

## ACTING ABLE SEAMAN – HOSTILITIES ONLY

*A Memoir*

**F A BEEDIE**

### Key selling points

- This is the true story of a young man living in extraordinary times.
- Featuring seven inspiring and authentic photographs taken during the author's time in the Navy.
- Fred's story is written from memory of events that happened seventy-five years ago.

### About the book

The story starts with a fourteen-year-old boy living with his family in Portsmouth during the Blitz. It follows him as he leaves school, finds work and eventually joins the Royal Navy.

We find out about his tough upbringing in Portsmouth surviving hit-and-run bombings by German fighter planes; volunteering for the Royal Navy and enduring the rigour and discipline of training, preparing for D-Day and protecting shipping from pirates in the South China Seas.

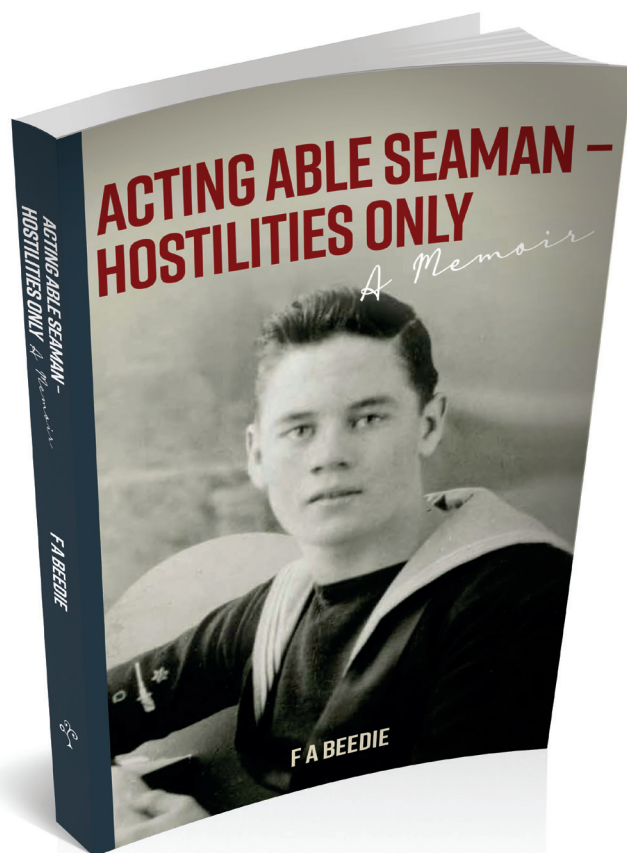
### About the author

Frederick Albert Beedie was born in May 1925 in Portsmouth, until moving to Dorset to escape the Blitz. He left school aged fourteen and joined the Royal Navy when he was seventeen.

On leaving the Royal Navy he served with the Mercantile Marine. After that he worked as an aircraft fitter at Hurn Airport, near Bournemouth, and in various engineering jobs.

His wife Joy and he were married for over seventy years – sadly Joy passed away in August 2019. She was a great help to Fred during the writing of his memoir.

Fred now lives in a care home in Bridport, Dorset, where he is visited often by his family.



Sometimes sad,  
sometimes funny,  
always fascinating.

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