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Editorial



Family and friends often witness the unique relationship that exists between Veterans; it embraces sailors, soldiers and aviators. Rarely is anything [save partners] more important to a Matelot than a Shipmate from a significant posting, whether that be at sea or ashore. Being a member of NVN is yet another means of connecting with past service, appreciating the experience of a family member who served and the relevance of remembering those that contributed to Australia's current security and democracy. As Veterans, we are often reminded of the importance of being Shipmates by the simplest of things. The following was well publicised a month ago, but hopefully you will agree it is worthy of repeating.

Picture 78 years ago, during the Second World War, a young sailor lends his razor to a junior officer. This occurred prior to action stations at dawn. At Action Stations the junior officer takes his position as the Gunnery Direction Officer, whilst the young sailor assumes his Action Station on the quarterdeck (aft) at his machine gun. An hour or so later, their warship is ravaged by enemy



Razor owned by Percy Shute
sacrifice of others.

Gunfire. A few minutes into the action the young sailor makes the supreme sacrifice; he did so along with a shipmate. The junior officer and the remainder of the Ship's Company survived the ordeal, but had to deal with the trauma of losing their Shipmates. This experience became a point of reflection and remembrance, a moment in time that makes you thankful for the service and

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04 Jul – NAIDOC week Divisions

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22 Jul – Recruit School Graduation

09 Aug – HMAS Canberra
Commemorative service

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- concert

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- The amphibious Exercise Sea

The razor was owned by Able Seaman Steward, Brian (Percy) Shute. He loaned the razor to Sub Lieutenant James (Jim) Paizis, a loan that lasted nearly eight decades. The final resting place of the razor is now in a display cabinet at Colac RSL Sub-branch.

Why would this razor be so important?

The answer touches on the most sensitive aspects of being a Veteran: sustained respect, dignity and above all, never forgetting your Shipmates, particularly if they are the fallen, or have passed on since.

During the Second World War, HMAS Colac, one of 56 Corvettes built in Australia in support of the war effort, was deployed to Bougainville, Solomon Islands in 1944. The objective was to disrupt the movement of Japanese Forces from Choiseul Island, across a narrow sea passage to Bougainville.



HMAS Colac

On 25th May 1944, HMAS Colac entered an area where a number of enemy shore facilities and marine barges were observed being used to transport enemy troops and equipment. HMAS Colac successfully bombarded several shore facilities and destroyed a



SBLT Paizis

number of barges. They did so with no opposition as they navigated the narrow waters. Given the success of this operation, the Captain of HMAS Colac determined that a return journey may consolidate their efforts of the day before. Unfortunately, this was not to be, as history tells us a different story. The Japanese had quickly realised the risk and moved artillery units into position, close to the shore. When HMAS Colac appeared for the second time, the Japanese forces were prepared and opened fire. Steward Percy Shute and AB Stan Smith, two members of HMAS Colac's Ship's Company were to make the supreme sacrifice that day. The only casualties to occur in HMAS Colac during the Second World War.

Explorer 2022 has come to an end

- *China Launches Third Aircraft Carrier*
- *Diving brothers found the wreck of the Gloucester 300+ years after sinking*
- *USS Ashland joins HMAS Adelaide to begin Exercise Sea Explorer 2022*
- *HMAS Encounter recommissions in Adelaide*
- *Navy builds ties with Sea Country*

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Policy, Guns and Money: The cost of Defence

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NEWS.....

More than eighty years after HMAS Sydney II was sunk, the Royal Australian Navy has re-dedicated the remains of Able Seaman Thomas Welsby Clark in the War Graves at Geraldton Cemetery, Western Australia.

A key report into the Department of Veterans' Affairs' (DVA) claims processing system has today been made public. Minister for Veterans' Affairs Matt Keogh said the report found 37 initiatives which would improve the department's processes, reducing the wait times for veterans and their families.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) kept secret a damning report on its own staff shortages and delays in processing compensation. The report is now public and it shows there's a backlog of about 37,000 applications.

The 18 patrol boats being sent to Ukraine as part of additional aid announced Thursday will be used to monitor and protect Ukraine's rivers, a senior defense official told reporters

On Thursday, 26th May 2022, exactly 78 years since Percy loaned his razor to Jim, that simple gesture was emulated by Jim's family. Adhering to the wishes of Percy's family, the razor was presented to Colac RSL Sub-branch. This heralded an act of remembrance by Jim, because Percy was forever in his mind.

After the loss of Percy and Stan, Jim treasured the shaving razor that was on loan from young Percy. Jim had kept the razor until he crossed the bar on 14th February 2022. We are told Jim looked at the razor every day. It was on a shelf in his bathroom cabinet, kept at eye height for all of those years. None of Jim's family appreciated, or even new of the significance of this small piece of memorabilia. This story came to light only weeks before Jim crossed the bar. Jim told his son Graeme about the razor, something Graeme repeated during Jim's eulogy.



Jim Paizis in later life

Jim was a member of the Melbourne Sub-section (MSS) of the Naval Association. Marty Grogan OAM, MSS Bereavement Officer, negotiated with the family to ensure a Navy tribute was conducted at Jim's funeral. Marty and CDRE Greg Yorke AM CSC RAN, Senior Naval Officer Victoria delivered the Navy tribute.

After the funeral service Graeme Paizis approached CDRE Yorke and asked for the help of the Navy to try and locate any relatives of Percy Shute. CDRE Yorke quickly replied that if anyone could find a living relative, Marty Grogan could.

Marty looked up the sailor's record and gained as much information as possible and forwarded this to his good friend Ex WOWTR Frank Carville who lived in Fremantle. After exhausting all other avenues, Frank placed an item in the Tuesday edition of the newspaper in Perth (similar to the 'In Black and White' column in Melbourne's Herald Sun). Whilst it was a long shot, he received two responses. One from a 98 year old man who was a 16-year-old Telegram Boy during the War and remembered delivering the telegram advising of Percy being killed in action to his mother in 1945. And incredibly, one from Percy's younger sister Maureen (now Maureen Rosher). Maureen, who is now 90, was 13 when he died. She was standing at her mother's side at the awful moment she received the telegram. Ironically it turns out the telegram boy resides in the same aged care facility as Maureen, a Retirement Village in Bull

Friday.

HMAS Ararat earlier this month completed a joint maritime patrol with Republic of Fiji Navy (RFN) Guardian-class patrol boat RFNS Savenaca. Ararat partnered with Savenaca while operating in Fijian waters to detect and deter illegal, unreported and unregulated regional fishing activity.

Former minister Andrew Gee says at first he wasn't told the veterans department had a shortfall in staff required to process a backlog of compensation claims. It took a report by an outside consulting group to identify the scale of dysfunction inside the Department of Veterans Affairs which at no point had complained about its funding problems, despite a massive backlog of compensation claims, a royal commission has heard.

The crew of HMAS Ararat took the opportunity while deployed in the south-west Pacific on Operation Solania to hold a memorial service over the resting place of HMAS Canberra 1. The memorial service, at the end of May, was a moving occasion for Ararat crew member Able Seaman Gilbert Jackson.

Russian warships are now steaming in the East China and the Philippine seas near Japan, the Russian Navy and the Japan Defense Ministry announced on Monday.

Freezing steel plates and blowing them up are ways scientists at the Defence Science and Technology Group ensure materials used in Navy ship and submarine builds are up to scratch. Material scientist Dr Andrew Phillips said testing was

Creek, a Perth Suburb. After some discussion with Frank Carville, Maureen decided that the razor should be donated to the Colac RSL. Frank contacted Marty Grogan who then contacted the President of the Colac RSL with the suggestion that it should be presented on the 26th May 2022, being the 78th Anniversary of the passing of AB Shute.



*Ian Morgan, President
Colac RSL Sub-branch*

Ian Morgan, President of Colac RSL Sub-branch willingly accepted the gift of the razor. Ian, a veteran himself, expressed his appreciation of the significance of the item and the privilege of its safekeeping at Colac. Whilst a simple gesture, the profound impact of this razor on Jim's life points to the very heart of being a veteran.

It all sounds so simple, however, it took a concerted effort by Marty and Frank to bring this wonderful project to its climax. This being the formal presentation of the razor by the Jim's son Graeme, to Ian Morgan, President – Colac RSL Sub-branch. Due to incidental media coverage, several descendants of members of HMAS Colac's war time complement attended the presentation. The connection between a Veteran's family and the service of family members is most important. The connection realised between the families of SBLT Paizis and AB Shute became apparent some 78 years after one made the supreme sacrifice and the other always remembered. This story demonstrates how personal and emotional a Veteran's experience can be and the relevance of learning about it – whether that be early or late! This may be just one of a thousand stories, but surely gives us reason to contemplate our own connection with our own family's wartime connections.



L to R: Len Christie, Peter Adam, Graeme Paizis and Greg Yorke

conducted on a small scale at different temperatures, including down to minus 85 degrees Celsius, which is achieved by cooling the plates with liquid nitrogen.

On Friday morning, China launched its third aircraft carrier, named Fujian (18), carrying hull number 18, at Jiangnan Shipyard of China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation in Shanghai, reported the People's Liberation Army's official media channel, China Military Online.

Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Carlos Del Toro, announced that Rear Adm. Dave Goggins has been selected as a Special Assistant in support of the on-going Australia – United Kingdom – United States (AUKUS) partnership's effort on June 17.

If you notice a bearded aviator in the bar scenes of Top Gun: Maverick, it's probably Lieutenant Commander Matthew Schroder. The MH-60R pilot was on US Navy exchange when he got a call from the film's casting agent looking for foreign aviators as extras.

Captain Jim Hutton has said goodbye to his last Sea Series exercise in full-time service by bringing his expertise as the Amphibious Senior Coach, supporting the development of the Australian Amphibious Force during Exercise Sea Explorer. Born in Scotland, Captain Hutton began his military service more than 40 years ago when he joined the Royal Navy at 17.

The main body of Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel deployed on Operation Kimba has touched down in Papua New Guinea to provide

Len CHRISTIE – flew over from Perth. His dad, SBLT Roy Christie OAM, F3646 joined the RAN on 12 May 1941.

Peter ADAM – who comes from Brisbane, was in Bendigo touring Victoria when he read about the story in the 'In Black and White' column of the Melbourne Sun-Herald and rang the RSL. Peter's dad was SBLT Douglas Adam, S/7297, joined the RAN on 21 September 1942.

Graeme PAIZIS - donor of razor, is from Ballarat. His dad SBLT James 'Jim' Paizis, PM5077, was the Gunnery Officer, joined the RAN on 23 September 1942.

All their dads served in HMAS COLAC during WWII and had originally joined the RAN Reserve as Ordinary Seaman.

Commodore Greg Yorke AM CSC RAN, Senior Naval Officer Victoria, representing Chief of Navy is also Vice President MSS. CDRE Yorke presented bereavement pins to each of the three descendants.

Also present was Captain Andrew Mackinnon CSC RAN Retd, President – Naval Historical Society Australia, Victorian Chapter. Andrew presented the book 'The ABC of Royal Australian Navy Corvettes' by Able Seaman Libby Pearce, to the three sons and also to Ian Morgan, President Colac RSL Sub-branch. Keeping everything under control was Marty Grogan OAM - representing the NAA Melbourne Sub-section and the Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria.



Left: James Paizis portrait as a navy rating in 1942 when he was 18. Centre: As new navy recruit in training on HMAS Cerberus (Flinders Naval Depot) Rating Jim Paizis joined the navy band as a drummer. Right: Portrait of Sub-Lieutenant James Paizis, in 1943.

support for the country's upcoming national election, at the request of the PNG Government.

Scientists from Macquarie University sailed in HMAS Canberra from Sydney to Townsville in Queensland as part of a project researching the effects being at sea has on the crew. The four scientists looked at the effects a deployment has on resilience, job performance, functioning and cumulative stress.

A bipartisan group of House lawmakers on Wednesday unveiled legislation that would help the Royal Australian Navy train its future submarine warfare officers with U.S. sailors.

The Royal Navy is joining one of the world's largest humanitarian missions as it commits sailors, commando engineers and a ship to Pacific Partnership.

Five Royal Australian Navy ships will set sail from Australia over the next three weeks for regional presence deployments throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

The ship's company of HMAS Canberra was honoured to commit the ashes of 10 former Navy personnel to the sea on June 9. The ceremony was held on the quarterdeck of the ship as the ship passed through the Coral Sea and was a time of reflection for those in attendance.

Defence would like to congratulate all those who have received appointments and awards in the Queen's Birthday 2022 honours list.

The first Shangri-La Dialogue since

On the 25 June 2022, Marty Grogan and Frank Carville made a surprise visit to Maureen at her home in Bull Creek. To her delight they presented her the Bereavement pin and also the book 'The ABC of Royal Australian Navy Corvettes'.



L-R: Marty Grogan, Maureen Rosher, Frank Carville.

Maureen said "it's not often a 91yr old gets to pose with two handsome fellows!"

It is unlikely many stories will surpass this one for its simplicity and enduring respect for a shipmate. Although it does convey that common signature of: respect for shipmates, the vagaries of war, commitment to doing one's duty, valuing the integrity of being there to do a job – not get a job!

May we all be worthy of their service and sacrifice.

Yours Aye!
NVN Team

2019 is a chance for world leaders and ministers to discuss urgent and long-term international security questions, including a focus on whether rules and sovereignty matter anymore.

Israeli company Spear has unveiled a new drone that launches from a submarine and loiters for nearly an hour, providing surveillance while the launch platform remains submerged.

Leading Seaman Zachary Duke, from Caboolture in Queensland, was one of the 40 members of Australia's Federation Guard who paraded in London for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

In a grand display of pomp and ceremony worthy of a historical occasion, Australia's Federation Guard led the Commonwealth nations in the Platinum Jubilee pageant in London.

The Zumwalt Class destroyer is one of the most recognizable and impressive warships afloat. Adding the Conventional Prompt Strike (CPS) hypersonic missile will give it unrivalled firepower.

China's most advanced aircraft carrier to date appears to be nearing completion, satellite photos analyzed by The Associated Press showed Friday, as experts suggested the vessel could be launched soon.

For 77 years, HMAS Colac's Gunnery Officer James (Jim) Paizis kept Steward Brian (Percy) Shute's razor at eye level in his bathroom cabinet as a daily reminder of his mate. Brian Shute was killed in action on the 26th May, 1945 along



If you know of any of our Navy family that has crossed the bar, please don't hesitate to [contact us](#). We will list their names in perpetuity on our special [Memorial Wall](#) on the website. If possible list their Rank, Name, Number, the date of their passing and their age.

- † LSSTD C.G. Plummer, R/51192, 20 June 2022. Aged 86.
- † P.W. Slick, June 2022. Aged 59.
- † WOSV P.J. Flockhart, R58107, 15 June 2022. Aged 82.
- † CMDR O. Pelczar, 15 June 2022. Aged 87.
- † CAPT S.R.H. Woolrych, 14 June 2022. Aged 68.
- † LAM T.F. Bushe-Jones, A38056, 10 June 2022. Aged 92.
- † WRTEL A.J. Brooke(née Ellis), WR4217, 09 Jun 2022. Aged 89.
- † LSCSO T. Norley, June 2022.
- † CPONPC W.R. Kyle, June 2022. Aged 69.
- † CPOMTH4 B.W. Robinson, R42636, 07 June 2022. Aged 75.
- † CPOSTD J.R. Hill, R59692, 07 June 2022. Aged 76.
- † CMDR J.C. Simpson, R29375, 07 June 2022. Aged 93.
- † AB R.J.C. Privilege, R/45872, 05 June 2022. Aged 88.
- † LEUT G.G.S. Thurstans, R57205, 01 June 2022. Aged 78.
- † LEUT B.D. McConchie, A50134, 31 May 2022. Aged 89.
- † AB A.W. Guest, PM7266, 28 May 2022. Aged 97.
- † WRWTR D.S. Allie, 07 February 2022. Aged 51.
- † LME R.W.S. Spurway, R57807, 03 August 2021. Aged 77.

Lest We Forget

Our June Navy Hero:



Leading Seaman Dalmorton Joseph Owendale Rudd DSM

Dalmorton James Owendale Rudd was born on 14 June 1896 in the Sydney suburb of Campsie, the eldest son of Joseph Dalmorton Rudd and Annie Elizabeth Rudd (née Fleming). He joined the RAN as a 17-year-old Ordinary Seaman 2nd Class on 30 October 1913 and was allocated service number 3389.

After initial training at HMAS *Cerberus* he joined the light cruiser HMAS *Melbourne* on 26 April 1914. His time in *Melbourne* was brief as on 10 June 1914 he was posted to the battle cruiser HMAS *Australia*. He was to serve in *Australia* for the remainder of his naval career. After the outbreak of war in August 1914 *Australia* saw extensive service in the Pacific and took part in the capture of German New Guinea in September 1914. The battle cruiser then steamed across the Pacific in search of the German East Asian Squadron and then entered the South Atlantic Ocean on 1 January 1915. In late January 1915 *Australia* arrived in Britain and was attached to the Royal Navy for service in the North Sea.

with Stan Smith during the shelling of Bathurst class corvette HMAS Colac by the Japanese from Choiseul Island in the Solomon Islands. On that morning, Jim had borrowed Percy's razor after his went missing. Of course, at the time, neither knew such a simple exchange between friends would form the basis of a story more than seven decades later.

U.S. President Joseph Biden and South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol announced that the two countries will cooperate on developing a small modular nuclear reactor (SMR) during the former's state visit to South Korea on May 21, 2022.

Four Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force warships will leave later this month for a four-month deployment throughout the Indo-Pacific region, Japan's Ministry of Defense recently announced.

Building bridges between Navy and the world's oldest surviving culture is a full-time job for Petty Office Jordon Bradshaw, and one he says is "vital" for reconciliation within Defence.

Twenty-six nations, 38 surface ships, four submarines, nine national land forces, more than 170 aircraft and approximately 25,000 personnel will participate in the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise scheduled June 29 to Aug. 4, in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California.

Resilience and how to prevail in a rapidly changing environment will be the focus for the inaugural Australian Defence Science, Technology and Research

In late February 1918 volunteers were called for from the fleet for a "dangerous venture" and Rudd was one of 11 men from Australia selected for this activity. The mission was the British raid on the port of Zeebrugge, in German occupied Belgium, on the night of 22-23 April 1918. This port was used as a base by German U-boats and destroyers operating in the English Channel and the Royal Navy undertook an operation to block the port by sinking three old cruisers, as block-ships, in the Bruges Canal.

Read his full biography on our website:
<https://navyvic.net/heroes/rudd.html>

(ADSTAR) Summit.

FlyBy – A periodical of the Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia. [June edition.....](#) (Note: right mouse click link and download document)

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Graeme presents Ian with a HMAS Colac boat flag.



Other HMAS Colac artifacts on display at Colac RSL Sub-branch.