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**HMS G9**



## CHAIRMAN'S April Word

Yesterday I beavered away to produce what I thought would be in the grand scheme of things, my last front page contribution as your Chairman. However just before I posted it off to Ben I dug out the March 2011 issue of the newsletter and realised I had already written most of what I wanted to say, so I have had to resort to Plan "B". On reflection I have calculated that during my tenure of office in an effort to make the articles topical and interesting that I must have sweated out, approximately twenty thousand words to complete my Chairman and Chaplain Dits and that includes the words that were cut and pasted to the waste basket.

So I will not be too sorry to pass over 50% of the journalistic duties to the incoming Chairman, but will continue to find articles for the Chaplains slot. I can honestly say that I have been honoured these past two terms to be the Chairman of a Branch that in my mind is undoubtedly the strongest unit in the whole of the Submariners Association. Therefore not wanting my closing lines to read like a gushing actor at the Oscar's who stand thank all and sundry including their psychic guides with questionable insincerity. I will close with these words. The strength of a Chairman in any organisation can only be gauged by the support of the membership. As such it would be unfair of me to single out any individual who has made my tenure of office a lasting memory, "so I thank you all".

Regards

Jonsey

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## Social Secretary April 2011



Hope you are all well?  
Firstly up coming events,  
the Annual dinner dance  
is only just over a month  
away and takes place on  
Friday 13th May 19:00

for 19:30, dress is Blazers /  
Lounge suits, the price includes  
a 3 course meal, ½ bottle of wine  
and entertainment will be  
provided by Shindig. Cost will  
be £ 28 per head. The list has  
been circulated at the last couple  
of meetings and to date we have  
approximately 50 coming, so  
please contact me if you would  
like tickets and bring your  
friends too.

I think our monthly meeting in  
June has been designated a  
Ladies invite so we may do a  
Quiz or something for that meet-  
ing.

There are currently lists  
circulating for the proposed  
Magennis Dinner to be held by  
the Northern Irish Branch in  
May, Faslane visit in July and  
the Derby branch trip to  
Bournemouth in November.  
These will be in circulation  
during the April branch  
meeting.

As April is the month in which  
we hold our AGM I have added  
my report on the past years  
social events, again I would like  
to thank all members and  
friends that have supported the  
social programme and hope that  
you and your guests had a good  
time, there were some successes  
and some not so successes and  
your feedback is appreciated at  
any time. The committee and I  
hope that your support  
continues in the coming year  
and look forward to seeing more  
of you at the socials that are  
planned.

### Social Secretary's Annual Report April 2011 AGM

Hello friends and shipmates its  
hard to believe that its that time  
of year again to report on the

social events of the last year and  
to let you know what you can  
expect socially in the coming  
year and it also gives me the  
chance to thank all those that  
have supported the branch and  
helped during the social events.

A brief summary of social events  
in 2010:

Our proposed first footing visit  
to Morecambe had to be delayed  
until February due to the  
atrocious weather conditions,  
but unlike last year we managed  
to send a handful of first footers  
to attend their February  
meeting.

The February monthly meeting  
included the Ladies attending  
for the meeting and I also held a  
quiz night, this was to be  
repeated again in June when  
Jan Mead and Geoff Thomas set  
the quiz.

The Spring visit to Espana  
Levante in Benidorm, which  
about 20 to 30 members were  
looking forward to un  
fortunately fell victim to the  
Icelandic Volcano, with many of  
us turning up at Liverpool  
airport ready for a weekend of  
fun and frolics, to be told that  
our flights had been cancelled,  
in the end I think only John  
made it, as he flew before the  
eruption, but don't mention his  
and Shonas trip back.....it was  
long and torturous!!

It was with great regret that we  
took the decision not to go ahead  
with the annual BBQ this year. I  
am afraid the numbers we  
received that showed an interest,  
just did not make the event  
viable. My apologies go to those  
that were looking forward to it.  
A weekend of celebrations and  
events was organized to  
commemorate the 50th  
anniversary of Nuclear  
Submarines. On the Social front  
we held a social evening at the  
RBL on the Saturday 23rd  
October, Shindig provided the  
entertainment, entry was free  
and a good night was had by  
members and visitors.

On 12th of November we had  
our Ladies night dinner dance at  
the Lisdoonie, again I was very

pleased with the support for the  
dinner with a total of 89  
attending, As usual the food at  
the Lisdoonie was very good and  
plenty of it. Thank you once  
again for your support on the  
night and with the raffle.

We finished the year with our  
Christmas social at the RBL on  
December 11th, members  
brought plenty of good food and  
raffle prizes. Santa made an  
appearance, albeit a bit worse  
for wear and it was an enjoyable  
night.

We kicked off our 2011 social  
programme with a first footing  
visit to our good friends at  
Morecambe on the 7th January,  
where the usual suspects  
attended, our thanks to John  
Houlding for again being the  
volunteer driver.

Our February meeting on the  
1st was an invite to the Ladies to  
join us and Ian Walsh kindly  
organized and run the Quiz in  
my absence.

I would like to thank you for the  
support you have given to  
myself and the organized social  
events. Your support for the  
raffles is as always fantastic and  
this helps to keep the costs of  
social events down. Don't forget  
if you have suggestions for social  
events please don't hesitate to  
contact myself or any member of  
the committee.

Colin Hutchinson

Social Secretary



# Barrow Submarine Series: issue number 29

THESE three medals from the most peculiar of Barrow tragedies are a reminder of how dangerous the life of a submariner can be.

They were awarded to Royal Navy stoker H.W.T Underwood.

He drowned with all but one of his crewmates on September 16 in 1917 when the Barrow-built submarine G9 was sunk by a British destroyer in a double friendly fire incident.

The submarine had been launched at Barrow on June 15 in 1916 and was 187ft long.

It weighed in at 700 tons and was powered by 1,600hp Vickers diesel engines to produce 15.5knots on the surface and 10 knots underwater on battery power.

This class of submarine fired the latest design of 21inch torpedo.

Its captain, Lt-Comdr the Hon Byron Cary, 30, was on the bridge in the dark, in heavy seas and with information that a German U-boat was in the area.

He called for full speed, had the bow tubes made ready and ordered two torpedoes to be fired. He never lived to explain what he had seen to prompt this action.

His target turned out to be the friendly destroyer *Pasley* – although it didn't stay friendly for long. One torpedo whizzed past the ship while the other struck its target but failed to explode.

The destroyer went on the attack and rammed G9. Only Stoker William Drake managed to jump clear before the submarine sank within 30 seconds.

There had been a brief few seconds before the collision when lookouts on *Pasley* realised that the submarine was British – but too late to do anything about it.

The G9 survivor said after the event: "The boat heeled over to starboard and then there was a big rush of air up through the conning tower.

"I saw one man get up through the conning tower, and so I followed him.

"When I was half-way through the lower lid, somebody in the control room gave the order to close it and it caught me in the stomach.

"I got through the door and right on to the bridge."

He reported seeing only two other men get clear of the submarine before it vanished below the surface.

*Pasley's* captain, Comdr Ramsey was in the ship's charthouse when the dud torpedo struck his ship and rushed to the bridge as the destroyer lined up the submarine ready to ram.

He heard a crew member shout "She's one of ours" but was unable to avoid the collision.

The damage to *Pasley* was minor and the destroyer was able to resume his convoy duties to the Shetland Islands.



**TRAGIC LOSS:** The crew of the Barrow-built submarine G9 before the accident



**REWARD FOR SERVICE:** The First World War medals of Royal Navy stoker H.W.T Underwood who was among those killed when the submarine G9 was involved in a bizarre collision



## Barrie Downer Secretary

Well here we are already in April and back to the Branch Annual General Meeting time again.

This year the AGM should be a relatively painless event as there have been no Proposals or Recommendations put forward for discussion. There may be an Election however as previously advised our current Branch Chairman Alan Jones is standing down after two three year terms on Office.

Also our Vice Chairman John Houlding is standing down as, this year, he has significant other Commitments to meet. I understand we have volunteers putting their names forward for these two posts but ideally we need two names for each post for an election

We will however be hearing the Branch Officers Reports on how they see the past Year has gone plus we will be hearing the Treasurer on how the Finances stand at the end of the year. This year's Auditors are Ginge Cundall and Paddy McCormick. I will also be presenting a Delegates Report from the National Council Conference held this year in Blackpool on weekend 18th to 20th March in sunny Blackpool. This year for the first time we had a 'Stag' Members Only Reunion in March combined with the National Council Conference. For those who haven't heard the October Reunion has now been replaced by a Families Weekend and combined with the Annual Draw.

This year it will be held in the Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool the hotel has been completely revamped since the Association's last visit for an Annual Reunion which by my rough calculations was probably in 2005! Apart from the Reunion and Conference March has been a pretty quiet Month for the Branch with just the Branch

Meeting and the Committee Meeting.

The Branch meeting was a bit longer than normal as it took some time to cover the two Proposals and two Recommendations on the Agenda. However the Branch decisions were very clear and decided the way the Branch would vote at the Conference. One other event in March was the unveiling of the Frankton Memorial to the Cockleshell Heroes on the banks of the River Gironde on 31st March. It was only two years ago that this project got off the ground with an original target of raising £60k that the Submariners Association was involved and, although the Submariner Community contribution to the target was relatively small it did assist in the revised target of £100k being realised on time. Hopefully there will be a full report on this event in the May Newsletter. I had thought about going to France for the unveiling but decided that it wasn't a practical option.

### Falklands Visit

Several Branch Members have been off on 'Expeds' recently. Bob and Phyllis Palmer have been on a Cruise during which they visited the Falklands where Bob was able to lay a wreath at the Memorial to those lost in 1982 including the Ex-Barrow Sea Cadet AB (S) Shaun Haywood, who had been instructed by Members of the Barrow Branch. Shaun was, sadly, lost whilst serving on HMS ARDENT during the conflict. Included in the memorial was a second man from Barrow - LPT Gary T Nelson also lost on HMS ARDENT and an ex Submariner who had returned to General Service and who was lost whilst serving on HMS COVENTRY. He was ACWEA John D L Caddy known to several Members as an Ex-HMS REPULSE.



Bob Palmer laying the wreath

Bob says that during the day several people from the Cruise Ship told him they had seen the Wreath and photograph and that they thought that the design of the centre piece of the wreath was outstanding and unlike any other they had seen before. So we have had some good publicity for the Association.

This report was sent out as Bob and Phyllis continued the Cruise and sailed from Punta Arenas en route to the glaciers and to their next stop Ponte Nontt."

Bob and Phyllis arrived back home in March and will be able to brief other Branch Members about their exploits at the next Branch Meeting.



Other Branch Members have also been 'gadding about' this month!

Alan and Dorothy Pillifent went off to the Maldives for a break and Alan ever the Submariner decided he needed to catch up on his underwater time and took a dive to 120 feet in a commercial submarine with female Chief Stoker and Outside Wrecker whatever next!



Outside Wrecker and Chief Stoker? Which is which?



Anyone else been anywhere interesting or done something out of the ordinary? Let us know and we'll get something in the next newsletter!



So what is coming up in April apart from the AGM?

Well not a lot really apart from the Branch Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 5th April and the Committee Meeting which will be on Tuesday 19th April and, of course, the St George's Day Parade on 24th April which we have been invited to support – that should end up with a 'do' afterwards at the Engineers and then the Steelworks as usual! Remember to come along and support our 'Pongo' oppos.

As a Branch we now down to 171 Members as I said previously this has come about partly as a result of our up dating of Branch Records and Contact details which resulted in several Members 'lapsing' themselves and several more being 'lapsed' by the Branch. Currently I understand that only five of the E Mail addresses on our contact list are not responding so I hope that all of our readers will confirm their E Mail addresses as soon as possible by sending a E Mail to me my E Mail address is on the front page. Hopefully Branch numbers will be increasing again over the next few weeks with some new Members and several rejoining Members.

Well I think that's about enough from me for the April News Letter! Don't forget the AGM on starts at 1930 30 minutes earlier than usual. Mick Mailey should have the Annual Draw tickets available for sale so bring your cash along and buy your tickets and hope to win the Big Prize at Liverpool!

If you are unable to attend a Branch Meeting(s) remember to send us your apologies. If you are not keeping too well let us know and we will see if there is anything the Welfare team can help with. Remember to let us know if there are any Branch Members or former Members that you know (or their wives, girlfriends or partners) who are not too well sometimes they may be too busy or pre-occupied with events to let us know themselves. If we don't know we

can't help! Hopefully I haven't missed out any events or anybody's names I think all the dates are right as well! See you all at the Annual General Meeting Tuesday 5th April usual place but at 1930.

Regards

Barrie

### THE LOSS OF HMS THETIS THE BARROW CONNECTION

On Thursday 1st June 1939 the brand new submarine HMS THETIS (Lieutenant Commander Guy H Bolus) sailed from the Birkenhead Yard of Cammell Laird into Liver pool Bay to carry out diving trials. In addition to the normal crew of fifty five Officers and Ratings there were a large number of passengers both uniformed personnel and civilians on board for Trials purposes. This took the total number of personnel onboard the Submarine up to one hundred and one. During the dive difficulties were encountered with the trim of the submarine.

During the investigations into why the Submarine could not dive properly it was decided to determine the condition of the Tanks and Torpedo Tubes. In this process the Rear Doors of all Tubes including No. 5 Tube were opened. Unknown to the crew the Bow Cap of No. 5 Tube was already open and the Tube was full of water.

As the Rear Door was opened water rushed in and the forward compartments of the submarine were flooded. The Submarine inevitably ended up on the bottom and was unable to re surface. Eventually four of the trapped personnel were able to make an escape but, despite all the desperate efforts of both those remaining in the Submarine and all those on the surface in ships, aircraft and rescue vessels, the remaining ninety nine of the crew and passengers died in the accident.



As this was a Cammell Laird built Submarine it might seem strange that there was a Barrow connection however there was. There were four passengers on the Submarine that day all of whom had links to Barrow and the Vickers Yard and the Commanding Officers wife was also from the area.

The Commanding Officer Guy Bolus who had previously 'stood by' the Barrow built submarine HMS OSIRIS was married to Sybil Bolus (nee Poole). Sybil was the daughter of Mr and Mrs Frederick W Poole of Bankfield House, Urswick. Frederick Poole was the Furness Coroner. Guy and Sybil Bolus had one son, Martyn, who was nine years old at the time of the accident. After the Submarine has been salvaged and the casualties removed Guy Bolus was buried at sea on 27th September 1939 his wife did not attend the burial but his sister was present. Many of the Crew and passengers were buried in amass grave at Holyhead.

The three local men lost were:-

*James Young* who was employed as a Foreman Fitter by Vickers-Armstrong Ltd at the Barrow in Furness Shipyard. He was the husband of Florence Young of 8, Falmouth Street, Barrow in Furness and he was the father of Joan and Hugh who were nine and eight years old respectively. He was buried privately by his family.

*Thomas Ankers* who was an employee in the Submarine Department of Vickers Armstrong Ltd at the Barrow in Furness Shipyard. He was married to Martha Ankers of 19, Derby Street, Barrow in Furness. Thomas Ankers was also buried privately by his family.

*Horace Cragg* who was a Submarine Draughtsman at the Barrow in Furness Shipyard of Vickers-Armstrong Ltd. He married to Sarah Cragg of Broadgate, Victoria Road, Ulverston. Again he was buried privately by his family.

The North-Western Daily Mail of Thursday 8th June 1939 reported on Page 8:

"Yesterday was a day of national mourning for the men who died on the submarine THETIS. Relatives were conveyed to the scene of the disaster in Liverpool Bay to take part in a memorial service that will never be erased from their minds.

Taking part in that sorrowful, poignant service were included the wives, mothers, and other relatives of the three local men who were victims of this greatest submarine tragedy in history.

By the sympathetic gesture of Vickers Armstrongs, the bereaved relatives from Barrow and Ulverston were conveyed to Liverpool by motor-cars.

Three cars, with chauffeurs, were placed at their disposal by the firm, so that they should be put to as little inconvenience as possible. It was one of those thoughtful acts that helped to sooth those in sorrow and must tend to cement the happy relations between employers and employees.

Vickers-Armstrong have also given £5,000 to the appeal fund and have let it be known that the dependants of their employees who lost their lives will be provided for.

Barrow joined in the great national memorial yesterday, for nowhere was the tragedy more regretted than in this town the birthplace of British submarines.'

The same paper reported (in part) on Page 9 that:

"The spacious church of St. John's, Barrow Island, was filled to overflowing, seats having been placed in the aisles and down the side walls of the building, for the memorial service yesterday afternoon for those who lost their lives in the THETIS disaster.

Her commander, Lieut-Commander G H Bolus as the son in law of the Furness

Coroner, Mr F W Poole, and also well known by many of those who attended the service were the three employees of Messrs. Vickers Armstrong who were onboard."

"Sir Charles Craven, chairman and managing director of Vickers Armstrong Ltd, was unable to attend as he was representing the Company at the memorial Service at St. Martin's-in-the-Field in London.

Naval uniforms were much in evidence mingling with the sombre dress of the officials and the overalls of the workmen, but however great the diversity of the outward appearance all hearts were as one in the thought of what had drawn them together."

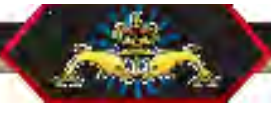
The service was conducted by the Rev. C Williams, Vicar of Walney assisted by the Rev. J A Frankland, Curate of St. Matthew's, and the Rev. A T Bartlett, Curate of St. Luke's."

On Page 10 there were four photographs showing ceremonies at the Cenotaph in Barrow Park in which were shown:



(1) Naval Officers and members of the public at the Cenotaph

(2) Commander Stirling Hamilton (the Commanding Officer) and Chief Petty Officer Herbert Hammond\* (the Coxswain) of submarine THISTLE about to lay a wreath



(3) Mr J Callendar, director and general manager of Vickers Armstrong Ltd about to lay a wreath

(4) Navy League Sea Cadets sounding 'The Last Post'.



\* CPO Herbert Hammond later died in the loss of HMS THISTLE which was torpedoed off Norway on 10th Apr 1940. One other casualty lost in HMS THETIS was also connected to the Shipyard at Barrow. He was Engineer Captain Stanley Jackson who was the Senior Engineering Officer on the staff of the Rear Admiral (Submarines) at Gosport. For the four years until 1935 he had been the Engineering Overseer for the Admiralty at the Vickers-Armstrong's works at Barrow

Barrie Downer

### Going for a Song

North Korea has apparently been building an improved version of its Song (Shark) class mini-sub. The 250 ton Sang is actually a coastal sub modified for special operations. The original design is a 34 meter (105 feet) long boat with a snorkel and a top submerged speed of 17 kilometers an hour when at periscope depth using the snorkel to run the diesel engines). Top surface speed is 13 kilometers an hour. Max diving depth is 150 meters (465 feet) and the boat is designed to rest on the ocean bottom (useful when trying to avoid enemy search). There is a crew of 15, plus either six scuba swimmer commandos, or a dozen men who can go ashore in an inflatable boat. Some Songs have two or four torpedo tubes.

Max endurance is about eight days. The new model is 39 meters (121 feet) long and is believed to have a max submerged speed of 27 kilo meters an hour. Over 40 Songs have been built so far, and one was captured by South Korea when it ran aground in 1996. At least half a dozen are of the new model.

North Korea has a fleet of over 80 mini-subs, plus about 24 older Russian type conventional boats (based on late-World War II German designs, as adapted for Russian service as the Whiskey and Romeo class). China helped North Korea set up its own submarine building operation, which included building some of the large Romeo class subs. North Korea got the idea for minisubs from Russia, which has had them for decades. North Korea has developed several mini-sub designs, most of them available to anyone with the cash to pay.



#### WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Submarine Officers Association  
 March 2011  
 Richard Barklie Lakin DSO, DSC  
 Lieutenant Commander  
 Aged 96  
 Submarine Service from 1936  
 Narwhal, Ursula, Upright, H43(CO)  
 Ursula (CO) & Safari (CO)

Australia Branch  
 Lapsed  
 March 2011  
 A (Bert) Senior  
 Petty Officer (LTO)  
 P/SSX 17185  
 Aged 92

WWII Submarine Service  
 H28, Vengeful & Turpin

Australia Branch  
 Lapsed  
 March 2011  
 R (Ray) Smith  
 Leading Seaman  
 P/JX 175797  
 Aged 87

WWII Submarine Service  
 Otway, Vitality, U2502 & Turpin



#### Dolphin Branch &

Submarine Officers Association  
 March 2011  
 C A (Colin) Buchanan  
 Captain  
 Aged 69  
 Submarine Service 1957-1982  
 Porpoise, Taciturn, Tabard  
 Opportune (1L), Cachalot(CO)  
 Courageous (CO), CDR SM3  
 Captain SM3

Dolphin Branch  
 4th March 2011  
 D (Des) Radwell  
 Signalman  
 C/SSX 35222  
 Aged 89

Submarine Service 1942-1950  
 Oberon, Taurus, Sceptre, Statesman  
 Solent, Tabard, Templar, Sturdy  
 Trespasser

Non Member  
 March 2011

J T ( John) Tweddle

Portsmouth Branch  
 (Lapsed)  
 March 2011

R M (Jack) Frost  
 LMEM  
 Aged 63

Submarine Service 1973-1984  
 Finwhale & Opportune

Medway Towns Branch  
 (Lapsed)  
 March 2011

M (Paddy) Prenter  
 Chief EL Mech  
 Aged 64

Submarine Service  
 Dreadnought, Valiant,  
 Warspite(Twice) & Conqueror

*Lord these departed shipmates  
 with Dolphins on their chest are  
 part of an outfit known as the best.  
 Make them welcome and take  
 them by the hand you'll find with-  
 out they are the best in the land.  
 So Heavenly father add their  
 names to the roll of our departed  
 shipmates still on patrol let them  
 know that we who survive will  
 always keep there memories  
 alive.*



**Smart put downs**

It was mealtime during a flight on a British Airways plane:

"Would you like dinner?" the flight attendant asked the man seated in the front row. "What are my choices?" the man asked. "Yes or no," she replied.

A lady was picking through the frozen Chickens at a Woolworths store but she couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a passing assistant, "Do these Chickens get any bigger?"

The assistant replied, "I'm afraid not, they're dead."

A lorry driver was driving along on a country road. A sign came up that read "Low Bridge Ahead." Before he realised it, the bridge was directly ahead and he got stuck under it.

Cars were backed up for miles. Finally, a police car arrived.

The policeman got out of his car and walked to the lorry's cab and said to the driver, "Got stuck, eh?" The lorry driver said, "No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of diesel!"



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## Members Birthdays

J. Dalton	01/04
T. Rawbone	02/04
A. Hookway	02/04
W. Lorking	03/04
S. Taylor	08/04
D. Lowe	09/04
R. Anderson	10/04
R. Hiseman	12/04
A. Pitts	15/04
J. Hart	18/04
S. May	18/04
D. Dunford	19/04
D. Baker	23/04
G. Buxton	24/04
I. Winstanley	28/04
J. Houlding	29/04
M. Freeman	30/04



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Constructive suggestions about the news letter are very welcome. The news letter will be published in the last week of each month IE last week of April for the May 2011 issue please try and have any information with me by the **15th of each month**. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition.

## Social Calendar 2011

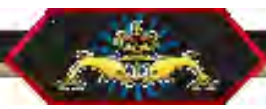
### April

5th April Annual General Meeting 1930 RBL  
 19th April Branch Committee Meeting 1930 RBL  
 24th April St Georges day Parade Barrow

### May

3rd May Monthly Meeting 2000 RBL  
 13th May Annual Dinner Dance Lisdoonie 1930  
 17th May Branch Committee Meeting 1930 RBL  
 28th May Magennis Dinner W/E





# Solve the submarine wordsquare

We hope you enjoyed last month's wordsquare.

If any of it proved tricky, the solution is at the foot of the page. This month we have a wordsquare based on Royal Navy vessels which took part in the Falklands conflict.

If you have any comments or suggestions on how our puzzles can be improved or developed, drop an email to Bill Myers at [bill.myers@nwemail.co.uk](mailto:bill.myers@nwemail.co.uk)

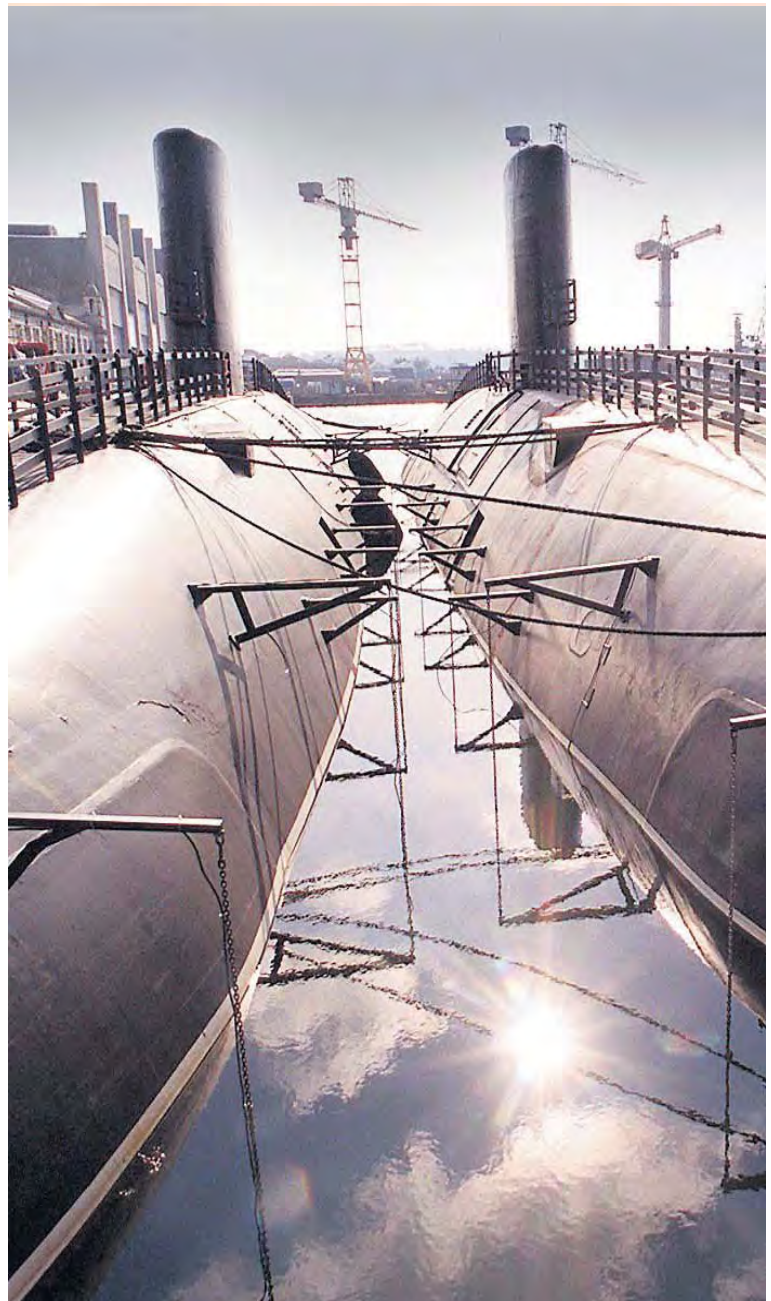
## CLUES

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| 2. COURAGEOUS | 8. INVINCIBLE   |
| 3. COVENTRY   | 9. HECLA        |
| 4. SHEFFIELD  | 10. HERALD      |
| 5. VALIANT    | 11. ONYX        |
| 6. HYDRA      | 12. LEDBURY     |

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L	S	S	H	E	F	F	I	E	L	D	E
B	V	U	N	N	A	H	U	C	R	O	L
I	A	O	A	I	Y	N	O	O	R	A	T
C	L	E	E	D	B	H	R	V	T	T	S
N	I	G	R	O	P	E	O	E	H	E	A
I	A	A	E	L	U	C	B	N	I	U	C
V	N	R	O	Q	R	L	E	T	N	O	S
N	T	U	N	R	E	A	R	R	G	U	D
I	E	O	N	Y	X	L	B	Y	H	A	E
S	C	C	L	L	D	L	A	R	E	H	E
G	H	E	T	I	Y	R	U	B	D	E	L

Last month's wordsquare solution (below)

H	C	J	A	Y	E	O	J	K	I	G	S
O	S	P	O	I	T	A	L	I	F	R	A
N	R	E	N	N	A	T	U	G	A	O	R
L	V	N	A	I	J	N	O	L	R	A	E
Y	E	N	E	R	B	G	L	N	T	T	B
A	R	Y	N	O	P	O	O	Q	H	E	E
M	N	O	E	L	D	T	B	J	I	U	L
S	R	D	O	F	R	Y	E	K	N	O	M
I	B	P	L	R	E	D	R	I	G	U	S
L	E	A	S	D	V	L	B	U	H	A	I
S	H	I	L	L	I	N	G	D	O	N	H
G	H	E	T	I	F	R	Y	D	T	U	T



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