

**A Service to Mark the
20th Anniversary
of the Loss of
HMCS MARGAREE's
Two Divers**



*Sub-Lieutenant William Cory Wells
And
Master Seaman William Eldon Hynes*

HMCS MARGAREE – A Tragic Day

It was a bright sunny morning on the 8th of February 1991 when HMCS MARGAREE sailed into the beautiful city of Funchal on the Portuguese island of Madeira. This was to be a rest and recreation stop over after a strenuous work up of the Standing Naval Force Atlantic. As the Gulf War was imminent NATO forces were being diverted to the Strait of Gibraltar. The ships company was in high spirits after the lengthy workup in which the 30 year old destroyer was converted to meet the new demands that she may be asked to carry out. As a precautionary procedure each ship would carry out a bottom search of their hulls, the American navy has only surface swimmers so MARGAREE divers were asked to carry out the search of the PHARRIS on the completion of their own. The ship was nested between FGS LUEBECK alongside and the USS PHARRIS outboard.

MARGAREE's divers entered the water early in the afternoon and after carrying out their search commenced the search of PHARRIS' hull. Without the divers knowledge the sea water intake for engine cooling system had not been turned off and the divers were sucked into the intake. It took some time to get the intakes switched off but it was too late as S/Lt Cory Wells and MS Billy Hynes had both drowned.

Thank you for attending this service and honouring two outstanding sailors who lost their lives in the service of their country. Please join us in the Wardroom on completion of the service for a time of fellowship and reminiscing.

Order of Service

The National Anthem – *O Canada*

Welcome

Address *George Borgal*

The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

God of all consolation,
In your unending love and mercy
You turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life.
Your Son, by dying for us, conquered death
And by rising again, restored to us eternal life:
May we then go forward eagerly to meet our Redeemer
And, after our life on earth,
Be reunited with all our brothers and sisters
In that place where every tear is wiped away
And all things are made new;
Through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

The Proclamation of the Word

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
*He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.*

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.
*Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your
staff, they comfort me.*

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

Lecture de Romains (8: 31-39)

(Read by Cdr Lin Paddock)

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

*'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'*

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn – O God Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
From everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like and evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time like an ever-rolling stream bears all our years away;
Thy fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

A Reading from the Gospel of John (15: 9-17)

(Read by Orville Thamer)

Comme le Père m'a aimé, je vous ai aussi aimés. Demeurez dans mon amour. Si vous gardez mes commandements, vous demeurerez dans mon amour, de même que j'ai gardé les commandements de mon Père, et que je demeure dans son amour. Je vous ai dit ces choses, afin que ma joie soit en vous, et que votre joie soit parfaite.

C'est ici mon commandement: Aimez-vous les uns les autres, comme je vous ai aimés. Il n'y a pas de plus grand amour que de donner sa vie pour ses amis. Vous êtes mes amis, si vous faites ce que je vous commande. Je ne vous appelle plus serviteurs, parce que le serviteur ne sait pas ce que fait son maître; mais je vous ai appelés amis, parce que je vous ai fait connaître tout ce que j'ai appris de mon Père. Ce n'est pas vous qui m'avez choisi; mais moi, je vous ai choisis, et je vous ai établis, afin que vous alliez, et que vous portiez du fruit, et que votre fruit demeure, afin que ce que vous demanderez au Père en mon nom, il vous le donne. Ce que je vous commande, c'est de vous aimer les uns les autres.

Padre's Message

The Prayers

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, in whose hands are the living and the dead; We give thee thanks for your servants who laid down their lives in the service of country.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

For friends and family who are entangled, to this day, by grief and loss, may God's comfort be sufficient.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Dans ce pèlerinage terrestre où nous sommes encore, nous cheminons par la foi; conduis-nous par ton Saint-Esprit dans la justice et la sainteté tous les jours de notre vie.

Seigneur, en ta tendresse,
Écoute nos prières.

For all those who sail upon the seas, may the sacrifices of those who have gone before us provide all of us with a light to guide our path.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Nous t'en prions, aide-nous à croire au milieu de toutes ces choses que nous ne comprenons pas, et à mettre notre espérance dans la communion des saints, le pardon des péchés et la résurrection pour la vie éternelle.

Seigneur, en ta tendresse,
Écoute nos prières.

For all who are gathered in this place, may there be a peace that passes all understanding, knowing the God of Peace is among us all. ** Amen.*

The Naval Hymn – Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at your word,
Who walked across the surging deep
And in the storm lay calm in sleep:
We cry, O Lord of Galilee, for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bade its angry tumult cease,
And gave for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
All travellers guard in danger's hour,
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go:
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

The Time of Remembrance

We remember before Almighty God the souls of our comrades departed:

Sub-Lieutenant William Cory Wells (*ship's bell is rung*)
Master Seaman William Eldon Hynes (*ship's bell is rung*)

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Last Post

The Minute of Silence

Reveille

The Act of Remembrance

(Read by Earle Corn)

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

We will remember them.

The Naval Prayer

O eternal Lord God, who alone spread'st out of the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; who has compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end; be pleased to receive into thy almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us thy servants and the fleet in which we serve. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence of the enemy; that we may be a safeguard unto our most gracious sovereign lady, Queen Elizabeth and her dominions, and security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasion; that the inhabitants of our commonwealth may in peace and quietness serve thee our God; and that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessings

of the land, with the fruits of our labours, and with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies to praise and glorify thy holy name. *Amen.*

Thank You Dawn Wells

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour and grant you peace.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sub-Lieutenant William Cory Wells

Corey was born in Halifax in 1964 into a naval family and from an early age knew the naval life was for him. He was a member of Sea Cadets as a teenager and then joined the Naval Reserve while still in high school. Upon graduation Corey followed in his Father's footsteps and became a proud member of the Canadian Navy. He enrolled as a TADSEA 251 "Sparker" as it was known in Military circles.

He was a high achiever in everything he did, taking extra courses whenever possible and always striving to gain more experience and qualifications. Within a couple of years, and after very quick promotions, Corey again followed in his Father's footsteps and Commissioned from the Ranks 20 March 1989, with aspirations of becoming a MARS 71B Naval Officer. He achieved both his BWK and Cert 2 Qualifications in 1990 and also fulfilled another long-time ambition when he became a qualified diver. During his career Cory sailed on HMCS SKEENA, NIPIGON, MACKENZIE and MARGAREE.

His tragic death at 27 years of age left his wife, Dawn, his brothers Scott and Doug, Mother and Father Jack and Sylvia and other family, friends and crew-mates with a terrible void. Cory profoundly touched every person he sailed with and everybody who knew him personally.

MS William (Billy) Eldon Hynes CDS

Billy was born in St. John's, Newfoundland in August 1959 and joined the Canadian Forces in August 1978 as a Fire Controlman, becoming a NesOp under amalgamation. Billy married Deborah in 1981 and had three sons Dwayne, Charles and Michael, all living in Newfoundland, Michael being only 6 ½ months old when Billy died. Billy served on HMCS ASSINIBOINE, MARGAREE and in the Fleet School, Halifax.

Billy was quite the character, one of those sailors one needed to have around when times were tough; always ready to play and prank and bring everyone back down to earth. He was a man with a great sense of humour and always ready to give a helping hand no matter what the task. Billy loved his lobsters and clam digging was a hoot for the dirtier he got the happier he was. Billy was an avid hockey player and was a great coach, giving his time to help with the young players in Shannon Park.

The top student award for the QL 6A NesOP bears his name a fitting tribute to an outstanding sailor and friend.

HMCS MARGAREE DDH 230

““We are the Best”” ““Honours: Atlantic 1940””

HMCS MARGAREE II was a St. Laurent class destroyer built in Halifax Shipyards and commissioned on the 5th of October 1957 as a DDE. She was reclassified as a DDH after conversion in 1965 and was further modernized as part of the Destroyer Life Extension program in 1980. She was the second ship to bear her name, the first being ex-HMS Diana, pennant H49, a “D” Class destroyer transferred to the RCN on the 6th of September 1940. While on convoy escort duty MARGAREE I was lost at sea 22nd of October 1940 after a collision with MV Port Fairy, with the loss of 142 souls. MARGAREE II served proudly on both coasts.

Throughout her career her familiar nickname “Dirty 230” was fondly used, although it was never clear where this came from. She was decommissioned on the 2nd of May 1992 after almost 35 years of service to her country. Of special note MARGAREE also lives on in the fiction writings of Daniel L. Little in “Conflict in the North”. The ship’s bell may be seen every morning while Colours is being carried out at the Base Headquarters at STADACONA, and is also used at every Remembrance Day and Battle of the Atlantic service.

General Characteristics

Length 371 feet - Beam 42 feet - Draught 14 feet - Speed 28.5 Knots - Range 4,750 Nautical Miles at 14 Knots - Complement 213 Plus 20 Aircrew - Armament 1 x 3"/50 twin mount, 2 x triple Mk 32 torpedo launchers - 1 x Mk NC 10 Limbo ASW mortar