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Cover Picture: The July Branch Committee Meeting at Foxfield

EDITORIAL

Hello Everybody

Well, I did say last month that I could do with a bit of rain for the garden – we certainly had some over the last weekend to freshen up the flowers and the tomatoes, but it also encouraged the grass - and now the lawn needs mowing again.

The weather was fine and sunny for the Annual Barbeque at The Crofters – no photos this year – I forgot to take my camera and so did most of the others! However, all those there enjoyed themselves. It was also fine and sunny weather for annual Committee Meeting at the Prince of Wales at Foxfield as can be seen from the cover photograph – I did remember the camera this time and managed to get a member of another group to a picture of all of us – apart from Joe Cornelius who arrived later. Some Committee Members got the early train and built up a bit of 'Flying Speed' before the rest of us got there late – courtesy of a delayed train from Barrow which had been waiting for a late train from Preston. After the Committee business was complete we enjoyed some of the Prince of Wales's different brews and Pasties & Peas – the medium size pasties only as the large ones are really big! At least the train back to Barrow was on time!

I hear that the Cartmel Races trip also saw the good weather and that everyone enjoyed themselves and that some people actually managed to pick the winners! I hope the members who left their picnic gear on the bus on the way home managed to get it back!

In April next year it is the 50th Anniversary of the 'Continuous at Sea Deterrent' (CASD) – our 'Bomber

Members will know all about that! Anyway, it has been suggested that there should be some sort of event in Barrow to recognise that Anniversary – what sort of event is not yet decided. However, if you think it's a good idea, would be interested in attending an event and have some suggestions as to what sort of event it should be let me know and I'll pass your names and suggestions on!

On a sad note - again this month – Lilian Faragher, wife of Branch Member and Committee Member Bob Faragher passed away after a long illness at the age of 77. You may remember seeing Lilian at Branch Socials. We send our most sincere condolences to Bob.

Not a lot else for me to tell you this month so enjoy the nice weather for as long as it lasts – its supposed to get hotter after all this rain has passed through!

Don't forget the August Branch Meeting – on Tuesday 7th August – usual time – usual place – don't be late – we will be having visitors from HMS ANSON – up to eighteen of them and they re bringing some bottles of rum along for a belated 'Splice the Mainbrace' for the recent Royal baby!

Regards Barrie.

P.S. As Alex won't be at the August Meeting and, if you haven't yet paid for the Canal Trip, Alex has asked that you pay him at home or me at the Meeting – in case you have forgotten it £37.50 per head! I have a list of the names!! Cheques to be made out to Alex.

SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Hi Shipmates

July saw the Summer Barbecue at Crofters; I had just 50 attend, it was a lovely warm day, England won the football and Steve May cooked the best burgers ever. I hope that all who did attend enjoyed themselves.

We also saw our Committee Meeting and free beer afternoon at the Prince of Wales, Foxfield. Only eight members came along, six of which were the committee. Always a great afternoon and thanks to the Branch for the pie and pasty.

Then July was rounded off with our annual trip to Cartmel, full coach, lots of fun and some of the peeps won big on the nags – congratulations. Again, thanks to all who supported this and the other events.

Diary Check:

August is a quiet month for me with regards to organising events for the Branch, but the respite doesn't last long before we get up, dust ourselves down and regroup for the rest of the functions.

Due to the members draw not being won in July, we are now at the £50 mark and this is where it must be won. I have had orders from my missus that when she is on holiday so am I and therefore I will not be attending the August meeting – my apologies so the Birthday Boy Beer for August will be carried over to the September Meeting - so you won't 'Dip Out'. What this also means is the 'must win' Members Draw will take place at the September meeting. I always promised that if it ever got to this amount I would big it up, therefore, September's meeting will be a Quiz Night and the Members draw will be done at the half point interval in the quiz. It will be a good night with an excellent quiz, free food and, of course, great company. When I break for half time during the quiz the Members draw will be done and the same rules apply; you must be a member, you must be fully paid up and you must be there – for those of you who struggle with either participating or enjoying quizzes, winning the members draw does not mean you have to take part in the quiz – you just have to be there when the draw is done. So, bring along your better halves and let's have a nice Social Evening, easy quiz and guaranteed to be all done and dusted by 10 o'clock - if not earlier.

An additional event has been added to the Social Calendar on Saturday 22nd September. It will be a Party Night at the Legion. £5 per ticket which gives you entry to a fun filled evening. Route 66 Legacy live on stage, disco, food and the chance to win big on the raffle. I need 80 people to break even on this so please support this event if you can!!!

Saturday 1st September is the Canal Trip - fully booked up and with a reserve list running. Please pay in full to either; Barrie at the August Meeting or to me directly at my home by 10th August. It is £37:50 per person. This includes travel to and from, food, absent friends cocktail and of course 4 hours of partying on the Jungle Queen – singing, dancing and drinking.

Friday 12th October is Race Night at the Legion – great evening. £5 per ticket which give you entry, 1 free bet, race card and free food.

Friday 9th November is the Dinner Dance at the Dunes.

Other items:

Members draw was not won in July so stands at £50 for September and must be won.

Don't forget your Birthday Beer (in September) if you were born in the months of August and September.

Septembers quiz night food will be chicken curry, rice and French stick.

Alex

AUGUST BRANCH CALENDAR

August Branch Meeting	Tues 7 th Aug
Committee Meeting	As required

SEPTEMBER BRANCH CALENDAR

Canal Trip	Sat 1st Sep
Merchant Navy Day	Mon 3rd Sep
September Branch Meeting	Tues 4th Sep
Quiz Night	Tues 4th Sep
Dundee International Memorial	Sat 8th Sep
Battle of Britain Parade	Sun 16 th Sep
Party Night	Sat 22 nd Sep
Committee Meeting	As required

OCTOBER BRANCH CALENDAR

October Branch Meeting	Tues 2 nd Oct
Race Night	Fri 12 th Oct
Committee Meeting	As required

AUGUST BRANCH BIRTHDAYS

R. (Roger) McMorris	01/08/1948
W. (William) McLaughlin	03/08/1946
A. (Alan) West	09/08/1931
R.H. (Robert) Hagen	10/08/1944
G. (Whisky) Walker	11/08/1948
N. (Nick) Hopkinson	14/08/1962
D.J. (Dave) Parsons	18/08/1946
D.B. (Dave) Harwood	21/08/1951
D. (Dave) Sales	29/08/1953

Happy Birthday All!

SUBMARINE LOSSES OF WWI

No Submarines were lost in August 1918 although one – E40 - had a very narrow escape. Three Submariners are reported to have died as a result of accidents.

Submarine E40

At about 2100 on 2nd August 1918 submarine E40 sighted a German U-Boat - thought to have been of the U-51 Type. The Commanding Officer (Lieutenant Guy Descarriers Sharp) decided on a dived engagement but after he dived he found that there was insufficient light to use the periscope. He then surfaced and found himself in a position to make a torpedo attack and fire both bow tubes. This attack failed as the range (about 2,500 yards) was too great. A gun attack was then made but the German responded with his own deck gun. Only having a 12 Pounder deck gun Guy Sharp decided that discretion was the better part of valour and started to dive again.

In diving the Conning Tower was hit by a 4.1-inch shell which exploded in the tower injuring the Commanding Officer in nine places. He made it into the Control Room and ordered the submarine to be dived before collapsing. The First Lieutenant (Lieutenant Alexander Scrope Hutchinson) then came forward from the Engine Room and took over command. Owing to a problem with the hydroplanes E40 dived out of control and hit the bottom in a depth of 55 Fathoms (330 feet) – well below the operational depth for the 'E' Class - with water leaking in through the Engine Room hatch and the stern tubes. Managing to regain the surface E40 was then fired at again by the U-Boat and hit in the casing near the starboard anchor. The First Lieutenant then dived the submarine again and made his way to safety.

Submarine D8

One member of the crew of Submarine D8 died on 8th August 1918. It is reported that he died from the effects of arsenicuretted hydrogen poisoning following exposure to contaminated battery gases. He was:

Engine Room Artificer Simpson Anderson O/N M1169 who was the husband of Mrs Minnie Anderson of 126, Grimsby Road, New Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire. He buried in the Campbeltown (Kilkerran) Cemetery at Campbeltown, Argyllshire in Grave No. 3.610.

HMML. No. 403

One Submariner member of the crew of HMML No. 403 died on 22nd August 1918 when he was killed by the explosion of a German torpedo whilst it was being salvaged. He was:

Able Seaman Christopher Herbert Stamford O/N J11924 (Po)

No Next of Kin or other family detail is available for Christopher Stamford who had previously served in Submarine K9. He lived at No. 10, Block E, Peabody Buildings, Southwark, London. He is commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval War Memorial on Panel No. 2

Submarine H26

One member of the crew of Submarine H26 died on 23rd August 1918. It is reported that he died in hospital at Canterbury whilst undergoing an operation for injuries received in accident on board Submarine H26. He was:

Leading Stoker Henry Whinfield Nash O/N K4511 and he was the son of Herbert H and Cecelia Nash of Little Bursted Farm, Upper Hardres, Canterbury, Kent. He is buried in the Petham (All Saints) Churchyard Extension in Grave No. 313.

REMEMBERING FORMER BRANCH MEMBERS 'CROSSED THE BAR' AUGUST

John Lothian	1968
Reginald Potter	1969
William Pope	1973
C H Green	1976
John Ogden	1977
Jerry Jackson	1994
Bob Buchanan	1994
Peter Braithwaite	2003
Hugh Anderson	2004
David Tull	2006
Roger Fry	2015
Michael Davenport	2017

RESURGAM

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Constructive suggestions about the Newsletter are also very welcome. The Newsletter will be published in the last week of each month i.e. the last week in August for the September 2018 Issue. Please ensure you have any information with me by the 15th of the month to ensure its inclusion in the next issue. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition – keep them stories coming!

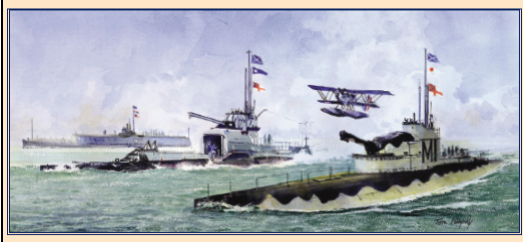
SUBMARINE COMMISSIONING CREW LISTS

Three more Commissioning list arrived this month – thanks you all! Still looking for First Commission Submarine Crew Lists as follows:

Diesel Boats: PORPOISE, RORQUAL, GRAMPUS, NARWHAL, CACHALOT, WALRUS, OBERON, ONYX, ORPHEUS, ODIN, OTUS & UNICORN
Nuclear Boats: VIGILANT, ASTUTE & AMBUSH
Also required are copies of any Crew Lists for Commissioning and Rededications of any Conventional 'A', 'S', 'T', 'O' & 'P' Class and any refitting Nuclear Boat. Have a look through your records and 'Ditty Boxes' and see what you can find. You can contact me by E Mail, Snail Mail or Telephone – see above. Thanks, Barrie Downer

"BARROW BUILT SUBMARINES"

BARROW BUILT SUBMARINES



This book (a revised and updated version of the 'Dive, Dive, Dive' book) is now available and can be ordered via the NavyBooks Website – go to Navybooks.com. ISBN 9 781094 459736.

Weapons of Desperation

(by Lawrence Paterson)

As the Third Reich headed for destruction, German ingenuity in the naval field turned to unconventional weapons – midget submarines, radio-controlled explosive boats, and various forms of underwater sabotage.

This is one of the last un-chronicled areas of World War II naval history and this well-known author describes how, facing overwhelming odds, German sailors – most of them volunteers – mounted attacks that were little better than suicide missions.

Judged by their effect on the Allied advance, their successes were slight, but there seems to have been no collapse of morale and the indomitable bravery of those involved makes riveting reading. Pieced together from fragmentary sources, this largely untold story uncovers some of the most desperate operations of the War.

Published: 16th April 2018 £16.99

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Spain's new submarine 'too big for its dock'

An attempt to deploy a new submarine for Spain's navy has run aground again, after it emerged it cannot fit in its dock, Spanish media report.

The S-80 boat was redesigned at great expense after an earlier mistake meant it had problems floating and it was lengthened to correct the issue.

The Spanish newspaper El Pais now reports that after the changes, the docks at Cartagena can no longer fit the vessel.

The cost for each has almost doubled, the newspaper said. It estimated that the cost of each S-80 "Plus" submarine would now be close to €1bn (£900m).



One of Spain's current S-70 Class Submarines

The original problem with the submarine dates back to 2013, when it was discovered that it was about 100 tons heavier than it needed to be. That caused a problem for its buoyancy – so it could submerge – but might not come back up again.

A former Spanish official told the Associated Press at the time that someone had put a decimal point in the wrong place, and "nobody paid attention to review the calculations".

That mistake cost a reported €14m while engineers and consultants figured out that buoyancy could be improved by lengthening the boat.

The original design from state-owned defence company Navantia was for a 71m, 2,200-ton displacement vessel.

Now, the S-80 Plus is an 81m, 3,000-ton boat.

As a result, the base at Cartagena will have to be dredged and reshaped to accommodate the now-floating longer vessel, the El País report said.

Spain's Defence Minister Margarita Robles, speaking on Spanish radio, admitted that "there have been deficiencies in the project".

She insisted that "they are already corrected and that the project is absolutely viable".

NOTE: The Bow and Stern Domes for the Spanish Submarines have been supplied by BAe Systems in Barrow utilising the Press Machine – previously owned by Motherwell Bridge – now installed in the New Assembly Building and used in the manufacture of the Bow and Stern Domes for the ASTUTE Class Submarines.

Submarine HMS AGINCOURT twinned with Torbay

Andrew Segal

BBC Devon & Cornwall Local Live 25th July 2018

Royal Navy submarine HMS AGINCOURT is to be twinned with Torbay "as a sign of the enduring link between our area and the Royal Navy's submarine service", the area's MP says.

The navy's seventh Astute-class hunter-killer nuclear-powered submarine is undergoing construction in Barrow-in-Furness and expected to be commissioned into service in 2024.

The boat was officially named in May 2018 and is the sixth vessel in the Royal Navy to be named after the Battle of Agincourt of 1415.

The bay's link to the submarine service had previously been provided by Trafalgar-class submarine HMS TORBAY, which was decommissioned last year.

Torbay's MP, Conservative Kevin Foster, said: "It is great to hear our historic links with the Royal Navy's submarine service will be taken forward by a link with HMS AGINCOURT."



HMS ASTUTE

WHAT SONAR IS THIS?

The two pictures below show a mystery sonar dome – The first picture is of the Israeli 'T' Class submarine INS DAKAR at DOLPHIN before her unfortunate loss on passage to Israel. In this case the Sonar Dome is on the Starboard side casing forward of the Fin.



The second picture is of an 'A' Class boat and it is the Sonar Dome on the bow that is the subject of the question!

The question is – have you seen this sonar Dome before and what Sonar type is it for.



There are no prizes for the correct identification of the Sonar but knowing what it is will be a great help to David Parry in his PHD thesis. Answers to me as soon as possible please!

Submariners Association Diary Orders 2019 LAST CALL FOR ORDERS!!

Branch Secretaries (only) will now be able to order their 2019 Submariners Association Diaries ONLY via the Association webpage using the 'BRANCHES' tab and selecting 2019 Diaries from the drop-down menu. The Closing date for Placing Orders is now 30th August 2018.

This system will not allow orders to be placed from individuals so if you want one you should contact your Branch Secretary.

Branches will be able to place as many orders as they like until the deadline. The total number of Diaries ordered for each branch will be shown in the list on the left, when you have logged on.

You will need to login with a Username and Password to check and / or placing your order, which will be sent to all Branch Secretaries in March.

Diaries will be dispatched in October to Branch Secretaries along with invoices using the address held on the National Database.

MORE DEMOLITION IN THE BARROW SHIPYARD

Preparatory work is now underway in the BAE shipyard for a new 'Wet Dock Quay' facility to be constructed to be ready for the first of the Dreadnought Class SSBNs. The existing 'Wet Dock Quay' facility in front of the DDH and alongside the Ship Lift is well past its sell by date but will continue to support the Astute Class Programme.



The new facility will still be in the Devonshire Dock but requires some demolition work beforehand and a

reconstruction of the Quayside alongside the Holland House building moving up towards the DDH.

Holland House is the one covered in scaffolding in the pictures below and which has been the subject of restoration/refurbishment for several years recently. The building to be demolished is the light colour metal clad building in the centre of the picture and between Holland House and the red brick Quadrangle building. The building used to contain Offices and Stores and was the home to the BEA Photographic archives - which have now been relocated. The second picture shows the building partly demolished and, as of last weekend, the site has been cleared.



More news about building work in the Ship Yard came last week in that a multi-store Car Park for BAE workers is to be built on the vacant site next to the former St Pat's Church in Michelson Road. The Stores Building which used to occupy the site was demolished a few years ago now and the site is currently being used as a Car Park. No doubt there will be some disruption and car parking issues around Barrow Island during the construction phase, but hopefully parking issues will be eased in the long term.

Dundee International Submarine Memorial

This year's Dundee International Submarine Memorial - Annual Service of Remembrance - will take place at 1100 on Saturday 8th September 2018.

For those planning to attend this event, thanks to the new V & A which opens on 15th September, there are a number of new hotels in the city. These include a Premier Inn

(<https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/scotland/tayside/dundee/dundee-centre.html>) and Hotel Indigo (<https://www.facebook.com/HotelIndigoDundee/>).

The latter Hotel is the remarkable transformation of a former jute mill overlooking the Memorial Site.

THE UNDERWATER ANZACS

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The 'AE' Class Crews - Recruitment and Training (Part II)

The Ratings

But, what about the rest of the crew? Volunteers were called for in both Britain and Australia and these were forthcoming fairly quickly. However, the Australian volunteers had no previous submarine experience and required training. Of the Australian volunteers thirteen were from the State of Victoria, five were from New South Wales, three from Queensland with one each from Western Australia and Tasmania. One other was from New Zealand. The remaining four volunteers were ex-patriat British from Scotland, London and Hull.

Most of the Royal Navy volunteers were serving Submariners and had experience dating back several years in early Classes of Submarines. The volunteers included Chief Stoker Charlie Varcoe who was one of the very first Royal Navy Submariners having been drafted to HMS HAZARD on 20th August 1901 and who had been in Barrow-in-Furness during the building and commissioning of the 'Holland' Class Submarines. Some other volunteers had completed their Navy engagements and had transferred to the Royal Fleet Reserve.

Henry Kinder, an Australian, who stated that he had served some four years in the Navy - was serving in HMS FISGARD- the Artificers Training Ship in Portsmouth in April 1911, recalled that an advertisement appeared on the Notice Board on the Royal Naval Barracks at Portsmouth calling for volunteers. Advertisements were also placed in Newspapers - to widen the search - and worded as follows:

Liverpool Echo Friday 24th January 1913:

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

To Royal Naval Pensioners, R.F.R Men and Men who have completed C.S engagements, with past service in R.N. Submarine Service.

Required for Royal Australian Naval Submarine Service: -

- 2 Petty Officers, LTO
- 3 Leading Seamen, ST or LTO
- 8 Able Seamen, ST or LTO
- 4 E.R.A.'s (2 fitter & Turner, 1 Coppersmith, 1 Engin smith)
- 1 Chief Stoker
- 2 Stoker Petty Officers
- 2 Leading Stokers
- 6 Stokers

Men desirous of volunteering for above service should apply to the Commodore of the R.N. Barracks to which they are attached, where full particulars as to entry, pay, etc. may be obtained

Henry Kinder put his name forward and was called for a medical assessment. He reported that on the day of his medical he was one of twenty-eight waiting to be examined. He was one of only two who was successful on that day. The following day he was sent to HMS DOLPHIN with other successful volunteers to begin his submarine training.

As previously discussed two full Crews were required plus a 'Spare Crew'. This meant that some sixty Ratings were required for the crews plus thirty for a Spare Crew'. However only seventy-five names are listed below and, even if the four Officers are included in the total, the RAN Submarines were eleven men short of the ideal number – twelve if Stoker Norris is discounted.

The RN & ex-RN Ratings who volunteered were:

Rating and Name	RN Official No.	RAN Official No.
Chief Petty Officer (LTO) Harry Abbott	O/N 160597 (Dev)	RAN O/N 8268
Chief Petty Officer Torpedo Coxswain Charlie Vaughan	O/N 153953 (Po)	RAN O/N 8259
Chief Petty Officer (LTO) William James Hitchcock	O/N 186188 (Dev)	RAN O/N 8269
Chief Petty Officer (TGM) Herbert Stiling	O/N 178543 (Dev)	RAN O/N 8280
Petty Officer (ST) Percy John Kempster	O/N 202865 (Po)	RAN O/N 8252
Petty Officer Thomas Martin Guilbert	O/N 208663 (Po)	RAN O/N 8279
Petty Officer Henry Hodge	O/N 196497 (Po)	RAN O/N 8260
Petty Officer William Tribe	O/N 191329 (Po)	RAN O/N 8261
Petty Officer (LTO) Cecil Arthur Bray	O/N 336397 (Dev)	RAN O/N 7296
Petty Officer Stephen John Gilbert	O/N 182727 (Po)	RAN O/N 8053
Leading Seaman Charles Holderness	O/N 177883 (Ch)	RAN O/N 8270
Leading Seaman George Henry Nash	O/N 200573 (Dev)	RAN O/N 8056
Leading Seaman John Thomas McGregor	O/N 190691 (Po)	RAN O/N 7532
Able Seaman Frederick William Woodland	O/N 208916 (Po)	RAN O/N 7597
Able Seaman Frederick George Dennis	O/N 220438 (Dev)	RAN O/N 8281
Able Seaman George Hodgkin	O/N 226508 (Ch)	RAN O/N 8283
Able Seaman Arthur Henry Fisher	O/N 208546 (Po)	RAN O/N 8191
Able Seaman James Benjamin Thomas	O/N 207516 (Po)	RAN O/N 8111
Able Seaman William Thomas Cheater	O/N 201003 (Po)	RAN O/N 7999
Able Seaman Lionel Stanley Churcher	O/N 200540 (Po)	RAN O/N 7920
Able Seaman Albert Edward Knaggs	O/N 191654 (Dev)	RAN O/N 7893
Able Seaman Benjamin Talbot	O/N 205147 (Po)	RAN O/N 8221
Able Seaman (ST) Stanley Jefferies Vickers Norris	O/N 183574 (Dev)	RAN O/N 8282
Able Seaman (ST) George McCready	O/N 219873 (Dev)	RAN O/N 7894
Signalman Albert Charles Norman Thomson	O/N 233385 (Po)	RAN O/N 8721
Signalman George Dance	O/N 230063 (Po)	RAN O/N 8286
Chief ERA 1st Class Thomas Frederick Lowe	O/N 271421 (Po)	RAN O/N 8263
Chief ERA 2nd Class Harry Burton Broomhead	O/N 269514 (Po)	RAN O/N 8278
Chief ERA 2nd Class Joseph William Wilson	O/N 270296 (Po)	RAN O/N 8284
Chief ERA 2nd Class Leonard Charles Allen	O/N 269714 (Ch)	RAN O/N 8286
Acting Chief ERA 2nd Class John Albert Marsland	O/N 270573 (Ch)	RAN O/N 8274
Engine Room Artificer 1st Class George Dickie	O/N 268854 (Po)	RAN O/N 8264
Engine Room Artificer 1st Class Peter Fawns	O/N 268592 (Ch)	RAN O/N 8285
Engine Room Artificer 1st Class James Henry Gibson	O/N 270377 (Dev)	RAN O/N 8273
Engine Room Artificer 2nd Class Stephen Thomas Bell	O/N 270766 (Po)	RAN O/N 8272
Chief Stoker Harry Stretch	O/N 278358 (Po)	RAN O/N 8265
Chief Stoker Charlie Varcoe	O/N 289543 (Dev)	RAN O/N 8275
Chief Stoker Albert Edward Smith	O/N 279032 (Po)	RAN O/N 8287
Stoker Petty Officer Herbert Alexander Brown	O/N 297569 (Ch)	RAN O/N 8096
Leading Stoker Sidney Charles Barton	O/N 309518 (Ch)	RAN O/N 8288
Leading Stoker Joseph Todd	O/N 294344 (Po)	RAN O/N 8276
Acting Leading Stoker John William Meek	O/N 218676 (Ch)	RAN O/N 8290
Stoker 1st Class William Elliot Guy	O/N 290601 (Po)	RAN O/N 8291
Stoker 1st Class Henry Joseph Gough	O/N 204767 (Po)	RAN O/N 8292
Stoker 1st Class Richard Baines Holt	O/N 300667 (Po)	RAN O/N 8266
Stoker 1st Class Thomas Henry Walker	O/N K7 (Po)	RAN O/N 8289
Stoker 1st Class Thomas Wishart	O/N 302612 (Dev)	RAN O/N 8277

Stoker 1st Class George Hughes
 Stoker 1st Class James Guild
 Stoker 1st Class Frank Norris

O/N 296611 (Dev)
 O/N 302880 (Po)
 O/N 309673 (Po)

RAN O/N 7531
 RAN O/N 8287

Several of these volunteers listed above had completed their Continuous Service engagements in the Royal Navy and had transferred to the Royal Fleet Reserve.

Although his Service Record is annotated 'Lent to RAN for 3 years from 1st December 1913 for service with submarine spare crew' Stoker 1st Class Frank Norris O/N 309673 never did transfer. He joined the Coastguard as a Boatman on 2nd January 1914 but was recalled to Submarines on 2nd August 1914 and was drafted to HMS MAIDSTONE (8th Submarine Flotilla). It is possible that the 'Lent to RAN' notation was an error by the record keepers or that Norris changed his mind!

The Australian journalists Fred & Elizabeth Brenchley in their history 'Stokers Submarine' reported that a Leading Stoker -George William Broughton O/N 289913 (Ch) RAN O/N 1829 - was transferred and served in the Australian Submarines. This is not correct as, although he was a Submariner whilst serving in the Royal Navy, he only served in Australian surface ships. It is probable that he was confused with Stoker 1st Class Ernest Edward Phillip Boughton RAN O/N 2061 (see below).

The Australians:

Rating and Name	RAN Official No.	Origin
Petty Officer (SG) Robert Smail	RAN O/N 1068	Scottish born
Leading Seaman Gordon Clarence Corbould	RAN O/N 7297	New South Wales
Able Seaman John Reardon	RAN O/N 7474	New Zealand
Able Seaman Jack Jarman	RAN O/N 1138	Victoria
Able Seaman Alexander Charles Nichols	RAN O/N 7298	Queensland
Able Seaman Ernest Alfred Gwynne	RAN O/N 7475	Victoria
Able Seaman John Harrison Wheat	RAN O/N 7861	Victoria
Able Seaman (ST) Reuben Joseph Edwin Mitchell, DSM	RAN O/N 7476	Victoria
Engine Room Artificer 3rd Class John Messenger	RAN O/N 7291	Victoria
Engine Room Artificer 4th Class James Alexander Fettes	RAN O/N 7290	New South Wales
Stoker Petty Officer William Alfred Waddilove	RAN O/N 7300	Victoria
Stoker Petty Officer John Joseph Moloney	RAN O/N 7299	Queensland
Stoker Petty Officer Charles Frederick Wright	RAN O/N 7395	London born
Stoker Petty Officer Henry James Elly Kinder	RAN O/N 7244	New South Wales
Leading Stoker Thomas Henry Peddie	RAN O/N 7418	Victoria
Leading Stoker William James Groves	RAN O/N 7301	Victoria
Stoker 1st Class Ernest Edward Phillip Boughton	RAN O/N 2061	London
Stoker 1st Class John Kerin	RAN O/N 7391	New South Wales
Stoker 1st Class James Cullen	RAN O/N 2826	Victoria
Stoker 1st Class Horace James Harding	RAN O/N 7216	Victoria
Stoker 1st Class William Brown Jenkins	RAN O/N 2080	Hull born
Stoker 1st Class Charles George Suckling	RAN O/N 2148	Western Australia
Stoker 1st Class Percy Lawrence Wilson	RAN O/N 7182	New South Wales
Stoker 1st Class Ernest Robert Blake	RAN O/N 7876	Queensland
Stoker 1st Class John James Bray	RAN O/N 1604	Victoria
Stoker 1st Class Michael Wright Williams	RAN O/N 2305	Victoria

The original Crew did not include Telegraphists. Two were drafted after the Submarines arrived in Australia. These were:

Telegraphist Cyril Lefroy Baker	RAN O/N 1268	Tasmania
Telegraphist William Wolseley Falconer	RAN O/N 1936	Victoria

So, who were these twenty-eight Australian volunteers and what was their background?

At least eighteen of them had previous Naval Service before volunteering for Submarines and, according to the 1911 UK National Census - which was taken on 2nd April 1911 - seven of them had served in the 5,880-ton Twin Screw Protected Cruiser HMS CHALLENGER (Captain Guy R A Gaunt, Royal Navy) on the Australia Station:

Able Seamen Ernest Gwynne
 Able Seaman John Reardon (John Reardon had also previously served in HMS PIONEER)
 Boy 2nd Class Reuben Mitchell
 Engine Room Artificer 4th Class James Fettes
 Leading Stoker J J Moloney
 Leading Stoker Charles F Wright

Stoker 1st Class Percy L Wilson
Stoker 2nd Class Archibald Wilson

Five more had served in 2,135-ton Twin Screw Protected Cruiser HMS PYRAMUS (Commander Francis H Mitchell, Royal Navy) also on the Australia Station:

Ordinary Seaman Ernest Blake
Boy 2nd Class Alexander Nichols
Engine Room Artificer John Messenger
Stoker 2nd Class John Cullen
Stoker 2nd Class William Groves

Three had served in the 7,135-ton Twin Screw Protected Cruiser HMS PSYCHE (Commander Henry C Carr, Royal Navy) and these were:

Stoker 1st Class William A Waddilove
Stoker 1st Class Thomas H Peddie
Stoker 2nd Class Horace Harding

One had served in the 2,200-ton Protected Cruiser HMS PIONEER on the Australia Station. He was:
Stoker 1st Class John Kerin

Of the remainder, Able Seaman Gordon Courbould was already in England and was staying overnight at the Duchess of Albany Home for Soldiers and Sailors in Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth on 2nd April 1911 (Census Night).

Stoker 1st Class Henry Kinder had served in the Artificers Training Ship HMS FISGARD at Portsmouth and, when the notice was posted calling for volunteers for AE1 and AE2, he was serving in the Royal Naval Barracks at Portsmouth.

Stoker Petty Officer Robert Smail had previous Naval Service from 1908 - according to his Service Record in the A6770 Series at the AWM - including YARRA & CERBERUS.

So, how did these Australian Submarine Volunteers get to England? Following the establishment of the Royal Australian Navy in 1911 some of the Royal Navy ships on the Australia Station were transferred to the new Australian Service and others returned home. HMS POWERFUL, which had been the Flag Ship on the Australia Station, sailed for home on 19th December 1911. HMS CHALLENGER sailed from Australia in July 1912 arriving in England in October of the same year. HMS PIONEER, HMS PSYCHE and HMS PYRAMUS remained on the Australia Station and were eventually transferred to the RAN. It is probable that all the Australian Submarine volunteers were either already in England for training courses, crew members on board HMS POWERFUL and HMS CHALLENGER or transferred from PIONEER, PSYCHE and PYRAMUS to take passage in the returning ships. Details of the prior service of the Australian Submarine volunteers are probably contained in records in the Australian War Memorial in Canberra which are not yet digitized.

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Barrow Submariners Association

Party Night

Saturday 22nd Sep 2018

Royal British Legion (7:30pm 'til Late)



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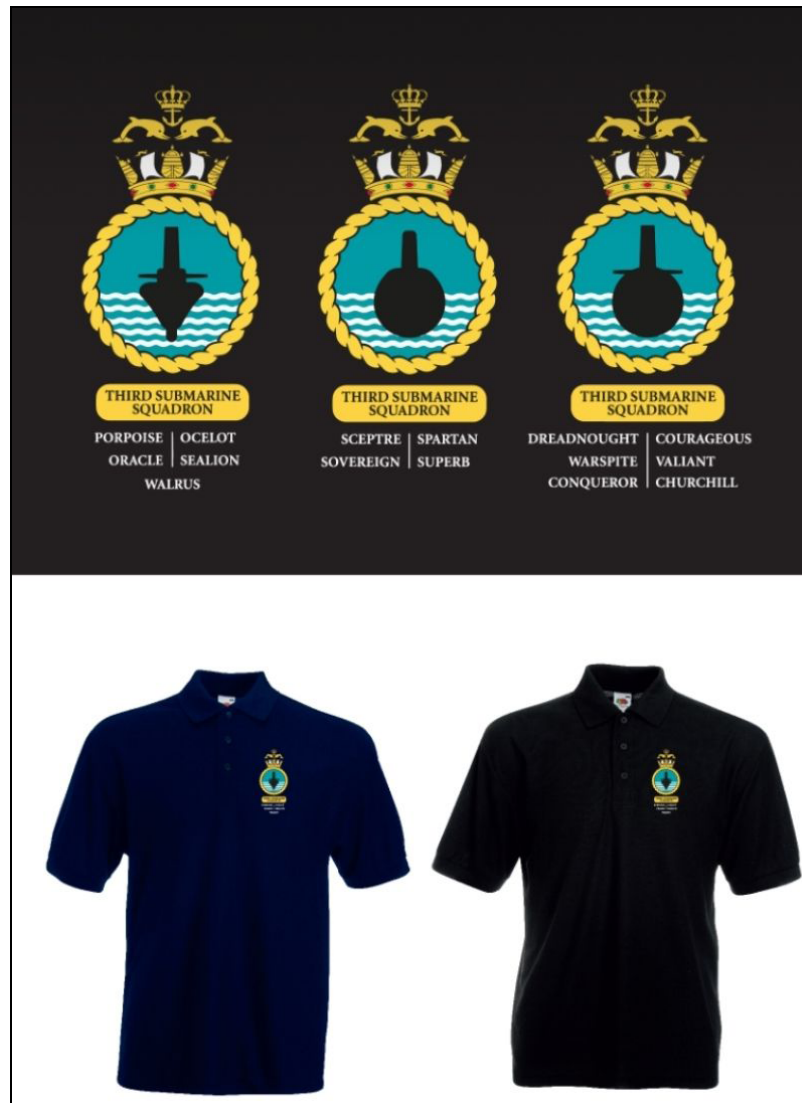
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SUBMARINERS 'CROSSED THE BAR' REPORTED IN JULY 2018

Branch	Date	Name	Rank/Rate	O/N	Age	Submarine Service
Non-member	21st June 2018	Frank Hassell	TBA	TBA	79	Submarine Service including OBERON (1964 to 1967) & (??)
Former Bristol Branch (SOCA)	27 th June 2018	David Maltby	Chief Petty Officer Coxswain	P/JX 883464	82	Submarine Service from 1955 to 1975 in UNTIRING (1954 to 1956), THULE (1956 to 1957), EXPLORER (1958), TAPIR (1958 to 1959), TALLY HO (1959 to 1960), THERMOPYLAE (1960 to 1961), PORPOISE (1961 to 1964), OSIRIS (1966 to 1967), AENEAS (1967), AMBUSH (1967 to 1969), OBERON (1974) & ONYX (1974)
Sussex Branch	9th July 2018	Dennis R Riley	Petty Officer (Telegraphist Detector 1)	P/JX 156324	96	Submarine Service from April 1947 to July 1953 in TRUMP, SENESCHAL, THERMOPYLAE, AFFRAY (1951), STATESMAN & STURDY Left inboard from AFFRAY on sailing in April 1951
Non-member	13th July 2018	Darren Mills	Radio Operator (SM)	TBA	TBA	Submarine Service TBA
West of Scotland Branch	15th July 2018	Stephen H Davies	Able Seaman (Leading Torpedo Operator)	P/SSX 912277	81	Submarine Service from 1954 to 1961 in TRUNCHEON (1954), EXPLORER (1956), ANCHORITE (1957), TELEMACHUS (1957) & CACHALOT (1961)
Non-Member	18 th July 2018	Jason Guy	Warrant Officer 1	TBA	TBA	Submarine Service TBA
Non-member	23rd July 2018	Michael R (Mick) Barnett	Fleet Chief Marine Engineering Artificer	TBA	TBA	Submarine Service in VALIANT (TG Tiff 1968 to 1971), VULCAN, VALIANT (COW 1973/1974), DEFIANCE, REVENGE (S) on re-commissioning at Rosyth on 4th September 1982 & VULCAN
Sussex Branch	27th July 2018	Raymond G Wigmore	Petty Officer (UC1)	J944448	78	Submarine Service from 1959 to 1967 in TALENT (1959 to 1964), ORPHEUS (1964 to 1966) & FINWHALE (1966 to 1967)
Nottingham Branch	July 2018	George Wright	Leading Telegraphist	P/SSX 26951	88	Submarine Service from May 1940 to March 1946 in REGENT, SEADOG & VENTURER
Dolphin Branch	July 2018	A W (Arthur) Clover	Stoker Mechanic	C/KX 781689	89	Submarine Service from August 1946 to April 1948 in SEADEVIL & STURDY
Non-member	July 2018	Ernest Edmund Dodd	Petty Officer (REL)	C/SMX 790142	TBA	Submarine Service from January 1947 to December 1953 in ARTEMIS, TURPIN, TOTEM, TACITURN & TRESPASSER
Submarine Officers Association	25 th July 2018	Charles Henry Pope	Lieutenant Commander	N/A	TBA	Submarine Service in FORTH (1956), ADAMANT (1958), TACITURN (IL 21st March 1960 & on recommissioning on 24th October 1960), NARWHAL (IL 15th November 1961), TIPTOE (CO 1965), MAIDSTONE (1964), PRESIDENT (1968), NEPTUNE (1970)

PLANNED SUBMARINE IN SERVICE PROGRAMME

