



# The Scribbler

RAN Writers Association

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Chairman's corner—Greetings Scribes,



I hope you all had a great Anzac Day, and managed to catch up with old mates. I was hoping to visit an out of Canberra venue, but was unable to do so because I was off on a trip two days later. It is my ambition to travel to as many other areas to celebrate Anzac Day as I can, to catch up with old mates. We are not getting any younger so I feel it will be a worthwhile thing to travel while you are able to. Use up some of those Free Passes and get out and visit other areas. I am sure you will have a better time than sticking to "home port" all the time.

It was a sad time for a lot of us to hear the demise of Robert Alexander, who passed away on 27<sup>th</sup> April, after a long illness. I visited Bob a couple of times in Canberra Hospital, not that he was aware [or so I think] of me. His wife Maria along with Bob were so positive in their attitude they were going to beat the problem. Our thoughts are with Maria, Kris and Kim.

One thing that came to light as a result of the demise of Bob Alexander and [below] Sid Nolan is that we did not have their bios. I urge all you who have not done so yet, please think seriously about sending in a bio on yourself so we can acknowledge your Service when that day comes. Not a very nice thought, but let's be practical about this and realise that sooner or later we all have to pass over the bar.

I write this as I tour Queensland.[aka Land of the Carpetbaggers, as opposed to Mexico aka – Victoria] We had planned to have this holiday some 18 months ago, after the Canberra Reunion, but it had to be put back. While on the trip I have endeavoured to catch up with as many Scribes as possible. I have caught up with Scribes in Toowoomba [George and Lyn Kitchener]. We went to visit Sid [John] Nolan at Willows Gemfield, 70 clicks west of Emerald, only to be informed of Sid's demise on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2003, after a short illness[of cancer]. In Cairns, Stu Fogo, Bill Crossley unfortunately had to work [unbelievable I know]. Townsville, Di and Lindsay Klem, Ian Dalglish, sorry I missed Big Jude – please accept my apology for not catching up with you. Peter Swindells in Rockhampton. Graham and Marilyn [aka Troubles] Dennis [after an absence of 34 years] in Bundaberg.

I must most sincerely thank all of you who have sent in a Donation to keep everything running. I do not want to embarrass anyone who has donated money by listing the amount; I thought it would be enough recognition to note your name. Those who have donated – in Alphabetical Order, are listed on page 6

You can also help swell the coffers of the Association by making sure that when you order your copy of Voyages to Vietnam that you mark your form, "RAN Writers Association. The numbers continue to grow, but so does the Missing List. The big increase in this list came from Serving Members leaving the Service, and not informing us of their new address. I can assure you that all details are kept "In Confidence". So let's get the information into us. Let's work hard to reduce the size of this list. Don't forget the Sydney Lunch on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August. I hope to see you at the Sydney lunch. Lew Horsfield

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## Time is running out to go the ANNUAL NSW LUNCHEON OF WRITERS

The 27th Annual Reunion Luncheon will be held on the 2nd Floor of the City of Sydney RSL Club, 561 George Street Sydney on Friday 6th August 2004 commencing with the usual conviviaals at 1130. The luncheon will commence at approximately 1300 and the cost is \$35.00 per head. This, as usual, will include the meal, bread rolls, coffee, wine and orange juice when served at the luncheon table.

To book a place contact Mark Mobley on 02 9624 4842 (H) or Bomber Atkinson at [Jim.Atkinson@defence.gov.au](mailto:Jim.Atkinson@defence.gov.au)



The editor Geoff British Hardwick speaks—This is our 4th Scribbler and we hope you all enjoy—be a part of this newsletter and send in your biography, photos, or anecdotes or news that could be published. The web site is being updated regularly and don't forget to check out our new message board. Thanks to all that have provided the stories for this newsletter. Please keep writing to us. Cheers British

## More Anecdotes

### Alan Tim Hooley remembers:

"I was most interested to see the name of Captain Trivett in the article written by Ralph Calder on the history of the Writer branch. I served under the Paymaster Captain Trivett in HMAS PENGUIN, later HMAS KUTTABUL, during late '42 early '43. I remember very vividly that it was my responsibility to buy him, together with Paymaster Commander Eric Kingsford-Smith and two other Officers, their daily lunch-time fruit at Circular Quay, which I was required to purchase for an amount, not to exceed one shilling (10 cents). As each officer insisted on receiving two pieces of fruit, it was always a daily battle of bargaining with the stall-holder to supply me with the eight pieces and keep within the allocated sum.

Captain Trivett was a kind fatherly figure and I remember him as one who was always excellent terms with his staff, which comprised around twenty Writers."



**Keith Smith (Ex Wtr)** who resides in Lewisham Retirement Hostel asked the Defence Naval Historian for some information on **Rabaul Naval Depot—1940's**. The following is what he received:

"Lieutenant Commander H.A. Mackenzie RAN commanded a small naval contingent in Rabaul immediately prior to the Japanese occupation. He served in Rabaul as the Staff Officer (Intelligence) with a network of coastwatchers. Officers performing similar duties were stationed in Port Moresby, Thursday Island, Tulagi and Vila in 1941.

The Rabaul naval contingent did not represent an autonomous naval depot or base. Their activities were immediately supervised by Commander E.A. Feldt RAN, who was based in Townsville as the Supervising Intelligence Officer, North Eastern Area. Commander Feldt later wrote *The Coastwatchers*, which includes an account of the evacuation of Mackenzie and his staff from Rabaul. The *Royal Australian Navy List* of January 1942 shows that Lieutenant Commander Mackenzie was appointed to HMAS *Brisbane*, which was the then naval depot in the city of Brisbane — it was later renamed HMAS *Moreton*. A number of naval administrative functions were administered by HMAS *Brisbane*, including the office of the Naval Officer-in-Charge Townsville, to which Commander Feldt was attached.

The naval writer killed in Rabaul was **Writer Thomas Ian Douglas PM3 146**, who died on 5 March 1942. The Australian War Memorial's Roll of Honour records that he was appointed to HMAS *Brisbane* at the time of his death. Casualty cards held by Navy Records note that Writer Douglas died of dysentery records and was buried at the Kalai Mission. His body was reburied on 22 March 1946 in the Rabaul (Bitu Paka) War Cemetery. The grave reference provided by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission is D.B.5."

Keith says when the Japanese landed, the Australians took to the hills and Writer Ian Douglas was among them. He hopes to attend the Writers luncheon on August and health permitting get to Adelaide.

### Frank Young on the way we were

On 31 August 1951 I joined HMAS Australia alongside at Garden Island as a Shorthand Writer on the Admirals staff (fresh from a 3 month Shorthand/Typing course at Stott's Commercial College in Melbourne).

I was met at the brow by WTR Bomber Atkinson who despite my burden of hammock and kit hag insisted on taking me first to the Pay Office. With a flourish and a great deal of pride Bomber said "I'll bet you never expected you'd see anything like this in a Warship!" This was a machine about the

size, weight and shape of four house bricks. It was an adding machine, operated by the cranking of a lever. From memory its only functions were to add and subtract and to give the operator possibly the first recorded case of Repetitive Strain Injury”.

However, as a leap in technology it was mind blowing and made one think that even putting a man on the moon was now feasible!

### **Frank Young on the Writers School**

The story of W.O. Alf (not Ralph) Calder's achievements in setting up the Writers School in CERBERUS brought back happy memories. I attended the May '49 course during which Mr. Calder raised C.W. papers on me setting me on the road to commissioned rank. Eddie Rogers was an excellent instructor and the course content was such that we graduates were more than capable of stepping into Pay or Captains office jobs.

As Deputy Supply Officer HMAS TARANGU I had the pleasure years later of serving with Eddie when as a commissioned Writer Officer he was Captains Secretary.

He was fond of shooting and quickly established the eligible game birds on Los Negros and Manus Islands. Although looking as fit as a Mallie Bull Eddie sadly died of a heart attack at a comparatively early age.

### **Royal Naval Writers' Association**

Dear Antipodean “Scribes”

Will you be present in the UK during October 2004 and more to the point in the vicinity of HMS NELSON, Portsmouth, Hampshire, on the evening of Friday 8th October 2004?

The World's oldest military association, the Royal Naval Writers' Association (est. 1887) welcomes you as a fellow scribes and your guests, to join them for their 117th Reunion Dinner being held at 19:00 - 01:00 at The Victory Club at a cost of £28.00 per head for a 3 course meal with wine & port.

Interested in attending or finding out more information and details, then please contact the RNWA Membership Secretary, LES HEYHOE on UK 023 9235 7181 or email [les@heyhoe.com](mailto:les@heyhoe.com).

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PS—For those interested—the booking form is on our web site.

### **H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS.16/5/50 — 2/7/54. By Harry Bird**

Although isolated from Sydney, personnel with private transport were well served by being able to obtain premium petrol at a most favourable price - free. From mid morning on Fridays a cavalcade of wheels descended to the hangars to fill up with 'contaminated' aviation fuel. Officers served first. The Derby for Nowra and beyond took off at noon or 1300. This 'contaminated' fuel was laced with a green dye. The carburetor of my motorbike was covered with green moss. Following representations by local garage owners to their M.P. the axe fell on a Chief Air Fitter who was the scapegoat. So ended cheap petrol and burnt out exhaust valves. At that time vehicles were parked between the huts and cabins. Spare petrol was stored under the floorboards of the sleeping accommodation. 'Not all the mentally ill were in Rozelle.'

The Navy had a few Harley Davidson motorcycles. Two Writers owned similar models. It was surprising to some how the Navy machines gradually started to look well worn when they hardly ever left the compound. After the 'wets' closed, Eddy Quinn and I often raced each other on the North/South runway. We were never sprung but as we didn't use our headlights, I guess no one saw us. Rabbits - Literally anything could be made, repaired or simply obtained from the motor compound, the blacksmith or the chippies. The photographers were helpful as were all sections of the community. The Dental Mechanic didn't make many dentures for the predominately young ships company but he was always very busy attending to commissions from Wollongong to Nowra. I know he did this work in his own time and used his own materials because he said so.

S.P. Betting - was conducted in the laundry block. I recall hearing of the Master at Arms sending his runner up to a new S.P. Bookie to collect his One Pound winning bet on the last race. The 'victim' quickly realized that the M.A.A. with his uncanny foresight always had One Pound on the last race winner.

Navy Office directed the Supply Officer to comment on the suitability of the metal mug with which we had been issued. It was supposed to be suitable for drinking, shaving, and at a pinch, having a leak. When used for a hot drink it burnt the lips. When CDR (5) Reg Watson asked for his morning brew in a tin mug it was made sure his tea was more than luke warm by preheating the mug. CDR Watson recommended the issuing of the mug be discontinued.

After hours bottle deliveries - The closing of the Junior Ratings wet Canteen did not necessarily mean all was lost. The Nowra taxis at an appropriate profit margin supplied and delivered the goods C.O.D. The taxis with their lights on drove along an outside access road and made the drop off in an area at the back of the library. This amenity was never challenged.

Petty Officers Mess - The bar was modernised at such great cost that on being appointed treasurer I found we were unable to pay for the beer to go in it. The brewery gave us time to pay but the Mess funds were due for audit. Fortunately the officers appointed were of the executive and flying branches. We entertained them royally during the audit while a few half truths were revealed or concealed. A brewery invoice was very much concealed.

P.O. Mess Dance - I recall a raffle being held with the prize being two sides of pork. A civilian from Nowra was the winner who couldn't believe his good fortune when presented with a small squealing pig. About this time I solicited from the Film Distributors glamour photos of their movie stars. The collection was framed and mounted in the P.O.'s snooker room.

I am unable to confirm whether it is true that the victualling wagon carried more than sides of beef into the station on a weekend. There was a rumour that some obliging ladies were smuggled into the junior ratings quarters.

In 'Albatross' a cottage was available for the Master at Arms. Because it was not wanted by the new M.A.A. it became the home for the junior Writers. Being isolated they had it made. Writer Eddy Quinn was pulled up near Bomaderry for speeding and illegally carrying a pillion. The policeman on inspecting his license saw E.Quinn do the Master at Arms cottage etc., A good address is everything - not even a caution.

One Friday I was sent to 'Nirimba' to pay about 30 people. To carry out this task I was sent by the most economical means, a D.C.3. You couldn't move in the plane on the way up as it was packed with officers on weekend leave. On the return trip the plane had two aircrew and myself.

Writer 'Shorty' Grynes was given his paying off farewell at the Huskisson Hotel. Supply officers Neville Turk and Bill Graham attended. Writer 'Taffy' Cliff was returning with the well oiled group including CDR (5) Graham. At the T intersection where the Jervis Bay Road meets the Princes Highway, a brick building was in the course of construction. The level of bricks being about six feet high. Taffy made a slight error of judgement and made a mess of the wall and his car.

I was following on my motorbike and saw the drama unfold. Not surprisingly Commander Graham wanted to make himself scarce. I had the privilege of giving him another hair raising ride back to outside the main gate. We entered separately. In private I was thanked for my services but his appreciation did not extend to a 'Red Recommend.'

### **Scribblers News—heard from:**



Pat McGeown says "Well it happened. 24,200 spam messages in the past 180 days. It is too much - I've learnt never to place my email address on a web page ever again. But I've replied to every spam message and thanked them!"

Mrs. Coral McLean (Nee Cottenden). Coral joined on 9th January 1978 and retired 16th August 1998. Currently living in Carwoola NSW.

Paul Bartolo who joined the RAN in 1983 as a Communicator and changed over to a Writer in 1987 (Writers Course 22). He served on SYDNEY, BRISBANE, with shore postings to CERBERUS (where they were still allowed to smoke in the office). Completed PO's course in 1995 (PO's Course 19) and was discharged from PSO Frankston in 1998. He remains in the Reserves and currently at Cerberus. Currently lives in Mt Martha, Victoria. Mark Bartolo is his brother who lives in Swansea, Tasmania.

Chris Smith who was in the class of 1998. He saw our missing list and thought that Terri Mahoney LSWTR is doing shop fronts in removals in WA and she may now be married. He says Rick Berry has left Crib Point and he heard from Wettex that he went to Tassie to live with his mum/dad.

Remember Rob Dix ? He advises he has just moved to 15/2 North Caroline Street, East Devonport, Tasmania. He says if any of our members are down that way they would make them very welcome—if they are not away somewhere in their motorhome.

We had an email from Lynne Delaney (nee Higginbottom) Class 2 of 68. She says she would love to hear from old mates. (We will forward any emails/mail received to Lynne)

Bob Pollard forwarded us his biography "Joined the RAN in November 1981, leaving after 20 years with my last working day being September 11, 2001. I served on Supply, Torrens and Arunta (commissioning crew) and ashore at Cerberus, Albatross, Penguin, Coonawarra, Watson, Creswell and RAN LSE Muscat. (One of the few scribes to do 20 years without a posting to Navy Office). He now worked as the Administration Manager for Harvey Norman, Erina on the Central Coast of NSW."

Irish Vickers recently returned from Europe after six years away and advises us that he is now doing rocky time at Harman. Had the sad task of organising ceremonial side of Bob Alexander's funeral recently.

Thanks to Marty Grogan providing his biography—check it out on the web site. Have you done yours yet ?



**Marty Grogan talks about John Sid Nolan.** My good friend of John "Sid" Ernest NOLAN. One of my enduring memories of him was that of him keeping all my guests entertained around a Keg in the backyard of my Parents house in South Melbourne in November, 1966 at my Bucks night. My Father abhorred bad language but was quite taken by Sid and his raconteurial splendour. Sid was also part of a group that dropped me completely naked outside Flinders Street Station that night just as the Theatre crowds were catching a train home. One comment I vividly remember was "Look - all that meat and no potatoes" Does it really matter that it was made by St. Kilda Sid? (no relation to Sid NOLAN) who was nearly as famous as Lennie the Loop. Other guests that night included John NASH, Garry "Beachball" BOURKE, Alan "Mac" McKINNON, Dick GOTTSCHALK and a host of other rapsclions. Sid was quite a Unit and went under many names invented mainly by himself to suit the story he was telling at the time. Names included Saigon Sid (bombed nightly), Sid the Skid (a proud skid merchant), Old Cy from the Sea (whilst recounting outlandish and untrue sea experiences to the Ords in the Wets at Cerberus)and Beachhead John (because of his alleged landings on the Beachheads of Tawau with his stepping oppo Cook BRADLEY when they were serving onboard HMAS YARRA in 1964/65 during the Indonesian Confrontation) BRADLEY was as eloquent as Sid and used to describe himself as Borneo Brad a Veteran of the hot torrid jungles of Borneo. Both had the GSM (Borneo)irreverently referred to by some us the Borneo Banyan Gong. They kept the young Ords at the Wets entertained all night for the small price of free beer. Sid joined the RAN in 1963 and one of his favourite stories to the young Ord's in 1966 was how he and the Commodore Superintendent of Training (Commodore I.K. PURVIS at the time - I think) had a total of 33 years meritorious service between them. Sid was not even a one badge man at the time but had already mastered the art of not letting the truth stand in the way of a good story. A likeable rogue who will be sadly missed by those that served with him.

**Chris Jones** says Sid and his outrageous humour were part of the Pay Office crew at Cerberus in 68/69. The pay office volleyball team at lunch time which included the likes of myself, Sid, Ron (fatty)

Dalgleish, Dick Gottschalk, Tom McVickers and Ian (Fergie) Ferguson and others had some great times together.

**Donations Welcomed**—The National Writers Association requires funds to continue to print this newsletter and maintain the web site. Donations to assist us in producing the quarterly newsletter (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct) and web site would be much appreciated. Donations can be forwarded to: PO Box 5020 Chisholm ACT 2905.

**Our thanks to the following Scribes who have donated funds :**

Paddy O'Brien, D J Carroll, Alan Tim Hooley, Keith Smith, John Allison and also monies from the sale of books on Voyages to Vietnam.



**Brian Tucker Coordinator of Adelaide reunion says**

Well welcome to sunny Adelaide home of the 2005 reunion, but this year we are having Tasmanian weather, frightful one day, worse the next, but the good news is that Spring comes early so you wont have to put up with this next year.

Things are just rolling along at the moment. The "infrastructure", whatever that may mean, is in place and Dave and Pauline are under worked, so please send in your money, this greases the wheels of progress, and also helps establish Dave's own personal version of Blizzard Home Loans (no liability)

Chuck Trafford has found a mate who has a cousin whose girlfriend's ex boyfriend's gay lover has a relative who is a cleaner at a bowling club, so as you can see he is using his vast network to be on the ball for the Golf Day.

The logo with "the way we were" on it has come up extremely well and doesn't that motto say it all. Ajax brought a sample the other day and it looked super even before we had coffee, and it will be in mirror colours depending on the colour of the shirt, these will be real fashion statements. We were so impressed that the committee will depart from tradition and be decked out in a bottle green number with matching cap. I am breathless with anticipation.

The name badge sample was also very attractive. We had one made with Kevin Simpson's name. Kevin is not too well and has been a silent benefactor, so this little gesture may give him a lift.

The Room at the Stamford Grand has been booked and so has the Port Adelaide Naval Club, and the bus company has been notified, so all we need now are committed souls and soulettes to follow up on the numerous Expressions of Interest received over the last 12 months or so, at the moment we could have our functions in the Waiting Room at the Oodnadatta Railway Station



**PAYMENT ADVICE—Deposit of \$25 per attendee is required in the first instance to offset administration/name badge costs. This is a non – refundable deposit**

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Please forward Applications for Registration to  
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**PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

**Friday 30 September**

1500 onwards Registration at the Stamford Grand Hotel  
1830 Meet and Greet in Ball Room 1 and 2 at the Stamford Grand

**Saturday 1 October**

0900 onwards Registration for latecomers  
TBA Golfers depart for Golf day  
0930 Half Day Tour - Adelaide and Environs  
0930 Full day tour - Southern Vales Goolwa and Victor Harbour  
TBA Leave for Race Meeting  
1230 Girls Only Lunch at a City Venue  
1330 Half Day Tour - Cleland Park and Hills  
1900 Dinner Dance in Ball Rooms 2 to 5 at the Stamford Grand

**Sunday 2 October**

1000 -1600 Farewell BBQ at the Port Adelaide Naval Association Clubrooms

**Monday 3 October**

0900 Full Day Winery Tour to Barossa Valley

More detailed information on our web site or telephone Dave or Pauline on 08 8381 5992 .

The Adelaide Reunion Treasurer and Registrar are Dave and Pauline Rickard.

**Have you paid your registration fee yet ?**



### Comrades Passed Away:

**Bob Alexander**—27<sup>th</sup> April 2004 at Canberra Hospital after a long illness -leukemia.

**John (Sid) Nolan**— 5th September 2003— at Willows Gemfields Qld after short illness—cancer.

### Adelaide Reunion—Scribes and partners that have officially registered and paid a deposit

<i>First</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>AKA</i>	<i>Partners 1st</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>AKA</i>
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Lew	HORSFIELD		Carmel	HORSFIELD	
David	RICKARD	<i>Dave</i>	Pauline	RICKARD	<i>nee HAYDON</i>
David	ROBERTSON		Judith	ROBERTSON	
Anthea	BOYCE	<i>nee KUERSCHNER</i>	Stuart	NIMMO	
Helga	JONGEWAARD	<i>nee HUNDERTMARK</i>	Otto	JONGEWAARD	
Alan	AXFORD	<i>AJAX</i>	Kaye	AXFORD	
Michael	KELLEHER	<i>Mick</i>			
June	MORRISON				
Bruce	HAMBOUR				
John	TWIST	<i>Olly</i>			
Ian	MILLARD				
Jill	KELLY	<i>nee HILDEBRAND</i>	Ned	KELLY	
Christine	HAYDEN	<i>nee BAILEY</i>			
Geoffrey	HARDWICK	<i>British</i>	Colleen	HARDWICK	

### More Sid Nolan—from Scribes

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**You are invited to order your copy in advance using the coupon overleaf.** (No monies will be debited until the book is dispatched)

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