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All Correspondence to be addressed to the Secretary July 2008

Minutes and Report of the MGM held at the 'Flying Angel Club' Fremantle. Wednesday. July 9th 2008.

The meeting was declared open by our President at 1200 with our customary "Pussers" toast,"To Absent Friends

17 members attending with apologies from :-
Brian Vine, John Meek, Buster Keating and Bill Lee.

Presidents Report

A very good meeting and well attended. Glad to see David Gilbertson and to know he is handling his illness so well. Also Ric Tallowin – We appreciate the effort it must take for you to attend meetings Ric and I personally thank you for it. Mick Hanlon is well on the way to sorting out the Book of photographs and newspaper cuttings which Mike Pearson sourced some years ago. For those who have not seen it – it's a mammoth book with more than a thousand photographs - many dating from WW1 and when Mick has finished what is a mammoth task I'm sure it will be of great interest to all of us.

Had a couple of birthdays – two of our most important and well thought of members hit ninety years. Congratulations to Max Shean and our Vice--President Colin Douglas-Smith.

Our annual lunch at the Air Force Club at Bullcreek was attended by 27 members and partners. Fortunately our regular guests – Jean and Vera – managed to make it. We rely on them to run the raffle!! Made 96 dollars and we tipped the waitress \$20 of that – very much appreciated.

Tom was a very worthy recipient of the Charles Costeur Trophy for 2008. As you are all aware Tom stepped into the role of Secretary without any sort of handover – this made it doubly difficult . Mike left huge footprints and to take the job on must have seemed daunting.

This years Presidents Award I gave to Ivor – again someone who always puts his hand up – and this was a measure of appreciation for his service to our Branch.

Yours aye.
Alan Jameson.

Secretaries Report

The Minutes of the June meeting as promulgated in the newsletter were proposed and accepted by Ivor & Rick
My apologies are once more due for the lateness of distribution of this newsletter, computer problems and hosting visitors.

I would like to thank the members for the honour of being this years recipient of 'The Charles Costeur' Trophy and share the kudos with the many members who help make The Association the grand gathering of comraradie that it is.

Thanks go to July contributors for the newsletter, Taff Renshaw, picture of 'Nigger' Bill Lee for his jokes and Ken Read for the excerpts from Navy Report.

Tom Oates
Secretary



We Will Remember Them

It is our sad duty to inform you that the following members are on 'Eternal Patrol'

Reported in August 2008

Carter, J.D. (Nick) 87. C.R.S. COLCHESTER. WWII Submariner. Submarine Service: 1940-1953. Served in: Cachalot, Thrasher, Supreme, Sea Nymph, Alderney, Tantalus, Sea Scout, Sidon, Trenchant, Talent.

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Batchelor, R.C. (Roger) 63. WO (RS) DOLPHIN. Submarine Service: 1962-1987 Served in: Aurochs (62-63) Finwhale (63-64) Valiant (67-70) Repulse (S) 70) Otter (72-73) Revenge (P) (73-76) Sceptre (83-85).

Corner, F.R. (Jan) 70 F.C.P.O. MEM DOLPHIN Served in: Subtle Narwhal Turpin

Astute Alliance Valiant Churchill

Hall, J.W. (James) ----- LONDON-

Rabbidge, P.H. (Philip) 90 Lt(E) WWII Submariner. S/M Service: 1941-?? Served in: -Thorn, Parthian, Rorqual Ambush

Ramage, R.S. (Bob) 71 M(E)1 Served in: -Taciturn Artful Scotsman Solent

Skilling, A.F. (Arthur) 86 C.P.O. SM MIDDLESEX WWII Submariner. S/M Service: -1940-1948. Served in: -Oberon Telemachus Strongbow Shalimar

Small, E.P. (Sam) ----- L/Sto NEW ZEALAND WWII Submariner. S/M Service: 1943-1945 Served in: - P556 Seraph. Tudor, D. (Dave) 83 Lt/Cdr (RCN) SAOC WEST Served in: - Trump Toledo Solent

Alcide Tantivy Sea Scout Seneschal Tudor

Troup, A. (Sir Anthony) 86 Vice-Admiral. WWII Submariner. Served in: -H32 Strongbow Turbulent

From: SAOC West
Ahoy All,

Sad news of the July 2nd passing of SAOC West member Dave Tudor, in North Saanich BC.

Born in Edmonton in 1926, Dave joined the Royal Navy from Calgary in 1942, and signed on with the Canadian Navy in 1956. Initially a communicator by trade, Dave eventually rose to the rank of LCDR in the Canadian Navy. Dave was awarded medals for 1939/45 service in Burma, France & Germany SVals, as well as the Pacific Clasp, War Medal, and M.M.M. He qualified in submarines in August 1946, and sailed in HMS/M's Talent, Trump, Toledo, Solent, Alcide, Tantive, Sea Scout, Seneschal, and Tudor. From 1956 to 1980 while serving in the RCN/CF, Dave sailed in Canadian Submarines Grilse & Ojibwa.

. Dave Tudor .. Submariner .. We Shall Remember Him .."

Vice-Admiral Sir Anthony Troup:
Wartime Submariner |

Vice-Admiral Sir Anthony Troup. KCB. DSC* was the youngest British naval officer to command a submarine in the Second World War. Joining the Navy in May 1939, he served in the cruiser Cornwall on the China station and on return qualified as a submariner. He gained experience operating in home waters in Trident until September 1941 when he joined the newly built Turbulent, arriving in the Mediterranean in January 1942.

Turbulent was commanded by the celebrated Commander "Tubby" Linton, one of the most outstanding submarine captains of the Mediterranean campaign. The first half of 1942 was a disaster for British forces with losses both of submarines and valuable capital ships, the retreat of the Eighth Army towards Cairo and the loss of the command of the sea in the central Mediterranean. Submarines were forced out of Malta by bombing and their depot ship Medway was sunk by a U-boat. At the nadir of operations, Turbulent was one of only three submarines at sea. As Linton's second-in-command, Troup was mentioned in dispatches and awarded the DSC for

his part in several successful war patrols. He left Turbulent to undertake the commanding officers' selection course in March 1943 just before Turbulent failed to return to base, later believed sunk with all hands in an Italian anti-submarine minefield off Sardinia.

Times Archive, 1943: Naval Awards For bravery and devotion to duty in successful patrols in HMS Turbulent: Lt J. A. R. Troup, RN. As one of Linton's "prodigies", Troup passed the CO's course and in June 1943, was appointed in command of the submarine H32. His age at that time was 21 years and ten months. H32 was used for training in UK waters.

In September Troup was appointed captain of the newly built Strongbow. Arriving at Trincomalee, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), in July 1944, Strongbow carried out several patrols in the Malacca Strait against Japanese shipping, often boarding junks with demolition charges, sinking other shipping with torpedoes or gunfire and landing agents. The Japanese were not finished yet and inflicted several losses on British submarines. In January 1945 Strongbow was caught near Port Swettenham by four anti-submarine vessels and badly battered by depth charges that caused leaks in propeller shaft glands, numerous pipe fractures, damaged air compressors, misalignment of the foreplanes and a loosening of engine mounting bolts. Strongbow survived these attacks, subsiding on to the seabed,

As was ascertained by Troup after the war in correspondence with the Japanese officer in charge of the operation, Commander Tetsunoke Moriama, after eight hours and several attacks Strongbow had been adjudged sunk. After some time, Troup was able to surface, steer towards a known Japanese minefield, where she would be least expected, and eventually limp back to base. From there she had to return to the UK for repairs. Troup was awarded a bar to his DSC. After the war Troup commanded three further submarines and was promoted to Commander in 1953. In 1956 he was appointed second-in-command of the carrier Victorious, which was emerging from refit with the Royal Navy's first angled deck, essential for fast jet-aircraft operations. This was followed by appointment as naval assistant to the First Sea Lord and promotion to Captain. Troup then commanded a

submarine squadron in Scotland, followed by the role of Captain of the Fleet, an ancient title with important responsibilities for the welfare, discipline and morale of all seagoing officers and ratings.

After a tour in command of the amphibious assault ship Intrepid in the Far East, he was promoted to Rear-Admiral and appointed Flag Officer Sea Training,

October 31, 1971, was the last day of the the Anglo-Malaysian Defence Agreement. On that day the remnants of Britain's Far East fleet steamed past Rear-Admiral Troup, its last commander, in salute off Singapore.

Promoted to vice-admiral, Troup was appointed Flag Officer Submarines in 1972. His final tour, from 1974 to 1977, was Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, Troup was appointed KCB in 1975.

In 1978 he became vice-chairman and group managing director of the shipbuilder Vosper Thornycroft and from 1979 to 1988 defence adviser to the systems software consultancy Scicon International. He was president of the Submarine Old Comrades Association, His first marriage was dissolved in 1952. In 1953 he married Cordelia Hope who survives him with two sons and a daughter of the first marriage and two sons and a daughter of the second.

Vice-Admiral Sir Anthony Troup, KCB, DSC and Bar, Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, 1974-77, was born on July 18, 1921. He died on July 8, 2008, aged 86.

Treasurers Report

<u>Cheque account</u> carried forward	\$1917. 52
Credits	<u>\$ 25. 43</u>
	\$1942 .95
Debits	<u>\$ 418. 35</u>
Balance =	<u>\$1524. 60</u>
<u>Welfare account</u> =	<u>\$4962. 33</u>
<u>Balance Total</u> =	<u>\$6486. 93</u>

Geoff Arnold.

Treasurer

Statement of account is available to members on application to Secretary.

Welfare Report

It was good to see John Crisford at the Annual Dinner, he wasn't going to pass up his duff for any O.D.

Peter Ray was well on the mend after nearly a week P7r with the flue and is to be congratulated on his presentation award from SAA for his contributions to their association.

Jim Appleton has undergone a cataract removal operation, we hope it was successful and wish him well.

Mick Hanlon is much improved healthwise and is having a holiday in the UK during August..

Elizabeth Major has recently had a bronchoscopy, we pray that the outcome was good.

Ken Read. Welfare North.

Coming Events

October 5th (NSW Long Week-end)
4th S/m Sqdn & SA Australia Branch
Annual Reunion. HMAS. Penguin.

October 26th (Sunday) 1030
Annual Periscope Memorial Service.
Monument Hill. High St. Fremantle

November 24th
Branch Christmas Lunch
'Bentley Pines'
TAFE Bentley

March 28th 2009
S.A. National Conference
Bangor. Northern Ireland.

September. 2009.
International Submariners Assoc'
Annual Conference. San Diego. USA.

Further details of the above events are available from the Secretary on request.

From: [Ken Read](#)

Subject: Excerpt from RN Report July

This report by Rowland Manning Smith in NSW may contain some useful fillers for the newsletter. Rowland was a former RN S/M Coxn and later a Lt Cdr (RAN) He was 'Jimmy' in HMAS STIRLING some years ago, and you may remember he made the Wardroom available for a couple of SOCA(WA) socials

Regards aye

Ken READ

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION. MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2008. Excerpt.

Shipmates,

.A successful Submarine rescue exercise involving NATO Navies and for the first time Russia, has recently been completed. Considerable progress has been made in ensuring that all Submarines have a common fitting on the escape hatch which will accommodate the Rescue vehicles of those few Nations which have this capacity. The Royal Navy is currently replacing its existing Rescue vehicle with a state of the art vessel capable of being deployed by air to any area of the world.

Finally you will all be delighted to know that the Royal Navy no longer has any Chefs. They have been replaced by Logisticians (Catering services) (Preparation)

Today's Irish joke

Mick met Paddy in the street and said, 'Paddy, will you draw your bedroom curtains before making love to your wife in future?'

'Bejaysus Why?' Paddy asked.

'Because,' said Mick, 'the whole street was laughing when they saw you making love yesterday.'

Paddy said, 'Stupid bastards, the laugh's on them ... I wasn't home yesterday.'

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard; I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of.

He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head; he then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep.

An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar: 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar: 'He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 - he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?'

'Nigger' 2006

