

CURRICULUM VITAE & RECORD OF SERVICE

01223635PE Commodore Andrew Cecil McMurray SM., SAN (Rtd)

General

9 December 1924. Born Kenilworth, Johannesburg.

1930 to 1942. Attended Jeppe Preparatory, and High Schools. Matriculation Exemption.

26 June 1948. Married Anne P. Henny. Two adult daughters.

Wartime Service

7 January 1943. Joined SA Naval Forces as Able Seaman for wartime service.

Disciplinary training at Pollsmoor - less than 2 weeks completed.

+/- 21 January '43. Drafted to TURFFONTEIN (Lieut. D. Clarkson) employed on coastal convoy and harbour patrol duties at Cape Town and Saldanha Bay.

May '43. Drafted to UNITIE for Midshipman (Q) course.

August 1943. Promoted Midshipman, Appointed to MOOIVLEI (Lieut. R.C. Cousins) as WKO, employed on harbour patrol duties CT and Saldanha. Carried out duties of Gunnery and Confidential Books Officer.

May '44. Appointed to UNITIE for SubLt (Q) course.

July '44. Promoted Sub Lieutenant and then attended Anti Submarine Control Officers (A/SCO) course at A/S School in the Fish Market CT Docks.

+/- August '44. Appointed to VEREENIGING (Lieut. R.V. Mowlam) for passage to Durban - on convoy escort duty - and then as relief A/SCO for 3rd & 4th Escort Groups. Ships served in : ODBERG, SONNEBLOM, IMMORTELLE, TORDONN and CEDARBERG, employed on escort duties and harbour patrol at Durban.

September '45. Appointed to Naval HQ, Orange Street, Cape Town, for duties with Demobilisation Team.

+/- December '45. Appointed Secretary to Director SA Naval Forces (Commodore J Dalglish CBE) - relieved SubLt(Sp) I. McG. Riddle.

+/- March '46. Appointed to NHQ Pretoria (situated in Defence HQ) as Asst. Staff Officer and Secretary to DSANF - relieved in CT by SubLt P.A.H. Tomlinson.

30 April '46. Released from full time war service.

Peacetime Permanent Force Service.

1 May 1946. Appointed as Sub Lieutenant SANF Permanent Force.

1 June '46. Appointed to **UNITIE** for Lieutenants (Q) Courses

March '47. Appointed to **GOOD HOPE** (Lt Cdr H.E.Fougstedt) as WKO and Signals Officer.

20 December '47. Temporary transfer to **TRANSVAAL** for Operation Snoektown - annexation of Prince Edward Islands. Returned to GH early March '48.

14 April '48. Promoted to Lieutenant.

GOOD HOPE Highlights.

Exercises with VANGUARD and ships of SA & SA Squadron including Fleet Pulling Regatta at Saldanha Bay.

First post war port visit by SA frigates to Port Elizabeth.

Visit of 3 SA frigates to Angola and Belgian Congo.

Transfer of SANF to Salisbury Island Base.

+/- 6-Week refit in Simon's Town Dockyard - first SA Ship to do so since 1930's.

+/- January '49. Appointed to **PIETERMARITZBURG** (Lt Cdr J.F. Netterberg) as TAS and Communications Officer.

PMBURG Highlights.

Visit of NATAL, BLOEMFONTEIN & PMBURG to Lourenco Marques.

Refit in Simon's Town Dockyard.

Durban Indian / Zulu riots.

Combined SAN, RN, FN exercises (Durbex)

+/- March '50. Appointed to **South African Naval Base**, Salisbury Island, (Cdr H.E.Fougstedt) as Base Communications Officer.

SANB Highlights.

Inauguration of SA Navy radio Broadcast and Ship to Shore Communication System. Agreement with CinC SA SA to share training facilities at the Signal Training Centre at Simon's Town.

July '51 - Establishment of SA Marine Corps and appointment of Brig. Piet De Waal as Naval and Marine Chief of Staff. Establishment of Coastal Command at BONAVENTURE Cape Town and appointment of Cdre F.J. Dean as OC Coastal Command.