I am continually harping, at General Meetings and whenever the opportunity presents itself, about the requirement for volunteers from the Association for the few occasions that they are required. Unfortunately, it has fallen on deaf ears recently. I can take into account that during the summer months many are away at cottages, etc., but with so few people going south for the Winter, I would hope that there would time available to those who would care to assist the Association in the few projects that we are concerned with. It takes such a little amount of your time to participate that it is difficult for me to understand why it is that the same people make the same effort all the time. It is particularly necessary that we have a few more people to assist at our Veterans nights in person and with the ‘goodies’ that we provide for them. It takes place on the 4th. Saturday of each month, 700 – 800 PM at Camp Hill and, as I always say, it is your presence that the veterans enjoy and look forward to so very much. Please give a call if you are available.

Our first concern is for our veterans located at VMH and other establishments throughout the country. Our Sick and Visiting committees can use some volunteers to assist the present members who carry the load now. Albert Bishop, who heads the Committee, can certainly utilize anyone willing to spend a little time for the welfare of our veterans, even if it is just to make a few ‘phone calls to show our veterans and members that the Association cares for them. Our other Chairpersons, throughout the country can use assistance also. It only takes a call to them, listed in C and A in order to avail yourself to the cause.

Guest speakers will be CPOs (Retd.) Fred Rideout and Peter Lewis of the Joint Personnel Support Unit.
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**LAST POST**

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William Backewich 80 C2ER
Lower Sackville 08 01 10

Britt Deedo 95 CPO
Halifax 11 01 10

Larry Mandy 80 C1RP
Dartmouth 26 08 09

Joseph "Fizz' Butler 81 C2WS
Lower Sackville 25 01 10

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

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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

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**MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS**

Total Membership – 780

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I remember that morning well. It was Guy Fawkes Day in the year 1914. Invincible, our ship, was lying in harbor, and we were all feeling anything but invincible. Two days before, the Germans had shelled Yarmouth, England, and had managed to return to their own ports safely.

That was bad enough, but the morning's newspaper brought us worse news. The German admiral, von Spee, had fought a battle in the Pacific Ocean, and had sunk three of our war ships. Only one of them, Glasgow, had escaped.

We had not much time, however, to think of this defeat; for we were ordered off to Devonport, where we were to take in stores without delay. We all knew that this meant a long cruise, but whither we were bound nobody could say.

An hour later we guessed that we were bound for the Southern Seas, and that we were going to fight von Spee. At once all our gloom vanished. We were in the highest spirits. Before long we knew that Admiral Sturdee was to command us.

For the next three days we worked as we had never worked before. At the end of the time all our stores were on board, and we were ready to sail. In Plymouth Sound we were joined by Inflexible, and away we rolled to the westward, through the darkness of a stormy night.

Soon the fogs and cold winds of the north gave way to bright, warm sunshine. We called at a certain island to coal, and then, continued our voyage across a summer sea.

On Saturday, 21st November, we were due to cross the equator, or the "line" as sailors call it. The evening before, we heard a loud voice from the sea shouting, "Ship ahoy!" The captain, who was on the bridge, made reply, "Ay,ay!" and in a minute or two King Neptune came on board.

He was a big fellow, with a flowing beard: and strange to say, though he had just come out of the sea, he was quite dry. As soon as he trod the deck he asked, "What ship is this?" On being told that it was His Majesty's ship Invincible, he said that he would visit us next day and make all those who were crossing the line for the first time his true subjects.

I haven't time to tell you fully what took place next day. King Neptune and his wife appeared, and gave the admiral and captain big Iron Crosses. Then every officer and man who had not before crossed the line had to come up to the Sea King in turn. I was amongst them, and I will tell you what happened to me.

I was seized and thrust into a chair, and my face was plastered with nasty-smelling soap. Then a man with a big wooden razor scraped it off, and I was tumbled backwards head over heels into a big bath, where I was dunked again and again.

I scrambled out and changed my clothes, and was proud to know that I was now a true subject of King Neptune. About noon the Sea King waved his hand, and said, "Away my bonny lads to the deep." Then the band struck up, and we saw no more of him. So ended a very jolly day.

All the time our engines were going "full speed" ahead. With every throb we were drawing nearer and nearer to the waters of the Southern Seas in which von Spee was sailing.

Early on the morning of 26th November we were joined by other ships. These were Carnarvon, Kent, Cornwall, Bristol, and Glasgow, as well as several others. I was much interested in Glasgow, for she was the ship which had escaped when von Spee had sent three of our vessels to the bottom.

One of our ships, Canopus, had not come up in time to take part in the battle, but had fallen in with Glasgow later on. A friend told me that she was now in the harbor to which we were bound.

By this time we knew that we were making for Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands. One of our officers told me that these islands are very cold and windy. At half-past ten on the morning of Monday, 7th December, we dropped anchor at Port Stanley.

Lying in the almost landlocked harbor we were quite hidden. No enemy could see our ships until he came quite close to the entrance. Then it would be too late for him to escape, for our ships were the fastest and most powerful in the Southern Seas.
A Touching and Compassionate Story

This is a tribute to one of our Association’s initiating members, the late Britt Deedo who crossed the bar January 11, 2010.

On November 30th, 2009 Cst Carly Doyle responded to a 911 mis-dialled call at 6287 Liverpool Street. This is the residence of Wilfred Deedo, a 94 year old WW11 veteran who lives alone and had never had a family of his own.

Upon arrival, Cst. Doyle noticed that Mr. Deedo was wearing an HMCS Iroquois shirt. Having served on the Iroquois herself prior to joining HRP, Cst. Doyle informed Mr. Deedo of what they had in common. Mr. Deedo had served on the original Iroquois as the head cook during WW11 and filled her in on his adventures.

Several days later, Cst. Doyle returned to Liverpool Street to check on Mr. Deedo and learned from another tenant that he had been admitted to hospital. Cst. Doyle tracked him down and paid him a visit.

Cst. Doyle then took the initiative of contacting representatives from the Iroquois and filled them in on Mr. Deedo and his current condition. They volunteered to send several members from the ship to visit Mr Deedo at his hospital bedside. On Tuesday December 8th, Cst. Doyle and members from the crew including the Captain, Executive officer, head cook and others stopped in on Mr. Deedo.

They presented him with several gifts from the Iroquois including a framed picture, shirt and other memorabilia. Needless to say Mr. Deedo was overwhelmed with emotion. Cst. Doyle also presented Mr. Deedo with gifts from HRP which he jokingly said he will wear in case he ever gets stopped by one of our members! Mr. Deedo then presented the Captain with a history book of military ships that he had owned for years.

Knowing that Mr. Deedo was alone and would likely spend Christmas in the hospital, Cst. Doyle had her son and his grade 4 classmates prepare Christmas cards for him. She made another visit to him in hospital and presented Mr. Deedo with over 50 cards made by children thanking him for his service and wishing him a Merry Christmas.

The crew of the Iroquois along with Cst. Doyle showed incredible compassion and caring. They undoubtably made a world of difference in the life of Mr. Deedo and should be recognized for going above and beyond.

Promotions

February 1960
Graham, Leith .............. LSNS
Hesson, Robert E ............. LSAW

Days of Yore

February 10, 1942:
HMCS Spikenard torpedoed, 57 lost
February 6, 1943
HMCS Louisburg aircraft attack, 38 lost
February 22, 1943
HMCS Weyburn mined, 7 lost
February 14, 1945
MTBs 459, 461, 465, 466, fire, 28 lost
February 22, 1945
HMCS Trentonian torpedoed, 6 lost
February 23, 1893
1st. Stanley Cup awarded to Montreal AAA
February 1958
AB Yvon Brunet and brother share Mr. Canada title
February 15, 1965
The White Ensign flies no more
February 1, 1968
Unification takes place.
A Matelot's
Farewell to His Tot
Submitted by Scotty

You soothed my nerves and warmed my heart,
and calmed my tired limbs
Procured my wants, obliged my whims,
but now it's time to part

Mid endless peril of the deep, and miseries untold
You summoned sweet forgetful sleep, Cocooned me from
the cold.
Ten Years ago the "Pound of Leaf", that cast "it's" fragrant
spell
About the ship expired in grief, and sadness of farewell
The guests may find the Pantry bare, when e'er they choose
to come
Your hospitality was always there .... A Tot of Pusser's Rum

Two hundred years and more you filled, the storm tossed
sailor's need
Now you're killed by spite, distilled by jealousy and greed
And petty clerks with scrawny necks, who never felt a wave
Nor felt the spray,nor heaving decks consign you to your
grave
Alas ! However I protest, to save myself from hurt.
They tell me it's for the best, to keep us all alert.
And so the time has come old friend to take the final sup
Our tears are shed .... this is the end ..... Goodby .... and Botcrams Up !!!
Life Explained

On the first day, God created the dog and said: 'Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years.'

The dog said: 'That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?'

So God agreed.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said: 'Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span.'

The monkey said: 'Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the Dog did?'

And God agreed.

On the third day, God created the cow and said: 'You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years.'

The cow said: 'That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?'

And God agreed again.

On the fourth day, God created man and said: 'Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years.'

But man said: 'Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?'

'Okay,' said God, 'You asked for it.'

So that is why for our first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

Honour Roll of Age
(Happy Birthday To All Concerned)
February 2010

Alfred Boucher 83 Dartmouth 07-10
Yvon Brunet 75 Halifax 19-10
Alex Burroughford 76 Lower Sackville 01-10
Bernie Cassidy 81 Halifax 07-10
Al Clements 81 Dartmouth 16-10
George Crawley 79 Dartmouth 28-10
Cecil Cruickshank 87 Falmouth 25-10
Jim Cummings 71 Halifax 28-10
Bill Degen 82 Dartmouth 04-10
Peter, Doherity 71 Lakefield, ON 06-10
William Dutchak 82 Halifax 14-10
Alex Gillespie 77 Dartmouth 15-10
Bill Giroux 83 Windsor, ON 19-10
Phillip Godfrey 72 Kingston, NB 12-10
Leith Graham 75 Dartmouth 22-10
Bob Haddow 73 Dartmouth 27-10
Richard Halliday 74 Bridgewater 21-10
RJ Hamilton 77 Mahone Bay 27-10
Pat Hanlon 71 Frankville, NS 06-10
Fred Harris 80 Elliot Lake, ON 11-10
Fred Jewer 89 Dartmouth 15-10
Derrick Jofre 62 Shelburne 26-10
Albert Jones 89 Sherwood Park, AB 14-10
Brython Jones 83 Battersea, ON 13-10
John Keresman 78 Mission, BC 12-10
Flo Kettle 82 Sarnia, ON 01-10
Richard Kidd 78 Mount Uniacke 05-10
Ron Knapman 81 Halifax 28-10
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