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Taprell, Gladys May (Nee Bland)

WR402. Joined 9/12/1942 as an Office Orderly and transferred to Assistant Writer 22/12/1945, rated Wtr 6/1/1945 and discharged 24/12/1945. Served Rushcutter. Passed away 2/2/2011.

Tatnell, Shane Maxwell 'Spider'



Passed away 1st January 2011. Ex CPOWTR. Spider was an Instructor at the Supply school from May 1986 to March 1989. Spider was an Instructor at Supply School from 1986 to March 1989. A handy footballer in his time. Served at Albratoss in the early 1980's and Harman in the 1970's.

Taubman, Meg (nee Yeow)



Ex WRWTR. Joined in March 1962. Prior to joining, the Recruiting Centre told me that I was the first Asian (from the Eastern side of the earth anyway) to join and although I was Australian born, I would stand out like a 'sore toe'! Not discouraged, I replied "what else is new?" On reflection, I think there was much discussion as to whether I should be accepted by the Navy in the first place. My father was an unsung war hero, who helped the Aussies fight against the Japanese in Timor. He acted as an interpreter, provided food, shelter, etc. to the troops and tracked through the jungle with them. He even had a price put on his head by the Japanese (they knew a local was helping). I am sure the Navy relented because of this. I also served with 'Choco' Williams; we both stood out like sore toes, but there was never any racial prejudice and as a result, this enabled me to mature with confidence.

At the Cerberus Supply School, Frank Shugg was one of my instructors. One day, Stores PO John Halifax, threw a rubber spider onto my typewriter. The Supply School erupted with my screams and John, himself, was laughing so much, I thought he would wet his pants! That was all good fun. Today, they would call it 'harassment.' At the time, he and 'Shuggy' were my favourite POs, who always put a spark into our lives.



The Navy years are the most memorable years of my life. Apart

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from all the fun, the professional work experience I had gained later enabled me to obtain fantastic secretarial jobs overseas and back home.

Telfer, William Ian 'Bluey'



Joined 10th September 1948. R 36636. Served in shore establishments Cerberus, Penguin, Kuttabul and Albatross. Sea service: Warramunga 1951 - 1952 as AB, then as LS to 11/1952, Arunta 1952 - 1953. Promoted PO 1955 - Tobruk 1956-1958. DEE 9th September 1960.

Tenison-Woods, Julian John 'Jack'

B4634. Joined 6/5/1943 and served at Cerberus, Moreton, Gladstone and Basilisk. Demobbed 11 July 1947.

Thomas, Ken



Ex CPOWTR R28079. RAN service was from 23/10/1945 to 7/01/1957. RAFR service was from 8/1/1957 to 29/1/1962. RANR service was from 30/1/1962 to 31/1/1963 and RANVR from 1/2/1963 to 31/1/1969. I joined in 1945 as a Probationary Writer 2nd class and as I had 10 months "boy's time", I had to stay in the New Entry School until I turned 18 and became a writer.

There was no training for writers in those days and I went from the "bull ring" into the Central Registry Office, after three months learning how to march, fire rifles and other weaponry, how to use a gas mask, seamanship and so on. I had never touched a typewriter and no idea what a ledger or a Service Certificate was. The Chief in charge, Tom Pollie, was an RAN Auxiliary and the other seniors were WRANS. I learned only how to shuffle files and papers. After about a year, I was drafted to Kuttabul, Garden Island, but was accommodated at Rushcutter and went to work by work boat. Lunch was on board the old Australia, which was alongside Garden Island. (I remember having great difficulty in finding the mess deck.) I worked in the Accounts Office and still had not touched a typewriter, pay ledger or Service Certificate. After about four months, I got my first sea draft.

It was very exciting until I realised that I was the Captain's Secretary on the Lachlan. I was the only writer on the ship, made up of hydrographers and seamen with survey rates. I knew nothing and there was no one to ask! I remember taking a long time to type my first letter to the Secretary of the Naval Board, whom I addressed as "Dear Sir". You may imagine the reply I got! Life on board a survey ship, for a writer, was extremely boring. In a whole year, we steamed a multitude of miles, rarely set foot on dry land and went from Sydney to South Australian waters

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in the first half of the year and then to the North coast of Western Australia for the second. In those days, to pass for Leading Writer, a Supply Officer asked a few questions, and if he was as dumb about things as you were, you were able to pass. The only Supply Officer available to me was at Melville in Darwin, where we went for supplies and fuel. I had to get the Captain's permission to sit for the exam and he made the 'complimentary' remark, "you don't even know how to be a writer so how do you think you can be a leading writer?" Fortunately, I did pass! Needless to say, I wasn't sorry to leave that ship. After Lachlan, I spent considerable time at Cerberus with a short spell at Ships in Reserve, Geelong, before getting my next sea draft to the Culgoa in January 1953, by then, a PO Writer. My first son was born at that time and I did not get to hold him until he was 11 months old.

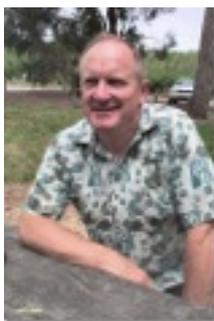


I was back to Cerberus in 1954 for four months, then went to Torrens for the last two years or so of my Service. Torrens, in those days, you could liken to "McHale's Navy", but I did manage to pick up my CPO rate there. I joined the Reserves, firstly the RAFR, then RANR, then the RANVR until 31/1/1969. However, I did really lose track with my fellow writers after mid 1954.

Thomas, Margarita (Nee Buchmayer)

LSWTR. In 2000, she was awarded the Conspicuous Service medal (CSM). "For outstanding service as the Leading Seaman Writer pay and accounts officer HMAS Creswell. A most impressive sailor, Leading Seaman Buchmayer has consistently delivered an exceptional service to HMAS Creswell and the community. Her commitment and outstanding devotion to duty and her continual efforts to strive for excellence reflect great credit on herself and the Royal Australian Navy."

Thompson, Allan



I joined the RAN as a Writer, shortly after matriculating at Marion High School. My first posting ex Cerberus was to Harman (pay office). I also served ashore at Kuttabul, Nirimba and Harman (Navy Office). All sea time was aboard Melbourne except for a short stint on Sydney (in hammocks).

I was aboard Sydney at time of Voyager incident - remember being awoken in the middle of the night to dig out Midshipmen files! Not sailors! I was aboard Melbourne when she hit the USS Frank E Evans. I felt so sorry for Captain Stevenson who was blameless and a great guy and next in line for Admiral.

My second draft (ex Harman as a Writer), was to FOCAF aboard Melbourne. I had 3 bosses: Fleet Communications, Fleet TAS and Fleet Gunnery Officers.

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“Guns” was Commander Charles St B Moore and rectified my unfortunate start at Harman by giving me a VG Superior assessment that stuck! From then on I didn't look back and spent most of my time in an acting rank above what I had (waiting for the minimum time and getting higher duties allowance).

As POWTR I also spent time in Melbourne's pay and accounts offices: Highlight was Expo 70 in Japan. Don Spender, who introduced me to RAN Writers, was one of my Writers on Melbourne at that time. Sadly I don't remember any of the guys. My memory is not good for names now.

My best man at my wedding on 5 Oct 1968 to WRAN Steward Gray, was Leading Writer John Grantins from Sutherland NSW. We were both at HARMAN.



Another highlight as PO was the privilege of being Commander Goldrick's "right hand man" when CONS was first created post VOYAGER. Commander Goldrick was another great officer. We got on well - even took me sailing on Lake Burley Griffin. He wanted me to become a commissioned officer.

Left the RAN after 9 years. I still have fond memories of my Navy days and look back on them as the best years of my life. Oh to be young again?!

Thwaite, Noel

Service No. S5300. Noel enlisted as a writer on 10/3/1941 and was discharged on 16/7/1946. My service started in the Recruiting office in Loftus Street, Sydney on 10th March, 1941 where the person in charge was C.P.O. Writer McHattie. When I enquired of him about my future career he assured me that I would shortly be sent to Cerberus for a six week course and then off to sea. Some assurance! I am now 87 years of age and have yet to even see that august establishment. My duties at Loftus Street were to "supervise" the examination of recruits whose educational qualifications were only up to primary school standard. I was still able to live at home in Sydney.

After a few weeks I was transferred to the de-gaussing unit which was set up to counter the affects of ships' hulls on magnetic mines. This unit operated in Sydney Harbour at Shark Island on the side of which 7 coiled cables were laid on the harbour floor to register ships' magnetic fields. Our team of 3 writers operated the cameras which recorded the readings on each cable, developed the films, traced and combined the graphs and passed the results to the engineers who devised the counter measures. Sometimes the hours required us to spend the night on Shark Island but we had the use of a naval motor launch which was allocated to the job if we wanted to go ashore.

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Later in the year I received a posting to Thursday Island (HMAS Moreton) to assist the Naval Control Service officer whose task was to advise ships' captains heading to Milne Bay, Merauke and Darwin. First, however, I was required to spend six weeks at the Hydrographic Office in Margaret Street, Sydney, learning about navigational charts and how to bring them up to date with wrecks, other hazards and navigational aids. The navy was obviously anticipating Japanese involvement because a depot had been set up on Thursday Island.

I was a very excited young writer going off to war with my kit bag and tennis racquet when I was picked up by launch from a point in Sydney Harbour to take passage in the corvette Townsville (Left). After a ten day uneventful voyage, but with dawn action stations, I arrived at T.I. on 2nd February, 1942, my 20th birthday. It soon became the centre of bustling military activity as forces arrived, planes took off from Horn Island for bombing raids in New Guinea, Japanese planes bombed the aerodrome and Kitty Hawks and Zeros battled over the Torres Straits. Fortunately for us the Japanese didn't waste any bombs on T.I. although we feared they might and had to dig bomb shelters just in case. For us it was a spectacle to be observed in detachment although conscious that it was serious and lives were at risk after that phase of the war passed life settled down into a very pleasant existence. A rugby league football competition was organised between naval, military forces on T.I. and visiting naval crews and I passed an examination for leading writer (with encouragement from the Pay Lieutenant and Sub Lieutenant aware of my complete ignorance of normal writers' duties). A lucrative activity of many sailors was working pearl and turtle shell into trinkets and souvenirs, many of which were sold to American troops. Many such items were beautifully made by the more skilful among us.

After that interesting posting I returned in September 1943 to Sydney and HMAS. Penguin, the Balmoral naval depot where I was appointed to pay ledgers. I remained there, becoming a "staunchon", until 30th May, 1945 when I joined the Commodore's staff on Shropshire (left). Apart from patrolling the seas around and to the west of the Philippines the most dramatic event was supporting the landing at Balikpapan in Borneo, a most impressive display of military planning and execution. It makes me marvel at the D Day organisation. On board the Shropshire was a war correspondent to cover the landing. As we set course for Borneo he was writing and I was typing the account of the operation which was yet to take place. It was far more dramatic than the actual event was. We were not attacked at anytime and while bombarding shore installations sailors were playing Tombola on the upper deck.

We were at sea when the cessation of hostilities was announced, only two and a half months after I joined the ship, and we headed immediately to Tokyo Bay where we remained at anchor. Massive naval forces assembled for the signing of the peace treaty ceremony. We had leave in Japan, walked the Ginza, toured the countryside in a charcoal burning bus and I had my first experience of hot spring baths. When the flag was transferred to HMAS Hobart after the signing Shropshire returned to Sydney and I to Penguin as a ledger keeper again. I was discharged in July, 1946.

Tibbals, Eric Thomas



Passed away 6th October 2011. DOB 10/9/1926. PM 7959. Ex WTR. Joined at Cerberus in January 1945. In March 1945, became a Probationary Writer. Served at Melville from March 1945 to January 1946 as a Writer in the Ship's office. Posted to Lonsdale from January 1946 to February 1947 as a Writer on the Demobilisation staff. Eric was demobilised 24th February 1947.

Tickle, John Robert

Passed away 2006. Ex LWTR R51974. John joined the RAN on 14/5/1956 for six years. He was promoted to WTRII on 14/11/1956, WTR on 30/4/1958 and LWTR on 10/2/1961. His postings were: Cerberus on 14/5/1956, Queenborough 21/3/1958, Kuttabul 24/10/1959, Barcoo 6/11/1960 and Albatross 5/12/1961. He was discharged on 13/8/1962. He was reported in the RSL's Reveille as having died in 2006.

Tierney, Joseph



Joined 07/05/1951 O/N 45281. Joined as RCTSMN and transferred to Writer in July 1972. Served in establishments Platypus, Penguin, Kuttabul, Melville. Sea service was Vengeance September 1954 - October 1955 when he transferred to Melbourne until May 1956. He was discharged BNPS 4th August 1959.

Tiley, Andrea 'Annie'

Passed away 28th My 2014 of cervical cancer aged 49 years. Ex SWWTR.

Tilney, Graham Ross 'Roscoe'



Passed away in the 1980s as a result of a MVA. Ex CPOWTR. He joined 30th July 1956 and discharged 14th April 1979. R52243. Bases included Cerberus, Penguin, Rushcutter, Creseell, Albatross and Watson. Sea postings Tobruk 1958-59, Melbourne 1961-62 and 1964-65, Sydney 1962-64. Promotion pattern LS 1960, PO 1965 and CPO 1969.

Todd, Lesley (Nee Nunn)



Passed away 20th September 2011. R85199. Lesley joined the RAN 4th November 1960 for 4 years. After joining and completing her course she stayed at Cerberus until September 1961 when she was posted to Moreton for 12 months. She subsequently spent five months at Cerberus and finally joined Penguin 5th March 1963. She was promoted LWTR 1st May 1964. She married Jock Todd (Safety Equipment) who passed away in June 2008.

Tomes, Dale

Ex POWTR R135880. Joined as a JR (2nd last intake - Stevenson 85th) in 1984 and served until 1996. As at 2005, was working for Defence as the Staff Officer in the Collins Systems Program Office. He has one son, Cameron. He was previously married to ex LSWTR Sheree Tomes (nee Rogers & formerly Pedder).

Townsend, John Thomas

R52575. Joined 26th November 1956 and served in establishments Nirimba, Lonsdale, Harman and Platypus. His sea service consisted of Melbourne 1959 – 60, Vendetta 1963 – 64, Perth II 1965 – 67.

John was a Petty Officer when he transferred to Naval police in July 1969.

Trebilco, Marie Ilma

Passed away 11 December 2012. W2479. Served 1944-1946. Shore establishments served were Lonsdale, Rushcutter, Penguin and Monterey 45-46.

Trevithick, John Ernest Henry



R44169. Joined 18th January 1951 and served 6 years. Served in Cerberus until 18/9/1951, then Penguin until 14/7/1953, Kuttabul until 22/1/1954 then joined the Sydney until 20/10/1955 where he was posted to Penguin until DEE 17/1/1957.

Triplett, Leonard James 'Len'

Passed away 1978. Joined 23rd September 1940 and demobbed 3rd June 1946. P/N 3037. Served at Lonsdale, Platypus, Cerberus. Sea postings included Canberra 1941-42, Warrego 1942-44. LS on discharge.

Trott, William James Howard 'Bill'

Passed away 12/02/2006. Joined 4th May 1956 in RAFR for FTS 6 years then a further 4 x 6 months. R51956. Subsequently entered the PNF 13th January 1966 as LS. Believed to have discharged 11th January 1972. Shore bases included Cerberus, Watson, Penguin, Albatross. Sea postings Melbourne 1958-59, Sydney 1966-67, Vendetta 1967. Promoted PO in 1967.

Tucker, Brian



Ex WOWTR R44353. Joined the Navy on 17/2/1951. Served at or in (in alphabetical order) Albatross, Cerberus, Encounter (Recruiting), Kuttabul (Fleet Staff), Lonsdale, Melbourne (Retinue), Moresby, Platypus (SIR Sydney), Sydney (Retinue), Tobruk (D10), Torrens (ASTF Maralinga), Vampire, Vendetta, Waratah and Watson. Discharged on 30/6/1977.

I joined when the Navy was still in its post WW2 hangover. There were new ideas but still old methods, and certainly old attitudes. I learned to keep a Ledger, write Service Certificates, type, and use a duplicator; everything else was native cunning and a very strong urge to survive. I saw the reintroduction of the WRANS, the change to PAC from Ledger, (kept a dummy duplicate in conjunction with the Ledger to see if it would work; it seemed to) and the demise of the S.C. to be replaced with the Print Out. I saw the AS507 replaced with a PP1, decimal currency, the end of the Commissioned Gunner/

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writer/Stoker etc. and the reintroduction of the WO rank. (The first two promoted at Cerberus were congratulated at the table by the Commodore who, in his best plummy voice, said, "Congratulations on your promotions. I have absolutely no idea what it is you are supposed to do, but go and do it well, won't you."



I saw the introduction of plain clothes for leave, and many other changes, some good and others, well, typical public service, did the job of one person and took ten to do it. Had some very good times and some not so good, but never met a scribe who I would cross the street to miss. Under the same conditions I would do it all over again, but today I think I would not be comfortable with all the enlightened red tape. It appears that today's sailor is just a public servant who wears funny work clothes, and I don't think there is an officer left who could say "Caay Ong Chief - make it so."

Turk, Neville Quinn Anzac

Passed away date not known. Joined 2nd July 1934. PN 20190. Served at Cerberus, Penguin, Moreton Bay, London Depot, Kuttabul, Madang and Tarangau. Sea service in Canberra 1934-35, Australia 1936-38. Promoted Warrant Officer Commissioned 1946 and served i Tobruk 1955-57. Discharged PUNS 21 December 1969 in the rank of LCDR.

Turner, Jackee



ABWTR W153266. I joined the RAN on 4 July 1994 (GE111) from Townsville (QLD). After completion of Recruit and Writer training at HMAS Cerberus, was posted to HMAS Platypus in February 1995 until my discharge in March 1997. Whilst at Platypus, I worked as the Assistant to the Submarine Support Officer and was involved in the survey "Introduction of females to Submarines". I also represented the Navy in Inter-Service swimming, water polo and triathlons.

The highlights of my Navy time include a week at HMAS Creswell for the NBCD Course, a ski trip to Mt. Buller, an abseiling trip to Kanangra Walls and the friendships I made. My sea time was always a laugh, as it was made up of a couple of trips across Sydney Harbour from Platypus to Garden Island and back again. Although I didn't get the opportunity to travel the world in the RAN, I did so in the following years. I spent the late 90's living in the UK and backpacking across 30 plus countries.



My working career after the RAN has been made up of working in various Industries including Maritime for 6 six years. After completing a Business degree and studies in Occupational Health and Safety I worked my way up to HR

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Manager before starting a HR & WHS Consulting Business. As at 2013, I am living in Newcastle (NSW) with my husband Neil and managing JACEVO Consulting.

Turner, Kelvin 'Kel'



Kel Turner joined the Navy as a Junior Recruit on 22/04/9174. Having completed the Topman Course at Leeuwin, he had a 12 month stint at Creswell as a Cadet Midshipman. A bit of a lad at the time, the Navy felt that he was better suited to being a sailor, so on 29 Apr 77 he was posted to Cerberus to complete Adult Recruit training, and later that year, his Writer course.

On his first posting after course, he came in contact with his good mate Andy Hobbs. Kel and Andy were 'One Badge' Seaman Writers together and later served together as ABs (Kuttabul), LS (Brisbane) and POs (Harman NOPO) prior to Kel being commissioned and Andy carrying on through to WO. (Both are now LCDRs, recently working together in FHQ).

Notable postings include the commissioning crew of Cook, three years at Moreton where he was the last President of the Junior Sailors Mess. Kel is still serving and is currently posted as the Deputy Fleet Supply Officer, and should be there until Jan 09.

Turnour, Joan Pauline (Nee Cope)



W2513. Born 8th August 1926. Joan joined the RAN 20th January 1945 and served until 24th April 1946. Joan was one of those Writers that were selected as a 'coder'. She was based at Lonsdale but actually worked at Albert Park, Monterey Flats as they were called.



Twist, John Thomas (Olly)



R106305. Joined the navy on 27/6/1970 from homeport, Melbourne. After Recruit Training at Cerberus, I was posted to Sydney as ORDWTR in September 1970 for common sea training. (Probably where my career peaked, as Captain of '2Quebec' heads and baths.) Returned to Cerberus in March 1971 for Writer Course, having Ron Dalgleish, Marty Grogan and Wayne Harris as instructors, then posted to Cerberus as WTR2 in June 1971.

In March 1972 I was posted to Watson, then took up a sea draft to

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Moresby in August 1972, where I was promoted to ABWTR. Came ashore to Harman, Navy Office (DSP) in August 1973, then moved to Cerberus in September 1974. Went back to sea in Vendetta in August 1976, which was followed by a posting to Leeuwin (for Stirling) in April 1978, then Stirling in July as commissioning ship's company, along with Paul Cant, Rod Laycock and Bruce Whitaker. I moved back to the east coast in September 1979 to Cairns, then went south to Lonsdale (RANRTF) in February 1981, which turned out to be the best job I had.

I headed back to sea again in Moresby in February 1983, then was posted back to Cerberus in February 1984, where I was promoted to LSWTR. Had a draft to Albatross in December 1984, followed by Lonsdale (RAAF Laverton) in April 1986 which turned out to be the worst job I had, although socially fantastic. My final posting was back to Cerberus once again in April 1987, where I was discharged on 26/6/1990.