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Paech, Paul



Passed away on 3/2/2007 following massive heart attack at his home in Norwood, South Australia. Ex POWTR. Completed EDP Course in Canberra in late 1970.

Completed POWTR's Course 2/72 in August/September 1972 at Cerberus with Stu Fogo, Rus Leavy, Russell Nelson, Jeff Wake, Max Bronson, John Nash, Dave Rickard, Vic Venaglia and Kevin 'Bones'

Morris.

Palmer, Ian (Brose)



Ex CPOWTR. Joined the Navy in April 1971 through Leeuwin (35th Intake, Stevenson Division). Went off to sea as an ORD in 1972, then to WTR course at Cerberus (Instructors, Marty Grogan for Pay, and Pete Charlton for Captain's Office). Shore postings included fantastic socializing years at Harman (twice - both NAVCOMSTA and the 'Head Shed'); learning how to ignore the smell of dieso at Platypus; quick "post-divorce" stint at Lonsdale; twelve drunken and uproariously memorable months at Coonawarra (NOCNA); banished to the kangaroo country club at Creswell; another great "McHales Navy" style time at Waterhen; almost four awesome years overseas at Waratah (AUSTFASO); quick stint at Kuttabul to decompress back into Aussie routine and await my ADVWTR course to remove the P/Stroke after being promoted overseas; another quick hitch at Nirimba waiting for my next ship, and I finally came ashore for the final time and retired from "you land 'em, we'll handle 'em" Penguin as PERSO. Rode the waves in HMA Ships (Never goes anywhere) Stalwart (ORDWTR), (Too many stories to tell) Anzac (WTR2/WTR), (finally a warrie!) Hobart (LSWTR), (it's great to be the boss) Perth (POWTR, COSEC), and (my home city) Adelaide (CPOWTR, COSEC, DESRON1).

I officially retired in April 1991, but with a combination of Leave, Long Service and Resettlement Leave, left the Navy in May 1990 and returned to the USA to live. My reasons stemmed from the good memories and new lifestyles gained from my hitch at AUSTFASO in the early 80s, but soon after returning I was unceremoniously handed divorce number two from my American bride of six years. Who knows where I'd be now if I stayed in and waited for my boards as I was number one on the roster for WO, but good mates and good times got me through it so I decided to stay

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in the U.S. Have had a great life since and travelled the world with the two companies I've worked for since retiring, but now after a combined 26 years of U.S residency in Washington State, Oregon and currently Florida, I am definitely missing Australia and would love to come back home if I can ever convince my American wife to join me (and she loves Australia), and if my kids would just leave the nest once and for all (but I love them all dearly).

I am still in the Maritime industry being responsible for the payroll, benefits and personnel management of 200 seamen for a company that owns a fleet of ships and ITBs that trade in domestic and international sea routes. I have been happily married now (3rd time's a charm!) for 18 years, with three grown daughters, an adult son, plus an amazing grandson with another grandbaby on the way. I am currently working on an autobiography of my 20 years in the Navy which should be ready for publication as a memoir for family and friends in 2013.

Parke, Brian



Ex POWTR and WONP P54009. I joined in February 1958 as a RCTWTR. I completed the WTR and shorthand Cse prior to posting to Melbourne (FOCAF) in 1960. Other postings included Penguin, Kuttabul, Vampire (then swapped postings with Lew Horsfield so I could rejoin Melbourne prior to her 'running over' Voyager). Next, I was drafted to Moreton (Sec to NOIC QLD), Harman (Navy Office) and Sydney.

I transferred to the Naval Police 1969 and after walking Garden Island for three months, was posted to Harman (Belconnen) and then back to Navy Office (Assist to Dir of Naval Police). I was promoted WO in 1978 and left the Navy later that year. We moved to Hervey Bay in 1978 and after 'slopping up' fish and chips in our take away shop and several other tasks, I was fortunate to gain employment with the Electricity Corporation. There I stayed until I retired in 1999 as Administration Manager. As at 2006, I have my wife Valerie of 44 years, two sons and one daughter and seven grandchildren, (the oldest serving in HMAS Toowoomba). So far I, my eldest son and his son, have chalked up 45 years service in the RAN. My hobbies include gardening, fishing and drinking (most likely too much) home brew.

Parry, Graham



Passed away on 10/11/2002 on his Goulburn property, where he and his wife, Margaret had been for several years, running a few head of cattle just outside the town. Ex CPOWTR R58452. Served from 23/10/1961 to 22/10/1981.

Parry, Kim Norcote



R59928. Joined 16th March 1963 as a Junior Recruit. Originally categorised as an ORDNAM but subsequently transferred to Writer in 1965. He served in establishments Cerberus, Albatross. His sea postings were Sydney 19/4/1964 to 14/9/1964, Melbourne 15/9/1964 to 13/11/1964 and Paluma 9/9/1966 to 4/1/1967. He was discharged 13th February 1967.



Pasquill, Ronald Valentine

Joined 17/09/1951 O/N 46054. Served at Cerberus, Lonsdale. Possible he served in short periods on the Torrens. Discharged 16 September 1957.

Patison, John William Charles

Joined RAN 1 July 1963 for 9 years. he had a number of shore postings namely Cerberus on entry, Lonsdale until he joined Anzac 27/11/1966-12/7/1968 as LS. Promoted PO 6/12/1968. Other postings after this to Cerberus and Huon.

Patterson, Kevin D. (Banjo)



I joined the navy via Cerberus in May 1976 from Perth, and completed the Basic Writers Cse (while keeping Sid Nolan warm with all the wood I chopped) under Adrian Leigh and 'Bomber' Brown. I was posted to Navy Office (DSP) post course and had the pleasure of working for 'British' Hardwick, and learning the fine art of the 'official' DSP lunchtime recreational card game activity "Chase the Pisser." Next I was sent to Penguin to learnt accounts under PJ Walsh, then proceeded to sea in 1978 in 'building 215,' again with

POWTR Al Brown and ABWTR Andy Thomas and LSWTR Chris Bailes. From March to December 1979, I did some Adventure Training as crew on the yacht Anaconda, during the Parmelia Race from Plymouth, UK to Fremantle, WA, via Cape Town.

Unfortunately, during that period, I was also mixed up in the disastrous Fastnet Race with Captain Mike Calder (RAN Hydrographer). I was rapidly promoted from AB to PO by the media as each day passed without being found, and was reported as "missing at sea, believed drowned". (My apologies to all those who attended my "wake" at the Rockers, organised by Chris Bailes, 'Sharky' Shires and the rest of the Stalwart crew). On my 'miraculous' return, it was on to Creswell in early 1980 on a "T" posting, where I worked in the Captain's Office under Eric Oakley, until heading back home to the West in 1980 and the relatively new HMAS Stirling. I remained in

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the West at Stirling (NOCWA), in Stuart with Bob Scott, Leeuwin with Mark Tyrrell and Syd King and CDT4 (SDU) SASR, eventually heading back east to Cerberus in January 1990. I was posted to Supply School to develop and deliver DEFMIS training. Supply School was full of old faces, Barry Howe, Ross Jones, Mark Chee, Andy Burt, Graham Branford to name a few.

I left the RAN in November 1997. Best times in the RAN? The whole lot, especially the sport and travel. Best people? 99.99% of all those I met and worked with. Do I miss the Navy? No – I always said that when I stopped enjoying it, then it was time to leave, so I did.

Pearson, Ernest Albert 'Norm'

Passed away 28/08/1931 whilst still serving. Joined 04/05/1925. O/N 10900. He was ex Royal Navy. He joined at the London Depot and was promoted to LS the day after joining. Petty Officer in June 1925 and CPO in June 1929. He served at Penguin and Cerberus. His sea service consisted of Moresby June 1925 - September 1926 and January 1927 until November 1928. Discharged 28th August 1931.

Pearson, Norman Leslie

Joined 04/12/1950. O/N39644. His shore postings consisted of Cerberus. Albatross and Watson. Sea posting to Sydney (CAG) He discharged 3rd December 1956 after completing 6 years service.

Peart, Richard Maxwell



Passed away 19/06/2006 aged 32 yrs. Joined 1995. Awarded Maritime Commanders Commendation as a LSWTR - part of the RAN Logistic Support Element Middle East for "their tireless efforts and exemplary performance during the period 20/01/2003 to 03/07/2003"

Pedder, John

LEUT RANR, ex LWTR. John joined the Royal Australian Navy on 8/2/1982. He was trained as a scribe by PO Jeanie Brennan. His first sea posting was to HMAS Brisbane, then was part of the decommissioning crew of Vampire. He finished his time as a Leading Seaman in Derwent in December 1989. On leaving the service, he obtained his degree in Law and as at 2007, works as a Barrister and Solicitor in Launceston Tasmania. He specialises in Criminal and Personal Injury Law. In October 2006 he joined the Royal Australian Naval Reserve as a Legal Officer at the rank of Lieutenant.

Perkins, Alan



Joined the RAN on 9/10/72 as a Junior Recruit. R114176. Was a member of Howden Division Leeuwin Oct 72 to Sep73 with CPOWTR Al Hardie. I was originally categorised as a Steward and undertook training at Cerberus reaching the dizzy heights of Steward Second Class on 3/12/72.

First posting after training was Albatross for one month. On a Friday afternoon my Divisional Officer asked me “would I like to go to sea”. I said yes, and he said “pack your bags the ship leaves for South East Asia on Monday”. Joined Vendetta the following Monday and spent the next very memorable 6 months Up Top.

I came to the realisation very early that Stewarding wasn't for me, so I requested a change to Writer and subsequently commenced my Writer course in Jan 1975 with Graham Rankin, Ian Hatton, Pete Spalding, Dave Sutherland, Col Hanley and Pete McQuire. POWTR Lew Smith was my instructor, and apologies to Lew for my disruptive behaviour. On completion of Writer training I spent a few months in the pay office at Cerberus.

Later that year I was posted to Platypus and worked in the Personnel Office with POWTR Ian Millard. In July 1976 I spent a few months on Melbourne doing mess-deck work before going to Hobart in Nov 1976 returning to the Pay Office at Cerberus in Dec 1977. I enjoyed my time in the Cerberus Pay Office. Played plenty of Volleyball and I recall CPOWTR Sid Nolan and POWTR Al Curtin as legends of the Branch, and volleyball court.

From Jan 1979 to Jun 1981 I was posted to Stirling and NOCWA. Worked in the Personnel Office with WOWTR Carruthers and ABWTR Bruce Whitaker (R.I.P), then later in Pay and Accounts with POWTR Rod Laycock and LSWTR Ollie Twist. Great group of Writers and really enjoyed my time in the West. Promoted to POWTR in Apr 1981

Between Jul 1981 and Jan 1983 I spent time at CPSO in Melbourne and Frankston, before being posted to Perth as COSEC and then returned to Cerberus as a Supply School Instructor at the end of 1984. I spent three years at the Supply School training young scribes and enjoyed the opportunity to pass on knowledge and work with a great bunch of people – LEUT Phil Griffiths (R.I.P), CPOWTR's Al Hardie, Jim Tester and Steve Salmon, POWTR's Shane Tatnell (R.I.P), Jeannie Brennan, Andy Thomas, Hilary Rushton, Al Curtin and Phil Meiklejohn. It was also good to read the Bio's of some of my trainees who have done well in their Navy careers.

Instructing and Recruiting were my two favourite postings. In Mar 1988 I was posted to Navy Recruiting in Perth and initially worked in the Field Recruiting Team and then later in Administration and Officer Recruiting. WOWTR John Southon was the boss and also had the opportunity to work with LSWTR Bob Raymount. I paid off after 20 years in Oct 1992. After leaving the RAN I stayed in

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Perth and went into business – Grinners Catering Perth. We sold the business after 14 years in Jun 2007 and went caravanning around Australia for a while.

Perkins, Clive George (Polly)



Ex LSWTR R54160. I joined the Navy on 24/3/1958 and followed a path a little bit different to the normal path Writers follow, as I initially entered the Seaman Branch. In 1958, after Recruit School training, I was posted to the Anzac as an ORDSMFC. In 1961 I was transferred off the Anzac to the Quickmatch as a Gunnery Officer's Writer and served in the Yarra from 1961 to 1964 in the same rank.

In 1964, the 'G.O.W.' rate became obsolete and I was posted to Cerberus to do a Writers course, which I subsequently passed. I was then posted to Tarangau on Manus Island, New Guinea, and served there for 18 months as the paymaster for the PNF, PNG and Labour Line natives. Whilst in Tarangau, I also held the position as the Junior Sailors Wet Canteen Manager and was President of the Social Club. I also spent time as a Writer serving in Melbourne and Kuttabul.

In 1965 I was transferred back to Cerberus to do a Leading Writers course, which I passed and then I continued to serve there until my engagement expired in the PNF at the end of March, 1967. I then joined the RANER and served for seven years in Cerberus, Queenborough, Lonsdale and Swan until I was discharged on 1/4/1974. I have very fond memories of fellow scribes David Keig, Marty Grogan, Alan 'Wettex' Curtin, 'Woggie' Waugh, Les Whelan, Bob D'Elton, Doug Higgins and Dick Gotschalk, to name just a few.

My Service Awards include the Australian Service Medal 1945–75 with Clasps PNG and FESR, the Pingat Jasa Malaysia Medal, Australian Defence Medal and Far East Strategic Reserve Medal.

Phillips, Neil

Passed away 3/09/2001. R30634. Joined 7th May 1946 and completed his engagement 22nd August 1970. (His final 2 years were RAFR time). He served shore bases Cerberus, Lonsdale (for Torrens), Tarangau and Nirimba.

His sea postings consisted of Tobruk 1954/55, Anzac 1961/62 and Sydney 1966/69. He was promoted PO in 1952 and retained that rank until he paid off.

Pidgeon, Janice Rosemary

R85700. Joined 15 July 1963 as WWRRO and transferred to Writer. After Writer course she posted to Albatross for the duration of her service and discharged 5th October 1965. Promoted LS 6th August 1965.

Pinch, Gay (Nee Pettifer)

R84395. DOB 28/2/1935. Joined 2/11/1953 for 4 years. Ex LWRWTR. Served at Cerberus. Promoted LS 1/1/1955.

Pinsach, Louis



Passed away 2 May 1998. Joined the Navy on 6th February 1946 and after undertaking writer training and spending 8 months at Cerberus he was posted to Lonsdale as a LDG WTR 1st January 1947. Joined Kanimbla 16/4/1948 and then HMS Glory 31/7/1948 until 14/12/1948 when he joined Sydney.

He was promoted a PO 1/7/1949 and in May 1950 a brief posting to Cerberus before Lonsdale 14/8/1950. Promoted CPO 1/4/1952. Tarangau 20/7/1952. Cerberus 2/5/1953. Lonsdale 24/8/1953. Sydney 21/1/1957 and discharged 5th February 1958.

Pollard, Bob



Joined the RAN in November 1981, eventually leaving after 20 years service on 11/9/2001. He served in Supply, Torrens and Arunta (commissioning crew) and ashore at Cerberus (twice), Albatross, Penguin (twice), Coonawarra, Watson (twice), Creswell and RAN LSE, Muscat. (Bob was one of the very few scribes to do 20 years without a posting to Navy Office).

Pope, Rod



Joined the RAN in August 1981 from Brisbane. Following Category training I was posted to Moreton. Time at sea was spent on Yarra and Brisbane respectively. Spent a significant portion of my time in Canberra, serving at both Harman and in Navy Office. Significant Projects I worked on were Navy Helicopter Project (HELO PD-N) and the RAN Canberra Comms Project Directorate (RAN CCPD).

Was lucky enough to be posted Stirling in the early 1990's where I was the Admin Officer for the RAN Submarine Escape Training Facility (SETF).

In 1992 I changed Category to Naval Work Study and following on from a 4 month training course at RAAOC Centre (Army) Bandiana was posted to a Naval Work Study Team in Canberra.

Poulsen, Paul Mark



Joined 16 November 1950. R39494. Served at Cerberus, Penguin and the Anzac 1953-54.

Promoted LS 8/1956 and discharged after 6 years service.

Presland, Kelvin (Kel)



P/N R46752. Joined 23/1/1952 as RCT Clerk at Cerberus, Platypus 5/11/1952, Albatross 2/8/1954, Warrego 9/5/1955, Albatross 2/10/1956, Penguin 7/1/1958 for discharge 22/1/1958. LS 10/5/1957

Pretty, John Charles

Ex LSWTR R62305. Joined the RAN on 30/6/1963 as a General Entry sailor. He served at Penguin from 1963 to 1967 in the Pay Office and Captain's Office, with short periods on secondment to RN SM4 Submarine Squadron (with Brian 'Bulkhead' Wall) and with FOICEA. He was posted to sea in HMAS Hobart for her first trip to Vietnam in 1967. His next shore posting was to Watson as ND School Writer, then Harman (Navy Office) in Sailor's Postings and Promotions, followed by Harman in the Accounts Office. He was Discharged PUNS on November 1969.

Prout, Vicki



When I came home from school at 13 and said I was going to join the Royal Australian Navy, my parents were surprised but continued to support this dream and assist in turning it into a reality." After a defence force recruiting team visited her school, Vicki had simple objectives for wanting to join the Navy: "My sole ambition was to travel the world and meet heaps of people. At that tender age, what else was there in life?"

At the age of 17 1/2 years, Vicki joined the Navy and eventually became Petty Officer Prout. Not only did she learn practical skills such as First Aid, fire fighting and preventing ships from sinking, Vicki was constantly being taught leadership skills, management techniques and how to motivate herself and others. Although she had to follow extremely strict disciplines, Vicki learned she was able to impart her flair

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and creativity amongst her peers of all levels, ages and backgrounds. Gender hurdles were apparent in Vicki's time with the Navy: "Many of the older sailors thought women were bad luck onboard ships and several administrative procedures were geared towards men only. Maternity leave and associated pay conditions were not clearly defined and needed to be changed to reflect a growing number of female sailors.



Punshon, Brenda Marie (Nee Scrivener)

Passed away 8th July 2011. DOB 14/04/1921. Ex WRWTR WR2755. Joined the RAN 20th March 1945 as Assistant Writer. She served at Kuttabul, Lonsdale, Magnetic. Discharged 19th August 1946. On discharge she was paid 6 pounds 10 shillings as a civilian clothing allowance in addition to 30 days reestablishment leave.

Purdie, Kenneth Carnagan



R37493 joined the RAN 14th June 1949 as a RCT Clerical, his promotion after this was AB 14/03/1051, LDG 1/10/1952 and PO 1/04/1955.: He served in the following places: Penguin 29/7/1950 to 16/4/1952 then Sydney until 19/03/1953. After a short month at Penguin he joined Bataan 24/04/1953 until 14/02/1954 after which he joined Albatross until 6/01/1957. Sea time again on the Anzac until 10/03/1958 and then was lucky to be posted to Cerberus II which meant an overseas posting to RANLO London. He returned on 6th April 1960 where he moved to Penguin, it is not known if he was sick at the time because he died 29th April 1960 of a Cerebral hemorrhage.

Purtell, Edward Geoffrey

Passed away 27/11/1941 at the Battle of Crete on the Parramatta. Sunk by U559 off Tobruk on that day. Awarded the Imperial DSM for service during this encounter. Born 2nd February 1906 and joined the Navy as a Boy II 27th January 1921. At that stage joined the Tingara, and was promoted to Boy I and Boy Writer whilst serving on Tingara. Served from early 1922 at Penguin and Platypus before a posting to Sydney 10/10/1922 - 14 April 1923 when he joined Brisbane until 14/6/1923. Service in Cerberus and Penguin followed before joining the Sloop Mallow 5/9/1924 to 31/12/1924. (He actually joined the RAN 2/2/1924)

Back to shore Penguin, Cerberus and London depot before he joined the Moresby 30/6/1925 - 10/9/1925 when further shore time ensure. He joined another Sloop Marguerite 2/8/1927 until 19/2/1929 when he moved to the RAN college (Promoted PO 2/2/1930 and CPO 2/2/1934) until he rejoined Moresby 19/2/1937 - 1/2/1939. He joined Parramatta 15/6/1940 and stayed onboard until the ship was sunk in 1941.

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Roll of Honour - War Memorial. His name is located at panel 4 in the Commemorative area at the Australian War Memorial.

Putland, Ross Adamson



Joined 22/10/1951. O/N 46218. Served in establishments Cerberus, Penguin, Kuttabul and Lonsdale. In May 1955 he joined Vengeance until August when he posted to the London Depot until joining Melbourne October 1955 until December 1956. Discharged 21st October 1957.

Pyers, Douglas Hugh Frank 'Doug'



Passed away 20/9/2004. R37924. DOB 6/9/1931. Joined 5th December 1949 and was due DEE 5/9/1971. His shore postings included Cerberus, Lonsdale, Penguin, Tarangau and Watson. His sea postings: Vengeance 29/9/1952 to 2/11/1953. Promoted LS in 1955. Quiberon 14/1/1960 to 22/5/1960. Melbourne 30/12/1961 to 24/11/1962. Promoted PO in 1964 and CPO 1967. Supply 16/2/1968 to 26/8/1969.

Pywell, Robert William

Joined 5 January 1949. O/N 40234. Had ex Royal Navy service 1939 – 1946. Promoted in daily stages in joining to LS and PO. Promotion to CPO was in January 1951. Much of his time was served at sea except for a short period at Kuttabul, Watson and Penguin. His sea service commenced on joining on Sydney until August 1949. He joined Australia August 1951 until June 1952 when he posted to Sydney until January 1953. He discharged 4th January 1955.