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Dalgleish, Ronald Campbell



Passed away 26th July 1988. R50920. Joined 4th April 1955. LS 1958. 1961 and /1968.

Shore postings to Cerberus, Albatross, Penguin, Harman

Sea postings were Anzac 1957 - 1958. Melbourne 1960 - 1961 , Voyager 1961 - 1962, Perth 1966 - 1967.

Dalrymple, Ross

Joined 12/04/1947. O/N 34691. His shore postings were Cerberus, Penguin, Melville and Lonsdale. Promoted to LS at Melville. Sea postings were Vengeance as PO 1953-55, Swan 1958-59. Promoted CPO in 1959. He discharged engaged expired 11th April 1961.

Darcy, Graham



R54085 & CMDR. Joined in March 1958 and was promoted from POWTR to the Special Duties List in February 1966. Subsequently transferred to the General List in 1969 and eventually retired as a Commander on 21 March 1983.

Darling, Margaret Florence (Nee Anderson)

Passed away 6th November 2010. WR 565. Joined 25th January 1943 as Wtr, promoted Leading Writer 14/09/1943. Appointed 3rd Officer 4th November 1943.

Darwin, Ronald George

Passed away 4th March 1942. P/N 1518. Joined 29/4/1940 and served at Cerberus

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and Torrens before being posted to sea Yarra 1st September 1941. Yarra was sunk 4th March 1942 and Ronald was presumed dead.

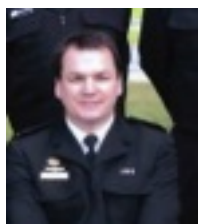
Davidson, Doreen May (Nee McKenna)

Passed away 26th October 2011. Born 7th June 1923. WR1591. Joined the RAN 22nd July 1943 as a WRAN Group III Assistant Writer. In January 1946 she was promoted Ldg Writer and discharged 13th March 1946.

Davie, Conrad Morrie

Passed away 06/12/2000. Joined 8th August 1940. PM 2899. Writer on entry at Lonsdale then joined Rushcutter until posted to Melville October 1940. Joined Cerberus 14th October 1942. Demob 23rd May 1946.

Davis, Michael



I changed over from the first GD intake in 1987 to become a Writer. Trained by Angie Hillis on Course 29. I've served at HMAS Cerberus (on several occasions) in pay, accounts, and personnel, as admin support at Defence Force School of Music in Watsonia, onboard HMAS Hobart in 1995/96, Melbourne Recruiting, and commissioning COSEC in HMAS Stuart. Most memorable postings were when I was working in accounts (at Cerberus and in Hobart)

and Recruiting in Melbourne. As LSWTR, I was awarded Chief of Navy Commendation in 2004 for "outstanding performance as a recruit processor at the Australian Defence Force recruitment Unit, Southern Region"

"One of the most rewarding of my roles involved my time in the Middle East....

Peace of mind is an intangible personal benefit. Assisting in providing that peace of mind is an enormous responsibility for which the Logistic Staff of the Force Support Unit (FSU) staff in the Middle Eastern Area of Operations (MEAO) undertake with pride. They have always been there to support. The name of the Unit may have changed over time, but the role and responsibility has not. Junior and Senior Sailor Writers have been part of this Logistic team from the beginning – in Administrative, Pay, and Financial positions – assisting in providing the peace of mind to all Officers, sailors, soldiers and airmen.

At the beginning of 2009, my application to volunteer for service in the MEAO was accepted and my training began in Darwin and shortly after I took up the role of the FSU-1 Chief Clerk in Kuwait. During my 6½ month deployment I visited my Clerical team in Afghanistan for a few days in both Kandahar and Tarin Kot, for situational awareness and future development of the locations. As I wandered around in battle armour, STEYR constantly by my side, I observed the distinct differences of the multi national forces in operation. It was also insightful to see the conditions under which my clerical team was operating. The vision, atmosphere,

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and climatic conditions experienced there will be imprinted on my memory for the rest of my life.

Up until late 2009 however, no Writer has served for any length of time in Afghanistan. This changed when LSWTR Tanya Wood was 'rotated' from her intended billet in Kuwait (the Australian 'Gateway to the MEAO') to Kandahar Air Field where she spent the majority of her nine month deployment. Her role there was to support those moving forward as part of Australia's commitment. Her admin and pay support was instrumental in ensuring all non formed body personnel in Afghanistan received the correct pay entitlements, medals due to them, and movements requests were initiated for leave, internal moves, and then for departure out of the MEAO. Picture below Tanya.

True to Navy signature behaviours, Tanya found efficiencies and improvements to processes that could be made. She raised these with Command and was able, eventually in some cases, to be able to implement these efficiencies and some new processes. Tanya has also been called upon since her return to Australia to elaborate her thoughts further. Tanya's efforts, both in country, and on her return, are highly likely to have been part of the reason for having the positions upgraded to Senior NCO level.

Unexpectedly, I returned to the Middle East in 2010 for another tour as the Chief Clerk, for FSU-3 this time, based at Al Minhad Air Base in the United Arab Emirates. An opportunity arose due to some staffing commitments for me to spend the second half of my tour in Kandahar as the Senior Clerk. Our Afghan commitment had grown considerably since my first tour. Having senior clerical staff to lead the Admin previously covered by Corporals certainly allowed for a little extra 'clout' when making recommendations to the different Commands we are involved with there."

Davis (Dreamer), Tom

Ex WO. Born Tarilta on 9/1/1916. Joined RAN on 11/4/1938 and served until 11/5/1950. Passed ET1 on 12/5/1938, promoted LWTR 1/7/1940, POWTR 1/7/1941 and CPOWTR 1/1/1944. Passed educational test for Warrant Officer 13/10/1946. (In those days, sailors had to serve eight years for commissioned rank.) Passed professional exam for commissioned rank in November 1947. Issued five chevrons for overseas service on 3/9/1946. Awards: Atlantic Star, 1939-45 Star, Africa Star, Burma Star and Rosette for Pacific service, Defence Medal, Australian Service Medal and War medal.

Tom's service began in 1938 when, from April to May, 1939, he worked in the Office of Commodore Superintendent of Training. He then volunteered and was selected as Captain's Writer to commission HMAS Perth in Portsmouth and continue on a world cruise, which was to include the New York World Fair, Kingston in Jamaica, Panama Canal, San Diego, Tahiti, Suva and Sydney. However, the War situation saw them remain in the Atlantic on convoy and patrol duties. They did six months War Service there and visited Halifax, Nova Scotia and Hamilton, Bermuda. The

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ship returned to Australia, completing the tour, but did not visit San Diego. Tom returned to Flinders Naval Depot in July, 1940. In May, 1941, he was asked would he volunteer to fly to Singapore via Townsville, Darwin and Sourabaya, set up the RAN Accounting Base and return to Australia in six months. He agreed and set off. On the fall of Greece and Crete, everything changed. He boarded HMAS Bathurst and sailed for the Middle East. There, he was in charge of the administration and pay for the corvettes operating from Alexandria, Port Tewfik, Aden and Colombo and those that were mine sweeping in the Suez Canal. Tom served about six weeks in Alexandria with the Accounting Office, 10 Destroyer Flotilla (August to September, 1941) and then returned to the corvettes.

In February, 1942, he joined the staff of the A.O. 7 Destroyer Flotilla as his P.A. and was responsible for the manning of destroyers in the flotilla. He did this work until his return to Australia in January, 1944. For two years, to January, 1947, he was in charge of the manning of Australian ships and establishments with all ratings, except engine room and seamen categories. For another two years, until January, 1949, he carried out those duties at Navy Office (Victoria Barracks). From January 1949 to May, 1950, he was in charge of Ledger (PAY) and Accounts at HMAS Lonsdale until his retirement.

Dawe, Ronald James

Passed away on 17/4/1975, aged 27, from Leukemia, just two years after leaving the service. R63770. Born in Melbourne on 3/9/1947. Joined the RAN on 17/10/1964 from Adelaide, where he had previously been employed as a Junior Postal Officer. He was posted to Stuart for Common Sea Training on 12/3/1965 after completing Recruit Training at Cerberus. He completed the Writers' Cse at the end of 1965 and was posted to Cerberus for two months before joining Creswell on 8/3/1966. He moved across to Albatross in December 1966, then headed back to sea again in Queenborough on 19/10/1968, where he worked under CPOWTR 'Wriggles' Gardner. He was posted ashore to Nirimba on 5/1/1970 and became a Data Operator. His final posting was to Kuttabul, for the EDP Centre, Garden Island, where he served under LEUT Harry Watson. During this time and after his discharge, Ron was a dedicated worker with the Combined Services Australian Rules Football Club. He paid off in 1973 after a nine year engagement.

Daws, Stephen



Ex CPOWTR and LCDR. With an interest in ships and trains, I joined the Navy from Adelaide in January 1969, travelling to Perth by train to join the 26th JR intake at Leeuwin. Our happy Perth arrival was shattered by the angry recruit staff. Throughout the 12 months of recruit training, bonding with colleagues was critical to survival. Serving at Leeuwin was proof that adversity breeds character. I carried out Common Sea Training in the aircraft carrier, Melbourne. We visited six countries during a South East Asian deployment and at age 17, I matured quickly. (But I didn't like live testing of gas masks on

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the Hong Kong wharf.) Although I trained at Cerberus for Writer, my best Cerberus postings were Accounts as a LS and Supply School as a SBLT.

I served in Vampire as part of her recommissioning crew in 1971. We deployed to NZ and Sth East Asia. Back south again, I discovered that, in frigid conditions, three mouthfuls of pussers curry soup thoroughly eliminates chills. Receiving a posting to Encounter and working in Recruiting at home in Adelaide was my happiest posting. Serving at Harman as a POWTR in Science & Technology was interesting, and then as PERSO at Harman was magic. (My final posting there was as Integrated Logistic Support Manager for the Seahawk project when the aircraft flew in the first Gulf War, and we couldn't get spares out of the USA. The job certainly inspired creativity.) Then there was the posting to Derwent. Being a CPO at sea is the ultimate. (However, sailing the Indian Ocean with 21 bags of quick drying cement stuck to the hull is quite unsettling.) I liked Waterhen. Small establishments with small boats are personable. (I was OOD when Wollongong ran aground, with worried relatives to pacify.) I also served in Canberra as DSO. It was good to be deployed again and I liked the additional job being a helicopter control officer. Being ashore and at Creswell was heaven on earth. I spent three years as DSO and College staff. I eventually paid off after 23 years in 1991.

The travel, friendships and opportunities in the Navy were fantastic. Loud guns, sulphur, asbestos dust and rough seas were all part of the action. My regrets to scribe friends, too numerous to personally acknowledge in this bio.

Dietrich, John

Being a Duty Chief in Tarangau - Dick Gottschalk remembers John 'Marlene' Dietrich "POWTR John was duty Chief in Tarangau when myself and a few others were sprung behind the JRs bar after closing by a Sergeant in the PNG police force. We got reported to the NOIC NG (CMDR Stacey) and ended up at Captains, and of course the duty Chief was called (we had to hand the keys to the bar in on closing - which we did of course, i.e. one set anyway) CMDR Stacey asked John D " what time does the JRS Mess close" to which John replied" I don't know, Sir I'm never up that late

Dix, Rob



R62737. It is important that I provide a brief resume of my years from 1960 to 1963 so that you: the reader; can appreciate what influenced me to join the RAN in January 1964 (Waller Division).

I went to Europe for my further education in early 1960 majoring in linguistics graduating in Italian in 1961. As a qualified ESL (English as a second language) teacher I was employed by an adjunct of Milan university in that role as well as studying and qualifying in Spanish and Portuguese. I had intended to continue teaching on my return to

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Australia in 1963 but I saw a Navy recruiting article in "The Advertiser" which offered free advanced training in Asian languages.

I was just around the corner from the Adelaide recruiting office so in I went. I introduced myself to the Chief Stoker and provided copies of my qualifications. He was delighted and spun me a dit which sounded too good to be true. I was told that after three months basic training I would be given a one year language course which would probably be Chinese. I signed up for 20 years. Towards the end of recruit training we were all given a form to fill in - three choices of branches. In (a) I wrote linguist, in (b) linguist, in (c) linguist. Lt (later Admiral) R.C. Walls called me in, said I was a trouble maker. He had no idea what a linguist was so I patiently explained to him what linguists do and that I had been one in my past life. He just brushed me off and told me I would be posted to the Comms school for RO(S) training after sea training in HMAS Sydney.

The truth turned out to be far different to that which the Chief Stoker had told me!

Prior to applying for a language course one had to be qualified in Part 1 for PO and Part 2 was the year long language course. I completed my RO(S) course and calculated it would take years in the Comms world to reach that level so requested COB (change of branch) to writer as qualifying courses were much shorter. COB was approved. Did some sea time and then posted to NO Canberra as LWTR under CPOWTR Webb and Lt Tug Wilson - both true gentlemen. During this time I did a Malay language course through DNES in 1965. More sea time. Qualified Part 1 for PO, applied for RAAF School of Languages, changed to LLIN on 11 December 1967 and commenced language training January 1968 and promoted POLIN on 6 December 1968 exactly one month before getting my first GCB. I had been nominated for the Chinese language course but at the last minute because of 'operational requirements' I was to do Indonesian. I made no mention of my previous Malay language studies which were not even recorded on my SC. As you may well know dear readers Malay and Indonesian are 'sister languages' so very little study was required.

As an aside, when I joined Point Cook School of Languages I observed a PO birdie attached to the flying school whose only role in life seemed to be to ride a yellow pushbike and carry a clipboard. He only ever wore No: 8 uniform with RAAF insignia all over his foul weather jacket. Daily orders would state dress of the day for RAAF and army and under RAN it said "equivalent" so I decided 8's and foully would do me for the whole year. But - I really should have worn No: 6 uniform on graduation. How was I to know that when I walked to the dais to be presented with my diploma, NOCVIC would be seated in the front row resplendent in whites and medals! Yes, we talked afterwards! Actually, I said very little.

My career included numerous postings to DSD (Defence Signals Directorate) Melbourne, Coonawarra, four years with 7 Signals Regiment ANZUK Force Singapore, several postings to Harman, Attache Support Officer at the Australian Embassy in Jakarta 1980-1983. In 1980 I also had to study the Ambonese language in addition to my long working hours. Retired 5th January 1984

Doherty, Cyril K

Passed away 2nd December, 1949 at Somerville died from injuries from a motor cycle accident. Cyril served on the Napier during WWII which was a N class destroyer. LSWTR. Buried Cerberus.

Dollard, Lesley Joan Davis (Nee Taylor)

Passed away 01/07/2007. WR 1761. Joined 28/9/1943 and discharged 26/02/1946. Served at Lonsdale, Monterey, Harman and Moreton. Married Alan Dollard Commodore.

Donaldson, Clare Roberta



Joined 17th April 1944. WR2020. Served at Lonsdale. Discharged 18th March 1946.

Donkin, Peter Stanley



Passed away approximately 1998. Born 5 July 1924 and joined the RN 29/1/01941 where he served until 21/11/1952 when he was discharged FREE to enable him to join the RAN. R48258. He joined the RAN the following day and served twenty years. On entry he joined the Vengeance and the day after joining promoted to LS. Served on Vengeance until 1953. Other sea postings were Queenborough (1957-1958) Quickmatch (1961-1962) Promoted to PO /1963 and CPO 1966. Brisbane (67-1968) and Melbourne (1968-1969). His shore postings were Kuttabul, Tarangau, Albatross, Penguin, Rushcutter, Cerberus and FOCAF staff. He discharged as a Warrant officer.

Donnelly, Coral (Nee Rohan)



Served at HMAS Cerberus from 1962-63, HMAS Harman (Navy Office) 1963-64 and HMAS Penguin until 1965. Paid off and married Ken Donnelly (gunnery rate 1959-68, Quiberon, Parramatta and Harman.) Ken was a very good rugby league player and was Captain, Coach of Harman Premiership teams 1964-65.

Douglas, Thomas Ian

Passed away 5/3/1942 at Rabaul Naval Depot. Ex WTR PM3 146.

Information provided by the Naval Historian describes the reason behind Douglas' presence in Rabaul.

Lieutenant Commander H.A. Mackenzie RAN commanded a small naval contingent in Rabaul immediately prior to the Japanese occupation. He served in Rabaul as the Staff Officer (Intelligence) with a network of coastwatchers. Officers performing similar duties were stationed in Port Moresby, Thursday Island, Tulagi and Vila in 1941. When the Japanese landed, the Australians took to the hills and Writer Ian Douglas was among them.

The Rabaul naval contingent did not represent an autonomous naval depot or base. Their activities were immediately supervised by Commander E.A. Feldt RAN, who was based in Townsville as the Supervising Intelligence Officer, North Eastern Area. Commander Feldt later wrote 'The Coast-watchers', which includes an account of the evacuation of Mackenzie and his staff from Rabaul.

The Royal Australian Navy List of January 1942 shows that Lieutenant Commander Mackenzie was appointed to HMAS Brisbane, which was the then naval depot in the city of Brisbane. It was later renamed HMAS Moreton. A number of naval administrative functions were administered by HMAS Brisbane, including the office of the Naval Officer-in-Charge Townsville, to which Commander Feldt was attached.

The naval writer killed in Rabaul was Writer Thomas Ian Douglas PM3 146, who died on 5/3/1942. The Australian War Memorial's Roll of Honour records that he was appointed to HMAS Brisbane at the time of his death. Casualty cards held by Navy Records note that Writer Douglas died of dysentery and was buried at the Kalai Mission. His body was reburied on 22/3/1946 in the Rabaul (Bitu Paka) War Cemetery. The grave reference provided by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission is D.B.5."

Kevin Baker (Writer, RANR 42 to46) wrote about the the fate of Writer Tom Douglas. "I was in BRISBANE'S Ship's not long after the Rabaul contingent was written off the Ship's ledgers. I would like to add a little more to the events leading up to Tom Douglas's demise. The RAN contingent of 10, under Lt. Cdr. L A. McKenzie, RAN, evacuated Rabaul on 22 January, 1942 shortly before the Japanese landed in force and virtually unopposed. Together with a small group of Army personnel they set off for the south coast of New Britain. After re-grouping with others, the party turned north and on 24th February, dysentery broke out. Yeoman G.P.T. Knight and Tom Douglas were too sick to continue and were left at a Mission Station at the head of Wide Bay. Chief Yeoman S. Lamont volunteered to stay behind and nurse them. The three were not seen again. Chief Yeoman Lamont was captured but was later lost in the sinking of the POW ship MONTEVIDEO MARU on 1st July, 1942 by an American submarine off the Philippines."

Dowling, Therese

Joined from Adelaide in 1981 and served till 1989. Postings were: DSP Navy Office, DNR Navy Office, Recruiting Office - Adelaide, CNS Office - Canberra, then from 1989, worked at Australian Submarine Corporation in Adelaide as a civilian.

Doyle, Nicholas Lee



Assumed passed away. DOB 12/4/1918. Joined 14th December 1942. PM 5362. Served Lonsdale, Kanimbla 19/8/1943 to 28/9/1943. Demobbed 24th April 1946.

Downey, Lynzey E (Nee Lake)



Joined Navy 16/01/2006 as RCTWTR from Queensland. Was awarded "the Top Shot Prize" for my entire Recruit Intake at the Cerberus Rifle Range, didn't the "dibbies" just love a Writer getting that prize!

Completed initial Writers Course 231 in June 2006. Posted to Cerberus on completion of course for duties in Administration, Accounts Processing and Task Book progression.

Posted to HMAS Coonawarra 4 April 2007. Next posting was HMAS Newcastle (FFG) 5 March 2008. CPOWTR Graham "Beetles" Bailey was the COSEC on HMAS Newcastle. I still maintain a good friendship with him. On completion of my posting to FFG 06 HMAS Newcastle I was selected to be the immediate Writers Course Instructor at Supply School HMAS Cerberus in January 2010. I was promoted to LSWTR on 22 February 2010.

I had an enjoyable 2 year posting working with CPOWTR Andy Beales, POWTR Brett Ellis and CPOWTR Stu Bone. I was then posted to the ANZAC class frigate HMAS Ballarat on 30 Jan 2012. Enjoyed my first ever "up top" run on Ballarat which was brilliant.

Downing, Beryl (Nee Harrison)

Passed away 27th May 2011. Born 6th November 1924. WR867. Joined the RAN 3rd March 1943. She discharged PUNS 28th May 1943.

Drakopoulos, Alex



Joined RAN in February 1994. Served onboard Brisbane from 1995 to 1996, then 1998 to 1999. Other postings include Cerberus, NAS Nowra, DFSM - Simpson Barracks, and VIC Barracks, St Kilda.

Dryden, Geoffrey Michael

Passed away in a motor car accident 12th September 1964. R59237. Joined 30th July 1962 and served at Cerberus, Kuttabul and Penguin.

Duff, Colin James Gordon

Born 22/7/1928. R33464. Joined the RAN 5th December 1946 and served two years before paying off. Re-entered 25th July 1949 and served until 24th July 1961 when he discharged. His first service saw him posting to Cerberus, Rushcutter, Platypus, Penguin paying off as a LS. On rejoining he was promoted the day after to LS, PO1951 and CPO 1956. Shore service was Penguin, Harman. Sea service was Bataan 1949 - 1951, Tobruk 1955 - 1957.

Dunk, Fiona (nee Jones)



Joined the Navy in September 1988 as a WRWTR (Writer 33) and worked during her initial posting in the Pay Office at HMAS Cerberus. After completing her time handling Recruits cash payments, she was posted to HMAS Albatross in 1990. There, Fiona worked in most sections of NAS Nowra and PSO Nowra. On promotion to LSWTR, she was posted to ADFRU Perth, and enjoyed the job of recruiting so much, was pleased to be again posted to an ADFRU, this time in Melbourne. Promoted to POWTR in recruiting and then posted to Victoria Barracks. Fiona accepted the Voluntary Redundancy Package in 1998 and transferred to the Reserves. Whilst serving in the Reserves, she has worked at Melbourne Recruiting and as at 2005, was working at the Supply and Health Faculty and Defence Force School of Signals (Maritime Wing), completing her 150 days Reserve time. She lives in Beaumaris, Victoria with her husband and two girls.

Dusting, Ken

Ex LWTR and LEUT RANR. I joined the RAN in January 1964 and following Recruit training, was posted to Sydney as an ORDCO. On returning from my first

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run to the Far East (taking troops and equipment to Borneo and Malaysia), I returned to Cerberus and the dreaded Comms School. In mid 1965, I graduated as a Tactical Operator 2 and was posted to Duchess just in time to do a trip Up Top again, this time for eight months, with service in Borneo and Vietnam. On my return, I was posted to Lonsdale and then to Cerberus, for training as a Data Operator. On completion of this training I was posted to Harman (Navy Office), where I served for almost three years. During this time, I married my wife, Robyn, and we had our first child (a boy). Due to problems with the data equipment during sea trials the branch was disbanded and I had the option as going back to my former mustering in Communications, or to the Writer Branch. For some reason I chose the Writer category (I figured I might spend most of my last three years ashore. I had a lot to learn). Following a stint back in Cerberus as a PA/LWTR, I was posted to Diamantina as Captain's Secretary, which put me on a very rapid learning curve. After 18 months in Diamantina, during which we had another addition to our family (a girl), I was posted to the Melbourne Air Group and served my last six months in the RAN onboard Melbourne for an extended SEATO exercise/cruise.

Following my time in the RAN, I had a short stint in 'Civilian Street' then joined the RAAF as an 'Elephant Tracker'. I spent the next 12 years in the RAAF, serving in Singapore, Malaysia and the UK, with stints in Melbourne between overseas postings. Generally, I had a great time in the RAAF. On leaving the Air Force, I commenced my second career as a change manager in the public health, government and private sectors. During this time, I joined the active RANR as a Naval Control of Shipping (NCS) Officer and served in a variety of roles from OOW on 'Attack' and 'Fremantle' Class patrol boats to various staff billets in Sydney and Melbourne. In late 2001, just prior to finishing my time as a LEUT with NCS, I accepted an offer to return to full time service as a Supply Officer in DMO, initially at RAAF Williams, but due to a re-organisation (yet again) I ended up serving most of this time in Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.

Following my stint of full time service, I accepted an appointment as General Manager of Turning Point Drug and Alcohol Centre, a research, education and clinical centre with links to the Melbourne University and St Vincent's Hospital (probably a good place for an ex matelot). On completion of my two years with Turning Point, I accepted my current role as Chief Executive Officer of Stride Foundation, a small not-for-profit youth well being educational organization. I am still happily married to Robyn and now have five grandchildren. In November 2007, we relocated from Essendon to Port Fairy, Victoria.

Dyer, David Ross

David joined 04/07/1952. Shore establishments included Cerberus, Rushcutter and Lonsdale. He served in Ships Quickmatch 55-56, Arunta 56 as LS. He discharged 3rd July 1958.

Dyke, Charles Everhard Dick

Passed away 1st August 1969. ORDWTR R96471 - 1st August, 1969. Dyke Joined at Leeuwin 3/1/68, then Stalwart 7/1/69 and went on leave until 29/7/69 then formally discharged "dead" from Cerberus 1/8/1969. Buried Cerberus.

Greg Goodwin says "We went on leave together, from the Stalwart, in Sydney. We had little money and as we walked across the road at Kings Cross toward the Coke sign Charlie said "Hey, look! Two bucks." I bent and picked it up and the two had a five wrapped inside it. Pots were 20 cents so we were more than a little happy. Later at Central Station after a few beers and a Chinese we caught the train to Melbourne.

When we got to Melbourne Charlie went off with some mates before going on to Cerberus. Later that night I went to the Tower Hotel in Alphington. After getting full of piss and bad manners I was involved in dispute with a former Collingwood footballer and subsequently thrown out. Unfortunately, the other fella left the Hotel by another entrance and as I walked past the building line to cross the road, he jumped out and crashed his right fist into my jaw. What followed wasn't pretty, I nearly died later in the night from loss of blood. My jaw was broken in two places; it had severed the nerve and severed the artery. I survived because the swelling restricted the blood flow.

The following day I was recovering post-op at Cerberus hospital, in the bed next to me was a young sailor who was the only survivor of a car accident in which four sailors had been killed. Charlie Dyke was one of them. It was a sad end to a run ashore; as I know there have many other sad ends from the same cause.

I am glad he rests at Cerberus; at least though he might be unknown, he is amongst sailors. The shared experience of the Navy and particularly for those who were so young when they left home is a strong bond. Sydney Harbour has always been my spiritual home.