

Robert Adrian ROBERTS DSC (b1921) Lieutenant Commander.

He was step-brother to Lawrence Pyman (book p.56) and brother to Primrose Roberts (book p.75).

He joined the navy as a special entry cadet in September 1939 and was first appointed to the light cruiser, *HMS Orion*, in May 1940. Almost all his war service was spent in the Mediterranean apart from a few months in 1942 carrying out Sub-

Lieutenant's courses, after which he joined the Hunt class destroyer, *HMS Lamerton*, as the anti-submarine officer. He was Mentioned in Despatches for his part in sinking a German submarine - U 443.

In October 1943 the Afrika Corps were bottled up by the 1st and 8th Armies in Cape Bon Peninsular. The navy blockaded the area to prevent escape. Lt Roberts was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his part in various actions while Navigating Officer of the Inshore Squadron.

He then joined the destroyer, *HMS Teazer*, as the First Lieutenant. The ship was tasked to support the landings in Southern Europe. When *Teazer* returned to the UK in December 1945 he went on what was known as the Long 'N' Course to become a fully qualified Navigating Officer and served in several appointments in that capacity until he requested to be placed on the Retired List in March 1956.