

Captain AM Croxford, Royal Navy

Personal Details

Name: Croxford, Anthony Michael - known as Mike
Born: 29 Apr 1943 Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire, England

Wife's name: Catherine (m 1967) (d 2016)

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School(s) attended: Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

Interests and hobbies:

Theatre, Sailing, Garden, HMS Glamorgan Association, Family

Service Details

Joined Royal Navy General List: Sep 1961. Branch: GL S. Adquals: psc, ndc

Date Retired: Nov 1992 - redundancy scheme

1961- 1964

Murray 2 scheme of training:

Year 1 BRNC Dartmouth including DTS (HMS Wizard) cruise.

Year 2 Midshipman's Training: HMS ALBION, UK, Middle and Far East, 1962-1963

HMS WOODBRIDGE HAVEN & HMS MANXMAN, 6th Minesweeping Squadron, Far East Fleet, 1963

Year 3 BRNC Dartmouth Academic Year (X & S Officers only)

Year 4 Sub Lieutenants' Course - various shore establishments

Sporting achievements, qualifications, etc

1961 Captain, Dartmouth 2nd XV Rugby

1963 RN Dinghy Sailing Team - Crew

1974 RYA Coastal Sailing Certificate

Service Career – Complement Billets

1965 HMS PEMBROKE Supply and Secretariat courses.

1965 / 1967 HMS ARK ROYAL, Assistant Secretary

1967 / 1969 Office of the Flag Officer Aircraft Carriers, Fort Southwick, Section Officer and Sec to Chief of Staff

1970 Royal Naval College Greenwich, Lieutenants' Greenwich Course

1970 Office of the Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, Temporary Section Officer

1970 HMS PEMBROKE, Supply Officers' Charge Course

1970 / 1973 HMS FALMOUTH - UK, Middle and Far East. Cod War, Supply Officer

1973 / 1975 HMS EXCELLENT, Captain's Secretary

1975 Royal Naval College Greenwich, Royal Naval Staff Course

1975 / 1977	Ministry of Defence Main Building, London, Assistant Secretary to Chief of Fleet Support
1977 / 1979	Staff of Flag Officer Gibraltar, Secretary to Flag Officer Gibraltar
1980	National Defence College, Latimer, Student on NDC 10
1980 / 1982	HMS GLAMORGAN, Supply Officer - participated in Falklands War
1982 / 1984	NATO Staff of CINCHAN/CINCEASTLANT - Northwood, Secretary to the Chief of Allied Staff
1984 / 1987	Faslane Naval Base, Helensburgh, Scotland, Base Supply Officer
1987 / 1988	Royal Naval College Greenwich, Commander of the College; WR Mess President
1988 / 1991	Staff of CINCFLEET, Secretary to Commander in Chief, Fleet
1991 / 1992	Ministry of Defence Main Building, London, Secretary to Chief of Fleet Support

Service Career - ranks held

Midshipman	1962
Sub Lieutenant	1963
Lieutenant	1966
Lieutenant Cdr	1974
Commander	1979
Captain	1988

Service Career - Campaign Medals

Naval General Service Medal Borneo 1963
 Queen's Silver Jubilee Commemoration Medal 1977
 South Atlantic Medal Rosette 1982
 Freedom of The City of London 1990

Career after leaving RN

1992 / 2008 Carter-Ruck - London Libel Solicitors Partnership Secretary

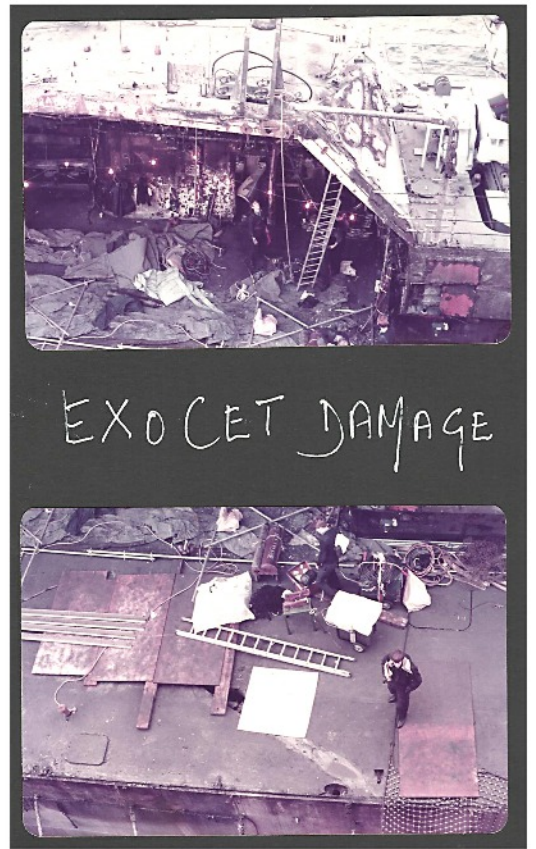
And finally

Reflections The opportunities offered during my career were immensely wide-ranging - including extensive travel - a large range of challenging appointments within an organisation that offered responsibility and friendship unequalled outside the service environment. Both the politicians and the senior officers in office during most of my time in the RN had either experienced operational situations or had been in the services during the 2nd WW - they therefore had an inbuilt sense of the service, what it could achieve for the security of the country and its role in the world. Somehow, this background experience, particularly in senior politicians who have never been in any of the services, is now lacking - resulting in a less stable basis for the service in the future - this in itself is worrying.

I very much enjoyed my service time - but could not have achieved anything without the unstinting help of my wife, Catherine.



HMS Glamorgan



HMS Glamorgan Exocet damage
12 June 1982



HMS Glamorgan
Memorial Inauguration
Hookers Point Falkland Islands Feb 2011

