

NGAPONA EX MEMBERS ASSN – LONGCAST

14 July 17 - Navy Club Lunch, Remuera

21 July 17 - Old Salts Lunch at Papatoetoe RSA

18 August 17 - Old Salts Lunch at Hobsonville RSA

27 August 17 – HMNZS Ngapona Ex Members Assn AGM at 1500 at Pt Chevalier RSA

15 September 17 - Old Salts Lunch at Birkenhead RSA

6 October 17 – RNZN Communicators 50th Anniversary, Navy Museum

20 October 17 – Trafalgar Day Lunch at Te Atatu RSA

20 October 17 - Old Salts Lunch at New Lynn RSA

17 November 17 - Old Salts Lunch at Titirangi RSA

15 December 17 - Old Salts Lunch at Orakei RSA

Hi Folks

MID YEAR DINNER REPORT

We had a good muster for our Mid Year Dinner last Saturday, inspite of the unpleasant weather. The All Blacks kept us on the edge of our seats to the last minute - not really the score we wanted!

HMNZS NGAPONA HISTORY

One of the prime objects of the Ngapona Assn is to "encourage an interest in the history of Ngapona and maintain a permanent record". We held a meeting last Friday and have formed a History Team. One of the first jobs for the team is to muster all available photographic material and sort into cronological order. We will then record, digitise and store the photographs.

The vision of the final product is that there will be a photo album containing the ship's company photographs on an annual basis. Within the album for that year will be other photographs pertaining to events that have occurred, the people concerned, and any other photos that have historical significance. There will be a brief caption giving where possible, dates/times/names and description of the event.

To do the job properly is a major undertaking and we will be looking for assistance.

If you are interested in the history of Ngapona, and could spare a couple of hours occassionally, please let me know by replying to this email.

LUXURY VERSUS LETHAL

HMS Queen Elizabeth and luxury cruise liner 'The Queen Elizabeth' saluted each other on the water today...

How Big Are They?

HMS Queen Elizabeth is, alongside the second vessel in the class, the HMS Prince of Wales, the largest warship ever constructed for the British Navy.

At 280 meters in length, 70m in width and 56m in height, this mammoth ship weighs in at a whopping 65,000 tons. That's more than the weight of 10,000 African elephants! Even so, the luxury liner beats the Naval warship on this front- with 12 decks, the 293-meter-long cruise ship weighs nearly 100,000 tonnes- 90,901 to be exact.

How Much Did They Cost?

With stats like that, it's no wonder that the Navy's crown jewel came at a cost.

The project was expected to cost around £3.5billion, but it was later announced that the figure would almost double, ending at £6.2billion.

The Queen Elizabeth cruise liner might almost seem cheap in comparison, owned by Carnival Corporation and PLC, the liner comes in at a mere £350 million, despite its luxury design.

Who's On Board?

Whilst the HMS Queen Elizabeth is capable of transporting up to 700 crew at any one time, this number could theoretically be doubled depending on the number of planes onboard.

Each carrier of this size can, however, hold 36 planes and four helicopters.

In comparison, the luxury cruise liner the Queen Elizabeth can hold between 2077 – 2503 passengers and up to 900 crew, but unfortunately no planes or helicopters.

What Do They Eat?

In accordance with military guidelines, personnel serving on operations and exercises get a minimum of 4,000 calories a day, the recommended daily allowance for those undertaking strenuous activities.

A typical meal on board the ship might consist of chicken curry, a Cornish pasty and a chocolate sauce covered chocolate cake.

It is not bad, but not exactly gourmet.

Unsurprisingly, the QE comes out on top on the food front.

Passengers have a choice of 11 restaurants and cafés, with offerings including roast breast of grouse, lobster newberg with truffle scented rice, and white chocolate soufflé.

How Are They Entertained?

With gyms, internet, plenty of social areas and of course the satellite TV provided by BFBS, there's plenty to do on board a typical naval ship.

And the fun doesn't stop when the ship comes to port.

This is usually taken as an opportunity to play more traditional sports like football, rugby, netball, often as a way to bond with other navies and locals in the area.

The Queen Elizabeth liner certainly isn't short of entertainment.

There's luxury shops, dance classes, spas, music and even a full-size theatre!

But we highly doubt that there'd be the same team spirit and camaraderie found on this floating hotel as on one of our finest Royal Navy vessels.

CNS #3

Commodore G. H. Faulkner, DSC, RN – CNS 1942 – July 1945 - May 1947 Royal New Zealand Navy - Chief of Naval Staff & First Naval Member

Captain G. H. Faulkner, DSC, RN; born England, 27 Apr 1903; entered RN 1906; served in destroyers, World War I; Captain, Dec 1935; HMS *Berwick*, 1941–43; Chief of Staff to C-in-C South Atlantic, 1943–45.

Major Postings

13.04.1914 - 08.05.1916 HMS *Laertes* [tender to HMS *Dido*] (wounded in action with German Fleet 28.08.1914; shell wound right thigh; admitted to hospital for 3 weeks)
02.04.1918 - 16.12.1918 Commanding Officer, HMS *Mystic* (torpedo-boat destroyer)
17.12.1918 - 05.1919 Commanding Officer, HMS *Thruster* (torpedo-boat destroyer)
01.08.1923 - 07.02.1925 HMS *Hood* (battlecruiser) (Atlantic Fleet) (additional; as Assistant War Staff Officer) (temporary) [on Special Service Squadron World Cruise]
08.02.1925 - 28.03.1925 HMS *Revenge* (on staff (operations) of Commander-in-Chief Atlantic Fleet) (temporary) [lent, vice Cdr. G.P. Thomson, sick]
31.12.1926 - 09.04.1928 Commanding Officer, HMS *Voyager* (destroyer) (Mediterranean)
02.06.1931 - 23.04.1932 Executive Officer, HMS *Comus* (cruiser) (Reserve Fleet, Devonport)
27.07.1932 - 02.1935 Executive Officer, HMS *Dauntless* (cruiser) (Mediterranean) (on recommissioning)
12.09.1935 - 16.09.1935 HMS *Victory* (RN base, Portsmouth) (additional)
17.09.1935 - 11.10.1936 HMS *President IV* (Base Defences, Mediterranean)
12.10.1936 - 14.01.1937 Senior Officers' War Course, RN War College, Greenwich [HMS *President*]
15.01.1937 - 17.02.1937 HMS *Bideford* (escort vessel) Persian Gulf (additional)
18.02.1937 - 16.04.1938 Commanding Officer, HMS *Bideford* (escort vessel) (Persian Gulf) & from 10.04.1938 Senior Naval Officer Persian Gulf (temporary)
17.04.1938 - 29.07.1938 Commanding Officer, HMS *Shoreham* (escort vessel) & as Senior Naval Officer Persian Gulf (temporary)
30.07.1938 - 25.09.1938 Commanding Officer, HMS *Bideford* (escort vessel) (Persian Gulf)
26.09.1938 - 30.09.1938 Senior Officer Minesweeping Flotilla Mediterranean
01.10.1938 - 31.10.1938 Commanding Officer, HMS *Pangbourne* (twin screw minesweeper) & as Senior Officer, 3rd Minesweeping Flotilla (Mediterranean)
01.11.1938 - 02.12.1938 Commanding Officer, HMS *Bideford* (escort vessel) (Persian Gulf)
19.06.1939 - 30.07.1939 Commanding Officer, HMS *Caledon* (cruiser) & as Senior Officer Reserve Fleet Nore
31.07.1939 - 04.09.1939 HMS *Pembroke IV* (accounting base, Chatham)
02.05.1941 - 14.02.1943 Commanding Officer, HMS *Berwick* (cruiser)

15.02.1943 - 19.03.1945 Chief of Staff to Commander-in-Chief South Atlantic and as Principal Sea Transport Officer for the Union of South Africa [HMS Afrikander (RN base, Simonstown)]

07.07.1944 - ? also: Naval ADC to HM the King

20.04.1945 - 12.07.1945 lent to New Zealand Division

13.07.1945 - 05.1947 First Naval Member & Chief of Naval Staff New Zealand Naval Board (Navy Office, Wellington) [lent to New Zealand Division] (CB)

Promotions

Midsh. 15.09.1910

A/S.Lt. 15.01.1913

S.Lt. > 30.10.1913

Lt. 21.10.1914 [special promotion in recognition of his services in the naval flight off Heligoland]

Lt.Cdr. 21.10.1922

Cdr. 30.06.1928

Capt. 31.12.1935 (ret'd 02.01.1945) (dispersal 25.08.1947) (reverted to ret'd 29.10.1947)

Cdre. 2nd class 15.02.1943

Decorations

Companion of the Order of the Bath CB 12.06.1947 HM's birthday 47 [investiture 28.10.47]

Distinguished Service Cross DSC 14.09.1917 Harwich Force: for services in action on various occasions, and has carried out his duties with unremitting zeal and devotion [investiture 22.06.18]

Mention in Despatches MID 23.10.1914 Battle of Heligoland Bight.

Regards

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President

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