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**COVER PHOTO:**

The Group Photograph after the Presentation of the Patron's Commendation.

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*“Nothing in the world, nothing that you may think or dream of, or anyone may tell you, no arguments however specious, no appeals however seductive, must lead you to abandon that naval supremacy on which the life of our country depends.”*

**WINSTON SPENCER CHURCHILL**

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**Admiral Perowne Presents Patron's Commendation to Barrie Downer**



## SECRETARY'S DIT

July 2023

1. Branch President's Patron's Commendation, Friday 28 July.

Thanks to everyone who made it a great turnout for Barrie Downer's Patron's Commendation. Barrie's family, the Morecambe Bay Branch, the National Treasurer, and others joined Barrow Branch Members and Associates for this prestigious occasion. Admiral Sir James Perowne, the SA Patron, gave a short introduction before the Secretary summarised Barrie's career, achievements, and contribution to the submarine community. Sir James read out the wording of the Commendation and presented Barrie with a framed copy.

### **Submariners Association Patron's Commendation**

Barrie Downer served for 32 years as a nuclear submariner, both as an Artificer and later as a Special Duties Weapons Engineering Officer. On retirement from the Service, he transferred to a Civil Service post in the Defence Procurement Agency that established him in the Astute program at Barrow in Furness.

He joined the Barrow in Furness Branch of the Submariners Association in 2003 and within 18 months, became their Branch Secretary. He later joined the National Management Committee, was elected as 'Branch Vice Chairman' and is currently Branch President.

Barrie is a noted submarine 'historian' whose services have been much welcomed over the years. He produces the Association's 'In Depth' quarterly newsletter that has a wide distribution, now boosted by internet channels. Additionally, he produces the Barrow Branch monthly newsletter 'Periscope View' and is the first point of contact for Submarine Veterans requiring information on submarine related issues. Barrie is a member of the 'Friends of the Submarine Museum Committee and is currently researching the stories of submariners lost on duty for incorporation into the On-Line Book of Remembrance. He is also the editor of their yearbook 'All Round Look'.

Barrie was elected to be the Submarine Association Chairman to fill a sudden vacancy. This was a busy and complex period of change as the Association members were introduced to the formation of the Submarine Family and other measures under consideration to modernise the conduct of the Association business. After two years, the main objectives were achieved, and the remainder are 'work in progress'. A long-term health issue now has required Barrie to step down from the Chairmanship. We all wish him well.

I wholeheartedly commend him for his dedication and total commitment to the Submariners Association. He has given exceptional service over so many years.

Admiral Sir James Perowne KCVO KBE.

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### **Sir James makes the Presentation**

Despite his health issues Barrie managed to stay the pace and enjoy the afternoon with all those assembled. Margaret, Barrie's wife, was presented with a gift in thanks for her support to Barrie enabling him to continue with his relentless pursuit of all things submarines.

Sir James was wished happy birthday as his birthday was on the following day and presented with a token gift to help celebrate it. After the Loyal and Absent Friends toasts, group photos were taken, and a light buffet lunch was enjoyed by all.

### **From Sir James:**

Thanks for organising the presentation so well and getting so many attendees there. Barrie seemed to enjoy it and by the end, he was looking almost his old self and forgetting his awful medical problems.

It was good to meet so many old friends and I am looking forward to the Morecambe Branch Traf night next year. I have loosely pencilled in 18-20 Oct 2024 awaiting firmer dates from the branch.

Many thanks again to you and Sue for all you did to make it such a successful event and serve a perfect light lunch.

Very best wishes

James

### **From Morecambe Bay Branch:**

I echo Sir James' comments regarding the presentation, BZ all round.

What an accolade for Barrie to receive from the Submariners Association, delivered by the Patron himself, surrounded by his family and friends from the club and beyond must have been a real treat and tonic at this most difficult of times. Thank you for inviting us to join you and for sending the Admiral's comments, it really does seem that he has accepted the offer for our next Trafalgar Night, I will have to get on with the invitation pronto.

Thank you again for including us in Barrie's Presentation and refreshments afterwards.

Yours Aye

Mark (Lister)

2. A Service of Thanksgiving for Admiral of the Fleet the Lord Boyce

On Thursday 13th July, with my wife Sue and 2000+ others, I paid respects to Admiral of the Fleet the Lord Boyce at Westminster Abbey. There was a dozen or so SA members there including our Parton, President, and Vice Chairman. Admiral Sir Anthony Radakin represented the King; Commander Robert Dixon, the Prince of Wales; Vice Admiral Laurence, The Princess Royal; Marshal of the Royal Air Force the Lord Stirrup, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. Prince Michael of Kent also attended. These with another host of VIP dignitaries made up an impressive tribute to the man.

Admiral Sir George Zambellas gave a very heartfelt tribute to Lord Boyce. Having served with and worked for Lord Boyce he was able to give a very enlightening insight to how Lord Boyce did his business and his career progression. His thoroughness, attention to detail and ability to accurately assess complex situations were at the forefront of whatever he did. This combined with his compassionate nature for others while challenging them made him a great leader. Of course, his love of the Submarine Service was also mentioned. In fact, it was said that if you cut him in half, he would have Submariner written all the way through. Humour was also part of the tribute with accounts of taking up the role of a waiter at the last HMS Dolphin Dinner and during a sailing trip he narrowly avoided calling out the RNLI whilst he was the organisation's Chair.

Oliver Lee, who as a young RM Officer worked for Lord Boyce gave a tribute that was more personal. Detailing how challenging but rewarding it was to work for him. The workload was relentless, and it often left him wondering if the Admiral ever slept as he never let up. But Oliver was in deep gratitude to the Admiral for what he taught him not just as a military officer but as a person.

Lord Boyce had been appointed to 10 organisations; was chair, president, patron, or executive for 27 others and had partnerships, presidencies, and honorary membership of another 34 local community groups. Not many people could hold down that amount of work once retired but he did and never let any of the down with his support, guidance, and leadership.

A reception was held in Church House in the grounds of the Abbey.

The mark of the man was level and numbers of people who were there to pay their respects. Westminster Abbey was full, and many fond memories were spoken.

#### Branch Matters

Letter from the Barrow Town Council inviting the Association to the Mayoral Invitation to Civic Sunday 20th. August 2023. This is a Civic Ceremony for the Barrow Town Council Mayor elect on Sunday 20th August at 2pm in St. George's Church, Barrow. Assembly will be at 1330 with the procession to the Church at 13.45. Following the Service invited guests will be served refreshments in the Banqueting Hall. A response on numbers is required by 12th August.

#### Other Matters

Summary of correspondence, emails received since the last meeting. Where necessary details and attachments have been forwarded to members:

#### Emails from the National Secretary:

- a. NAVAL ASSOCIATIONS BIENNIAL PARADE – 2023, the Naval Associations will be holding their Biennial Parade at the Cenotaph at Whitehall on Sunday 10 September 2023. Associations and individuals related to the Naval Service are cordially invited to march with their Shipmates and to parade their Standards.
- b. Application Forms and details of the 2024 SA Reunion and AGM in Belfast. The forms are on the National Website if you wish to download them from there.
- c. National Chairman response to clarify a query raised by a Branch Member on the details of the Belfast Reunion.
- d. Of interest to members for future reference. The SAC was contacted by a member of the Association with this query:

"My wife passed away last year, and I commissioned a headstone with a carving of the Submariners Dolphins on the side where my details will eventually go. The stonemason contacted me last week saying that the local parish council have stated that, as it is a copyrighted design approval to use is required. Have you any idea where I would obtain this?"

The answer found through the MOD Copyright as follows:

The Secretary of State for Defence is content to permit the families of former Service personnel to use appropriate specified MOD insignia on private, family instigated memorials and/ or their headstone. Find more about the application process and requirements for permission.

Richard Hieron, Brand Licensing 2 | Policy, Protection & Exploitation.

Regards

David A J Smith, Branch Secretary

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## EDITORIAL

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**Hello Everybody,**

I hope everyone is keeping fit & well? Here is your August Branch Newsletter – again it's a bit later than intended for reasons somewhat beyond my control - but again - better late than never!

I have changed things round a bit this month with Dave Smith's Secretary's Report coming first so he can report on the recent visit to the Legion by Sir James Perowne – The Association Patron - on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July to present a Submariners Association 'Patron's Commendation' to me. As you will see from the Cover Photo, as well Sir James, we were joined by Branch Members & Friends, the Morecambe Bay Branch and Andy Bain – the SA Treasurer. I did have a bit of advance notice of the Presentation so most of my family from around UK were able to come as well but it was a bit too far for my daughter and family from Adelaide. I was quite humbled in receiving the Commendation as, most of what I do for the Association, Submariners in general and the Branch, is my pleasure – unfortunately, I am not able to do so much at the moment but expect to get back up to speed very soon. Anyway, Margaret and I both much appreciate the effort and organisation involved in arranging Friday's Presentation and we were very pleased that so many of you were able to join us. I have since contacted Sir James, the SA Chairman and SA Committee and the Morecambe Bay Branch to thank them all!

Unfortunately we are unable to attend the August Branch Meeting where we had hoped to be able to thank Branch Members in person but, hopefully we will be at the September Meeting when we can catch up with everyone.



**The Downer Family Photo (with the Commendation)**

I have included a few recent submarine articles in this issue plus some photos of this year's Parade of Standards, Service and Wreath Laying at the Haverthwaite 'Field of Dreams' – perhaps you are in one of the pictures?

Now we are into Summer, School Holidays and the Holiday Season is with us again. I see the weather has recently gone back to Autumn – hopefully to be soon followed by an Indian Summer?

I hope you all have your plans for a little rest and relaxation and building up your strength for a busy time to come. Hoping to see you all at the September Branch Meeting – all being well!

**Best Regards**

**Barrie**

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## SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

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Hello Shipmates.

I won't be at the August meeting so don't forget that the Canal Trip is on Saturday 9th September, limited to 30 people, cost is £45 per person, which gives you transport to and from, vodka jellies, wine and nibbles table, 4 hours canal party cruise, packed lunch, Absent Friend's cocktail and a really good night out. I am collecting names now so don't miss out and get your name down; I have start collecting monies at the July Meeting and will continue at the September meeting.

Below is the updated Branch Events List:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>
1st Jul	Sat	Arboretum Run Ashore			<u>October</u>
15th Jul	Sat	Brewhouse Run	7th Oct	Sat	DTS West Shore Club
		<u>September</u>			<u>November</u>
9th Sep	Sat	Canal Trip	12th Nov	Sun	Remembrance Sunday
					<u>December</u>
			23rd Dec	Sat	Christmas Party - Adult
			28th Dec	Thu	Half Time Free Drinks

Alex

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### Royal Navy's £169m Dreadnought contract awarded to Scotland's Thales Glasgow

Alex Candlin (Navynet)

13th July 2023



**Thales Glasgow will build the optronic combat system mast for the Dreadnought vessels** (Picture: MOD).

A £169m contract to help build the new class of Royal Navy submarines has been awarded to Thales Glasgow. The company will build the optronic combat system mast for the Dreadnought vessels, which is also known as the 'above water eyes'. The masts are an update on the traditional periscope that provides improved electronic, stabilised, quality visuals for the crew - providing clearer images of activity and enabling them to detect enemy movements more quickly. Minister for Defence Procurement James Cartlidge said: "This is a clear investment in maintaining the United Kingdom's nuclear deterrent. "By providing the 'eyes' of the new Dreadnought Class Submarine, this technology will play a key role in



keeping the country safe "The Dreadnought programme will support tens of thousands of UK jobs, boosting the economy and defending our nation."

Every Royal Navy submarine in service since 1917 has been fitted with a periscope or optronics mast manufactured by Thales (or its predecessor Barr & Stroud) at its site on the Clyde. The masts will be fitted to the new Dreadnought-class boats currently being built to replace the Vanguard-class vessels that are in service. The announcement comes as companies hold talks with the UK Government and the Armed Forces in Edinburgh about plans to maximise the economic impact of the defence sector.

CEO of Thales UK Alex Cresswell said: "We are proud to say that our combat system mast and sonar will be providing the eyes and ears capabilities of the new Dreadnought Class. "The boat build, led by BAE Systems and partners, will be another milestone showcase of UK engineering skills and innovation. "It is an incredibly exciting time for the Submarine Service and its contribution to global security with the build of the Dreadnought class and as we look to the development of the AUKUS submarine programme that will deliver a future capability for Australia and the UK."

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### **SAAB submits four Submarines proposal to Netherlands**

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July 28, 2023

SAAB's co-operation with Dutch shipbuilder Damen Shipyards Group, bolsters the offer.

By Harry McNeil



**The C718 is an advanced Expeditionary Submarine that offers endurance.** Source: SAAB

With the support of Sweden and the United Kingdom, SAAB has presented a proposal to the Netherlands to replace their existing submarines.

The offer includes four Expeditionary Submarines featuring technologies and A Partnership with Dutch Shipbuilder Damen Shipyards Group. The proposed solution promises long-term relevance, operational superiority, and cooperation with local industries, strengthening the Royal Netherlands Navy's capabilities for years.

The Royal Netherlands Navy is looking for an upgrade to its current submarine fleet. The Netherlands is in the process of replacing its four Walrus-class submarines and is currently deciding which company will obtain the contract, according to GlobalData's "Netherlands Defence Market 2023-2028" report.

SAAB's proposal's cornerstone lies in delivering four advanced Expeditionary Submarines, incorporating the latest innovations and technologies to meet the Royal Netherlands Navy's needs for long-distance operations, crew comfort, accommodation, and enhanced weapon payload capability.

The proposed C718 Expeditionary Submarine promises endurance, ensuring the Royal Netherlands Navy can undertake extended missions.

An aspect of Saab's offer is the collaboration with Dutch shipbuilder

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## The U.S. Sent a Silent Submarine to South Korea

July 19, 2023

On July 18<sup>th</sup>, the 170-meter-nuclear powered ballistic missile Submarine USS KENTUCKY glided up to a quay in the port city of Busan, South Korea—located at the southeastern tip of the Korean peninsula under escort by two U.S. missile destroyers.



**The Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarine USS KENTUCKY (SSBN 737) proceeds on the surface to Busan for a port visit while escorted by Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers USS JOHN FINN (DDG 113) and USS RALPH JOHNSON (DDG 114)**

**July 18, 2023**

Petty Officer 2nd Class Adam Craft US Navy

This was the first visit to South Korea by a U.S. submarine designed to lob intercontinental-range nuclear missiles in 42 years—one aimed at demonstrating what President Biden described as the U.S’s “ironclad commitment” to extend nuclear deterrence to South Korea. South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol, his wife, and members of the local press were invited onboard the submarine for a tour.

But just a few hours after KENTUCKY’s arrival, North Korea responded to the visit as gracefully as observers have come to expect—by launching two short-range ballistic missiles at 3:30 and 3:46 AM. According to South Korea’s military, the eastward-bound missiles traversed 340 miles, flying in a relatively shallow arc (with an apogee of 160,000 feet). The weapons demonstratively performed evasive manoeuvres before splashing down into the Sea of Japan without incident.

North Korea’s defence ministry stated with characteristic maximalism the visit might “incite the worst crisis of nuclear conflict.” Kim Yo Jong, sister to North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un, also claimed that “the foolish act...[and] extended deterrence system and excessively extended military alliance system” would cause North Korea to “go farther away” from the negotiating table.

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### AUGUST BRANCH CALENDAR

Branch Meeting	Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug
Committee Meeting	As Required

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### SEPTEMBER BRANCH CALENDAR

Branch Meeting	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Sep
Canal Trip	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Sep
Naval Assn's Biennial Parade	Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Sep
Committee Meeting	As Required

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### OCTOBER BRANCH CALENDAR

Branch Meeting	Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct
DTS West Shore Club	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Committee Meeting	As required

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### AUGUST BRANCH BIRTHDAYS

R. (Roger) McMorris	01/08/1948
W. (William) McLaughlin	03/08/1946
R.H. (Robert) Hagen	10/08/1944
A. (Alan) Webb	10/08/1952
G. (Whisky) Walker	11/08/1948
M. (Margaret) Downer(A)	12/08/1946
D. (Doris) Hearn (A)	14/08/1954
D.J. (Dave) Parsons	18/08/1946
D.B. (Dave) Harwood	21/08/1951
G. (Gloria) Shipley (A)	21/08/1940
D. (Dave) Sales	29/08/1953
C (Cliffe) Shipton	30/08/1949

**Happy Birthday All!!**

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### SUBMARINE COMMISSIONING CREW LISTS

Commissioning, De-commissioning and Re-dedication Crew Lists – are still wanted, thank you very much. This is for an ongoing project to compile a Chronological Record of Submariners. If you don't have any Crew Lists and you wish to be added to the Record you can always send me your details - where and when joined boats, rank or rate, boats served in - with dates if known – Official Numbers are lays helpful as well.

I am still looking for 'First Commission' Crew Lists as follows: PORPOISE, GRAMPUS, CACHALOT, WALRUS, OBERON, ONYX, ORPHEUS, ODIN,

OTUS, UNICORN, AUDACIOUS and ANSON. Also looking for copies of Crew Lists for subsequent Commissions of any 'O' Class, 'P' Class or Nuclear Boat – SSN & SSBN. Crew Lists for any Commissioning or Decommissioning of any Diesel 'A,' 'S' or 'T' Class Boat refitting in Home Dockyards or in Malta, Singapore or Sydney are also required. 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. Thanks, Barrie Downer

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### REMEMBERING FORMER BARROW BRANCH MEMBERS - 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
Frank Bowen	2018
David Craven	2020
Cedric Madin	2021

### RESURGAM

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### NEWSLETTER CONTACT INFORMATION

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](mailto: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 August 2023 for the September 2023 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!

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### SUBMARINE/SUBMARINER LOSSES OF WWII - AUGUST 1943

Two Submarines were lost in August 1943 and one other Submariner was lost. The first Submarine lost was HMS PARTHIAN (with all hands) on 7th August 1943. The Crew was:

#### Officers:

Lieutenant Cyril Astell Pardoe, RNR

Lieutenant Mark Allen Von-Bergen, RN  
Sub Lieutenant John Frederick Goodwin, RNVR  
Sub Lieutenant John Timothy Ryder Walker RN

**Ratings:**

PO Richard Henry Bond P/JX 144731  
PO Joseph Rumble P/SSX 16820  
PO Eric Denby P/SSX 15134  
PO F Dennis DSM TBA  
PO Gladwyn Crane C/JX 156254  
PO John Charles Goodwin C/JX 164968  
L/Sea James Patterson Cleary, MiD P/SSX 26433  
L/Sea Laurence Forster C/SSX 27324  
L/Sea John Robert Wilson P/SSX 24567  
AB Henry Gibson D/SSX 28717  
AB Ronald Hetherington, MiD D/JX 257390  
AB David Grainger P/SSX 22974  
AB Charles Frederick Barnsdale P/JX 203397  
AB Bryan David Hill P/JX 146413  
AB John Smithson P/JX 235991  
AB Edward Thomas (Ashi) Jones P/JX 234590  
AB Douglas Imrie P/SSX 20542  
AB Thomas Michael Halpin Heenan C/JX 208177  
AB Kenneth Henry Parker D/JX 208167  
AB Wesley Gibson D/JX 148209  
AB Walter Bullen D/SSX 16368  
AB James Heaton, DSM, MiD C/JX 223596  
AB Albert Herbert Aldred J97729  
AB Frederick James Webb P/JX 282232  
PO Tel Harold Green C/JX 130775  
L/Tel James Collins Weir P/JX 156663  
L/Tel Frederick Ethell, MiD C/JX 147570  
Tel George Walter Palmer C/JX 162289  
Tel Henry George Owen Adamson C/JX 145399  
Ord Tel James Edward Starkey C/JX 232123  
Yeo of Sigs Peter Ford D/JX 151156  
PO Cook Peter Keenan P/MX 49153  
L/Stwd James Victor McCaig D/LX 26009  
ChEA Roy De La Force Wheble, MiD D/MX 56474  
ERA1 Morris Stanley Wallis M38846  
ERA3 John Cleveland Sykes D/MX 56722  
ERA4 Albert Nunn D/MX 59141  
ERA4 George Alex Wolfe, MiD C/MX 76034  
ERA4 Lionel Claude Nathaniel Jacob C/SMX 19  
ERA4 Ernest Marland Hall P/MX 88746  
ERA4 Dennis Walter Potter P/MX 78677  
SPO John Chalmers P/KX 79304  
A/Sto PO Frank Lightfoot C/KX 80765  
A/Sto POO Alfred Kenneth Price, MiD D/KX 85715  
A/Lsto Albert Lewis Whincup C/KX 94539  
A/Lsto Reginald George Tallis P/KX 93121  
Sto1 Frederick Gilliam P/KX 136124  
Sto1 Walter Hanson D/KX 93319  
Sto1 Samuel Jones D/KX 130579  
Sto1 James Jones D/KX 114496  
Sto1 Harold Holman C/KX 134907  
Sto1 Henry Clasper C/KX 106419  
Sto1 Owen Clement Fay C/KX 134852

Sto1 Ronald Ernest William Currell, DSM C/KX 107159  
Sto1 Frederick Arthur John Stewart C/KX 113741  
Sto1 Edward Elnor P/KX 134891  
Sto1 John William Toogood P/KX 132374  
Sto1 Frank Worthington P/KX 111894  
Sto1 Walter Sidney Hannah C/KX 136677  
Stoker 2nd Class Frederick Clifford Haywood P/KX 135578

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**HMS DOLPHIN**

One Officer appointed to HMS DOLPHIN died on Friday 13th Aug 1943. It is understood he was involved with the acceptance of 'U' Class Submarines building in the Vickers Shipyard when he was taken ill and died. He was:

Lt (E) Herbert Henry David Campaign MBE RN  
Herbert Campaign was the forty-seven-year-old son of Herbert Henry and Frances Graham Campaign and the husband of Ada Violet Campaign of Portsmouth. He is buried in the Ulverston Cemetery Section L Grave No. 144.

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**Submarine HMS SARACEN**

The second Submarine lost was HMS SARACEN which was sunk after a depth charge attack on 14th August 1943 by the Italian Corvettes MINERVA (Lieutenant Mario Baroglio) and EUTERPE (Lieutenant Antonio March). Two members of the crew were lost in the sinking. The remainder of the crew were taken Prisoner of War. Those lost were:

**Ratings:**

Able Seaman James W Downen P/JX 283499  
Stoker Petty Officer Ronald G Ward D/KX 85717

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**THE LAKE DISTRICT 'FIELD OF DREAMS' 2023**

These photos (taken by John Sullivan) were supplied by Andy Bain who attended this years 'Field of Dreams' Service and wreath laying at Haverthwaite.



**Andy Bain with Alex Webb**





**The Standard Bearers**



**March on the Standards**



**The Service and Wreath Laying**



**The Chairman - Steve Mackay**



**Grandad and Grandson**



**Richard Cambridge relaxing**

## **BOOKS**

I obtained your email address from the "In Depth" newsletters that I access via my Submarine Family membership and noticed that book details are sometimes published. I hope you don't mind me contacting you but thought it would be worth sending you some details about my late father Roy Broome's wartime submarine memoirs "No Occupation for a Gentleman".

Since self-publishing "No Occupation for a Gentleman" as an eBook, paperback and hardback on Amazon, I have now recently produced an audiobook version of the memoirs, narrated by a former BBC broadcaster, which I hope will provide an opportunity for anyone who may prefer to listen to an audiobook rather than read a book. The audiobook is now available on Amazon, Audible and iTunes.

I have been touched by the many positive reviews that readers have kindly provided, and other readers have remarked about the importance of publishing



memoirs of this type before the stories are lost forever when the authors pass away.

Some of the memoirs cover HMS Trenchant's time based in Fremantle and I wonder whether there may be interest in the book from Australian Submarine Association members, and I would be more than happy for you to send the details to any contacts if you think this would be worthwhile.

Brief book details are as follows:

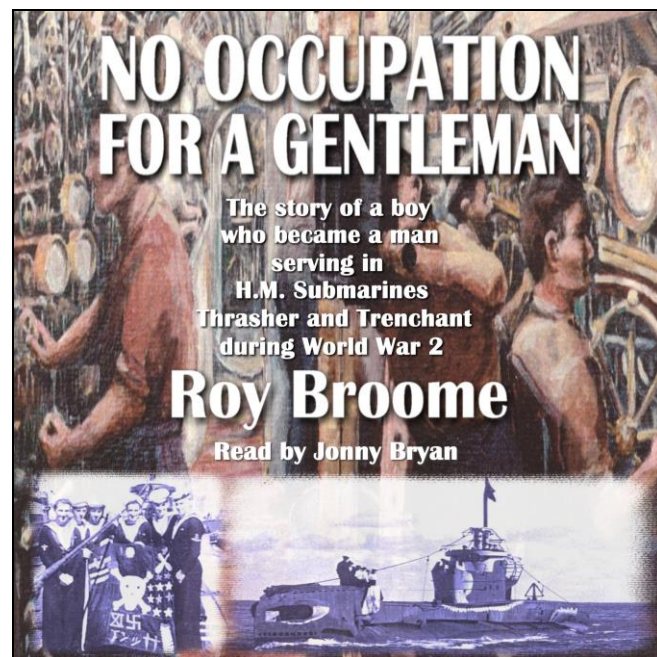
### **No Occupation for a Gentleman**

By Roy Broome

"The story of a boy who became a man serving in H.M. Submarines Thrasher and Trenchant during World War Two. This gripping personal account of life as a young World War Two submariner on two famous Royal Navy submarines, Thrasher and Trenchant, gives vivid detail of depth charging, gun actions and other operations including sinking the Japanese cruiser Ashigara, the largest enemy warship sunk by a British submarine during the war, sinking the U-boat U-859 with its secret cargo, towing a midget submarine to attack the German battleship Tirpitz in the Norwegian Fjords and taking a group of SBS soldiers to carry out a daring raid in

Sumatra. Leading Stoker Roy Broome's riveting recollections clearly demonstrate the bravery and camaraderie of WW2 submariners and other Allied forces at a crucial time in our history."

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### SUBMARINERS 'CROSSED THE BAR' REPORTED IN JULY 2023

Reported by	Date	Name	Rank/Rating	Official No.	Age	Submarine Service
Ex Barrow Branch	July 2023	Eric Herron, BEM	Chief Petty Officer WEM (R)	D057088A	80	Submarine Service from 1963 to 1983 in SEALION (1963 to 1964), OSIRIS (1964 to 1967), OTTER (1967 to 1968), RORQUAL (1970 to 1973 - 4th Commission from 1971) & OTTER (1974 to 1977)
Middlesex Branch	5th July 2023	Ernest Anthony (Jack) Bradley	ME1	C/SKX 907564	88	Submarine Service from 1957 to 1960 in SCORCHER, STURDY, SUBTLE & TALENT
Royal Berkshire	7 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Anthony (Tony) Linden Kidd	Charge Chief Weapons Engineering Artificer	M974321V	82	Submarine Service from 1967 to May 1985 in VALIANT, DEFIANCE, TURBULENT & CACHALOT
Dolphin Branch	18th July 2023	Christopher R Bent	Leading Seaman (S)	D102570Q	70	Submarine Service from 1970 to 1975 in NARWHAL (1971), REVENGE (1971 to 1972) & RESOLUTION (1972 to 1975)
Bath Branch	19th July 2023	Robert (Bob) McMichael	Petty Officer Marine Engineering Mechanic (L)	D143925L	65	Submarine Service from July 1976 to 23rd September 1997 in CONQUEROR (1978 to 1979), TRAFALGAR (1982 & 1st Commission Crew on 27th May 1983 to 1985), TRENCHANT (1986 & 1st Commission Crew) on 14th January 1989 to 1990), TRAFALGAR (1992 to 1994) & TORBAY (1994 to 1996)
We Remember Submariners	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Dion Smith	Engineering Technician	Not Given	TBA	Submarine Service in AUDACIOUS & ASTUTE (Serving Submariner)
We Remember Submariners	19th July 2023	Andy Blackwill	Not Given	Not Given	TBA	Submarine Service TBA
We Remember Submariners	July 2023	Brian James Scott	Chief Petty Officer Weapons Electrical Artificer	Not Given	TBA	Submarine Service in VALIANT on recommissioning at Rosyth on 19th November 1988