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Haggarty, Trish (Nee Price)



K120737. Joined the RAN on 5/10/1976. After recruit and category training, served at Cerberus for registry duties from April 1977 to March 1978. Posted to Kuttabul for Naval Police Training School duties on Garden Island until March 1979, then to Harman Navy Office, on staff of Director Joint Warfare Policy Navy with Leut Brian Adams, later RADM, until May 1980. Moved to Penguin until February 1981, then returned to Kuttabul for Naval Police Investigations duties until May 1984. After returning from maternity leave in January 1985, was posted to Kuttabul for FHQ and removals. Proceeded on maternity leave again and paid off from PNF in November 1986. From April 1992 to December 1998 was at Kuttabul for MHQ as Ready Reservist, then from January to September 1999, served at Defence Establishment Orchard Hills (formerly 1CAMD Kingsford) in Ready Reserve until transfer to Standby Reserve.

Haley, David



Ex LSWTR R114402. Joined navy from Victoria as a Junior Recruit on 13/4/1973 and trained at HMAS Leeuwin (Ramsey 43rd). I was on the Initial Writers' Cse. 3/4/1974 with Instructors POWTRs Smith and Atkins. I served in 1974 at Cerberus, 1975 at Albatross, 1976 in Yarra and was promoted ABWTR in same year. Posted to Albatross in 1976, then from 1977 to 1979, NHQ – DNLS. Served with NSC – RANTAU until 1982, then posted to Watson. Posted to Canberra until 1984, then to Cerberus from 1984 to 1990, during which, I was promoted to LSWTR on 28/2/1987. Served with NHQ -

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NAVCOMSTRA Relocation Project until July 1993, when I was Discharged to Shore DAOR in Canberra.

I only had two sea postings, probably because there were too many Writers and not enough ships. But I thoroughly enjoyed my limited sea time and made the most of being single and overseas. Best times were at Cerberus, where members of the 'Cerberus Orphans Club' ran the Junior Sailors' bar and held BBQs and theme nights that made living onboard enjoyable. The JS messes at Cerberus, Harman and Albatross were the best, with many a night and day spent in discussing issues of vast importance and where events to entertain and amuse were held. Some great Writers encountered were Lew Horsfield, Morgan Dunbar, Brett Saunders (a killer on the volleyball court), Peter Goldsmith, Greg Kinnear, Bruce Klimeck and many others with whom I shared a drink over the years, however, my memory is fading. Girls such as Shirley Makin, Jo Salton, Hiliary Ruston, Liz Budek and Petra Bugglesheim all had the misfortune to know or work with me when I was young and drinking. I can honestly say that when we were in, the Navy was fun. We worked hard, and played even harder.

Hall, Edward Ian Alexander



Passed away November 2012. Joined 30th September 1953. R49774. Shore establishments served were Cerberus, Lonsdale, Harman, Albatross, Kuttapul. Sea service Quadrant 29/5/1955 - 19/2/1957, Melbourne 20/7/1959- 27/11/1961. Discharged 29/9/1965. LS May 1957, PO 12/1961.

Hall, Kenneth Walter



Ex CPOWTR. Served in RAN from 9/6/1949 to 29/8/1970.

Hall, Ronald James 'Paddy'



Passed away date not known. Joined 6th February 1952. R47342. He served in shore establishments Cerberus, Albatross, Penguin, Moreton (Promoted LS 1956), Commonwealth, Watson, Albatross and Kuttabul. Discharged 5th February 1958. Joined the QLD Police Force after discharge. He was residing in Alice Springs before he passed away.

Hall, Thomas Ainsworth

Passed away 2007.

Hambour, Bruce



Ex CPOWTR R63241. Joined navy as a Junior Recruit on 4/4/1964 at HMAS Cerberus, G Block, where they provided us with hammocks for beds. Served at Cerberus in most ranks and concluded with the honour of being the Senior Writer Instructor in the Supply School. I carried out Ordinary Seaman training in HMAS Duchess under the renowned St Kilda supporter, Doug Higgins. They were the days of



hammocks to sleep in and one minute showers; 10 seconds to get wet, soap up, and then 50 seconds to wash off the soap. Served in the writer category when typewriters with carbon paper were used and we maintained personnel records and calculated all pay and accounts manually. I served in HMA depots Watson, Melville, Kuttabul, Penguin, Harman, Encounter, Leeuwin and Harman (Navy Office).

My most enjoyable posting was HMAS Melville in Darwin, where we could play football sports all year round and also find time for crocodile, buffalo and pig shooting when it was all legal.

Served in HMA Ships Duchess, Supply, Yarra and Hobart. On the Hobart, I served as a WTR, LSWTR, POWTR and even CPOWTR (when conducting Admiral's Inspection). I was lucky enough to take this vessel to San Francisco for refit, however unfortunate to be serving on her when we were hit by three missiles in Vietnam. My action station was completely obliterated so I was lucky, once again, not to be at 'action stations'.



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I enjoyed being a Ship's Diver for 10 years, and representing the Navy and Combined Services in many sports which gave me a good break from the hum drum of continuous office work. I was discharge as CPOWTR on 3/4/1984.



After paying off, I worked in computer sales with ex scribe, John Trafford, and then for TNT International, where I became State Manager, before leaving to join Concord Airfreight as National Sales Manager. Started up a very successful transport company Aussiewide Economy Transport in 1990 and remain Managing Director as at 2007.

In 1997 I completed a Bachelor of Arts in Ministry and two years Christian Studies to currently pastor a church for CRC Churches International in Le Fevre Peninsula, Adelaide. This would come as a shock to many of my old shipmates, but the Lord works in mysterious ways.

During my service, I was awarded the AASM, Borneo Medal with Malay Peninsular Bar, Vietnam Medal, ASM 1945/75, DFSM, National, ADM, Pinjat Jasar Malaysia Medal and Vietnam Star.

Hamilton, Derek



Ex POWTR & WO Naval Police. I joined Cerberus on the 25/11/1963 from Tassie and was categorised as a Writer. My first posting was to the Vendetta for approximately nine months and I did the tour of duty as escort to the Melbourne, following her major refit after the Voyager collision. I returned to Cerberus for the AB's course and then was posted to Cerberus Ship's Company, working Registry and then Pay Office. I was promoted to LSWTR in October 1966 and in

December I was posted to Melbourne's Pay Office and later to Captain's Office. I did the Strategic Reserve deployment and all the usual associated stop overs, including Japan. We returned to Sydney and then went to the States to collect aircraft and logistics. I was posted to Watson on our return in 1967 and then to Albatross as Melbourne Air Group scribe. Towards the end of 1967, I was posted back to Cerberus. There I worked as travel office scribe (office de Tourisme), and then went to the Sydney (Vung Tau Ferry), working in accounts. I was promoted to POWTR, then transferred to the Naval Police in November 1972. I served mainly at Cerberus and did the Detective Training Course and Federal Tri Service Drug Course, becoming part of VFADD and lecturing on Naval Drug Policy at the Medical School, Cerberus. Promotions followed to Senior Constable, Sergeant, and then Warrant Officer, just prior to discharge. My Partner is Stella, and as at 2006, we have been together for 18 years.

Hamilton, Peter James



Passed away 27th January 2012. Born 23rd August 1947. Official Number R59889. Joined the RAN 16th March 1963 for 12 years. He served at establishments Nirimba, Cerberus and Platypus. His sea postings were Gascoyne 1964, Yarra 1966-67 and Anzac 1967. Promoted LS 15th March 1969.

Hancock, David



Ex CPOWTR. Joined 28/8/1972 from Townsville, Queensland, with POWTR Eric Okley as the Recruiting Officer. My first posting after Recruit Training was as an ORDSMN to Stuart in 1973, then back to Cerberus for the Writer Course, with 'Woggie' Watson as instructor. On completion, I was posted to Albatross, serving with John Chant and Liz Budek, together with SOs Eric Okley and Brian Gorringe.

In 1974, I went back to sea in Melbourne, with fellow scribes including 'Bluey' Gill, Ted Ozels, Wally Sweet, Bill Trott, John Robinson, 'Banjo' Patterson and SOs Sharpe, Ellis and Pritchard. (Pete Ellis took the time to visit me when I was in Penguin hospital, which I much appreciated). When I came ashore, I worked with LWRWTR Sue Hamilton in Navy Office, then was posted to Coonawarra in 1975, where I served with Trevor Barnes, Terry Standen, Steve Rogers and SOs 'Dusty' Miller, who was a great bloke and Dick Power. In 1976, I joined Vendetta for a six month deployment in South East Asia. Also onboard were Charlie Sugden, Pete Sanders (who later became my Best Man), Stew Merrilees, Paul Longly and SOs Sexton and Montgomery. I transferred to Brisbane in 1977, with Steve Rogers, 'Buck' Buchanan, Frank Dekoning, Andy Seigman and Fred May.

Back ashore again, I was posted to Harman (NOPO) in 1978, with John Halpin, Lindsay Lake, Deno Saltmarsh and Bernie Herringberg as SO. Two years later, I married Gloria Hamilton in 1980. I headed north to Cairns in 1981, serving first at the old base in Grafton Street with Geoff Locke, Paul Ferris and SOs Les Roberts and the very professional Pete Jacobsen. I later became the commissioning POWTR of the new base at Cairns. Back south again, I served at Lonsdale (RMIT) in 1983, followed by a short stint at Navy Office before going back to sea in Tobruk in 1984. Also onboard were Andy Seigman, Paul Chilton (who accidentally dropped the Pay Office keys overboard) and the SO, Shalders.

Next came a posting to Navy Office again in 1986, where I worked with Lindsay Lake, then in 1988, I returned to Cairns where I worked with 'Blue' and Sarah

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Reirdon and a whole host of other scribes who were great hands, but too numerous to mention. All, though, will remember the much enjoyed lunchtime sausage sizzles. The SOs were Teague and Pearce. Tony Pearce was a great support Supply Officer, allowing Senior Sailors to handle large cash amounts and supporting the direct deposit of sailors' pay into their bank accounts. I was the first Senior Sailor Cash Officer able to (and did) carry a float of > \$100K. Also, with his leadership, we were able to initiate the direct deposit of pays, using Flinders as a trial.

Shortly afterwards, it was introduced into all 'Fremantle' class patrol boats and then all fleet seagoing sailors' pays. In 1991, I was posted to Penguin. There were a lot of Writers that I served with during this period and I won't attempt to name them for fear of leaving someone out. However, with the exception of those that we had to discharge, they were all great blokes and ladies. Penguin was my final posting and was a most rewarding job. I paid off in 1993.

Hanley, Colin Patrick

Served 01/1974 to 12/1979. Ex ABWTR

Hannagan, Lorna Betty (Nee Bailey)

WR1270. Joined 26/5/1943 and discharged as LS 7/6/1946. Served Penguin.
Passed away 20/11/2010/

Hardwick, Geoffrey



Ex CPOWTR. Joined the navy on 22/8/1964. Commenced ORDWTR training in HMAS Sydney and was subsequently posted to HMAS Harman (Navy Office) after the Initial Writer Course. Served sea time as LSWTR on HMAS Stuart and seconded to the Fleet Writer Team for a number of years in the early 70's, being deployed to relieve staff on HMAS Sydney, Moresby, Vampire, Stuart, Vendetta and Perth. Served in Tarangau II, renamed HMAS Basilisk, in the mid 70's during the independence of Papua New Guinea.

Subsequent postings followed to Navy Office, DSP, in Electrical postings, promotions and Officer Candidate promotions. Was discharged after 21 years service as a CPOWTR on 14/9/1985. After discharge, served in the Defence Department in Canberra in IT activities. As at 2005, was teaching part time in use of computer software.

Hardy, Margaret (nee Huxtable)

Ex WRWTR. Served from period 1971 to 1973.



Hardy, Robert John 'Bob'

Passed away 13/09/2008



Hardy, Ross



Ex LWTR. Joined RAN in 1965. He served in the Sydney as an ORDWTR on the ship's second trip to Vietnam. Ross completed his WTR Training soon after and about 13 months later, was promoted to LSWTR. He served at Fleet Headquarters, G.Is. for some time before returning to sea. He did two trips on the Vendetta, the second trip being to Vietnam. From the Vendetta there was a posting to ANA Washington for two years, relieving Jeff Wake. Returning to Australia, he was posted HMAS Melbourne as Admiral's Leading

Writer. After ten years service, he was discharged medically.

Navy News October 13 1967 "Royal Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society of NSW Award" Navy Writers R B Whitbread and R F Hardy received awards by his excellency the Governor of NSW Sir Roden Cutler, VC. Writer Hardy centre received the Bronze medal, and Writer Whitbread the certificate of Merit. The citation read " On April 14th, 1967 about 8.20 pm, Hardy dived into Sydney harbour from the Boat Pound of Garden Island to rescue a man who had fallen overboard from a ferry cruise. He swam freestyle and breaststroke alternatively to enable him to hear the mans cries for help. The man disappeared under water as Hardy reached him so he brought him to the surface and supported him with the help of Whitbread until a naval launch picked them up. He was very ably assisted in the rescue by Whitbread."

Hardy, Tom



R53617. Served 1957-1963 in Establishments Cerberus (Twice), Albatross and ships Quiberon and Sydney. 'When I was stationed at Albatross, the Navy's Fleet Air Arm Base, from 1958 to 1960, the duty writer was detailed off to guard the pay during the first watch (1600-1800). Guards at Albatross at that time were given a firecracker which had the appearance of a WWII German hand grenade complete with handle.

Our instructions were as follows: If someone approached you, you would say 'Halt who goes there?' If you received an unsatisfactory reply, you were to pull the end off the firecracker, strike the end to light it and then throw the firecracker at the offender. When you had accomplished this, you were to calmly walk into the Regulating Office, which was attached to the pay office, ring the main gate and tell them you had a problem.

It does not take much imagination to work out what would happen if there was a real robbery and the robber had a gun. The last pay day before Christmas leave was always a big pay. The pay was in cash and was made up on the Wednesday before pay day and then placed in a safe. During the lead up to the 1959 leave pay, we received word from the police in Sydney that members of the underworld were planning to rob the leave pay at Albatross. Extra precautions were taken with a doubling of the guard from the bank in Nowra and all personnel involved were armed to the teeth.

I was duty writer that particular Wednesday and had to stand guard during the first watch. I was sent to see a Chief (GI) and was given a Smith and Wesson and decked out in guards clothes. I was instructed on how to use the revolver and firing practice. The Chief GI soon found out that, try as I might, I couldn't hit the side of a barn. He said to me 'son, you would be better off throwing the revolver at them' fortunately, it was all a false alarm. However, every guard person that bright was full of adrenalin and extremely apprehensive."

Postscript. Dave Jordan says 'I also took my turn in 'guarding' the pay and it was exactly as Tom described except I wasn't given any pistol practice. The pay office was one mile from the guard house. Other brave hearts who did this duty were Writers 'Boots' Brittain, Taffy Fauchon and Doug Casey. There never was an incident and the sailors received their pay on time.

Harris, Jim 'Gus'



"Few will know that I started my service career undergoing National Service training in the Army at Wacol outside Brisbane in 1957 (Mortar Platoon). Like many others in those times I needed to escape an unhappy family situation, so I applied to join the Air Force (to join a mate), but they gave me the run around. I walked next door and joined the RAN on 20th February 1959 from Maryborough, QLD.

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Had no idea what was ahead of me. After 6 months in Cerberus I was posted to Kuttabul (Charlemont) Sep 1959, Captains Office and Pay Office. Supply Officer was Athol Rose now nearing 100 and in Dalmeny Retirement Home on NSW South coast. Worked with Charlie Bardwell, Paddy O'Brien, Brian Wedlock, Bill Monaghan, Neil Phillips (good mate), Bruce Campbell, Jack Markham, Len Hoffman, Jack McCosker and Bluey Guild to name a few.

Posted to Barcoo (Surveying) January 1962 for 12 months. Back to Kuttabul, promoted to LWTR and posted to Rushcutter. Ray Walters (also good mate) was Capt Sec and talked me into volunteering for Maralinga. Sent to Maralinga May 1964 for 16 months; promoted POWTR August 1965 and Kuttabul and PO Leadership Course shortly afterward.

Joined Sydney April 1966 worked in ORDS training and Captains Office. Two Trips to Vung Tau and then Waterhen January 1967 (Wog Watson was my LWTR). Posted to FOCEA Staff in July 1968. My boss was LCDR L G (Tug) Wilson - a top bloke. He organised a posting to Navy Office so I could buy a Govt house - set me up for life financially. Joined Manpower Planning in January 1969 - staff of 3 (look at it now)

Posted to Perth April 1971 the day it arrived in Sydney from Vietnam tour. Hoped for next tour, but change of Govt policy saw me in dry dock for nearly 12 months - not impressed! Did work up Perth and was pulled off before Indian Ocean Cruise to accept posting back to Navy Office (Personnel Services), as I still needed more Canberra time to qualify for purchase of Govt Home. Also had to programme my promotion prospects as all CPO Billets in Navy Office were tied up by the 'old and bold'. Some of these eventually approached retirement, so I became qualified and was promoted to CPO in December 1974. Moved to Promotions Section under Ray Walters (again) and was liaising with EDP at the time of running the promotions system in parallel with the manual system.

Approached by D/DSP that esteemed gentleman Francis Roy Donald Shugg (left) to take over the Seaman's Postings from Jerry Lewis. So I became the first 'outsider' to take on a posting section. Many more were to follow including Glen MacAndrews who took on S & S postings.

Some top blokes worked in Navy Office: Jerry Lewis, Fred Curbishley, Laurie Dillon, Wriggles Gardiner, Alex Goodieson, Barney Barnett, Frank Brown, Jock Haughey, Tiger Lyons, Ron Woolnough, Helmut Piedad (almost family), Mick Gleaves, Crash Kennedy and Brian Parke to name but a few.

About March 1977, Frank Shugg came and parked his butt on my desk and said 'I have been posted to Supply as Supply Officer' this was a great feather in his cap and I said how pleased I was for him. He smiled and said 'and you're coming with me'. This was a feather in my cap that Frank had chosen me as his Chief.

So off to Supply (left) in August 1977 - what a wonderful posting - with LSWTR Ralph Swanson and ABWTR Tony Stanway. What absolute rippers they were. And then to get the late D J Martin as my Skipper - I was in heaven.

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Walker over the brow at Garden Island for the last time on 24th November 1978. Never regretted one day of my 20 years: fond memories and wonderful friends of whom still keep in touch.

Harris, Wayne Leslie



Wayne passed away 21st January 2011 at Frankston, Victoria. He was 76 years. Wayne joined the RAN on the 24th February 1958, promoted WTR2 24th August 1958, AB 24 December 1959, LS 11th August 1961, PO 6th August 1965.

On completion of his Writers course he was posted to Cerberus until his posting to Melbourne 27th September 1960. His next posting was Lonsdale 30th December 1961 until he joined Albatross 27th

November 1962. He was to join the ship Voyager 2nd December 1963 and survived the sinking of Voyager on 11th February 1964. After this he spent only a month at Penguin before joining Quiberon 6th March 1964 until 26th June 1964. From 28th February 1965 until 9 December 1967 he spent in Washington and on return he was posted directly to sea on Brisbane 7th May 1968 and was there until 6th February 1970. His service after this point is not available.

Harlow, Peter J. 'Pardre'



Ex LWTR R63660. Joined the Navy in 1964 out of Brisbane and trained at Recruit School in Moran Division. I shared a cabin with Geoff Hardwick, Helmut Pieda and others whose names escape me at the moment. I went to the Sydney for OD Training until her first trip to Viet Nam. Ashore again, I returned to Cerberus for the Writer Course and on completion, drafted to Cerberus Pay Office. During the first 12 months, I was given a temporary draft, with Dick Gottschalk, to Harman for duty at Parliament House during the 24th

Military Advisers Conference and S.E.A.T.O. This was a top 'perk,' being chauffeured around in limos to and from Harman, whilst Navy Office crews caught freezing cold buses! (Malcolm Fraser, who was at that time Minister for the Army, wasn't real impressed that our group had taken over his Parliamentary Office for the duration of the Conference. He returned each day to make sure we hadn't misplaced anything or flogged his pencils!) After this, I posted back to Cerberus for a short period and then moved onto Creswell for six months.

I was due to join Voyager in Jervis Bay, but was delayed due to compassionate leave. She went down the night before I was to draft on board.) I went on to Albatross as a substitute draft and worked in the Pay Office with 'Googa' Gent, 'Rusty' Dance, Max Wilson and Dave (Rick) Rickard, to mention just a few. At the 'Tross, I also met my future wife, Kathleen Reddy, who as a MTD, drove the victualling truck with each morning's milk delivery for the days' brews. I posted to Tarangau, at Manus Is., not long after and at the end of the first six months there, asked Kathie to join me before I became a drunk or went mad. Fortunately she consented and with the Skipper's permission, we were married there. (We were

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married by a self ordained Seven Day Adventist Priest in an old American Army WWII Quanset Hut, with a choir singing in Pidgin English! Legal or not – who's to know?) We stayed on for two and a half years, during which I spent some time on HMAS Samarai with LEUT Boyd Fegan, who later became Godfather to my daughter, who was born on Manus shortly before we returned to Australia. After three months leave, I went on to Penguin, Stalwart and Platypus, from where I paid off in 1974. Like most blokes, I could fill a book with all the antics we got up to and with the mates I met along the way. I apologize for not mentioning all those left out and the 'runs' ashore we had. I'll leave that for perhaps another day.

Harris, Keith Raymond



Joined 2nd December 1942. PM 5200. Served at Platypus, Magnetic, Lonsdale. Demobbed 21st May 1946.

Harris, Lorraine (Nee Wright)

I served from March '62 or was it '63 (it was so long ago) until June of 1964 when I was married (married ladies weren't allowed to serve after they were married - in my time.) My service number was R85641. I worked three jobs at Cerberus (Pay Office, Junior Recruit School (when it was located there) and at Supply School with Chief Petty Office Shugg and Sub-Lt Denton

Harris-Walker, Keith



Passed away 7th February 2013 after a battle with cancer. Served 1964-68. R63097. Joined 4th April 1964 for 9 years. Served at Cerberus, Leeuwin and Harman. Ships he served in were Sydney 1965 and Queenborough 1968-69.

Harry, Colin Morgan



Passed away 2011. Joined the RAN 2nd April 1941 and was demobbed 23rd May 1946. Served at Cerberus, Napier, Ladava and Lonsdale.

Hart, Jim



Ex WOWTR. Jim joined the RAN in May 1982. During his time in the navy, he has served in shore postings including HMAS Penguin, Coonawarra, Creswell and Cerberus. He has had two postings to DSCM (1993 and 1995) and a staff posting to NHQ-TAS. His sea postings have included HMAS Darwin (10 months of which was spent in the US post Darwin commissioning and delivery to Australia), Westralia, and Success. He has also participated in Exercise Anzac Exchange and Exercise Long Look. Jim was posted to take up the role of Fleet WOWTR on 10/1/2005 and in May 2006, was discharged and joined his family who reside in Blackman's Bay, Tasmania. He is married with two daughters and a son. Jim claims he has served with many fabulous Writers over his time and he looks forward to catching up with any of them who may travel to Tassie for holidays.

Hase, Detlef Rudolf 'Ted'



WOWTR and LCDR. I Joined the RAN in January 1963 as a 16-year-old Junior Recruit and on completion of JR training, I joined HMAS Melbourne to undertake sea training under the 'Ordinary Seaman Various Scheme'. (I was serving on board when Melbourne collided with Voyager on 10/2/1964).

After Writer category training in 1965, I was posted to Navy Office, in the Directorate of Sailors' Postings in the Promotion Section. I subsequently served in Yarra (up top and to Vietnam) and Lonsdale, (with the likes of Mick Scully, Mac McKinnon, John Counsel and 'Beachball' Sharman, now all deceased). Then came a posting to Vampire, followed by Kuttabul. In 1975, having been promoted to CPOWTR, I was posted as the Administrative Officer to the Australian Defence Force Academy Development Council Secretariat. During the next four and a half years, I saw the project develop from concept to the commencement of earth works, with turbulent Parliamentary Public Works Committee hearings and a change of government in between.

Another stint in the Directorate of Sailors' Posting followed; this time as the Fleet Air Arm, Submariners and Motor Transport Drivers' poster. In 1981, I was

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promoted to Warrant Officer and posted to the Directorate of Naval Legal Services as the Staff Officer Discipline. Subsequently, I was promoted to LEUT SDDL in 1986 and within days was sent to Hong Kong to act as Divisional Officer for a sailor being tried for murder. During my eight years with the Naval Legal Service, I was deeply involved in the development and introduction of the Defence Force Discipline Act as well as managing a number of major high profile cases.

In 1989, I was posted to the newly created position of Deputy Director of Sailors' Postings (Policy) and promoted to LCDR in 1990. During this posting I wrote the proposal to restructure the directorate to the Directorate of Sailors' Career Management. In 1992, I ceased full-time service and transferred to the Naval Reserve after 29 years service.



As a reservist, I was involved in a number of projects, such as assisting in the preparation of Navy's submission and other material for the HMAS Swan Senate Inquiry into sexual harassment. I also participated in an extensive review of the Navy's

Divisional System and assisted the Defence team in preparing submissions for a Parliamentary inquiry into Military Justice Procedures. The last eight years of my part time service was as the senior Naval Investigator with the Complaint Resolution Agency, conducting investigations into applications for redress of grievance and providing briefs to the Service Chiefs and their delegates. I was also appointed by the Minister as the Deputy Naval Member of the DFRDB Authority on 27/11/2000, until retiring in August 2005.

I was made a member of the Order of Australia (AM) in June 1989, for service to the RAN in DNLS. I have been awarded the Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75, Vietnam Logistic Support Medal, Australian Service Medal 1945-75, Defence Force Service Medal with two clasps, National Medal and the Defence Force Medal.

I only joined for a joke, but the laughs just kept on coming!

Hatton, Ian



Ex LSWTR. Joined navy in January 1975. Completed Writers Course 1/75 at Cerberus. Served as SMNWTR at Albatross from 1975 to 1976. Promoted ABWTR and served in Vampire 1976 to 1978, Cairns 1978, Moreton 1978 to 1980 and Penguin 1980 to 1981. Promoted LSWTR and served in Tobruk 1981 to 1982 and Moreton, where he paid off in 1983.

Hawke Jason E. (Bob)

POWTR. Joined the RAN on 7/1/1991 and after training as a Writer, he was posted to Cerberus (Removals Office) under Greg 'Occa' O'Connell, before moving across to the Pay Office with CPOWTR Rick Bray. His next posting was to the Defence Force School of Music (DFSM) Watsonia (an outstation of Lonsdale) in 1992, after which

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he went to sea in the DDG Brisbane in 1994. In 1996 he was posted to PSO Frankston, working with POWTR Kerry McMullen, and two years later, decommissioned Perth, along with Athol Bennett, Brodie Wooten and Richard Peart. He worked at DEFPLAZA Sydney in 2000 and later that year was posted to the FFG Melbourne for a three-month OP relief with POWTR Mark Lansdell. His next posting was Penguin, under CPOWTR Liz Budek, then he went to Kanimbla, working with POWTR J.R. Cadman. In 2005 it was back to DEFPLAZA Sydney again and since December 2005, he has been serving as COSEC in Sydney. He has been awarded the ADM, DLSD, HOSMIND (Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal with clasp Indian Ocean), AASM with clasps Iraq 2003 & ICAT, MUC (Meritorious Unit Citation) and the IRAQCAMMED.



Hawkins, Theresa (nee O'Connell)

Theresa passed away on 7 May 2014, aged 51. Theresa joined the Royal Australian Navy in September 1981. Following category training, Theresa's postings included Navy Office Pay Office and HMAS Platypus. In early 1985, Theresa formed part of the initial posting of women to sea on-board HMAS Jervis Bay. This attracted the attention of the media with Theresa featuring in various publications including the Woman's Day, New Idea, and The Sunday Telegraph souvenir supplement for the RAN's 75th anniversary.

While serving on HMAS Jervis Bay Theresa was the first WRAN to be married while posted at sea (Theresa married the then LSMTPL Laurie (Hawkeye) Hawkins). Other postings included Australian Clearance Diving Team 4, where Theresa was the first female to be posted to a diving team. In October 1993, POWTR Theresa Hawkins transferred from the Permanent Navy to the Reserve List and continued Reserve Service until 1996.

Theresa was diagnosed with cancer in 2002. During periods of remission she worked at the Australian Maritime College in Launceston, then, as Office Manager and Personal Assistant to various Launceston Mayors.

Theresa was a member of the Naval Association and was for a number of years club secretary.

Haxell, Ernest Thomas 'Mike'

Passed away 22nd May 2012. Born 29/12/1919. Mike joined the RAN 22nd June 1938 and had an Official Number of 22233. On joining he completed the Writer course at Cerberus and was immediately post to Perth 19th May 1939 where he served until 4th May 1940 after his promotion to LS when he was posted to Penguin and then II. He posted to ???1/8/1940 until 17/4/1941 as a PO. Postings to Platypus, Penguin, Kuttambul, Leeuwin, Rushcutter. In 1944 he was promoted to CPO. He was attached to Commonwealth 12/9/1945 to 10/9/1949.

Hegarty, Leah Denise

Ex WRWTR. Leah served the best part of her career as a WTR, before transferring to the PTI branch. On 1/7/2003, she transferred to the Army. She was serving with the Army Aviation Centre when she was tragically killed by a motor vehicle whilst jogging on 13/12/2003.

Henderson, David Charles 'Chick'



R44098. Born 17/2/1932 Deceased 21/6/2008. Chick joined the RAN 21/12/1950 at Cerberus. After initial training he was posted to Cerberus and then Warrego 11/5/1954, Albatross 9/5/1955 and was discharged 20/12/1956 DEE. He re-entered the RAN 22/3/1958 and posted Cerberus for WTR training and joined the Melbourne 28/7/1958 (Strategic Reserve time 28/3/1959 to 24/5/1959). He was posted to Lonsdale 18/8/1959, Cerberus 25/7/1960, Melville 23/8/1961, Leeuwin 1/12/1963 and Moresby 21/2/1964. Albatross 14/3/1966, Tarangau 8/1/1968 and Penguin 25/11/1969. He joined Stuart in 1972 and in approx 1975 joined FHQ in the Fleet Legal Office. After leaving the Navy in the late 70's he became Penguin canteen manager for some years.

Promoted LSWTR 22/11/1956 and on re-entry retained that rank with seniority of 23/3/1958. POWTR 12/2/1960 and CPO 4/2/1966. WOWTR in the 70's.

Henderson, Marc



Warrant Officer Marc Henderson joined the Royal Australian Navy on the 20 July 1992 from Adelaide, South Australia. On completion of initial Writer training at *Cerberus* he was posted as a Seaman to the submarine support base *Platypus* in 1993. Following promotion to Able Seaman, he joined *Torrens* in 1994. Promoted to Leading Seaman in February 1996 he remained at sea before posting to *Watson* in September 1996. From 1996 to 2000 he was posted to *Watson* and *Cerberus* working various positions in Pay, Accounts and Personnel. He participated in Exercise Long Look in 2000, attached to the D3/D5 Destroyer Squadron offices in Portsmouth, England. While attached to the squadron he deployed to sea in HMS *York*, *Glasgow* and *Edinburgh*. In late 2000, on return to Australia he joined *Warramunga II* at Williamstown, Victoria, commissioning the ship in 2001. During this posting he participated in Operation *Relax*.

Promoted to Petty Officer in January 2002 he joined *Kuttabul* working at the Military Pay and Accounting Centre in Pitt Street, Sydney. In October 2002, he deployed as part of Command Task Group staff for Operation *Slipper*. He spent the following months in the Persian Gulf serving in United States Navy ships USS *Paul Hamilton*, *Fletcher*, *Milius* and *Valley Forge*. Joining *Kanimbla* in February 2003 he was present for the transition to Operation *Falconer* and ensuing war in Iraq. In

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January 2004 he posted to Defence Force Recruiting in Adelaide as the Chief Clerk. In May 2006 on promotion to Chief Petty Officer he was employed in the Promotion Cell at the Directorate of Sailors' Career Management.

He joined *Sydney IV* in January 2009 and participated in the Northern Trident 2009 world deployment, a highlight of his career.

Promoted to Warrant Officer in June 2010 he returned to Canberra where he was employed as the Writer Category Manager. During this posting he deployed to Operation *Slipper* (August 2012 – March 2013) as the Chief Clerk at Headquarters Joint Task Force 633 in the United Arab Emirates. In February 2014 he took up his current position within the Organisational Response Unit. In 2011 he completed his Masters in Management Studies (Human Resource Management). Warrant Officer Henderson lives in Canberra with his wife Sharon and daughter Olivia.

Hensby, Robert Lester



Passed away late 2010. Born 8th June 1939. O/N R533973. Joined 21st February 1958. Promoted WTR2 22nd August 1958. WTR 22nd June 1960. LSWTR 8th February 1963. POWQTR 12th November 1965.

Postings: Cerberus on entry 21st February 1958, Albatross 10th October 1968, Watson 11th April 1959 and rotated between Watson and Rushcutter until 7th January 1961 when he joined Diamantina.

Not long after 3rd August 1961 he was posted to Kuttabul. A sea posting to Gascoigne 24th April 1962. He joined Melville 25th January 1963, Watson 28th October 1964. We believe he joined HMS Terror 4th April 1968 for 12 months. After leave he joined Perth 18th May 1969 and was serving there until 1970. His service after this date is not known. We believe he served 20 years. We do know in 1974 he was serving in Nirimba

From Navy News 1974 "Lester was in charge of the 'seconds' Petty Officers Mess Darts Team. This was the first year that a second team had been entered into the competition - they annihilated in their first match Greystones 12-1. For those from that era the team included Tic (Top Cop) Carter, former star rugby player, Jughead Shaw, Alex (The Rope) Loosew, Spears Marutha, Big Lester Hensby, Kips Williams, Ex Beagle Alan Smith. Salty Eckels said that any Navy team which fancies itself is welcome to try their skill any time. Lester was known in those days at Nirimba as 'Darts Wheel.

Herrick, Ronald McNeill

Joined 10th June 1940, but because he was under 18, his service did not commence until 18th September 1940 when he became 18. He served until 10th December 1956 when he was given a FREE discharge. On discharge he was a CPO. He re-entered

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13th March 1961 until 17 September 1972. Promoted LS on entry, the day after PO and CPO in 2/1963.

His shore service included Cerberus, Lonsdale and Watson. He had many sea postings including the following ships: Toowoomba, Nizam, Napier, Bathurst, Geraldton, Hobart, Kanimbla, Glory, Sydney, Arunta, Warrego and Derwent.

Heyes, John (Jack)



Ex ABWTR S6929. Served from 13/7/1942 to 24/9/1946. Served in HMA ships Rushcutter, Ladava, Madang, Kuttabul and Shropshire.

Higgins, Douglas John



Ex WOWTR R52874. Born on 14/7/1937, he did National Service in the Army from August to November 1956, then joined the Navy on the 25/3/1957. He served at Harman in 1958, then went to sea in Tobruk from 1959 to 1960, finally paying her off. He was posted to Lonsdale (for N.H.B.S.) from 1961 to 1962, before heading back to sea again in Yarra in 1963. After serving at Cerberus during 1964, he was posted to Anzac in 1965, and when he was promoted to POWTR mid 1965, he transferred to Duchess, where he served until 1966. Doug served ashore at Harman from 1967 to 1968, before moving south to Cerberus (Supply School) in 1969. He carried out his last stint at sea in Anzac from 1970 to 1971, thence proceeded back to Cerberus in 1972, followed by his final posting to Lonsdale (for RANRTF) from 1972 to mid 1977, paying off on 13/7/1977.

Doug had many highlights in his 20 years in the RAN and has fond memories of his Service and the numerous fine, upstanding people he met during his career, both in the Writer Branch and in other branches of the Service. The names are far too numerous to mention, but he suggests they know who they are and he regards all of them as firm friends still. One particular highlight of his career was being in the Colour Party that led the Anzac March through Sydney on Sunday 25/4/1965, the 50th Commemoration of ANZAC. An official Navy photograph hangs with pride in his home at Sebastopol. It was on the following day, 26/4/1965, that he spent most of the time out at E.G. Whitlam's home at Cabramatta, NSW, discussing the inadequacies of the then, DFRB Scheme. (Mr Whitlam was Deputy Leader of the Federal Opposition at the time.) Although he does not claim credit fully for the change in the DFRB Legislation when Whitlam came to power in 1972, he would like to think that he did play a part in this important and vital change to the

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Scheme. He and Mr Whitlam exchanged correspondence for a period following his visit in 1965.

Since leaving the Service, Doug served for ten years as Secretary/Treasurer of the Sebastopol Fire Brigade and has been an active Member of the RSL, having served as Vice president and A/Sec and for the past 13 years, as President. In 2003, he was awarded the Centenary Medal for service to the Community and Veterans'. He was made a Life member of the RSL of Australia in 2002, and in July, 2007, was awarded Life Membership of the RSL with Gold Badge by the National Executive.

Higgon, Leon 'The Leper'

Passed away date NK

Hilder, Kathleen Mary 'Kath'

W1937. Joined the RAN 22nd March 1944 and discharged 30th October 1945. Served at Penguin and Magnetic.



Hill, Leslie Lascolas

Assumed passed away. W202. DOB 19/10/1908. Joined 4th September 1939. Served at Cerberus, Lonsdale, Melville. LS 1939, PO 1941, CPO 1943. Demobbed 28th February 1946.



Hiller, William Leslie 'Bill'

Joined 20th June 1957 and served for 6 years. Shore establishments were Cerberus, Leeuwin and Albatross. At sea he served on Vampire 1959/1960 and Parramatta 1961/62.

Hinge , Stephen L



Ex A/Lwtr R95570.

Entered the RAN as a JR 13/7/66. Served in Sydney Cerberus Albatross, Melbourne, Melville, Leeuwin, Harman (NO) Melbourne CAG. Discharged January 74

Hinterholz, Rachel



Ex LSWTR. Joined the Navy on 16/10/1989 and did my recruit training in Moran Division. I was posted to Cerberus on completion of the Basic Writers course, where I worked until April, 1995 as both an AB and LSWTR. I served under POWTR Vicky Hicks, CPOWTR Rick Bray, CPOWTR Kennerley, CPOWTR Hilary Rushton, LEUT George Edgel, SBLT Booth and CMDR Oats, to name just a few. I was fortunate enough to travel on many interstate sporting trips during my five years there.

From Cerberus, I was posted to HQNORCOM at Larrakeyah Barracks, Darwin for a five-year stint. Again, I was fortunate to travel interstate on sporting trips, as well as two overseas sporting trips to Thailand and the UK. I was discharged from HQNORCOM in 2000 as a LSWTR. I absolutely loved my time up north. Since then, I have completed many Reserve postings, which included being a member of the Centenary Naval Review team in Sydney. It was later cancelled due to the events of September 11. Other Reserve postings included another two-year stint at HQNORCOM. I then had a great three-month posting to RNOTI on Thursday Island with LCDR 'J.J' Williams, filling the billet of the ABBM. Many seagoing adventures were had on Malu Baizam, and I had a great cultural experience with the Torres Strait Islanders. I finally made it to sea, as a Reservist.

Hockham, David John

Ex POWTR. Born on 10/7/1952, he joined the RAN on 30/5/1970. After initial posting to HMAS Cerberus, he was promoted ORDWTR and joined Derwent in August 1970. He returned to Cerberus for the Writers' Course at the end of 1971 and was then posted to Parramatta in January 1972, where he was promoted ABWTR. He joined Nirimba in October 1972, Cairns in 1974 and Albatross in 1975, where he was promoted LSWTR. He proceeded to sea in Torrens in December 1976, then was posted to HAROLD E HOLT on 30/10/1978, where he became a POWTR. Next posting was Stirling in 1982, then Albatross in 1984, to sea in Stalwart in 1986 and then to Harman (NO) in October 1987 until discharge on 13/5/1992. He undertook periods of reserve time until January 2000. David died on 1/1/2006. He was awarded the AASM 1945-75 with clasp Vietnam, ASM 1945-75 with clasp FESR, VLMS, DFSM, RAS badge and DFSM*

Hodgson, John Oliver

Passed away 1977. S7559. Joined 2nd November 1942 and served until 23rd April 1946. Served at Cerberus, Assault, Ladava, Magnetic and Rushcutter.

Hodkinson, Harold Alexander



Arthur's official number was 6910. He was officially enlisted on the 26th February 1922, however his service really commenced 24th September 1918 as a Boy II at Tingara. He subsequently posted to Cerberus 1/3/1920 until he joined Geranium 13/9/1921 (He was an AB at this stage) Back to Cerberus 27/1/1923 and he was promoted to LS six months later. He joined Swordsman 5/8/1926 and Sydney 5/8/1927, Melbourne 14/10/1927 and four months later promoted to PO. On 2nd May 1928 he joined Australia until 5/11/1928. Back to Cerberus where he was promoted to CPO 26/2/1932.

On the 1st January 1936 he was promoted to Warrant Officer and spent most of his time besides training at Cerberus and on 1st October 1940 he became a commissioned officer in the RAN. After his promotion he became a Paymaster Lieutenant 1/10/1943, (From 1945 - 1951 he was posted to London Depot - part of at Victory) LCDR 1/10/1951, CMDR 31/12/1954 and transferred to retired list in 1964. He passed away 2nd November 1973 at the age of 69 years. It is noted he was awarded the British War Medal 26th October 1921 and shortly after that his official entry date was amended back to 24th September 1918.

Hoffmann, Leonard Arthur 'Len'



Passed away 24th May 2008. Len joined the RAN on the 18th December 1950. P/N 39757. He went to Cerberus for his Wtr training. On 6th October 1951 he was posted to Harman and promoted LSWTR 1st July 1954. Posting to Sydney on 23rd August 1954. Moreton 12th October 1955. Back to Cerberus 8th November 1956 where he was promoted POWTR 10th May 1957. The following year he was posted to Quickmatch (1st July 1958) and had subsequent postings to Penguin (26/3/59), Harman (27/6/59) and then Anzac 23rd June 1961 where he was promoted to CPOWTR 9th February 1962. He posted to Kuttabul 1st February 1963 and then Moreton 10th August 1964. Len was promoted to SBLT 5th February 1966 and was Cerberus bound for the Officer indoctrination course. He had subsequent postings to Melbourne (14/3/67), Albatross (30/1/67) and Lonsdale for DMD. He was promoted to LEUT 1st April 1969. He posted to Harman in 1973. His date of discharge was the 7/7/1980.

My Early Days

I joined the Navy in 1950 and stayed for 30 years, serving in the Supply and Secretariat Branch. After initial training in HMAS Cerberus I was posted for two

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years and ten months in HMAS Harman, which was at that time, the largest W/T station in the Southern Hemisphere. In August 1954 I joined the aircraft carrier HMAS Sydney at Garden Island in Sydney Harbour, and this talk is mainly an account of the eighteen months I spent aboard that ship.

In late September 1954, after completing the mid - Winter leave cycle and partial refit, Sydney slipped its moorings and departed the big smoke, heading South to the Jervis Bay area where it took aboard its aircraft from RAN Air station, HMAS Albatross. The aircraft comprised single seater SEAFURY(S), two seater FIREFLY(S) and a pair of SYCAMORE helicopters.

After the batman had landed these aboard, the ship turned her nose north and headed for Hervey Bay where repeated deck landings and take offs were practised by the new pilots, and re-stimulated the older ones. Hervey Bay was ideal for these operations because its prevailing stable seasonal weather makes it ideal for training. The Captain and Commander (Air) were very satisfied with progress and delighted that it was entirely incident free. At the conclusion of a days flying the ship anchored and anglers in the crew took the opportunity to drop a fishing line and catch some of the abundant fish. Nothing was more pleasing to the eye than to see a Red Emperor breaking the surface of the blue bay water! The cooks happily prepared catches for Ships Company to eat.

The air training completed, the ship headed for Brisbane to replenish fuels and victuals; and after completing a cordial 5 day visit we sailed for Manus Island via Rabaul to take part in the scheduled SATEX (South Asia Tactical Exercise) with ships and aircraft of all shapes and sizes from a number of navies. Upon approaching the Coral Sea we joined up with our consorts of two destroyers and one frigate and opportunity was taken to refuel each of these ships and transfer official and personal mail by jackstay. One advantage of crewing a carrier involved our aircraft collecting mail at designated towns with arrangements with the Warship's Section of the GPO. The receipt of personal mail by a ship's company is a great blessing and morale booster for the ship's company. All ships were eager to compete as "good guys versus bad guys"; or more aptly put, the "Blue against Orange Forces", and because it involved operating both North and South of the Equator and was classified as being "on war footing" and because of repeated crossings of the traditional crossing the line ceremony was abandoned. At the wash up, the exercise was classed as an outstanding success and we met on friendly terms. Of interest, the ship used "daylight saving" to gain maximum use of the sun to maximise flying hours and counter inclement weather when flying could be hazardous; days were shuffled; and Wednesday could become Sunday and Sunday a Wednesday with maximum flying activity. While all this occurred years ago I recall that with recycling working and free time came out square in the end.



Effective from 1955, HMAS Sydney was scheduled to convert to a role of Training Ship and in February it participated in exercises with several ships of the New

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Zealand Navy, using Jervis Bay to rest up (J.B. was always a home port when deployed). Since we were classed to function as an aircraft carrier it should be mentioned that Jervis Bay is large enough in area to allow aircraft to be launched flight deck. We returned to Sydney once more for necessary replenishment and then set sail on a "Goodwill" visit to New Zealand, visiting Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. At Auckland I was fortunate to be member of a party of 100, chosen for a tour of Rotauru and while en route there we stopped for refreshments at a roadhouse which is internationally renowned for its salmon ponds. I have never seen so many fish of that species in all my life. At Rotaura we received a royal welcome shown their geysers and the mud pots where, in the old days Maori warriors would throw their enemies! The Maidens performed the ritual Poi dance which features a tiny ball on the end of a string and warriors who were especially decorated in war paint performed a war dance which I was told literally scared the pants off the enemy and sent them running for their lives.

We farewelled Auckland and slipped off to Wellington. At that city, selected members of the ship's company were hosted by the citizens for car trips. My name came out of the hat and with two others, our host with his wife and a four year old daughter drove into the mountains, along an extremely winding road where I noticed sign posts bearing the message; "Beware of Frost"! Ironically; we were guests of a family named Frost! At sailing time a local band played the Hawaiian Farewell, and after leaving harbour we set course for Christchurch where we berthed at the adjacent port of Lytleton. The visit to Christchurch provided a delightful finale to New Zealand and upon leaving port we sailed up the East coast of the South Island, where; while passing through Cook Strait I recalled the popular "James Fitzpatrick" travel talks of the 1940s which always wound up with the words; "so we say farewell to this lovely land of splendour, its wonderful people and sail off into the sunset". This fitted the New Zealand trip to a tee.

Upon arrival in our home port of Sydney there was a period of leave followed by a cleanup of the Ship prior to slipping away again. Our next deployment involved showing the flag at Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth; berthing at their respective ports. We had a great time at each of these cities where people readily adopted us. In truth we needed to relax after enduring an extremely demanding program of exercises. Having jettisoned the birdies, the flight deck was now quite accessible and at the cessation of each working day there was PIT, deck hockey and volleyball, (Which we played in the two aircraft lift wells (With the lifts down). The ship returned to its home port once more, in early in December for Christmas leave and a long refit. I have many memories of the carrier - because accidents did happen:

(a) One unfortunate incident occurred when the tail wheel of a Firefly broke off during a heavy landing, skidded down the flight, hitting an aircraft handler who sustained a broken leg and cracked ribs. The aircraft was duty assessed as unserviceable but the pilot was not "deck bound" and was assigned the ships spare aircraft. On another occasion the same young lieutenant pilot, while positioning his Seafury for his departing takeoff gave a cheeky gesture of farewell to Commander Air, who was stationed on the bridge! I am sure that in response Cdr.(Air} must have pointed the bone at the young flyer as the engine of his aircraft cut out and

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refused to re-start. The aircraft was duly removed from the flight deck by the Clark Tow motor and the Officer paid a penalty for his sauciness by returning to Sydney with the ship and making an ignominious journey to Nowra by rail. Of interest, he later made Commodore, equating to Brigadier in the Army and Air Commodore in the Air Force! (Perhaps it pays to be cheeky!)

(b) During a quiet time gave a recital on the foc'sle and as an audience we were all crowding around dressed in shorts and sandals and one of the old chief handlers was smoking his pipe. While tamping down the red hot ash in his pipe and landed on the foot of a young rating who was standing nearby; the war dance he performed would have made a red skin jealous; but it wasn't funny!

Holland, Keith Wesley 'Dutchy

Passed away 2000. R29206. Joined 21st February 1946 and discharged FREE 19th March 1957. Served at Cerberus, Kuttal, Penguin, Albatross and the London Depot 1951-54. His sea service was Quickmatch 1947-48.

Holden, Greg (FJ)



R116261 Ex POWTR. Joined 15 July 1974 as JR 48th Walton.

Discharged 12 August 1994. Promotions: SMNWTR 20/3/76; ABWTR 17/2/77; LSWTR 4/11/82; POWTR 31/7/87.

Posting included Leeuwin Jul74 – Jun75; Cerberus Jun75 – Mar76 (basic scribes course); Nirimba Mar76 – Oct76; Vampire Oct76 – Jun78; Albatross Jun78 – Sep80; Coonawarra Sep80 – Nov 82; Albatross Nov82 – Jul83; Brisbane Jul83 – Apr85; Albatross Apr85 – Jul87; Harman NO Jul87 – Feb88; Creswell Feb88 – Oct89; Westralia Oct89 – Feb92; Albatross Feb92 – Sep93; Harman NO Sep93 – Aug94. Highlights of career: Escorting Royal Yacht Britannia in 1977 on Vampire, commissioning crew for Westralia in United Kingdom in 1989 and Gulf War deployment Jan – Jun 1991.

Holton-Picard, Margaret



WR85193. Joined in November 1960. Served at Cerberus, Movements Office Melbourne, Coonawarra, Penguin and Adelaide recruiting. Obtained Free discharge in February 1966. Lived in Canada from 1966 to 1969 and London, UK from 1969 to 1972, then back to Sydney for four years. Returned to London in 1976 and as at 2005, has been there ever since.

Hook, Keith Stanley



Born 15th April 1928 and passed away 15th July 2011. Keith joined the RAN 15th April 1946, R29666. After completing his training he was posted to Kuttabul 23rd July 1946 and promoted to LS 1st July 1947. He has a subsequent posting to Tarangau 10th October 1947 until he returned to Rushcutter 14th November 1948. He joined Australia 25th May 1950 and served until a posting to Lonsdale eventuated 7th September 1951- Cerberus 7th July 1952 and returned to Tarangau 30th April 1953 where he was promoted to PO 17th July 1953. A variety of postings then Penguin 21/5/1954, Platypus 27/2/1956, Barcoo 9/11/1956 Warramunga 1/2/1957 Albatross 29/11/1957 where he was promoted CPO 8/5/1959.. He was posted to Kuttabul 31st August 1959 and spent most of his time there until his promotion to Supply Sub Lieutenant (W) 1st March 1962 at Huon. (O/N 0.2068) He has only just arrived to undertake recruiting duties.

After his promotion he joined Sydney on commissioning 18th June 1962. He spent some time at Penguin for duty with SM4 (Leut 26/6/1964) before joining Melbourne as Supply Officer Cash (TY) 14/8/1967 until he joined Navy office for DPS 11th December 1967 and later DGOS staff. He was posted to Melville 18/12/1967. Promoted LCDR 19th January 1970. Service after this date not known.

Hooley, Alan (Tim)



Ex LWTR. I joined the RAN at HMAS Cerberus in January 1942 and having completed my new entry training at Flinders Naval Depot in March 1942, I was made Probationary Writer. I was then drafted to HMAS Kuttabul at Garden Island, Sydney.

Another writer, Ray Saunders, and I arrived at Central Station in Sydney and made our way to Garden Island where we duly reported to Ship's Office. There we met Captain Trivett who was sitting at a desk near the door in an open office and without his coat.

I mistakenly mistook him as being just another writer. The manner in which I greeted him must have astounded all those writers in ear-shot, as they all stopped their work and looked earnestly at Captain Trivett, waiting for him to explode. Much to their disappointment, however, Captain Trivett spoke kindly to me and he called over a Petty Officer Writer who took Ray and I in hand.

On another occasion, when I arrived at Garden Island, I found that I had been drafted to Penguin for the Degaussing Range on Shark Island, situated off Rose Bay in Sydney Harbour. There, with three other writers, three officers and three signalmen, we worked from dawn to dusk, checking the magnetism of ships as they passed over the range and made appropriate adjustment to their magnetic coils to minimise the risk from

Magnetic mines. Technicality, the work was quite challenging. In April 1942, I was due to be advanced from probationary writer to writer and I made the appropriate

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request. The request, however, was refused. I was then directed to present myself to Captain Trivett, who stated that I did not have the knowledge expected of a writer performing writer's normal duties. At the time, I considered his decision to be quite unfair and for the time being, I remained on four shillings and six pence (45 cents) per day. The answer lay in the Captain's Office and Ship's Office. Three times a week for the next three months, after completing my day's work on Shark Island, I would proceed to Garden Island where, with the generous assistance of two of the writers who worked in each office, I diligently studied KR & I and learnt about service records, rough and fair ledgers and the many other facets associated with the normal duties of a writer. After three months, I was confident that I now knew more about what was expected of a writer than many others. I must have impressed Captain Trivett, as he congratulated me on my tenacity and gave instructions that I be immediately transferred to the Ship's Office and advanced to writer, with back pay.

Hence, from December 1942, I spent another six months in the Ship's Office at Garden Island, quite happily working under the watchful eye of Captain Trivett, until I was subsequently drafted in May 1943, to HMAS Westralia, which was in the process of being converted to a landing ship infantry from an armed merchant cruiser, but that is another story.



It was my responsibility to buy Captain Trivett, together with Paymaster Commander Eric Kingsford-Smith and two other officers, their daily lunch-time fruit at Circular Quay, which I was required to purchase for an amount, not to exceed one shilling (10 cents). As each officer insisted on receiving two pieces of fruit, it was always a daily battle of bargaining with the stallholder to supply me with the eight pieces and keep within the allocated sum. Captain Trivett was a kind fatherly figure and I remember him as one who was always on excellent terms with his staff, which comprised around twenty writers. After seetime in Westralia, from March to August 1945, I was a Leading Writer at HMAS Lonsdale. Then, from August, I was the LWTR on the Demobilisation Staff, until I was demobilised myself in October 1946.

Horsfield, Lew



Ex CPOWTR. I joined RAN on 29/6/1959, having been envious of my elder brother who told me about all the good times he was having on Voyager in the Far East. (Left for Cerberus on the night train the same day as the Voyager returned from its overseas deployment.) As my Writer Course was finishing, (I topped the course, being the only member of the class) I was asked whether I had any preference for a posting.

I replied, "anywhere but Sydney". First lesson learned!



I joined Watson (in Sydney) as Recruit Writer on 1/1/1960, where I quickly advanced in rank to Writer 2nd Class – as soon as my Service

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Certificate arrived and Captain's Requestmen could be held. In April 1961, I was promoted to WTR and I completed the Ship's Diver Course in June 1961. In October 1961, I was off to Queenborough, where I stayed until August 1962. Next, they posted me to Albatross, but only stayed at the Air Station depot for three months and was then posted to one of my best drafts, Rushcutter, the depot. (Bubbies but no Bandies.) Rushcutter was the Sydney RANR Port Division headquarters, Diving Section, RANEL and Sailing Centre for the RAN. I was promoted to LWTR in 1963, and left by workboat to the deammunitioning buoy in Sydney Harbour in September to join the Melbourne. Did not like it very much so in January 1964, exchanged postings to join Vampire. I stayed in Vampire until June 1965, a period that included two Far East trips.

In June 1965 I was posted to Kuttabul (FOCAF), where I was in Fleet Operations as the Shore Based Leading Writer. I stayed in that posting until 1967, when I was posted to Harman, after first going to Cerberus for my ADV Course. Time in Harman went quickly, as it seems to in good postings. I was promoted to POWTR in May 1967 and in October 1969, it was back to Vampire, where I stayed until her modernisation refit in August 1970. From 'Dogs Town' (Williamstown), it was back to Sydney to join Vendetta where I stayed until October 1971, after a trip to the Far East. Then, once again, it was back to Dogs Town to put her in for her modernisation and half life refit. Punishment again and back I went to Albatross in October 1971. With time off for bad behaviour, April 1972 saw me off to Harman again, where I was promoted to CPO in 1973. In December 1975, for a change from the Darings, I was posted to the DE Yarra while she was doing Mulloka trials. But this did not last long, for in October 1976, I took Yarra into Cockatoo Island for her modernisation refit.



To fill in time, they sent me back to Harman for six weeks in 1976, before being posted to Vampire [for the 3rd time] in November 1976. I stayed in Vampire until December 1977, when I was posted back to Canberra, this time to Navy Office and into DNLS. Did not like this posting at all, so was made ineffective in July 1978 and sent to DNT for the rewrite of ABR 27; a good and interesting job. (The irony of being made ineffective was that Geoffrey 'British' Hardwick took the position number and was promoted Chief.) I paid off in June 1979 after 20 years and a lot of good times. Sure there were some bad times but they are soon forgotten.

Hoskin, Jay

Passed away 01/12/1995

Houston, Russell Wayne



Ex CPOWTR. I enlisted as a Recruit Writer on 28/7/1976 and completed the Basic Writer course 1/77 with POWTR Smith as the instructor. (1/77 had three POWTR instructors during the course, being Smith, Black and Brown.)

My first posting as a writer was to Lonsdale in 1977, to work with a young POWTR Brian Eagles. (I believe that I am responsible for Brian's demeanour, as I recall vividly an episode with the Commanding Officer and myself.) Brian took me under his wing and showed me the ropes in the Ship's Office, as he was the CO's Secretary. He said that I could call him 'Brian' in the office whilst working together. One day in '77 I was taking some files to the CO and he asked where the Sec was. I replied that Brian was not in the office at the moment. The CO (CMDR McGowan) said when Brian returned to the office, would he be so kind as to see him. I passed this on to Brian when he got back. He went to see the CO, and a few minutes later, my life changed forever. On his return from the CO, Brian swiftly briefed me on the etiquette of rank and privilege. Needless to say, I always referred to Brian via his rank from then on.

On 16/10/1978, I joined Melbourne in dry dock at Garden Island. Doing a post in on the Melbourne was fun, if you liked trying to drag your kit bag with you everywhere. I found myself in the writer mess of 3 Papa Port, on the top bunk (being four high) and clueless as to where anything else was. Later in the year, I was transferred to the staff of the Fleet Commander where I met LSWTR Dino Dowling and then later, LSWTR John Kent. (So, my influences as a young writer were Brian Eagles, Dino Dowling and John Kent and yet, I still turned out okay.)

I was promoted to LSWTR and posted ashore back to Lonsdale from 1981 to 1982, where I worked with LSWTR Andy Thomas, POWTR Colin Bray, LSWTR Rick Bray and POWTR Mick Boyd. (Was I the only one who thought Colin and Rick Bray looked like twins?)



In 1982, I made my way to Navy Office, Canberra, and worked in the Record and Training Employment Office in 'D' building. Later in '82, I was transferred to the Personal Services Offices, Canberra, and worked for CPOWTR Terry Wigney. Lunch time was a haze then, as I discovered Manny's underground tavern only steps away from the PSO. Needless to say, I never drove the work car in the afternoon. I was back at sea again by Christmas 1983, as the Secretary onboard Kimbla. A great little ship; I wore no uniform and only had eight hours sleep a day. What I got at night was extra. I was more of a deck hand than a writer on Kimbla, which was a converted boom defence vessel. The skipper was a gentleman by the name of Allan Vidler (LCDR), known as 'Whispers Vidler.' (I thought this odd, as he was an old time gunnery officer.) The skipper loved to tell jokes from his chair on the bridge, however, his voice would drop off to a whisper during the joke. On one occasion, I remember listening to the Skipper's story up there and laughing at what I thought was the appropriate time. The problem was, he had not finished the

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tale and had only taken a breath before delivering the punch line. (Moral of the story is to wait til the Skipper starts laughing before you do.)

I decommissioned the Kimbla in 1985 and was posted to the Pay Office at the Australian Defence Force Academy in March, 1985. Problem was that the Academy was only half built and the Pay Office was in a corridor outside of what was to be the clothing store. This was the first time I had worked with the Army and Airforce in a tri-service environment; that was to say, the 'Army way.' It was not long before I met the RSM of the Academy. I recall racing excitedly to my Divisional Officer, to say that the RSM had invited me to his office at morning tea time. I entered the RSM's office right on time, but there were no smally eats anywhere to be seen. It so happened that I had failed to wish the RSM 'good morning' before he said it to me. Apparently this is a major crime in the Army and I was lucky not to get 'extras.' I am still confused as to 'extra' what?

I completed the Advanced Writer Course 4/86, with CPOWTR Har die as the instructor, and in 1987, I was promoted to POWTR. In that year I was posted to the Directorate of Naval Supply Services (DNSS) and worked with the likes of LEUT Andy Hamilton and former WOWTR Paddy O'Brien. In July, 1989, I was fortunate to return to my home town, Geelong, in the Recruiting Office. This was a fun job, involving lots of country travel and hotel stays. Recruiting Geelong moved to Ballarat in 1991. The reasoning at the time was that Ballarat was a larger population centre. Geelong, being three times the population of Ballarat, did confuse me at the time. (By the way, the Ballarat office only lasted three years.)



I was promoted to CPOWTR in March, 1993, and had a short stint as the Chief Clerk for the ADF war room. I moved on to the Directorate of Naval Manpower Planning as a special projects officer. During 1994, I was asked to restructure the Writer's Branch from a peak of over 500 billets to around 270, all virtually overnight. Not a popular job, however, I did manage to disestablish my own billet in January, 1996, and was subsequently posted additional to Recruiting Geelong, prior to my discharge in July, 1996.

I stayed on as an active reservist from 1996, doing stints in the Melbourne Recruiting Office as an interviewing officer. Then, at Christmas, 1999, I had the opportunity for active service with Operation Warden (INTERFET). I was a staff officer within the Australian National Command Support Element – East Timor (ASNCE-EM). My role was to establish who was where and the movements in and out of the theatre of operation for all Australian military personnel. It was during one of the evening mannings of the duty phone that I took the call advising that my father was critically ill with a brain tumour and not expected to live. I left Dili after three weeks there and returned home to Geelong. My father passed away twelve months later.

Again, I was working as an active reservist with the new company responsible for recruitment for the ADF, namely Manpower Australia. I served 150 days per year as

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an interviewing officer from 2001 to 2005. In June, 2005, I was asked to fill in as the Executive Officer of the Military Personnel and Administration Centre, Sydney Central, on CFTS. I enjoyed this role, however, I became unwell and was medically discharged in June, 2006.

My service as a writer was 20 years with the PNF from 1976 to 1996 and ten years, 1996 to 2006, as an active reservist, with several periods of full time service.

Hovey, Douglas Roy 'Legs'

Joined 24th February 1956. R51704. Served in establishments Cerberus, Albatross and Penguin. His sea time consisted of a short stint on Sydney in 1956 and Anzac 1958/60. Promoted LS May 1960. Discharged Elective 23rd February 1962.

Howell, Val (Nee Casey)

Passed away 28/4/2009. R84018. Joined 3rd April 1951 and discharged 6 years later. Served at Cerberus, Lonsdale, Harman and Rushcutter.

Hudson, Jean Rosemary

Served from 1963 to 1967. Joined 21st January 1963 and discharged 20th January 1967 as LWRAN. Served at Cerberus, Harman and Albatross.

Humphreys, John



CPOWTR. Joined the Navy in 1989. His postings include Cerberus, where his Writer Course Instructor was POWTR Hillis (now WOWTR), Creswell in 1990, then to sea in Swan as an ABWTR in 1992. He joined Harman in 1995 and went back to sea again in Darwin in 1997, where he was promoted LSWTR. He served in Westralia and Warramunga, where he was promoted POWTR. He also served in Anzac, where he was promoted CPOWTR and was still serving there in early 2008. Interspersed over the aforementioned postings, he has served at Stirling three times over two decades. He is due to join Perth in March 2008.

Humphrey, Peter John Frederick



Passed away 19/6/2008. R 40821. John the Royal Navy on the 18/3/1943 and served until in the RN until the 25th July 1950 when he transferred to the RAN and joined the Sydney. John was a seaman. He joined Leeuwin 1950 and then the Warramunga 1951, transferred to the Arunta 1952 and shore postings Penguin and Leeuwin discharged BNPS 13/7/1953.

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He re-entered the RAN as a Writer at Leeuwin 2/9/1956 and shore postings were Cerberus, Watson, Albatross, Rushcutter, Kuttabel, Huon, Leeuwin,, Terror, Penguin. Sea postings were: Fremantle September 1956 to July1957, Queenborough October 1958 to January 1959, Yarra December1968 to 1974 when he retired.
Discharged CPO.

Humphries, Mike



R67119. Joined RAN in February 1968. Served Recruit time on Anzac and did Writers Course in June 1968. He was posted to Nirimba and worked in the pay office looking after the 'mobies' with the then CPOWTR McCosker. He completed the EDP Course at Harman. In 1969, he was drafted to HMAS Sydney and did four trips to Vietnam, including the paying off trip by the Sydney to the US and Canada. He was then drafted to Watson and finally Albatross prior to discharge.

Hunt, Betty Hazel (Nee Holloway)



Assumed passed away. DOB 23/6/1919. WR 994. Joined 7/4/1943 as RAN Writer Group III. Appointed 3rd Officer 20/4/1944. Served mainly Kuttabel and Penguin. PUNS 15/9/1945. Married 29/9/1945.

Husband, Gordon Richard George

Joined 3rd May 1951. R39923. Shore postings were Cerberus, Penguin, Kuttabel, Albatross. Sea postings Sydney 1954- 1955 Discharged 2nd May 1957.