

## Jock Douglas

DoB 1935

Joined the RNVR Dundee Division in 1951. Spent usual time as O.S. on divisional minesweeper in North Sea and training in "Indefatigable" in Portland

1952 called up as National Service OS, Victory Barracks Portsmouth then HMS Theseus in Portland and then in Med. Passed AIB and appointed Upper yardsman and completed training in Theseus.

1953 Midshipman in HMS Eagle as assistant to Navigator (i.e. chief pencil sharpener). Various courses at Dryad and Victory (now) Nelson in Portsmouth. Time on board HMS Daring in Med. Transferred to Coastal Forces based in Hornet in Haslar Creek; later appointed Squadron Navigator of squadron of 4 'Gay' Class MTBs.

Later involved with "Operation Jungle" which was to insert exiles from the Baltic States who had fled both the German and Soviet invasions, back into their countries as agents; this then being the only real soft edge of the Soviet Union. Coastal Forces were involved both in the Baltic and in exercises to practice the landings. (See the Wikipedia article [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation\\_Jungle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Jungle).) I was also involved searching for Commander Crabb when he disappeared under USSR ship 'Sverdlov' in Portsmouth.

Promoted Sub Lt. and offered extended service which I accepted. Left for Canada in 1957 and then in RCNR in Montreal then Vancouver. Recalled for Suez. Promoted Lt. RCNR then Lt. Cdr in 1963.

Commercial maritime life spent setting up company building and operating ships for offshore supply, support and service initially in North Sea from Aberdeen and then worldwide.

Retired 2005.

