

H.M.S. Minstrel, J.445. (re; H.T.M.S. phosamton)

From: [Blaine Barker](#)

To: 'Jerry Sigrist'

Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2010 11:45 AM

Subject: RE: The last surviving Algerine class, W.W.2 Minesweeper.

I hate to see the last of anything disappear. However it is impracticable for any cdn. action. We can lend support I guess by making a better worded request then getting Zulu to post on our site for and let our readers decide if they would like to assist. BB

From: Jerry Sigrist [<mailto:jerry.sigrist@eastlink.ca>]

Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2010 10:03 AM

To: Blaine Barker

Subject: Fw: The last surviving Algerine class, W.W.2 Minesweeper.

WHAT DO YOU THINK??

----- Original Message -----

From: GEOFF' PARR.

To: jerry.sigrist@eastlink.ca

Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2010 6:23 AM

Subject: *The last surviving Algerine class, W.W.2 Minesweeper.*

Dear Sir,

I write from England about the fate of the sole surviving Algerine class W.W.2 minesweeper;

H.M.S. Minstrel, J.445. (re; H.T.M.S. phosamton).

I fear that this unique survivor from W.W.2 will soon fall victim to the cutters torch, unless attempts are made to secure her future. I have, without any success, tried to arouse interest in her possible repatriation and subsequent restoration as a memorial to these unsung hero's of the sea.

My late father was 'an Algerine' having served on board H.M.S. Moon during the war and after until he was demobbed, in June 1946. He spent a whole year mine sweeping after hostilities had ended, on the Moon.

I have tried my local member of Parliament, who wrote to the minister for naval affairs, who told him that there are no provisions to 'save' old warships. However, I have been successful in having her put on the international register for ships overseas that are 'at risk'.

I am therefore hoping that you can forward this e-mail onto any interested people in our country.

*Signed: **Geoff Parr.***