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Fairman, Leonard Jack 'Les'

Passed away approx. 1987. P/N 22405. Joined 3rd August 1938 and served at Cerberus before posting to Perth (94/1940-17/4/1941) as an AB/LS. He joined Napier 1941 – 1942 being promoted to PO whilst on board. He was discharged BNPS 17th December 1946.

Faella, Bert

Ex CPOWTR. Served from October 1980 to March 2001.



Farmer, James David 'Jim'



R37916. Born 13th August 1930, I joined the navy as a Recruit Writer in 1949 and served in HMAS Sydney during her deployment in Korea, then later joined HMAS Lonsdale before going back to sea again in HMAS Melbourne. I took a discharge on request as a POWTR. After retiring from a senior position in Personnel and Industrial Relations, I became Secretary of the Korean Veterans Association of Australia Inc. I am a Justice of the Peace and an Independent Third Person for the Office of the Public Advocate.

Farquharson, Betty

Passed away 24 February 2013. WR1993 Writer. Served in HMAS Lonsdale and Cerberus 1944/46.

Farr, Keith Benjamin

Keith passed away in Queensland in approximately the year 2000. POWTR. Joined 28th September 1939 and demobbed 3rd September 1946 as a Petty Officer. Served in Penguin, Brisbane base, Magnetic, Basilisk and Melville.

Farkas, Lewis



Served from 1964 to 1978. Commenced service as ABWTR, then transferred to ABRP and discharged as LSPT. Whilst a Writer he served at Cerberus, Harman and Anzac.

Fauchon, Terence Alan 'Taf'



R52864. He entered RAN on 21/3/1957 and undertook the WTR Course with Doug Higgins and John (Magoo) Magor. Taf was promoted to WTR in 1958, LS 1960, PO 1962, CPO 1968, and WO in 1974.

His shore postings were Kuttabul in 1958, Albatross 1958/59, Watson 1960/61, Melville 1961/63, Kuttabul 1963/64, Cerberus 1964 (POs' Cse), Penguin 1966/67, Recruiting 1967/70 (Sydney & Newcastle), Cerberus 1971/72, Penguin 1972/73, SEATO HQ,

Bangkok 1973/74, Penguin 1974/75, (Cerberus WOs' Cse), FOCAF HQ 1975/76, and Nirimba 1976/77.

His sea postings were Quiberon 1959/60 and 1964, Supply 1964, Vendetta 1964/66, and Yarra 1970/71. He was discharged on 21/3/1977 and spent ten years in the RAFR.

Medals & Decorations: Australian Active Service Medal 45-75 W/Clasp, 'Malaysia' & 'Vietnam', General Service Medal W/Clasps 'Borneo' & 'Malay Peninsula', Vietnam Logistics & Support Medal, Australian Service Medal 45/75 W/Clasp 'FESR', Defence Service Medal with First Clasp, National Medal, Long Service & Good Conduct Medal, Australian Defence Medal, Pingat Jasa Malaysia Medal, Returned from Active Service Badge.



Fehlandt, Mark

Ex LSWTR. Joined RAN in 1975 and discharged in 1981. Served in Leeuwin, then Cerberus, Albatross, Kuttabul, Brisbane and Cairns.

Fenton, Kerry



Served from 1960 to 1969. After recruit training, he spent 1961 in Cerberus, then joined the carrier Melbourne for his first trip "up-top" in 1962. After 12 months, he was posted to Lonsdale where he was attached to the Ikara Research & Development Team, working out of the Aeronautical Research Laboratories in Port Melbourne. (During the 12 months in this posting, he spent a considerable amount of time traveling around Melbourne in a chauffeur driven Humber Super Snipe). In February 1964, he was the first non-

commissioned member posted to the Australian Embassy in Washington, DC. From Washington, Kerry joined the commissioning crew of the new DDG, Perth and returned home in 1966. From Perth, he joined Melbourne and then was posted back to Cerberus at the end of 1967 and remained there as the XO's Scribe until he paid off. Ex LWTR.



Fessey, Edgar John

Passed away 01/06/2005. Joined 30th May 1940 and served at Cerberus, Platypus, Moreton and Penguin. Promoted LS January 1942 and PO October 1942. On 24th January 1946 he was promoted to ASBLT(S), and served on ships Shropshire and Australia. He resigned 23rd December 1947.

Fethers, Valarie



Joined 8th February 1942. WR 691. Served at Lonsdale and Cerberus as a WRAN Writer Group III. Discharged 5/3/1946.

Field, Peter Terry Dyer

Joined 1/6/1950 for 6 years. R38493. Served at HMAS Albatross for two years, Kuttabul for six months, to sea 6/11/1952 - 9/11/1953 in Arunta, then Penguin (S/M4) for two years.

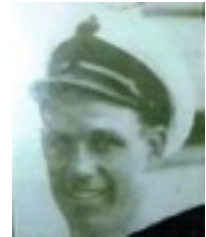
Finemore, Stewart



POWTR o/N. R36560. Joined the RAN on the 5th September 1948 and discharged on the 4th September 1960 on completion of 12 years service. On 5//09/1960 joined the RAFR for a period of five years and discharged on 4/9/1965. I commenced recruit training at Cerberus 5/9/1948 to 9/5/1949, Class M47 F.N.D. Instructors S.C.W.O. A.Calder and CPO Wtr E. Rogers.

Establishments served were: Penguin 1949 –1951. (The Accounts Office Staff were: L/Cdr (S) Arthur Strang, CPO Stan Cooper, LS Bill Creighton, Wtr Stew Finemore and Female Typist Jill Galbraith and the Ships Office Ledgers crew were: S.C. W.O. Lyall Adolphe Bock, CPO Cliff (Froggy) French, CPO Norm Scully, LS Jack Sherwood, Wtr. Harvey Baulch, Wtr Jack Medaris LS John Levy, Wtr Des Bright, Wtr John Emery, CPO Nos Parker Wtr Gordon (Googer) Gent, Wtr Brian (Fingers) Cairns, Wtr Gordon (Flash) Reinhart, CPO G. Coyne, and Wtr Brian Wriggles.

Melville 1951 – 1952 (With PO Ross Eastlake -Smith, Wtr Stew Finemore and Civilian Female Typist. LS Ross Dalrymple.) Albatross 1952 – 1955. (Ships Office Ledgers Staff: Cdr (S) W. (Bushy Bill) Graham / Cdr (S) R Watson S/Lt (S.D.) Neville Turk, PO John Emery, PO Barrie Murray, CPO Cliff (Froggy) French, PO Brian (Fingers) Cairns, PO Ted Quinn, PO Stew Finemore , PO Harry Bird, PO K (Lofty) O'Connell, LS Rick Mc Coster, Wtr, Blue Campbell, Wtr Frank Gribble, Wtr. Steve Friel, Wtr M McNamara, Wtr. Paddy Hall, CPO.Wtr Rag Riddet, PO George Petersen, PO Wtr (Iordnn (Flash) Reinhart, PO Jack Markham, LS Pat Barrat, PO Wtr Jack Connellan, Wtr John Kindness, Wtr Bill Monaghan, L/ Wtr Bob Bryce, Wtr. Desmond (Shiner)Bright, Po Wtr. Taffy Cliffe.) Penguin 1957 –1959 (with writers . CPO Laurie Benstead, CPOr Ray Morgan, PO Bob Miller, LS Malcolm Hodgson, Wran Judy O'Brien (McAuliffe), PO "Bomber" Atkins, PO Keith Hook, Wtr Blue Pell, CPO Norman Scully, S/Lt Brian Wriggles.) and Rushcutter 1960



Sea service in Warramunga - 1956 –1957 (New Zealand Tour and Yachting Control Ship for 1956 Olympic Games eith Wtr Martv Minogue & PO Brian Rae), Barcoo 1957 – 1957, Warramunga 1959-1059 (Did the Princess Alexandria Barrier Reef Tour with staff of Wtr. Hadgi Barber and PO Kevin Kingsford), Warrego 1959 –1960

Fidler, Margaret



Joined 14th March 1944. WR1994. Served at Lonsdale. Discharged 28 October 1946 as LWRAN.
Finn, Merie (Nee Horner)

Passed away October 2009. Nickname Jackie. WR189. Joined 18/11/1942 as Writer and transferred to Teleprinter Operator in 1943.

Fisher, Charles Vincent 'Charlie'

Passed away 1976. He joined 25th August 1939, promoted LS 31/8/1939 and PO 1/9/1939. serving at Penguin, Rushcutter, Kuttabul and Cerberus. He was discharged PUNS 1st September 1939.

Flockton, Stephen 'Steve'

Joined the Navy on 12/4/1977 as a JR at Leeuwin (59th intake, Stevenson Division). He took an optional discharge on 23/4/1988 as a LSWTR. Served at Cerberus (training), Watson, Navy Office (twice), Albatross (twice), Creswell, Kuttabul and Fleet Headquarters. He served in HMA Ships Swan from 1980 to 1982 and Adelaide from 1986 to 1987. As at 2005, he was living in WA and working as an accountant. Ex LSWTR R121965.

Fogo, Stuart Hedley 'Stu'



R64621. Joined the RAN on 26/08/1965 as an adult recruit from Perth and was posted to Cerberus. (Paul Paech (deceased in 2007) was the only scribe in my intake.) On completion of training, I was categorised as a Clearance Diver (CD) and posted to Rushcutter for the 'bubbly' acceptance course. On completion of course, I was posted to Melbourne for ORDCD training and then headed back to Rushcutter for the ABCD course. In 1968, after two diving accidents,

I was categorised permanently medically unfit to dive and was offered a 'Free' discharge, or transfer to SN. Navy Office finally agreed on a transfer to scribe and I was posted to Cerberus for the Writers course (Ron Dalgleish instructor). On completion of course, I was posted as Carrier Air Group (CAG) scribe to Albatross/Melbourne. In 1969, I was embarked in Melbourne when the collision with USS Frank E Evans occurred.

In January 1970, I was posted to Tarangau (Manus Island) as PNG Patrol Boat Squadron scribe. When not embarked in Aitape, I shared an office, among other things, with 'The Wog' Watson.

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In January 1971, I commenced the first of two five-year postings to Leeuwin (JRTE/NOCWA), my Home Port. In December 1975, I was posted as a PO to Perth as Captain's Secretary and then, after numerous 'paper' postings, thanks to Glen MacAndrews, I returned to Leeuwin in October 1976 as a CPO. In February 1982, I was promoted to WO (16.5 years service) and was posted to Navy Office (the first time I finally succumbed to become 'one of them') and took up the billet of WO Promotions in DSP.

In June 1984, I was selected for the Tri Service billet as the WO to the Head of Australian Defence Staff, Australian Embassy, Washington, DC. During this period, the LEUT SDLD Scheme was introduced. I was offered promotion (along with Ted Hase), but it entailed returning to Australia ASAP. As I was only 18 months into a three year posting, I declined and elected to remain in the States. I was informed that it was a 'one off' offer and that I wouldn't be offered it again. However, when due to return to Australia, it was offered to me again, with the same posting preferences. This time I accepted and was posted as a LEUT to DNSC, Navy Office. In August, 1988, after 23 years service, I resigned from the RAN.

Follett, Judith Geraldine

Passed away in 2005. Ex POWTR P/No. 190. Joined 30th November 1942. Served at Harman, Penguin and Lonsdale. Promotes LS 1/6/1943 and PO 12/1/1944. Discharged 17th October 1945.

Fowler, Clifford William

R50882. Joined 18/3/1955 and served in establishments Watson, Albatross, Waterhen and Leeuwin. Sea service was Voyager from 1957 to 1959. Served 6 years. Promoted LS 3/5/1960.

Francis, Lyn Karen

Passed away 26/09/2007. Joined 12th July 1963 and discharged on marriage 14th October 1967. Served at Harman and Penguin.

Free, Jo (Nee Pfeifer)



Joined the RAN in Sept 86 (GE27), and did the Basic Writers Course in Jan-May 87 (Writers 18). Went to Navy Office where I started at DNMP (Naval Manning Policy), then moved across to CNS and worked for VADM MacDougall. Promoted to LS and moved downstairs to Accounts. Moved to Albatross in Jan 93 and worked in Accounts again, then ran the Admin Office at AWSC (Air Warfare Systems Centre) where I had lots of goes on the helicopter simulators - lots of fun. Moved up to Coonawarra in 1996 did Advanced Writer training and was promoted to PO, worked

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in Facilities at Coonawarra. Went on mat leave and paid off in August 97.

Free, Ronald Neville

Passed away 28th October 2011. S5405. He joined the RAN 23/4/1941 and served at Penguin, Rushcutter and Cerberus. He was diagnosed with Tuberculosis and was discharged PUNS 16th July 1944. He was awarded a pension of 5 pounds per fortnight on discharge.

French, Clifton Alan 'Froggy'

Passed away whilst serving at Tarangau 14th July 1963.

R21990. Joined 11th April 1938 and served ashore at Albatross, Cerberus, Penguin, Kuttabul and Watson. Joined Quickmatch as a LS in 1942, subsequently Napier, Quiberon (where he was promoted LS) and joined Kanimbla 1946 – 1949. Promoted CPO 1/1/1949.

John Kindness says he remembers Cliff's first draft after being rated Leading Writer when he was asked by his Chief "When do you get your badge back? (Referring to the GCB). Froggy replied I don't have one yet, I have not done 4 years. The Chief was horrified "A rating LWTR with no badges what is the Navy coming to!

Friel, Stephen John

Joined 24/5/1952. O/N R43314. Served in shore establishments Cerberus, Penguin, Kuttabul and Albatross. His sea postings consisted of Sydney 53-54, Quadrant 57, Melbourne as LS 57. Discharged 23rd May 1958.

Friend, Stephen Macquarie



Ex POWTR R132212. I joined the navy as a 16-year-old JR on 6/10/1982, to run away from school. After completing JR school (and my HSC) in nine months, I went to 'sunny' Cerberus for the Writer school and then moved to Nirimba for my first posting in September, 1983. After two years there, being trained in all aspects of 'writing' by the likes of McAndrews, Eagles, Russell, McAndie, Irwin and Biddle (to name a few), I was posted to Success as Standby Crew, working in 'exotic' places like Zetland and Co-Dock.

After six months of setting up the ship's stores and initial registry, I swapped postings into Cook as the Pay and Accounts WTR for 14 months. This was my first sea posting and the first time my ship 'crossed the line'. What a blast! I then got 'sentenced' to 18 months in Navy Office and did penance in DNMP, DNOP and a little time at Harman. The opportunity presented itself for a posting to Coonawarra in August, 1987 and how could you say "no"? In those days, Coonawarra was the 'Golden' posting, and my two years there were some of the best days in the 'mob'.

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Upon promotion to LSWTR in August 1989, I left the then 'Jewel in the Navy's Crown' and did six months at Kuttabul before being 'crash' posted to Tobruk. This was not a bad thing, as I got to do the 75th Anniversary Gallipoli trip. What a run; the Seychelles, Egypt, Turkey, Greece and more, although I still think we could have missed Karachi! Leaving Tobruk in July 1991, I ended up at Watson, under the guidance of James Cornell O'naca – a time I will never forget! Just short of two years doing the daily Gosford – 'Wato' Bay trek, saw me win the job at the ADFWC at RAAF Williamtown. This was a tri-service unit, and was an eye-opener, but what a fun time. The gig ran for almost three years.

I was promoted to POWTR out of ADFWC and spent the next three and a half years at Albatross, doing time in both HS816 Sqn, where I played Admino for two years, and PSO Nowra, where I did removals. A posting back to sea (sort of) came in May 1999, when I went to Kanimbla. It took until December 2000, for the ship to let-go the head rope, but the 14 nights I did at sea in her, in the 20 months I was there, were grand! Finally, after 12 long years, it was back to Coonawarra, where I served as Perso until June 2002. It was then that the DFRDB thing won over and I paid off to go stay with Defence, as a Public Servant in Darwin.

Fuller, Helen Norma



WR 4239. Joined 10th April 1952 and served at Cerberus until she was discharged on marriage 5th December 1952.