

Capt. Hans Magnus Juelsdorf

I have been given the privilege to say a few words about the loss of our dear friend Hans, who was so proud to have spent most of his life among the British people and in the British Merchant Navy.

Hans was born in Denmark the 18th April 1919 and joined the Danish Merchant Navy at the age of 16. He was in Glasgow in 1940 on board the Danish ship 'Diana', the ship was taken over by the British to be used in the war and with the Red Ensign.

Hans decided to offer his service and ended up serving under the Red Ensign from 1940 until the war ended, risking his life for the freedom we all enjoy today. He took part in 4 D-Day landings including Operation Overlord the 6th June 1944.

In 1994 he was given a Medal by Le Prèsideint du conseil Règional 'Ronè Garrec' in France. He also received a personal letter of thanks from President Mitterrand and a diploma from The French Ministry of Defence in recognition of his help in liberating France.

He was a great Dane and I am sure you will all agree that he will be greatly missed by us all.

A Poem for Hans M Juelsdorf

*We see a light shine brightly,
on a far and distant shore.
We turn our heads, just slightly,
the light, it shines no more.
Is this a life then faded –
A journey at it's end.
Must we then say farewell
to our kind and loyal friend.
We shall join him on his journey,
we know not where or when.
We shall then be reunited
with Hans, our special friend.*

Hans made two wishes before he died, the first was for his ashes to be returned to the sea that he loved. This will take place from the stern of the 'Shieldhall' the 11th June. The second, which I will join him in, is that more members would visit the club and join in with the friendship and social events, it is a fantastic club.

We send our love and condolences to Mary and the family.

Captain Flemming Nelleborg Pedersen