

Hugh Eccles

Hugh was called up for the RAF after having been in the University Air Squadron at Oxford. He joined No. 269 Squadron just before it was posted to Iceland where he captained an aircraft to which a German U-boat surrendered. Later he witnessed the first exchange of shots between Americans and Germans when the destroyer USS Greer retaliated against a U-boat months before Pearl Harbour. This led to America increasing its supply of munitions to Britain. After the War Hugh worked on the development of the V bomber before commanding a squadron in Coastal Command. He retired after 25 years service with the rank of Group Captain.



Hugh Eccles today and the U-Boat which surrendered to him

Louis Pengelly-Phillips

Louis served with the Royal Marines and was once part of a special unit who protected Winston Churchill. He was also in the first wave ashore on Gold Beach during D-Day. He remembers, "You saw your mates die all around you, but you had a job to do and you got on with it." In 1952 he fell from a window and broke his back. Paralysed, he was forced

to give up farming and worked for the MoD. After his health deteriorated, and with no one to care for him, he came to The Richmond Royal Star & Garter Home in 1980.



Louis Pengelly-Phillips RM at the Home with his carer Seija Nybom

Dominic Lovett

Dominic joined the Royal Marines at 18. After his basic training he completed specialist training first for deployment to Iraq and then for deployment to Afghanistan. At the end of this training he fell and crushed two of the vertebrae in his neck. After initial hospitalisation and physiotherapy he is now a resident at our Solihull Home until accommodation can be specially adapted for him near his parents in Devon.



Dominic in our Solihull home



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