

Helen Clerk remembers her father Arthur Wiseman

My father Arthur Renwick Wiseman was born in Glasgow on 30th June 1908. He went to school in Glasgow and also attended the university. He always had a great love of boats, and during his university holidays, he worked as a purser on the Clyde steamers. He was a keen model maker. Examples of his work are a 3-foot model of the Clyde steamer Queen Mary, one of the Loch Fyne and one of his cabin cruiser, The Tinker Bell. He met my mother, Margaret Wiseman (late of Larchfield Neuk, Balerno) in 1940. Shortly after the Tinker Bell was commandeered for the D Day operation.

Father's model making skills were soon recognised and he was engaged in making 6" models of warships. They had to be very precise as they were enlarged on to a screen and used to teach pilots to recognise the ships from the air. The photograph is of USS Augusta, built in 1932. She carried out many engagements between 1941 and 1945. She was used for the Atlantic meeting between Roosevelt and Churchill.



Model of USS Augusta made by Arthur Renwick Wiseman

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