We are approaching the end of the grace period for renewal of the annual dues (April 30, 2014) and we have still a fair number of members to be heard from. Please bear in mind that our dues are our main source of income and that the sooner that we receive the said dues, the sooner we may lay out our budget for the current fiscal year.

Guest Speaker: Our March General Meeting will feature Commander George Borgal with a presentation on Battle of the Atlantic Place. This is the massive project that will be on the waterfront with the placing of HMCS Sackville high and dry as the feature. There are too many details to cover them properly here, so your attendance at the meeting will be very interesting and extremely informative. This will allow you to be an authority as to the progress of the project. A good turnout is expected for this occasion.

Editor’s Note: If and when we have an error in our statistics in C and A, we attempt to correct them no matter as to the length of time that it may take. Please bear in mind that we format our information from the records that we have on hand, and as they not be viable, we appreciate and respect any corrections that we receive. One such occasion has occurred recently when we missed that fact that Harold Moody celebrated his 95th birthday in his new residence in Annapolis Royal Nursing Home in Annapolis Royal, NS.

Quote of the Month: Growing old beats the alternative of dying young.
## Sick & Visiting Committee Report

**Chair – Albert Bishop (902) 469-2829**

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- Carmen Olsen - 3224

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- Annie Cormier - 4429

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Truro, NS 14-01-14

Shirley Soucy (wife of Gerald) 89
17-01-14

John T. McCleod 79 C2AT
Dartmouth, NS 22-01-14

For though from out our bourn of time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

-Alfred, Lord Tennyson

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Charter, Ordinary, Affiliate and Life Members 610
Honorary Members 14
Miscellaneous Members 17
Total Membership 641

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Part of the Bangor Class construction program of 1940-41, HMCS Esquimalt was built by Marine Industries Ltd. of Sorel, Quebec, and commissioned there in October 1942. Her machinery proved to be a problem and the necessity of effecting repairs to her diesel engines kept her out of service for several months after which she served with Newfoundland Force. In the fall of 1944 she was transferred to Halifax.

In the course of carrying out a routine anti-submarine patrol in the harbour approaches early in the morning of 16 April 1945, the ship was struck in the stern by an acoustic homing torpedo fired by the German submarine U 190.

Perhaps lulled into a sense of ease by the news of the imminent German collapse in Europe, Esquimalt was observing none of the standard security measures that were mandatory for vessels operating in those waters. She was not zig zagging as required, she was not streaming her CAAT gear, developed specifically to deflect attacks from German “Gnat” acoustic torpedoes, and she had even turned off her (admittedly obsolete) radar. No-one on board even seemed aware that the ASDIC had in fact picked up a contact.

Below the surface the crew of U 190 was sure that they had been located. When Esquimalt suddenly turned and headed directly towards their periscope they were convinced that an attack was being made. The German CO swung his boat about and fired off one Gnat torpedo from a stern tube, expecting that it was fired too close to have any effect, as he desperately attempted to get clear of the perceived danger.

The torpedo hit the minesweeper on the starboard side aft. The stern was split wide open and the quarterdeck was peeled back like a piece of tin. The 162-foot long minesweeper immediately began to sink by the stern heeling heavily to starboard.

From the time of impact to when the ship disappeared below the Atlantic the crew had only three minutes to escape. Tragically, 28 Canadian sailors never left the Esquimalt. Fortunately, there was time to release four Carley floats from their racks before the minesweeper went down. Even though they had survived the sinking itself, the ordeal for 42 survivors had only begun. They were left to fight the bitter cold of the water and the chill of a spring wind. No one ashore was aware that they had been torpedoed.

At around noon—they had been in the water for six hours by then—HMCS Sarnia came upon the survivors. By this time, there were only 26 men left alive, 16 having succumbed to hypothermia and their injuries. Less than a month later the Battle of the Atlantic was all over. A monument to HMCS Esquimalt and her crew was constructed in front of the Municipal Hall in Esquimalt, BC. On 16 April 1985, the fortieth anniversary of the ship’s loss, Frank Smith, a surviving crewman and President of the HMCS Esquimalt Memorial

Edited by Gaylord Kingston

**HMCS Esquimalt**

*Royal Canadian Navy*

**Namesake:** Township of Esquimalt

**Builder:** Marine Industries Ltd.

**Laid down:** 20 December 1940

**Launched:** 8 August 1941

**Commissioned:** 26 October 1942

**Honours and awards:**

- Gulf of St. Lawrence

**Fate:** Sunk 16 April 1945

**General characteristics**

- **Class and type:** Bangor Class Minesweeper
- **Displacement:** 592 tons
- **Length:** 162 feet (49 m)
- **Beam:** 28 feet (8.5 m)
- **Draught:** 8.3 feet (2.5 m)
- **Propulsion:** Twin shaft, 2 9-cyl H&W diesel engines, 2,400 bhp (1,800 kW)
- **Speed:** 16 knots (30 km/h)
- **Complement:** 71
- **Armament:**
  - 1 x QF 12 pounder (3 inch / 76 mm) gun
  - 1 x QF 2 pounder (40 mm) guns
  - 2 x QF 20 mm Oerlikon guns
  - 2 x Mk.II DC throwers, 4 x DC rails, 40 depth charges

**HMCS Esquimalt (J272) was a Bangor Class**

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**Two Reasons Why It’s So Hard To Solve A Redneck Murder:**

1. The DNA all matches.
2. There are no dental records.
On 11 May 1945, three days after VE Day, U 190 surrendered to a Canadian Liberator LRPA at sea. Escorting into Bay Bulls, NF, the submarine was taken over by the Canadian authorities. Manned with a combined British and Canadian crew HMCS U 190 was commissioned in the RCN for a victory cruise and technical evaluation. From records found on board she was proven to have been the submarine that sank Esquimalt. Shortly after her surrender U 190 was officially given to Canada for disposal.

On a choppy Trafalgar Day, 21 October 1947, a miniature fleet sailed from Halifax on an exercise called “Operation Scuppered”. The intent was to sink the U boat in the vicinity of her last victim, HMCS Esquimalt. To make the target obvious the submarine had been painted yellow with red stripes down her flanks. Right on 11:00, Fireflies from the RCN’s Air Section attacked U 190. The aircraft dove in succession firing rockets at the target, sinking the U-boat and stealing everyone else’s thunder. A mere 19 minutes into the exercise the bows of U 190 rose high out of the water as she sank into the deep Atlantic.

Still flying Admiral Nelson's famous signal of “Engage the enemy more closely,” a frustrated HMCS Nootka fired off a salvo from her six 4.7” guns at a white swirl of water. Disappointed at not having had their crack at the “last enemy,” the ships took station on the flagship and returned to Halifax. “Operation Scuppered” had been something of an anti-climax.

A Nova Scotia Love Story

Alan and Sandra lived at Peggy’s Cove, Nova Scotia.

It was early winter and the lower portion of the cove had frozen over. Alan asked Sandra if she would walk across the frozen part of the cove to the general store and get him some smokes and beer.

She asked him for some money but he told her, "Nah, just put it on our tab. Old man Stacey won't mind."

So Sandra, being the good wife, walked across the ice, got the smokes and beer at the store and then walked back home across the cove.

When she got home with the items she said, "Alan, you always tell me not to run up the tab at Stacey’s store. Why didn't you just give me some money?"

Alan replied, "Well, Sandra, I didn't want to send you out there with cash when I wasn't sure how thick the ice was!"

A love story like this almost brings tears to my eyes.

Canada Wins!

1 picture equals.....
Honour Roll of Age - Happy Birthday To All Concerned

Members 90 years and over that age and ladies will have an honourary place in the Golden Memories article.

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Days of Yore

March 26 1941 - HMCS Otter. fire. 19 lost
March 17 1945 - HMCS Guysborough, torpedoed, 51 lost
March 17 1965 - St. Patty’s Day celebrated 1st Quebec City
March 6 1834 - Toronto incorporated (Leafs losing streak starts)
March 16 1843 - Victoria founded
March 31 1949 - Canada joins Newfoundland in Confederation
April 29, 1944 - HMCS Athabaskan torpedoed, 128 lost, 83 Taken as POW
April 16, 1945 - HMCS Esquimalt torpedoed, 44 lost
April 21, 1789 - Mutiny aboard HMS Bounty
April 21, 1918 - Canadian Roy Brown shoots down the Red Baron
April 7, 1948 - HMCS Magnificent commissioned
April 4, 1949 - Canada joins NATO
### Golden Memories

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Bottom right: Corps de Ballet in action.

Bottom left: Gordon Anderson, afghan recipient