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Wake, Jeff



I joined the JRTE HMAS Leeuwin in the 7th intake in July 1963. (And I am still known by the name 'Budda' to ex Nakina 63 JRs.) I was categorised as an ORDCO on completion of JRTE training in 1964 and posted to Sydney after she returned from her Borneo trip. After 12 months as an 'Ord Various' I was posted to Cerberus for Communications courses. Finding I was hopeless at Morse and flashing light signaling, I had never paid much attention to typing, but then it all became very clear. A new comms branch was formed, Data Operator (DO), and I thought that would be a good

little number, just sitting at Harman and especially not going to sea on moving platforms.

I was duly categorised as a DO and joined the second course to go through Cerberus. It was all new, however typing became a very big part of the course and this I didn't like at all. I ended up failing the typing component, so transferred to the Writer Branch and waited about two months for the next course. Meantime, I was employed on the 'Cerberus City Council', painting rocks and paving to caress the QMG's at Gunnery School. I blitzed the WTR course and regained two months loss of time, and was posted out to the FOCAF registry as a WTR2 in late 1966. As my supervisors, Bob Baird was the LWTR and Mick Compton the POWTR. Heading back to sea, I joined Queenborough as a WTR in 1967 for 12 months, with Ian 'Taxi' McLaughlin as CPOWTR and Max Bronson as the LWTR. One of nature's gentlemen was the CMDR S, Vin Frilay. The next 18 months went very quick and I was off again, this time posted to Leeuwin pay office with Jo McGrade as the LWTR and Charlie Campbell, the CPOWTR. The 'Lottery' came up trumps when I got picked to go to Waratah (ANA Washington Staff) and I was posted in January 1969. I served there with POWTR 'BJ' Tucker, LWTR Alan Henderson and yes, I was A/LWTR Wake. I left Waratah in late 1971 for CPOWTR 'Gogga' Gent's kingdom at Penguin [a place full of cripples and criminals].

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There I met the mild mannered, slow moving Queenslander, Gus Russell, who shared Registry with me. When POWTR Charlie Sudgen came back from Saigon into Personnel, I ended up working in Personnel with the man. But Googa was always there, wiping down his make and mend sticks for the Wednesday sporty, or maybe Thursday, or even Friday. Three months later, I was off to the Sydney, doing troop voyages to Vung Tau and bringing back the 'green machine.' Late in 1973, I was posted off to Watson to the Personnel Office. At this particular time, I had had a couple of removals and always got short changed. Hence, whilst at Watson, I did a fair bit of reading of NPIs and became a bit of a boffin. (DAS hated me because I informed the sailor of absolutely all of his or her entitlements.) I served twelve months at Watson, then finally, after much bitching in Billy Bayliss's ear, [he took over as SO from Vin Frilay who passed away whilst I was at Watson] he drafted up the signal for my Final Removal to get me back to Leeuwin.

Twelve months later, I paid off and joined the RAFR. I got a job with the Western Australian Government Railways and did 26 years with them. My final designation was Training and Development Coordinator for the Urban Passenger (Electric) Division. I was the sole trainer, looking after 360 personnel involving trade back grounds, security staff, customer service, and electric railcar driver training. In 1978 I transferred to the RANR. I was selected for an 18 month RANR Officer Training Course, culminating with a Commission as a SBLT RSSU in 1983. Promotion followed to LEUT in 1986, prior to a transfer to Fremantle Port Division and being integrated within Stirling Command.

Based on my civilian qualifications, I ended up as a SU IT. Promotion to LCDR followed in 1999 and because of rank, it was difficult to receive employment, which was driven by the \$ value; eg. OICs could get 3 AB's for the price of 1 LCDR. A highlight of my RANR career was the award of the Reserve Force Decoration. I had to give up employment in 2000 due to PTSD and a marriage breakdown, which normally goes with the 'condition.' I am happy to say that I met a new partner, became engaged and married in March 2005. I have qualified as a Pensions Officer with DVA and my current hobby is helping Veterans' process their Disability Claims.

Walker, Anne M. (nee Smith)



Ex LWRWTR. Joined 11/11/1968 and discharged 14/7/1974. Anne served at Cerberus, Albatross, Lonsdale, Harman, and at Kuttabul as LWRWTR.

Walker, Kate



“Navy News Article March 15 1991 “Cool hand Kate's medal” LWRWTR Kate Walker, an accomplished sportswoman and squash ‘rep’, has received an Australia Day medallion for her contributions to HMAS Kuttabul.

Described by our correspondent as ‘tall, slender, pretty, blue-eyed and blonde. Kate joined the RAN in 1985 and Kuttabul 2 years later. Her duties have included:

The POWTR's billet in removals for six months in 1990 Responsibility for IJJO personnel at KUTTABUL (20 cases a week). Far exceeding the requirements expected of her for rank and experience.. General service' to the KUTTABUL naval community. "Her likeable, easy-going personalty never changes, even under stress, “ our correspondent adds. Well done. Kate!”

Wall, Brian ‘Bulkhead’



'Bulkhead' Deceased. POWTR Stories from old mates: Pat McGeown says “Bulkhead was my POWTR in Moreton. He then left and went recruiting before he left the RAN. He spent much time in the mess and was loved by the Customs and Water Police who drank their also. The water police fished him out of the Brisbane River one night after he tried to swim across. Jack King was the CPOCOX at Moreton. New rules were introduced regarding alcohol and a chit had to be filled in if you bought alcohol and took it ashore. Bulkhead filled in his chit and wrote "a gut full of piss" and handed it in at the gangway when he left. Next morning the coxswain wanted to charge him for bringing alcohol onboard as he reckoned it wouldn't have had time to leave his body.

Bob Collins recalls “He was one of the real characters of his day, liked his beer and was a good mate to have around if the going got tough. Served many a year with him at Cerberus, Lonsdale, Sydney, Melbourne and FOCAF. When the going got tough at FOCAF Bulkhead and myself would do a stationary run, these could last an hour or two to a full day pending on how p.....off we were. On one occasion we were having quite a session in a pub up the cross when the Naval Patrol (LEUT Slattery I/C) fronted us. Slatts said they were looking for two scribes from FOCAF Staff and had we seen them. Quick as a flash Bulkhead said we had bumped into them down at BELL's pub to which Slatts sent his mob out to their vehicle and turned to us and suggested we finish up here, collect our stationary and be back at FOCAF before he can report back that he didn't find the Writers concerned. Bulkhead was a real gentleman.”

Walliker, Michael

Ex LSWTR Served in RN from 1945 to 1948 and RAN from 1949 to 1955.

Walsh, Peter James 'PJ'



Passed away on 29/12/2004, following a rugged five month battle with bone cancer. Ex CPOWTR.

Walters, Janice

R86097. Joined 14/5/1965 and served in establishments Cerberus, Kuttabal, Penguin. Promoted LWRWTR 12/5/1967. Discharged on marriage 24th June 1967.

Wardle, Charle Edwin 'Ted'

Passed away 2000. R25484. Joined 9th October 1948 and discharged 8th October 1956. Was ex Royal Navy prior to joining the RAN. Served on HMS Glory 48/49, Sydney 1/48 to 12/50. Shore establishments included Cerberus and Lonsdale.

Wardle, Eric Norman

O/N 15679. Joined 19th August 1944 for 2 years or 'as long as required by the Commonwealth Government' at the London Depot. Joined as POWTR. He reverted to the Royal Navy 1st February 1945.

Wardle, Hugh Anderton

Joined 8/1/1961. R93299. Served at Leeuwin, Cerberus, Albatross and Penguin. Discharged SNLR 30th July 1963.

Warner, John Linton Henry



Passed away 22nd January 2012. Official Number 45027. Joined the RAN 2nd April 1951, his postings were Cerberus and Lonsdale. John applied to be an Officer cadet in the Army and his release was approved and he was released from the RAN 26th June 1953.



Warren, Ada (Nee Vardon)



Ex WRWTR (ST). Served from 1968 to 1971, mostly at HMAS Cerberus.

Warren, Joyce Margaret (Nee Horn)

Passed away date not known. . WR 1182. Joined 12/4/1943 as a WRWTR Group III, advanced to WTR 1943 and LS 1945. Discharged 26/2/1946. Served Moreton.

Watson, Frank Rowland

Passed away 1/3/1942. O/N 20771. Joined 15th April 1935 and posted Cerberus until 25/9/1935 when he joined Penguin. His 1st sea posting was Australia 23/1/1937 until 18/4/1938 when he joined Albatross. Brief posting before joining Sydney 28/6/1938 until 3/2/1939 when he joined Penguin. (LS 26/9/1939) Seven months later 1/9/1939 he joined Australia until 23/4/1940, where once again he posted to Penguin 23/4/1940. (PO 1/4/1940) Seventeen months later he joined Perth (30/9/1941) and was on the ship when it was sunk. He perished in this action.

Watson, Phillip John

Joined 30th April 1946. R30700. Served at Cerberus, Leeuwin, Penguin, Kuttabul and Nirimba. Sea postings Warrego 49-50, Warramunga 50-51, Sydney 55-56.

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Promoted Po in 1959 and then transferred to Naval Police but was discharged FREE April 1961.

Rejoined in 1964 as Constable but transferred to Writer 2 days later. Promoted LS and PO in 1964. Served Penguin, Kuttabul and Waterhen. Sea service Hobart 65-67. Reverted to LS in 1969. Not known after Feb 1970.

Watson, Raymond Sanders

Passed away 26th October 2010. Official Number S6986. Joined the RAN on 30th July 1942 at Rushcutter as a Writer Probationary, and promoted to Writer 29th October 1942. He was posted to Cerberus for some time before joining Australia 26th August 1944 (Australia was the it became the first Allied ship to be dived on by kamikaze pilots) and posted to Kuttabul 13th October 1945. Demobbed 8th July 1946.



In later life Raymond became a Justice of the Family Court. Some of you may remember the 'Drury' shooting in June 1984. Justice Ray Watson, was injured in a bombing that killed his wife, Pearl, when she opened the door of the couple's Greenwich unit a month after the Drury shooting. Raymond became a "Member of the Order of Australia" on 13th June 1993. For "Service to Law, particularly in the fields of family law and criminal law reform"

Watson, Shirley (nee Riley)

O/N 85806. Joined 21st January 1964 and served at cerberus, Harman and Lonsdale. Discharged on marriage 25th November 1967.



Watson, Robin 'Wog'



Passed away 2.04.1993. Ex WOWTR. 'Woggie' was born in Brisbane on 1/5/1939 and was brought up in Coolangatta. He joined the Navy in 1956 as a Recruit Writer at Cerberus. He served in Cerberus, Yarra, Creswell, Melbourne, Quickmatch, Tarangau, Penguin, Waterhen and Harman (NO). He married Kay in 1961 and had two children, Anthony in 1962 and Melissa in 1964. He retired from the RAN in 1989, and died suddenly of heart disease on 2/4/1993 in the ACT.

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Where did his nickname 'Woggie' or 'Wog' stem from? Probably the only ones who really know are 'Beachball' Sharman and 'Wettex' Curtin, but the most likely version stems from his appearance when he arrived at Cerberus after more than three days and three nights of steam train travel from South Brisbane. Add to that the fact that even at the age of 17, he was fond of a tippie and those three days represented the first 'flight of freedom' from the parental nest. The tippie was therefore probably more like a 'deluge'. Anyway, it is said that the Chief GI, who whipped together those new recruits on arrival, reckoned (in those less politically correct or culturally sensitive days) that he smelt like a 'wog'. The name stuck. Certainly it was already with him by the time he went home on his first leave, as he was carrying a huge glass jar full of shredded pipe tobacco with an equally huge label on it announcing it to be 'Woggie's weed'. As he never smoked in his life, the purpose of Woggie's weed remains an enigma.

During his life he was blessed with extraordinary intelligence, a highly developed sense of humour, entertaining wit, and an ability to get on with almost anybody. The yang to this yin was a fondness for liquid refreshment, an inability to respect fools no matter their rank, and a volatile if not impetuous response to injustice, especially if it involved bureaucratic mindlessness. Sometimes combinations of these factors worked in his favour, such as the long period when he maintained a 'bar' in Navy Office, to the despairing but indulgent acquiescence of his boss, an infamous commodore who was DG Service Conditions, and who would have skewered anybody else trying the same stunt.

On other occasions they did not, and a graph of his progression and regression between AB and PO over a period of twenty years would make a hardened stockbroker dizzy. Once he made chief however, he was never reverted again, and then went on to become a WO, which was his rank at retirement.

A story of LSWTR Wog Watson by Richard 'Dick' Gottschalk. When I think of Writers who have gone to the big pay office in the sky - a legend was LSWTR Watson (Wog), a real character. I left Supply school in 1964 as a Writer 2 and was posted to the Junior Recruits SC section under LS Wog Watson. On entering the dingy little office building at Cerberus I was confronted by the Wog sitting at his desk sucking on a ice block and it was only about 8.15am, most other people were having a brew. After introductions, I was assigned to my desk, if you call it a desk, and surveying the situation I spotted this dirty big fly about a inch across splattered on the wall with green texta circle around him and the word "got im".

Then I spotted all these incomplete Service Certificates, piles of them, all over the floor all stacked in neat rows, all still with the docs from the recruiting states inside. The Wog quickly explained how to fill them out and set me to task. In those days we had 2 divisions of JR'S at Cerberus (120 in each Div) and 2 intakes.

When I started on the SC's they weren't the last intake, they were the one before that, these things were 12 months old. Being a raw bone I didn't know the difference and as such I was working with posting notes 12 months old. By this time these sailors had gone, been posted elsewhere, and some even back to Cerberus. By now, I was becoming really experienced and Wog would allow me to see the RSC Signals (a

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real insult in those days to the recipient) from various ships wanting to upgrade the respective sailors SC's history.

So off I would send them, passed swimming test, passed Junior Recruit Training, passed first aid, you name it, they all passed everything according to the Wog. Leave taken was a bit of a problem so Wog said "just put in there "all leave taken" sign all the necessary areas and send them off. All the JR's SC were originally signed R. Gottschalk Writer 2 and probably the only and last time that ever happened

Breakfast was great in the office every morning. After Wog had his ice block he punched a couple of holes in a tin of baked beans or spaghetti , tied string around the tin and lowered it all into the coffee urn to heat up

Wog took me fishing one night to Hans Inlet. We were flush with stubbies and had just settled down on the bank, rods set, when we heard this rumbling sound, and in the same instant we both saw Wog's car rollin g in to the s e a . T h e c a r w a s only a b o u t 10 ft from Wog but he didn't make a move, only to have another sip from his can, then turned and said " You can tell the A/Sec Ill be late tomorrow" We stayed until we finished our cans, and , as the moon got up you could see it reflecting off the top of Wog's nearly submerged 1948 Holden.

One last thing I got to sucking ice blocks with Wog at 8.15 am every morning and I can assure you there's nothing like a rum and coke ice block just after colors to get the day started correctly.

Watt, Lyn (Nee Butler)

Passed away 1/8/2009. Joined 1942 and discharged 1946. She made the rank of CPO and served at Flinders Naval deport and Lonsdale.

Waugh, Graham Hall 'Woggy'

Joined 30th July 1962. R59242. Served at Cerberus, Albatross. Sea postings included Sydney 1964/65, attached to RAN Vietnam HelicopterFlight 1968/69. Promoted LS in 1967.

Wauchop, Leah Isabell

Joined 12 May 1943 and discharged 13 May 1946. WR1171. Served at Rushcutter whilst serving.

Waudby, Peter George



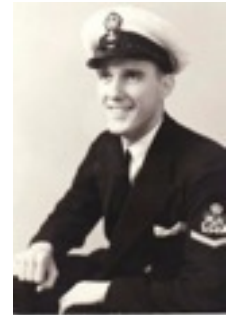
Passed away 30th October 2010. Joined 16th January 1965. R64049. After Cerberus training, he joined Melbourne 22/6/1965 until 18/2/1966. Cerberus until he joined Harman 1967, Albatross 1968, Melbourne 1968 until his discharge 8/12/1969. Discharged UFTRO. A colourful character who went absent twice (1967

Webb, Lindsey John



Passed away 29th May 2011. (Died the day/month he joined the RAN) R31260. Joined the RAN on the 29th May 1946 and was discharged 1st May 1959. After training he posted to Kuttabul 13/8/1946 until he moved to Penguin 1/10/1947. His next posting was up to Melville 9/2/1949 - 4/3/1951 when he joined Penguin again. He was promoted LS 1951 and on his promotion to PO 1953 joined Kuttabul. His 1st sea posting was Sydney 1 953 - 1955 when he was posted to Penguin. He rejoined Sydney 1958 - 1958 and was posted

straight to Melbourne (promoted to CPO 1959) until 15/8/1959, when a shore posting to Albatross occurred.



It was on the 6th March 1961 he moved to Harman (Navy Office). A sea posting to Supply 16/9/1964 and returned the Harman 23/10/1965. Prior to his discharge he managed an overseas posting 11/12/1966 until 2/4/1969 to Bangkok working at SEATO.

Wedlock, Brian



I joined on 20/6/1958. Shore postings were Kuttabul, Moreton, Melville, Albatross, Creswell, Leeuwin, some of them a couple of times. Ships served in were Gascoyne, Vendetta (twice) Duchess and Stuart. I was Discharged on 30/9/1978.

Over the years, I met some great characters, including 'Blue' Guild, 'Googa' Gent, 'Bulkhead' Wall, 'Beachball' Sharman, 'Haji' Barber and 'the Wog' to name a few. My highlights were the FESR trips and bicentennial trip to the US in 1976 in Stuart. Ex CPOWTR.

Westmore, Margaret Elizabeth (Nee Cox)

Passed away 20/5/2010. Joined 1/11/1943 and discharged 29/8/1946 as Wtr. Postings to Lonsdale, Moreton and Rushcutter..

Whear, Stanley Edward

He was born 4/1/1917 and joined the RAN 1/9/1939. After Cerberus he joined Yarra 2/9/1939 until 4/9/1939 when he had a brief stay at Penguin before joining Parramatta. 25/5/1940. Promoted LS 1/1/1941. He was posted 7th October 1941 just prior to its sinking to the London depot. He was 'Mentioned in Despatches' for good service in the battle of Crete.

Whilst at the London depot he was promoted PO 1/4/1942. He joined Shropshire 25/6/1943 and served until 27/10/1943 when he was posted to Cerberus/Lonsdale until his discharge 26th May 1946

Whear, Leonard John

Passed away 9/3/1942. DOB 26/12/1912. ON 19769. Joined Cerberus 30/5/1933 and one year later posted to Penguin 26/4/1934. Three months later 13/7/1934 he joined Canberra until joining Cerberus 13/11/1935. His last posting was Yarra 1/8/1940 and he passed away whilst the Yarra was in refit. (LS 1/1/34, PO 30/7/39, CPO 24/7/40)

Wheeler, David Everard

David joined Cerberus 29/11/1939 and one year later posted to Canberra 14/11/1940 until he joined Penguin 26/12/1941. Posted Kuttabul 1/1/1943 and Rushcutter 6/2/1943 where he was discharged PUNS 24/11/1944.

Whelan, David



Joined on 8/2/1969, and categorised as ORDEM on completion of Recruit training. He was posted to Vendetta in May 1969 for Vietnam 'Gun Line' deployment and transferred branch to WTR in October 1969. He completed Basic Writer Course 3/70, with a subsequent posting as ABWTR2 to FHQ for Fleet Writer Team in November 1970, where he served in various fleet units, including Sydney, Queenborough, Perth, Duchess, Stalwart and Vendetta. He joined Derwent as an ABWTR in January 1972, then Lonsdale in February 1973. A promotion to LSWTR followed in February 1974 and he was eventually posted to Duchess in February 1976 until she paid off in 1977. He went to NOICVIC in October 1977 as Assistant Secretary and was promoted POWTR in September 1978, which was followed by a posting to Cerberus as an Instructor at Supply School.

The year 1981 was spent at PSO Frankston and he was promoted to CPOWTR in January 1982 and joined Kuttabul as SO (Pay). A posting to sea in Swan as Captain's Secretary came in June 1982, then Harman (NO) in November 1983 as Seaman Category poster and then onto Melbourne Recruiting in December 1985. He was promoted to WOWTR in January 1988 and posted to Kuttabul as SO

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(Cash), then in October 1988 to DEFPAY Melbourne as Navy Liaison Officer at the time of the introduction of NAVPAY. Next posting was to Cerberus in March 1994 as a Divisional Officer at the Technical Training Centre. He was DEE on 3/7/1995. As at 2006, he was working as Tipstaff to the President of the Children's Court of Victoria.

Whelan, Leslie Philip

R50499. Joined 30/8/54 and discharged 16/9/66. Served at Cerberus, Lonsdale, Melville. His sea service consisted of Quadrant 57, Melbourne 57, Quickmatch 57/58, Vendetta 1958/1959 and Melbourne 1962/64. He was promoted to LS twice and disrated twice in the early 60's.

Whitaker, Bruce

Passed away 1999. Started his career as an MTP then transferred to Writer. He served in Stirling around 1979-81.

Whitbread, Miriam Marlene



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."

Whitbread, Romilly Blain 'Rom'

Passed away 2010. Joined 28th November 1964 as an EM and recategorised to WTR early 1965. He was discharged PUNS 28th May 1969. He served at Cerberus and Kuttabul. Sea service was Stuart 1965 and Melbourne 1968/69

Whitby, Wayne T.



Began Adult Entry Training on 21/9/1976 at HMAS Cerberus as a RCTWTR and on 11/12/1976, was promoted to SMNWTR*. I was posted to Cerberus as ship's company, awaiting a WTR course and during this time, was utilized as a team leader in the depot maintenance department. I commenced the basic WTR course on 28/8/1977 and on completion, was posted to Kuttabul for Captain's Office and Pay Office duties. In May 1978 I was promoted to ABWTR and in January 1979 I went to sea in Vendetta.

I came ashore to Kuttabul, then it was back to sea again in Melbourne, where I worked in the Pay Office and was also promoted to LSWTR in 1980. I moved to Perth the same year, then came ashore to Harman where I worked NOPO (Senior Officer's Section). Next came a posting to the North West Cape to NCS Harold E. Holt, where I worked in Pay & Accounts with the RAN Support. I completed the Advanced Writer Course in 1983 and completed the Advanced Combat Survivability Course the following year. I was posted to Kuttabul again in 1984 and later that year moved to Nirimba, where I worked in Personnel and Removals. In 1985 I went back to sea in Hobart, Registry and Administration, and also did the Advanced Certificate in Personnel Administration that year. I was promoted to POWTR and posted to Sydney as COSEC in 1987.

I completed the command tests for CPO promotion in 1987 and was posted to Navy Office as Helo Project Staff Admin Officer later that year. I completed the Petty Officer Management Course in 1988 and then was posted to Navy Office, for NAVPAY Design, Testing & Documentation, until my Discharge. I left the Navy in 1989 to accept an offer of managing a country golf club. This began a career in club management and over the next 10 years, I was CEO of three golf clubs and one bowling club in NSW, including the opportunity of managing a Group 1 golf club in Sydney. During this term, I gained an honorary degree in Club Management. In 1999 I believed I needed a change in life and decided to make the biggest move of my life and went to the United States. As at 2003, I am the Chief Financial Officer for an insurance company here on the West coast, about one and half hours outside of San Francisco, that conducts business country wide. I am now very settled and enjoying life in the States.

White, Colin James 'Knocker'



Passed away on 24/7/1974 at Hastings, Victoria. R59967. Joined the RAN 16/3/1963 for 12 years, but he passed away whilst serving. He served in shore establishments Cerberus, Albatross, Harman, Creswell and Watson. His sea postings were Sydney 9/6/1964 to 26/7/1964, Melbourne 19/9/1964 to 12/11/1964, Duchess 19/12/1966 to 17/12/1967. His service after 1969 is not known.

White, Leonard 'Knocker'



I joined the Navy on 14/7/1976 as a JR in the 56th intake of Collins Division and undertook the basic scribe's course No. 6 of 1977, under the tutelage of POWTR Lou Smith. Ex CPO.

The postings that stand out are: Harman (and subsequent NO jobs), AUSTFASO in Seattle, WA, DSCM as S and S poster, RAN Relief Trust Fund, Huon and twice on the mighty 'Wart' (at least she did sea-time when I was onboard). I met my wife Karen, (nee Anderson) at Harman in 1986 and we have been together since, with two children, Elliott (1993) and Victoria (1996). I was Discharged from the RAN on 12/7/1996.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time in the 'puss,' and in particular meeting so many wonderful people, especially the scribes. I made some very good friends. Those who had a significant impact on my life and career were: Pat Scully (first CPOWTR I worked for), Lance McDougall (first POWTR), Steve Daws (POWTR at Harman), Chalit 'Charlie' Emmerson (just a lovely person), Rick Armstrong, Bruce Lockyer and Davy "in the navy" Matters (mates at Kuttabul), Kevin Davidson (a fellow seasick sailor, but a great operator and 'runner'), Kevin Whiteway (SO(Cash) in the States), Ian 'Brose' Palmer and Mick Kelleher (both took me under their wings in the States), Michael 'Butch' Cassidy and Ian 'Doily Dan' Dollery (great mates in the States), Gary 'Kipper' Houghton, John 'Lance' Link, Steve Prohm, Greg Watson, John Gill and Mark 'Blinky' Rotherham (mates and such funny fellows at Harman), Al and Peter 'Pat' Dummett and Dave 'Radar' Ryan (mates and fellow leaguers at Harman) and finally Bruce 'the Beast' Klimeck (SO at Huon). I thank them all for the memories and their support.

I may be remembered for my various (and sometimes dubious) attempts at playing rugby league for Harman (occasional Union for Mons Cup), volleyball at Kuttabul, touch footy with DSCM, doing a bit of weight training and aerobics on the Stalwart, and generally endeavouring to keep fit.

White, Joe

R62081. Joined the RAN in April, 1963. He served in Sydney (for 2nd, 3rd, & 4th trips to Vietnam), also in Melbourne as Fleet Staff with FOO and did Expo 70 in Japan. The rest of his postings were shore drafts at Cerberus (3), Lonsdale (3) and Kuttabul (2).

Whitelaw, Alan Russell



Passed away 11th September 2012. Joined RANR 19th December 1940. PM 3191. Served at Lonsdale, Brisbane area, Magnetic and Melville. Promoted LS in 1942 and subsequently promoted to

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Paymaster Sub Lieutenant (OP) RANR 21st August 1943. He served on Hawkesbury as Paymaster Lieutenant from 12/1944 to 10/1945. Demobbed 25th November 1946.

Whitfield, Lionel William

Passed away 20th November 1941. P/N 13438. Lionel joined as a Tingaria BoyII on the 23/2/1922 until 31/7/1923. He joined Cerberus as a Boy Writer 1/8/1923 until 3/9/1923. He then joined the RAN 2/9/1924. He joined HMAS Geranium (first RAN survey ship) on 4/9/1923 – 27/2/1925. Further shore service as follows: Penguin 1925 – 1926, 1930 – 1932 and 1935 – 1938, Platypus 1927 – 1929, Cerberus 1929 – 1930, 1932 – 1933 and 1938 – 1941. Canberra 9/9/1934 – 18/11/1935. Sydney 2/9/1941 - 20/11/1941.(Went down with the Sydney) He was promoted LS 1927, PO 1930 and CPO 1934.

Whitton, Gary

R94355. Joined the RAN in January 1964 in Leeuwin's 8th JR Intake and trained until December 1964. Sea training was in Sydney from January 1965 to December 1965, then commenced the Writers Course in January 1966. Joined Albatross completion of training until I joined Sydney 28/3/1967 until 17/9/1967 when I got a posting to Tarangau. Stayed there until I joined Penguin 24th March 1968. Discharged Unsuitable 18th May 1968.

Williams, Douglas Henry

Passed away 1977. S6449 Doug joined the RAN 9/3/1942 and served at Cerberus after training until 15th March 1943 when he joined Napier. Served at Penguin 1944 and Kuttabul 1945. Promoted LS 1945.

Doug was temporary demobbed 23/8/1945 for 3 months to help in his fathers laundry business, after returning he only stayed a brief period until 1/3/1946 when he was officially demobbed.

Williams, Elma Grace 'Sally' (Nee Nielsen)

Passed away 12 April 2013. W2451. Joined 20 March 1945 until September 1946 her service number was and was a regular at the Writer's Sydney luncheons for many years. Served at Kuttabul and Lonsdale.

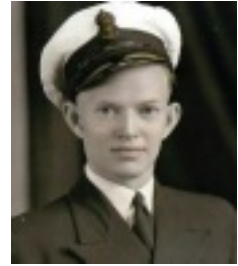
Williams, Hardley

Passed away date not known.

Williams, John Henry



John served during WWII, joining up on 6th May 1943 from Norham Army Camp WA to Cerberus. (Ex Kalgoorlie boy called up on 18th birthday and wanted to join the navy but had to wait for a vacancy in position hence Army for 7 months where I did signal training. From Cerberus posted to Melville (24/06/1943) and then Leeuwin (9/3/1945). Attached to Cypher Section using teleprinter in both postings. Then joined



Parkes (At Careening Bay as ships were decommissioned), Leeuwin to be demobbed 28th June 1946. O/N F5045. He received a War Gratuity of £31.10.00, Re-establishment leave pay in lieu £22.7.6 and in lieu of 21 days leave £15.13.3.

Williams, William Thomas 'Bill'



Joined the RAN on 30/06/1966 for 9 years. After completing his recruit training he was categorised ORDCO and was subsequently posted to Yarra 1966 -and Anzac 1967.

On 17th September he was re-categorised ORDWTR and promoted AB 29th October 1968.

After the Initial Writer training he was posted to Leeuwin Jan 1969, Sydney 1969 to 1970 and Leeuwin 1970 to 1973. Below we have Bungy sitting on the Sydney upper deck.



Wilmot, Vincent Roy



Passed away 6/12/2009. Joined 28/7/1961 and on completion of Writer course posted Cerberus. Shore postings were Albatross, Penguin, Kuttabul and Harman. Sea postings Sydney 1963, Melbourne 1963, Sydney 1964, Stalwart 1968. Paid off 27/8/1970.

Wilson, Karyn (Nee Towns)



Karyn served from July 1994 to October 1997.

Wilson, Lindsay Gordon 'Tug'

Joined the RAN on 4th March 1946 in the weird rating of Probationary Writer (R29946) and spent 3 months at Cerberus training in seamanship, boat work and general naval Lore. No Writer training was forthcoming (no Supply School), so P/Wtr Wilson was posted to Penguin and immediately employed in a very large Pay Office as a Ledger Keeper.

His first sea posting was 1/6/1948 in the Assault Landing Ship Kanimbla to the UK to stand by commissioning of Sydney, our first Aircraft Carrier. Thereafter he served in HMS Glory (31/7/48-13/12/48) and HMA Ships Sydney 14/12/48-15/11/59), Arunta 16/11/49-31/5/50), Condamine(1/6/1950 - 25/6/1950)and as an Officer in Melbourne, Yarra and Vampire.



Promoted LdgWtr (1/10/1947), POWtr (1/10/1951) and CPOWtr (1/7/1955) in the late 1940's and 1950's, he was promoted to Sub Lieutenant in 1958 (New P/N 01747), to Lieutenant in 1963, Lieut. Commander in 1969 and finally to Commander in 1973. After his first sea charge posting in Yarra, Tug Wilson served in charge postings including as OIC RAN Supply School, in Vampire, Nirimba twice and Platypus as Submarine Squadron Supply Officer until his final discharge in August 1986.

In 1972 while serving as Supply Officer of Yarra he was awarded the Honour of Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) and the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal in 1978 while serving as Supply Officer of Vampire.

Tug Wilson has five sons, all of whom are veterans of the Australian Army and Navy. His 4th son David served with him in Vampire in 1976 when David was an ABUC. They went to the United States in Vampire for the US 200th Anniversary. David was later to become the Warrant Officer of the Navy (WO (N))in the years 2000-2002. His two other Navy sons were Peter — QMG and Matthew — RO. Matthew is now a Barrister and a Major serving in the Australian Army.

Lindsay Wilson compiled and published the history of HMAS Cerberus titled 'Cradle of the Navy' in 1981. This publication is in the process of update to cover the years from 1981 to date. He also compiled and published the history of HMAS Nirimba - titled 'Skilled Hands at Sea' in 1984. Although Lindsay Wilson ceded copyright to the Naval Historical Society, interested persons may view the publication on the Internet by entering the words "Skilled Hands at Sea". Several Writers are mentioned in the book including Graham Smith, Graham Darcy, Bob Brimson, John McCosker, Wiggy Bennett, Ron Giveen, Gary Russell, Salty Eckel and many more. He also set up Naval Museums at Cerberus, Nirimba and Platypus.

Reverting to the First Person I must tell you that I set out to note the names of my many Writer Shipmates whose company I enjoyed in my forty years service from

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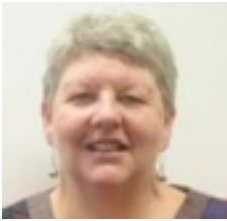
1946 to 1986, but when I had listed those in the alphabetical letters A-C it was obvious that they are legion and too many to record here.

I left the Navy for 18 months in 1978/79 when I was employed as Associate to District Court Judge Alistair Cameron Smith in the Sydney District Court. I re-entered on the RANEM List in 1979 and served as OIC RAN Supply School Cerberus and later as Supply Officer Nirimba until final discharge on 10 August 1986. Awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia 13th June 2005 citation reads "for service to veterans and their families and to the community through contributions to museums recording naval history"

Wilson, Nellie Eloaine (Nee Berwick)

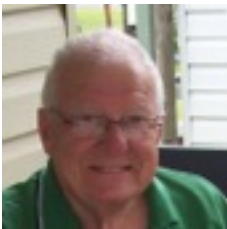
Passed away 4/5/2010. Joined 18/11/1942 and discharged 1/2/1946. Joined as a WTR and subsequently transferred to 'Coder'.

Winchester, Terri-Ann (Nee Mahoney)



Passed away 14/01/2013. Terri passed away suddenly after a short battle with thyroid cancer diagnosed on her 50th birthday.

Winkler, Keith William



Joined 22 October 1954 for 6 years. R50233. His shore establishments were Cerberus, Penguin, Harman, Albatross. He served on Melbourne 25/1/1957 to 22/08/1958. Whilst serving Melbourne he was promoted Leading Writer 9th May 1958.

Winter, Peter John



Joined 30th September 1957 for six years. R53587. Served at Cerberus, Albatross and Watson. Sea service Melbourne 1960/1962 as LS. Promoted PO 1963 prior to discharge.

Wiseman, Ross Llewellyn

Joined 6 Jul 61 – 3rd Intake of JRs at Leeuwin. After Supply School in 1962 under Frank Shugg, first posting was to Kuttapul (Charlie's Place) Pay Office that included Chief Lennie Hoffmann, POs Graham Cleverly & Wriggles Gardiner, Kellicks Gus Harris, Dave Jordan, Spencer Mansfield & in Captains Office Charlie Bardwell, Bones Lillicrap, Ron Blowes & Spanish-Joe Carroll at RTO .

Apr 63 to FOCAF typing pool with Jon Hammond in Sydney before she refitted as a troop transport, with PO BJ Tucker and kellicks Hardy, Collins, Skipworth, Darcy. During Exercise Carbine off the Barrier Reef, involved in typing the proceedings of an Inquiry into 4 Middies and a SbLt who drowned after going missing in a whaler off Hayman Island – late 63. Then moved to SYDNEY's pay office with Graham Darcy, Geoff Sinden & Rocky Wells before her first trip as a troop transport to Borneo, Singers & Malaya.



Mid 64 drafted to pay office Nirimba with CdrS Trouty Lachlan (famous for his morning nature lessons), with young RN Exchg Lt Appleton pinching himself in disbelief. CPO Neil 'Filthy' Phillips always added much hilarity to the proceedings for self and Dennis Sweet. 1965 – 2 year posting to NOIC QLD office in Brisbane (directly opposite Port Office Hotel) again with Lennie Hoffmann. Towards the end of this stretch, Moreton (New Farm) established its own pay office for teams supporting construction of patrol boats , dragging me down to Moreton for half weeks. Memories of unbelievable nights at Moreton Ships Coy wets.

Oct 66 – back to the 'new' Kuttapul as a kellick in Capt.'s Office with Frank Shugg (I pay homage to him as my mentor) & Johnnie Biggs, Writers Bevis & JJ Nash. Jack Markham ruled over the pay office with Marty Grogan, Ronnie Coon, Ron Thompson, John Halpin, Kev Wilson to name a few. In 68-69 – 12 months FESR in DERWENT (with DUCHESS & Terry Young onboard) when you still went up top to get your rabbits. Shared the Ship's Office with CPO Ron 'Nuff Nuff' Woolnough & Stoney Burke. Picked up my POs & got my active service in escorts for SYDNEY to Vung Tau. Loved my Derwent time.

Aug 69 – Feb 70 spent 6 months crisscrossing Gulf of Carpentaria in Moresby & 4 patrol Boats – first oceanographic survey of the gulf since Matthew Flinders. Great fun working with skipper Mick Calder – the born droogie. Prepared reports of Collision / Grounding (AS222Z) on 4 separate occasions. Plenty of troppo time & overnight banyans on local islands while erecting Lambda masts for fixing bearings. Also the 'incident' where MORESBY's Scout chopper participated in Cairns Fun-in-the-Sun Festival with a PO Birdie dangling on the winch over crowd the on main street of Cairns clobbered as a witch discharging rescue flares to provide red smoke emanating from his after quarters. My memory says that while this made page 1 of The Courier Mail, there were those 'down south' who weren't amused.

70-71 – RANAS Nowra as MQ Billeting Officer (back again with Graham Darcy, Charlie Bardwell & Terry Young), before a blissful 2 years in Recruiting Office

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Melbourne, having many 'makers' when the Vietnam protestors came around regularly flour-bombing the front entrance. Paid off as 3 badge PO in 74 after a final 6 months as Captain's Sec to Nature's gentleman Cmdr Geoff 'Snow' Harle, at LONSDALE, and working with LCdr (SD) Freddie Grace (Natures Gentleman Mk2) , Ted Hase (Mk3) and Dave Whelan (Mk4).

Did a 360° turn and completed social work training post pussers, and have spent 35 years challenging myself working in community development and community housing projects around Queensland. Still thoroughly enjoy my involvement in activities supporting the personal development of men.

Woodhouse, Heather

Passed away 6/4/1998.

Woolnough, Ron



Passed away 6/1/2001. R44752. Joined 24/4/1951. Joined Sydney 28/6/1963 as a CPO until 9/3/1964 when he joined Albatross. On 11th April 1965 he posted to Penguin until 5th August 1968 when he joined Derwent, until approx. 3/2/1970. Details prior to '63 and after 1970 are not known.

Wriggles, Brian James



Brian passed away 19th October 1980 at the age of 51. Joined 9th September 1948 for 12 years. After Initial training posted to Penguin 6/1/1950 until he joined Sydney 6/4/1951. Promoted LS 1/10/1951 and proceeded to UK 22nd November 1952 for training and discharged on promotion to Acting Sub Lieut to date 30th April 1953. In the coming years he was at various ships and establishments and was Commander in 1969.

Wright, John Hunsley



John passed away 7/2/2006. Ex CPO. John and his wife, Christine, lived in Melbourne. John a CPO (and Data Operator) paid off in the 1980s. For many years he worked for the Relief Trust Fund and was also Manager of the Australian Defence Credit Union at HMAS Cerberus for eighteen years.

Wylie, Allan James Bishop 'Wacka or Slim Jim'



Joined 16/7/1951 for 6 years. R45653. He was posted on entry as a RCT Clerk to Cerberus. He shore postings were Penguin 1952, Kuttabal 1953 and Penguin 1955 where he was discharged 11/7/1957. Nickname 'Wacka' or 'Slim Jim'

Wynn, Cyril Thomas



Joined 06/08/1952. R48234. He served in establishments Cerberus, Platypus, Albatross and Moreton. His sea service was Vengeance 1955, Melbourne 55-57 and Sydney 57. He was discharged 5th August 1958.