



Association Newsletter, June 2020

EDITORIAL

In these challenging times we hope that all of you are managing to keep safe. Many of us can reflect upon our childhood times when we had to retreat into air raid shelters at zero notice, not forgetting to take our gas masks! Tragic though the current situation is, we at least can rest in the knowledge that a bomb dropping through our roof is somewhat unlikely!

In this edition I have included a request from SANO member Peter Burgess relating to the history of the wartime submarine HMS UNA. If you have any knowledge of this submarine please let me know and then I will be able to put you into contact with Peter. I have also included a copy of a letter published in *The Daily Telegraph* by our member Peter Mulleneux. The letter was edited by the newspaper, but the full edition is to be found on our website, AOB Page, using the link: <http://www.sussexnavy.org/aob/>

SANO EVENTS UPDATE

In light of HMG instructions/guidance, all planned SANO events prior to the Trafalgar Night Dinner are cancelled. EC's current intention is for the Trafalgar Night Dinner and November Lecture/lunch to take place as planned, on Saturday 24 October and Saturday 28 November respectively. The AGM will be co-scheduled with the Lecture/lunch. Watch this space for further updates.

OBITUARIES

Commander Roger Bailey RD JP RNR

Roger Bailey joined HMS SUSSEX in 1971 as a Marine Engineer. He became an enthusiastic member of the Division, serving progressively as ME Divisional Officer, NBCD Training Officer, Junior Officers & CW Training Officer, concluding as Training Officer before retiring from the RNR in 1992. As well as playing a large part in the activities of the Division, Roger made a major contribution to developing NBCD documentation in Mine Warfare vessels for which he received a Herbert Lott Award. In his civilian career he worked at the University of Sussex, becoming Estate Manager, with responsibility for the physical estate, before taking early retirement. He also served as a JP and magistrate, at first in Lewes, then in Brighton.

Canon Beaumont L Brandie MBE BD SCC RNR

It is with much regret that we announce the death of The Rev Canon Beaumont Lauder Brandie MBE SSC RNR (always known affectionately as 'Beau') at the age of 79. Beau was a very devout Christian and for many years was Padre to Sussex Division of the RNR. He was a high churchman and for his work with the Society of the Sacred Cross he was awarded the MBE. He was sometime National Chaplain of the Sea Cadet Corps.



PETER JUKES (COMMITTEE MEMBER, VENUES) RESEARCHES DURING LOCKDOWN



A pastime during self-isolation has been to re-examine family papers recounting military service during WW2. My father was the eldest of 3 brothers who held commissions in each of the 3 services, my father in the Army (in the RASC), the next brother Leo in the RAF (a commissioned air gunner with Bomber Command) and Ivor, the youngest, a pre-war purser with P&O who joined the RNR before transfer to the Royal Indian Navy .

While still in the RIN early in 1946 Ivor recounts sailing into Bombay having taken passage on board the sloop HMIS NARBADA, the flagship of the RIN; he says:

“On the morning of arrival I went to the wardroom for breakfast to find no-one there, so sat in the anteroom. A few minutes later the first lieutenant clattered down the companion way, announced that the ship’s company had mutinied, and retired up the ladder. I collected my cap and went to the quarterdeck as an ammunition lighter approached from ahead. Thinking the mutiny would not yet be known about, I beckoned it alongside and ordered that I be taken to the Gateway of India from where I walked up the steps to take breakfast in the Royal Bombay Yacht Club!”

Ivor was subsequently a prosecutor in the trial of the CPO held to be the ringleader of the mutiny; the sentence was the death penalty. Later, prior to Mountbatten’s arrival in India as the last Viceroy, that post was held by Field Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck, to whose staff Ivor was appointed as Naval Secretary. Some years after the war he had occasion to seek an employment reference from “Auk” and took the opportunity to enquire why the death sentence had been rescinded to discharge with ignominy. “Nehru wouldn’t allow it” was the brief reply.

After leaving the RIN, Ivor was commissioned in the RAF, with whom he saw further sea service on board an RAF-administered troopship. He was later adjutant of the RAF College, Cranwell, and his gravestone also records his commissioned service in the Australian Army. A varied life!

HMS UNA, REQUEST FROM PETER BURGESS (SANO MEMBER)

HMS UNA was a wartime submarine funded by contributions from residents of Horsham. Apparently there was enough left over to buy a spitfire as well. The crest and her bell are held by Horsham Sea Cadets, but the CO is researching her history including how the money was raised etc. Obviously a lot of research has been done via the internet, but it is just possible someone in SANO may know something about her. Would it be possible to ask for any local information in the next newsletter please?



NAME THE CLASS OF SUBMARINE



(a)



(b)



(c)

Clue: Three letters will assist you in the solution! Q. Which three?

LETTER TO THE *DAILY TELEGRAPH* FROM PETER MULLENEUX

‘Sir

We should remember with gratitude the fact that, following the passing in 1807 of an Act of Parliament banning the slave trade, the Royal Navy carried out anti-slavery patrols off the west and east coasts of Africa, as well as off the Arabian Peninsula (where, incidentally, slavery had been practised for centuries)’.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

NO EVENTS ARE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED PRIOR TO THE TRAFALGAR NIGHT
DINNER - SEE NOTICE ABOVE

WEBSITE - MEMBERS ONLY PAGE

From time to time there may be features specifically relating to members which would not be necessarily in the general interest. To that end there is a Members Only page, the password to which will appear in the full version of newsletters and be available from the [Webmaster](#).

TAILPIECE

‘I never put off till tomorrow what I can possibly do-the day after’ (Oscar Wilde)

Best wishes,

Bob