

BIOGRAPHY

CAPTAIN JOHN BYNG FREWEN, ROYAL NAVY.

Captain Frewen entered the Service as a Dartmouth cadet in 1924 at the age of 13.

He served as Navigating Officer in H.M. Cruisers CARADOC and LONDON and Aircraft Carrier FORMIDABLE and was Squadron Navigating Officer in the LONDON to the late Admiral Sir Louis Hamilton, chiefly during his conduct of the Russian bound convoys. He saw service in FORMIDABLE with "Force H" then in support of the Russian convoys, and subsequently in the Pacific where the Aircraft Carrier was Flagship of Admiral Vian (Now Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Phillip Vian) during the latter part of the Pacific war. He was Squadron Navigating Officer during large scale carrier warfare, including attacks on Okinawa and the Japanese homeland in the course of which the FORMIDABLE received two hits by Kamikaze suicide planes.

After the War, Commander FREWEN (he was promoted to that rank in June, 1945) was Staff Officer Operations and Plans in the British Joint Services Mission, Washington for over two years. He was next appointed Executive Officer of H.M.S. DUKE OF YORK, Home Fleet Flagship of Commander-in-Chief and then in Plans Division, Admiralty, before being promoted Captain in June, 1950.

He commanded the frigate H.M.S. MOUNTS BAY in the Far East from November, 1950 till April, 1952, during which period he was for a time in command of the Inshore Squadron in the Korean campaign. He was Mentioned in Despatches for his services at this time. He was also employed in sea support duties during the operations against Malayan terrorists.

Captain Frewen commanded H.M.S. OSPREY, the A/S Establishment at Portland, for two years, followed by two years as Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence to the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic at the N.A.T.O. H.Q. at Norfolk, Virginia. He was appointed to the Imperial Defence College in January, 1957 and to H.M.S. EAGLE, in command, in February, 1958.

Captain Frewen received the U.S. Legion of Merit, degree of Officer, for services during the Korean campaign.

He is married and lives at Northiam, Sussex, where his family has been established for nearly four hundred years.

February, 1958.

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VICE ADMIRAL C.L.G. EVANS, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C.

Vice Admiral Charles Leo Glandore Evans, who became Flag Officer Aircraft Carriers on 13th January, 1959, is one of the most famous Fleet Air Arm pilots of World War II, gaining his D.S.C. in June, 1940, and D.S.O. in April, 1941, for flying operations.

He has also been Mentioned in Despatches on three occasions and received the C.B.E. for operations in Korean waters in May, 1953, while commanding the light fleet carrier OCEAN from June, 1951, to the end of 1952.

He commenced flying as a young officer before World War II. In February, 1940, he was appointed to the command of 806 Squadron, which he directed in attacks against shipping and oil installations at Bergen. The Squadron was afterwards embarked in the ILLUSTRIOUS for service in the Eastern Mediterranean, providing fighter patrols for convoys and operations against Leros, and the mainland of Greece, and cover for the crippling Fleet Air Arm attack on Taranto.

After some service with the U.S.Navy in the United States, he was appointed Commander (Flying) and later Commander (Air) in the aircraft carrier IMPLACABLE, returning to America to become Staff Officer (Air) to the British Admiralty Delegation and Assistant Naval Attache (Air) in Washington in 1947.

Back in the United Kingdom in February, 1948, Admiral Evans was appointed Captain (Training) on the Staff of the Flag Officer Air (Home), and afterwards Deputy Director, and later Director, of Naval Air Warfare at Admiralty before taking command of H.M.S. OCEAN.

Before Vice Admiral Evans was promoted to Flag rank on 7th February, 1956, he was Commodore of the Royal Naval Barracks, Portsmouth. In February, 1956, he was appointed Flag Officer Flying Training, and in October, 1957, went to Admiralty where he served till January, 1959, as Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel (Officers). He was promoted to Vice Admiral on 28th February, 1959.

10th April, 1959.



FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT H.M.S. EAGLE

Tonnage	49,816 Tons.
Length	805 feet.
Range	7,000 miles at 14 knots.
Maximum speed	31 knots.
Armament	Medium range 4.5" 16 barrels. Close range 40mm 56 barrels. Saluting guns 3 pdrs. 4
Number of Aircraft	Fighter/strike Seahawks 30 All Weather Fighters Sea Venoms 12 Anti Submarine Gannets 8 Airborne Early Warning Skyraiders 4 Search and Rescue Helicopters 2
Total number of sorties this commission -	Fixed wing 13,204 (a record) Helicopters 2,214
Launching interval with two catapults	30 seconds
" " " one catapult	45 seconds
Average interval for recovery	19 seconds
Record " " "	11 seconds
Number of Carrier Controlled Approach Landings	1,062
Distance EAGLE has steamed	87,000 miles
Distance flown by aircraft	4,000,000 miles (approx)
Fuel oil used	114,500 tons
Avcat used	4,453,119 gallons
Avgas used	237,000 gallons (enough to take a small car from Plymouth to London and return daily for six years).
Catapult launches	11,815

Complement

Ship	1587
Squadrons	546
Officers	250

Youngest man in the ship - Junior M.(E) Betteridge aged 16 years, 10 months.
Oldest man in the ship - C.P.O. Steward Dorrington aged 53 years (and a grandfather)

Longest single period of service in the ship - P.O.El. Bushel - 4 years 6 months.

Children entertained - over 4000 during this commission.

Banns of Marriage that have been read - 122.

Number of Baptisms - 10

Number of men rescued - 8

Admirals whose flags EAGLE has flown this commission:

Admiral Sir J.A.S. ECCLES. C.in C. Home Fleet
Rear Admiral H.C.D. MACLEAN
Vice Admiral Sir A.N.C. BINGLEY
Vice Admiral C.L.G. EVANS
Admiral Sir W.W. DAVIS

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Record number of men transferred at sea at one time

192

Meat issued 293 tons
 Tea issued 46,305 lbs.
 Eggs issued 84,240 doz.
 Rum issued 14,428 gallons (costing £150,000 duty paid).
 Cleaning rags issued 70 tons
 Cash payment made £1,169,238. 19s. 9d. plus allotments etc.
 Electric cable 900 miles
 Fan trunking 10 miles
 Electric lights 10,000
 Electric Light bulbs issued 70,000

Without replenishing ship's company can be fed for three months.

Places visited:

Vigo, Gibraltar, Malta, Toulon, Barcelona, Istanbul, Naples and Brest.

Major exercises taken part in:

Strikeback, Dawn Breeze 3, Phoenix 2, Margex, Dawn Breeze 4.

Ship's Motto "Arduus ad Solem" - By labour to the Sun.

Some of the places in which the ship's company live:

London	103	Portsmouth, Brighton and Southampton	65
Taunton	9	Exeter	11
Bristol	39	South Devon	38
Wales	71	Locals	219
Eire	7		
N. Ireland	59	(Negative Royal Marines and Squadrons).	
Midlands	148		
N.E. Region	120		
Hereford and Shrewsbury	49		
Manchester	123		
Liverpool	77		
Scotland	147		
Cornwall	27		