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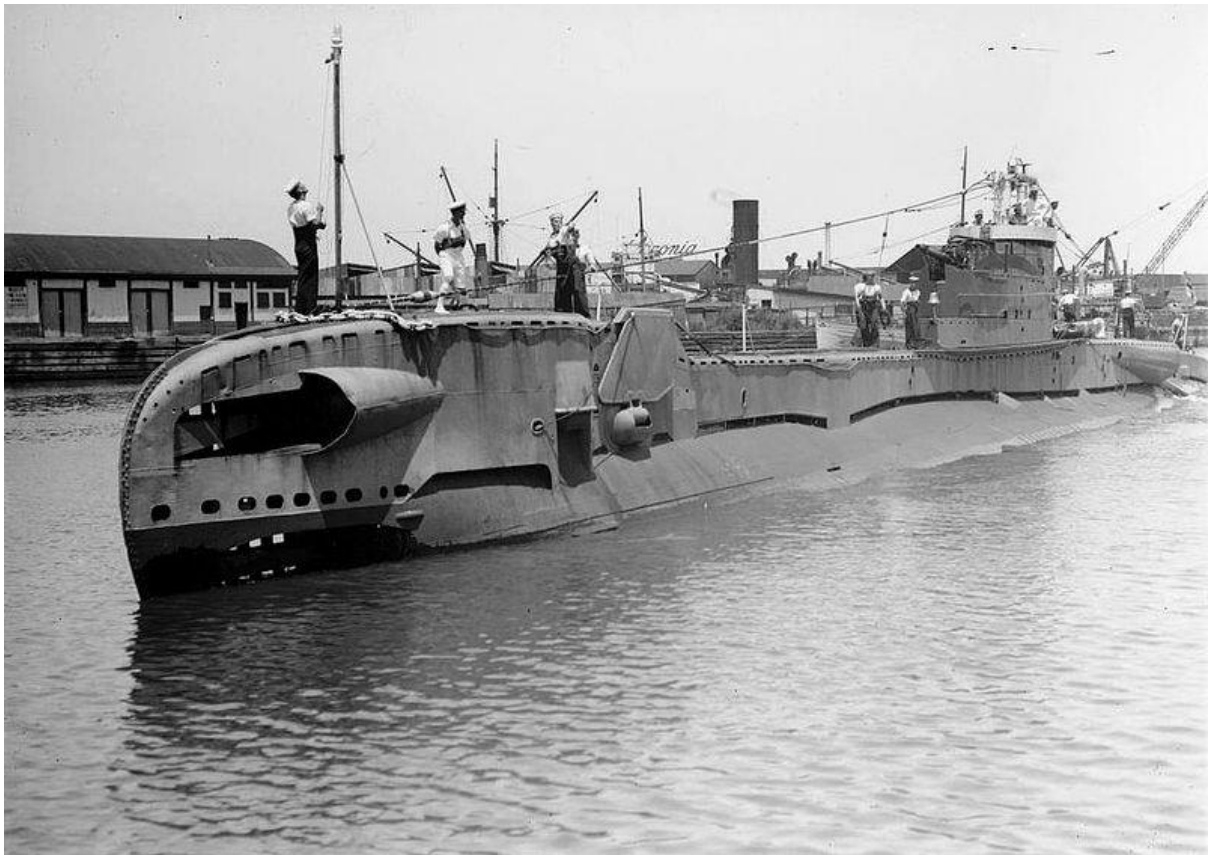
1st July 1926 – 10th October 2016

Well it's almost exactly a year since Pa passed away aged 90

I was enormously proud of him

so as a memorial to the man I used to know here are some of the pictures of ships he used to command and their shields such as I have been able to glean off the web

Starting with HMS Telemachus in Sydney Harbour (Cockatoo Island) which I now know is how I came to be born in Australia!?





Pa also served on numerous shore establishments at Gosport Portsmouth

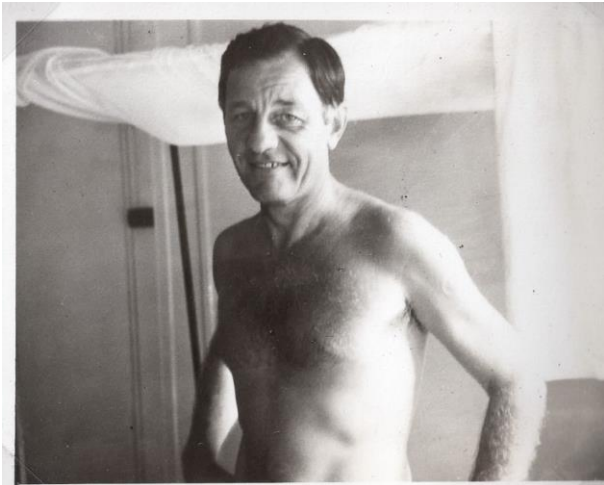
Northwood Kuala Lumpur where the family dutifully followed him

It was a privileged and exciting life living in places like Singapore (Nee Soon) and Australia

Much of what Pa did in the Royal Navy remained a mystery to our family of origin especially at NORTHWOOD until quite recently and he would never talk of the horrific time he must have spent on his way up to Japan at the end of the second world war – much like his father (my grandfather) before him who would screw his face up whenever recounting his experiences in WW1

When my parents returned from Kuala Lumpur they divorced and the rest as they say is history with a number of shared experiences at the Geeler Arms Inn in Pentrefoelas North Wales notably Tegwyn who was found face down in the car park dad from alcoholic poisoning this may give some clue as to the eventual demise estrangement and dysfunctionality of the relationship between myself and my father after this time!?







Below is some of his and his ships service records

Capt. John M Jessop - Served in HMS EAGLE, WARRIOR (Northwood) MERCURY (Petersfield communications shore establishment) ALERT Frigate, DUNCAN Frigate, TERROR Singapore Naval Base DAEDALUS Fleet Air Arm Shore Establishment Lee on Solent, DOLPHIN shore establishment Gosport, ARTEMIS submarine & TELEMACHUS submarine / shore establishment. RAN Service - HMAS SYDNEY aircraft carrier, VENGEANCE aircraft carrier, Malaysian Govt, Dir Naval Signals

The second HMS Telemachus was a British submarine of the third group of the T class. She was built as P321 by Vickers Armstrong, Barrow, and launched on 19 June 1943. She served in Far Eastern waters for most of her wartime career, and was responsible for the sinking of the Japanese submarine I-166. Following the war she was deployed to Australia to operate with the Royal Australian Navy until 1959. She was scrapped in 1961.

HMS Artemis (P449)

Amphion-class submarine

HMS Artemis (P449) was an Amphion-class submarine of the Royal Navy, built by Scotts Shipbuilding & Engineering Co. of Greenock and launched 28 August 1946. The submarine sank while refueling in 1971 (not while Pa was in charge I hasten to add!?), was raised and sold for breaking up in 1972. **Length:** 89 m

Construction started: 28 February 1944

Launched: 26 August 1946

Draft: 5.51 m



Illustrating the perilous nature of submarines even at bay



Artemis passing Eagle in Valetta Harbour in 1966 (after failing to make it to the 1966 six day war between Israel and Egypt) Pa was on HMS Eagle at the time

HMS Artemis is one of the AMPHION class of submarines built at the end of world war II.

They were designed for use in the Pacific, having a high speed to transit long distances.

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In 1950 Artemis was refitted with snort gear and her guns removed. In 1959 she was streamlined and six years later fitted with persisopic snort mast to replace the folding one previously fitted.

After her streamlining Artemis made a Training film Voyage North which included a diving sequence often used in television films. Two of her sister ships had more famous parts: HMS Andrew took part in a film of Neveille Shute's book On the Beach and HMS Aeneas featured in the James Bond epic You only Live Twice.



HMS Duncan (F80) - - Frigate

Type 15 Frigate HMS Duncan, July 1968 (IWM HU 129815)



Four Allied ships operating off Korea circa. 1951-1953 (l-r); HMAS Sydney, RFA Wave Premier, USS Nicholas and HMS Alert. Two of which Pa served on at one time or other

HMS Alert Bay Class Frigate when I sailed home from Singapore March / April 1964 as Captain's guest

You can actually see Pa at the stern on the lower deck

during the voyage from Singapore the ship took passage with me on board arriving in Plymouth on 10th April 1964. Calls were made at Gan, Aden and Gibraltar during passage which I remember vividly including catching sharks to eat and Neptune ceremony crossing the equator passing through the Suez Canal and visiting the gun emplacements and monkeys at Gibraltar







- January Re-commissioned at Singapore
- Commanding Officer: Commander J M Jessop RN.
- Carried out Worked-up with Fleet units in Singapore area.
- February Routine docking before passage to Colombo
- March Took part in SEATO Exercise in Indian Ocean with Indian, Pakistan and commonwealth warships (Note: Called at Trincomalee between serials.)
- April Deployed operationally for patrol off west coast of Malaya to intercept Indonesian craft attempting to land in Malaya.
- During patrol called at Penang, Port Swettenham and Port Dickson.

May
Sea. Took part in RN/USN Exercise SEASERPENT in South China

Called at Manila between serials.

June Passage to Japan for Flag visit.

Calls made at Nagasaki and Wakayama.

July Continued visit programme with calls at Argowan and Tokyo.

Passage to Singapore.

Carried out Flag visit to Bangkok.

August Under refit at Singapore.

to

September

October Deployed operationally in Borneo in support of KONFRONTASI
operations against

Indonesian infiltrations.

Based at Labuan and Tawau.

3rd Embarked a Gurkha detachment for passage to Subu in Sarawak

Whilst preparing 'scare charges' for use against underwater
attack, one charge

exploded injuring four ratings.

November Took passage to Hong Kong on relief.

December Returned to Singapore after maintenance period in Hong Kong.

during passage. Deployed for Flag Visit to Colombo and Cochin. with call at Gan

Ocean transits.) (Note: Gan was used as a staging point for aircraft during Indian

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January Carried out Flag Visit to Colombo and Cochin

Deployed at Colombo

Passage from Colombo to Cochin

Gan. Took return passage from Cochin to Singapore and called at

February On arrival at Singapore docked in commercial shipyard for emergency repair.

or defect arising (Note: This must have been for examination of underwater fitting during passage from Gan.)

March Deployed for participation in SEATO Exercise JET64 in Indian Ocean and returned to

shore training.. Singapore between serials for matters arising from exercises or

HMS Eagle which Pa served as 2IC Circa 1968 followed by some action shots



HMS Eagle Ships Shield





