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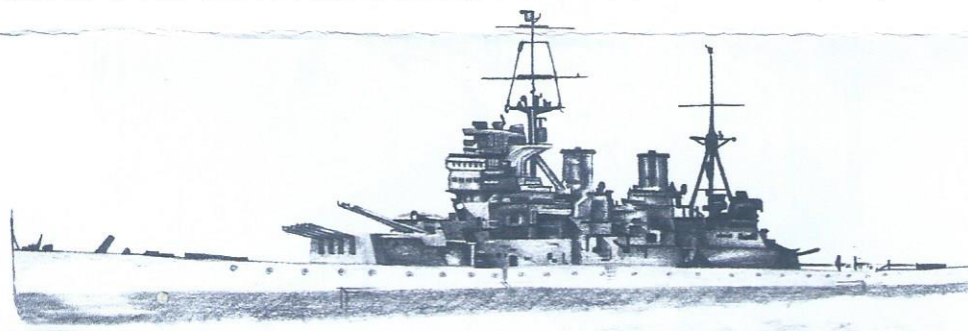
FOR VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH

Dear

Christopher John Peacey is now aged 94. I've walked in his childhood footsteps, where he started out in life, and my aim now is to take the reader with me on that incredible journey which he took, when our nation had its back to the wall during what was our `darkest hour`. In the spirit of that time, along with many other patriotic lads eager to `do their bit`, he joined the navy and was soon in the thick of the action.

Regards.

Bob Clarke (author of `If You Can't Take a Joke...You Shouldn't Have Joined`)



## *War and Peacey*

Illustrated by Michelle (Shelly) Jayne Turner

As a choir boy in a country church, Chris Peacey first saw a young man in naval uniform being admired by ladies and men. This sowed a seed in him. Aged 15 he joined the Navy at the outbreak of war. His first ship, the Prince of Wales, inflicted such damage on the mighty Bismarck that she was caught and destroyed. After repairs, the Prince of Wales sailed on a secret mission involving both Churchill and Roosevelt. While attempting to thwart the Japanese invasion of Malaya, his ship was sunk with great loss of life. His own survival was amazing, as was his rescue from the clutches of the Japanese.

On survivor's leave Chris met a very attractive girl: his anchor to home. The rest of Chris's war was aboard 'Rose Marie', a landing ship, which took part in allied assault landings in N Africa, Sicily, Anzio, Normandy and Malaysia, coming through death and destruction unscathed. He married his lady, who became a respected teacher, historian and pillar of her community, but he had to spend the next eight 'Cold War' years in submarines, while she was sustaining the home and family. Once, he had an accident on his way to join the Affray. This saved his life as she sank with all 75 men on board including his replacement.

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