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E-Newsletter

*A Writer will be known from 1st January 2013 as
'Maritime Logistics Personnel Operations' or 'Personnel'*

Less than 2 months to the Gold Coast reunion.

All details on our web site under 'reunion'

Why not join us for the reunion.

*Who is going? Check out the web site where all the available
pictures of those attending are shown.*

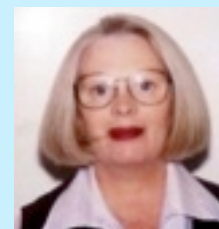
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Lest we Forget

12th January 2013 Christine Elizabeth Barbour.

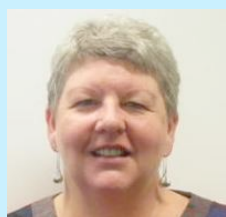
**Served 1964-68 Passed away unexpectedly at home
in Canberra.**



14th January 2013

Terri-Ann Winchester (nee Mahoney)

**Passed away suddenly after a short battle with
thyroid cancer.**



By Christopher Legg . I googled the scribes site due to the passing of one of my work colleagues today, another former RAN scribe Terri-Ann Winchester (nee Mahoney) who has worked with me at Toll for the last year providing (what were) writer functions of relocations. Terri has never been far away from her passion and love of the forces and the Writer world having also been at DHA for 10 years previous. Terri passed away suddenly after a short battle with thyroid cancer diagnosed on her 50th birthday.

Laurie Reynolds

Hi Mate do any of your members know our father on HMAS Melbourne Chief Petty Officer Black Smith Roy Arnold Reynolds he was killed in a car smash at Avenal in 1967. His son's Frank & Laurie Reynolds looking for information. PS his tool Box is on display at Cerberus . Contact Laurie at: lauriereynolds2@bigpond.com

1961 Stories

Some stories we have found from old Navy News editions

HAVE HEARD by MAC (Nov 1961)

The Writers' Re-Union on December 2, saw some of the old faces of "Scribes" who are battling in that cold world. Ex-Leading Writers Merv. (Tiger) Richmond, 'Jake' Jacobs and John Jeffries found time off to attend. They were pleased to meet again many of the old "School", some of whom intend to "Pay Off" but still remain in the Andrew.

Now, they say, that a re-union is the time when everyone is in the best of spirits, wars are fought again, 'dits' are spun. But from what I can gather, two of the revelers decided to tell a few more on completion of the 'do'.

Yes Chief Writer "M" and Petty Officer "Fingers" missed the connections to their abodes, but found comfortable accommodation in the city, and only for 10/- too!

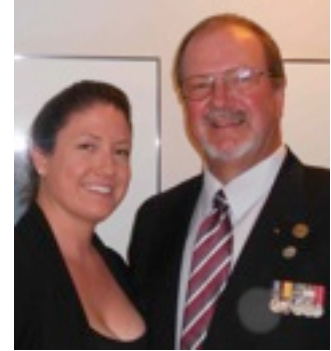
Writer George Whiticker (commonly known in Melbourne as "Little F.O.O."), is well on the way to recovery in Balmoral Naval Hospital after a train accident.

Through correspondence with a rating from the West, I was informed that he had signed on to help out the Naval Pay Division, Make Manning Office's job a lot easier, and in all, help out the RAN. He informed me that he would be quite happy to spend this small re-engagement period reclining in the West Australian Navy. Well Donald G.T., no doubt you won't mind spending a small portion of this period with Navy in this part of Australia. Welcome back to the East anyway old chap!!

Congratulations go to Petty Officer Writer Frank Shugg who was married in Melbourne during December to former W.R.A.N. Writer Heather Sotheron.

That C.P.O Writer Connellan is spending a spot of leave in that "All YearWet Weather City" of the south. (Don't forget to say hello to Shirl, Jack!) Jack leaves for Bangkok on January 30 and the Scribbery branch feel sure you will quickly adapt yourself to the new surroundings and have a pleasant stay.

Lynzey Lake (of HMAS Ballarat) & retired **Lindsay Lake** off to the Master of MV Pacific Jewel Cocktail Party in Jan 2013. They ran into a former RAAFie SGT, whose first name is Bill, & his ex RAAFie wife onboard who both now live in Darwin. They both know Jeannie Roberts, Joy Newman and Brendon "Rocky" Rochford from previous service at Defence Establishment Berrimah (old HMAS Coonawarra) . The wife currently works in the Sickbay at Larrakerah Army Barracks, Darwin.



TONS OF FUN: SMNDEN Gabriella Haylar, front, and ABWTR Yasmin Lindenberg participate in the Tour the T run at HMAS Albatross. Photo: LSIS Yuli Ramsey

Left - ABWTR **Yasmin Lindenberg** participated in the Tour the T run an HMAS Albatross. Yasmin is on the left. (Navy News 8/10/2012)

Right is **Simmi Lockhart** on HMAS Success in September 2012. The ship had just achieved the UR (Unit Readiness). UR was a series of highly challenging scenarios conducted by Sea Training Group off the east Australian Exercise Area. (Navy News 11/10/2012)



Right - AB **Gemma Stratton** and PO **Kylie Bakes** of HMAS Sirius, part of a team having completed a 24 hour spin bike challenge raising more than \$5000 for the National Queensland Flood Appeal. (Navy News 2011)



RAN Mess and Formal Dinner Toasts

CN recently approved some changes to the RAN toasts to conform with the diverse Navy today.

The toasts to be altered are:

A. 'Our ships' replaces 'our ships at sea' and more accurately acknowledges our fleet both at sea, ships alongside and those who support them, including our establishments.

B. 'Our sailors' replaces 'our men' and acknowledges all sailors regardless of gender.

C. 'Our partners' replaces 'wives and sweethearts' and better reflects current relationships while remaining true to the original intent of acknowledging those closest to us.

5. The revised RAN toasts of the day are as follows:

Monday - our ships

Tuesday - our sailors

Wednesday - ourselves (no change)

Thursday - a bloody war or a sickly season (no change)

Friday - a willing foe and sea room (no change)

Saturday - our partners

Sunday - absent friends (no change)

We heard this one which goes back many years:

About Charlie Sugden



A story was going around that Charlie hang one on and decided to have a sleep in. The CO was after him so the Ship's Office Staff sent an ABWTR (Paul Longley) down to the Chiefs Mess.

Charlie told the AB that he was having a sleep in and the CO could go **** himself. When the AB got back to the Ship's Office the CO again rang and the AB told the CO what Charlie had said. Charlie was roused out of his sack by the Coxswain and marched to see the CO. The story is true and confirmed by Stew Merrilees who took the CO's call on the intercom.

John David 'Jack' SWALES - His Bio by Mark Mobley

Enlisted in the Militia (14th Field Brigade) at Marrickville, NSW on 28 November 1938 as 436054 John David SWALES date of birth 5OCT20 and served 356 days before deciding the Navy was a better life. It is not known whether he bothered to tell the Army though.

On 29 November 1939 he enlisted in the RAN for 12 years as 23770 Probationary Writer Jack David SWALES – date of birth 5OCT21. After training at CERBERUS, he was posted to SWAN and then to WARREGO. Jack was aboard WARREGO in Darwin Harbour on 19 February 1942 when the Japanese struck. He was promoted Leading Writer in WARREGO on 1st April 1942 and in September was posted to HMAS

MAGNETIC. He was advanced to the rank of Petty Officer Writer on 1st January 1943

Jack was taken ill just after this and was sent south, first to MORETON and then to PENGUIN where he was hospitalised. When released he was drafted to HMAS RUSHCUTTER where he ran the Service Certificate Office relieving POWTR (later Captain) F.B. (Frank) NOLAN. Jack remained at RUSHCUTTER until discharged BNPS in September 1945.



After the war Jack found it difficult to settle down in civilian life and, after managing the family hotel for a while, bought a truck, loaded it with saleable goods and headed west. When he ran out of stock he turned around and, armed with orders for the next trip, headed east to replenish. This endeavour became so successful that he bought a second truck, enlisted the aid of a former shipmate, and started a second run. By the time Jack's enterprise was taken over by a bigger operator in the 1960's it had become Comet Overnight Transport.

Jack then built a house and settled in St Mary's, NSW where he bought a bottle shop. There he introduced the first drive through bottle shop in NSW in the late 1960's. He was active in the Labour Party; in local politics and in the local Volunteer Fire Brigade, an activity for which he was the very proud recipient of a Long Service Medal. He was a long time member of the Naval Association at Penrith and was a regular attendee at the Sydney Writers Luncheons.

In 'retirement' Jack became the only full time resident of Mariner's Court in Woolloomoo and was a regular feature of daily life at Frisco's where, as a jovial raconteur, he regaled many young sailors with his stories of the wartime Navy. Eventually he was invited to become an honorary member of the KUTTABUL Senior Sailors Mess, a gesture he cherished for the remainder of his life.

Jack crossed the bar on 19 May, 2001 – his instructions to his daughter Mona for his funeral were "Don't make it sad and have plenty of grog". Mourners entered the chapel to Louis Armstrong singing Hello Dolly and departed to the sounds of When the Saints go Marching In.