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SECRETARIES SCRIBBLE

Fellow Submariners, Associates and Friends

Another month gone and the hoped for Covid-19 relaxations haven't gone to plan due to our friends over the East. What don't they understand about quarantine and social distancing? Many, and it seems to be the younger element don't appear to think the rules apply to them. Whilst I won't comment on the politics of it all as we are a non-political organisation this is actually our health we are talking about. I just hope that our members over the East side are keeping safe and well. I am sure our welfare officer will be in touch with you all regularly to check on your well-being.



Mick Hanlon presenting the plaque to Mike Evans of Upstream Solutions

Manager Project and Maintenance of Upstream Solutions as one of our guests accompanied by his wife Jan and we were able to present him with a plaque showing our appreciation of the sponsorship for our Christmas Lunch last year. Covid-19 had prevented it being presented before now. I am able to tell you that Upstream Solutions will once again be sponsoring the Christmas lunch this year. Our other guest was non other than Peter O'Donohue the President of the Submarines Association Australia (WA Branch) accompanied by his wife Alison. Always good company, he did the raffle calling which always causes a laugh. Thanks POD. The worthy winner of the Costeur Trophy for 2020 was Bob Wood and it was presented at the luncheon.

Four branch members and two wives went down to Rockingham for the Lost Submariners Memorial. Until now I had never heard of this memorial, but it is to remember those who lost their lives in the 'Modern' Submarine Service i.e. from the time that Oxley came across from the UK to start the Australia Service going again. I remember when I was

Thanks to Allan and Pat Thomas we held a well organised Mid-Year luncheon at the RAAFA Club in Bull Creek. It was very unfortunate that Pat collapsed at home the day before and had to be rushed to hospital on the Friday and was kept in overnight. Although she was allowed home on Saturday afternoon the phone calls I had with Allan to check on Pat was she recovered well. In fact, she was at the August meeting and looking very well and back to her usual bubbly self. What was amusing was because Allan couldn't attend, he phoned a few of us to let us know and to remind us we needed books of raffle tickets. We all rushed out to buy some, so we now have enough to last a couple of years I reckon. We were fortunate to have Mike Evans the General



Bob Wood receiving the Costeur Trophy from Mick Hanlon

in Faslane in '69 ish seeing Oxley and Ovens across the water in Greenock. Due to the inclement weather the memorial was changed at the last minute to the Navy Club in Rockingham.



Lost Submariners Memorial Service at the Navy Club, Rockingham

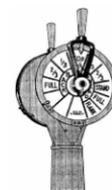
I am pleased to be able to report that the two vacant committee positions have now been filled. Richard Drain volunteered to be the Vice President and Allan and Pat Thomas volunteered to take on the role of Social Secretary. Welcome on board. They will be formally elected at the AGM later this year. Allan and Pats first task was to arrange the forthcoming Christmas Luncheon and I can now report that they have done this. We will once again go to the RAAFA Club in Bull Creek on Saturday December 12th at 11.30 for 12.00. More details will be

advised nearer the event.

And finally, we have a new member (Alex Kent) to the branch. Buster met him at a recent Ganges function and invited him along as a guest. He had no hesitation in joining so welcome to the branch Alex.

Well, that's all for now, finished with Main Motors and steering.

Coxn, pipe leave to all the ships company with an extra day to the Stokers as they are good eggs!



Regards Dave
Branch Secretary

MEMBERS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY 12th AUGUST 2020

1. The President, Mick Hanlon, opened the meeting at 12.10 by welcoming everyone. He then proposed the traditional toast to Absent Friends and those who have crossed the bar.
2. He then welcomed guest Alex Kent to the branch who stated he would like to join the Association.
3. Attendees: Total: 21
 - a. Full Members: 13 - Mick Hanlon, Dave Barlow, John Harrison, Buster Keating, Bob Wood, Allan Thomas, Roy Stedman, Ned Newcombe, Tom Oates, Richard Drain, Roy Widgington, Karl Campbell, Pete Treen.
 - b. Associates: 2 – Ted Manning, Pat Thomas
 - c. Ladies: 4 - Pat Hanlon, Wilma Hannah, Yvonne Newcombe, Carol Widgington.
 - d. Guests: 1 – Lee Stedman
 - e. New Applied Member Alex Kent
3. Apologies:
Paul Meakin, Anthony Richards, John Reeve, Jim Dandie, Jim Major, Gavin Scrimgeour
4. Minutes of July Meeting: The minutes were passed unanimously as a true record on the proposal of Richard Drain, Seconded by Allan Thomas
5. Action from the minutes:
 - a. Change over of the signatories for the cheques to be arranged.
 - b. Arrange an advert on Curtin Radio - Complete.

- c. Plaque to be presented to Upstream Solutions at the mid-year luncheon. – Complete
- d. Invitation to be extended to the President of Submarines Association Australia (WA Branch) to be our guest at the mid-year luncheon. - Complete

6. Presidents Report

- The postponed Albany US Memorial has been rescheduled for Friday 28 August. Due to Covid-19 Social Distancing requirements the names of all attendees have to be provided in advance. Names to be taken at this meeting as they have to be supplied by Friday 14th August. Secretary to take names and forward to Albany and order a wreath. *PMN: Action complete*
- Invitation from the Submarines Association Australia (WA Branch) to join them at the Lost Submariners Memorial at Rockingham on Friday 14th August. Mick Hanlon will lay a wreath on our behalf. Note that if there is inclement weather it will be held at the Rockingham Navy Club.
- It has been suggested that the branch produces a handbook to supplement the Branch Rules which are in the process of being approved. The idea is to detail all the events, both social, memorial and general that the branch are involved in and allocate the specific responsibilities of who does what to ensure that the event or action is done correctly and in the right timeframe. The secretary to produce a rough draft in conjunction with more experienced and longer serving members to be approved at the next AGM.

7. Membership Report

- a. Full Members 41 made up of:
 - i. Paid Up 31
 - ii. Life Members 9
 - iii. Affiliates 1 NB the Affiliate pays branch fees but National fees are paid via another branch.
- b. Associate Members 4

8. Welfare Report

- I. I received my usual Email from Dennis Williams, before the MGM & he's travelling OK at the moment; he's looking forward to celebrating his 53rd wedding anniversary on 1 Sept.
- II. I finally managed to contact Bob Pitman's son Dave (in Albany), enquiring how Bob was after his fall a while back, where he badly broke his leg; Dave said that he also ended up with a hip replacement, but he's now back home & slowly recovering; I asked Dave to pass on our best wishes to Bob.
- III. I gave a brief SITREP on our connection with our affiliated RAN Sea Cadet unit TS ANZAC
- IV. The RAN Defence Community Organization (DCO), office in Rockingham have come up with an amended request proforma for a Burial of Ashes at Sea service; these requests now have to be directed directly to Canberra (previously the DCO helped with this process); I will bring some copies of the new pro-forma to the Sept MGM, for anyone that is interested in this service.
- V. Several members attended the RAN Lost Submariners Memorial service, held at the Rockingham Navy Club, at 1100 on Fri 14 Aug (the wet weather venue); attendees were President Mick Hanlon, Sec Dave Barlow & his wife, Ned & Yvonne Newcombe & yours truly; it was a well conducted & very moving service.
- VI. Message from Mike Hickie's son Tim. *"Dad turns 98 in October and is now at the RSL Life Care in Narrabeen. He is profoundly deaf and has mild to moderate dementia. He gets regular visits from myself, his daughter Tessa and Joan Wilson. Unfortunately, the centre has gone into lock down because of the coronavirus so there are no visits at the present time. Overall dad's health is pretty good and I'll keep you aware of any changes."*

9. Treasurers Report

- a. The treasurer, John Harrison, gave a full report of the branch finances with the summary of the balances as follows:

Current Account \$ 2,403.58

Welfare Account \$ 986.58

Deposit Accounts \$19,000.00

TOTAL \$22390.16

- b. Discussion are in hand with the President and Treasurer to amend the signatories.
- c. The treasurers report was approved unanimously on the proposal of Allan Thomas, seconded by Tom Oates.

10. Secretary's Report & Correspondence

a. National

- i. Email from Commodore Jim Perks who is now the Head of Fighting Arm for the Submarine Service –detailing his team. The title of RASM has now been changed to COSM (Commodore Submarine Service).
- ii. Received various email relating to submariners who have crossed the bar which have been forwarded to all members and to John Keating for correlation in his monthly welfare report.
- iii. Email from the National Secretary re the changes to the Embankment Parade due to the Covid-19. It doesn't affect us.

b. Branch

- i. Apologies received from various members. I also apologise for not sending out a formal calling notice as is normally accepted process.
- ii. The branch rules have been produced and agreed by the branch committee. They will be distributed to all branch members to view and feedback any proposed changes to be discussed at the September meeting. The process is to approve them at the AGM in November.
- iii. I also apologised personally to Bob Wood and do so now to the branch for not having the Costeur Trophy engraved and a Plaque produced in time for the presentation at the Mid-Year Luncheon. The lesson learned is that I suggested to the President that we have a branch handbook to detail who does what for all activities to prevent a reoccurrence. See the Presidents Report.
- iv. Received an email from Keith Broome re a book he is publishing about his father Roy Broome who served in the submarines Thrasher and Trenchant. This a biography of his memoirs during WWII and will initially be an ebook. I will copy the email in the newsletter giving more detail.
- v. An email from Tony Maddock the secretary of the Eastern States submariners forwarding an email from David Parry an ex submarine CO who is writing the history of Perisher (Submarine CO qualifying course). If there is enough interest, he will come across to Australia to give a presentation it would seem at no cost to us. The Secretary was actioned to approach the local Australian Submarine Service, the Submarines Association Australia and others to gain what interest there would be.

11. Any Other Competent Business

- President asked Alex Kent to stand and give a short resume of his submarine career. Which he duly did.
- A debate ensued to discuss the process for engraving and presenting the Costeur Trophy. After discussion it was agreed the present system should remain.
- The secretary stated that we still needed a Vice President and a Social Secretary to enhance the branch committee and spread the workload. Richard Drain volunteered as Vice President and Allan and Pat Thomas volunteered to be the dual social secretaries. They were heartedly applauded and will be put forward at the AGM to formalise their positions.
- Because of the social distancing requirements some members at the back reportedly had difficulty in hearing what was going on. Secretary charged with resolving this. *PMN: The club have offered to provide a sound system for the top table to use, plus the tables can be moved slightly closer to the top table.*
- A debate ensued to discuss the venue options for the Christmas Luncheon. It was agreed that the new social secretaries should proceed on the basis of returning to the RAAFA Club at Bull Creek as the recent luncheon there was very well received, offered waiter service and priced reasonably.
- The Rum Raffle raised \$145 and was won by Dave Barlow. The Lunch proceeds raised \$130.

12. The President Shut the meeting at 13.30 followed by a very enjoyable buffet lunch.

Submarine Victoria Cross Holders of WWI

This is the second article of a series of commemorating those Submariners who were awarded the Victoria Cross during that WW1. Boyle VC has Australian connections

Lieutenant Edward Courtney Boyle, VC, Royal Navy

Edward Boyle was born at 1883 and he was the son of 1891 Census he was listed as a educated at Cheltenham College 1898 (1897 according to The Midshipman on 15th Sep 1899. Midshipman serving in the the Flag Ship on the North to Sub Lieutenant on 15th Sep Submarine Depot Ship HMS



Carlisle, Cumberland (now Cumbria) on 23rd Mar Lieutenant Colonel Edward Boyle. At the time of the boarder at 1, Castle Street, Deal in Kent. He was and he joined the Royal Navy as a Cadet on 15th May Naval Who's Who 1917) and was promoted At the time of the 1901 Census he was listed as a 12,350 ton Twin Screw Battle Ship HMS RENOWN – America and West Indies Station. He was promoted 1902. Sub Lieutenant Boyle was appointed to the THAMES '*Additional for Training*' on 4th Jul 1904. He

was promoted Lieutenant on 15th Dec 1904 having achieved two 'Firsts'. On 20th Mar 1905 he was appointed to HMS THAMES at Portsmouth '*for Submarines*'. On 16th Jun 1905 Edward Boyle was further appointed to HMS THAMES '*for Command of Submarine attached*'. This was followed by an appointment to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS MERCURY (Portsmouth Submarine Flotilla) '*for Command of Submarines*' to date 18th Sep 1906. He was next appointed the Submarine Depot Ship HMS THAMES at Sheerness for '*Submarine C4 in Command*' on 1st Oct 1907. After this he returned to the Surface Fleet for his '*Big Ship*' time with an appointment to the 12,950 ton Battle Ship HMS OCEAN on 10th Nov 1908. This appointment lasted until 27th Jan 1910.

His next Submarine appointment was to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS VULCAN (Submarine Section VII at Chatham '*for Submarine C29 in Command*' to date 15th Mar 1910. Edward Boyle was married to Marjorie W Leigh in Marylebone, London in 1912. He had left Submarine C29 by 21st Nov 1911 when he was appointed to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS BONAVENTURE Submarine Section II at Haulbowline in Ireland for '*Submarine D2 in Command*'. He was promoted Lieutenant Commander on 15th Dec 1912. On 8th Feb 1913 he was returned to General Service when he was appointed to the 19,250 ton Battle Ship HMS St VINCENT (1st Battle Squadron) – Captain William Fisher, Royal Navy.

Edward Boyle returned to Submarines on 25th Mar 1914 he was appointed to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS ADAMANT (8th Submarine Flotilla) at Portsmouth '*for Submarine D3 in Command*'. After the outbreak of the First World War HMS ADAMANT moved bases to Harwich. Edward Boyle was then appointed to the Submarine Depot Ship MAIDSTONE (8th Submarine Flotilla) at Harwich '*for Submarine E14 in Command*' on 19th Oct 1914. During his time in Submarine E14 Boyle was '*Mentioned in Dispatches*' for a patrol in the Heligoland Bight. After working in the North Sea Submarine E14 was sent to the Dardanelles, leaving Harwich on 27th Mar 1915 in company with Submarines E11 and E15, and arriving at MUDROS on 9th Apr 1915. Submarine E14 first completed the passage of the Dardanelles and entered the Sea of Marmora on 27th Apr 1915 remaining there until 18th May 1915. A second patrol was made in the Marmora from 10th Jun 1915 to 3rd Jul 1915. Edward Courtney Boyle, Royal Navy was promoted Commander on 30th Jun 1915 for his Dardanelles efforts as well as being awarded the Victoria Cross - see London Gazette dated 21st May 1915 for his first Dardanelles patrol.

Admiralty, 21st May, 1915.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the grant of the Victoria Cross to Lieutenant-Commander Edward Courtney Boyle, Royal Navy, for the conspicuous act of bravery specified below:

For most conspicuous bravery, in command of Submarine E. 14, when he dived his vessel under the enemy minefields and entered the Sea of Marmora on the 27th April, 1915. In spite of great navigational difficulties from strong currents, of the continual neighbourhood of hostile patrols, and of the hourly danger of attack from the enemy, he continued

to operate in the narrow waters of the Straits and succeeded in sinking two Turkish gunboats and one large military transport.

A third patrol of 24 days took place from 21st Jul to 12th Aug 1915 by which time Submarine E14 (with Boyle and his crew) had spent a total of seventy days in the inland sea. Edward Boyle left Submarine E14 in 1916 when he handed over command to Lieutenant Commander Geoffrey Saxton White. On returning home Edward Boyle was appointed to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS TITANIA (11th Submarine Flotilla) at Blyth 'for Submarines' on 10th Aug 1916 and then for 'Submarine J5 in Command' to date 18th Sep 1916. He left Submarine J5 and was appointed to HMS DOLPHIN on 12th Oct 1918. On 28th October 1918 he was appointed to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS PLATYPUS 'refitting and as Commander, Platypus Flotilla'. Edward Boyle was 'Mentioned in Despatches' – see London Gazette dated 29th Oct 1918 'for service in Submarines'. Edward Boyle survived the War and, in January 1919 he was serving under the Australian Government as the Commanding Officer of the Submarine Depot Ship HMAS PLATYPUS to which he was appointed on 28th Oct 1918. He was re-appointed to HMAS PLATYPUS on 25th Mar 1919 'in Command' and 'for Command of Australian Submarine Flotilla' and then sailed for Australia with the Flotilla of six 'J' Class Submarines which were 'gifted' to the Royal Australian Navy. Edward Boyle was promoted to Captain on 30th Jun 1920. He returned home after the Australian Submarine Flotilla was 'Paid Off' on 12th Jul 1922. In 1927 he was serving at the Royal Naval Dockyard at Devonport as the 'Assistant to the Captain of the Dockyard and as Assistant King's Harbourmaster at Devonport and Berehaven' to which he had been appointed on 27th Mar 1926. In May 1928 he was listed without an appointment. On 14th Aug 1929 he was appointed to the 25,000 ton Battle Ship HMS IRON DUKE 'in Command'. HMS IRON DUKE was being used as a sea-going Gunnery Firing Ship. He was listed without an appointment in July 1932 and, on 18th Oct 1932 he was placed on the Retired List with the rank of Rear Admiral. He was recalled for further service during WWII and, on 24th Aug 1939 Rear Admiral (Retired) Edward Boyle was appointed to HMS PEMBROKE 'for Miscellaneous Duties'. He reverted to the Retired List in June 1943. Edward Courtney Boyle died following an accident on 15th Dec 1967 when he was knocked down by a lorry on a pedestrian crossing at Ascot, Berkshire. He died of his injuries on the following day at the age of eighty four. His funeral took place at the Woking Crematorium in Surrey.

Edward Courtney Boyle's Victoria Cross and other medals are on display in the Royal Navy Submarine Museum in Gosport, Hants.

RN Submariners Association - Australia Branch, CTB's - Aug 2020

Date	Name	Rank:	SM Service:	SM's served on:	Member of SA - Age:
10-Jun	Stephen F Carter	Cdr	NK	FINWHALE, RESOLUTION & TURBULENT Member of RN Officers Association	NM; Age 70
12-Jun	Kenneth J Waterfield	LCdr	NK	RORQUAL & NEPTUNE	NM; Age 87
14-Jun	Mark 'Rosie' Rose	RO1	1989 - 2000	TALENT, TRAFALGAR, TORBAY, TURBULENT & TRIUMPH	NK; Age 55
24-Jul	Roger Osborne Shellard	Cdr	1960 - 81	OLYMPUS (TO on commissioning 7.7.62), TABARD (First Leut on recommissioning in Sydney, NSW 65), DRAKE promoted LCdr 1.2.68, MAIDSTONE COQC 68 (Teacher Cdr Woodward), GRAMPUS CO 1969, FORTH 70/71, EAGLE 72, NEPTUNE 73, RENOWN (P) First Leut Nov 73 (promoted Cdr 30.6.76), RENOWN (P) CO 77, Capt Naval Drafting 77/78, FOSM Northwood 80/81; RAN 82/83 Secretary & Honorary Fellow of St Andrew's College, University of Sydney	NM; Age NN
20-Jul	Richard Levinge	Lieut	Jan 1979 - Sept 85	RESOLUTION & SPLENDID	DOLPHIN; Age 64
5-Aug	Chris Wright	LSRP	1968 - 73	ACHERON & ANDREW	Indalo, Spain; Age 72 Chris was the President.
12-Aug	Phil Bladen	NK	NK	TURBULENT	NK; Age NK
16-Aug	Dave Ash	CRS	1954 - 72	ALDERNAY (54), AMBUSH (55 & 64), SCYTHIAN (55/56), SUBTLE (56), GRAMPUS (57/61), ANDREW (61/63), ARTEMIS (65/66), AMBUSH (66) & OPOSSUM (69/70)	Exeter; Age 88
20-Aug	Douglas Todd	CCMEA	1957? - 85	RENOWN, CONQUEROR & VALIANT	Scottish; Age 79
23-Aug	Dave Craven BEM	CPOMEM	1969 - 90	CHURCHILL (75/76), SUPERB (69/74) & CONQUEROR (87/90)	Age 70
20-Aug	Tim Greensides	WORS	1977 - 95	RENOWN (S) (Mar/Jul 77) & RESOLUTION (S) (Jun 80 - Oct 82)	Gosport; Age 70

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Compiled by John Keating – Branch Welfare Officer

HUMAN TORPEDO

by Albert Brown

Continued from the July issue

After leave I picked up a boat in Glasgow, the Clan Cameron but we only got as far as Gibraltar on her. My Number 1 Harry told me he had left two bottles in his cabin, Gin and Whisky so I took two of the boys up with me on the night we got to Gib, about 3.00am. We had to change over boats; I can tell you it was some job going over the side onto a small boat then to another ship with what little kit we had, the rest of it we had to leave at home.

After we got on our way in a convoy out through the Med at about 7 knots. The first day was OK but about 10.00pm at night it started, one plane came over our ship and right across the convoy without a spark. Then it came straight back from corner to corner of the convoy over the top of us, it dropped four bombs, two each side of us and after that planes came from all ways. You could see ships going down on fire all across the convoy. Every day there was less and less ships in the convoy.

We eventually got to Malta and got on with some training, we didn't do any day runs only at night then you didn't know when you would get a rope around your neck as there were so many small boats in the harbour. Harry and I did, one or two night runs into Grand Harbour from 6 miles out. The first one the torpedo's gear stripped and it started to sink. In the end we had to let a flare go and hope for the best. We were lucky a boat loomed up and it was one of ours and we got the torpedo aboard very quickly and back to Malta. It was not our fault the torpedo broke down. So, the next night we went out again and everything went OK. Captain S told us there was a trip wire across the harbour entrance also nets and a mine on each side. Well he said it was there but didn't know if they had taken it away. We got in OK to the nets but we couldn't get under them, so we got through a hole about 50ft down. I got off, got the torpedo through with Harry still on it and I held on to it with the tips of my fingers and let it pull me through. I could not let go because the screw would have taken my fingers off. When Harry found out that I was not on the back he stopped then I could let go and get back on and gave him the OK. I was still with him.

When we came to the surface we could see our target was on one side of the Harbour and the Nelson was the other side. We knew they were looking for us in the Harbour so we dived from one side of the harbour right under the Nelson across to the nets round the target and from then on it was hard work. We were up to our knees in mud, tins and bottles. You name it you can find it at the bottom of Grand Harbour.

We put a dummy charge under the ship and let a line go from it so the crew could see we had been there, then we got back out. It had been a successful run.

A day or two after that I was in the sickbay with sand fly fever or malaria. But they picked two pairs to go on the next raid my Number 1 came to the sick-bay and told me that we had been picked and asked me if I would be ok.

Well the day came to go abroad on a sub the Unrivalled with Topsy Turner the Skipper. I came out of the sick-bay and went aboard with plenty of pills to keep me going.

Our target was the Italian cruiser Andre Adoria. She was at anchor just outside Taranto harbour but inside the nets. We had it worked out what we were going to do but as it was lying at anchor and they would find we were there she would just up-anchor and move away and the charges would be pulled off. So, I was going to stop underneath with the clocks ticking until I knew the other boys were away. I would catch up with them the next day ashore under a bridge but if the target moved, I was going to turn the clock back and blow it up with myself as well but at the last minute the operation was called off and we returned to Malta. We were told they would not risk our lives because the Italians were on the verge of giving in. I did a few diving jobs in Malta until I could get a boat back to the UK.

We came in at Liverpool, then up to Rothesay then on leave back down to Hastings. After my leave I was 36 hours adrift getting back, I was held up at Newcastle, she was a brunette. I arrived back at Rothesay then out to Port Bannatyne to HMS Varbell. By this time the rest of the boys had been drafted to Blyth to a submarine course to pass the time away. I saw Captain Banks, he asked what I wanted to do? I could go as a diver on X-craft or clear harbours from explosives or stop as I was on the torpedoes but he said he was going away for a week and I could tell him when he got back. So, I had a week doing nothing in Rothesay. He called for me when he got back and asked if I had made

up my mind, then before I could say anything, he said I would like for me to stop on torpedo's as my Number 1 had taken over frogmen.

I went down to Blyth and did the training course but there was nothing in it after being on the subs in the Med. After a few weeks I went to the Dolphin and was trying the new terry job. The Mark 2 torpedo. I could not sit down in it as we still had two big bottles on our back. After a few set backs it was sent North and I went with it. They told us if we did seven, seven hour runs at night we could go on leave. I never had a Number 1 at the time so I went out with any Number 1 that was spare. The only thing was I had to kneel all the time as we still had big bottles on our backs. I was too big to sit down in it back to back. Well I got my seven runs in but the Number 1's I had were not very good. So I was picked to go to the Far East without a Number 1.

I went home on leave and picked up the HMS Wolf up in Rothesay Bay for the Far East. The trip out was very good until we got to almost Bombay when Lt McArthur sent for me to come to his cabin. He told me he had bad news for me that my people had been bombed out but my mother was safe. The message never said anything about the rest of the family. He asked me if I wanted to go back? If so he could put me off in Bombay and I might get a flight back. He was pleased when I said I would carry on, as everything would be over by the time I got home.

Soon after we arrived in Trincomalee we got down to training. It was another world down below but everything went ok and they gave me Bill Smith for my Number 1. We got on very well together and we were picked to go on the first job against the Japs with two men torpedoes. Our targets were in Phuket Harbour on the West Coast of Malaya at the North end of Malacca Straits. There were four of us picked. Two for each machine. We went on a short jungle training course just in case we had to bail out and make our way into enemy occupied territory. Escape kits were prepared and explained and some Shark scares had also arrived, one of these was a repulsive smelling ointment to smear over suit, headpiece and hands but we did not use it as we thought the machines and the figures riding them would be enough to frighten any sharks.

Back from the jungle course we found the submarine Trenchant was to take us on the operation; Baldy Hazlet Lt Commander commanded her. He played an outstanding part in the early years of the enterprise.

To be continued

So let me get this straight, there's no cure for a virus that can be killed by sanitiser and hand soap?

Dear Mr Barlow & Mr Douglas-Smith,
I obtained your details from the latest 'Down Under' newsletter and I hope you don't mind me contacting you.

My father, Roy Broome, served on WW2 submarines HMS *Thrasher* (fighting in the Arctic) and HMS *Trenchant* (fighting in the Far East, based in Trincomalee and Fremantle, up until VJ Day).

He passed away in 1999 but, before he died, he wrote his wartime memoirs and he provided typed copies to friends and family.

With the 75th Anniversary of VJ Day next month, I decided it would be a fitting tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of the submariners and servicemen if I published his memoirs as an eBook.

I wonder if you may wish to highlight the book's availability in your next newsletter. His memoirs contain many stories about his time based in Fremantle and writes particularly affectionately about Phyllis Dean and the kindness and generosity of the people of Western Australia.

The book is available on the Amazon eBook store, and I do intend to publish the memoirs in paperback format, but I haven't managed to sort this yet.

The book title is:

"No Occupation for a Gentleman" by Roy Broome - The story of a boy who became a man serving in H.M. Submarines *Thrasher* and *Trenchant* during World War Two.

I hope that this is of interest. Please feel free to contact me if you need any more information.

kind regards,
Keith Broome



Hey Guys, does this remind you of your house? It does mine.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has finally affected me financially. In order to offset the extra cost for food, rent, electricity, etc. I have a need to make some extra money on the side...it is what it is. 😞
So,...I am now proud to announce that I am selling ADULT TOYS. I hope no one will feel embarrassed to ask for them. I have all kinds, sizes, and styles according to your needs. Discretion is guaranteed!!
Ask for yours anytime. I have everything listed below:

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- Oxygen tanks
- Walking sticks
- Nappies
- Teeth glue
- Heating pads and more

Wife: "Shall I prepare Curry or Soup today?"

Husband : "First make it, we will name it later."

A frustrated husband in front of his laptop:

Dear google, please do not behave like my wife...
Please allow me to complete my sentence before you start guessing & suggesting.

A married man's prayer:

"Dear God, You gave me childhood, You took it away.
You gave me youth, You took it away.
You gave me a wife ... It's been years now, just reminding You".

A man brings his best buddy home for dinner unannounced at 5:30 after work. His wife begins screaming at him and his friend just sits and listens in.

"My hair & makeup are not done, the house is a mess, the dishes are not done, I'm still in my pyjamas and I can't be bothered with cooking tonight!
Why the hell did you bring him home for?"

Husband answers "Because he's thinking of getting married"

Employee: "Sir You are like a lion in the office! What about at home?"

Boss : "I am a lion at home too, But there we have a lion tamer!!!"

A couple was having dinner at a fancy restaurant. As the food was served, the husband said, "the food looks delicious, let's eat."

Wife : "honey ... you say a prayer before eating at home".
Husband : "that's at home sweetheart ... here the chef knows how to cook."

Best Slogan on a MAN's T-Shirt :

"Please Do Not Disturb me,
I am Married and already very Disturbed"