

Leading Seamen serving on HMS Cossack during the period 1938 to 1941.

*Beach. 'Lofty' Peter John
Leading Seaman. P/JX145239. Onboard at October 1939. (Able Seaman. DSM – Altmark- London Gazette 12 April 1940) (Acting Petty Officer Temporary at sinking – 1 Mess) (Survivor. Picked up by HMS Carnation & discharged to HMS Victory) Came from Portsmouth. Died aged 72 -date unknown. Known for a good temper and cheery tact. Lived at Havant, Hants. Mother lived at 21 New Road Bedhampton

Bradley. C.R.
Leading Seaman. January 1939 to March 1940?

*Brighton. William George
Acting Leading Seaman. *Signalman* P/SSX 18484.
(Missing presumed killed 23.10.41) Parents George and Doris Brighton. Married at the Barony Church in Glasgow 27 August 1941 to Janet Harby who worked in munitions.

Brownlee. A.W.
Leading Seaman. January 1939 to March 1939?

*Butler. John William
Joined as a Leading Seaman 1938. Left as a PO 1940.
DSM. BEM. (Still onboard at March 1940) Member of boarding party for ALTMARK. Captain of B Gun at 2nd Battle of Narvik. (Took over from A/Petty Officer Scott.) Died 14 June 2001. (Age 87)

Colwell. William T.
Leading Seaman. P/J 100503 Onboard January 1939 (Seriously injured in collision with SS Borthwick. 7.11.39)

Durey. Victor John Bunyan
Able Seaman . P/JX 144767. 14 June 1938 to 20 December 1938. No 4 of a 4.7 gun crew. .
Joined RN 27 May 1935 aged 16 at HMS GANGES as a Boy 2nd Class, 10.11.36 Boy 1st Class. 20.4.36 ROYAL SOVEREIGN, 22.9.36 BARHAM, Ordinary Seaman 3.9.37. 21.9.38 VICTORY, 14.6.38 COSSACK. 3.9.38 Able Seaman. 21.12.38 VICTORY, 21.1.39 EXCELLENT, 12.4.39 VICTORY, 24.5.39 DAEDALUS, 29.7.39 EMERALD. 8.4.41 Acting Leading Seaman, 7.4.42 Leading Seaman (Temp). 3.7.42 Acting Petty Officer, 6.8.42 VICTORY, 5.9.42 EXCELLENT, 14.12.42 NESS Reverted to Leading Seaman (Permanent), 5.8.43 EDINBURGH CASTLE, 2.3.44 VICTORY, 5.5.44 EXCELLENT, 1.8.44 Acting Petty Officer. 9.6.45 VICTORY, 30.6.45 KHEDIVE As Acting Petty Officer, 5.6.46 VICTORY, 26.2.46 FORMIDABLE, 5.6.47 VICTORY. 10.6.47 Discharge by purchase. Died 24 June 2005

*Embley. Geoff. E.
Boy Seaman 1st Class. Bugler. P/JX 164291.
Joined LO3 August 1941. The Boys Mess Deck was on the Starboard side of the lower deck. At Action Stations he was the right hand fuse setter on X gun. Was on X Gun deck looking out Port side forward when he saw the phosphorescent trail of the torpedo approaching (Survivor picked up by Legion and discharged to HMS Victory taking passage in HMS Rodney)
Joined RN 17.2.40 as a Boy 2nd Class at GANGES. 18.2.40 Boy 1st Class. 17.5.40 St GEORGE, 31.10.40 VICTORY, 22.9.40 VERNON, 26.8.41 VICTORY, 29.8.41 COSSACK, 28.10.41 VICTORY as an Able Seaman, 7.1.42 FORMIDABLE, 23.5.42 Able Seaman, 1.12.43 VICTORY, 9.3.44 VERNON (R), 4.8.44 EMERALD, 23.9.44 VICTORY, 3.10.44 VANOC, 10.2.45 VICTORY, 12.2.45 Acting Leading Seaman (Temp), 19.4.45 VERNON (R),

3.8.45 MARLBOROUGH, 30.11.45 VERNON P,
12.2.46 Leading Seaman (Temp),
24.7.46 MARLBOROUGH, 21.11.46 Leading Seaman, 3.12.46
VERNON, 17.2.47 VICTORY,
19.2.47 COLLINGWOOD,
14.4.47 Changed branch to Leading Electricians Mate and changed
number to C/MX766384, 6.7.47 DEFIANCE, 25.10 47
COLLINGWOOD, 25.11.47 MAIDSTONE, 2.2.48 VICTORY,
13.3.48 CONCORD, 7.10.48 Acting Electrician,, 28.7.49
BELFAST, 7.10.49 Electrician, 6.4.50 TERROR, 11.4.50
VICTORY, 5.7.50 OSPREY, 6.6.51 JUTLAND, 3.5.52
BARROSA, 4.5.53 PEMBROKE –CS expired.,
Left RN 1954 and joined Royal Canadian Navy for 21 ½ years
followed by 14 years in the Canadian Coastguard. 7.7.54 NIOBE
as P2ET3, 16.7.54 CORNWALLIS, 29.11.54 STADACONA,
12.12.54 NOOTKA, 28.3.55 STADACONA, 19.12.55 QUEBEC,
6.6.56 MAGNIFICENT, 1.6.57 P2ET4, , 15.6.57 STADACONA,
23.6.58 CAPE BRETON, 8.8.58 NADEN (Shipyard), 29.8.58
BROCKVILLE, 31.10.58 STADACONA, 28.12.58
KOOTENAY, 17.12.60 TERRA NOVA, 17.1.62 STADACONA,
3.6.62 OUTREMONT, 15.4.63 STANSACONA, 6.3.63 CAPE
SCOTT, 6.9.63 NADEN (FS), 1.12.63 C2ET4 –Promoted to
commissioned officer 17.4.64. Following the WWII he married
Kathleen in Hong Kong Died 13 May 2014 with his ashes
committed to the deep from HMCS Sackville during Battle of the
Atlantic Ceremonies in May 2015. Survived by daughters Janice
Hill, Marilyn Streatch and son Geoffrey

Fox. Alfred Burt

Leading Seaman. P/JX 164423. Helmsman at action
stations Taught those new to the RN how to cook (See
Recollections by Reg Doring) (Missing presumed Killed
23.10.41) Age 36 (married to Olive Winifred of Sherborne, Dorset)
son of Arthur Thomas and Jane Fox

Gallennne. Edward.A.G.

Leading Seaman. October 1939 to March 1940?

*Grant. 'Nobby' Arthur David Henry Lewis Able Seaman/Acting Leading Seaman. DSM for making
secure loose depth charges during a storm . Tied himself to the rail
and a loose depth charge and waited for the next watch to come and
assist. At Altmark Incident – His wife was a catholic and he wasn't
and when he went back after one leave she had bought him a silver
cigarette case and had his initials engraved on it. It is flat and on
the top where his initials are there is a little place for matches and
she asked him to put a Miraculous Medal of the Virgin Mary in it
to keep him safe. He did so to please her and also put a photo of
his wife with it. A bullet hit it and it is all bent and you can see the
impact. He was a bit embarrassed to tell the story
(COSSACK May 1938 to April 194). See Newsletter 1/2002.
Joined the Queens Own Surrey's Regiment 1924 (Age 14) (Lance
Corporal Lewis Gunner) and transferred to the RN 1926 where he
served until 1946. Ships include the ALACRITY, BENBOW
(1941), BERWICK (1928-1929), GLENGYLE. Born 27.9.1910.
Died November 1993 aged 83

Hack. 'Taxi' Alfred A.

Ordinary Seaman. Leading Seaman Able Seaman.
P/JX 212236.' A' Gun (Blown in to the water and broke his leg
23.10.41 and discharged to Military Hospital and HMS Cormorant)

Halliday. Jim. Ordinary Seaman. June 1938 to May 1940. Navigators Yeoman. At Altmark Incident. Although not part of the official boarding party was asked to volunteer to release the prisoners so armed himself with a bayonet. Went with Brian Besford to search cabins where they found Captain Starr and Captain Brown. After L03 he joined the Submarine Service. Left the RN as a Leading Seaman

Hobbs. A.L. Leading Seaman/Petty Officer. January 1939 to March 1940?

Hope. William. E 'Bill' Ordinary Seaman. P/JX 171854. Joined 1940 as a Boy Seaman. Y Gun crew. Survivor picked up by Legion discharged to HMS Victory taking passage in HMS Rodney) Left the Navy as a Leading Seaman October 1953. Died 23 July 1996

Hyam. T. (S.)V. Able Seaman/Acting Leading Seaman. January 1939 to March 1940?

James. John Henry Whitfield Acting Leading Seaman. P/JX 147419. (Missing presumed killed 23.10.41) Age 22 (single) Son of Arthur Eldred and Ellen Elizabeth James of Cosham, Hampshire

Key. Harold Benson Acting Leading Seaman. *Yeoman of Signals* P/JX 144806. (Missing presumed Killed 23.10.41) (married to Yvonne of Basingstoke, Hampshire) son of Mr and Mrs Harry Benson Key

Kirk. Harold. C Signalman. October 1939 to March 1940? Transferred temporally from the AFRIDI while she was in refit. Joined the RN as a Boy at GANGES in 1936 becoming a Signal Boy in May 1938 when he joined IRON DUKE. Three months later he was drafted to BARNHAM for 16 months and become an Ordinary Seaman. June 1939 saw him in AFRIDI and apart from the short draft to L03 remained with the AFRIDI until she was sunk by German aircraft NW of Trondheim, Norway on 3 May 1940. July 1940 saw him onboard a French torpedo boat L'INCOMPRISE which had been "captured" from the French Navy at Portsmouth on 3 April 1940. He was rated Acting Leading Seaman before being drafted to PACKENHAM. 6 months later he was rated Acting Yeoman of Signals (Temporary). PACKENHAM was severely damaged 6months later in a battle with Italian torpedo boats at night off Maretimo. The ship was taken in tow by the PALLADIN but was bombed the next day by Italian aircraft and had to be sunk by the PALAIDIN. Harold survived and carried on serving until June 1952 leaving as a full Yeoman of Signals. Died 26th July 2009. He was 88 years old.

Lamb.(e) Cyril Frank 'Ginger' Acting Leading Seaman. (Temporary.) Onboard as an Able Seaman at October 1939. Senior ASDIC rating. DSM. ((London Gazette 25 November 1941 page 6772) for Operations Style and Substance) P/JX 146508. Died on HMS Legion (Buried at sea from HMS Carnation 24.10.41) Age 22 (single) Son of Frank and May of Wolverhampton . Sister Mrs. Eileen Codd. Cyril attended St Peter's in 1931 followed by his sister a year later. Parents ran The Summerfield., New Hampton Road West, Whitmore Reans, in 1921. Butlers, who owned the pub then, had let Cyril's parents stay there, putting up with the mess and keeping the pub open, while they did a big modernisation, kicking them out when the job was finished and putting in a younger man. Cyril's father, Frank with wife May, moved to the Coach and Horses, Snow Hill, and later to the Criterion, in the centre of the town.

Able Seaman Lambe was on the bridge at the time of the attack, and was seriously injured but swam for some time through the oily seas to be picked up by HMS Carnation. Because HMS Legion had a surgeon lieutenant on board it was decided to ship all the seriously wounded by small boat to the Destroyer. it seems that Able Seaman Lambe was still alive when picked up and that only one of the wounded died on HMS Legion. Eileen said how her brother was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and that her mother and father were invited to Buckingham Palace to the investiture. May, Eileen's mother went forward to receive the medal from His Majesty King George IV who asked her if she was there by herself. She said, no, that her husband was in the crowd at the back of the room. His Majesty had Frank, May's husband, brought forward and said to him. "You should be up here, to share his honour."

Frank and May Lambe, Cyril's parents presented a pew to be placed in the Lady Chapel of St. Peter's Church

Lander. Ernest. W.

Seaman RNR. Acting Leading Seaman. Temporary. . P/X 9603 B. (Missing presumed Killed 23.10.41)

Langford. Jack.K.

Leading Seaman. Joined as Able Seaman 1938 to 1940.
Died November 2000

*Macey. Edward John "Ted"

Acting Leading Seaman. P JX 143282 20 February 1940 to 17 April 1941. Captain of X gun. Later made Lt. Born 25 June 1919. Died 6 October 1982. Daughter Mrs M. Swan.

McLeod. John Norman. (Jack)

(Some records show spelling as Macleod)

Acting Leading Seaman. Temporary. P/SSX 29742.

(Born Glasgow) (Missing presumed Killed 23.10.41)

Age 21 (single) Son of Norman and Elizabeth McLeod of Glasgow

*Marshall. 'Raggy' Albert William

Acting Leading Seaman Temporary. DSM.

(London Gazette 12 April 1940 for ALTMARK incident First seaman onboard)

P/JX 140520. 'B' 4.7 gun crew. Captain of the Mess Onboard at January 1939. Badly burnt (See account by Ray Davies who says Raggy was put ashore at the Azores with one other) (Missing presumed Killed 23.10.41) Age 23 (married to Jessie Featherstone of Maltby, Rotherham, Yorkshire – Best man Reg Bower) son of John Thomas and Eva May Marshall 93 Victoria Street,, Maltby.. Joined the RN at 15. Prior to COSSACK served on COURAGEOUS and ROYAL OAK.

Martin. S.F.

Leading Seaman. January 1939 to March 1939?

Masterton. J. W. B.

Acting Leading Seaman. Temporary. P/JX 150284.

(Survivor discharged to HMS Victory taking passage in HMS Rodney)

Myles. G. H.

Leading Seaman. January 1939 to March 1939?

Redman. Harold 'Harry'

Leading Seaman. (May have been Acting Rate) Able

Seaman Torpedo Operator. P/SSX 23737. Born 23 May 1918.

Joined RN 1936. Joined L03 1939 to 1941. (At BISMARCK action) (Survivor picked up by Legion after 12 hours on a Carley Float and discharged to HMS Victory taking passage in HMS Rodney) Was behind the funnel when the torpedo hit. One of two crew who disarmed the depth charges on the Quarterdeck. Left the

RN at the end of the war and worked as an electrician for NHS hospitals in the Southampton area.
Died 22 December 2005

Robinson. Charles Wilfred
Leading Seaman. P/JX 193609. (Missing presumed Killed 23.10.41)

Rogers. E.R.
Leading Seaman. January 1939 to March 1939?

Rogers. V.R.
Leading Seaman. October 1939 to March 1940?

Scott. Charles H.
Leading Seaman P/JX 127913. 1938 – 1940. Acting PO at Altmark Incident. Joined at Newcastle during building of L03. Left L03 after 2nd Battle of Narvik. Captain of 'B' 4.7 gun. *Purchased Pluto – the ship's dog- for half a crown in Malta.* Died 30 August 2003 aged 92

*Smithen. 'John' 'Hank' Harry Edward
Able Seaman/Leading Seaman P/J 82983. Quartermaster 14 June 1938 remaining on ships books until 1 April 1941. May have done the dhobing for PO Writer Yell.
(Survivor discharged to HMS Victory) Born 28.10. 1901 Ware Hertfordshire. (GRO reference number is 3a 610) Lived in Bognor Regis. Now deceased. Married to Helen

Suggett. A.
Acting Leading Seaman. October 1939 to March 1940?

Taylor. Fredrick John
Leading Seaman. P/JX 139122

Toye. G. E.
Acting Leading Seaman. Temporary. P/SSX 29742.
P/JX164990
(Survivor discharged to HMS Victory taking passage in HMS Rodney)

Walkley. Horace (Harry).
Acting Leading Seaman. Temporary. P/JX 203254.
(Survivor discharged to HMS Victory taking passage in HMS Rodney)

Wilcocks. A.F.
Leading Seaman. October 1939 to March 1940?