GWILYM IEUAN MORGAN

1914-2005





Gwilym & his sister Peggy

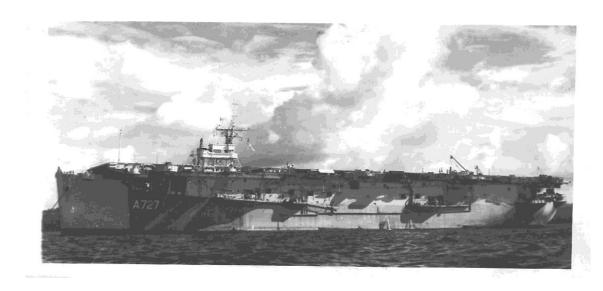


Gwilym with his parents Arthur & Raddie Morgan

Born in Neath Gwilym was the son of Raddie and Arthur Morgan. His grandfather was Evan Jones of Coedmore Aberaeron. He spent much of his youth in Aberaeron with his grandparents and attended the local County School. He was joined the Navy during the 2nd World war and he took part in the D.Day landings in 1944*



Signal School at Plymouth where Gwilym Trained as a Telegraphist



Gwilym served on the: HMS Chaser



Gwilym On Board Ship



Street Scene in Hong Kong



Gwilym & his Chinese Friends





VJ Day in Sydney Australia Gwilym 1st right

Gwilym Morgan served his country during the Second World War in the Royal Navy. He had visited several countries and been involved in the famous 2nd World War Battle which ensued during the D. Day Landings.

He returned home to Neath and gained employment as an Administrative Officer with the Steel Works at Ebbw Vale. When his parents decided to retire to Aberaeron he followed them and lived in Almora Belle Vue Gardens for the rest of his life.

It was to be a busy life as he worked in the NFU in Aberystwyth, the social Services Department in Aberaeron and finally with the local solicitor John Evans on Quay Parade.

Gwilym also had a busy social life in particular at the local Tennis Club at Aberaeron. He was known as an excellent tennis Player and eventually was appointed via the Lawn Tennis Association as a Team Coach for the Aberaeron Tennis Club.



Gwilym with Aberaeron ladies 1950's



Gwilym in the 1980's

In the booklet *Reflections on 100yrs of Aberaeron Tennis 1882-1982* Gwilym wrote of his memories of being a member of the Aberaeron club. The then Chairman the late Mr Jack Rees also wrote of Gwilym's memories re his time in the Navy and of the only occasion Gwilym had drunk beer.

'They had put ashore on a small Pacific Island, but there was no water as the departing Japanese had poisoned it. There was however tinned American beer Gwilym drunk some of that and then gone for a swim. He found himself swimming further & further out --- recklessly and light-headedly. ----- he eventually staggered ashore, he vowed he would never drink another drop'

Gwilym Morgan had served his country, worked diligently, and was exceptional and fair minded tennis player. The anecdote above also shows he had a good sense of humour even when his own mishaps were recalled in print.

 Gwilym's memories of the D Day landings can be read on: cymdeithasaberaeronsociety.org in Blog and under Memories

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