

Admiral Sir Anthony Morton, GBE, KCB

Stowaway Sir Anthony Morton died on May 6, aged 82.

His final appointment, from 1980–1983, as the UK's Military Representative on Nato's Military Committee in Brussels, was recognition of a brilliant career at sea and ashore in a variety of senior policy-forming staff posts. Known for his forceful advocacy, Morton was well equipped to set out the British position in this top-level international forum with its important role in managing an effective defence policy that would also be acceptable to 15 individual Nato nations.

Promoted to rear-admiral in 1971, Morton was the senior naval instructor at the Royal College of Defence Studies in Belgrave Square before being appointed to his first influential Ministry of Defence post as Assistant Chief of Defence Staff (Policy). In 1975, as a vice-admiral, his last seagoing tour was as Flag Officer First Flotilla, responsible for the fighting efficiency and administration of some 40 warships, a job which took him in various flagships to the North Atlantic, Mediterranean, Black Sea and Indian Ocean.

Sir Anthony was a regular visitor to the Southampton Master Mariners' Club with a penchant for the Sea Pie Supper where he would swing the lamp until the small hours. He was appointed to be a Stowaway Member in 1994.