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Gallagher, Darren

Joined RAN 14/3/1994. As part of the WTR107 Course, he was trained under the watchful eye of CPOWTR Russ Angus, LSWTR Andy Burt and POWTR Glenda Irvin. His first posting was to the Harman Ships Office in September 1994, then his first sea draft came in December 1995, when Darren was posted to HMAS Moresby. With only a three-scribe team onboard, POWTR Jodie Fuller, Adam Neagle and himself, it was certainly a top jolly in 1996. ABWTR Baden "Banaman" Holmes posted onboard in 1997 for the decommissioning year. (Baden having been on Darren's Initial Writers Course). He then posted to DSCM as File Manager and part time SO DSCM. Darren left the Branch in 1999. It is understood that, as at June 2005, of all the scribes in WTR107 Course, only one remains in the branch; he being POWTR Sammy Fuss.



Ganly, Rosemary

I joined up 1965, got to be LWRAN WTR, married (discharged) 1968. The family ended up in Canberra, after time in Hawaii, Nowra (several times), and twice to RAAF Sale. I finished University at the ANU and started working for Department of Defence as an APS officer, which I continued to do until 2007 when I finally retired.

Gardiner, Keith



R49797. I joined RAN on 14th October, 1953 at the age of 21. Completed recruit and writer courses by July 1954 and posted to Albatross.

I was Fair Ledger keeper to POWTR "Flash" Reinhardt. Other pay office senior sailors included CPOWTR Reg Riddett, POWTRs Stuart Finemore, Brian Cairns, Jack Connellan, Bob Bryce and Ken Purdie.

In Captains office were blokes such as Charlie King, Reeler Cotton, Spud Murphy, Colin Kildy and Kevin Simpson. In February, 1956 re-commissioned HMAS Swan (10/2/1956-13/1/1957) with Ray Pickard as the POWTR and Lieutenant (S) Walker as Supply Officer.

Swan was starting vessel for two classes of yachting races at the 1956 Olympic Games. Posted to Kuttabal pay office at the end of 1956. Promoted to Leading Writer 10th May, 1957 transferred to Captains office and posted to Melville early 1959. Tom Burke was POWTR. LCDR Matthews was Supply Officer. I was responsible for Accounts and Local Purchase. Posted to Watson in August, 1959 and promoted to POWTR on 6th November and posted to Maralinga in January, 1960.

Officers In Charge of the RN and RAN contingent of the Maralinga Australian Range Support Unit (MARSU) were LCDR Lade and later LCDR Spong. The task of the Naval Contingent was to provide power with turbines and, with their expertise of evaporators, produce fresh water from the briny, muddy substance pumped from below the surface of the Nullabor. I was posted to Engineering Posting section of Manning in Navy Office in May, 1961. Worked with the usual crew of "Manning Trained" postees whose names have appeared in earlier BIOS.

Posted to Kuttabal again in August, 1962 having a nice perk in Accounts which was cut short with a sudden posting to Nirimba in December, 1962. Spent almost four years with the Naval Apprentices until September, 1966 when "out of the blue" came a signal posting me to join up with one officer and five sailors from the Clearance Diving Branch to form RAN Clearance Diving team 3 which was to become the RAN's first official commitment to the Vietnam conflict.

This posting was to become the most pleasing time of my 20 years of service in the RAN, providing services and back-up and all facilities I could for some of the most decorated men in the conflict. I went to Vietnam with the first contingent of Clearance Diving Team 3 which spent approximately six months "in country" and I returned with the second contingent after they were relieved by the third.

The friendships formed with these men and their families have stood for well over 40 years and I am so proud that it is so. In October, 1967 I was posted from CDT3

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to Headquarters Australian Forces Vietnam to assist LCDR Bennett, the newly appointed Naval Staff Officer to General Vincent.

Other POWTRS to fill a similar position were Pat Armstrong, Rosco Tilney, Gordon Gent and Charlie Sugden. I was promoted to CPOWTR on 10th November, 1967. After some leave in March, 1968 I relieved Laurie Dillon in Queenborough as Captains Secretary (13/5/1968 - 6/3/1969) and in charge of the pay office. Keith Harris-Walker and Dave Rickard were the toilers and "Group Pay" raised its ugly head.

Joined Albatross again, in charge of Captains Office in early 1969 but was soon again posted to Navy Office, this time in charge of Sailors Promotions. However I was soon back in Engineering Postings where I remained until I was again posted to Nirimba in October, 1971, this time in charge of the Pay Office until my discharge to Shore on 13th October, 1973 completing 20 years service.

Footnote - Group Pay

So disappointed were the cooks, stewards and stores branch sailors that the writers were well treated with a very high "grouping", the ship's cartoonist (an officer's cook) expressed their feelings with several pieces of his work on notice boards throughout Queenborough. Some of "Soupbone's" cartoons accompanied the ROPs to FOCAF and one of those is below



Gieger, John 'Jack'

Passed away date not known.

Genn, Edwin

Ex LSWTR. Served from July 1969 to July 1979.



Gent, Gordon Alexander 'Googa'



Ex CPOWTR. Joined navy on 7/3/1949 at HMAS Lonsdale, then proceeded to Cerberus for naval lore instruction by education officers and writer training at supply school (now the naval museum). He joined the minesweeper, HMAS Latrobe, for two weeks seamanship training, which included a trip through the Rip to Williamstown.

First posting was to Penguin in 1950, the 'County' class cruiser Australia in 1952, then back to Cerberus in 1953. He was promoted to LWTR and posted Kuttabul (FOICEA) in 1954, then to Queenborough (Fox 1) in 1956, for the Strategic Reserve. He took part in the de-commissioning of HMAS Commonwealth, Kure Japan, then was posted to Watson in 1951, Kuttabul in 1958, Melbourne in 1959, Kuttabul (FOICEA) in 1960 and was discharged, Engagement Expired, on 6/3/1961.

Googa re-entered the RAN on 28/5/1963 and moved from Cerberus to Albatross then Parramatta in 1963 to 1964. He was posted to Sydney (FOCAF) in 1964 and promoted POWTR on 3/4/1964. Next posting was Kuttabul (FOICEA) later in 1964, Sydney for 'Vung Tau Ferry' runs in 1965 to 1966, Nirimba 1966, Kuttabul (Fleet Staff) 1967, NSO COMAFV in 1970 and was promoted to CPOWTR in August 1970. He then went to Penguin (A/Sec) in 1971, Navy recruiting 1972, Kuttabul (Pay office) 1974, then Duchess (Captain's Secretary) until discharge by request on 25/12/1975.

Medals awarded to Googa were Australian Active Service Medal with Vietnam & Malaya Clasps, Naval General Service Medal with Malaya Clasp (Imperial Award), Vietnam Campaign Medal, Australian Service Medal with Strategic Reserve Clasp, Defence Medal, Australian National Medal, Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Medal, HMAS Sydney Vietnam Commemorative Medal, and Vietnam Logistic Support Medal.

Gibson, Peter Denhame



Passed away on the 1st October 2009. Born 4th September 1926 in Malvern Victoria. Peter was in the Reserves and joined the Permanent Naval Forces 9th January 1945. His official number was PM 7913. He underwent training at Cerberus and then posted to Moreton. On the 22nd April he joined Magnetic and then transferred to Madang the base in New Guinea. Joined MSL 705 on 23/11/1945 and early January 1946 USS ATTU before joining Lonsdale where he stayed until he was demobbed 10th January 1947. He was paid £22.1.0 for 30 days re-establishment leave and also £13.4.0 in lieu of 18 days leave.

Peter's naval record was read out by the RSL Representative, Errol Driver Peter's Recollection of War Service: As with most veterans Peter seemed to remember the lighter incidents of war and the importance of connections with home.

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Once crewing his own ships boat, they unexpectedly encountered a small Japanese party in a boat up a river and gave chase but without success as the Japs had a better turn of speed - no damage done to either side!!

However there was better success one night watching outdoor movies on a beach - noticed 2 extra pairs of eyes watching from rear - Peters crew subsequently captured 2 Japanese soldiers who were probably trying to steal food - not watch the film. Peter served on 2 US Navy ships and experienced better rations than Australian. As good food was important it's possible obsolete RAN stores were traded for American rations in the true Aussie Serviceman's tradition of scrounging.

The family recall Peter's real highlight was receiving care packages from Loyce - beautiful big boiled fruit cakes with very thick icing - which Peter shared with his shipmates using his bayonet to cut through the icing. (About Loyce: In 1943 though, at just 17 years of age, whilst trying to drive a hard bargain with some bloke to buy a set of skates at St Moritz ice skating rink in St Kilda, Gibbo who played ice hockey, had the most amazing stroke of luck, he was introduced to a figure skater named Loyce Turpin. That was the first meeting that began a relationship that was to last more than 66 years. Loyce wrote to him every week while he was in the Navy.)

When the war ended, Gibbo returned to Australia and after spending time at Heidelberg Repat overcoming malaria he had contracted in New Guinea, he began work as a clerk at Radio Corp. Awarded the Pacific Star War Medal.

Gilbert, Henry John

Passed away 19/06/2001

Gilbert, Reginald 'Reg' 'Punchy'



Punchy passed away 12/07/2004. This is a Navy News Article 8th December 1961 that was written about Reg.

"Chief Petty Officer Writer Reg Gilbert, has some sound advice for 'up and coming' Navy sportsmen. He says: "Learn the rules and enjoy the game." His view is backed up by experience in many fields of sport.

Now in England, CPO Gilbert says: " All types of sport including the many codes of football provide entertainment for me. I am inclined to think that biased opinions heard in the service regarding sport, particular the different football codes, is generally caused through a lack of knowledge of the rules of that particular game by the individual".

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Born at Goodiwindi Queensland in 1927 Reg found his early interest boxing and he became schoolboy boxing champion of Southwest Queensland being undefeated in 22 amateur contests. He turned professional at the age of 16 years and won 16 successive bouts at the Brisbane Stadium before suffering first defeat of the hands of Mickey Hill in a 10 round contest. This was in March 1945.

Reg join the Navy as a Stoker in April 1946 and represented Navy in Victoria Rugby union competition. He also continued boxing and was undefeated in six service boxing bouts during 1946. While 'Up North' he represented both Shropshire and Australian at Rugby Union against the Australian and New Zealand occupation forces in Japan and against the Royal Navy in Hong Kong.

In February 1948 he won the lightweight division of the boxing competition between RAN and the US Task Force 48 at Sydney Stadium. He visited Hobart for the regatta and then the goodwill tour to New Zealand in Australia before being discharged April 1948. Reg missed the comradeship of service life and re-entered in the Writer branch in February 1949.

A Knee injury forced early retirement from competitive football. He boxed three times at Melbourne Stadium during 1949 losing narrowly on points to highly rated featherweight Wally Driver and winning the other two. While Secretary of the Seaford Australian Rules club he saw the club win three premierships in five years in the Mornington Peninsula league.

Reg continued his boxing at Manus Island fought a stirring draw with the middleweight Champion of New Guinea, after giving away one half stone in weight. This proved to be his final boxing bout and finished with the impressive record of 51 wins, three losses and three draws and an undefeated record in the services.

After two years with Manning Department Navy Office, Melbourne, he was drafted to Sydney in November 1955 and visited SEATO exercises during September October November 1956. Reg was drafted to the RAN Air station Nowra early 1957, and the family liked the district so much that they build their home there. He is a vice president of the Sydney-Navy Rules club, and as a talent scout for that team has signed many stars including Col Mason, Bernie Jeffrey, Nobby Clarke and Bill Snell.

During two years at Albatross he was for a time trainer to leading Navy Boxer Brian Smith and on Lieut Ray Lemon being appointed to FND, relieved him as referee in the charity promoted boxing bills at the Air Station. Whilst at Albatross he was coach of the Navy tug-o-war team and Chief second to the Navy boxing team inter-service sports. He served in the cadet training frigate Swan during 1959 early in 1960 was drafted to the staff of RANLO London.

Writing to 'Navy News' he names these Navy men as top sportsmen he has known during his 15 year service:

Best All rounder: PTI Laurie Johnson: Rugby union CPO Ray 'Snow' Walker;
Tennis PO John Fletcher: Cricket Stoker Clem Hill: Golf SPOS PB 'Wingy' O'Shea

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and Tel Norm Brown; Swimming AB Ron Hogan; Soccer Stoker PO Blue Hollis; Australian Rules LWTR Ron Battams, NA Ralph Turner and Painter Bert Dickson.”

Gill, John

Ex POWTR and LEUT. Joined the Navy as a Junior Recruit at Leeuwin in July, 1977 and completed the Basic Writer Course at Cerberus in October, 1978. I was posted to Harman and was promoted ABWTR in October 1979. My next posting was to Watson, then Creswell, before proceeding to sea in Flinders in 1980. I came ashore to Harman again in 1982 and picked up my LS hook in April of that year. In 1984 I moved to Albatross for two years, before being posted to sea again in Tobruk in 1986. I was posted back to Harman again in 1987, where I was promoted POWTR in September of that year.

I went back to Cerberus again in 1988 for a short time before going to DFRC Brisbane, where I stayed until 1990. I headed back to Albatross in 1991, before being posted to Harman, yet again, the following year. I received my commission and was promoted to SBLT in June 1994 and was posted to Creswell, followed by Cerberus the following year, then finally back to Harman. I was promoted to LEUT in June 1997 and transferred to the RANR in October 1998. I'm probably best known as a Scribe for having been posted to DSP/DSCM Promotion Cell as a SMNWTR, LSWTR and POWTR. But I'm probably more infamous as Manager - Navy Uniforms (as RAN, RANR and APS) for the last 13 years. After changing over to officer in 1994, I found myself working in the Navy Uniforms Section as a spare hand and then was posted there in 1995 as a SBLT.

In 1998, I was invited by (then CAPT, now RADM) Boyd Robinson to pay off and apply for the newly created APS position. Sometimes you get what you ask for and as at 2007, I'm still here, although I'm now looking to do some CFTS in 2008. I am looking to be promoted LCDR RANR in January, 2008.

I married wife, Sharon, in 1994 and have a daughter and son (twins); Lachlan and Riley, who were born in 1998.

Gillies, Max



Max passed away in the late 1980s. Ex WOWTR. Joined the RAN on 1/2/1952 and was posted to Cerberus on entry, then to Kuttabul on 23/7/1953. His subsequent postings were to Albatross, Penguin, Fremantle, Junee, Lonsdale, Cerberus again, Melville and Vendetta. He spent several years at Harman (NO), before being posted overseas to the Australian embassy in Manila in 1975. He was promoted LSWTR in 1957, POWTR in 1959 and CPOWTR in 1965, before picking up his WO's badge in the 1970s.

Given, Ron (Rugby Ron)



Ex WOWTR. I joined the Navy as a JR in 1963 with the intention of becoming a PTI. We were told, within two months of joining, that we were 'the cream of Australia's youth', and we believed it. As well, we were told it was a 'young man's Navy' and we believed that also. Like so many others currently in the 'Puss', as at 2007 I am now nearly 63 (well three years to go anyway) and the Navy is still silly enough to employ me.

I served in HMA Ships Melbourne (on three occasions), Brisbane, Parramatta, Canberra and Success. I have done relief work for a couple of months at a time in Newcastle and Success. I have never arrived at a Navy Office posting, though I did enjoy a stint at Harman from 1967 to 1968. I spent most of my time ashore at Kuttabul and loved every moment of it. Some may think my involvement with sport, predominantly Rugby, kept me at Kuttabul and in the Navy. I think they are right.

I have served with some of the characters of yesteryear that unfortunately aren't here now, like 'The Ball' Sharman, 'Bulkhead' Wall, 'The Wog' Watson and 'Filthy' Phillips to name a few. Although I didn't serve with him, I never knew a bloke who liked the Navy more than 'Bomber' Atkinson, and was saddened by his passing. Recently, I have been employed doing BOIs, concurrent with another position on the Navy Sports Council. The Sports Council job is the next best job I have had; the best being the 'Heads Dodger' at Codock, after we hit Voyager in 1964. (Now that was a good job).

Although not very good at it, my wife, Bev, and I now have an interest in Masters swimming. We travel the country, participating and competing in, what order I am not sure, so we get about. I am very happy to catch up with old shipmates. For five years, I have been co-ordinating a reunion for JRs who joined in 1963. We meet every two to three months in NSW and every two to three years around 'Oz'.

Glendenning, Alf

Passed away 23/12/2003

Glover, Mavin Catherine 'Mavis'



W1464. Joined 12th July 1943 and discharged 5th September 1946. Served at HMA establishment Magnetic.

Golding, Edwin (Ted)

Passed away 29th October 2010. Joined 6th December 1939 and discharged 5th December 1951. R23796. Joined Cerberus for training and after completing his training he posted to Australia 12/12/1940 until 19/1/1942. A posting to Lonsdale where he was promoted to LS 1/7/2942 and PO 1/9/1943. Joined Basilisk 16/11/1943 until 21/7/1945 when he posted to Lonsdale. He was promoted to CPO 1/7/1949. He joined HMAS Commonwealth 5th September 1949 (HMAS Commonwealth was a former Royal Australian Navy administered shore base located in Kure, Japan. The base was previously run by the British. HMS Commonwealth, the base was renamed HMAS Commonwealth on 1 October 1948 until it ceased operation in June 1950, at which time the base was transferred to Japanese control.) Returned to Lonsdale 30th November 1950 and spent several months at Cerberus before returning to Lonsdale until his discharge 5th December 1951. Ted joined the RAFR and did his usual 14 days RAFR time each year until 1966.

By Ted "The article about the two members of the crew of Sydney was most interesting as I knew both of them in 1939/40 down at FND. PO Frank Mordaunt and Chief Len Whitfield were both gentlemen. Frank taught me to keep a ledger in those days, we learnt on the job -- no supply school. Frank lived in Frankston, (i.e. native) he wrote a motorbike. It was a bike with an electric self starter, very rare in those days. In 1940 I was told the Chief Writer in the drafting office wanted to see me. So went down to the drafting office and he informed me that I was top of the list for sea and two ships wanted a Writer. "Bungaree and Australia"; as Australia was operating out of Liverpool. That's the one I chose, the next week I went to Port Melbourne to join Largs Bay for England"

Goodieson, Alec



Ex WOWTR R47198. Joined the RAN on 17/3/1952 from the small country town of Red

Cliffs in North West Victoria. Following basic training, I joined Writers Course No.10, with CPOWTR Shamus O'Brien as our instructor. Some members of the class that I can remember were Bill Monaghan, Max Gillies, John Kindness, Frank Gribble, Ross Tilney and Brenda Barker. On completion of the course, I was posted to

Cerberus (Accounts Office) and remained there until posted to Nirimba in July 1953. Nirimba was then the Fleet Air Arm maintenance depot (RANAMEB) and my billet was fair ledger keeper to POWTR Tom Bourke. RANAMEB was transferred back to Nowra on 1/3/1955 (Nirimba decommissioned and subsequently recommissioned as the Apprentice Training Establishment), so it was back to Cerberus as a Writer in the Captain's Office for a short stint until posted to Sydney (Carrier) in June 1955 as the offsider to a true gentleman, Eddie Stokes, LEUT SD W, in the Personnel Office.

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I returned to Cerberus in September 1956, and as a LWTR in Central Registry, worked with POWTR Doug Pyers and WRWTR Cynthia Gregory. It was during this time that I met and began courting my wife to be, WRWTR Esther Robertson, who worked in the new recruits Service Certificate Office. In February 1958 I joined Lonsdale to stand-by nuship Vendetta which was in her latter stages of construction and fit-out at Williamstown Dockyard. It was my task to ensure the office would be fully functional when HMAS Vendetta commissioned on 26/11/1958.

The ship included CMDR G. Campbell as SO and LEUT SDW V. Pilkington as Secretary, with POWTR Ian McLaughlin in Pay and Accounts. Vendetta departed Sydney for a nine month deployment to the Far East Strategic Reserve in the latter half of 1959. On 31/8/1960 I joined Navy Office, Director of Sailors Postings, as the POWTR (having been promoted on 6/11/59) to CPOWTR Col Duff, who was in charge of the Supply and Secretariat/Fleet Air Arm/ Medical and Band Posting Section. Little did I realize this was to be my apprenticeship, as there were to be two more occasions when I would return to the same Section. Esther, who had paid-off from the WRANS in January 1960, came to Canberra shortly after I arrived and gained employment as a civilian in Navy Office. We were married in February 1961 and allocated a house in the new suburb of Downer. We subsequently purchased the house and still live there.

On 28/2/1962, Esther and I departed for two and a half years in the Philippines, having been posted as Assistant to the Armed Services Attache at the Australian Embassy in Manila. (During our stay we hosted a party each year for the Scribes from the Australian ships partaking in the annual SEATO Exercises. No doubt some of the Scribes would have been a little worse for wear the next day, observing the volume of San Miguel beer consumed.) June 1964 saw me back in DSP's Office, again as the POWTR on the Supply and Secretariat Posting Section and until February 1966, I worked to three CPOWTRs; Ken Hall, John Cummins and Lindsay Webb. On promotion to Chief on 4/2/1966, I took charge of the Section until 30/10/1966, when I posted myself to Melbourne (Carrier) in charge of the Pay Office. Before leaving Melbourne in December 1967, the ship went to the USA to collect the Navy's new Skyhawk and Tracker aircraft and various munitions. My crew in the Pay Office included such notables as POWTR Barry Clements and WTRs 'Wog' Watson and Mick Scully. On 5/12/1967 I was back in my old seat in charge of the S & S Posting Section (we also still had the Fleet Air Arm, Medicos and Bandies) and remained there until 17/10/1971. During this period, there were several significant changes within the RAN. Service records of members were computerised, a new legal and discipline code system was introduced, and the Kerr/Woodward Inquiry into the Armed Services Pay and Conditions, which recommended the Group Pay System, was completed.

Warrant Officer rank was also reintroduced into the RAN. During about July 1971, being due for sea service, I was asked if I would like to go to Vampire as the Captain's Secretary when the ship recommissioned later in the year, following her mid-life modernization. The Secretary billet in the Darings had been redesignated as a WOWTR billet and it was known that I would be promoted on the reintroduction of WOs into the RAN. Captain Geoffrey Woolrych, was the Captain

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designate and he subsequently proved to be an exceptional CO to work for. I joined Lonsdale on 18/10/1971 then Vampire on recommissioning on 17th November and was promoted to WO on 17/12/1971.

On 1/1/1972, it was a surprise to learn that I had been awarded the British Empire Medal in the New Year's Honours List. The citation read "For outstanding service in the Royal Australian Navy, particularly in the Sailors Posting Section in Navy Office." While it was deeply humbling to receive the award, I was well aware that one's success in almost any endeavour very much depended on the qualities and skills of the people around and assisting you. I therefore remain forever indebted to all those who have worked with me, as I consider that their contribution over the years was instrumental in me receiving the award. All was proceeding well in Vampire until April 1972. Advice was received that after further consideration in Navy Office on the final allotment of WO billets, Vampire lost both of her WOs, the Secretary and the WOCOYN. CPOWTR Brian Tucker was my replacement. I was transferred to fill the billet of SO Pay in Melbourne until 22/1/1973, then was posted to Cerberus to undergo the Warrant Officer Management and Service Knowledge Course. In the latter part of 1972 I was offered a three-year secondment to the Dept of Defence to fill a billet in the newly established Defence Force Industrial Branch (DFIB). On the 2/4/1973 I joined the staff of DFIB and was allotted a position in the Overseas Allowances and Conditions Section. Following completion of my secondment to Defence, I received a posting to Cerberus. Having completed 24 years service at that time and with a young eight-year-old son settled in the Canberra schooling system, a move south was not appealing. After due consideration of my future, my resignation was tendered and accepted, effective 30/4/1976.

In the foregoing, a few Scribes have been mentioned, but there are many more that I have worked with over the years. To them and my going ashore friends, I wish you all long lives with good health and happiness in the future.

Gorringe, Brian K



Captain RAN (Ex CPOWTR). Joined Leeuwin in January 1963 (6th intake) as a Junior Recruit II at 15 and after six months, advanced to the dizzy heights of a JR1. A further six months later, passed out in December 1963. (The 6th intake was the first to proceed to sea as Ordinary Seaman for Communal Sea Training.) Served in Vampire for 18 months as an ordinary seaman for two deployments to S.E.Asia (scribes onboard at the time were Lew Horsefield, Bob Baird, Ian Dalgleish, and Ralph Dingle). Besides the normal ORD's duties, worked as the Coxswain's Office writer for CPOCOYN Peter Grant and CPOCOYN Stewart. After Vampire, was posted to Cerberus for the WTR's course in July 1965 (scribes Wayne Butterfield, Helmut Piedad, P.J.Walsh, P.J. Sutton, Mal Ritchie, Peter Horrocks, Guy Jennings were among them) On completion of the course, posted to Penguin and worked in the Captain's Office (CPOWTR Ron Woolnough, Mick Gleaves, 'Bulkhead' Wall, and A.Keily) After only few months at Penguin, went back to sea again in Yarra (pay and accounts) for another S.E. Asia

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deployment (Brian Cairns was the CPOWTR, the killick writers were 'Wog' Watson and 'Chuck' Trafford and the other scribe was Gus De Bakker.) Promotion followed in Yarra to A/LWTR in August 1966.

In August 1966, was posted to 817 Squadron at Albatross for the next two years. Embarked in Melbourne twice, (April to August 1967 and January to April 1968), then posted to Watson, working with CPOWTR 'Tammy' Mooney and POWTR 'Salty' Eckel. Also there were scribes Paul Healy, Alan and Dennis Robinson, Bernie McKay, Steve Smythe, Laurie Buchanan and Bruce Hambour. In February 1969, was loaned to Cerberus for the PO's Course and promoted to A/POWTR at Watson. Later that year, in November 1969, was posted to the UK for two years at HMS Dolphin to look after the Australian Submariners. The main job was to handle their pay and accounts, SCs, administration and liaison duties together with the occasional sea trip in RN submarines. Whilst at Dolphin, qualified in the Submarine Escape Training Tank, qualified for CPOWTR and academically and professionally for Commission Rank on the SD List. Some of the scribes in Australia House at the time were CPOWTR John Gamble and POWTR 'Bulldog' Drummond. On completion of the posting, returned to Australia in the cruise ship, Himalaya, which departed from Southampton for Holland, Portugal, Canary Islands, Cape Town, Durban, Fremantle, Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney. It was a tough sea draft.

A short posting to Albatross in early 1972 in the Accounts office was followed by a transfer to Canberra to the Directorate of Naval Manpower and Planning. In August 1972, was promoted to CPOWTR. Two months later was commissioned to the Special Duties list as an Acting Sub Lieutenant (Writer).

After two years as a Supply Sub Lieutenant (SD), promoted to Lieutenant SD and remained in Navy office as the Secretary to the Director of Naval Officers' Postings. In 1976, was the runner up to Lieutenant (later Rear Admiral) Kevin Scarce for the Peter Mitchell Prizeman for that year and in 1976 was selected for the General List.

Appointments as a Junior Officer included service in Navy and Maritime Headquarters, Hobart (DDG, as DSO and SO) with scribes Barrie Howe, Wally Bristow, Ray Hamilton, Tony Holms and David McGinn, Cook (AOG, as the commissioning SO) with 'Crash' Kennedy, Brisbane (DDG, as SO) with scribes 'Rocky' Stone, Andy Hobbs, Kel Turner, Brett Quinn, 'Dutchy' van Wetering and 'Butch' Cassidy, Williamstown Naval Dockyard, the Recruiting Centre, the Customer Services Manager at the Navy Supply Centre, Zetland and attending the Staff Course at the Royal Naval Staff College, Greenwich, UK.

On completion of Staff College training, remained in the United Kingdom on the Defence Staff at the Australian High Commission, London. On return to Australia, served as the Secretary to The Fleet Commander which was followed by a posting to HMAS Watson as the Supply Officer.

In 1988, was loaned to the Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet Ceremonial Department in preparation for the posting as the Equerry to Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, during the 1988 Royal Tour of Australia.

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Attended Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York during her subsequent private tour of Australia. On completion of the Royal Tour, was posted to Navy Headquarters, Canberra, as the Assistant Director of Naval Officers Postings (Supply). Following this posting, was appointed the Naval Officer Commanding South Australia and Commanding Officer HMAS Encounter in June 1991. He was later appointed an Honorary Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor-General of Australia.

From 1994 to 1999, he was posted to the Australian Defence Headquarters and held positions of Director of Attaché Management and Director of Protocol/Foreign Military Liaison and Visits. In April 1999, was appointed as the Military ADC to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn of Thailand, for the 1999 Royal Tour of Australia. In June 1999, transferred to the Naval Reserve to take up the appointment as the Deputy Official Secretary to His Excellency Sir Eric Neal AC CVO, the Governor of South Australia. After Sir Eric Neal retired as Governor in December 2001, returned to the Navy on full time service in 2002 and was appointed as the Deputy Director Senior Officer Management in the Headquarters of the ADF.

In 2004, he was promoted to T/Captain and was the Escort Officer to HRH Prince Feisal of Jordan during his Royal Tour of Australia. The following year, appointed as the Defence Attaché to Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Kuwait, Bahrain and Oman, resident in Riyadh. In December 2006 was selected for promotion and confirmed in the rank of Captain. As at 2007, he continues to hold the Defence Attaché position.

On The Queen's Birthday 1999 Honours List, he was appointed a Member in the Military Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for: "Exceptional service to the Royal Australian Navy and to the Australian Defence Force as the Naval Officer Commanding South Australia/Commanding Officer HMAS Encounter, and as the Director of Foreign Military Liaison and Visits."

A commendation was received from the Royal Thai Air Force in 1996 for outstanding service and support to the Thailand Defence Force. Captain Gorringer is married to Roma and they have two adult children, Adrian and Megan.

Gostlow, Peter

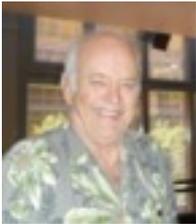


Ex CPOWTR R107952. Joined navy in January 1970 and was in Morrow Division at HMAS Leeuwin. Discharged in January 1991. Most memorable occasion was when a bunch of fellow writers joined me for my bucks weekend, when we hired two houseboats on the Hawkesbury River. It was some weekend. Since discharge, I spent six months as a security guard and two years as Admin Officer for Employer Federation. I began as a driver and conductor on Old Glenelg Trams in 1994, then became supervisor and trainer and as at 2003, I am TransAdelaide Senior Safety and Training Officer (OHS&W and Quality Systems).

Gourlay, Simon

Ex WTR. As at 2004, serving as Command Legal Officer, as a Lieutenant, at HMAS Stirling. Joined navy in January 1973, (Morrow 42nd) then completed Writer's course in 1974. Postings included HMAS Harman (Pay Office), Creswell, Brisbane and FOCAF staff.

Grantins, John



Passed away 1st September 2012. Born 6th November 1943. Joined 02/07/1966 - Discharged 01/07/1986 from Watson as POWTR. Served Harman, Sydney, Tarangau, Albatross, Platypus, Kuttabul (Fleet Supply), Tarangau/Basilisk, Stalwart, Watson. Highlights include 2 postings to Manus Island (Tarangau/Basilisk).

My first posting to Navy Office (Jack Conellan and Les Beresford in the mentors chairs), sea legs followed on Sydney with ferry trips to Vung Tau in the process. 1971-72 spent in tropical sublimities of Manus Island aka Tarangau for a 2 year spell. Back to Australia and ducking and weaving through choppers and planes at Albatross. After this it was back to Tarangau for another 2 years. One of the extra curricular highlights of this tour (after organising a football festival of all codes with teams from all over Manus and several outlying Islands.) was an invitation from the District Commissioner to organise all the sports for the island for Independence Day celebrations. It was a lot of hard yakka but quite a buzz. Back in Oz I posted to Fleet Supply after which I went to a different world – the world of the submariner at Platypus. Sea legs were again stretched on Melbourne followed by a posting to Building 216 Stalwart. I must say (modestly of course) it was an honourable achievement to co-produce the only cruise book ever for the Stalwart after a 3 month tour of Oz, Singapore, Sri Lanka and India. After Stalwart I came back to Platypus surfacing for fresh air for my final 3 yrs of 20 at Watson.

Grayson, Karen

Ex LSWTR. Served in the Navy from 1985 to 1994 and then did full time reserve service in 1995 and 1996.

Green, Ronald John

Passed away 23/12/2003

Green, Sandra Michelle (nee Paul)



W104313. Entered navy on 2/4/1968 and discharged 20/8/1969.



Greenhow, Steve



Joined October 1972 in the 41st Junior Recruit intake. Postings were Leeuwin, Anzac, Cerberus, Nirimba, Parramatta (RIMPAC75), Leeuwin. Then a crash draft to Diamantina, followed by Leeuwin, Perth (Indian Ocean Deployment with CAPT Adrian Cummings), Harman (NO) then to CDT3 (SASR Swanbourne) and finally discharged PUNS in 1985 after exciting three years at Swanbourne

Gribble, Frank Vincent



Joined as Rct 11/9/51 Official Number R46008, promoted LDG.Wtr May 1956. After a spell at Cerberus posted to Watson and after Vengeance, Melbourne, Kuttabal, Sydney then Albatross Penguin. Paid off 10/9/58. In 1957 the rules were you could rejoin within 90 days without loss of rate or seniority for promotion [I was on track for P.O.] I also knew if I did not resign on 10/9/1958, I was off to Manus a place I did not want to go!

So I took the gamble of finding a civee place or going back, I did like the Navy! As luck had it I found a role with the growing Lend Lease Co. Without going into a lot of detail my 90 days to rejoin was soon gone and I had decided [with the Big help of my wife] to study and become very interested in a Commercial Life.

In 1980 I was appointed Chief Executive Mitre 10 A/Asia and in 1986 Managing Director of Showcase and JIMACO-jewelry companies of independent owners. During those years I became a J.P., Chair of NSW Ice Skating Ass. [I CAN'T skate] and spent some time working on the finance committee of Cronulla Football club.

Since 1997, as a volunteer at COTA NSW -and made a Life Member in 2011. What I have written is to ensure there is a life after Navy and therefore it should be pursued and encouraged when its time to leave Pusser's.



Grieve, Lyn (nee McClelland)

Ex LWRWTRST. Joined navy in February 1971 as a WRWTRST and discharged in February 1979. Lyn was probably one of the last ST's to leave the Navy. Because of her ST category, promotion beyond LWRWTRST was unfortunately not possible. Lyn was Steno/Sec for the Chief of Naval Staff for eight years. She served at Cerberus, Harman (NO) and Encounter (Recruiting).

Grieve, Peter



Ex LSWTR. Joined RAN in September 1972 and discharged in February 1979. Completed Writer's course 2/73 at Cerberus. Served in Cerberus, Stuart, Kuttabul, Melbourne and Harman N.O (DSP). As at 2003, residing in Naracoorte, SA with wife, Lyn.

Griffith, Nancy Kirk (Nee Priddle)



Nancy joined the RAN on the 6th February 1945 as Assistant Writer (W2536) and was posted to Penguin on entry and then Kuttabul 20/02/1945. Rated WTR 1/08/1945 and was posted to Lonsdale 2nd April 1946. Discharged 19th July 1946.

Griffith, Phil



Passed away 03/10/2007

Griffiths, Frederick James

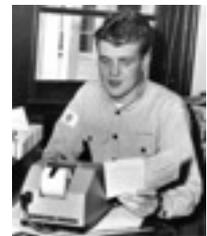
Passed away 2013. Joined 16 November 1942. S7598. He served at Moreton, Magnetic, Ladava. Demobbed 15th July 1946.

Grogan, Marty



WOWTR. Marty joined the RAN at HMAS Cerberus on 25/11/1963 as an Adult Entry Recruit aged 17 years and 3 months. Categorized as Naval Airman on completion of Recruit Training, he transferred to Writer Branch in September 1965. He was promoted to Leading Writer in March, 1967, then to Acting Petty Officer Writer in mid 1969. He was promoted to Chief Petty Officer Writer in February, 1973 and first selected for promotion to Warrant Officer in June, 1977. Marty was selected again for promotion to Warrant Officer in October, 1978, then was promoted to Warrant Officer in December, 1980. He served in HMA Ships Sydney (Borneo), Melbourne, Duchess (Malaya), Anzac (De-Commissioning Crew) and again in Melbourne (De-Commissioning Crew).

He served at sea in every rank from Ordinary Seaman through to Warrant Officer. After paying off in 1983 as a Warrant Officer Writer, Marty opened and managed the first Australian Defence Force Credit Union outside New South Wales, which was based at HMAS Cerberus. On discharge from the RAN, Marty joined the Fleet Reserve, but shortly after, transferred to the Active Reserve and served at HMAS Lonsdale until it was De-Commissioned on the 13/11/1992. He proudly served as an active member of the Naval Reserve until 1998, when, owing to downsizing, he was transferred to the Standby Reserve. As at 2004, he was still serving on an 'as required' basis for Exercises, Special Projects and the like.



Grundy, William (Bill)



Passed away 17/2/2006. Ex POWTR R58760. Bill was a HMAS Voyager survivor and was also in Washington on September 11, 2001, when the Pentagon was attacked. During his career, he had Vietnam service in HMAS Sydney and Duchess.

Bill left the RAN in 1970 and settled permanently in the United States.

Many among his fellow Voyager shipmates have harrowing tales of how the fickle hand of fate saved their lives. Bill is one of them. On that fateful night, Bill was rostered to work until 9 pm in the ship's pay and administration office, next door to the forward cafeteria and below the bridge. His superior officer, in a spur of the moment decision, closed the office about 15 minutes earlier than usual. Bill walked to the cafeteria and sat down with his back against the bulkhead. Only a few minutes later, the bow of HMAS Melbourne sliced through the office he had just left, splitting the ship in two. Had he left the office a few minutes later he would have been killed instantly Bill said. However his ordeal was far from over. In darkness and rising waters he and his mates somehow went down a hatch and seconds later the forward section of the ship turned turtle. When it turned upside down they were a deck above and guess that what saved them in

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the end, Bill said. We were pulled up into the next deck which was really the bottom deck but was sucked away from an escape hatch there. The section went under and he began drowning, all the while hearing music and videos of all the good things that happened in life. Then it went up again and he took a breath, went down again and he thought if the ship goes up again he had to get out of here. It did and as water came out he says he sort of surfed out. Bill was a very proud Australian and just loved the time he served in the Royal Australian Navy.

Guild, John ‘Bluey’



Passed away date not known. R50162. Joined 20th September 1954. His promotions were LS 1959 and disrated in 1961. Subsequently restored 1962, PO 1964, CPO 1968. A mention was made in the Navy News in 1961 that ‘L/WTR John Gild (Watson) Aged 24, 5ft 9 ½ in., 11.7. A fullback from Katherine (NT), he entered the RAN in 1954. Played for Navy last year and this year has shown solid form with Watson. Was in the team that retained the 1961 Inter service Rugby Union Trophy.’

Graham Cleverly adds the following on Bluey: “As a junior he played Australian Rules football taking up Union seriously after joining the RAN. In 1966 he showed that he had lost none of his Rules touch when to cover a shortage of players he played for Supply and Miscellaneous in the ALBATROSS interpart final and kicked five goals in a hard fought win.

Also in 1965 or 1966 he captained Combined Services Union team and led them to victory against the Minister of Interior’s (Doug Anthony) team on Manuka Oval.

He was a great footballer and he also did a fine job for me when I was the ALBATROSS married quarters billeting officer.”

Shore establishments served in were Cerberus, Kuttabul, Penguin, Tarangau, Watson, Albatross, Harman. Sea service included Quickmatch , Melbourne , Vendetta. Time after 1970 not known.

Gullick, Margaret Sylvia (Nee Sinclair)

Passed away 28/04/2010. R84493. Joined 8/11/1954 and discharged 9/8/1958.as LWRWTR. Served at Cerberus and Penguin.

Gunn, Michael Thomas OAM



Ex WTR RANR B3919. On my seventeenth birthday, I hastened to the Recruiting Office at HMAS Brisbane (later Moreton), anxious to 'do my bit' in the war which had been raging in Europe since September, 1939. Dad was a WWI Army veteran, blown up in the Somme Valley in 1917 and still carrying an immovable fragment of shrapnel in his hip, so getting his, and harder still, mum's permission to join up was just not on. But, with the unfortunate circumstance when the Army's 8th Div. was captured in Singapore and my sister's husband Tom, by then in 'Changi' prisoner-of-war compound, my appeals to both parents finally allowed me to make a second attempt at joining up. So it was, that on 24/6/1942, I was sworn in as a Probationary Writer Second Class, with substantive pay - three shillings and six pence per deim. "Just be grateful for three meals a day, free accommodation and clothing supplied" was part of the introductory remarks by the Warrant Officer at our induction.

The war against the Japanese invaders was at a critical stage at the time and I was spared the usual training at FND (HMAS Cerberus), a blessing in disguise for a lad used to the Queensland climate. In fact no training, no gun drill, no marching, nothing more than a demo of how to lash up and stow a hammock and a few rudimentary regulations quoted from KR.& AI. (King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions). The Ships Office was home for the next 18 months, hidden amongst the huge ledger pages of the Pay Office, but at least I felt that I was 'doing my bit'. Come 8/3/1943, my 18th birthday, I was promoted to a nine-bob-a-day Writer. My first draft came through in September 1943 and I was packed off by troop train to Gladstone, a harbour town on the central Queensland coast, where I spent three months in the Naval Control Service Office. This office's function was to control convoys, north and southbound, which were marshaled in a harbour, almost as big as Sydney's.

By January 1944, I found myself in Milne Bay, New Guinea at HMAS Ladava, this time working in the Captain's Office on Service Certificates. No ship-board comforts here; living in sago palm native huts with incessant rain. NOIC's administration followed the receding Japanese fighting and in October 1944, I was victualled into HMAS Madang, the land based naval establishment near the village of the same name. Alongside in the harbour, were the supply ships HMAS Whang Pu* and Ping Wo,* on which we had to find a 'sling' until we were ungraciously plonked under army-style canvas tentage on Belliau Island in Madang Harbour. (*These ignominious members of His Majesty's Australian Fleet escaped from China before the Japanese invasion of Mongolia and gave me the entitlement to become a member of the HMA Chinese Ships Association, which I joined, paid my sub, and heard nothing more?) In Madang it was more of the same; ledgers and some SC work, but a bit more 'war lively' as there were still some Japs being cleared out between Madang and Wewak. I remember one exciting trip when I rode on the pillion seat of an Army Don-R Harley, carrying a highly classified signal from the NOIC to the skipper of HMAS Koopa, moored stem up on the beach at Alexishafen.

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(This was the converted tourist boat that, pre-war, made regular weekend trips from Brisbane to Bribie Island in Moreton Bay and on which, legend has it, many proposals of marriage were made in those days. I recalled many happy hours I had spent as a youth tripping across Moreton Bay on the 1939 version of the “old love boat”).

My ‘Pacific Odyssey’ ended in December, 1944, when I was drafted back to HMAS Kuttabul, Garden Island, to help tidy up the back-log of Service Certificate work, pending the anticipated end of hostilities. But Sydney’s ‘La dolce vita’ came to an abrupt end in April, 1945, with a draft back to my home port Brisbane, and my being assigned to the Sea Transport Office. This was as good as it gets, living at my sister’s home on lodging-comp allowance, working in an office on Brisbane’s main street and a car with WRAN driver on call for duty day and night. I was once again, in many respects, back on civvy street, only still in uniform, (which did help a bit when making out with the sheilas).

However, there were some drawbacks to overcome, such as having to meet merchant ships docking at all hours of the day and night, sometimes with very little notice. The STO consisted of two officers and the Writer and our function was to liaise and get clearances between the Ship’s Pursers and Military Commanding Officers on board. The paperwork was, in turn, forwarded to the Director of Naval Accounts to reimburse the merchant shipping companies for the passage of military personnel and equipment.

With the cessation of hostilities in August 1945, there was a rush by STO officers to be discharged and get back to their posts as executives in various shipping companies. This left me ‘high and dry’ and alone in the Sea Transport Office for the Port of Brisbane, under the control of Commander C.P. Hearle RN.

There was plenty of work to do with the return of troops and POW’s through Brisbane. This halcyon existence ended with my anxiously anticipated discharge on 28/6/1946, four years and five days a proud member of the “Senior Service.”

Along the way I met many good ‘hoppo’s’ but as was to be expected, we lost touch after the war when most of them returned to their home ports. But I did keep up with several good mates and one in particular was Writer Reg ‘Spud’ Murphy. We shared common interests and later on, our commercial and personal lives crossed for many years until he lost his battle with cancer. Another mate, also a writer, who joined up after me sometime in July 1942, was Writer Kevin G. Baker. Ironically, his O/N was B3917, two numbers previous to my O/N B3919. Typical Navy counting! Kev and I did meet occasionally after the war but it wasn’t until circa 1989 that we found ourselves together again as members of the Sunshine Coast Sub-Section of the Naval Assn. of Australia. Kev devoted nine years as Secretary and I also served as Treasurer or Auditor for several years. As at 2005, we still meet every month at the Mooloolaba Wharf Tavern for a T-bone steak and a drink or two, but mainly just to have a ‘natter’ and compare our ‘operation’ scars, or the latest fashion in walking sticks!