice or assistance. If you are not already in receipt of a hard copy treasurer's guide they will be available in Perth.

Yours Aye

Michelle



6. ★ November Cenotaph Remembrance Parade 12 Nov 17 –Ticket Allocation



Shipmates who would like to attend and march at the November Remembrance parade at the Cenotaph are advised that once again enhanced security measures will be in place. This will involve the Met Police conducting individual security checks on all participants. Therefore Basic Personal Information will be required in advance for each applicant and ticket holders will need to bring photo ID and a document showing proof of their address for access to the parade at Horse guards via manned Police entry points. Disabled shipmates are reminded that this year they can be accompanied on the

parade by their carer. However the carer's will be subject to the same security procedures and must forward their details to Nigel.

All Shipmates hoping to march in the Remembrance Parade at the Cenotaph **must** forward the following details to Nigel at Central Office (HQ) – nigel@royalnavalassoc.com by **Friday 1 September 2017**

Title/Rank, First Name (**This must be the name on the photo ID**), Last Name, Date of Birthday (DD/MM/YYYY), Place of Birth, First line of address, Town, Postcode, Service number (Where applicable)

Finally, Individually **Named** tickets will be despatched in October and Shipmates should be aware that there will be a **compulsory 'no ticket no entry'** policy in operation on the day.

7. ★ 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: Quite a few memories were evoked with last months Establishment such egg banyans and Nasi Goering....It was RNAS Sembawang (HMS Terror) Main Gate in Singapore. Well done S/M Derby Allen NCM2 who was the first in with the right answer. (and he knew the way to Nee Soon)

8. ★ Veterans UK Gateway

The Veterans UK Gateway is now open for business. It provides a single point of contact for veterans seeking advice and support. The Gateway puts veterans in touch with the organisations which are best placed to support their



need – from healthcare and housing to employability, finances, personal relationships and more. Please follow the link for more specific details; <https://www.veteransgateway.org.uk>

9. ★ Joke – Turf in Ireland

Two Irishmen were waiting at the bus stop when a truck went past loaded up with rolls of turf.

Jimmy said, "I'm gonna do dat when I win da lottery."

"What's dat den?" asks Mikey.

"Send me lawn away to be mowed."



(Ed's Note - Apologies to all our friends in Area 12 , promises you can get me back when I visit for next year's Conference)

10. ★ Changes to NI and the State pension – A more measured view

Shipmates will be very interested in the article, below, written by John Lavery CEO of the White Ensign Association concerning National Insurance and the State Pension.

Many of us may have been invited to sign a petition in Facebook or something similar against the changes introduced last year to the State Pension on the grounds that this action unfairly discriminated against members of the Armed Forces. This campaign caused significant anxiety amongst a number of the serving sailors and marines as well as the veteran community so I offer this wider explanation of the situation. This is a change that has affected large elements of the public sector and has been on the cards for a while and well published – I would suggest that many didn't understand its implications and didn't appreciate that they were making a lower level of national insurance contribution (approx. 10.6%) than many (12%) before 2016. To help I offer the following facts and observations as I understand them:

- The new state pension was introduced on 6th April 2016.
- The basic rule is that those MEN born ON or AFTER 6 April 1951 and those WOMEN born ON or AFTER 6 April 1953 will be eligible for the new state pension.
- The basic state pension before the change was £119 a week or just over £6,000 a year. This could then be topped up by additional state pension entitlements – either the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (SERPS) which were in place from 1978 to 2002 or the State Second Pension, which replaced it. The armed forces along with much of the public sector were "contracted out" of these second top up pensions – the explanation offered was that they already had a public sector occupational pension and thus didn't need the additional state pension entitlement – they were thus charged a slightly lower rate of NI.
- Between April 2016 and April 2021 there will be an element of transition for those reaching state pension age but after April 2021 there will be 'flat rate' pension for all. This is currently £159.55 a week, which would amount to almost £8,300 a year.
- The new state pension does not allow "contracting out" thus all those who previously

making the lesser NI contribution saw an increase in their NI charge as of April 2016 to the national standard rate (12%).

- Up until April 2016 individuals needed to have 30 years of qualifying National Insurance contributions to get the current full state pension, but as a result of the introduction of the new scheme they will need 35 years of contributions to get the full flat rate state pension.
- The pension calculation now starts with a default of the full pension (£159.55) and then makes deductions for such things as lower contributions or less than the full qualifying period.
- For those who have fallen short of the new rules there are ways of “topping-up” the deficit to some extent, however for those still serving in the Armed Forces they should not worry about it too much - It has been calculated that for those who have been “contracted out” for 30 years it should take them an additional 8 and a half years paying the full rate of NI to get the new state pension at its maximum rate – which of course cannot be claimed until 66, 67 or 68 depending on your age. The less time an individual has been “contracted out” ie less service before 2016 the shorter the time before they have made up the deficit in NI payments.
- State Pension Age is 66 for those aged 57 to 63, 67 for those currently between 40 to 56, and 68 for those 39 and under.
- In all honesty this change has the greatest effect on those individuals who become eligible to draw their state pension in the next 5 years or so – thus is predominantly a veterans’ issue.
- The Facebook petition intimates that this adjustment of the rules has been applied only to former members of the Armed Forces and Civil servants - this is not the case – contracting out was normal practice across the whole public sector and indeed amongst many independent Final Salary schemes as well.
- If an individual is unsure about what their pension entitlement is likely to be they can apply for a State Pension Statement to give an estimate of how much they are likely to get upon reaching state pension age. The statement will be based on the National Insurance contribution record as it stands on the date the statement was produced – link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/check-state-pension>

If you want further information or are still concerned please feel free to get in touch with the WEA.

11. ★ Request For Assistance – Tigress Productions

Shipmates may recall that in last month’s edition a request for assistance was made by Tigress Productions. Shipmate Eric White (Hon Sec) at Worthing Branch has been in contact with Tigress Productions who asked him if there are any members of HMS Bulwark Ships’ Company that were on the deployment which involved the SS Melika and the SS Ferdinand Gillibert collision as they would like to hear from them. *If you can assist please contact Gemma on 0117 933 5620 or gemma@tigressproductions.co.uk*

12. ★ Joke Time – Hospital Regulations

Hospital regulations require a wheel-chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator.

On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.'



13. ★ Request for assistance – Matt O'Grady

S/M Matt O'Grady from Lee on the Solent and Stubbington Branch and former Submariner is having a midlife crisis by electing to jump/abseil off the Tower at Guildford Cathedral in aid of fundraising towards the cost of the Cathedral refurbishment. He explains below;

I am the Director of Operations at the Cathedral and I have been working there for three years. With many others I have been putting my heart and soul into a refurbishment project, to ensure that this beautiful Cathedral can be used for worship and appreciated and enjoyed by generations to come. The Cathedral will always need financial help from its community and wider network of supporters, so I thought I would get involved in some real fundraising, as well as having some fun with colleagues. It is wonderful that our friends from Buxton Building, our main contractor, as well as the Bishop of Dorking, other staff members and a number of choristers are all taking part. Please support us.



If any Branches or individual Shipmates would consider sponsoring him or passing the message on to anyone else who might be interested in supporting the Cathedral, He would be very grateful. His Just Giving page is below. Thank you very much.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Matthew-O-Grady2>

14. ★ Motorfinity Partnership



Shipmates should be aware that the Royal Naval Association and the Conference of Naval Associations (CONA) are delighted to appoint Motorfinity as their exclusive motoring partner offering discounts on cars,

commercial vehicles and motoring related products such as used cars and motorcycles for the benefit of members. Motorfinity works with all of the top motoring brands in the UK offering great offers and discounts which are easily accessible.

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- Part exchange service
- **No fees** or charges for using the service



Take a look at some of our offers and submit your enquiry online at the dedicated Royal Naval Association website – www.motorfinity.uk/rna

15. Update of RNA & Naval Associations Deployment to Ireland on the MV Marco Polo (Renamed HMS Marco Polo) - 'Mini Cruise' 29 Sep -02 October 2017

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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.

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.....

RNA Longcast

2017	
02-04 Jun	RNA Conference – Perth
02 Jun	AMC /FAC / National Council Meeting/SOC
03 Jun	SOC (Wash up)
04 Jun	Parade and Church Service
17 Jun	6 Area Meeting – 1300 Chesham and Amersham
22 Jun	Trustee training for NCM - Portsmouth
24 Jun	National Armed Forces Day - Liverpool
30 Jun	Open Day
01 Jul	RNA Dublin Summer BBQ
27 Jul	Mid-year Budget Review
05 Aug	Area 5 Quarterly Meeting - Stowmarket
11 Aug	Open Day
18 Aug	FAC
19 Aug	AMC
01 Sep – 31 Oct	Possible arrival window of HMS Queen Elizabeth in Portsmouth - TBC
06 Oct	Open Day
09 Sep	National Council Meeting
10 Sep	Biennial Parade
29 Sep - 02 Oct	CONA Cruise (Liverpool –Dublin- Bristol)
30 Sept	Chichester Branch 70 th anniversary event
20 Oct	RNA Dublin- Trafalgar Night Dinner
21 Oct	RNA Chard -30 year Commissioning Anniversary and Trafalgar Night Dinner
04 Nov	Area 5 Quarterly - Harwich
12 Nov	Remembrance Sunday – Cenotaph Parade
17 Nov	FAC
18 Nov	AMC
25 Nov	6 Area Meeting – 1300 Royston RNA (Eternit Sports & Social Club)
09 Dec	National Council Meeting
2018	
03 Feb	Area 5 AGM / Quarterly – Southend RNA Club
05 May	Area 5 Quarterly – United Services Club Harwich
18/19/20 May	Londonderry Branch Battle of the Atlantic Commemoration 2018
8/9/10 June	RNA Conference - Dublin
04 Aug	Area 5 Quarterly – United Services Club Harwich
03 Nov	Area 5 Quarterly – RBL Club Rayleigh

D'ye hear there'.....

News from around the Areas and Branches

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RNA Cardiff Branch

On 10th December 1941 HMS Prince of Wales and HMS Repulse, were attacked and sunk by Japanese aircraft near Kuanton, a city on the east coast of Malaya. Survivors were taken to Singapore and many were captured at the surrender in 1942. Some of those captured were incarcerated in a Prisoner of War camp on the island of Java, along with other British servicemen, one of whom was an airman, James F Chandler.



Fifty years later a commemorative medallion was struck by the Selangor Pewter Company of Singapore. It is not known who commissioned the medallion, how many were struck or to whom they were presented. How Mr Chandler came into possession of the medallion is also unknown, but, before his death in Cardiff in 2015, he passed it on to his friend Robert 'Bob' Munro, with instructions to 'find it a good home.'

Consequently on Armed Forces Day 2015, Ex-Airman 'Bob' Munro presented the medallion to the Cardiff Branch of the Royal Naval Association, where it was decided that the new HMS Prince

of Wales would be an ideal 'home' for such an historic item. The presentation of the medallion was duly carried out onboard the ship on Wednesday 26 April 2017 by the Branch Chairman, S/M Andrew Clark and S/MS Ransford Rogers, Eric Chapple and Robert 'Bob' Munro to the Senior Naval Officer HMS Prince of Wales, Captain Ian Groom Royal Navy.



On completion the Shipmates were given a tremendous tour of the ship by Captain Groom and his ships company and what an experience they had!

The ship appears to be in an absolute shambles!..... 65,000 tons of apparent chaos amidst a positive rats-nest of tubes, pipes cables and wiring! Just consider being in the middle of the biggest ship refit you've ever experienced and multiply that by a factor of 100! No wonder the shipmates touring party had to wear hard hats, gloves and boots! But despite all of this everyone they met seemed to be going about whatever duties/jobs they had in a very calm and professional manner. The impression Shipmates left the ship with were that no matter what issues arose a solution would be found and came away feeling that the ship and indeed the Royal Navy is in good hands and will continue to uphold the best traditions of the Service. Cardiff Shipmates wished them the very best of luck in getting the ship to sea with such a tight timescale.

Also.....



Shipmate Ransford Rogers (Hon Sec) Cardiff Branch has reported the very sad news that two popular members of the Branch have crossed the bar.

S/M Hugh Maller was the branch Social Secretary and was very active who organised the annual branch Trafalgar Night Dinner. S/M Hugh was a Leading Telegraphist/Signaller who joined HMS Ganges aged 15 around 1959. He served for 12 years leaving in 1971. His ships included HMS Diomedé, HMS Galatée and also spent some time in Malta.

S/M Gordon Phillips who was a founder member of the branch and a previous President.

The photo shows S/Ms Hugh, on the left, and S/M Gordon during a visit by HMS Enterprise to Cardiff a couple of years ago.

RNA Forth Valley & Rosyth Branches

Forth Valley RNA and RNA Rosyth were in attendance at Bonneybridge on Sunday 30th April 2017 for the dedication of a village memorial to the Maritime Services.



RNA Woking Branch

Woking Branch will be holding their annual Armed Forces & Veterans day Parade & Service on the 24 June 2017 and would like to invite those Branches/Shipmates that cannot get to Portsmouth to join them at the Woking parade where they will be most welcome. More information of times and venue can be obtained by e-mailing Shipmate Rod Fraser at rfraser610@btinternet.com Finally... big eats and a "TOT" will be **available!**

RNA City of Inverness Branch

The Centenary of the Jellicoe Express was commemorated at Inverness and Dingwall Railway Stations last week. The route was introduced in 1917 to run a daily service direct From London Euston to Thurso, which was the nearest station to Scapa Flow in Orkney where the Royal Navy's Grand Fleet was based under the command of Admiral Sir John Jellicoe and later to be First Sea Lord.

The Admiral Jellicoe's grandson Johnny was onboard a chartered train accompanied by Captain Chris Smith Royal Navy, Naval Regional Officer for Scotland and Northern Ireland.



In Inverness they were met by Shipmates: Gordon Ross, Ian Smith, Robert Piggott and John Gordon members of the Royal Naval Association City of Inverness Branch as follows;

After the Inverness Plaque unveiling by Johnny Jellicoe and address by Captain Chris they departed on the train where they were met at Dingwall by the Lord Lieutenant of Ross and Cromarty, Janet Bowen and Shipmates: Allan Green MBE, Bob Coburn, Trevor Carnall, and Aulay Macleod. Where another Plaque was unveiled by

Johnny Jellicoe with an address once again by Captain Chris Dingwall.

The Branch are very grateful to all those who contributed, particularly S/Ms Elizabeth Ross and June Coburn and would like to pass their thanks on for excellent press coverage which was received in the Ross Shire Journal in Friday 5th of May edition.

RNA No 6 Area

Following the death of a 93-year old former Royal Naval veteran with no family, a call was sent out by staff at his care home for members of the Armed Forces to attend his funeral at Cambridge Crematorium.

Shipmates from No 6 Area were only too keen to show their support of John Craig, a sole survivor of



a minesweeper attacked during the D-Day landings, and an Arctic Convoy veteran. Members of Huntingdon & District, Royston, and St Neots branches (including the RNA National Chairman, shipmate Keith Ridley) were joined by members from the Royal British Legion, Royal Air Force Association and serving members of the Royal Navy and Army from RAF Wyton.



Also attending from St Neots branch was shipmate Harry Eddie, a 94-year old Arctic Convoy veteran. He said that he didn't know John but wanted to attend the service in order to pay his respects.

John Craig was not a member of the Royal Naval Association, but this did not stop shipmates attending the service, it shows that our motto of 'Once Navy, Always Navy' matters to us all whether you are a member of a branch or not. Standards were paraded and everyone was booted and suited in order to honour

our shipmate.

Photographs show the gathering of personnel at Cambridge Crematorium, John Craig's coffin with his medals and cap from HMS Rodney, a reading of the Naval Prayer during the service, and s/m Maureen Ridley providing a tot of rum for the bugler and shipmates after the service.

Further details of the call for support, and attendance, at John's funeral can be found on the Cambridge News website: <http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/cambridge-news/cambridge-d-day-artic-convoys-13002144>



RNA Royston Branch

On Monday 1st May, Shipmates from Royston Branch, Royal Naval Association, attended the annual May Fayre at Royston's Priory Memorial Gardens.

The May Fayre was opened at 1200 noon by the Town Mayor, Cllr Sarah Dingley. Attractions included live music from the swing band Opus 17, fairground rides and bouncy castles as well a Punch and Judy show. Royston RNA had a tombola stall and raised around £250 in four hours.



S/M Graham Parry said that the team had a great time speaking with the locals about the Royal Naval Association. A good time was had by all. BZ shipmates.

RNA Huntingdon and District Branch

On Saturday 29th April 2017, shipmates from Huntingdon & District Branch, and a former member of the army, went to Twickenham to attend the 100th Army v Navy Rugby match at Twickenham.



The day started with everyone meeting up at Sandford House (Wetherspoon's) in Huntingdon for a hearty breakfast (and a quick pint to wet the whistle) before catching the train to London.

The first stop in London was the traditional visit to the Union Jack Club, where as normal, serving and former members of the Armed Forces had

gathered for pre-game drinks; after a quick photo session, it was time to catch the tube to Twickenham and join the mass of people heading towards the stadium.

There was another photo opportunity when seated whilst the Band of HM Royal Marines took their place on the pitch; with the Army and Navy ensigns held out for all to see, HRH Prince Harry opened the games and met the teams before wishing them luck for the 100th match between the two services.



The match started well for the Army -- by half time they were 11 to 3 up.

The navy did far better in the second half, but sadly, not enough to prevent the Army winning the match 29 to 20. Attendance for the day was 81, 577, a record for an amateur match.

As Twickenham was still crowded, the Huntingdon contingent made their way to the Turks Head pub for more refreshments and then on to the train station for a nightcap in the Victory Services Club before finally heading back to Huntingdon. An excellent day out, Huntingdon Branch will

look forward to next year's match.

RNA Christchurch Branch



Christchurch Royal Navy Association members recently visited the RNA Central Office in Portsmouth with members from several other Branches.

Attendees received a brief from the General Secretary informing S/Ms about the work that is done by the staff in Central Office whilst enjoying a buffet lunch. Shipmates were then taken on a boat trip around the harbour during which flasks containing rum were passed around -- and around!

On completion of the boat trip a very special treat was in store. Families were gathering to welcome home HMS Daring after a nine month long

deployment. RNA members were encouraged to mingle with the excited friends and families of the crew and handed out cardboard RNA sailor hats to the many children waiting expectantly for Daddy or Mummy! S/MS found it a very moving experience and joined in the applause and cheering as the ship came alongside. They all felt proud and privileged to have been included in the welcome home to members of The Royal Navy.



RNA Glasgow Branch



Glasgow Branch assisted in organising a get together with the HMS Glasgow Association at the RBLS in Knightswood on the 12 May 17. Host for the evening was none other than S/m Brian MacKenzie and ten Shipmates from Glasgow attended along with forty from the Glasgow Association. This was also the 35th anniversary of the Falklands War when HMS Glasgow D88 was attacked by Argentine A-4B

Skyhawk aircraft resulting in a bomb hitting the ship. Incredibly no one was killed or seriously injured. The Ships Company celebrate on the 12th May every year 'LTBA' day (Lucky to be alive). Glasgow Association presented the RNA with a plaque and a bottle of very special rum. All in all a very good night was had by all.

RNA Harwich & District

Harwich & District Branch are hosting a Commemoration Service in respect of the Liberation of the Falkland Islands. The ceremony will take place at **11.00 on Sunday the 11 June 2017** at the Minesweepers Memorial, Fronks Road, Dovercourt Harwich

All are welcome to attend. For further details please contact John Cowan, Hon Secretary

Harwich & District Branch 01255 508237. john311cowan@hotmail.com

RNA Folkestone Branch

The Folkestone Branch President, S/M Bob Saxby (with the Arctic Convoy Cap) and Chairman, S/M Gerry Allen were awarded with RNA Life Memberships and certificates at the W/O & SGT's Mess, Shorncliffe Barracks, Folkestone. Branch Standard Bearer S/M Steve Shaw can be seen 'photo bombing' the photo of them opposite and sets off the trio nicely.

The presentation was made a couple of months ago although it has taken some time to gather all the photos and select the best ones for the Circular. This may be aided when they have their new iPad up and running !!



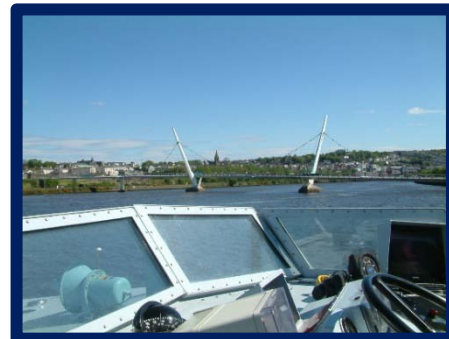
The photo's below show a group photo of the Branch and a photo of S/M (President) Bob Saxby after receiving an individual birthday cake by the staff of Eurotunnel Folkestone whilst collecting at the passenger terminal, don't ask how old Bob is, but the 9 and "2" candles on the cake give it away !!!



RNA Londonderry Branch

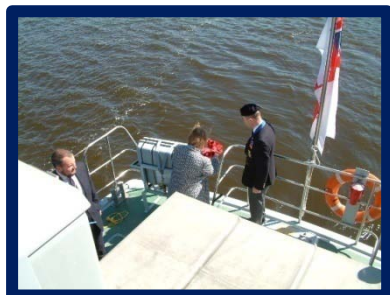
Please see below a report on the Londonderry Battle of the Atlantic Commemorations 2107 by that Shipmate Robert Buchanan (Londonderry Branch Chairman) kindly forwarded.

The annual Battle of the Atlantic Commemoration event took place in Londonderry on Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th May 2017. It was a very successful event and the local branch wish to thank the City of Derry and Strabane District Council, the Royal Navy and our Shipmates from Area 12 Ireland for their unstinting support.



Saturday 6th May

The Museum Services held an Exhibition in the Guildhall, focusing on the U Boat surrender and other areas of WWII. They also had various WWII vehicles and a Spitfire replica in the Guildhall Square. There was also a series of three talks relating to local Royal Naval History during both World Wars.



Lapsley completed the group.

At 1500 the Wreath Casting Party boarded HMS Pursuer. The VIP's were led by the Lord Lieutenant of the City of Londonderry, Dr Angela Garvey, accompanied by her husband Dr Gerard Daly, the Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council, Alderman Hilary McClintock and her husband and Commander John Gray RN SNONI and his partner Ms Karen O'Rawe. Shipmates Robert Buchanan, Frank Brown, Eric Mitchell, Jack Garfield, Area 12 Ireland Standard Bearer Eddy Moore along with Londonderry Branch Standard Bearer, Arthur

The CO of HMS Pursuer, Lt Tom Parsons & crew then moved the ship upriver and held station at the Peace Bridge. S/m Frank 'piped' The Still, and Standards were lowered. The Wreath was Cast astern by the Lord Lieutenant. The Carry On was piped and HMS Pursuer then berthed back at the Clipper pontoon, where the S/m's were looked after in true naval fashion. Thank you Captain Tom Parsons and crew.

At 19:00 guests assembled in the Alexander Suite of the City Hotel for the BOA Dinner. Among the VIP Guests were the Lord Lieutenant of the City of Londonderry, Dr Angela Garvey, accompanied by her husband Dr Gerard Daly, the Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council, Alderman Hilary McClintock and her husband and Commander John Gray RN SNONI and his partner Karen O'Rawe, Cdr Peter Campbell Area 12 President, and Lady Moyra Campbell, Lord and Lady Hay, Lieutenant Tom Parsons and Shipmate Paul Stephenson RNA National Vice Chairman.



There then followed a most enjoyable meal after which Cdr Campbell read out Greetings from our Patron, Her Majesty The Queen and proposed the Loyal Toast. Cdr Gray then proposed a Toast to the Royal Navy and all those who served. Presentations were then made to the Lord Lieutenant, the Lady Mayor, Lady Moyra, Lord Hay, our outgoing SNONI Cdr. John Gray and Lt. Tom Parsons with keepsakes to take back to his crew. Lastly a presentation was made to a birthday girl, S/m Edith Lavery who was celebrating her 87th birthday.



A bottle of Pusser's Rum was raffled and was duly won by S/m Bob Cherry of Belfast Branch. S/m Cherry then, very generously, donated the bottle to be raffled and was duly knocked down to S/m Eddie Lavery for the princely sum of £40. S/m Eddie says he has no recollection of bidding!!! This was followed by music to dance to and a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

Sunday 7th May

At 1030 on Sunday 7th S/m's formed up in Iona Terrace, behind the Churchill Band, for the Parade to the church for the BOA commemorations. Area 12 Ireland Standard was paraded by S/m Eddy Moore who led the RNA Standards of the Londonderry, Belfast and Limavady Branches plus 7 other Standards of those Associations supporting the Battle of the Atlantic Commemoration 2017.

After the Church Service the Lord Lieutenant, Dr Angela Garvey took the Salute as the Parade marched past. The Parade was thanked and dismissed in Iona Terrace and invited for refreshments in the RBL Club.

S/m's the Londonderry Branch would like to thank all who supported us over the weekend, you helped make it the success it was.

HEADS UP SHIPMATES!!!

The Battle of the Atlantic Commemorations in 2018 will be a three day event, 18th, 19th & 20th May 2018.

This will be a special event with a Dedication of a Third 'Convoy Bell'. Over the past few years Londonderry Branch, with support from the other shipmates in Area 12 and from wider afield, in cooperation with our Canadian Shipmates and in memory of the sacrifice of our predecessors, have been involved in projects directly related to the Battle of the Atlantic. As a direct result of this commitment there are now Commemorative Ships Bells in Halifax Nova Scotia and in Londonderry NI. Some of you will also be aware that there are now Statues of Sailors at each end of the Convoy Escort Run.

The 'Third Bell' project for 2018 is to mark the service and sacrifice of the Convoy Escort Groups working out of St Johns Newfoundland. Londonderry Branch will commission a special Ships Bell to be cast in the UK, dedicated in Londonderry during BoA events in May 2018 and then presented to St Johns Newfoundland. Further information on this project can be provided by S/m Frank Brown, Secretary, Londonderry Branch.

Hon Secretary: - S/m F.J. Brown, 4 Myrtlefield Road, Kilfennan, Londonderry BT47 5PG

Tel: - 028 7129 1795 E-Mail: - frankjf22brown@gmail.com

RNA Launceston Branch

Launceston Branch held an RNA Lunch at the Kings Head on 07 May 17. The photos below show them the Shipmates in full on 'Luncheon Mode'..... (**Ed's Note - Sadly no sign of a Pussers Bottle , must have been early on!**)



RNA Plymouth Branch

Plymouth Branch will be holding its 11th Biennial Trafalgar weekend in the Livermead House Hotel, Torquay over the weekend;

Friday October 13th – Monday October 16th 2017

2 Nights. Dinner/Bed/Breakfast £124

3 Nights Dinner/Bed/Breakfast £180

Saturday Night Formal followed on Sunday by a Church Service Sunday morning.

For further details please contact :

Sue Gutteridge

Social Secretary.

E. suzanne5571@virginmedia.com T. (01752) 849176

RNA Chard Branch

Chart Branch are holding their 30th Anniversary and Trafalgar Night Dinner on Saturday 21 October 2017. Area 4 members are cordially invited to join Chard Branch at the Shrubbery Hotel Ilminster TA19 9AR 1900 kick off.

The Guest of Honour is Shipmate David White MBE MSM, President of 4 Area. The cost is £25 per person (including Tot Time) with entertained provided by Jaycee's 'Golden Oldies' Disco. Overnight accommodation at the Shrubbery Hotel is £80 per double ensuite room including breakfast.

Places are limited to 150 on a first come first served basis the booking form can be found at the rear of the this edition.

RNA Chichester Branch

Chichester Branch is organising a celebration of the 70th Anniversary of our foundation in 1947. Which will take place on the evening of September 30th 2017. The venue will be the Assembly Room, Chichester Council House, North Street, Chichester.

It's going to be a major celebration for us. Our 60 odd members are determined that it will be a notable affair, especially as this is clearly the year of the Royal Navy. The Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex will be attending, as will be Captain Readwin RN Mine Warfare and Patrols etc. and the Mayor of Chichester. The Chichester Harbour and Selsey Sea Cadets will be making a significant contribution, and music will be provided by the Chichester City Band. The Royal Navy Presentation Team will also be our guests for the evening as will representatives of HMS Hurworth, our affiliate ship.

CROSSED THE BAR – Celebrating a life well lived

- [Martha Bartholomew – Rockingham and District Branch](#)

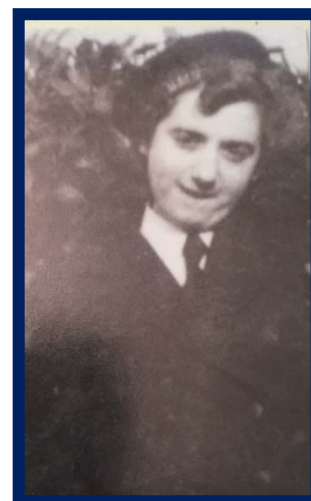
Martha Bartholomew - Rockingham and District Branch

S/M Martha (Bertha) Bartholomew Crossed the Bar after a long illness on Monday 22 May 2017 aged 91 years.

Martha served in the WRNS from December 1943 until November 1945, where she met and married S/M Fred Bartholomew

Fred and Marta had been together for 71 years, she will be very sadly missed by Fred, their children and grandchildren.

She was a long serving Member of Rockingham and District Branch who's members will remember her fondly.



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Shortcast

Note from the CONA (Conference of Naval Associations) Secretary -

I would be very grateful if organisers of reunions would oblige me by obtaining a quote from the CONA Travel Service, who will not be beaten on like for like price. CONA Travel Service donate 1% of their CONA business back into the Conference totalling to date £1,600 which provides funds to assist members Associations. Oh and by the way their service is first class as well.

HMS Blackcap RNAS Stretton 4th June 2017

St Cross Church Appleton Thorn. Contact b.cohen2@ntlworld.com

HMS Fisgard, Artificer Apprentices Reunion – 9/11 June 2017

A reunion to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the entry classes S29, S30, and S31 joining HMS Fisgard in 1957, will take place from June 9 to 11 2017 with the Reunion dinner Saturday 10th June. The venue, the Royal Beach Hotel, Southsea, situated opposite South Parade Pier, has been booked, with a deposit paid to secure the booking. For details and booking form contact Malcolm Howard at malcolmhowardexrn@yahoo.co.uk

HMS Glamorgan (Falklands War 1982) – 10/11 Jun 2017

Portsmouth – for further details contact - al.bradley@ntlworld.com

HMS Liverpool Association – 10 June 2017

GI's Association Whale Island. Contact info@hmsliverpoolassociation.org.uk

HMS Iveston – 01 July 2017

Portsmouth - for further details contact shaunmckeever@yahoo.com

Type 42 Association - 22 Jul 2017

The Type 42 Association Reunion 003 will be held at HMS Excellent on 22 Jul 2017. Open to all who have served on a Type 42 Destroyer, Discounted tickets for all fully paid up association members, new members can sign up to the association via the website.

BGM Start 1230 hrs Finish 1345 hrs
Reunion Start 1400 hrs, Finish 2100 hrs
HMS Excellent, Sports Field

Tickets: Members £10 + 1 Guest £10 & Non Members £30

For Info email: chairman@type42association.co.uk For tickets email: deanpullom@yahoo.co.uk

Web site: www.type42association.co.uk click on forum or visit our Facebook page Type 42 Association

HMS Active (Falklands Conflict 1982) – 4/5 August 2017

Plymouth - for further details contact jameschapman375@btinternet.com

HMS Illustrious Association – 8-10 September 2017

The HMS Illustrious Association will be holding the 2017 reunion in Portsmouth over the weekend of 8-10th September 2017. Further details are available on the website www.hmsillustriousassociation.com

BRNC Class of Sept 1977 (40th Anniversary) – 9th September 2017

BRNC Dartmouth – for further details contact garygduffield@gmail.com

HMS Ark Royal Communicators (1973-1977) – 15/16 September 2017

London - for further details contact jsmith@greenford5fsnet.co.uk

HMS St Vincent Association - 06/09 October 2017

The annual reunion will be in the Royal Beach Hotel Southsea over the weekend 6 / 9 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**

RN Electrical Weapon Engineering Branch Association – 13-16 October 2017

Coniston Hotel Sittingbourne - for further details contact enquiries@iowtours.com

HMS Arethusa Association – 13-16 October 2017

HMS ARETHUSA Social weekend - October 13th to 16th 2017 at The Risboro Hotel, Llandudno. Details and booking forms from - IOW Tours Ltd.
HMS Relentless Association – 24-27 November 2017

HMS Lowestoft Association - 20/22 October 2017

The HMS Lowestoft Association will be holding their reunion weekend on 20/22 October 2017. The reunion will take place at Sketchley Grange Hotel and Spa, Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 3HU. All who served in HMS Lowestoft are most welcome. For bookings please contact; Isle of Wight Tours Phone No. 02983 405116 or ian@hmslowestoft.co.uk

Bay Class Frigates Association – 23/25 October 2017

Tillington Hall Hotel Staffordshire - for further details contact enquiries@iowtours.com

Survey Ships Association – 27/30 October 2017

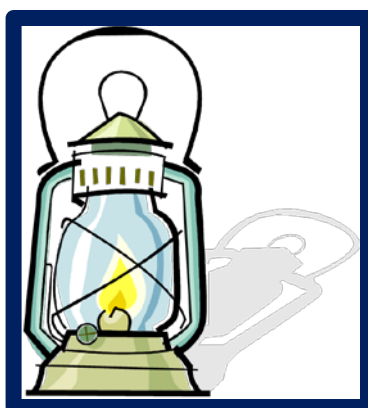
The Survey Ships Association will be holding its twenty-third reunion at the Novotel, Nottingham on the w/e of 27th to 30th October. For information on membership and reunion please send a SAE to: The Secretary SSA, 17 Eliza Mackenzie Court, Lindisfarne Close, Cosham, Portsmouth, PO6 2SB, e-mail: secretary@surveyships.org.uk, or telephone 023 9232 4795.

HMS Relentless Association – 24-27 November 2017

HMS RELENTLESS Association. 75th Anniversary Reunion to celebrate the first commissioning of HMS Relentless will be held at the Tillington Hall Hotel, Stafford, November 24th-27th 2017. All ex-Rusty R's welcome but numbers are limited so call Isle of Wight Tours Ltd asap on 01983 405116 or contact HMS Relentless Association Secretary 02392 599640, email secretary@hmsrelentless.co.uk.

My thanks go to Shipmate Mike Crow from RN Shipmates for providing details of reunions.

Swinging the Lamp – June 2017



1 st	1951	Coupons introduced to ration duty-free tobacco.
2 nd	1779	Frigate <i>Glasgow</i> (20), Capt Thomas Lloyd, carrying a cargo of gunpowder for Jamaica, caught fire in Montego Bay after the purser's steward, Richard Brace, set fire to the spirit room while stealing rum. The ship was soon alight and Capt Lloyd and his First Lieutenant, Richard Oakley, valiantly and efficiently supervised the jettisoning of the gunpowder, assisted by Cdr Horatio Nelson of the brig <i>Badger</i> . The <i>Glasgow</i> could not be saved and, the ship's company having been embarked in <i>Badger</i> , the wreck was towed out to sea where she exploded and sank. The Master of the <i>Glasgow</i> , Mr James Cobby, died of burns the following day. Capt Lloyd was honourably discharged by a court martial held in <i>Bristol</i> at Port Royal the following month. Brace was punished, leniently perhaps, with 100 lashes.
3 rd	1957	Vice-Admiral Sir Benjamin Martin died, aged 65, in Natal, South Africa. Went to sea as a Boy First Class 1907. Warrant officer (gunner) in battleship <i>Malaya</i> at Jutland May 1916 and, in May 1941, exactly twenty-five years later, was Captain of the heavy cruiser <i>Dorsetshire</i> in the final attack on the <i>Bismarck</i> . First officer from the lower deck to become a rear-admiral on the Active List for eighty-seven years and the first boy from RN Hospital School, Greenwich, to reach flag rank.
4 th	1941	First aircraft launch from a CAM ship; Sub-Lt M.A. Birren.
5 th	1917	Sheerness and naval establishments in the Medway raided by German aircraft.

6 th	1964	The first full production S2 (Spey-engined) Buccaneer aircraft (XN 974) made its maiden flight; eighty-four built for the Royal Navy.
7 th	1917	Decoy ship <i>Pargust</i> , a 3,000 ton former tramp steamer, Cdr Gordon Campbell, VC, DSO, sank minelaying submarine UC-29, Kapitanleutnant Ernst Rosenow, 55 miles W. of Valentia Island, S.W. Ireland (51.50N, 11.50W), his third U-boat success.
8 th	1921	Cruiser <i>Effingham</i> launched at Portsmouth Dockyard. The last warship completed for the RN carrying 7.5-in guns.
9 th	1964	Guided missile destroyer <i>Glamorgan</i> launched at Vickers Armstrong, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. She was the last warship fitted with steam turbines built by Parsons Marine at the Turbinia Works, Wallsend.
10 th	1795	First storekeeper appointed to base at Cape of Good Hope (Good old Jack Dusty 1-4-1!)
11 th	1944	Attack on Le Hamel by 46 Cdo, Royal Marines.
12 th	1797	End of the mutiny at The Nore. There were 412 men brought to trial, fifty-nine condemned to death (twenty-nine actually executed), nine flogged, twenty-nine imprisoned and remainder pardoned after the Battle of Camperdown.
13 th	1940	Fifteen Skua aircraft (<i>Ark Royal</i>) attacked the <i>Scharnhorst</i> at Trondheim. Only one bomb hit, and that did not explode. Eight Skuas lost. FAA Sqns: 800, 803.
14 th	2007	Service of thanksgiving, attended by HM The Queen, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, Prime Minister and Service chiefs, at the Falklands Memorial Chapel, Pangbourne, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the surrender of Argentine forces in the Falkland Islands.
15 th	1941	<i>Bismarck's</i> seventh and last supply ship sunk by <i>Dunedin</i> . These successes alarmed those concerned to protect Ultra intelligence.
16 th	1969	<i>Repulse</i> sailed on her first Polaris patrol.
17 th	1934	Two British submariners, Lt J.D. Luce of HMS <i>Osiris</i> (a future First Sea Lord), and Lt P.L. Field of <i>Oswald</i> , among twenty passengers kidnapped by Chinese pirates who took over and looted the steamer <i>Shuntien</i> E. of Tientsin off the mouth of the Yellow River (Huang He) in N. China before escaping with their hostages in pre-positioned junks. Japanese, United States and British warships, including the carrier <i>Eagle</i> and two destroyers from Wei-Hai-Wei, steamed to the area. On 20 June the Admiralty announced that, 'as a result of naval action', Luce, Field and two of the ship's officers were safe on board the destroyer <i>Whitshed</i> .
18 th	1944	Destroyer <i>Quail</i> foundered in tow (40.05N, 17.52E), after being mined at the entrance to Bari on 15 November 1943.
19 th	1917	CMB 1 sunk by German destroyers off Ostend.
20 th	1982	<i>HMS Illustrious</i> commissioned. The first RN warship to be commissioned at sea.
21 st	1854	VC: A/Mate Charles Davis Lucas (<i>Hecla</i>) for throwing a live shell overboard while its fuse was burning. <i>Hecla</i> , <i>Odin</i> and <i>Valorous</i> ineffectually bombarded Bomarsund. The first gallant act to win a VC.
22 nd	1948	Light fleet carrier <i>Bulwark</i> launched at Harland and Wolff, Belfast. Named by Countess Granville, wife of the Governor of Northern Ireland, sister of HM Queen Elizabeth The late Queen Mother. The tenth carrier built at the yard since 1935.
23 rd	1925	River gunboat <i>Tarantula</i> landed an armed party to protect the British concession from rioting students at Shamseen, China. GC (ex-EGM):

		PO Robert Mills Chalmers.
24 th	1869	<p>Wearing of beards and moustaches sanctioned but not one without the other. A reversal of the first edition of QR&AI. See 6 August 1861. Admiralty Circular Letter No. 36: Representations having been made to their Lordships that it would conduce to the health and comfort of men, under many circumstances of service, were they to be permitted to discontinue the use of the Razor on board Her Majesty's ships, they have been pleased to issue the following Regulations:</p> <p><i>1. Clause 43, Chapter 44, of the Regulations is repealed, and Officers and Men on board Her Majesty's Ships, including the Royal Marines when embarked, will in future be permitted to wear Beards and Moustaches.</i></p> <p><i>2. In all cases, when the permission granted in Clause 1 is taken advantage of, the use of the Razor must be entirely discontinued. Moustaches are not to be worn without the Beards, nor is the Beard to be worn without Moustaches.</i></p>
25 th	1975	Frigate <i>Salisbury</i> completed the last Beira Patrol.
26 th	1944	Destroyer <i>Bulldog</i> sank U-719 in N.W. Approaches (55.33N, 11.02W).
27 th	1860	Repulse of a British attack on the Maori pah at Puketakauere, New Zealand. Naval Brigade of wood screw corvette <i>Pelorus</i> , with the flank companies of the 40th Regiment and detachments of Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers.
28 th	1940	Force H, assembled in short order to replace French maritime power in the W. Mediterranean, formed at Gibraltar: <i>Hood</i> (flag of Vice-Admiral Sir James Somerville hoisted 30 June), <i>Ark Royal</i> , <i>Valiant</i> , <i>Resolution</i> , <i>Hood</i> , <i>Arethusa</i> and seven destroyers. Somerville reported directly to the Admiralty and his ships had the ambiguous status of a 'detached squadron' to avoid chain-of-command difficulties with either C-in-C Mediterranean or with Admiral Sir Dudley North, Flag Officer North Atlantic, who flew his flag ashore at Gibraltar. The wiring diagram failed spectacularly.
29 th	1962	Admiral Sir Martin Dunbar-Nasmith, the most famous of the first generation of British submariners, died at Elgin. Martin Nasmith's brilliant services in command of E 11 in the Sea of Marmora in 1915 and 1916 gained him the VC and promotion to commander (30 June 1915) and to captain (30 June 1916) at the age of 33 years 3 months, which early distinction has never since been equalled. Captain BRNC Dartmouth 1926–8, Admiral (Submarines) 1929–31, C-in-C East Indies 1932–4, Second Sea Lord 1935–8 and C-in-C Plymouth and W. Approaches 1938–41.
30 th	1914	Admiral Sir George Warrender, departing with a RN squadron from the Imperial German Navy regatta at Kiel, made to his hosts 'Friends in the past, friends for ever', which proved five weeks later to have been an unfortunate signal.