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I have known SSM Feebery since 1941 when he was a Corporal in 'B' Battalion, Layforce.

In September 1941 he and I joined the Special Boat Section in the Middle East, and two months later we took part together in the raid led by the late Lt-Col Keyes VC. (November 18th, 1941). Our task was to guide the forces ashore and later to try to get them off again. Both these operations were rendered extremely hazardous by the very heavy seas running. Both times Cpl Feebery showed exceptional courage and coolness, and spent a long time in the water retrieving boats etc. which got washed off the submarine, and saving the men who also went overboard. He and I went ashore to try to get the party off, and were capsized in the surf twice. Our boat was damaged, and I lost my paddle altogether.

Cpl Feebery, when I decided to try to return to the ship, paddled us both back through the heavy surf. I have no hesitation in saying that his strength, presence of mind and courage on this occasion, saved us from a nasty situation.

In the next few months Special Boat Section personnel were sent out on submarine patrols from Alexandria to be put ashore at the Commander's discretion, if opportunity arose. Feebery made eight trips on submarines which included the patrol of HMS Torbay for which Lt-Cdr Miers, DSO, RN, was awarded the VC. All the submarines crew received decorations on this occasion. Reports of Submarine Commanders on Feebery's conduct and bearing on these patrols were all excellent.

Early in June 1942 Feebery (then Sergeant) was one of a small party under Major Kealy who landed on Crete. Though no positive results were obtained, Major Kealy's report—which I read—and his story which he told me personally, reflected the greatest credit on Sgt Feebery. Once again his courage and coolness in a difficult situation was excellent. In August 1942 Sgt Feebery took part in the raid on Benghazi led by Lt-Col David Stirling, and again received excellent reports. When the Special Boat Section was reformed in January 1943 under Major The Earl Jellicoe DSO, MC, Feebery was made Sergeant Major of the unit, and I have no hesitation in saying that his enthusiasm and drive played a large share in the success of the unit.

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