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Cover Picture: The Branch Ladies Christmas Afternoon Tea at the Dunes

EDITORIAL

Hello Everybody,

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and can I wish you all good New Year. However, this is not an easy editorial for me to write, as things have not been so good for some of our Members and friends over the last week or so. You will all be aware that Branch Member Alan Pillifent has had a stroke and is currently in Ward 6 at Furness General on a slow recovery process. Dorothy tells me that at present Alan can't speak, can't swallow and is being fed through tubes. He has been out of bed very briefly and has managed a few steps – with lots of help. For the present Dorothy requests no visitors and she will let us know if anything changes.

Rather sadder news is that our good friend and long-time Association Member John Houlding has 'Crossed the Bar' following a stroke. I had spoken to John only last week when he was checking whether Billy Daniels and 'Five O'Clock Shadow' were still to play their 'gig' at the Roose Cons as he and Shona were looking forward to going. They weren't at the Cons Club which was a surprise to me but now we know why. I can tell you that John's funeral service will be at the Thorncliffe Crematorium at 1345 on Wednesday 9th January with a Wake to follow in the Concert Room at the Legion.

Welfare Member Ben Britten has been kept busy with a visit with flowers for Dot Pillifent and a get well card for Alan and also a visit to Shona with a card of condolence on behalf of the Committee and Members of the Branch. On a more cheerful note, Branch Chairman Dickie Cambridge and myself were invited to the recent Sea Cadets Awards Evening, where Dickie was able to

present the Barrow Submariners Association Trophy. I also presented one of the other Awards. The Barrow Sea Cadets were once again the Best Unit in the North West Area - for the fourth year running. One of their Cadets has been the First Sea Lord's Cadet for the last year and he gave us a presentation of what he had done and what he had achieved during his term of office. He gave a most confident presentation and he plans to join the Navy where he should do very well. Unfortunately, the promised photos of the Awards Evening have not arrived, but I will put them in the next News Letter/

I hope many of you have been able to support our Social Secretary Alex Webb over the last month. Alex, well supported by Jan and others, is to be congratulated on a most successful Ladies Afternoon Tea at the Dunes and for two sell out events at the Legion in the Children's Christmas Party on the 15th December and the Adults Christmas Party on the 22nd. If you didn't make the Christmas Party you missed a most entertaining evening. I did get photos of these events and have included a selection – including the front page picture from the Ladies Afternoon Tea.

Earlier I mentioned Roose Cons and the 'Five O'Clock Shadow' 'gig' – Billy Daniels told me at the last Branch Meeting the group had reformed and were to play a free concert on 28th December. We hadn't been to Roose Cons for a social for a good number of years – back when John Houlding and Colin Hutchinson were Social Secretaries. There was a full house with good number of Branch Members and wives – all re-cycled teenagers – enjoying the band playing all those Rock & Roll songs

we remembered for the 50s to the 70s. Billy and his gang did themselves proud – with the assistance – sometimes a bit impromptu – of their friends and colleagues. A good evening was had by all!

See you all at the January Branch Meeting next Tuesday 8th January – deferred by one week - to avoid the clash with New Years Day. Hopefully, you didn't turn up on Tuesday 1st January to find no one else there!

Don't forget that Branch & National Subs were due on 1st January so, if you haven't paid up yet, make sure you bring your wallets and cheque books to the Meeting!

Regards, Barrie.

SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Hi Shipmates

The end of the year has been and gone and we are now in 2019 – well I for one can't believe how quickly 2018 went. Maybe it's a sign of being old or just that I am doing too much and should spend more time sitting on my bottom drinking ice cold beer somewhere warm?

December was a very busy month with the Branch Ladies Christmas Afternoon Tea, followed by the Christmas parties - firstly the Children's Party on the 15th and the Adult's on the 22nd December – both events fully sold out!. Thanks to all who supported me through these and indeed all the other events throughout 2018.

Next we turn our attention to our new year of parties etc and I do hope that we have a great turnout for these.

Diary Check:

First in the social calendar is the K13 memorial weekend up in sunny Faslane. Names need to be with Barrie for this. Then it is the turn of our 'First Footing' of the Morecambe branch. I have a full coach for this and we will be departing the Legion at 6pm on Friday 1st of Feb – all aboard for a great night out. The bus will also stop at Tudor Square, Dalton, the Miners at Swarthmoor and the Red Rose in Ulverston for the Chairman.

The Branch Dinner will be on Saturday 2nd of March with venue and costing to be decided and I will inform everyone at the January meeting. Rig for this is Branch blazers.

Saturday 16th March – the St Patrick's Party is the only RBL party this year (except of course the Christmas party) and will be £5 per person – these are great evenings with loads of fun and fiddly diddly music.

The Submariners Association Annual Reunion & Conference is over the weekend of 22nd to 24th March at Leicester.

Details enclosed in this News Letter.

Other items:

Digger has got hold of 14 tickets for next year's army navy match at Twickenham on Sat 4th May, I have taken 9 so that leaves 5 up for grabs and will be held until after the January meeting. They are £26 each and will be on first come first served basis. I have just managed to get accommodation in Hounslow (4 miles from Twickenham) for £79 for two nights for a family of 4 (bargains to be had out there).

I have decided that I will do another Canal Trip this year given it was so much fun last time and places will be offered first to those who attended last time, so if you attended last year and want to secure your place for Sat 29th June then see me before or at the Feb meeting. After this time, I will be putting places on general release. Also, the Cartmel Bus is now almost full so put your name down if you need a lift to and from the race course - £13.50 per person.

The Members Draw was not won in December so stands at £20 for January. Don't forget your birthday beer if you were born in the month of January.

Happy New Year to you All.

Alex

JANUARY BRANCH CALENDAR

Branch Meeting	Tues 8 th Jan
Committee Meeting	As required

FEBRUARY BRANCH CALENDAR

Morecambe First Footing	Fri 1 st Feb
Branch Meeting	Tues 5 th Feb
Committee Meeting	As required

MARCH BRANCH CALENDAR

Branch Dinner	Sat 2 nd Mar
Branch Meeting	Tues 5 th Mar
Warspite Assoc. Visit	W/E 8-10 th Mar
St Patrick's Night Party	Sat 16 th Mar
Annual Reunion & Conf	W/E 22-24 th Mar
Committee Meeting	As required

JANUARY BRANCH BIRTHDAYS

R.S. (Bob) Sherriff	10/01/1949
P.C. (Peter) Hearn	22/01/1957
B. (Brian) Reed	27/01/1944
I.W. (Ian) Moore	29/01/1948

Happy Birthday All!

REMEMBERING FORMER BRANCH MEMBERS 'CROSSED THE BAR' JANUARY

Morris Voce	1982
James G W Tiffney	1993
George Green	2007
Peter Bell	2007
Brian Kerr	2008

J S Hards	2010
Leslie Willcox	2012
Colin Lee	2015
Ted Budgen	2016
Norman Hart	2017

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Do you have a story to tell or have information you feel should appear in the Newsletter then ring Barrie Downer on 01229 820963 or, if you wish to send me an article, my postal address is The Firs, Dundalk Street, Barrow Island, Barrow in Furness, Cumbria LA14 2RZ You may also send your contribution by e-mail to me on frozensnorth55@gmail.com. Come on – every Submariner has a story to tell – some more than one! Let's see yours in print!

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 December for the January 2019 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!

THE GROWN UP'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



SUBMARINE COMMISSIONING CREW LISTS

Two more lists have been sent to me in November – thanks very much - but, still looking for more 'First Commission' Submarine Crew Lists as follows:

Diesel Boats: PORPOISE, RORQUAL, GRAMPUS, NARWHAL, CACHALOT, WALRUS, OBERON, ONYX, ORPHEUS, ODIN, OTUS & UNICORN

Nuclear Boats: ASTUTE

Also required are copies of any Crew Lists for any Re-commissioning and Re-dedications of any Conventional 'A', 'S', 'T', 'O' & 'P' Class and any refitting Nuclear Boat - SSN or SSBN. 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

Bob Pointer Jokes (Don't Blame Me!)

First Joke.

I picked up a hitchhiker last night.

He said "Thanks, how do you know I'm not a serial killer?"

I replied, "The chances of two serial killers being in the same car are astronomical."

Second Joke

I met a magical fairy yesterday who said she would grant me one wish.

"I wish to live forever," I said.

"Sorry," said the fairy, "I'm not allowed to grant that particular wish."

"Fine," I said, "then I want to die the day after Westminster is filled with honest, hard-working, bipartisan men and women who act only in the people's best interests!"

"You crafty bastard," replied the fairy.

Third Joke

Five surgeons from big cities are discussing who makes the best patients to operate on.

The first surgeon, from New York, says, 'I like to see accountants on my operating table because when you open them up, everything inside is numbered.'

The second, from Chicago, responds, 'Yeah, but you should try electricians! Everything inside them is color coded.'

The third surgeon, from Dallas, says, 'No, I really think librarians are the best, everything inside them is in alphabetical order.'

The fourth surgeon, from Los Angeles chimes in: 'You know, I like construction workers. Those guys always understand when you have a few parts left over.'

But the fifth surgeon, from Washington, DC silenced them all when he observed: 'You're all wrong. Politicians are the easiest to operate on. There's no guts, no heart, no balls, no brains, and no spine. Plus, the head and the arse are interchangeable.'

ASBESTOS & VETERANS

By Bob Pointer

For those RN Veterans and others who experience the diagnosis of an Asbestos Related Disease (ARD), a traumatic time of grave uncertainty will be faced. The stress felt, not only by those directly affected, will also impact on the immediate family members with the possibility of further diagnosis for partners or children due to secondary exposure from washing of work clothes or greeting their family after work.

A recent "Crossed the Bar" communication informed me of yet another Veteran who, due to exposure to asbestos at some point in his career, was diagnosed with Mesothelioma. Over what has been nearly fifteen years of my involvement with Asbestos related matters in Barrow this has not been the first time that I have learnt of RN personnel having this diagnosis. Neither will it be

the last! While working on the original draft article I received an e-mail from an RN colleague asking for advice, his GP was able to provide him with details of the relevant Tayside group.

My first article was at the end of my first year where, following a seminar at the Abbey House Hotel, I came across a fund-raising organisation's Newsletter. This organisation came about after the death of an RN Veteran a few years earlier and was established by his widow in 2002.

It must be about four years since I read a newsletter from an East Anglian Branch where the writer, having been diagnosed with Mesothelioma, was facing difficulties in obtaining essential information. He realised that action was required to improve not only his situation but those issues affecting others facing a similar diagnosis. To this end he told his story in the Royal British Legion's magazine.

After reading another Veteran's concerns over the possibilities of asbestos exposure, I wrote my first article for the 'Fisgardian' Newsletter. For those who unfamiliar with the 'Fisgardian' it is the News Letter of the HMS FISGARD Association and is aimed at former Royal Navy Artificers. Shortly afterwards, while working on a follow up article I learned of the Royal British Legion's campaign for equal access for Veterans to compensation for asbestos related conditions. It was a hectic period as events took control.

My articles would lead to me being contacted for assistance on several occasions and I would be able to sign post people to those who could provide the necessary assistance.

It had become apparent to many that, following Dr. Clayson emigrating to New Zealand, re-organisation would become a necessity for CARDS - Dr. Clayson had been a GP at Kirkby and the Clinical Director at the St. Mary's Hospice and had experience of working with those affected by Mesothelioma. At that time, I had come close to calling it a day but, instead, I decided to give two years notice allowing me time to complete this work. It would take longer due to it being a painstaking process. I would use a third 'Fisgardian' article to highlight the problems faced during these two years.

Finally, with the support that was made available to me, the raising of asbestos related issues relevant to Veterans became a possibility. With the Mesothelioma UK's Armed Forces Project gaining publicity in their Quarterly Newsletter there would be the opportunity to have articles published in their newsletter.

Providing relevant & accurate information to Veterans can only become a reality if, like the numerous support groups, a first-class communication network is established able to liaise with others to access the various Forums that exist today. BARDS became a close well-knit group with a level of expertise able to offer good meaningful advice for the benefit of those affected with an Asbestos Related Disease (ARD).

Since the RBL campaign, the Asbestos Forum is able to take Veteran compensation issues to the 'All Party'

Parliamentary Group enjoying close links with Mesothelioma UK.

THE CHILDRENS PARTY



Is that all for me?



Some of Santa's Bigger Helpers!

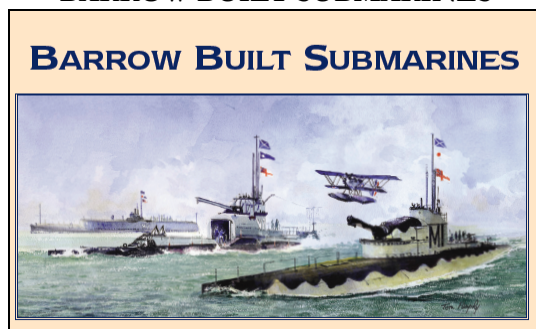


Santa has arrived in the Building!

Submariners Association Diary Orders 2019

As requested, I ordered fifteen of the 2019 Submariners Association Diaries. All fifteen are spoken for – I have your names! Two of you have still to collect your diaries – see me at the January Branch Meeting. Just bring along your £3.00 and I'll hand them over.

"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.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE & REUNION 2019

The Annual Reunion including the National Council Conference for 2019 will be held at the Holiday Inn Leicester over the weekend of 22nd to 24th March 2019. The conference itself will be on Saturday 23rd March 2019.

The address of the hotel is Holiday Inn, 129 St Nicholas Circle, Leicester, LE1 5LX.

The hotel is located 5 minutes' walk from the city centre and has various ale houses to suite all.

Car Parking is right next to the hotel and is run by NCP, a deal has been negotiated for the following options:

£10.00 - Only 1 entry / exit per 24 hour period or £15.00 - Unlimited entry / exit per 24 hour period.

Make sure you inform the reception when checking in what option you are using.

Spirit Leisure Club

Offering a range of options to burn off some energy or to simply relax and unwind. The club features a Heated Indoor pool, Gym, Spa, Sauna and Steam room all will help to get rid of that fuzzy feeling in the morning. Use of the gym is free to hotel residents.

Accommodation

I have reserved a total of 45 Doubles, 26 Twins, and 44 Singles. I cannot stress the point too much to **BOOK EARLY!**

All bedrooms are accessed by lifts that are well maintained. Disabled rooms are now called 'Easy Accessible Rooms'. The showers are of the over the bath type. On the 8th floor they do have a limited number of 'walk in' shower rooms (a 6" step up into shower). Please quote on your application form if disabled and if you would prefer a shower room. We viewed a selection of rooms and found them all to be clean, spacious and all had TV, with Tea and Coffee making facilities.

Rates: Note all rates are per person

2 Night package 22/23 March Double/Twin DBB	£120.00 Per Person
2 Night package 22/23 March Single DBB	£145 Per Person
1 Night package 22 March Double/Twin DBB	£58 Per Person
1 Night package 22 March Single DBB	£85 Per Person
1 Night package 23 March Double/Twin DBB	£63 Per Person
1 Night package 23 March Single DBB	£90 Per Person
1 Night Package 21 or 24 March Double/Twin BB	£40 Per Person
1 Night Package 21 or 24 March Single BB	£70 Per Person
Friday Night Carvery only	£25 Per Person
Saturday Night Gala Dinner only	£32 Per Person

The Friday & Saturday rate, the Saturday only rate and the Non Resident Saturday Dinner includes your tot, Saturday afternoon sandwiches, ½ bottle of wine and port for the toast.

Attached to this letter are two Applications, one for your Accommodation requirement(s) and the other for the Saturday Reunion Dinner Meal Choices. Whilst Applications via your Branch Secretary are welcome I am happy to accept an application from individual members, indeed that is the preferred method so that I can quickly ascertain the room requirements.

CANCELLATION POLICY FOR MEMBERS

Thursday 14th February is the last date to cancel and receive a full refund.

If you are ill or hospitalised after the 14th February it is at the discretion of the Hotel.

I would prefer full payment up front, but a £50 deposit per person for packages greater than that will be accepted but I do need the FULL BALANCE by Thursday 14th February 2019. I have to declare the room requirements at that time and pass back any rooms not sold.

Meals

The Friday evening meal will be a Carvery with a choice of Roast Leg of Lamb, Roast Pork, Chicken Curry and Vegetable Lasagne. Variance sweets will be on offer.

Saturday afternoon there will be complementary sandwiches and French fries (sorry I'm getting above myself) Buttes and Chips supplied at 13:00. If you require choices of sandwiches that will be at your own expense.

The Saturday evening Reunion Dinner will be a 3 course dinner with a 3 choice starter, a 3 choice main course plus a vegetarian option and a 3 choice desert with 1/2 bottle of wine per person and Port for the toast.

Please refer to the 'Meal Choice' Form and annotate any allergies.

The Most Important Room – The Bar

The Bar Tariff negotiated is 25% a reduction to their normal prices, this includes all drinks bought across any bar or waitress service.

When buying a full bottle of wine, the discount is 20%.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

Please remember to include your Phone number and your postal address so that I can contact you if there is a query.

Although this circular and application form will be sent to all those members on email I would ask all branch secretaries to get it out to your members as quickly as you can.

Please send your applications and cheques to Iain Mackenzie at 46, Almora Drive, Dumbarton, G82 1AE. Tel 07403 433 178. Email coxswainmackenzie@yahoo.com.

The Booking Forms are available from your Branch Secretaries and are also downloadable from the Events Page of the Submariners Association Website.

Please make your cheques payable to the "Submariners Association Reunion 2019" and NOT me. This causes a delay while I clear the cheques through my own bank before I pay the treasurer. You may pay by BACS/Electronic transfer but if you do please let me know via email. The Reunion Account is Nat West. Sort Code: 60-13-15 A/c Number: 52930645. Please include your membership number & surname as a reference.

You will be aware that if there is a very low take up by the time I have to declare the room take up to the hotel I will be forced to cancel room to avoid payment for those rooms. This may mean late bookers will find no rooms available at our discounted rate.

THE UNDERWATER ANZACS

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'Further Adventures in the Sea of Marmora, the Sinking of AE2 and Prisoners of War of the Turks.'

The story continued from Issue 222:

On the 28th April 1915, with his crew refreshed by the sleep, Stoker continued his patrolling of the Marmora. During the morning he attacked a small ship which was escorted by two destroyers - firing the starboard beam torpedo at a range of about 300 yards. The torpedo did not hit, and no chance of a second shot was possible as one of the destroyers attempted to ram AE2. Towards dusk he sighted two warships approaching from the west at high speed. He dived to make an

attack but by then it was too dark to see anything except the smoke of one of the warships. The port beam torpedo was fired as he judged the target to be close, but it failed to hit. He then closed the approaches to Constantinople (now Istanbul) for a reconnaissance before returning to the southern side of the Marmora - close to the point where he had entered. This also took him to the closest point he could get to in an attempt to get a radio transmission through to a receiving ship.

The next morning – the 29th April - a small Gunboat was patrolling in the area of Eski Farni Point and Stoker decided to pretend that AE2 was another submarine entering the Marmora. He did this by approaching the Gunboat - closing to approximately 200 yards before his periscope was spotted. Stoker reports - in his book - that panic seemed to seize the crew of the gunboat as they opened fire somewhat wildly. Several other ships came out to assist the Gunboat in their pursuit of AE2. Having led the ships out into the Marmora Stoker dived deep and went back in towards Gallipoli to examine the anchorages but there were no targets available. At this point Stoker seemed to decide that 'discretion was the better part of valour' and he made his exit from the scene. Heading back out into the Marmora a Gunboat was sighted about half an hour later as Stoker came back to periscope depth for a look around. This gunboat was crossing astern and, as it crossed the line of the stern tube Stoker fired at a range of some 700 yards. The Gunboat obviously sighted the torpedo and evaded with the torpedo passing close ahead of the target.

Whilst heading for Kara Burna Point on the surface a periscope was sighted and, a short while later another submarine surfaced almost alongside AE2. This turned out to be E14, commanded by Lieutenant Commander Edward Courtney Boyle, Royal Navy. Stoker now, from being virtually his own master suddenly became the junior partner as Boyle was very much his Senior Officer. After an exchange of greetings and passing the time of day (through megaphones) plans for the next day were considered. Stoker told Boyle that he had intended to go back to Constantinople, but Boyle told him that he considered it more practical to wait until Boyle had contacted the Admiral at Mudros by radio in case there were fresh orders. It was decided to rendezvous at 1000 the following day to discuss plans again. Then the two submarines parted company for the night. Stoker decided to proceed to a bay to the north of Marmora Island and to sit on the bottom overnight.

Next morning (30th Apr) at daylight some repairs were carried out to the Exhaust Tank valve and Stoker then headed to the rendezvous position. As AE2 approached the rendezvous point at 1000 Stoker sighted what he took to be E14 through the periscope at a range of some 5 miles. However - when he arrived at the designated position there was no sign of Boyle's submarine. Smoke was visible on the horizon towards Artaki Bay, so Stoker assumed that Boyle had probably dived in order to close and identify the source of the smoke. At this time Stoker was on the surface.

Stoker very soon realised that the source of the smoke was a gunboat approaching at speed, so he decided to avoid contact by diving. At a depth of fifty feet the trim was adjusted, and course was altered to investigate another ship contact which had been noted. At this time Stoker had only one torpedo left – in the re-loaded stern tube.

On the way to check out this new contact AE2 suddenly went out of control in taking up an un-commanded severe 'bow up' angle. Attempts to control the angle were made by adjusting the trim and altering speed but, despite the efforts of Stoker and his crew AE2 broke surface directly in front of the closing ship at about a mile range. The ship was now clearly seen to be a Torpedo Boat. The Torpedo Boat opened rapid fire with its deck gun. The second ship was seen to be a Gun Boat which opened fire from a range of about three miles.

Stoker hurriedly flooded in extra water ballast and AE2 was brought under some measure of control and got back below the surface. However, Stoker's control of the submarine was not complete, and the submarine started to go deep. This was counter-acted (by blowing ballast tanks and by pumping out tanks) but the uncontrolled dive continued with the depth reached exceeded the 100-foot maximum reading on the depth gauges. Going full astern on the Main Motors eventually succeeded in checking the dive but, by now AE2 was very light and the submarine now began to rise rapidly and broke surface for a second time – this time stern first. The torpedo boat was still there and had been joined by a gun boat.

AE2 was then attacked by the torpedo boat which fired two torpedoes. Luckily for Stoker and his crew, both missed. Frantic efforts continued in AE2 which was, again able to get back below the surface but the submarine was still not under control. The gunfire from the enemy was, this time more accurate and AE2 was hit three times - all hits being above the waterline and with one shell exploding in the engine room. Now being unable to dive to escape 'abandon ship' was ordered by Stoker - although with great reluctance. He blew the ballast tanks to ensure that the submarine remained on the surface long enough for the crew to abandon ship. Able Seaman Knaggs recorded that:

‘when we gained the bridge a Gun Boat was still firing at us, but his shots were falling short. The Torpedo Boat got in the line of fire and, blowing her siren while her signalman waved his flag, the firing ceased. Then the Torpedo Boat lowered a boat to take us off in which there was a German Officer, but she could take only five hands, so we had to swim for it.’

Lieutenant Commander Stoker remained below decks in AE2 with Lieutenant Haggard long enough to ensure that the tanks were flooded and that the submarine was sinking before abandoning ship himself. AE2 sank below the surface for the last time shortly after 1045 on 30th April 1915.

AE2 sank in about 55 fathoms of water approximately 4 miles north of Kara Burna Point. All three Officers and all of the crew of AE2 were rescued by the Gun Boat and the Torpedo Boat. Later the Gun Boat commander transferred his prisoners to the Torpedo Boat. The survivors were then taken to Gallipoli.

The Captain of the French built SULTANHISAR made the claim for the sinking of AE2. The SULTANHISAR was a 93-ton Torpedo Boat and it was her torpedoes that missed AE2, but it was the gunfire from her 37-mm cannon that made the three hits which prevented AE2 from diving out of trouble.

Stoker was obviously curious as to why AE2 went out of control before its loss. In his report he states:

'I have no explanation to offer for the original loss of trim of AE2. Many leaks had been caused by the final bump when aground in the Narrows, but this did not explain, in my opinion, satisfactorily the sudden rise of the bow. I believe that an identically similar case occurred in the first year of the War to submarine E11. Lieutenant Commander Nasmith reports that, when in the presence of enemy destroyers, E11 suddenly rose by the bows and all tanks had to be flooded to sink her to the bottom as she was, fortunately, in shallow water. On return to harbour she (E11) was docked for examination but no reason for her extraordinary behaviour was found.'

Stoker, again, did not forget his crew. In his report his final paragraph states:

'Finally, I have to bring to your favourable notice the behaviour of the crew throughout all the service herein specified. The manner in which they performed their duties was such as to earn them the most complete recommendation that I can possibly give them'

The loss of AE2 was advised to the Australian Government in a cable from London on 12th May 1915. At that time the Authorities apparently thought that only the three officers and seventeen of the crew had been taken prisoner. Stoker managed to send a letter to the Australian Navy Commander (Rear Admiral Creswell, Royal Navy) to report that all the crew had survived the sinking, but he was not willing to commit any specific details of the loss to the letter which was bound to be read by the Turkish Authorities. More details of the survivors became known as the War dragged on it was not until the prisoners were released after Turkey pulled out of the War on 2nd November 1918 that the full story became known.

Several survivors later made statements concerning the loss of AE2. Two of these statements, one by Chief Engine Room Artificer Stephen Thomas Bell (RN Official Number 270766) and the other by Able Seaman Alexander Charles Nichols (RAN Official Number 7298), were published in the Submarine Monthly Report after the Armistice. Able Seaman Knaggs also wrote about the sinking in his diary.

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WHY IS A SHIP A SHE?

"A ship is called a she because there's always a great deal of bustle around her . . . because there's usually a gang of men around . . . because she has a waist and stays . . . because she takes a lot of paint to keep her looking good . . . because it's not the initial expense that breaks you, it's the upkeep . . . because she's all decked out . . . because it takes a good man to handle her right . . . because she shows her topsides, hides her bottom and, when coming into port, always heads for the buoys."

GEORGE MOSS in *Enterprise*
Reader's Digest—London.

The above is probably a bit politically incorrect in these 'enlightened times' but I was sent it and I thought it worth including.

SUBMARINERS 'CROSSED THE BAR' REPORTED IN DECEMBER 2018						
Branch	Date	Name	Rank/Rate	O/N	Age	Submarine Service
Submarine Officers Association	21 st November 2018	Anthony Eric Johnson-Newall	Lieutenant Commander	N/A	90	Submarine Service in TRESPASSER, SIDON & TIRELESS (IL)
Non-member	30 th November 2018	Brian Hawkins	Chief Electrician	TBA	81	Submarine Service from 196* to 1980 in RESOLUTION (P) (1 st Commission Crew) on 3 rd October 1967, REPULSE, REVENGE & RENOWN
Ex Merseyside Branch	December 2018	Francis George Joseph Bailey	Chief Stoker	P/KX 920892	83	Submarine Service from June 1955 to March 1962 in SCORCHER, ASTUTE, AMPHION & ALLIANCE
Beds & Herts Branch	1 st December 2018	John Gowers	Petty Officer Radio Mech	D/MX7512 77	91	Submarine Service from 1945 to 1948 in THERMOPYLAE & ALARIC
Bath Branch	30 th November 2018	Clifford William Fiander	Commander (E) (MESM)	C024982A	72	Submarine Service from 1969 to 1990 REPULSE (70-76), SCEPTRE (80-82) & REPULSE (84-88)
Submarine Officers Association	3 rd December 2018	Nigel John Page	Lieutenant Commander (X) (SM)	N/K	TBA	Submarine Service in DOLPHIN (1968), ODIN (3 rd November 1968 to 1970), NEPTUNE (1971), OPPORTUNE (1972/73), ORACLE (1974/75) & DOLPHIN (1975/76)
West of Scotland Branch	11 th December 2018	Fred W Hilson	Chief Petty Officer Marine Engineering Mechanic	D106371T	69	Submarine Service from February 1971 to November 1989 in RESOLUTION (P) 1971 to 1979) & RENOWN (1981 to 1983)
Non-member	11 th December 2018	David George Henley	Lieutenant	N/A	TBA	Submarine Service from 1967 to 1969 in AENEAS & OPOSSUM
Non-member	December 2018	Christopher Butlin	TBA	TBA	81	Submarine Service from 1955 to 1964
Non-member	December 2018	Robert McTurk	Warrant Officer Marine Engineering Artificer	TBA	TBA	Submarine Service in REVENGE (P) on re-commissioning at Rosyth on 4 th September 1982 & VULCAN (Dounreay)
Ex Merseyside Branch	December 2018	Alan Johnson	Able Seaman (UW)	P/JX 955068	81	Submarine Service from January 1961 to August 1965 in SEALION, WALRUS & NARWHAL
Ex Barrow in Furness Branch	30 th December 2018	John F Houlding	Charge Chief Marine Engineering Artificer (L)		73	Submarine Service from May 1969 to April 1986 in CHURCHILL, COURAGEOUS, CONQUEROR (Falklands 1982) & TURBULENT (1 st Commission)