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Lake, Lesley (nee Magee, previously Tranter)



Ex POWTR W119143. Joined the navy from Huon on 27/10/1975. She served at Cerberus in 1975, Penguin from 1976 to 1977, Kuttabul from 1978 to 1981 and Harman (NO) from 1981 to 1984. She was Discharged in October 1984 and joined the Royal Navy in the United Kingdom. During her RN time, she served at HMS Raleigh from 1984 to 1985, HMS Neptune from 1985 to 1986 and HMS Tamar (JSIS) from 1986 to 1988. She was Discharged from the RN in October 1988 and rejoined the RAN. This time she served at Harman (NO) from 1988 to 1991, Cerberus from 1992 to 1993, Canberra (FFG) in 1994, Penguin also in 1994 and Watson from 1994 to 1997. She was Discharged from Watson on 9/11/1997.

Lesley had the privilege of serving with WOWTR 'Woggie' Watson when she was posted to JIO in Russell Offices. She would enter his Office to discuss an issue and the first thing 'Woggie' would say was "Would you like a beer?" He had a beer fridge in his office. Lesley was also a member of the Navy Office gang that would frequent the 'old' Senior Sailor's Mess at Harman for a few quiet beers. The 'team' consisted of Peter Sanders, Ted Hase, former POATA 'Evil Dick' Sincock, Mick Kelleher, Jim Carroll and of course, Lew Horsfield. She was previously married to ex CPOWTR Lindsay Phillip Lake, however Lesley is happily remarried and living in her own home at Nadi, Fiji.



Lake, Lindsay P



Joined as a Cerberus Recruit on 03 Apr 1970 from Brisbane QLD. The two day trip by train from Brisbane was interesting to say the least. One of only 3 RCTWTRs (Lake, Peter Castle (from Adelaide, SA) & Dave Mulquinney (from Wangratta, VIC whose cousin is former CPOWTR Glen Moynihan) in my intake. Promoted thru the ranks until CPOWTR on 30 Nov 1985. Was promoted to POWTR & CPOWTR whilst serving as A/COSEC & COSEC onboard Vampire & Jervis Bay respectively. Completed the ADV WTRs course in 1979 with some interesting scribes with some being promoted to WOWTR or above (Holmes, Nicholls, Spackman & Rochford). Completed the very difficult Ships Diving Supervisor's Course in July 1985 at age 32 and continued to dive and supervise diving in the Navy until I ceased in Oct 1994. Never completed a RAN arranged dive with another Writer. Served with a few Legends (Blue Walters, Beach Ball Sharman, Laurie "Nobby" Clarke, E.F. "Lofty" Herrod, Bruce Pollock, Bulkhead Wall, Googer Gent, Rugby Ron Given, John Counsel) the best being RADM Sir David Martin (Naval Support Commander -previously called FOICEA) when keeping CPOWTR JJ "Bomber" Atkinson's chair warm for him whilst Bomber

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served on Darwin in 1986-88. Discharged from Platypus on 14 July 1995 on completion of 25 years PNF Service

Completed a further 10 years in the Reserves and twice employed as a Reserve CPOWTR & paid HDA to WOWTR as the Fleet WOWTR 1999 & Office Manager at the Navy Fleet Review in 2001 at the Clock Tower in Garden Island. Establishments that I served in that have closed down are Nirimba, Moreton and Platypus. Ships Anzac (D59), Vampire and Jervis Bay



Laloz, Dominique (Dom)

Ex ABWTR S131212. Joined navy in February 1981 as an MTP and transferred to WTR in 1983. Postings were to Navy Office (DSP - Fleet Air Arm and Submariners), Pay Office and Personnel Office HMAS Watson and final posting was to Flagstaff as ABWTR.

Lambie, Rodman

Ex CPOWTR R54866. I tried three times to join the Navy. My first was for the College at age 13. My mother talked me out of it. Then, when I tried again at 15 – I talked myself out of it. At 17, I applied for the Fleet Air Arm as a pilot, but I couldn't pass the science test, so it was obvious that an officer's life was not for me. I was told I could sign on as a Writer.

I joined in October, 1958, and went to Cerberus for the writers' course, which I passed and then stayed at Cerberus as a WTR2 and WTR. I made CW candidate, but that didn't last long as a certain Captain (S) decided I wasn't 'an officer's bloody bootlace'. All I was doing was reading the paper in the Accounts Office, right beside the CPOWTR, so becoming an officer eluded me again.



I was drafted to Lonsdale in May, 1960. That was a real smack in the face because I was ready to go to sea, or at least somewhere new, not to a rest home for tired sailors and only six miles from home. However, it did mean I slept at home most nights.

After two and a half years ashore, in June, 1961, I finally got a sea draft to Warrego. (Whack oh! Surveying off the Oz coast instead of exploring the mystic Far East.) Ron Herrick was the POWTR and he taught me how to be a real sailor! (I met his wife in the early '70s and she told me he had been lost at sea off a yacht. I was sorry to hear it because he was a real dinkum bloke.) I found I could fit a stretcher under the office desk so that became my cabin, aft in the officers' cabin flat, for the rest of my time in the ship. Who wants to sleep in hammocks? That certain 'Captain (S)' came into my life again on Admiral's Inspection and commended me on my good work. Such is life! I was made LWTR in May, 1962, and was immediately drafted from Warrego to Navy Office, Canberra, working in the Seamen's Drafting Section

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with Jack Cummins, another gentleman and great friend. I only stayed there a year and was drafted to stand by Derwent, which was being commissioned in April, 1964.

I was based at Lonsdale again and travelled each day to Williamstown. The XO, CERA, Buffer and I watched the ship come to life, complete sea trials and become a warship. That was an interesting time of my life, seeing a ship change from a rust bucket to a real warship and it was also interesting when we skidded through the Port Phillip Heads in a storm during sea trials. (The Heads were closed to shipping immediately after we got through). After commissioning, Derwent went through all its paces in Australian waters and was plane guard for USS Enterprise during her visit. That was some ship to see! Finally, we were sent to the FESR, where we were involved in the Indonesian confrontation.



I made POWTR in August, 1964, and was drafted to Sydney in July, 1965, for the early Vietnam 'Vung Tau Ferry' trips. Then, in April, 1966, I was drafted to Navy Health in Melbourne as PO in charge, where Roy Sly gave me a three-month hand over. It was another interesting job away from pay and accounts, etc. and I looked forward to serving a couple of years there. However, after nine months, I found a signal asking for volunteers from PO or CPO WTRs for SEATO Headquarters, Bangkok, and the closing date was next day. So, I asked the boss (CMDR Bill Worrall) to recommend me. He wasn't really impressed after the long handover, but agreed and sent a quick signal, and I got the job.

So, strings were pulled to get me, my wife and kids passports (in two days) and Thai visas (one week) and we were off to Bangkok for two years in April, 1967. I was involved in the Military Planning Office Secretariat, preparing reports of military meetings. My title was Non Commissioned Officer in charge of SEATO Military Publications and assistant SEATO Military Planning Office Work Co-Ordinator. Phew! During my time, Jack Cummins was in the Australian Office and he was relieved by CPOWTR Lindsay Webb. I was promoted to CPOWTR in March, 1968, in Bangkok and in May was drafted to Cerberus for leave and then to Parramatta in August, 1969. I was initially drafted to Supply, but a certain Chief Writer wrote me a very sad letter and asked me to change drafts. Does that make me a 'good Samaritan' – or a dill? (because I finally agreed). Parramatta was due to leave for the FESR the next day, when a ferry decided to 'make love' to our ship's office, where I was at the time. Now seeing the bow of a ferry right beside you in a cosy ship's office is a little bit thought provoking. We had a hole in the bulkhead of the ship's office and the wardroom wine store. A lot of beer and plonk fell on the ferry's foc'sle. 'Drunken sailors breaking ferries' was all the news, but we were in Chowder Bay after fuelling and couldn't manoeuvre. The ferry just sailed straight into us. Repairs completed, we were off on the Far East tour during the Vietnam War, where we were chased by a typhoon and travelled everywhere flat out at about 28 knots – very exhilarating.

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My family decided I was not allowed to sign on, so I paid off in Fremantle in October, 1970. I am now retired and living on Bribie Island, Queensland.

Langley-Sepulcri, Samantha (Sam)

LSWTR. Originally from Perth, WA, Sam rejoined the PNF in January, 2002 and was posted to a Pay position at Stirling. She then served in Adelaide for a short period before being posted to Coonawarra in July, 2003. She worked in the Pay Office until July, 2004, and then transferred to the Personnel Office where, as at 2007, she was still working.

Langworthy, Eric John (Lofty)



He passed away on 14/8/1986 at Crookwell, NSW. Ex CPOWTR O/N. 29269 and SBLT. Born on 27/6/1922 and enlisted in the Navy on 7/2/1946. He was promoted WTR on 7/5/1946, LWTR 1/4/1947, POWTR 1/10/1947 and CPOWTR 1/10/1950. He was subsequently promoted Acting Commissioned Writer Officer on 13/8/1952 and SBLT on 1/1/1957. He served at Cerberus from 7/2/1946, then was posted to Kuttabul on 10/09/1946, Shoalhaven 22/10/1947, Culgoa 19/01/1948, Tarangau 23/02/1948, Penguin 7/4/1949 and finally Cerberus 3/3/1951. He resigned on 18/09/1957 but did undertake further reserve time. .

Laughlan, Stanley William

Joined 25th January 1951 for 6 years. Served at Cerberus, Albatross and Nirimba. Sea service Vengeance 1954 as LS and Melbourne 1954/57.

Lawler, P W P 'Pat'

Deceased 1999/2000

Lawson, Allan 'Des' Desmond



Passed away 27th September 2010. "I was born Allan Desmond Lawson at Maryborough, Vic August 26th 1928. I have attained the OBE (over bloody eighty!) and will soon qualify for the SOB (Silly old bugger). Joined in Melbourne at Rialto House 10th February 1947 and went straight to Cerberus as was the custom. Did my prelims and was posted Lonsdale then to Navy Office (known as bullshit castle) in St Kilda Road. Several scribes there, Lou Pinsach, Charlie Wilcox, Denis Collison, CPO Tom Davis and ? Kaye. Wanted sea service so applied for Tarangau at Dreg Harbor, New Guinea and was posted Condamine in

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transit. L/Commander John Dawson was the Captain, liked a beer (or two). Right Des in 1940.

Disembarked at Port Moresby and flew across to Finchhaven (one of the many ways it was spelt). The big boss there was FOIC (NG), Captain Claude Brecks, a great bloke. The Exec was Commander Arnold Green, an absolute shocker, with his Stupid dog 'Bomber'. Divisional branch Officers were L/Commander Watson (Supply) and NCO Warrant Officer Hyal beck (or Brock), both the sort of blokes that made navy life hell. Had 12 months or so there, and then flew down to Penguin to get 'lost' in the system. No gear – no pay – just a naval nomad. Finally went by train to Melbourne, arrived in about 1 degree old measure, wet and cold, dressed in anti malarial gear, no hammock, no money – god help me! Anyhow, got a bed, a feed and some folding stuff and settled into Lonsdale until demob in 1949. My service number was L34130.

I have the Australian Service medal, 1945/75 Papua NG, Australian Defence medal, 60th anniversary medal WWII for service



Lea, Thomas

Passed away 1980's. Born 14/08/1878. Promoted CPO 09/11/1911, Warrant Officer 1/4/1920. He was promoted to a Commissioned Writer 31/12/1927, Paymaster Lieutenant 31/12/1931. Records indicate from promotion to WO he joined Encounter then Penguin 1/10/1920. Joined HMAS Adelaide 16/04/1922 until 29/01/1924 as WO. He subsequently joined Tingira (the Navy boys training ship) until 30/6/1927. (Tingira was decommissioned 27/6/1927). After promotion to commissioned Writer he spent time at the 'London Depot' 1/8/1927 – 30/4/1928 when he joined Australia. Cerberus 14/12/1928 – 13/8/1933. Transferred to Emergency list the day after and the retired list on his 60th birthday – he did get promoted to Supply LCDR 1/1/1957 (Aged 69 years) on the retired list.

Lee, Margaret

Passed away 2003. Joined 6th November 1944. WR2429. Served at Penguin, Kuttabul, Watson and Moreton. Discharged 13th September 1946.

Leepere, Karin (Nee Radig)



Ex WOWTR. Joined the RAN in 1981 as a GE WTR and transferred to the Naval Reserve as a WOWTR in 2003. Her first sea posting was as a POWTR and lasted three years. Her initial ship was HMAS Moresby and then later, she joined the Sea Training Group for a further three years. In 1999 she was posted as CPOWTR at Naval Support Office, Tasmania.

She was awarded the Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) in 1998.

The citation reads: "For outstanding service to the Royal Australian Navy, particularly in the area of personnel management while serving in Her Majesty's Australian Ship Kuttabul. An exceptional Senior Sailor whose consistent professional excellence and interpersonal skills, outstanding dedication and inspirational leadership while serving in Her Majesty's Australian Ship Kuttabul, have ensured the well being of the almost 2000 men and women who serve in, or are attached to the establishment. As the accounts office manager, she has used her considerable initiative to implement creative, and positive changes to work practices. She is a credit to the Royal Australian Navy and epitomises the very best qualities of a Senior Sailor. She is an outstanding role model and inspiration for all personnel."

Lenartas, Peter



R62774 Joined 6th January 1964. Served in establishments *Cerberus, Rushcutter, Penguin, Watson, Tarangau and Lonsdale.*

HMA Ships he served in were *Sydney* 1/4/1964-21/8/1964 and *Anzac* 18/12/1966

Lewin, Colin Campbell



Passed away 1995. Joined 28 December 1946. R29724. His shore postings were *Cerberus, Penguin, Kuttabul, Platypus, Melville, Watson, Albatross, Harman.* His service was varied serving on *Manoora* 1947, *Warramunga* 1950 – 1951, commissioned *Supply* 1962- 1963, *Stuart* 21/1/1969 –1/1970. *LS* 1948, *PO* 1950, *CPO* 54, *WO* 1971. His engaged expire 27th December 1973 completing 27 years service.

Lewis, John 'Jerry'

I joined the RAN on 13 March 1956. My first posting was Penguin December 1956. The Chief was Reg Ridett, also, Gordon Husband, Mel Hodgson, Doug Peters, Ian Morgan Claude Matthews and Frank Gribble. Promoted WTR 29/12/1957 and posted Sydney 6/1/1958 and was part of the decommissioning crew. In July 1958 I was posted to Pay Office in Melbourne. On 6/12/1958 I married Cynthia.

I was Posted 24/7/1959 Lonsdale and worked in Naval Health Benefits Fund under PO Writer Kevin (Artie) Atkins. Promoted to LS 14/8/1959. Joined Cerberus 23/1/1961 and worked in the Service Certificate Office with PO Ian McConnachie. In July 1962 posted to FOCAF in Melbourne. On the staff were CMDR Winch, Lieut's Selby and Farquhar and LS Fred Curbishley.

December 1962 posted FOICEA at Kuttabul, then Feb 1963 my first stint in Navy Office (Canberra), in Directorate of Sailors Postings, in the S & S section with CPO Jack Cummins and PO Alex Goodieson.

On 17/8/1964 posted to Supply with CPO Lindsey Webb. Promoted PO 11/11/1964 Writer, 15/2/1965 saw me in Yarra OIC Pay Office. Lieut Phil Mulcare was the Supply Officer and Mick Carroll the CPO (Captain's Secretary). On 5/1/1966 I was in Melbourne (Accounts) where the Commander (S) was Geoff Brittan. The SO (Cash) was Lieut Tom Rowling. 5/8/1966 until 26 September 1966 I was at Albatross.

Rejoined the DSP 27/9/1966 where I took over from PO Laurie Dillon in the sailor's statistics section. Promoted to CPO 13/9/1968 and on 13/4/1970 I posted to Supply as Captain's Secretary. The CO Captain Harold Edwin Bailey, who lived in Campbell (Canberra) and I, Ainslie, so we travelled to and from Canberra on many occasions when he told me about his stints in the RAAF and the Fleet Air Arm before turning to commanding ships.

Back to DSP 9/1971 and on 24 May 1973 posted to the ANZUK Force headquarters staff in Singapore, as the chief clerk, working under the control of the Australian Army. The Force Commander at that time was Admiral D C Wells RAN and his deputy was Brigadier Ian Gilmour RAA. I was in charge of the classified registry and among my staff were soldiers from the UK, a sailor and an airman from New Zealand and my deputy was a sergeant from the RAF. It was quite an experience working with such a diverse group of people.

I relieved CPO Writer Doug Pyres and on the RAN staff were Lieutenant Ralph Dingle, replaced by Lieutenant Tom Hall, as well as Petty Officer Writers Ron Campbell and John Counsell. The Chief regulator was CPOCOX'N Pedro Petrass. The Whitlam Labour government withdrew the Australian forces early and once again I returned to DSP in August 1974.



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I was promoted to Warrant Officer on 10 January 1975 and I was discharged FREE on 31 March 1976, in part due to ill health. The picture below is the Melbourne crew in Kowloon 1966.

Lewis, Whilmina Jessa Margaret

Passed away 2009. WR 1848. Joined 28/10/1943 and discharged 6/3/1946. Served Harman.

Limb, Brian Douglas



R52488 joined the RAN on the 29th October 1956 for 6 years. His first ship was the Cootamundra a Bathurst type Corvette. He served on this ship from 17th April 1959 to 7th June 1959 when he joined the Gascoyne the day after to 26th May 1960. Brian also served in the shore establishments Cerberus and Harman. He was promoted to Leading Writer 4th May 1962

Lindsay, Ron

Passed away date NK

Littlejohn, Ethel Doris



Assumed passed away. . DOB 25/7/1915. Joined 14th March 1914. WR2000. Served at Lonsdale. Discharged 5th July 1946 as a LWRAN.

Liu, Dalton 'Bo'

Passed away date NK. Joined 11th February 1942. S6258. Served at Rushcutter, Kuttabul and Penguin. Sea service Nizam 1943, Napier 1943, Nepal 1944. LS 1st April 1945. Discharged FREE 26th October 1945.

Lloyd, Evan



Ex LSWTR R134950. Joined navy on 10/1/1983. After leaving Cerberus, he was posted to Watson under the guidance of Liz Budek. He moved on to 'Navy News', followed by a stint with 'Bluey' Walters, who showed him how to do 'pays'. He was posted to sea in Jervis Bay, where all the scribes enjoyed the 'war stories' related by Lindsay Lake. After the 'war ship' experience, he was drafted to Stirling as an ABWTR, then LSWTR at NOCWA. He paid off in January 1990.

Loats, Willia Dorothy



Assumed passed away. DOB 7/12/1915. WR 2362. Joined 12th September 1944. Served at Lonsdale and Monterey. DEE 16 August 1946.

Loban, Frances 'Fran' Lorraine

Passed away 16/6/2008 in Cairns. . W86431. Joined 4/11/1966 for 4 years and posted Cerberus on entry. Posted Penguin 19/8/1967, Harman 26/9/1967, Kuttabul 5/10/1967 and Penguin 17/1/1969.

Lynch, Lisa (nee Struik)



Ex POWTR. Joined RAN from Queensland on 1/5/1989. First taste of life as a scribe was Writer 38 Class, from July to November 1989. It was the 'End of an Era' when she was part of the last ever Advanced Writers class to go through the Supply & Health Faculty Adv Writer 26 in March 1998. Postings included Defence Security Branch (Navy Office) in 1989, Brisbane Recruiting in 1991, Penguin in 1993, Platypus in 1994, then Coonawarra 1996 and to sea in Anzac from 1998 to 1999. In 1999 she worked with CDT4, then paid off from Stirling in May 2000, as a POWTR.