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Gibraltar represented at Merchant Navy Memorial Day

Watched by hundreds of people, Mr Ian Leyde of Gibraltar House, London, recently represented Gibraltar at the Merchant Navy Memorial Day in Liverpool. A service of remembrance was held for the 60,000 Merchant Navy sailors who died during World War II. Liverpool was the main base for the Battle of the Atlantic, in which 36,000 merchant seamen died.

The service was attended by representatives of the People's Republic of China, India, the Netherlands and Canada and local dignitaries including the High Sheriff of Merseyside and Liverpool's Mayor, Joe Anderson. Following the service the congregation proceeded to the Pier Head Memorial by the River Mersey for the wreath laying ceremony.

Mr Leyde was representing Mr Albert A Poggio GMH OBE, Gibraltar's United Kingdom Representative.