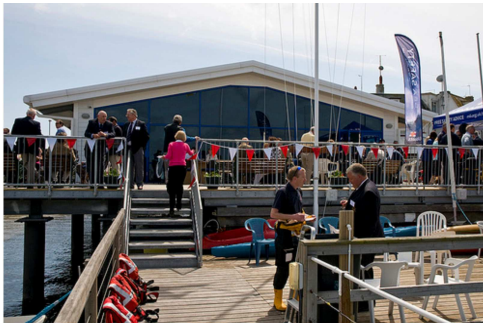




The Friends of PFBC...and *Aye Ma'am* at North Haven Yacht Club, Sandbanks are scheduled weekend 21/22 February, to represent us at the 50th. Anniversary.

NHYC are holding a weekend's Celebration for this significant 'milestone' which we congratulate them on reaching this year.



The new clubhouse of North Haven YC as opened in 2009... View from seaward looking in towards Sandbanks Pavilion & Parade of Shops

Below: The NHYC side profile viewed from the shoreline



The opening times 'when these are to-hand' will form the basis of the rota of w/e Volunteers drawn up for the Friends of PFBC.

Therefore, if you would like to Volunteer for an hour or two's slot over the weekend Celebrations, [do please let us know asap.](#)

With the Glorious 'Hind' !

We understand that one of the main highlights joining us there will be Mike with his 100" model of the *G-AFCI Golden Hind* where his late father-in-law was the 'regular' Flight Engineer...

In the postwar era *G-AFCI* renewed the association with Poole, on BOAC's regular service to Cairo via Marignane & Augusta.



Mike's model has been flown very successfully over 50 flights during the last year on the local venue of Longham Reservoir !



Hamworthy Park



Pictured above, centre stage John and Mary Witcomb in 2013:

PFBC is very saddened to learn of the death of Mary Witcomb from her recent sudden heart attack. Together with dear John who passed away last year, they greatly enjoyed the unveiling of PFBC's Storyboard for RAF Hamworthy where John served in WW2. They lived in our locality, where John was brought-up and first worked in Bournemouth...yet they both fondly recalled the comradeship they found with members of the RAAF Flying Boat Squadrons, and their greatly cherished visits to Australia.

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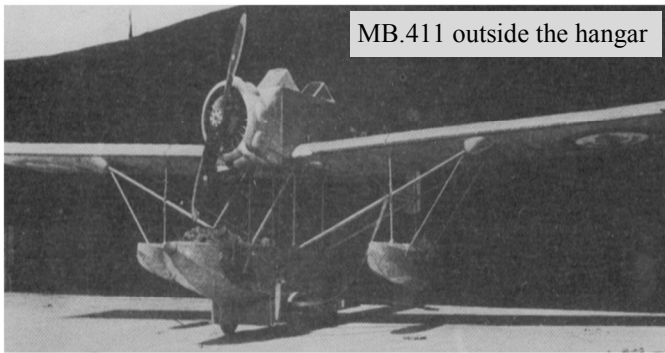


To the forefront of our recent thoughts has been the tragedies experienced in Paris, which have shocked the French Nation, and all those who value Freedoms in the World's Democracies.

In the Centenary Years of the Great War, and 75 years since the Fall of France to the onslaught of 'Nazi Germany' Forces, there is poignancy in the rallying call *Vers la Paix Universelle !*

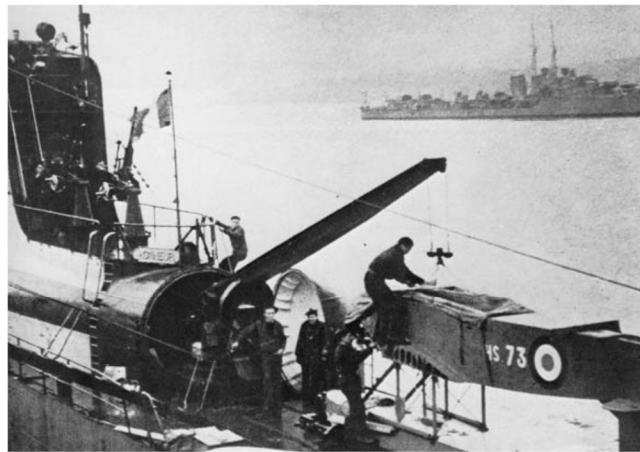
From 1904 the *Entente Cordiale* has certainly had ups & downs, yet has survived to stand shoulder-to-shoulder in dark times ! In the exodus of refugees from the Low Countries and France in 1940, Poole played a significant role, as did young BOAC. One remarkable arrivée via Gibraltar was M. Jacques Hazard, who boarded the French ship *L'Anadyr* on the 2nd. July 1940 arriving in the UK on the 7th., to be transferred from London to the camp at Odiham where refugee fliers gathered together.





MB.411 outside the hangar

Ordered in 1927, the French Navy commissioned the *Surcouf* in 1934 as an underwater cruiser, the largest submarine built prewar 110m in length, propelled by diesels + electric motors. Besides being equipped with torpedoes & twin powerful guns there was one Marcel Besson MB.411 Seaplane called *Petrel*. With the collapse of France, *Surcouf* escaped from a shipyard at Brest where a refit was underway, and made it to Plymouth.



From Odiham he was posted to *Surcouf* as the seaplane pilot: In the Winter of 1940 *Surcouf* was at Poole, when *Jacques* and *Petrel* were detached to *RNAS Sandbanks* for further training. *There was never a reunion as Surcouf was lost in Feb. 1942!*



Courtesy of Flt Lt Baff

Jacques returned to Plymouth by May 1941 & was detached to Mount Batten, soon *Petrel* was scrapped as unrepairable: *Jacques* opted to join with his comrades on *RAAF 10 Sqdn...* *He became the only Frenchman to serve with the Australians:*

From Flight Sergeant June 1941 to Warrant Off., then Pilot Off. in 1942 aka a *Sous-Lieutenant*.

He was Pilot Officer on *RB-W W3993* which attacked + badly damaged *U-105* on 11.06.1942.

On 21.06.1942, whilst on ASR, *RB-Y* was attacked by an Arado 196 Seaplane and forced down, ~ landing sighted by a Whitley from 58 Sqd. at 48'20N 08'07W in Biscay...with an explosion!

When *RB-Y* sank there was no evidence at all of any survivors.

This had been his 59th. Mission with 700 hours of flying time!



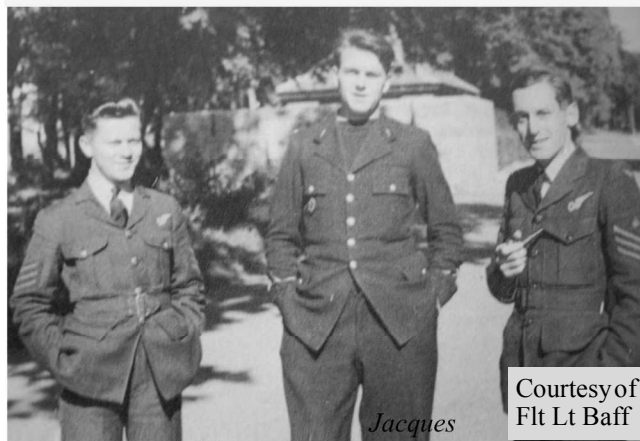
What might Jacques have achieved in postwar France if he had survived the war?



After our action against the French Fleets to stop them falling into *enemy hands*, the French ships in the UK were boarded. This resulted in certain hostility and some serious incidents! Eventually with an option to either stay, or return to France, vacancies occurred within the crew of 8 Officers + 110 men. Amongst the replacements was *Jacques Hazard* as the pilot designated to fly the *Petrel* brought out of its compartment! *Jacques* was a confident flier who'd flown since 16 years old and had enlisted in 1939. He had been sent to Flying School in Oran (Algeria) before he escaped with two friends in 1940. They ditched in Spain before crossing the border to Gibraltar.

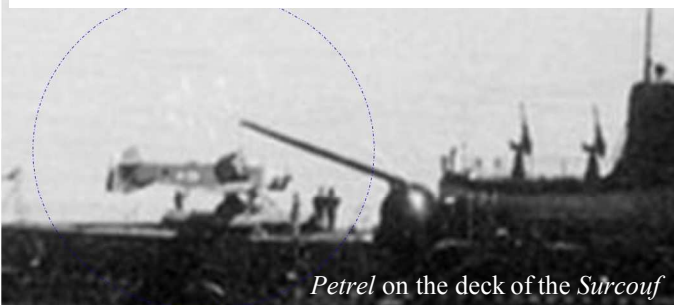
**Our Tribute to Jacques Victor Adolphe Hazard 1920-42
Pilot Officer Hazard RAAF 10 Squadron**

*Legion of Honour, Croix de Guerre + Companion de la Liberation
[b. à Chateau-Thierry dans l' Aisne... d. RB-Y Bay of Biscay]*



Jacques

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Petrel on the deck of the *Surcouf*



Sunderland Mk II
W-3999 as RB-Y