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Lest We Forget



Richard Francis (Frank) Neville. Frank passed away on 24th February, 2014 in a Townsville hospital after a nasty fall at home after coming home after a serious operation in a Brisbane hospital. Frank served as a Writer/Leading Writer 1951/57.

Served in shore establishments Cerberus, Albatross and Kuttabul. His sea service was in Sydney as a LS 8/1954 - 9/1954.

The **Australian National Maritime Museum** are trying to obtain any information from anyone who served on board Vampire and who are willing to share their stories of their time.

The Australian National Maritime Museum is developing a new structure called the Warships Pavilion, which will contain an experience for visitors before they board our navy vessels – HMAS Vampire, HMAS Onslow and HMAS Advance.

They are trying to get a picture of what it was like for those from all walks of life to serve on these vessels. To aid our project and help us uncover the stories behind the vessels, we would appreciate if you could take the time to answer a few questions at the following link: <http://bit.ly/RANWarships>

"Where are they now" February 2014 edition.



Glen Jones has been corresponding with us about this article. Some interesting facts have emerged. He mentions Tom Crawford's biography that indicates that he served on HMAS Sydney 1955 – 1957. Glen served on the Sydney 1955 – 1956 and Bill Monaghan served on her 1955 – 1956. Glen says "In conversation with Bill at the 2013 reunion Tom's name came up. Bill, Tom & I were members of Writer 10 class in 1952. After that, what became of Tom is somewhat a mystery. Both Bill & I were of the opinion that Tom went from Flinders to the RAAF Base at Point Cook to study Russian with a view to becoming a Russian Interpreter.

Many years ago at Penguin Glen spoke to Petty Officer Writer Laurie Matheson, who was a graduate of the Russian class at Point Cook, and told him that he remembered Tom being at Point Cook.

If Tom was on the Sydney 1955 – 1957 Glen never saw him at all and nor did Bill Monaghan. He did not live in the writer's mess. Glen is firmly of the opinion that his name was not on the ledgers.

By the Editor: If any Scribes could fill us in on what Tom did we would appreciate any information - his records do indicate that he served on Sydney, but did he?

Christopher Henry Bevis.

We recently received an email from Karen Bevis the daughter of Christopher Henry Bevis. "My father served as a Writer then LDG Writer with the Australian Navy in the latter part of World War II in Papua New Guinea. I am trying to do a bit of research about his part in the war. My 10 year old son now has his service medals and is interested in finding out more."

If anybody has any other information on Chris about his service that we can pass onto Karen please let us know.

Anzac Day 2014



The President **Lew Horsfield** attended the dawn Service at the AWM . Afterwards he attended the Anzac Day March in Queanbeyan on completion of the march at the luncheon sponsored by the RSL Club, he caught up with the following ML-P's and Writers, **Joy Newman (in the photo)** , **Shane Cryer**, **Paula Cryer**, **Amy Harris**, **Elijah Tauati**, **Peter Schultz**, and **Elizabeth Miller-Saunders**.



Morrie Jeppesen (left) says 'the day before ANZAC Day I realised that I had left my No 1 cap in my office at ADFA (Reserve time). The only cap I could find at home was a very old one with a POs badge. Searched high and low and the only CPOs badge I could find was a K1W1 CPOs badge that Paul Walters had sent me a few weeks ago. So I was real ANZAC sailor on the day.

On the day I was approached by a **Mal Ritchie** (right) who said he knew me. I had a thought and said "is your nickname Darkie?" Haven't seen him since the 70s so had a great chat and catch up.



Glen Jones also asks where are the WRANS of class 10/1952?

<p>Dorothy 'Dot' Baker - believed to have passed away in the 50's.</p> 	<p>Helen Josephine 'Kim' McGrory discharged on marriage 1954.</p> 	<p>Brenda Anne Barker - discharged May 1956.</p> 	<p>Mary Megg McCormack served for 3 years and discharged on marriage.</p> 
<p>Ursula Marie Jordan served 2 years before being discharged on marriage and going to UK.</p> 	<p>Franki Isobel Graham served 2 years.</p> 	<p>Helen Norma Peggy Fuller - served 2 years and discharged on marriage.</p> 	<p>Please note: These are their original names and some have married.</p> <p>All were born in the mid 1920's to early 1930's.</p> <p>Any help much appreciated.</p>

Nowra Reunion 2015

Time to start thinking about booking for the reunion to be held next year. Information about the Nowra reunion in March 2015 can be downloaded from our page: <http://www.ranwriters.com/2015reunion.html>